

The Department for Communities and Local Government

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME GRANT
FOR EXCELLENT AUTHORITIES**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
(ENGLAND)**

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME GRANT FOR
1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009**

Introduction

1. This Grant Determination is made by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (“the Secretary of State”) under section 93 of the Local Government Act 2000 (“section 93”) for the purpose of paying grant (“*Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities”) to certain local authorities towards their expenditure in providing, or contributing to the provision of, such welfare services as are determined by the Secretary of State.

2. This Grant Determination –
 - (a) determines the welfare services in respect of which *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities is paid;

 - (b) determines the amount of *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities and the manner of its payment to those local authorities;

 - (c) specifies the local authorities to which the *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities is paid;

 - (d) determines the conditions on which the *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities is paid.

3. Before making this determination the Secretary of State consulted in accordance with section 93(11) and obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Interpretation

4. In this Grant Determination –

“Authority” means a local authority to which grant is paid;

“local connection” has the meaning given in section 199 of the Housing Act 1996;

“reconnections policy” means a policy which has been developed to assist rough sleepers to return voluntarily to an area to which they have a connection;

“service provider” means a person who provides, or arranges the provision of, welfare services where those services are paid for (in part or in full) either –

- (a) by an Authority out of *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities; or
- (b) where an Authority has made an arrangement with the service recipient for him to make payments directly to the service provider in respect of those services and the monies paid to the service recipient to make those payments has been paid by the Authority out of *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities, by the service recipient;

“service recipient” means a person who receives welfare services where some or all of the cost of those services is paid for by an Authority out of *Supporting People* programme grant for excellent authorities, or that person’s representative;

“short term service” means a service which –

- (a) aims to bring about independent living within two years (disregarding practical delays in securing move-on accommodation) following resolution of a specific need or needs which the supported living arrangement aims to remedy, or following completion of a time-limited programme of support of under two years intended duration; or
- (b) aims to increase the capacity for independent living (even if fully independent living may not be likely) through a package of time-limited housing related support under these directions, which package has an intended duration of less than two years,

but shall exclude,

- (i) any service provided by a Home Improvement Agency;
- (ii) any service provided through a Handyman scheme;