

Distribution Sub-Group (2018) Paper 26 – Latest RO and RA Data for the 2019-20 Settlement

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Summary

1. This paper looks at the impact on the 2019-20 Settlement of updating the Revenue Outturn (RO) data from 2016-17 to 2017-18 and the Revenue Account (RA) data from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
2. It also looks at the financial implications of updating the RO data alone in the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) build. *Please note that these figures are being run against the 2018-19 Final Total SSA settlement distribution for the purposes of exemplification.*

Views sought

3. For DSG to note the impact on the distribution of the Settlement of using the latest RO and RA data in the Settlement model.

Related papers

4. *Distribution Sub-Group (2017) - Paper 09: Latest RA data for the 2018-19 Settlement*

Distribution Sub-Group (2016) - Paper 18: Updating the (15-16) RO data for the 2017-18 Settlement

Distribution Sub-Group (2016) - Paper 15: Updating the RA Data for the 2017-18 Settlement

Distribution Sub-Group (2015) - Paper 17: Latest RO and RA data for the 2016-17 Settlement

<http://gov.wales/docs/ds/jlg/minutes/150916-distribution-sub-group-paper17.pdf>

Distribution Sub-Group (2014) - Paper 18: Latest RO and RA data for the 2015-16 Settlement

<http://gov.wales/docs/ds/jlg/minutes/140910-dsg-paper18.pdf>

Distribution Sub-Group (2014) - Paper 12: Latest RO and RA data for the 2015-16 Settlement

<http://gov.wales/docs/ds/jlg/minutes/140707-dsg-paper12.pdf>

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Background

5. The calculation of SSA sector totals uses the most up-to-date information at a total Wales level on the pattern of budgeted Unitary Authority expenditure (sourced from RA returns). For the 2018-19 Settlement, the 2017-18 RA forms were used. This paper updates the RA expenditure from 2017-18 to 2018-19 for the 2019-20 Settlement.
6. The calculation of SSA service totals within each sector uses information at a total Wales level on the pattern of actual Unitary Authority expenditure (sourced from RO forms). For the 2019-20 Settlement, it is the intention that the latest expenditure data taken from the 2017-18 RO forms are to be used.
7. This paper provides exemplifications of the isolated changes of the RO forms, run against the 2018-19 Settlement as well as the combined implications of updating both the RO and RA data.

Changes in the RO data

8. Since the 2016-17 RO expenditure data was last used in the SSA build, there have been no changes to the RO form.
9. We cannot provide the change in RO service data between 2016-17 and 2017-18, until the data is published in October.

Financial implications

10. Table 1 shows the combined effect of updating both the provisional RO and RA data in the build of the 2018-19 Settlement. Cardiff sees the largest increase in SSA at £1.2m. Powys sees the largest decrease in SSA of around £603k.

Conclusion

11. DSG members are asked to agree to the update of the RO data used in the 2019-20 Settlement to the latest available (2017-18) RO data.

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Annex A

Table 1: Combined change in 2018-19 total SSA, when updating both the RA and the RO data

Unitary Authority:	2018-19 total SSA using:					
	2017-18 RA data		2018-19 RA data		Difference	
	2016-17 RO data		2017-18 RO data		(Percentage Point)	
	£000s	share	£000s	share	£000s	
Isle of Anglesey	131,702	2.3%	131,575	2.3%	-128	0.00%
Gwynedd	234,690	4.1%	234,432	4.1%	-258	0.00%
Conwy	213,023	3.8%	213,101	3.8%	79	0.00%
Denbighshire	189,980	3.4%	189,828	3.4%	-152	0.00%
Flintshire	264,333	4.7%	263,886	4.7%	-447	-0.01%
Wrexham	238,042	4.2%	238,076	4.2%	35	0.00%
Powys	246,913	4.4%	246,310	4.4%	-603	-0.01%
Ceredigion	138,275	2.4%	138,107	2.4%	-168	0.00%
Pembrokeshire	226,403	4.0%	226,218	4.0%	-185	0.00%
Carmarthenshire	346,059	6.1%	345,764	6.1%	-295	-0.01%
Swansea	426,535	7.5%	427,142	7.6%	607	0.01%
Neath Port Talbot	269,365	4.8%	269,516	4.8%	150	0.00%
Bridgend	255,260	4.5%	255,154	4.5%	-106	0.00%
The Vale of Glamorgan	222,840	3.9%	222,413	3.9%	-427	-0.01%
Rhondda Cynon Taff	455,015	8.0%	455,142	8.0%	127	0.00%
Merthyr Tydfil	112,371	2.0%	112,554	2.0%	183	0.00%
Caerphilly	339,574	6.0%	339,544	6.0%	-29	0.00%
Blaenau Gwent	134,628	2.4%	134,959	2.4%	331	0.01%
Torfaen	171,021	3.0%	171,106	3.0%	85	0.00%
Monmouthshire	147,471	2.6%	147,238	2.6%	-233	0.00%
Newport	281,984	5.0%	282,268	5.0%	284	0.01%
Cardiff	611,412	10.8%	612,562	10.8%	1,150.010	0.02%
Total Unitary Authorities	5,656,897	100%	5,656,897	100%	0	0.00%