EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY
DISCRETIONARY SOCIAL FUND BUDGET ALLOCATION 2015/16

1. This note explains the basis on which the discretionary Social Fund budget has been allocated for 2015/16. The Social Fund year runs from 1 April to 31 March each year.

Total Discretionary Social Fund Budget

2. The total gross discretionary Social Fund Budget for Great Britain for 2015/16 will be £430m.

3. I have allocated a single Social Fund budget for loans for Great Britain which will continue to provide consistency of Budgeting Loan outcomes for applicants no matter where they live.