

## Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves

### Appropriations for 2015/16

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. £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.

**4. £500,000 to the Interest Equalisation Reserve**

Additional interest income has been earned during 2015/16. The Interest Equalisation Reserve was created to absorb the effects of fluctuations in investment income due to economic conditions, without affecting the delivering of services.

**Total Appropriations to Reserves**

**£5,624,000**

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**Appropriations from Reserves**

**5. £277,000 from the LPSA Reserve**

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

**6. £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.

**7. £1,945,000 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

**8. £90,000 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

**9. £700,000 from the Capital Reserve**

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

**10. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve**

To fund investment into Schools Improvement

**11. £325,000 from the Support 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

**12. £300,000 from the Welfare Reform Reserve**

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

**13. £106,000 from the Social Fund Reserve**

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

**14. £442,000 from the Grants Reserve**

In accordance with proper accounting practice, grants received in 2014/15, but not used, were carried forward into 2015/16 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support the grant related expenditure.

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**15. £1,001,000 from the Public Health Reserves**

In accordance with proper accounting practice, public health grant received in 2014/15, but not used, were carried forward into 2015/16 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of those funds to support public health expenditure.

**16. £274,000 from the Better Queensway Reserve**

This relates to monies set aside in 2014/15 being used to fund the feasibility study into Better Queensway.

**17. £558,000 from the Social Care Reserve**

In accordance with proper accounting practice, grants received in 2014/15, but not used, were carried forward into 2015/16 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support the grant related expenditure

**18. £600,000 from the Waste Reserve**

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

**Total Appropriations from Reserves**

**£6,853,000**

**Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves**

**Appropriations for 2016/17**

The proposed appropriations to and from earmarked reserves included within the 2016/17 budget are:

**Appropriations to Reserves**

**1. £1,003,000 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. £4,782,000 to the Pensions Reserve**

The Pensions Reserve was exhausted in 2014/15 to fund the pension deficit payment. This appropriation completes 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**

**£5,785,000**

**Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves**

**Appropriations from Reserves**

**3. £272,000 from the LPSA Reserve**

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

**4. £36,000 from the Elections Reserve**

In line with the purpose that this reserve was set up, £36,000 will be released in 2016/17 in support of the costs of the Borough elections due.

**5. £475,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve**

To fund a number of one-off investments during 2016/17.

**6. £15,000 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

**7. £5,867,000 from the Capital Reserve**

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

**8. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve**

To fund investment into Schools Improvement

**9. £325,000 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

**10. £1,170,000 from the Social Care Reserve**

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

**11. £350,000 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

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**13. £429,000 from the Waste Reserve**

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

**14. £90,000 from the Cemetery and Crematorium Reserve**

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

**15. £130,000 from the Public Health Reserve**

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

**Total Appropriations from Reserves**

**£9,659,000**