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**Subject: State aid N 673/2006 – United Kingdom  
Regional aid map 2007-2013**

Madam,

**1. PROCEDURE**

- (1) By letter dated 11 October 2006, registered at the Commission on the same day (A/38032) the United Kingdom ("UK") authorities notified their regional aid map for the period 1.1.2007 – 31.12.2013.
- (2) By letters dated 3 November 2006, registered at the Commission on 7 November 2006 (A/38814), 22 November 2006, registered at the Commission on 23 November 2006 (A/39459), and 7 December 2006, registered at the Commission on 8 December 2006 (A/40052), the UK authorities provided complementary information on the notified measure.
- (3) On 21 December 2005, the Commission adopted the *Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013*<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter "RAG"). In accordance with paragraph 100 of the RAG each Member State should notify to the Commission following the procedure of Article 88(3) of the Treaty, a single regional aid map covering its entire national territory which will apply for the period 2007-2013. In accordance with paragraph 101, the approved regional aid map is to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union, and will be considered an integral part of the RAG.

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<sup>1</sup> Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013, OJ C 54, 4.3.2006, p. 13.

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## 2. DESCRIPTION

- (4) For the period between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2006<sup>2</sup> the UK had regions covering 28.7% of its population eligible under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) and Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty. The UK authorities propose that for the period 2007-2013 regions covering 23.9% of their population<sup>3</sup> should be eligible to receive regional investment aid under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) and Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty at different aid ceilings varying from 10% GGE<sup>4</sup> to 30% GGE.
- (5) The proposed aid ceilings are those for investments by large enterprises. For medium-sized enterprises<sup>5</sup> these aid ceilings can be increased<sup>6</sup> by 10 percentage points and for small enterprises<sup>7</sup> by 20 percentage points.
- (6) The UK authorities propose two regions for eligibility for regional investment aid under Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty on the basis that they have a GDP<sup>8</sup> per capita, measured in purchasing power standards (PPS), of less than 75% of the Community average<sup>9</sup> and one region which has a GDP per capita of more than 75% of the EU-25 average, but less than 75% of the EU-15 average<sup>10</sup>.
- (7) The UK authorities propose to designate the whole of Northern Ireland as an economic development region, as foreseen by footnote 28 of the RAG.
- (8) As regards Great Britain, the UK authorities have defined a total of 205 zones to be used to analyse the needs of the assisted areas. Although these zones do not always follow the boundaries of NUTS-II and NUTS-III regions as defined at Community level, they are all contiguous and compact and have an average population of 280 000 and a minimum population of at least 100 000. The UK authorities have confirmed that all the proposed zones are made up of entire wards only and that no parts of wards have been used<sup>11</sup>. A map of the zones and a list of their constituent parts will be published by the UK authorities at the following website: <http://www.dti.gov.uk/regional/assisted-areas/assisted-areas-review/page24618.html>
- (9) The UK authorities used the following four indicators to prioritise areas for selection in drawing the UK regional aid map for 2007-2013:
  - employment rate;
  - adult skills at Level 2 or above;

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<sup>2</sup> Commission decision of 17 August 2000 concerning State aid N 265/2000 – United Kingdom – Regional aid map 2000-2006 SG(2000) D/106293.

<sup>3</sup> All population figures used in this decision refer to 2001 and are provided by the UK authorities.

<sup>4</sup> GGE: Gross Grant Equivalent

<sup>5</sup> As defined in the Annex of Commission Regulation (EC) No 364/2004 of 25 February 2004 amending Regulation (EC) 70/2001, OJ L 63, 28.2.2004, p. 22, or any successor regulation.

<sup>6</sup> Except for aid awarded in the transport sector and aid for large investment projects.

<sup>7</sup> See footnote 5.

<sup>8</sup> GDP: Gross Domestic Product.

<sup>9</sup> cf paragraph 16 of the RAG.

<sup>10</sup> The so-called statistical effect regions: cf paragraphs 18-20 of the RAG.

<sup>11</sup> The ward is the smallest unit of local government in Great Britain and corresponds to Local Authority Unit level 2 (LAU 2) in the NUTS classification. The average size of a ward is approximately 8 000.

- incapacity benefit claimants;
  - manufacturing share of employment.
- (10) Data have been built up from ward level, using Census Area Statistics wards (2003 CAS wards). Where possible, averages of the three most recent years' data have been used. For a zone to be eligible for coverage, the situation must be worse by either one standard deviation than the Great Britain average on any one of these indicators, or by half a standard deviation than the Great Britain average on at least two of these indicators.
- (11) On this basis the UK authorities propose a series of regions in Great Britain for eligibility for regional investment aid under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty on the basis that they meet the conditions of at least one of the sub-paragraphs (a), (c) or (g) of paragraph 30 of the RAG<sup>12</sup>.
- (12) As in the previous regional aid map for 2000-2006, the UK authorities confirm that they do not propose Gibraltar as an area qualifying for national regional aid for the period 2007-2013. The UK authorities accept that no regional aid may be granted in Gibraltar for this period.

### **2.1. Article 87(3)(a) EC regions proposed for the whole period 2007-2013**

- (13) The following NUTS-II regions, with the indicated population coverage, are proposed for eligibility under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 at an aid ceiling of 30% GGE:

NUTS Code	Name	Population <sup>13</sup>
UKK3	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	502.077
UKL1	West Wales and The Valleys	1.854.674
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>2.356.751</b>

### **2.2. Other Article 87(3)(a) EC regions: Statistical effect regions**

- (14) The following NUTS-II region, with the indicated population coverage is proposed for eligibility under the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty until 31 December 2010 ("statistical effect regions") with an aid ceiling of 30% GGE:

NUTS Code	Name	Population
UKM4	Highlands and Islands	369.400

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<sup>12</sup> The UK authorities do not take up the possibility allowed them under the RAG to designate the whole of the NUTS-II regions of Merseyside (UKD5) and South Yorkshire (UKE3) as eligible for aid under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty as economic development regions.

<sup>13</sup> Populations aggregated from 2001 ward level data.

### 2.3. Article 87(3)(c) EC regions

#### 2.3.1. Economic development regions proposed for the whole period 2007-2013 for eligibility under Article 87(3)(c)

- (15) The following NUTS-III regions, with the indicated population coverage and aid intensity, are proposed for eligibility pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 in application of paragraph 30(a) of the RAG ("economic development regions"):

NUTS Code	Name	Population	Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2007	Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2011
<b>UKN0</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</b>			
UKN01	Belfast	277.391	30	10
UKN02	Outer Belfast	369.159	30	15
UKN03	East of Northern Ireland	396.941	30	15
UKN04	North of Northern Ireland	274.875	30	15
UKN05	West and South of Northern Ireland	366.900	30	15
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>1.685.266</b>		

- (16) The following zones, situated in the NUTS-II region of UKE3 South Yorkshire, with the indicated population coverage and aid intensity, are proposed for eligibility pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 in application of paragraph 30(a) of the RAG:

Zone	NUTS-III	Population	Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2007	Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2011
<b>121</b>	Part in UKE31 Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham	50.631	25	15
	Part in UKE32 Sheffield	53.352	25	10
<b>129</b>	in UKE31 Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham	181.699	25	15
<b>130</b>	in UKE31 Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham	156.373	25	15
<b>131</b>	Part in UKE31 Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham	353.380	25	15
	Part in UKE32 Sheffield	184.269	25	10
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>979.704</b>		

- (17) The following zones, situated in the NUTS-II region of UKD5 Merseyside, population coverage and aid intensity are proposed for eligibility pursuant to the derogation under article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 in application of paragraph 30(a) of the RAG:

Zone	NUTS-III	Population	Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2007	Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2011
<b>141</b>	in UKD54 Wirral	208.090	25	15

<b>142</b>	Part in UKD51 East Merseyside	83.714	25	15
	Part in UKD52 Liverpool	70.068	25	15
<b>143</b>	Part in UKD51 East Merseyside	7.904	25	15
	Part in UKD52 Liverpool	181.911	25	15
<b>144</b>	Part in UKD52 Liverpool	140.637	25	15
	Part in UKD53 Sefton	115.364	25	15
<b>146</b>	Part in UKD51 East Merseyside	236.446	25	15
	Part in UKD52 Liverpool	49.242	25	15
<b>Total population</b>		<b>1.093.376</b>		

### 2.3.2. Other 87(3)(c) regions designated at another level than NUTS-III

(18) The following zones, belonging to the indicated NUTS-III regions, are proposed for coverage in the regional aid map pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 in application of paragraph 30(c) of the RAG. The table below provides the zone numbers, the NUTS-III region(s) to which they belong, the GDP and the unemployment figures at the level of the NUTS-III, the population coverage and the aid intensities.

Zone	NUTS-III	Population	GDP (PPS/HAB) AVG. 00-02 EU25=100	UNEMPLOYMENT T AVG. 01-03		Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2007- 31.12.2013
				EU25=100	MS=100	
<b>5</b>	Part in UKK41 Plymouth	149.991	99,0	62,9	111,3	15
	Part in UKK43 Devon CC	7.389	87,7	38,2	67,5	15
<b>35</b>	in UKJ42 Kent CC	142.748	96,2	47,9	84,8	15
<b>51</b>	Part in UKH21 Luton	117.723	115,0	65,9	116,6	10
	Part in UKH22 Bedfordshire CC	23.271	99,2	42,3	74,8	15
<b>57</b>	Part in UKI12 Inner London - East	44.510	162,9	113,1	200,0	15
	Part in UKI21 Outer London - East and North East	81.649	78,4	67,4	119,2	15
<b>82</b>	in UKG33 Coventry	252.011	122,3 <sup>14</sup>	64,8	114,6	10
<b>85</b>	Part in UKG31 Birmingham	158.497	122,8	103,0	182,1	15

<sup>14</sup> UKG33 Coventry is located within the NUTS-II region of UKG3 West Midlands, which has a GDP per capita of 112,3% of EU-25 average and an unemployment rate of 149,0% of the national average, and fulfills as such the criteria of paragraph 30(c) of the RAG.

	Part in UKG32 Solihull	45.759	128,0	84,3	149,0	10
<b>87</b>	in UKG31 Birmingham	298.034	122,8	103,0	182,1	15
<b>89</b>	Part in UKG12 Worcestershire	6.925	94,0	30,3	53,6	15
	Part in UKG31 Birmingham	54.171	122,8	103,0	182,1	15
	Part in UKG34 Dudley and Sandwell	47.969	96,0	78,3	138,4	15
<b>90</b>	in UKG34 Dudley and Sandwell	200.625	96,0	78,3	138,4	15
<b>91</b>	Part in UKG34 Dudley and Sandwell	23.676	96,0	78,3	138,4	15
	Part in UKG35 Walsall and Wolverhampton	113.878	98,0	81,6	144,4	15
<b>92</b>	in UKG34 Dudley and Sandwell	158.768	96,0	78,3	138,4	15
<b>93</b>	Part in UKG34 Dudley and Sandwell	36.981	96,0	78,3	138,4	15
	Part in UKG35 Walsall and Wolverhampton	81.893	98,0	81,6	144,4	15
<b>94</b>	Part in UKG24 Staffordshire CC	20.937	86,3	39,0	68,9	15
	Part in UKG35 Walsall and Wolverhampton	175.370	98,0	81,6	144,4	15
<b>117</b>	Part in UKG23 Stoke-on-Trent	58.747	91,0	79,4	140,4	15
	Part in UKG24 Staffordshire CC	75.818	86,3	39,0	68,9	15
<b>118</b>	in UKG23 Stoke-on-Trent	111.138	91,0	79,4	140,4	15
<b>121</b>	Part in UKF12 East Derbyshire	159.648	79,8	70,0	123,8	15
	Part in UKF13 South and West Derbyshire	5.747	90,0	37,5	66,2	15
	Part in UKF14 Nottingham	31.096	149,4	82,8	146,4	10
	Part in UKF15 North Nottinghamshire	275.487	84,8	59,6	105,3	15
	Part in UKF16 South Nottinghamshire	2.106	79,7	50,6	89,4	15
<b>128</b>	in UKE13 North and North East Lincolnshire	106.690	100,7	73,0	129,1	10
<b>129</b>	Part in UKE22 North Yorkshire CC	3.731	96,0	32,2	57,0	15
<b>129</b>	Part in UKE43 Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield	128.213	96,8	58,4	103,3	15

<b>134</b>	in UKD32 Greater Manchester North	267.463	80,4	55,4	98,0	15
<b>146</b> <sup>15</sup>	in UKD43 Lancashire CC	12.537	96,9	44,6	78,8	15
<b>147</b>	Part in UKD32 Greater Manchester North	260.141	80,4	55,4	98,0	15
	Part in UKD43 Lancashire CC	23.267	96,9	44,6	78,8	15
<b>148</b>	in UKD32 Greater Manchester North	101.681	80,4	55,4	98,0	15
<b>150</b>	Part in UKD41 Blackburn with Darwen	121.994	91,1	48,3	85,4	15
	Part in UKD43 Lancashire CC	29.273	96,9	44,6	78,8	15
<b>155</b>	Part in UKE11 City of Kingston upon Hull	89.162	102,6	98,5	174,2	10
	Part in UKE12 East Riding of Yorkshire	37.216	80,1	59,9	106,0	15
<b>164</b>	Part in UKD11 West Cumbria	177.412	79,0	79,0	139,7	15
	Part in UKD12 East Cumbria	19.737	89,8	60,3	106,6	15
<b>169</b>	Part in UKC11 Hartlepool and Stockton	23.275	92,7	88,8	157,0	15
	Part in UKC12 South Teeside	169.694	78,0	103,0	182,1	15
<b>170</b>	Part in UKC11 Hartlepool and Stockton	216.770	92,7	88,8	157,0	15
	Part in UKC13 Darlington	3.809	109,4	82,4	145,7	10
<b>171</b>	Part in UKC13 Darlington	6.884	109,4	82,4	145,7	10
	Part in UKC14 DurhamCC	199.349	75,6	72,7	128,5	15
<b>172</b>	Part in UKC14 Durham CC	65.305	75,6	72,7	128,5	15
	Part in UKC23 Sunderland	135.937	92,5	83,5	147,7	15
<b>173</b>	Part in UKC22 Tyneside	15.706	103,2	74,2	131,1	10
	Part in UKC23	118.670	92,5	83,5	147,7	15

<sup>15</sup> The remainder of zone 146 falls under the economic development derogation of paragraph 30(a) of the RAG, as indicated in point 2.3.1 of the decision above. This part of zone 146 forms a contiguous zone with the zone 147.

	Sunderland					
<b>174</b>	in UKC22 Tyneside	199.726	103,2	74,2	131,1	10
<b>175</b>	Part in UKC14 DurhamCC	66.005	75,6	72,7	128,5	15
	Part in UKC22 Tyneside	180.507	103,2	74,2	131,1	10
	Part in UKC23 Sunderland	29.994	92,5	83,5	147,7	15
<b>177</b>	Part in UKC21 Northumberland	150.883	74,3	55,8	98,7	15
	Part in UKC22 Tyneside	27.268	103,2	74,2	131,1	10
<b>181</b>	Part in UKM33 East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire Mainland	75.957	77,6	95,5	168,9	15
	Part in UKM37 South Ayrshire	15.704	104,7	83,9	148,3	10
	Part in UKM38 South Lanarkshire	14.146	95,0	68,9	121,9	15
<b>182</b>	Part in UKM33 East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire Mainland	100.042	77,6	95,5	168,9	15
	Part in UKM37 South Ayrshire	18.665	104,7	83,9	148,3	10
<b>184</b>	Part in UKM31 East and West Dunbartonshire, Helensburgh and Lomond	29.876	69,4	74,5	131,8	15
	Part in UKM35 Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire	87.204	98,6	74,5	131,8	15
<b>185</b>	Part in UKM31 East and West Dunbartonshire, Helensburgh and Lomond	30.038	69,4	74,5	131,8	15
	Part in UKM34 Glasgow City	14.500	152,5	102,2	180,8	15
	Part in UKM35 Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire	70.752	98,6	74,5	131,8	15
<b>186</b>	in UKM34 Glasgow City	116.740	152,5	102,2	180,8	15
<b>187</b>	Part in UKM34 Glasgow City	114.898	152,5	102,2	180,8	15
	Part in UKM38 South Lanarkshire	4.502	95,0	68,9	121,9	15
<b>188</b>	Part in UKM31 East	19.136	69,4	74,5	131,8	15

	and West Dunbartonshire, Helensburgh and Lomond					
	Part in UKM34 Glasgow City	30.463	152,5	102,2	180,8	15
	Part in UKM36 North Lanarkshire	82.102	82,7	98,5	174,2	15
<b>189</b>	Part in UKM34 Glasgow City	22.959	152,5	102,2	180,8	15
	Part in UKM36 North Lanarkshire	43.539	82,7	98,5	174,2	15
	Part in UKM38 South Lanarkshire	99.587	95,0	68,9	121,9	15
<b>190</b>	in UKM36 North Lanarkshire	131.379	82,7	98,5	174,2	15
<b>195</b>	Part in UKM22 Clackmannanshire and Fife	23.960	84,1	76,0	134,4	15
	Part in UKM26 Falkirk	60.513	99,5	72,3	127,8	15
	Part in UKM27 Perth and Kinross, Stirling	19.780	96,7	59,2	104,6	15
<b>197</b>	in UKM22 Clackmannanshire and Fife	171.666	84,1	76,0	134,4	15
<b>198</b>	in UKM21 Angus and Dundee City	114.677	98,1	78,3	138,4	15
	<b>Total population</b>	7.463.646				

(19) The following zones, belonging to the indicated NUTS-III regions, are proposed for coverage in the regional aid map pursuant to the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013 on the basis that they are adjacent to regions which are eligible for support under Article 87(3)(a) of the Treaty as foreseen by paragraph 30(g) of the RAG. The table below provides the zone numbers, the NUTS-III regions to which they belong, the GDP and the unemployment figures at the level of the NUTS-III, the population coverage and the aid intensities.

Zone	NUTS-III	Population	GDP (PPS/HAB) AVG. 00-02 EU25=100	UNEMPLOYMENT		Aid ceiling (% GGE) 1.1.2007- 31.12.2013
				AVG. 01-03 EU25=100	MS=100	
<b>99</b>	in UKL21 Monmouthshire and Newport	63.881	112,1	53,6	94,7	10
<b>102</b>	in UKL21 Monmouthshire and	7.794	112,1	53,6	94,7	10

	Newport					
<b>105</b>	in UKL24 Powys	8.015	83,9	53,6	94,7	15
<b>111</b>	in UKL23 Flintshire and Wrexham	97.745	109,5	53,2	94,0	10
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>177.435</b>				

### 3. ASSESSMENT

(20) Annex V of the RAG allocated the UK coverage of 23.9% of the total population as eligible for national regional state aid for the period 2007-2013 under the derogations of Article 87(3)(a) and Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty. The total population of the UK in 2001 amounted to 59.107.255. In accordance with Annex V of the RAG, 2 NUTS-II regions of the UK are eligible for regional aid under the derogation in Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013: Cornwall and Isles of Silly on the one hand, and West Wales and The Valleys on the other hand. A further NUTS-II region is eligible for regional aid as a statistical effect region under the derogation in Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty for the period 2007-2010: Highlands and Islands. Together these regions make up 4,6% of the population of the UK. In addition, the UK has the possibility to designate a further 19.3% of its population to be eligible for regional aid under the derogation set out in Article 87(3)(c) of the Treaty. Thus the total population coverage available to the UK for the derogation under Article 87(3)(c) of the Treaty is 11.407.700.

(21) The Commission notes that the UK authorities do not propose Gibraltar as an assisted area. Thus, no regional aid can be granted in Gibraltar for the period 2007-2013. Although the notification does not include the population of Gibraltar, the following compatibility assessment is not affected by this.

#### 3.1. Article 87(3)(a) EC regions proposed for the whole period 2007-2013

(22) In accordance with paragraph 44 of the RAG, the aid ceiling for regions falling under Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty must not exceed 30% GGE for regions with less than 75% of average EU-25 GDP per capita and more than 60% of average EU-25 GDP per capita, which is the case for the following NUTS-II regions as shown by their respective GDP per capita<sup>16</sup>:

- UKK3 Cornwall and Isles of Scilly 70.1%
- UKL1 West Wales and The Valleys 74.0%

(23) The notified aid ceiling of 30% GGE respects thus paragraph 44 of the RAG.

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<sup>16</sup> Gross Domestic Product expressed in Purchasing Power Standards per capita for the years 2000-2002 (EU-25 = 100).

### 3.2. Other Article 87(3)(a) EC regions: Statistical effect regions

(24) Paragraph 18 of the RAG defines “statistical effect” regions as regions at NUTS-II level which have a GDP per capita of more than 75% of the EU-25 average, but less than 75% of the EU-15 average<sup>17</sup>. In the UK one NUTS-II region is concerned, as shown by its GDP per capita:

– UKM4 Highlands and Islands                      77.7%

(25) Paragraph 19 of the RAG provides that these "statistical effect" regions will be eligible for the derogation of Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty on a transitional basis until 31 December 2010.

(26) Paragraph 20 of the RAG foresees that in 2010 the Commission will review the position of these regions on the basis of the three-year average of the then most recent GDP data available from Eurostat. If the GDP has declined below 75% of the EU-25 average, the region will continue to be eligible for the derogation under Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty. Otherwise it will become eligible for aid under the derogation of Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty from 1.1.2011 until 31.12.2013.

(27) In accordance with paragraph 44 of the RAG the intensity of regional aid must not exceed 30% for statistical effect regions until 1.1.2011 and paragraph 46 of the RAG provides that the statistical effect regions, which fall under the derogation of Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty from 1.1.2011, will be eligible for an aid ceiling of 20%.

(28) The notified aid ceiling of 30% GGE respects thus the provisions of the RAG.

### 3.3. Article 87(3)(c) EC regions

#### 3.3.1. General considerations

(29) The total population coverage proposed by the UK is 11.399.427 inhabitants, which is below the maximum population coverage allowed of 11.407.700 inhabitants.

(30) An examination of the proposed coverage under Article 87(3)(c) shows that there is indeed a strong concentration on the regions most in need as illustrated in the following table.

Types of region proposed	Population	Percentage of coverage
Economic development regions (30(a) of RAG)	3.758.346	33%
Regions below average EU-25 GDP per capita or more than 115% of national unemployment (30(c) of RAG)	7.463.646	65,5%
Regions bordering regions eligible under Art 87(3)(a) (30(g) RAG)	177.435	1,5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.399.427</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

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<sup>17</sup> 75% of the average EU-15 GDP per capita corresponds for the years 2000-2002 to 82.2% of the average EU-25 GDP per capita.

(31) The UK authorities have proposed to designate under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty mostly regions which have a GDP per capita of less than the EU-25 average or which have an unemployment rate which is higher than 115% of the national average. The second priority is economic development regions, which had previously benefited from a relatively high level of aid and which require a gradual adaptation to a regime of lower aid intensities since it can have significant incidence in their ongoing path of economic development.

3.3.2. *Economic development regions*

(32) The economic development regions are defined in paragraph 25 of the RAG as those NUTS-II regions which had a GDP per capita of less than 75% on an EU-15 basis when the 1998 regional aid guidelines were adopted, but which as a result of their economic development no longer meet that condition on an EU-15 basis.

(33) The UK authorities notified under paragraph 30(a) of the RAG all 5 NUTS-III regions of the economic development region UKN0 Northern Ireland for the whole period 2007-2013. The proposed NUTS-II region of Northern Ireland complies with the conditions defined in paragraph 25 and footnote 28<sup>18</sup> of the RAG.

(34) The UK authorities have also proposed under paragraph 30(a) of the RAG zones 121 (part of the zone, the remainder of the zone notified under paragraph 30(c)), 129 (part of the zone, the remainder notified under paragraph 30(c)), 130 and 131, which belong to the NUTS-II economic development region of UKE3 South Yorkshire, and zones 141, 142, 143, 144 and 146 (part of the zone, the remainder notified under paragraph 30(c)), which belong to the NUTS-II economic development region of UKD5 Merseyside<sup>19</sup>. All the proposed zones are made up of entire wards only. The proposed NUTS-II regions comply with the conditions defined in paragraph 25 of the RAG.

(35) In accordance with paragraph 47 of the RAG, the ceiling on regional aid in economic development regions must not exceed 15% GGE. This is reduced to 10% GGE in the case of regions with both more than 100% of average EU-25 GDP per capita and a lower unemployment rate than the EU-25 average, measured at NUTS-III level (based on averages for the last three years, using Eurostat data).

(36) The unemployment and GDP per capita data for the proposed economic development regions at NUTS-III level is the following:

NUTS CODE	NAME	GDP (PPS/HAB)	UNEMPLOYMENT
		AVG. 00-02	AVG. 01-03
		EU25=100	EU25=100

<sup>18</sup> According to footnote 28 of the RAG: “although it was not eligible for aid pursuant to Article 87(3)(a), Northern Ireland has in fact benefited during the period 2000-2006 from the same aid intensities as many of the Article 87(3)(a) regions. Accordingly, Northern Ireland should also be considered as an economic development region for the purposes of these Guidelines”.

<sup>19</sup> In those cases where part of a zone is designated pursuant to paragraph 30(a) of the RAG, and part is designated pursuant to paragraph 30(c) of the RAG, that part of the zone which is designated pursuant to paragraph 30(c) has a minimum population of 100 000, or in one case is contiguous with another zone with a population of at least 100 000, which is also designated pursuant to paragraph 30(c).

UKN01	Belfast	161,4	86,5
UKN02	Outer Belfast	76,0	55,8
UKN03	East of Northern Ireland	87,2	45,7
UKN04	North of Northern Ireland	74,3	96,3
UKN05	West and South of Northern Ireland	71,4	72,3
UKE31	Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham	76,6	61,8
UKE32	Sheffield	102,2	64,8
UKD51	East Merseyside	78,9	69,3
UKD52	Liverpool	103,5	103,4
UKD53	Sefton	75,2	59,2
UKD54	Wirral	68,3	67,4

(37) NUTS-III regions UKN01 Belfast and UKE32 Sheffield have both more than 100% of average EU-25 GDP per capita and a lower unemployment rate than the EU-25 average. Therefore they qualify for a reduced aid intensity of 10% GGE.

(38) Paragraph 93 of the RAG enables that, provided the areas concerned are proposed by the Member State as eligible for regional aid under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013, the reduction of aid intensities for the economic development regions takes place in two stages. A reduction of at least 10 percentage points net to gross shall be applied on 1 January 2007 with a final reduction applied at the latest on 1 January 2011, in order to meet the new aid intensities allowed under the RAG. The UK authorities have proposed a reduction of aid intensities for the economic development regions in two stages. The proposal of the UK authorities foresees a reduction of 10 percentage points net to gross on 1 January 2007, and a final reduction to the new aid intensities allowed under the RAG as shown in the table below:

NUTS Code	Name	Maximum aid ceiling (%) 31.12.2006	Maximum aid intensity (%) 1.1.2007	Maximum aid intensity (%) 1.1.2011
UKN01	Belfast	40	30	10
UKN02	Outer Belfast	40	30	15
UKN03	East of Northern Ireland	40	30	15
UKN04	North of Northern Ireland	40	30	15
UKN05	West and South of Northern Ireland	40	30	15
UKE31	Barnsley, Doncaster and	35	25	15
UKE32	Sheffield	35	25	10
UKD51	East Merseyside	35	25	15
UKD52	Liverpool	35	25	15
UKD53	Sefton	35	25	15
UKD54	Wirral	35	25	15

(39) The proposed aid ceilings and the reduction of the aid intensity in two stages for economic development regions are thus in line with the provisions of the RAG.

3.3.3. *Other Article 87(3)(c) EC regions designated at another level than NUTS-III*

3.3.3.1. Regions designated under paragraph 30(c) of the RAG

- (40) According to paragraph 30(c) of the RAG, Member States can propose regions which form contiguous zones with a minimum population of at least 100 000 and which are located within either NUTS-II or NUTS-III regions which have either a GDP per capita of less than the EU-25 average, or which have an unemployment rate which is higher than 115% of the national average (both calculated on the average of the most recent 3 years of Eurostat data).
- (41) Under this paragraph the UK authorities notify 45 contiguous zones out of 205 across Great Britain to be eligible for regional aid for the period 2007-2013 with an aid ceiling of 10% or 15% GGE. All the proposed zones are made up of entire wards (LAU2 level<sup>20</sup>) and all of the zones concerned have a minimum population of at least 100 000. Furthermore, all the areas designated form contiguous zones. These zones are based on those used for analysis of the 2000-2006 regional aid map, which were defined on the basis of self-contained local labour markets.
- (42) All of the proposed zones are located within either NUTS-II or NUTS-III regions, which have either a GDP per capita below the Community average, or an unemployment rate in excess of 115% of the national average, or in some instances both, as indicated in the table in point 2.3.2 of this decision above.
- (43) Therefore, the designation of the 45 zones proposed is in line with paragraph 30(c) of the RAG.
- (44) In accordance with paragraph 47 of the RAG, the ceiling on regional aid in Article 87(3)(c) regions must not exceed 15% GGE. This is reduced to 10% GGE in the case of regions with both more than 100% of average EU-25 GDP per capita and a lower unemployment rate than the EU-25 average, measured at NUTS-III level (based on averages for the last three years, using Eurostat data).
- (45) As indicated in the table in point 2.3.2 above, parts of several zones (zones 51, 82, 85, 121, 128, 155, 170, 171, 173, 174, 175, 177, 181 and 182) are located within NUTS-III regions which have at the same time more than 100% of average EU-25 GDP per capita and a lower unemployment rate than the EU-25 average. Therefore the parts of the proposed zones situated in this type of NUTS-III regions qualify for a reduced aid intensity of 10% GGE. The proposed aid ceiling for the rest of the designated zones is 15% GGE.
- (46) The proposed aid ceilings are in line with the relevant provisions of the RAG.

3.3.3.2. Regions designated under paragraph 30(g) of the RAG

- (47) According to paragraph 30(g) of the RAG, NUTS-III regions or parts thereof adjacent to a region which is eligible for support under Article 87(3)(a) of the EC Treaty can be designated for support under Article 87(3)(c) of the EC Treaty.

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<sup>20</sup> LAU areas are Local Administrative Units as defined by EUROSTAT in the context of the NUTS (NUTS: Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics).

- (48) On this basis the UK authorities have notified the following parts of 4 zones, which are bordering the Article 87(3)(a) region of UKL1 West Wales and The Valleys:
- a. parts of zone 99 and zone 102, which are located within the NUTS-III region Monmouthshire and Newport (UKL21) with a GDP/capita of 112,1% of EU-25 average and an unemployment rate of 53,6% of EU-25 average, at a basic aid intensity of 10% GGE ;
  - b. part of zone 105, which is located within the NUTS-III region Powys (UKL24) with a GDP/capita of 83,9% of EU-25 average, at a basic aid intensity of 15% GGE ;
  - c. part of zone 111, which is located within the NUTS-III region Flintshire and Wrexham (UKL23) with a GDP/capita of 109,5% of EU-25 average and an unemployment rate of 53,2% of EU-25 average, at a basic aid intensity of 10% GGE.
- (49) The proposed parts of the zones for designation under paragraph 30(g) of the RAG for the whole period 2007-2013 are indeed bordering an Article 87(3)(a) region. Therefore, the designation of the proposed areas and the aid ceilings are in line with the provisions of the RAG.

#### **3.4. General provisions of the map**

- (50) In accordance with paragraph 49 of the RAG, except for aid awarded in the transport sector, the preceding aid ceilings can be increased by 10% GGE for medium sized enterprises and 20% GGE for small enterprises. However, in accordance with paragraph 67 of the RAG no SME bonuses are allowed for investment projects with eligible expenditure exceeding EUR 50 million.
- (51) Following the assessment above, the aid ceilings for regional investment aid notified by the UK for the period 2007-2013 are in line with the aid ceilings allowed for under the RAG.
- (52) The Commission recalls that in accordance with paragraph 8 of the RAG, these aid ceilings apply to the processing and marketing of agricultural products only to the extent laid down in the Community guidelines for State aid in the agriculture sector<sup>21</sup>, or any replacement guidelines.
- (53) The Commission takes note of the following commitments given by the UK authorities in the notification:
- (a) The UK authorities confirmed that only the regions defined in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification will be eligible for regional investment aid in accordance with the RAG, or any state aid block exemption regulation relevant for regional aid.
  - (b) The UK authorities confirmed that only small enterprises with their economic activity in the regions identified in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification will be eligible

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<sup>21</sup> OJ C 28 of 1.2.2000, p.2. Corrigendum OJ C 232, 12.8.2000 p. 17.

for aid for newly created small enterprises as provided for in section 6 (paragraphs 84-91) of the RAG.

- (c) The UK authorities confirmed that all plans to grant regional aid will be notified to the Commission in accordance with Article 88(3) of the EC Treaty, either as an aid scheme, or as an individual notification unless a State aid exemption regulation applies.
- (d) The UK authorities confirmed that all regional investment aid will respect the ceilings defined in the region concerned in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification.
- (e) The UK authorities confirmed that for large investment projects the upper ceilings defined in respect of the region concerned in the regional aid map published by the Commission pursuant to this notification will be adjusted according to the formula in paragraph 67 of the RAG.
- (f) The UK authorities confirmed that all large investment projects for which the amount of aid proposed is more than the maximum allowable amount of aid an investment with eligible expenditure of EUR 100 million can receive under the scale laid down in paragraph 67 of the RAG, will be notified individually to the Commission.

### **3.5. Appropriate measures**

- (54) By letter of 6 March 2006, reference D/(06)234, the Commission proposed appropriate measures to the UK authorities by which, *inter alia*, the application of their existing regional aid schemes is limited until 31 December 2006. The UK authorities accepted these appropriate measures unconditionally by letter of 31 March 2006, registered at the Commission on 3 April 2006 (A/32497).

## **4. DECISION**

- (55) The Commission has accordingly decided:

- to consider the United Kingdom regional aid map for 2007-2013 as set out in the Annex to be compatible with the EC Treaty as it fulfils the conditions as stipulated in the Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013. This map is valid from 1 January 2007 until 31 December 2013.
- to review in 2010 the position of the statistical effect region of UKM4 Highlands and Islands in accordance with the conditions set out in paragraph 20 of the regional aid guidelines.
- to publish the map as presented in the Annex to this decision in the Official Journal of the European Union. The full text of this letter in the authentic language will be published on the Internet site:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/index.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/index.htm)

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Yours faithfully,  
For the Commission

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**Guidelines on National Regional aid for 2007-2013***(OJ C 54, 4.3.2006, p. 13)***N673/2006 – UNITED KINGDOM - National regional state aid map 1.1.2007-31.12.2013**

(Approved by the Commission on ...)

<b>NUTS II - III</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ceiling for regional investment aid<sup>22</sup> (applicable to large enterprises)</b>	
<b>1. Regions eligible for aid under Article 87(3) (a) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013</b>			
		<b>1.1.2007- 31.12.2010</b>	<b>1.1.2011- 31.12.2013</b>
<i>UKK3</i>	<i>Cornwall and Isles of Scilly</i>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<i>UKL1</i>	<i>West Wales and The Valleys</i>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>2. Regions eligible for aid under Article 87(3) (a) of the EC Treaty until 31.12.2010<sup>23</sup> (Statistical effect regions)</b>			
		<b>1.1.2007- 31.12.2010</b>	<b>1.1.2011- 31.12.2013</b>
<i>UKM4</i>	<i>Highlands and Islands</i>	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>3. Regions eligible for aid as regions of economic development under Article 87(3) (c) of the EC Treaty</b>			
<i>UKN0</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>		
<i>UKN01</i>	<b>Belfast</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<i>UKN02</i>	<b>Outer Belfast</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>UKN03</i>	<b>East of Northern Ireland</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>UKN04</i>	<b>North of Northern Ireland</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>UKN05</i>	<b>West and South of Northern Ireland</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>UKE3</i>	<i>South Yorkshire</i>		

<sup>22</sup> For investment projects with eligible expenditure not exceeding EUR 50 million, this ceiling is increased by 10 percentage points for medium sized companies and 20 percentage points for small companies as defined in the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36). For large investment projects with eligible expenditure exceeding EUR 50 million, this ceiling is subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 67 of the Guidelines on national regional aid for 2007-2013.

<sup>23</sup> This region might remain eligible under Article 87(3)(a) and the ceiling for the period 1.1.2011-31.12.2013 will be increased to 30% if a review to be undertaken in 2010 shows that the GDP per capita of the region concerned has fallen below 75% of the EU-25 average.

<b>UKE31</b>	<b>Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>121</i> <sup>24</sup>	00CFFA Anston and Woodsetts, 00CFFN Kiveton Park, 00CFFP Maltby, 00CFFT St. John's.		
<i>129</i>	00CCFC Brierley, 00CCFE Cudworth, 00CCFF Darfield, 00CCFH Dearne South, 00CCFJ Dearne Thurnscoe, 00CEFA Adwick, 00CEFB Armthorpe, 00CEFC Askern, 00CEFE Bentley Central, 00CEFF Bentley North Road, 00CEFL Hatfield, 00CEFP Richmond, 00CEFT Stainforth, 00CEFU Thorne.		
<i>130</i>	00CEFD Balby, 00CEFG Bessacarr, 00CEFH Central, 00CEFJ Conisbrough, 00CEFK Edlington and Warmsworth, 00CEFM Intake, 00CEFN Mexborough, 00CEFQ Rossington, 00CEFR South East, 00CEFS Southern Parks, 00CEFW Town Field, 00CEFX Wheatley.		
<i>131</i>	00CCFA Ardsley, 00CCFB Athersley, 00CCFD Central, 00CCFG Darton, 00CCFK Dodworth, 00CCFL Hoyland East, 00CCFM Hoyland West, 00CCFN Monk Bretton, 00CCFP North West, 00CCFQ Park, 00CCFR Penistone East, 00CCFT Royston, 00CCFU South West, 00CCFW Wombwell North, 00CCFX Wombwell South, 00CCFY Worsbrough, 00CFFB Aston, Orgreave and Ulley, 00CFFC Boston, 00CFFD Bramley, Ravenfield and Wickersley, 00CFFE Brampton, Melton and Wentworth, 00CFFF Brinsworth, Catcliffe and Treeton, 00CFFG Broom, 00CFFH Central, 00CFFJ Dalton, Hooton Roberts and Thrybergh, 00CFFK Greasbrough, 00CFFL Herringthorpe, 00CFFM Kimberworth, 00CFFQ Park, 00CFFR Rawmarsh East, 00CFFS Rawmarsh West, 00CFFU Swinton, 00CFFW Thorpe Hesley, 00CFFX Thurcroft and Whiston, 00CFFY Wath.		
<b>UKE32</b>	<b>Sheffield (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<i>121</i>	00CGFN Handsworth, 00CGFT Mosborough.		
<i>131</i>	00CGFC Brightside, 00CGFE Burngreave, 00CGFF Castle, 00CGFH Darnall, 00CGFL Firth Park, 00CGFS Manor, 00CGFW Nether Shire, 00CGFX Netherthorpe, 00CGFZ Owlerton, 00CGGA Park, 00CGGB Sharrow, 00CGGC Southey Green.		
<b>UKD5</b>	<b><i>Merseyside</i></b>		
<b>UKD51</b>	<b>East Merseyside (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>142</i>	00BXFC Halewood East, 00BXFD Halewood South, 00BXFE Halewood West, 00BXFM Prescot East, 00BXFN Prescot West, 00BXFQ Roby, 00BXFR St. Gabriels, 00BXFS St. Michaels, 00BXFW Whiston North, 00BXFX Whiston South, 00BZFP Rainhill.		
<i>143</i>	00BXFT Swanside.		
<i>146</i>	00BXFA Cantril Farm, 00BXFB Cherryfield, 00BXFF Kirkby Central, 00BXFG Knowsley Park, 00BXFH Longview, 00BXFJ Northwood, 00BXFK Page Moss, 00BXFL Park, 00BXFP Princess, 00BXFU Tower Hill, 00BXFY Whitefield, 00BZFA Billinge and Seneley Green, 00BZFB Blackbrook, 00BZFC Broad Oak, 00BZFD Eccleston, 00BZFE Grange Park, 00BZFF Haydock, 00BZFG Marshalls Cross, 00BZFH Moss Bank, 00BZFJ Newton East, 00BZFK Newton West, 00BZFL Parr and Hardshaw, 00BZFM Queen's Park, 00BZFN Rainford, 00BZFQ Sutton and Bold, 00BZFR Thatto Heath, 00BZFS West Sutton, 00BZFT Windle.		
<b>UKD52</b>	<b>Liverpool (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>142</i>	00BYFC Allerton, 00BYFY Netherley, 00BYGC St. Mary's, 00BYGE Speke, 00BYGG Valley, 00BYGK Woolton.		

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As regards Great Britain, the UK authorities have defined a total of 205 zones to be used to analyse the needs of the assisted areas. These zones do not always follow the boundaries of NUTS-II and NUTS-III regions as defined at Community level. A map of the zones and a list of their constituent parts will be published by the UK authorities at the following website: <http://www.dti.gov.uk/regional/assisted-areas/assisted-areas-review/page24618.html>

143	00BYFA Abercromby, 00BYFB Aigburth, 00BYFE Arundel, 00BYFG Broadgreen, 00BYFH Childwall, 00BYFJ Church, 00BYFN Dingle, 00BYFT Granby, 00BYFU Grassendale, 00BYFW Kensington, 00BYFZ Old Swan, 00BYGA Picton, 00BYGD Smithdown.		
144	00BYFD Anfield, 00BYFF Breckfield, 00BYFK Clubmoor, 00BYFL County, 00BYFQ Everton, 00BYFR Fazakerley, 00BYFX Melrose, 00BYGB Pirrie, 00BYGF Tuebrook, 00BYGH Vauxhall, 00BYGJ Warbreck.		
146	00BYFM Croxteth, 00BYFP Dovecot, 00BYFS Gillmoss.		
<b>UKD53</b>	<b>Sefton (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>
144	00CAGE Church, 00CAGF Derby, 00CAGH Ford, 00CAGL Linacre, 00CAGM Litherland, 00CAGQ Molyneux, 00CAGR Netherton and Orrell, 00CAGW St Oswald, 00CAGY Victoria.		
<b>UKD54</b>	<b>Wirral (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>15%</b>
141	00CBFB Bidston, 00CBFC Birkenhead, 00CBFD Bromborough, 00CBFF Claughton, 00CBFG Eastham, 00CBFH Egerton, 00CBFL Leasowe, 00CBFM Liscard, 00CBFP New Brighton, 00CBFQ Oxtton, 00CBFR Prenton, 00CBFT Seacombe, 00CBFW Tranmere, 00CBFX Upton, 00CBFY Wallasey.		
<b>4. Regions eligible for aid under Article 87(3) (c) of the EC Treaty for the whole period 2007-2013</b>			
<b>UKC1</b>	<b><i>Tees Valley and Durham</i></b>		
<b>UKC11</b>	<b>Hartlepool and Stockton (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>	
169	00EFMN Mandale, 00EFNB Stainsby, 00EFNC Victoria, 00EFND Village.		
170	00EBMA Brinkburn, 00EBMB Brus, 00EBMC Dyke House, 00EBMD Elwick, 00EBME Fens, 00EBMF Grange, 00EBMG Greatham, 00EBMH Hart, 00EBMJ Jackson, 00EBMK Owton, 00EBML Park, 00EBMM Rift House, 00EBMN Rossmere, 00EBMP St. Hilda, 00EBMQ Seaton, 00EBMR Stranton, 00EBMS Throston, 00EFMA Bishopsgarth, 00EFMB Blue Hall, 00EFMC Charltons, 00EFME Elm Tree, 00EFMF Fairfield, 00EFMG Glebe, 00EFMH Grange, 00EFMJ Grangefield, 00EFMK Hardwick, 00EFML Hartburn, 00EFMP Marsh House, 00EFMQ Mile House, 00EFMR Newtown, 00EFMS Northfield, 00EFMT Norton, 00EFMU Parkfield, 00EFMW Portrack and Tilery, 00EFMX Preston, 00EFMY Roseworth, 00EFMZ St. Aidan's, 00EFNA St. Cuthbert's, 00EFNE Whitton, 00EFNF Wolviston.		
<b>UKC12</b>	<b>South Teeside (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>	
169	00ECND Ayresome, 00ECNF Beechwood, 00ECNH Clairville, 00ECNK Gresham, 00ECNP Linthorpe, 00ECNQ North Ormesby and Brambles Farm, 00ECNT Middlehaven, 00ECNW Pallister, 00ECNX Park, 00ECPA Thorntree, 00ECPB University, 00EEMZ Brotton, 00EENA Coatham, 00EENB Dormanstown, 00EEND Grangetown, 00EENE Guisborough, 00EENG Kirkleatham, 00EENJ Loftus, 00EENK Longbeck, 00EENL Newcomen, 00EENP St Germain's, 00EENQ Saltburn, 00EENR Skelton, 00EENS South Bank, 00EENU West Dyke, 00EENX Zetland.		
<b>UKC13</b>	<b>Darlington (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>	
170	00EHNU Middleton St George.		
171	00EHNJ Faverdale, 00EHNT Lingfield, 00EHPC Sadberge and Whessoe.		
<b>UKC14</b>	<b>Durham CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>	
171	20UEGD Brancepeth, Langley Moor and Meadowfield, 20UEGG Cassop-cum-Quarrington, 20UEGH Coxhoe, 20UFGD Acre Rigg, 20UFGF Blackhalls, 20UFGG Dene House, 20UFGH Eden Hill, 20UFGN Horden North, 20UFGP Horden South, 20UFGQ Howletch, 20UFGR Hutton Henry, 20UFGU Passfield, 20UFGY Thornley and Wheatley Hill,		

	20UFGZ Wingate, 20UGFZ Bishop Middleham and Cornforth, 20UGGA Broom, 20UGGB Byerley, 20UGGC Chilton, 20UGGD Ferryhill, 20UGGE Fishburn and Old Trimdon, 20UGGF Greenfield Middridge, 20UGGG Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange, 20UGGH Middlestone, 20UGGJ Neville and Simpasture, 20UGGK New Trimdon and Trimdon Grange, 20UGGL Sedgefield, 20UGGM Shafto St Marys, 20UGGN Spennymoor, 20UGGP Sunnydale, 20UGGQ Thickley, 20UGGR Tudhoe, 20UGGS West, 20UGGT Woodham, 20UHGD Etherley, 20UHGE Evenwood, Ramshaw and Lands, 20UJFY Bishop Auckland Town, 20UJFZ Cockton Hill, 20UJGA Coundon, 20UJGC Crook South, 20UJGD Dene Valley, 20UJGF Henknowle, 20UJGG Howden, 20UJGM West Auckland, 20UJGN Wheatbottom and Helmington Row, 20UJGP Willington Central, 20UJGQ Willington West End, 20UJGS Woodhouse Close.	
172	20UEGC Belmont, 20UEGF Carrville and Gilesgate Moor, 20UEGS Pelaw and Gilesgate, 20UEGW Shadforth and Sherburn, 20UEGX Shincliffe, 20UFGF Dawdon, 20UFGH Deneside, 20UFGJ Easington Colliery, 20UFGK Easington Village and South Hetton, 20UFGM Haswell and Shotton, 20UFGS Murton East, 20UFGT Murton West, 20UFGW Seaham Harbour, 20UFGX Seaham North.	
175	20UBFX Chester North, 20UBGE North Lodge, 20UDGA Annfield Plain, 20UDGC Blackhill, 20UDGE Burnopfield, 20UDGF Castleside, 20UDGG Catchgate, 20UDGH Consett East, 20UDGJ Consett North, 20UDGK Consett South, 20UDGN Delves Lane, 20UDGP Dipton, 20UDGS Havannah, 20UDGU Leadgate, 20UDGW South Moor, 20UDGX Stanley Hall, 20UDGY Tanfield.	
<b>UKC2</b>	<b><i>Northumberland, Tyne and Wear</i></b>	
<b>UKC21</b>	<b>Northumberland (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
177	35UDGN Cowpen, 35UDGP Cramlington East, 35UDGQ Cramlington Eastfield with East Hartford, 35UDGR Cramlington North, 35UDGS Cramlington Parkside, 35UDGT Cramlington South East, 35UDGU Cramlington Village, 35UDGW Cramlington West, 35UDGX Croft, 35UDGY Hartley, 35UDGZ Holywell, 35UDHA Isabella, 35UDHB Kitty Brewster, 35UDHC Newsham and New Delaval, 35UDHD Plessey, 35UDHE Seaton Delaval, 35UDHF Seghill, 35UDHG South Beach, 35UDHH South Newsham, 35UDHJ Wensleydale, 35UEFZ Ellington, 35UEGB Hebron, Hepscott and Mitford, 35UEGE Lynemouth, 35UEGS Stannington, 35UGFS Bedlington Central, 35UGFT Bedlington East, 35UGFU Bedlington West, 35UGFW Bothal, 35UGFX Central, 35UGFY Choppington, 35UGFZ College, 35UGGA Guide Post, 35UGGB Haydon, 35UGGC Hirst, 35UGGD Newbiggin East, 35UGGE Newbiggin West, 35UGGF Park, 35UGGG Seaton, 35UGGH Sleekburn, 35UGGJ Stakeford.	
<b>UKC22</b>	<b>Tyneside (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
173	00CLFF Cleadon and East Boldon, 00CLFU Whitburn and Marsden.	
174	00CJFQ Monkchester, 00CJFX Walker, 00CJFY Walkergate, 00CKFD Chirton, 00CKFE Collingwood, 00CKFN Riverside, 00CKFT Wallsend, 00CLFA All Saints, 00CLFB Beacon and Bents, 00CLFC Bede, 00CLFD Biddick Hall, 00CLFE Boldon Colliery, 00CLFG Cleadon Park, 00CLFH Fellgate and Hedworth, 00CLFJ Harton, 00CLFK Hebburn Quay, 00CLFL Hebburn South, 00CLFM Horsley Hill, 00CLFN Monkton, 00CLFP Primrose, 00CLFQ Rekenyke, 00CLFR Tyne Dock and Simonside, 00CLFS Westoe, 00CLFT West Park, 00CLFW Whiteleas.	
175	00CHFA Bede, 00CHFB Bensham, 00CHFC Birtley, 00CHFF Chowdene, 00CHFH Deckham, 00CHFJ Dunston, 00CHFK Felling, 00CHFL High Fell, 00CHFM Lamesley, 00CHFN Leam, 00CHFP Low Fell, 00CHFQ Pelaw and Heworth, 00CHFS Saltwell, 00CHFT Teams, 00CHFY Wrekenyke, 00CJFA Benwell, 00CJFC Byker, 00CJFP Lemington, 00CJFT Sandford, 00CJFU Scotswood, 00CJFZ West City.	
177	00CJFD Castle, 00CKFJ Longbenton, 00CKFU Weetslade.	
<b>UKC23</b>	<b>Sunderland (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
172	00CMFD Eppleton, 00CMFF Grindon, 00CMFG Hendon, 00CMFH Hetton, 00CMFJ Houghton, 00CMFL Ryhope, 00CMFM St. Chad's, 00CMFN St. Michael's, 00CMFQ Shiney Row, 00CMFR Silksworth, 00CMFU Thorney Close, 00CMFW Thornholme.	

173	00CMFA Castletown, 00CMFB Central, 00CMFC Colliery, 00CMFE Fulwell, 00CMFK Pallion, 00CMFP St. Peter's, 00CMFS South Hylton, 00CMFT Southwick, 00CMFX Town End Farm, 00CMFY Washington East, 00CMFZ Washington North.	
175	00CMGA Washington South, 00CMGB Washington West.	
<b>UKD1</b>	<b><i>Cumbria</i></b>	
<b>UKD11</b>	<b>West Cumbria (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
164	16UBGZ Ewanrigg, 16UBHA Flimby, 16UBHB Harrington, 16UBHF Moorclose, 16UBHG Moss Bay, 16UBHH Netherhall, 16UBHJ St John's, 16UBHK St Michael's, 16UBHL Seaton, 16UCFP Barrow Island, 16UCFQ Central, 16UCFR Dalton North, 16UCFS Dalton South, 16UCFT Hawcoat, 16UCFU Hindpool, 16UCFW Newbarns, 16UCFX Ormsgill, 16UCFY Parkside, 16UCFZ Risedale, 16UCGA Roosecote, 16UCGB Walney North, 16UCGC Walney South, 16UEGD Arlecdon, 16UEGE Beckermest, 16UEGF Bootle, 16UEGG Bransty, 16UEGH Cleator Moor North, 16UEGJ Cleator Moor South, 16UEGK Distington, 16UEGL Egremont North, 16UEGM Egremont South, 16UEGN Ennerdale, 16UEGP Frizington, 16UEGQ Gosforth, 16UEGR Harbour, 16UEGS Haverigg, 16UEGT Hensingham, 16UEGU Hillcrest, 16UEGW Holborn Hill, 16UEGX Kells, 16UEGY Millom Without, 16UEGZ Mirehouse, 16UEHA Moorsby, 16UEHB Newtown, 16UEHC St Bees, 16UEHD Sandwith, 16UEHE Seascale.	
<b>UKD12</b>	<b>East Cumbria (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
164	16UGHC Broughton, 16UGHH Crake Valley, 16UGJH Low Furness & Swarthmoor, 16UGJQ Ulverston Central, 16UGJR Ulverston East, 16UGJS Ulverston North, 16UGJT Ulverston South, 16UGJU Ulverston Town, 16UGJW Ulverston West.	
<b>UKD3</b>	<b><i>Greater Manchester</i></b>	
<b>UKD32</b>	<b>Greater Manchester North (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
134	00BPFA Alexandra, 00BPFB Chadderton Central, 00BPFC Chadderton North, 00BPFD Chadderton South, 00BPFE Coldhurst, 00BPFF Crompton, 00BPFG Failsworth East, 00BPFJ Hollinwood, 00BPFK Lees, 00BPFL Royton North, 00BPFM Royton South, 00BPFQ St. James, 00BPFR St. Marys, 00BPFT Shaw, 00BPFU Waterhead, 00BPFW Werneth, 00BQFA Balderstone, 00BQFC Castleton, 00BQFD Central and Falinge, 00BQFK Middleton Central, 00BQFM Middleton North, 00BQFP Middleton West, 00BQFQ Milnrow, 00BQFR Newbold, 00BQFT Smallbridge and Wardleworth.	
147	00BLFB Blackrod, 00BWFA Abram, 00BWFB Ashton-Golborne, 00BWFC Aspull-Standish, 00BWFD Atherton, 00BWFF Beech Hill, 00BWFG Bryn, 00BWFH Hindley, 00BWFJ Hindley Green, 00BWFL Hope Carr, 00BWFM Ince, 00BWFP Leigh Central, 00BWFQ Leigh East, 00BWFR Lightshaw, 00BWFS Newtown, 00BWFT Norley, 00BWFU Orrell, 00BFWW Swinley, 00BWFY Whelley, 00BWFZ Winstanley, 00BWGA Worsley Mesnes.	
148	00BLFG Central, 00BLFH Daubhill, 00BLFK Derby, 00BLFL Farnworth, 00BLFM Halliwell, 00BLFN Harper Green, 00BLFR Kearsley, 00BWFK Hindsford.	
<b>UKD4</b>	<b><i>Lancashire</i></b>	
<b>UKD41</b>	<b>Blackburn with Darwen (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
150	00EXMZ Audley, 00EXNA Bastwell, 00EXNC Corporation Park, 00EXND Earcroft, 00EXNE East Rural, 00EXNF Ewood, 00EXNG Fernhurst, 00EXNH Higher Croft, 00EXNJ Little Harwood, 00EXNL Marsh House, 00EXNM Meadowhead, 00EXNN Mill Hill, 00EXNQ Queen's Park, 00EXNR Roe Lee, 00EXNS Shadsworth with Whitebirk, 00EXNT Shear Brow, 00EXNU Sudell, 00EXNW Sunnyhurst, 00EXNX Wensley Fold, 00EXNY Whitehall.	
<b>UKD43</b>	<b>Lancashire CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>

146	30UPGG Bickerstaffe, 30UPGZ Skelmersdale North, 30UPHA Skelmersdale South.	
147	30UPGH Birch Green, 30UPGM Digmaor, 30UPGR Moorside, 30UPHB Tanhouse, 30UPHD Up Holland.	
150	30UDGY Gawthorpe, 30UDGZ Hapton with Park, 30UGFT Altham, 30UGFZ Clayton-le-Moors, 30UGGG Rishton.	
<b>UKE1</b>	<b><i>East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire</i></b>	
<b>UKE11</b>	<b>City of Kingston upon Hull (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
155	00FANE Drypool, 00FANF Holderness, 00FANK Marfleet, 00FANL Myton, 00FANN Newland, 00FANQ Pickering, 00FANR St Andrew's, 00FANT Southcoates West.	
<b>UKE12</b>	<b>East Riding of Yorkshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
155	00FBNQ Hessle, 00FBPB South Hunsley, 00FBPC South West Holderness.	
<b>UKE13</b>	<b>North and North East Lincolnshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
128	00FCMQ Croft Baker, 00FCMR East Marsh, 00FCMS Freshney, 00FCMU Heneage, 00FCMX Immingham, 00FCNA Sidney Sussex, 00FCND West Marsh, 00FCNE Wolds, 00FCNF Yarborough, 00FDNE Ferry.	
<b>UKE2</b>	<b><i>North Yorkshire</i></b>	
<b>UKE22</b>	<b>North Yorkshire CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
129	36UHHJ Whitley.	
<b>UKE4</b>	<b><i>West Yorkshire</i></b>	
<b>UKE43</b>	<b>Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
129	00DBFB Castleford Glasshoughton, 00DBFC Castleford Whitwood, 00DBFD Crofton and Ackworth, 00DBFE Featherstone, 00DBFF Hemsworth, 00DBFJ Normanton and Sharlston, 00DBFM Pontefract South, 00DBFN South Elmsall, 00DBFP South Kirkby.	
<b>UKF1</b>	<b><i>Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire</i></b>	
<b>UKF12</b>	<b>East Derbyshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
121	17UCGB Barlborough, 17UCGC Blackwell, 17UCGD Bolsover North West, 17UCGE Bolsover South, 17UCGF Bolsover West, 17UCGG Clowne North, 17UCGH Clowne South, 17UCGJ Elmton-with-Creswell, 17UCGK Pinxton, 17UCGL Pleasley, 17UCGM Scarcliffe, 17UCGN Shirebrook East, 17UCGP Shirebrook Langwith, 17UCGQ Shirebrook North West, 17UCGR Shirebrook South East, 17UCGS Shirebrook South West, 17UCGT South Normanton East, 17UCGU South Normanton West, 17UCGX Whitwell, 17UDFX Barrow Hill and New Whittington, 17UDFY Brimington North, 17UDFZ Brimington South, 17UDGB Dunston, 17UDGC Hasland, 17UDGD Hollingwood and Inkersall, 17UDGH Lowgates and Woodthorpe, 17UDGJ Middlecroft and Poolsbrook, 17UDGK Moor, 17UDGL Old Whittington, 17UDGN St Helen's, 17UDGP St Leonard's, 17UJGG Clay Cross North, 17UJGH Clay Cross South, 17UJGR Grassmoor, 17UJGS Holmewood and Heath, 17UJGW North Wingfield Central, 17UJHB Sutton, 17UJHC Tupton.	
<b>UKF13</b>	<b>South and West Derbyshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
121	17UBGY Somercotes.	
<b>UKF14</b>	<b>Nottingham (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>

<i>121</i>	00FYNG Basford, 00FYNM Bulwell.	
<b>UKF15</b>	<b>North Nottinghamshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>121</i>	37UBFR Hucknall Central, 37UBFS Hucknall East, 37UBFT Hucknall North, 37UBFU Hucknall West, 37UBFX Kirkby in Ashfield Central, 37UBFY Kirkby in Ashfield East, 37UBFZ Kirkby in Ashfield West, 37UBGB Sutton in Ashfield Central, 37UBGC Sutton in Ashfield East, 37UBGD Sutton in Ashfield North, 37UBGE Sutton in Ashfield West, 37UBGG Woodhouse, 37UCGZ Welbeck, 37UCHA Worksop East, 37UCHB Worksop North, 37UCHC Worksop North East, 37UCHD Worksop North West, 37UCHE Worksop South, 37UCHF Worksop South East, 37UFFU Berry Hill, 37UFFW Birklands, 37UFFX Broomhill, 37UFFY Cumberlands, 37UFFZ Eakring, 37UFGA Forest Town East, 37UFGB Forest Town West, 37UFGC Grange Farm, 37UFGD Ladybrook, 37UFG E Leeming, 37UFGF Lindhurst, 37UFGG Meden, 37UFGH Oak Tree, 37UFGJ Pleasley Hill, 37UFGK Portland, 37UFG L Prioory, 37UFGM Ravensdale, 37UFGN Robin Hood, 37UFGP Sherwood, 37UGGL Bilsthorpe, 37UGGM Blidworth, 37UGGN Boughton, 37UGGS Clipstone, 37UGGW Edwinstowe, 37UGHC Ollerton, 37UGHD Rainworth.	
<b>UKF16</b>	<b>South Nottinghamshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>121</i>	37UEGQ Newstead.	
<b>UKG1</b>	<i>Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire</i>	
<b>UKG12</b>	<b>Worcestershire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>89</i>	47UBGF Hillside, 47UBGS Uffdown.	
<b>UKG2</b>	<i>Shropshire and Staffordshire</i>	
<b>UKG23</b>	<b>Stoke-on-Trent (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>117</i>	00GLNC Burslem South, 00GLND Chell and Packmoor, 00GLNG Hanley West and Shelton, 00GLNH Hartshill and Penkhull, 00GLNR Tunstall.	
<i>118</i>	00GLMY Bentilee and Townsend, 00GLMZ Berryhill and Hanley East, 00GLNA Blurton, 00GLNF Fenton, 00GLNJ Longton North, 00GLNK Longton South, 00GLNL Meir Park and Sandon, 00GLNP Stoke and Trent Vale, 00GLNQ Trentham and Hanford.	
<b>UKG24</b>	<b>Staffordshire CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>94</i>	41UFHM Bilbrook, 41UFHN Brewood and Coven, 41UFHT Essington, 41UFHU Featherstone and Shareshill.	
<i>117</i>	41UEGB Bradwell, 41UEGC Butt Lane, 41UEGD Chesterton, 41UEGF Cross Heath, 41UEGH Holditch, 41UEGJ Keele, 41UEGL Knutton and Silverdale, 41UEGN Madeley, 41UEGP May Bank, 41UEGR Porthill, 41UEGS Ravenscliffe, 41UEGU Silverdale and Parksite, 41UEGX Thistleberry, 41UEGY Town, 41UEHA Wolstanton.	
<b>UKG3</b>	<i>West Midlands</i>	
<b>UKG31</b>	<b>Birmingham (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>85</i>	00CNFA Acock's Green, 00CNFJ Fox Hollies, 00CNFN Hodge Hill, 00CNFP Kingsbury, 00CNGD Shard End, 00CNGE Sheldon, 00CNGR Yardley.	
<i>87</i>	00CNFB Aston, 00CNFG Edgbaston, 00CNFL Handsworth, 00CNFS Ladywood, 00CNFW Nechells, 00CNFZ Perry Barr, 00CNGC Selly Oak, 00CNGF Small Heath, 00CNGG Soho, 00CNGH Sparkbrook, 00CNGP Washwood Heath.	
<i>89</i>	00CNFT Longbridge, 00CNFX Northfield.	
<b>UKG32</b>	<b>Solihull (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
<i>85</i>	00CTFA Bickenhill, 00CTFD Elmdon, 00CTFH Lyndon, 00CTFR Silhill.	

<b>UKG33</b>	<b>Coventry (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
82	00CQFA Bablake, 00CQFB Binley and Willenhall, 00CQFC Cheylesmore, 00CQFE Foleshill, 00CQFF Henley, 00CQFG Holbrook, 00CQFH Longford, 00CQFJ Lower Stoke, 00CQFK Radford, 00CQFL St. Michael's, 00CQFM Sherbourne, 00CQFN Upper Stoke, 00CQFQ Westwood, 00CQFR Whoberley, 00CQFS Woodlands.	
<b>UKG34</b>	<b>Dudley and Sandwell (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
89	00CRFB Belle Vale and Hasbury, 00CRFJ Halesowen North, 00CRFK Halesowen South, 00CSFE Cradley Heath and Old Hill.	
90	00CSFA Abbey, 00CSFB Blackheath, 00CSFC Bristnall, 00CSFH Great Bridge, 00CSFJ Greets Green and Lyng, 00CSFK Hateley Heath, 00CSFL Langlely, 00CSFN Oldbury, 00CSFP Old Warley, 00CSFR Rowley, 00CSFS St. Pauls, 00CSFT Smethwick, 00CSFU Soho and Victoria, 00CSFW Tipton Green, 00CSFX Tividale, 00CSFZ Wednesbury South, 00CSGA West Bromwich Central.	
91	00CSFF Friar Park, 00CSFY Wednesbury North.	
92	00CRFA Amblecote, 00CRFC Brierley Hill, 00CRFD Brockmoor and Pensnett, 00CRFE Castle and Priory, 00CRFH Gornal, 00CRFM Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, 00CRFP Lye and Wollescote, 00CRFQ Netherton and Woodside, 00CRFT Quarry Bank and Cradley, 00CRFU St. Andrews, 00CRFW St. James's, 00CRFX St. Thomas's.	
93	00CRFF Coseley East, 00CRFG Coseley West, 00CSFQ Princes End.	
<b>UKG35</b>	<b>Walsall and Wolverhampton (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
91	00CUFC Bentley and Darlaston North, 00CUFD Birchills Leamore, 00CUFE Blakenall, 00CUFJ Darlaston South, 00CUFK Hatherton Rushall, 00CUFM Palfrey, 00CUFQ Pleck, 00CUFR St. Matthew's, 00CUFS Short Heath.	
93	00CWFA Bilston East, 00CWFB Bilston North, 00CWFC Blakenhall, 00CWFE East Park, 00CWFF Ettingshall, 00CWFH Graiseley, 00CWFR Spring Vale.	
94	00CUFF Bloxwich East, 00CUG Bloxwich West, 00CUFH Brownhills, 00CUFN Pelsall, 00CUFU Willenhall North, 00CUFW Willenhall South, 00CWFD Bushbury, 00CWFG Fallings Park, 00CWFJ Heath Town, 00CWFK Low Hill, 00CWFM Oxley, 00CWFQ St. Peter's, 00CWFU Wednesfield North, 00CWFV Wednesfield South.	
<b>UKH2</b>	<b><i>Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire</i></b>	
<b>UKH21</b>	<b>Luton (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
51	00KAMT Biscot, 00KAMW Challney, 00KAMX Crawley, 00KAMY Dallow, 00KANA High Town, 00KAND Lewsey, 00KANG Round Green, 00KANH Saints, 00KANJ South, 00KANK Stopsley, 00KANM Wigmore.	
<b>UKH22</b>	<b>Bedfordshire CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
51	09UEGL Houghton Hall, 09UEGM Icknield, 09UEGS Parkside, 09UEGZ Tithe Farm.	
<b>UKI1</b>	<b><i>Inner London</i></b>	
<b>UKI12</b>	<b>Inner London - East (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
57	00BBGB Beckton, 00BBGF Custom House, 00BBGJ East Ham South, 00BBGT Royal Docks.	
<b>UKI2</b>	<b><i>Outer London</i></b>	
<b>UKI21</b>	<b>Outer London - East and North East (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>

57	00ABGK River, 00ABGL Thames, 00ADGX Thamesmead East, 00ALGX Glyndon, 00ALHE Thamesmead Moorings, 00ALHG Woolwich Riverside, 00ARGT South Hornchurch.	
<b>UKJ4</b>	<b><i>Kent</i></b>	
<b>UKJ42</b>	<b>Kent CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
35	29UEGN Eastry, 29UEHB Sandwich, 29UEHF Whitfield, 29UNGE Beacon Road, 29UNGF Birchington North, 29UNGG Birchington South, 29UNGH Bradstowe, 29UNGJ Central Harbour, 29UNGK Cliffsend and Pegwell, 29UNGL Cliftonville East, 29UNGM Cliftonville West, 29UNGN Dane Valley, 29UNGP Eastcliff, 29UNGQ Garlinge, 29UNGR Kingsgate, 29UNGS Margate Central, 29UNGT Nethercourt, 29UNGU Newington, 29UNGW Northwood, 29UNGX St Peters, 29UNGY Salmestone, 29UNGZ Sir Moses Montefiore, 29UNHA Thanet Villages, 29UNHB Viking, 29UNHC Westbrook, 29UNHD Westgate-on-Sea.	
<b>UKK4</b>	<b><i>Devon</i></b>	
<b>UKK41</b>	<b>Plymouth (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
5	00HGMX Budshead, 00HGMZ Devonport, 00HGNA Drake, 00HGNC Egguckland, 00HGND Ham, 00HGNE Honicknowle, 00HGNF Moor View, 00HGNN St Budeaux, 00HGNP St Peter and the Waterfront, 00HGNQ Southway, 00HGNR Stoke, 00HGNS Sutton and Mount Gould.	
<b>UKK43</b>	<b>Devon CC (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
5	18UGGP Bickleigh and Shaugh, 18UGGR Cornwood and Sparkwell	
<b>UKL2</b>	<b><i>East Wales</i></b>	
<b>UKL21</b>	<b>Monmouthshire and Newport (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
99	00PRNC Gaer, 00PRND Graig, 00PRNF Liswerry, 00PRNG Llanwern, 00PRNJ Marshfield, 00PRNK Pillgwenlly, 00PRNR Tredegar Park, 00PTPD Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons, 00PTPK Trowbridge.	
102	00PTNL Creigiau/St. Fagans, 00PTPA Pentyrch.	
<b>UKL23</b>	<b>Flintshire and Wrexham (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
111	00NJPK Aston, 00NJPL Bagillt East, 00NJPM Bagillt West, 00NJPN Broughton North East, 00NJPP Broughton South, 00NJPQ Brynford, 00NJPT Buckley Mountain, 00NJPX Caerwys, 00NJPY Cilcain, 00NJPZ Connah's Quay Central, 00NJQA Connah's Quay Golftyn, 00NJQB Connah's Quay South, 00NJQC Connah's Quay Wepre, 00NJQD Ewloe, 00NJQE Ffynnongroyw, 00NJQF Flint Castle, 00NJQG Flint Coleshill, 00NJQH Flint Oakenholt, 00NJQJ Flint Trelawny, 00NJQK Greenfield, 00NJQL Gronant, 00NJQP Halkyn, 00NJQQ Hawarden, 00NJQS Holywell Central, 00NJQT Holywell East, 00NJQU Holywell West, 00NJQZ Mancot, 00NJRE Mostyn, 00NJRG Northop, 00NJRH Northop Hall, 00NJRK Queensferry, 00NJRN Sealand, 00NJRP Shotton East, 00NJRQ Shotton Higher, 00NJRR Shotton West, 00NJRS Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor, 00NJRU Whitford.	
<b>UKL24</b>	<b>Powys (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
105	00NNQG Aber-craf, 00NNQT Cwm-twrch, 00NNTJ Ynyscedwyn, 00NNTL Ystradgynlais.	
<b>UKM2</b>	<b><i>Eastern Scotland</i></b>	
<b>UKM21</b>	<b>Angus and Dundee City (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
198	09C01 Ninewells, 09C02 Camperdown, 09C03 Balgay, 09C04 Lochee West, 09C05 Riverside, 09C07 Ardler, 09C09 Claverhouse, 09C10 Whitfield, 09C11 Longhaugh, 09C12 Pitkerro, 09C13 Douglas, 09C15 Balgillo, 09C18 Craigiebank, 09C20 Lochee East, 09C21	

	Tay Bridges, 09C22 Logie, 09C23 Law, 09C24 East Port, 09C25 Baxter Park, 09C26 Hilltown, 09C27 Bowbridge, 09C28 Stobswell, 09C29 Fairmuir.	
<b>UKM22</b>	<b>Clackmannanshire and Fife (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
195	06C04 Tillicoultry West, 06C05 Tillicoultry East, 06C07 Devon and Clackmannan North, 06C08 Clackmannan, 06C09 Gartmorn, 06C11 Alloa East, 06C12 Alloa Mar, 06C13 Alloa West, 06C18 Delph and Cambus.	
197	16C10 Halbeath, Hill of Beath and Kingseat, 16C11 Woodmill, 16C12 Linburn, 16C13 Brucefield and Nethertown, 16C14 Pitcorrhie, 16C15 Limekilns and Pitreavie, 16C16 Rosyth West, 16C17 Rosyth East, 16C18 Inverkeithing West and Rosyth South, 16C19 Inverkeithing East and North Queensferry, 16C20 Dalgety Bay West and Hillend, 16C21 Dalgety Bay East, 16C22 Crossgates and Mossie, 16C29 Aberdour and Burntisland West, 16C30 Auchtertool and Burntisland East, 16C31 Kinghorn and Inveriel, 16C32 Linktown and Kirkcaldy Central, 16C33 Raith and Longbraes, 16C34 Bennoch and Valley, 16C35 Templehall East, 16C36 Templehall West, 16C37 Cardenden, Cluny and Chapel, 16C38 Kinglassie, Bowhill and Dundonald, 16C39 Dunnikier, 16C40 Hayfield and Balsusney, 16C41 Smeaton and Overton, 16C42 Glebe Park, Pathhead and Sinclairtown, 16C43 Dysart and Gallatown, 16C44 Wemyss and Muiredge, 16C45 Buckhaven and Denbeath, 16C46 Methilhill, 16C47 Methil, 16C49 Leven West and Kirkland, 16C53 Auchmuty and Woodside West, 16C54 Pitteuchar and Finglassie North, 16C55 Thornton, Stenton and Finglassie South, 16C56 Caskieberran and Rimbleton, 16C61 Cadham, Pitcoudie and Balfarg.	
<b>UKM26</b>	<b>Falkirk (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
195	15C01 Camelon, 15C02 Summerford, 15C06 Dawson, 15C08 Middlefield, 15C09 Zetland, 15C11 Inchyra, 15C12 Dundas/Kerse, 15C17 Forthside, 15C18 Kinnaird, 15C19 Carrongrange, 15C20 Tryst, 15C21 Larbert, 15C22 Herbertshire.	
<b>UKM27</b>	<b>Perth and Kinross, Stirling (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
195	30C02 Logie, 30C04 Raploch, 30C06 Argyll, 30C13 Polmaise, 30C14 Sauchenford.	
<b>UKM3</b>	<b><i>South Western Scotland</i></b>	
<b>UKM31</b>	<b>East and West Dunbartonshire, Helensburgh and Lomond (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
184	07C11 Bowling/Milton/Old Kilpatrick, 07C12 Dumbarton East, 07C13 Barloan/Overtoun, 07C15 Dumbarton Central, 07C17 Renton/Alexandria South, 07C18 Alexandria North/Tullichewan, 07C22 Riverside.	
185	07C01 Whitecrock, 07C02 Dalmuir/Central, 07C03 Mountblow, 07C04 Parkhall, 07C05 Linnvale/Drumry, 07C06 Kilbowie, 07C07 Kilbowie West.	
188	11C11 Hillhead and Broomhill, 11C14 Kirkintilloch Central, 11C15 Lenzie, 11C21 Cadder/Langbrae.	
<b>UKM33</b>	<b>East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire Mainland (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
181	10C04 North Kilmarnock, Fenwick and Waterside, 10C05 Crosshouse, Gatehead and Knockentiber, 10C06 Altonhill, Hillhead and Longpark, 10C08 Kilmarnock Central West, 10C09 Kilmarnock Central East, 10C10 North New Farm Loch and Dean, 10C11 South New Farm Loch, 10C12 Crookedholm, Moscow, Galston West and Hurlford North, 10C13 Newmilns, 10C14 Grange/Howard, 10C15 Kilmarnock Central South, 10C16 Riccarton, 10C17 Shortlees, 10C18 Bellfield, 10C19 Hurlford, 10C20 Galston East, 10C25 Drogan, Stair and Rankinston, 10C26 Ochiltree, Skares, Netherthird and Craigens, 10C27 Auchinleck, 10C28 Cumnock West.	
182	22C01 Irvine West, 22C02 Irvine Townhead, 22C03 Irvine Vineburgh and Woodlands South, 22C04 Irvine North, 22C06 Dreghorn, 22C07 Irvine Landward, 22C08 Bourtreehill, 22C09 Woodlands North and Girdle Toll, 22C10 Kilwinning East, 22C11 Kilwinning	

	South, 22C12 Kilwinning West, 22C13 Stevenston North, 22C14 Stevenston South, 22C16 Dalry, 22C18 Kilbirnie South, 22C20 Saltcoats East, 22C21 South Beach, 22C22 Saltcoats North, 22C23 Ardrossan South, 22C24 Ardrossan North, 22C25 West Kilbride, 22C26 Largs South and Fairlie.	
<b>UKM34</b>	<b>Glasgow City (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>185</i>	17C01 Drumry, 17C06 Yoker.	
<i>186</i>	17C10 Scotstoun, 17C11 Victoria Park, 17C12 Hayburn, 17C15 Partick, 17C16 Kelvingrove, 17C17 Anderston, 17C25 Firhill, 17C26 Keppochhill, 17C27 Merchant City, 17C28 Royston, 17C29 Cowlares, 17C51 Drumoyne, 17C52 Govan, 17C53 Ibrox, 17C54 Kingston, 17C56 North Cardonald.	
<i>187</i>	17C32 Milnbank, 17C33 Dennistoun, 17C34 Calton, 17C35 Bridgeton/Dalmarnock, 17C36 Parkhead, 17C37 Carntyne, 17C38 Robroyston, 17C39 Garterraig, 17C40 Queenslie, 17C41 Greenfield, 17C43 Shettleston, 17C44 Tollcross Park, 17C45 Braidfauld, 17C46 Mount Vernon, 17C66 Hutchesontown, 17C67 Govanhill.	
<i>188</i>	17C42 Barlanark, 17C48 Garrowhill, 17C49 Garthamlock, 17C50 Easterhouse.	
<i>189</i>	17C47 Baillieston, 17C78 Carmunnock, 17C79 Glenwood.	
<b>UKM35</b>	<b>Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>184</i>	19C02 Ward 2, 19C03 Ward 3, 19C04 Ward 4, 19C05 Ward 5, 19C06 Ward 6, 19C07 Ward 7, 19C08 Ward 8, 19C09 Ward 9, 19C10 Ward 10, 19C11 Ward 11, 19C12 Ward 12, 19C13 Ward 13, 19C14 Ward 14, 19C15 Ward 15, 19C16 Ward 16, 19C17 Ward 17, 19C18 Ward 18, 19C19 Ward 19, 26C35 Houston and Langbank, 26C39 Erskine West, 26C40 Bishopston.	
<i>185</i>	26C01 Shortroods, 26C02 St. James, 26C03 Ferguslie, 26C04 Linwood East, 26C11 Paisley Central, 26C16 Seedhill, 26C17 Blackhall and Hawkhead, 26C18 Gallowhill and Whitehaugh, 26C19 Sandyford, 26C26 Blythswood, 26C27 Deanside, 26C28 Townhead, 26C29 Arkleston and Newmains, 26C30 Moorpark, 26C36, Erskine S.E. and Inchinnan, 26C37 Parkmains, 26C38 Erskine Central.	
<b>UKM36</b>	<b>North Lanarkshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>188</i>	23C31 Townhead, 23C32 Blairpark, 23C33 North Central and Glenboig, 23C34 Coatbridge Central, 23C36 Bargeddie and Langloan, 23C37 Kirkwood, 23C38 Kirkshaws, 23C40 Old Monkland, 23C54 Seafar and The Village, 23C57 Westerwood, Carrickstone and Dullatur, 23C60 Carbrain East, 23C61 Carbrain West and Greenfaulds, 23C62 Condorrat Central, 23C63 Condorrat North and Westfield, 23C67 Moodiesburn East and Blackwood West, 23C68 Moodiesburn West and Gartcosh, 23C69 Chryston and Auchinloch, 23C70 Steps.	
<i>189</i>	23C03 Forgewood, 23C04 North Motherwell, 23C21 Tannochside, 23C22 Fallside, 23C23 Viewpark, 23C24 Bellshill North, 23C25 Orbiston, 23C26 Mossend West and Thordean, 23C30 Hattonrig.	
<i>190</i>	23C02 Calder Valley, 23C05 New Stevenston and Carfin, 23C06 Cragneuk, 23C07 Belhaven, 23C08 Stewarton, 23C10 Coltness, 23C11 Watsonville, 23C12 Knowetop, 23C13 Muirhouse and Netheraton, 23C14 Pather and Gowkthrapple, 23C15 Garrion, 23C18 Dykehead, 23C19 Cleland, 23C20 Benhar, 23C27 Holytown, 23C28 Mossend East and New Stevenston North, 23C29 Newarthill, 23C35 Sikeside and Carnbroe, 23C39 Shawhead, 23C41 Whinhall, 23C42 Academy, 23C43 Airdrie Central, 23C44 Clarkston, 23C47 North Cairnhill and Coatdyke, 23C48 South East Cairnhill and Gartlea, 23C49 Cragneuk and Petersburn, 23C50 Calderbank, 23C51 Chapelhall, 23C52 Salsburgh.	
<b>UKM37</b>	<b>South Ayrshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>10%</b>
<i>181</i>	28C06 Prestwick St Cuthbert's and Monkton, 28C07 Prestwick St Nicholas', 28C23 Tarbolton Symington Craigie, 28C24 Annbank Mossblown St Quivox.	
<i>182</i>	28C01 Troon North, 28C02 Troon West, 28C03 Troon East, 28C04 Troon South, 28C22 Dundonald and Loans.	

<b>UKM38</b>	<b>South Lanarkshire (partly, only the following wards)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>181</i>	29C24 Heathyknowe, 29C26 Whitehills, 29C31 Avondale North.	
<i>187</i>	29C60 Burgh.	
<i>189</i>	29C14 Long Calderwood, 29C28 Mossneuk/Kittoch, 29C29 Stewartfield, 29C33 Blantyre West, 29C34 Coatshill/Low Blantyre, 29C35 Burnbank/Blantyre, 29C36 High Blantyre, 29C37 Hamilton Centre North, 29C38 Whitehill, 29C39 Bothwell South, 29C40 Uddingston South/Bothwell, 29C41 Uddingston, 29C42 Hillhouse, 29C43 Udston, 29C44 Wellhall/Earnock, 29C45 Earnock, 29C48 Low Waters, 29C61 Cairns, 29C62 Hallside, 29C63 Cambuslang Central, 29C66 Kirkhill/Whitlawburn, 29C67 Eastfield.	