

COVID Consequentials for Scotland and Funding for Local Government JANUARY 2021

Barnett Consequentials to Scotland to date

The most up to date Barnett consequentials are set out in **Table 1 (summary) and 1A** (breakdown of total) and if known, the UKG department from which the funding comes has been shown in brackets. The headings in **Table 1A** (marked in yellow) refer to the UK Government schemes from which the Barnett consequentials originate, rather than the *Scottish Government's* use of the Barnetts. Although the SG has tended to allocate Barnetts to the same sort of areas from which they derive, this is not guaranteed to be the case. For recent announcements, there has been little by way of detail.

TABLE 1- total consequentials to Scotland

Totals and breakdowns (£m)	Consequentials for Scotland	Comments
Pre 24th July 2020	4,616	
24 July announcement 2020	1,900	£785m not associated with any specific UKG announcements UKG press release
09 October announcement 2020	684	Uplift announcement alongside Job Support Scheme and Local Restrictions grants for England UKG press release
05 November announcement 2020	1,000	Additional uplift announced alongside UKG extension of Furlough to March and increases self-employed support UKG press release
23 December 2020	400	Additional uplift announced for business and public services. UKG press release
Total COVID-19 Consequentials to date	8,600	

TABLE 1A- breakdown of total

Public services	(£m) 3,267	Comments
Health services (DHSC)	1,174	SG Cab Sec for Health and Sport announced £1.1bn for NHS Boards & HSCPs.
Health– planning for second wave	250	24 July UKG announcement
PPE	865	24 July UKG announcement
Local authorities (MHCLG)	381	Included £21m homelessness (of which £9m is capital; £49m LG announcement (2 nd July)
Railway services (DfT)	448	Pass to Rail Services in Scotland
Schools etc (DfE)	81	DFM announced £100m for schools at end July
Jobs for a new decade (DfE)	21	
Other	47	
Business support	2,415	
Business support grants (total cost)	1,206	
Business rates reliefs (total cost)	1,047	
Charity support	55	
Cultural Recovery Fund	97	FM announced that this will be passed on in full to the sector

Other	10	c£1m for rugby league, c£8m for zoos and c£2m for historic royal palaces
Individuals	49	
LA hardship fund	49	This was passed on to LG early in April (as part of £350m Communities Fund)
Remaining from announcement on 24th July	785	
Estimate for Local Gvt Loss of Income scheme	90	SG estimate of consequential for the Loss of Income scheme
General uplift in guaranteed consequential*	695	No detail on the announcement/s with which these consequential are associated
Announcement on 9 October	684	
General uplift in guaranteed consequential*	684	Uplift announced alongside various business support announcement for England (and included £1b for English councils) No further detail
Announcement on 5 November	1,000	
General uplift in guaranteed consequential*	1,000	Uplift announced alongside furlough and self-employed support (and included £500m for English councils to support the local public health response) No further detail
Announcement on 23 December	400	
General uplift in guaranteed consequential*	400	Uplift announced funding can be spent on priorities such as the NHS and business support.

Note: rounding and slight adjustments/changes over the last few months may affect the exact totals.

*From July onwards, UK Treasury changed their approach to the way in which additional COVID resources were made available to the devolved administrations. Instead of announcement associated directly with departments, a general guarantee was instead given.

Scottish Government funding to Local Government for COVID-19

From the consequential to date, **£1,078m** has been provided for Local Government (either to use to support service delivery or to provide crisis grants, food etc), including resource for IJB delegated services, as shown in **Table 2**. Table 2 also shows funding that was badged "Communities Fund" (announced on 18th March by Cabinet Secretary LG & C and highlighted in green) and a breakdown of this fund is shown at **Table 3**.

In addition to the £1078m, significant resources have, and continue to be, channelled through Local Authorities to support businesses. **Table 4** provides a list of these funds.

TABLE 2 - confirmed funding to Local Government in response to COVID-19

Local Government COVID-19 funding to date	£m
<u>Funding directly to support Local Government (un-ringfenced)</u>	266.4
Hardship Fund LAs	50
UK Consequential relating to Local Government	155
Further UK Consequential relating to Local Government	49
General Administration funding (for business grants)	12
Administration of £100 COVID Hardship payment	0.4

<u>Funding to support individuals/families/communities</u> (“Communities Fund” shown in green)	163.61
Food Fund (April)	30
Scottish Welfare Fund – 1 st tranche Top Up	22
Addressing Financial Hardship (<i>was Scottish Welfare Fund, 2nd tranche Top Up</i>)	20
Additional £5 million to deliver Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) through Local Authorities in 2020/21	5
Additional £3 million to deliver Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) through Councils in 2020/21 (<i>was Scottish Welfare Fund, 2nd tranche Top Up</i>)	3
Free School Meals and Community Food (June)	27.6
Free School Meals for Oct, Christmas and February holidays	6.95
Level 4 Welfare/Social Support	15
Homelessness Funding (additional to RRTP funding for 20/21) – from SG Winter Support Fund	5
Supporting services for vulnerable children and young people – SG Winter Support Fund- from the £23.5m announced, £22m will come to LG	22
Free School Meals for January 2021 (lockdown/closure of schools)- <i>Leaders Jan 2021</i>	7.057
<i>NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL/SUB-TOTAL):</i> <i>Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Supports and Services - repurposed resource, from £15m already committed to Local Government, but allowed to be used to support CYP during the pandemic, and requires reporting</i>	11.25
<u>Funding for Education Recovery</u>	201.5
Additional Teaching and Support Staff – split over 2 financial years	50
Digital Inclusion (£30m announced but £5m is for FE) - Revenue - Capital (including SG purchase of chrome books)	3.6 21.4
Education Recovery Funding (logistics) - Upfront funding - Ring-fenced for further costs, to be based on actuals (to be allocated)	2 0 30
Additional Teachers (2 nd tranche) – split over 2 financial years	30
School Transport- CAPITAL	1.5
Education Recovery (additional staff, family support, digital) –	45
<u>Funding for Economic Recovery</u>	40
Regeneration Capital Grant Fund additional funding - CAPITAL	1
Town Centres Capital Fund - CAPITAL	2 18
Bus Priority Rapid Development Fund - CAPITAL	10

<u>Test and Protect Funding/Public Health/Supporting People</u>	6.374
Additional Funding for Death Registration Service	0.600
Test and Protect Funding (Support for people)	0.519
Test and Protect Funding (Support for people) – to cover up to 11 th Jan 2021	0.079
Admin for £500 self-isolation grants	0.906
Outbound calling – to cover up to 11 th Jan 2021	2.275
Outbound calling – 12 th Jan 2021 to end of financial year 20/21	1.995
<u>Council Tax Reduction/Social Security</u>	50
Council Tax Reduction	25
Unallocated for either CTR or SS*	25
<u>Health & Social Care funding and passed to LG for Local Mobilisation Plans:</u>	223
First tranche	50
Second tranche	33
Third tranche (29 Sep)	67
Top up for 13 LAs	8
Fourth Tranche (Dec)	65
<u>Other</u>	127.4
Loss of Income Scheme (undistributed but councils informed of indicative allocations)	90
Young Person's Guarantee	30
Environmental Health Officers (20/21 and 21/22)	2.9
Partnership Action for Continuous Employment (PACE)	3.5
Community Justice – funding for COVID CPO backlog	1
TOTAL	1078.29
Total Revenue	1015.39
Total Revenue unallocated (% of total revenue)	145.00 (14%)
Total Capital	62.90

Communities Fund

In March **£350m** was announced as a Communities Fund. Of that, £175m was earmarked for Local Government to support individuals and families, of which £25m* remains unallocated (Council Tax Reduction/Social Security, as shown in Table 2)

£150m was allocated to the third and voluntary sector, and £25m was held in reserve by Scottish Government, as shown in the table below:

TABLE 3- Communities Fund to Third and Voluntary Sector

Fund	Allocation (£m)	Spend to date (£m)
Wellbeing	50	38
Supporting communities	40	19
Third Sector Resilience	20	23
Food Fund	40	47
<i>SG retained reserve</i>	25	<i>TBC</i>
TOTAL	175	127

Most up to date information can be found at <https://community-funding-mapping-1-1-scotgov.hub.arcgis.com/>