

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves

Appropriations for 2018/19

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. £1,445,000 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 the monies be used to support one-off projects in future years.

2. £6,589,000 to the MRP Equalisation Reserve

Following the review of the Council's MRP policy, the amount of MRP that the Council needs to set aside in 2018/19 has dropped significantly below budget. Rather than take this saving to general reserves, it is proposed that it be transferred to the MRP equalisation reserve to fund future increases in MRP without impacting base line services.

3. £3,734,000 to the Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve was used in 2017/18 to fund the pension deficit payment. This appropriation starts the process of rebuilding the Reserve to ensure the flexibility exists to be able to fund a similar arrangement at the next pension revaluation in 2020/21.

4. £515,000 to the Adult Social Care Reserve

The Council received late notification of an adult social care grant, which has been earmarked to this reserve for future use.

5. £2,000,000 to the Children's Social Care Reserve

To replenish the reserve following in-year draw downs

Total Appropriations to Reserves

£14,283,000

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Appropriations from Reserves

6. £1,088,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve

To fund a number of one-off investments during 2018/19, and the replenishment of the children's social care reserve.

7. £238,000 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. £1,940,000 from the Capital Reserve

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

9. £50,000 from the Elections Reserve

In line with the purpose that this reserve was set up, £35,000 will be released in 2018/19 in support of the costs of the Borough elections.

10. £200,000 from the Interest Equalisation Reserve

To compensate for an in year change to regulation regarding income recognition.

11. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve

To fund investment into Schools Improvement

12. £520,000 from the Adults Social Care Reserve

To replenish the children's social care reserve

13. £1,919,000 from the Children's Social Care Reserve

To fund investment into Children's Social Care and in-year service pressures.

14. £350,000 from the Social Fund Reserve

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

15. £50,000 from the Waste Reserve

This is to equalise the impact of the saving being delivered from the new waste collection contract over its life

16. £472,000 from the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve

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To fund in-year pressures particularly around high needs

17. £328,000 from the General Grants Reserve

In accordance with proper accounting practice, grants received in 2017/18, but not used, were carried forward into 2018/19 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support the grant related expenditure.

18. £240,000 from the Public Health Reserve

In accordance with proper accounting practice, public health grant received in 2017/18, but not used, were carried forward into 2018/19 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support public health expenditure.

Total Appropriations from Reserves

£7,595,000

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The proposed appropriations to and from earmarked reserves included within the 2019/20 budget are:

Appropriations to Reserves

1. £2,031,000 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. £3,665,000 to the MRP Equalisation Reserve

Following the review of the Council's MRP policy, the amount of MRP that the Council needs to set aside in 2019/20 has dropped significantly below budget. Rather than take this saving to general reserves, it is proposed that it be transferred to the MRP equalisation reserve to fund future increases in MRP without impacting base line services.

3. £3,733,000 to the Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve was used in 2017/18 to fund the pension deficit payment. This appropriation completes the process of rebuilding the Reserve to ensure the flexibility exists to be able to fund a similar arrangement at the next pension revaluation in 2020/21.

Total Appropriations to Reserves

£9,429,000

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Appropriations from Reserves

1. £995,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve

To fund a number of one-off investments during 2019/20.

2. £5,274,000 from the Capital Reserve

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

3. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve

To fund investment into Schools Improvement

4. £735,000 from the New Homes Bonus Reserve

To fund a number of one-off investments during 2019/20

5. £300,000 from the Welfare Reform Reserve

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

6. £350,000 from the Social Fund Reserve

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

7. £36,000 from the Elections Reserve

In line with the purpose that this reserve was set up, £36,000 will be released in 2019/20 in support of the costs of the Borough elections

8. £1,000 from the Waste Management Reserve

This is to equalise the impact of the saving being delivered from the new waste collection contract over its life.

Total Appropriations from Reserves

£7,891,000