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TITLE **Final Local Government Settlement 2016-17**
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Today I am publishing details of the Final Local Government Settlement for 2016-17, including allocations of core funding for individual Local Authorities.

In preparing the Final Settlement, I have given careful consideration to the responses I received to the consultation on the Provisional Settlement. I am confident it provides a robust basis for Local Authority financial planning for the coming financial year.

I am publishing the Final Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlements for 2016-17 the day after the announcement of the Welsh Government's Final Budget. This is the earliest opportunity which is possible in the circumstances.

For next year, I am setting Local Government revenue funding at £4.102 billion. This is unchanged from the position I announced in the updated Provisional Settlement on 10 February following the announcement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business of £2.5 million of top-up funding.

The total represents a decrease of 1.3 per cent (£54 million) compared with 2015-16, after adjusting for transfers.

Whilst the unhypothecated Settlement is the largest single source of funding available to Authorities, it is not the only one. Authorities must take account of all the income streams available to them in setting their budgets and making decisions about service provision for 2016-17.

Alongside the Settlement, I am publishing the latest information on Welsh Government grant schemes planned for 2016-17. This provides Local Authorities with a detailed picture of the funding from the Welsh Government for 2016-17, allowing them to budget effectively.

Table 1 sets out the final distribution of Aggregate External Finance between the 22 Authorities for 2016-17.

In line with the Welsh Government Final Budget, I am unable to provide indications beyond 2016-17.

The motion for the National Assembly for Wales to approve the Local Government Finance Report for 2016-17 is scheduled for debate on 9 March 2016.

Table 1: 2016-17 Final Settlement – Comparison of 2015-16 AEF and 2016-17 Final AEF

							<i>£000s</i>
Unitary Authority	2015-16 Adjusted AEF ¹	2016-17 Provisional AEF	Amendments	Top-Up Funding	2016-17 Final AEF plus top-up	% change on 2015-16	Rank
Isle of Anglesey	93,841	91,925	3	0	91,928	-2.0%	17
Gwynedd	169,847	166,990	-39	0	166,951	-1.7%	15
Conwy	152,740	149,429	-8	0	149,421	-2.2%	18
Denbighshire	141,294	139,602	6	0	139,608	-1.2%	10
Flintshire	187,535	184,743	7	0	184,750	-1.5%	12
Wrexham	172,036	169,761	6	0	169,768	-1.3%	11
Powys	175,692	168,488	-19	1,952	170,421	-3.0%	21
Ceredigion	100,010	96,570	3	436	97,010	-3.0%	20
Pembrokeshire	161,375	156,932	-38	0	156,894	-2.8%	19
Carmarthenshire	254,306	251,685	2	0	251,686	-1.0%	8
Swansea	310,525	307,754	13	0	307,767	-0.9%	5
Neath Port Talbot	206,637	205,567	9	0	205,575	-0.5%	2
Bridgend	189,561	187,508	7	0	187,515	-1.1%	9
The Vale Of Glamorgan	153,530	150,443	5	0	150,448	-2.0%	16
Rhondda Cynon Taf	357,009	353,769	6	0	353,775	-0.9%	6
Merthyr Tydfil	89,848	89,188	1	0	89,189	-0.7%	4
Caerphilly	265,723	263,293	8	0	263,301	-0.9%	7
Blaenau Gwent	110,959	109,252	0	0	109,252	-1.5%	13
Torfaen	131,538	129,296	2	0	129,299	-1.7%	14
Monmouthshire	94,379	91,439	-2	111	91,548	-3.0%	22
Newport	210,565	209,133	9	0	209,142	-0.7%	3
Cardiff	426,860	426,285	19	0	426,303	-0.1%	1
Total Unitary Authorities	4,155,809	4,099,052	0	2,499	4,101,551	-1.3%	

1. 2015-16 AEF adjusted for latest tax base and transfer of £31.1m into the Settlement.