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Chief Executives and Directors of Finance of Scottish
Local Authorities

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Dear Chief Executive/Director of Finance

BUSINESS RATES INCENTIVISATION SCHEME 2014-17

1. This Local Government Finance Circular provides details of the outcome of the Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme for 2014-15, the revised individual local authority targets for 2015-16 and the provisional targets for 2016-17.
2. The full background and terms and conditions of the revised Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme were set out in Annex N of the Local Government Finance Circular No. 9/2014 dated 11 December 2014.
3. The various parts and annexes to this Circular, listed below, provide more of the detail behind the calculations.

Annex A: Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme 2014-15 sums to be retained;
Annex B: Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme revised 2015-16 targets; and
Annex C: Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme 2016-17 provisional targets.

4. Any enquiries should be addressed to me: Bill Stitt 0131 244 7044
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5. This Circular is available on the Scottish Government website at:
www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/local-government/17999/11203

Yours faithfully

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2014-15 BUSINESS RATE INCENTIVISATION SCHEME – SUMS TO BE RETAINED

Local Authority	Sum to be retained
Aberdeen City	£533,291
Aberdeenshire	£471,198
East Renfrewshire	£187,702
Fife	£891,764
Highland	£213,923
Moray	£136,837
Renfrewshire	£68,427
TOTAL	£2,503,142

1. The figures included in this table are the sums to be retained by each of the local authorities listed and represent the 50 per cent share of the additional rates income generated in 2014-15. The other 50 per cent has been retained by the Scottish Government as set out in paragraph 10 of Annex N of Local Government Finance Circular 9/2014.

2. The local authorities listed should exclude the sums involved in returning their future non domestic rates returns until the individual local targets have been rebased following the 2017 Non Domestic Rates revaluation.

BUSINESS RATE INCENTIVISATION SCHEME – 2015-16 FINAL TARGETS

Local Authority	Final buoyancy targets for 2015-16*
Aberdeen City	1.3%
Aberdeenshire	1.7%
Angus	1.2%
Argyll & Bute	1.3%
Clackmannanshire	1.1%
Dumfries & Galloway	1.0%
Dundee City	1.0%
East Ayrshire	1.2%
East Dunbartonshire	1.3%
East Lothian	1.3%
East Renfrewshire	1.3%
Edinburgh, City of	1.1%
Eilean Siar	1.5%
Falkirk	1.1%
Fife	1.4%
Glasgow City	1.1%
Highland	1.4%
Inverclyde	1.3%
Midlothian	1.4%
Moray	1.7%
North Ayrshire	1.3%
North Lanarkshire	1.2%
Orkney Islands	1.3%
Perth & Kinross	1.3%
Renfrewshire	1.1%
Scottish Borders	1.2%
Shetland Islands	1.2%
South Ayrshire	1.1%
South Lanarkshire	1.4%
Stirling	1.1%
West Dunbartonshire	1.2%
West Lothian	1.4%

*These finalised targets take into account the updated 2014-15 buoyancy data.

BUSINESS RATE INCENTIVISATION SCHEME – 2016-17 PROVISIONAL TARGETS

Local Authority	Provisional local buoyancy target for 2016-17
Aberdeen City	1.0%
Aberdeenshire	1.5%
Angus	0.9%
Argyll & Bute	1.1%
Clackmannanshire	0.8%
Dumfries & Galloway	0.7%
Dundee City	0.8%
East Ayrshire	0.9%
East Dunbartonshire	1.1%
East Lothian	1.0%
East Renfrewshire	1.1%
Edinburgh, City of	0.9%
Eilean Siar	1.3%
Falkirk	0.8%
Fife	1.2%
Glasgow City	0.8%
Highland	1.1%
Inverclyde	1.0%
Midlothian	1.2%
Moray	1.4%
North Ayrshire	1.1%
North Lanarkshire	0.9%
Orkney Islands	1.1%
Perth & Kinross	1.0%
Renfrewshire	0.8%
Scottish Borders	1.1%
Shetland Islands	0.9%
South Ayrshire	0.8%
South Lanarkshire	1.2%
Stirling	0.8%
West Dunbartonshire	0.9%
West Lothian	1.1%