

Statement of Excess 2011-12

for the year ending 31 March 2012

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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Introduction

Excesses 2011-12

1. This Statement of Excess sets out the amounts that the Speaker's Committee requests Parliament to grant as an Excess Vote.
2. Excess Votes are presented if expenditure exceeds the amounts, or falls outside the categories of expenditure (the 'ambit') approved by Parliament in the Main, Revised and Supplementary Estimates and authorised in Supply and Appropriation Acts.
3. Before any Excess Votes are sought, the Annual Report and Accounts are prepared. The accounts are examined and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General and laid before the House of Commons. A report by the Comptroller and Auditor General is made on any such accounts where expenditure exceeds the amounts, or falls outside the categories of expenditure, authorised by Parliament. Where sufficient savings or surplus income is available to be used to offset the excess expenditure, the Excess Vote is for only a token sum of £1,000.
4. Following the CLoS reforms introduced in 2011-12, Parliament votes, as necessary, amounts for the relevant budget boundaries (e.g. Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit, Capital Departmental Expenditure Limit, Resource Annually Managed Expenditure, Capital Annually Managed Expenditure, Non-budget Expenditure) and cash.
5. An 'ambit' sets out the full list of activities upon which income will be generated, or expenditure incurred, within the relevant budgetary control in each Estimate. From 2011-12 (under the CLoS reforms), once an ambit has been approved by Parliament and included in the Supply and Appropriation Act it can only have descriptions of functional activities added at the end of the existing ambit detail. Additions to the ambit made in the Supplementary Estimate are identified by an asterisk (*). Additions in the Statement of Excesses are identified by a double asterisk (**).
6. A Statement of Excesses is usually presented to Parliament towards the end of the financial year following the one to which it relates. Under House of Commons Standing Orders, if the Committee of Public Accounts has reported that it sees no objection to the sums necessary being provided by Excess Vote, the question on the motion to approve them is put to the House without debate. Authorisation of additional resources and issues from the Consolidated Fund in respect of the Excess Votes for 2011-12 will be given legislative authority in the upcoming Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation & Adjustments) Act.
7. This Statement of Excess is divided into three parts. Part I shows a summary of the amount to be voted. Part II provides an explanation of the reasons for the excess. Part III provides details of the amount required to make good the excess together with an explanation of the expenditure and income covered by the Estimate (the ambit).

Excesses 2011-12 for central government departments

8. In addition to the Excess Vote for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, there were five Excess Votes for central government departments and an Excess Vote for the Electoral Commission. Separate Statement of Excesses booklets are being presented by these bodies.

Statement of Excess 2011-12

Part I: Summary of the amount to be voted

	£
	Amount to be voted
Total Departmental Expenditure Limit	
Resource	0
Capital	0
Total Annually Managed Expenditure	
Resource	47,000
Capital	0
Total Net Budget	
Resource	47,000
Capital	
Total Non-budget Expenditure	0
Total Net Cash Requirement	0

Statement of the amounts required to be voted in order to make good the excesses for the year ended 31 March 2012

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Part II: Explanations

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England**

1. Excess expenditure over the net Estimate amounted to £47,000 of Resource Annually Managed Expenditure.
2. In preparing its Estimate the Commission included some contingency to cover the costs of changes in the organisation and the expenditure was charged to the Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit. However, by the end of 2011-12, although the Commission had continued with its reorganisation plans, it was not able to agree the likely redundancies and the costs had to be recognised as a provision rather than a liability. As a provision, the costs were required to be charged against the Resource Annually Managed Expenditure limit for which the Commission had no Estimate cover.
3. As the Supplementary Estimates were finalised in February, the Commission did not have any opportunity to reflect the unexpected delays in its reorganisation plans in its forecasts. As a result, the Commission incurred a £47,000 excess against Resource Annually Managed Expenditure.
4. The Commission was not in breach of any other control totals. It recorded an underspend of £237,000 against its Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit and an underspend of £333,000 against its net cash requirement.
5. Parliamentary authority is sought to provide for the excess expenditure by an Excess Vote.

Part III: Excess

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

	Excess	Amount to be Voted
£		
Departmental Expenditure Limit		
Resources	0	0
Capital	0	0
Annually Managed Expenditure		
Resources		
Excess Expenditure	47,000	47,000
Capital	0	0
Total Net Budget		
Resources	47,000	47,000
Capital	0	0
Non-budget Expenditure	0	0
Net Cash Requirement	0	0

Excess amounts required in the year ended 31 March 2012 for expenditure by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on:

Departmental Expenditure Limit:

Expenditure arising from:

Administration and operational cost and associated non-cash items, planning for and carrying out the functions and duties imposed on it by, or by virtue of, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Greater London Authority Act 1999: these functions and duties include undertaking electoral reviews of local authorities in England and implementing any changes by Order; undertaking reviews of the administrative boundaries of local authorities in England and making recommendations to the Secretary of State for any changes; providing advice, at his request, to the Secretary of State on any proposals he receives from local authorities for a change to unitary status; undertaking reviews of the constituencies of the Greater London Assembly and implementing any changes by Order; altering the boundaries of district council or London borough wards and county council divisions as a consequence of the outcome of community governance reviews conducted by local authorities in England; and making Orders to implement proposals from local authorities wishing to move to elections by thirds or by halves.

Annually Managed Expenditure:

Expenditure arising from:

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