

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves

Appropriations for 2014/15

Within the forecast outturn figure, there are a number of proposals for appropriations to and from earmarked reserves. The final value of these appropriations will be assessed at year-end and reported as part of the closedown reporting.

Appropriations to Reserves

1. £300,000 to the New Homes Bonus Reserve

The Council is again in receipt of New Homes Bonus Grant. Rather than rely on it to support the general base budget, it is proposed that a proportion of the monies be used to support one-off projects in future years.

2. £35,000 to the Support People Reserve

To support the transition to a lower base budget for the Supporting People budget in 2015/16.

3. £3,059,000 to the Business Transformation Reserve

To support the transition to a lower base General Fund budget over the coming years.

Total Appropriations to Reserves **£3,394,000**

Appropriations from Reserves

4. £277,000 from the LPSA Reserve

This is required to finance the costs of the Partnership Team.

5. £35,000 from the Elections Reserve

In line with the purpose that this reserve was set up, £35,000 will be released in 2014/15 in support of the costs of the Borough elections due.

6. £1,273,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve

To fund a number of one-off investments during 2014/15

7. £214,000 from the Agresso Reserve

To continue the process of investment in the ERP system, so as to secure the basis for more efficient back office functions

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves**8. £844,000 from the Capital Reserve**

This is to fund the costs associated with a number of capital projects

9. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve

To fund investment into Schools Improvement

10. £9,564,000 from the Pensions Reserve

To fund the prepayment of pension deficit contributions and thereby securing savings over the three year actuarial review period

11. £500,000 from the Welfare Reform Reserve

To fund on-going work around welfare reform and housing benefit subsidy

12. £1,109,000 from the Grants Reserve

In accordance with proper accounting practice, grants received in 2013/14, but not used, were carried forward into 2014/15 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support the grant related expenditure.

13. £1,096,000 from the Public Health Reserves

In accordance with proper accounting practice, public health grant received in 2013/14, but not used, were carried forward into 2014/15 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of those funds to support public health expenditure.

Total Appropriations from Reserves

£15,112,000

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves

Appropriations for 2015/16

The proposed appropriations to and from earmarked reserves included within the 2015/16 budget are:

Appropriations to Reserves

1. £342,000 to the New Homes Bonus Reserve

The Council is again in receipt of New Homes Bonus Grant. Rather than rely on it to support the general base budget, it is proposed that a proportion of the monies be used to support one-off projects in future years.

2. £809,000 to the Capital Reserve

As part of the financing arrangement behind the upfront payment of the three years pension deficit payments, monies were temporarily “borrowed” from the Capital Reserve. This transfer will repay these funds.

3. £3,973,000 to the Pensions Reserve

Similarly the Pensions Reserve was exhausted in 2014/15 to fund the pension deficit payment. This appropriation starts the process of rebuilding the Reserve to ensure the flexibility will exist in the future to be able to fund a similar arrangement if needed at the next pension revaluation in 2017/18.

Total Appropriations to Reserves	<u>£5,124,000</u>
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Appropriations from Reserves

4. £277,000 from the LPSA Reserve

This is required to finance the costs of the Partnership Team.

5. £35,000 from the Elections Reserve

In line with the purpose that this reserve was set up, £35,000 will be released in 2015/16 in support of the costs of the Borough elections due.

6. £2,405,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve

To fund a number of one-off investments during 2015/16, plus the use of £1,888,000 to allow the spread of the savings requirement over the MTFS cycle.

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves**7. £5,000 from the Agresso Reserve**

To continue the process of investment in the ERP system, so as to secure the basis for more efficient back office functions

8. £3,085,000 from the Capital Reserve

This is to fund the costs associated with a number of capital projects

9. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve

To fund investment into Schools Improvement

10. £600,000 from the Supporting People Reserve

To support the transition of the Support People service to a lower level of base budget, the reserve will underpin some of the contracts pending their renegotiation

11. £106,000 from the Social Fund Reserve

To fund the on-going work of the Essential Living Fund Team

12. £300,000 from the Welfare Reform Reserve

To fund on-going work around welfare reform and housing benefit subsidy

Total Appropriations from Reserves

£7,013,000