

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves

Appropriations for 2019/20

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 programme.

Appropriations to Reserves

1. £2,031,000 to the New Homes Bonus Reserve

The Council currently continues to receive New Homes Bonus Grant. Given the uncertainty over the level of this grant in the future, it is proposed that any monies are continued to be used to support one-off projects.

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 and 2018/19 to fund the pension deficit payment. This appropriation completes the final (3rd year) instalment of replenishing the Reserve as part of the last triennial Pensions review in 2017.

4. £800,000 to the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve

Planned contribution to this Reserve which is primarily attributable to High Needs underspend in 2019/20. Other contributory elements include the Department of Education Early Years funding adjustment for 2018/19 (received in 2019/20) and the approved underspend on the centrally retained growth fund.

Total Appropriations to Reserves

£10,229,000

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Appropriations from Reserves

5. £3,014,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve

To fund a number of one-off investments identified as part of the approved 2019/20 budget.

6. £5,574,000 from the Capital Reserve

This is to fund a number of approved capital projects in 2019/20.

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 in May 2019.

8. £500,000 from the Interest Equalisation Reserve

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

9. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve

To fund approved and planned investment into Schools Improvement

10. £835,000 from the New Homes Bonus Reserve

To fund the work required to progress the development of an approved Local Plan.

11. £100,000 from the Supporting People Reserve

To fund additional demand created within approved supported housing contracts in 2019/20.

12. £300,000 from the Welfare Reform Reserve

To fund on-going approved work around welfare reform and housing benefit subsidy arrangements for 2019/20.

13. £2,000,000 from the Children's Social Care Reserve

To fund additional investment into Children's Social Care and support in-year service demand pressures for 2019/20.

14. £350,000 from the Social Fund Reserve

To continue to fund the approved on-going work of the Essential Living Fund Team in 2019/20.

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15. £1,000 from the Waste Reserve

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

16. £753,000 from the General Grants Reserve

In accordance with proper accounting practice, grants received in 2018/19, but not used, were carried forward into 2019/20 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support the approved and eligible grant related expenditure.

17. £133,000 from the Public Health Reserve

In accordance with proper accounting practice, public health grant received in 2018/19, but not used, was carried forward into 2019/20 via the use of earmarked reserves. This appropriation represents the release of some of those funds to support the approved and eligible public health expenditure.

Total Appropriations from Reserves

£13,796,000

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Appropriations for 2020/21

The proposed appropriations to and from earmarked reserves included within the 2020/21 budget are:

Appropriations to Reserves

1. £1,370,000 to the New Homes Bonus Reserve

The Council currently continues to receive New Homes Bonus Grant. Given the uncertainty over the level of this grant in the future, it is proposed that any monies are continued to be used to support one-off projects.

2. £2,000,000 to the Pensions Reserve

This appropriation provides some flexibility by beginning to rebuild the Pensions Reserve in order to ensure that the Council has sufficient provision to cope with future pension fund evaluations.

Total Appropriations to Reserves

£3,370,000

Appropriations to and from General Fund Earmarked Reserves

Appropriations from Reserves

1. £735,000 from the Business Transformation Reserve

To fund several one-off investments proposed as part of 2020/21 budget package.

2. £3,000,000 from the Childrens Social Care Reserve

In recognition of the continuing demand pressure in the Childrens Social Care Service, this will fund the creation of a specific contingency for 2020/21. It will only be used at the discretion of the Corporate Management Team.

3. £363,000 from the Capital Reserve

To fund several capital projects proposed as part of the 2020/21 budget package.

4. £200,000 from the Schools Improvement Reserve

To fund proposed investment into Schools Improvement for 2020/21.

5. £560,000 from the New Homes Bonus Reserve

To fund several proposed one-off investments during 2020/21.

6. £350,000 from the Social Fund Reserve

To fund the proposed on-going work of the Essential Living Fund Team in 2020/21.

7. £36,000 from the Elections Reserve

In line with the purpose that this reserve was set up, £36,000 will be released in 2020/21 in support of the costs of staging the Borough elections in May 2020.

8. £250,000 from the Outcome Delivery Reserve

This is to fund proposed interventions in 2020/21 which will provide better improve outcomes in line with our 2050 ambitions.

9. £945,000 from the Interest Equalisation Reserve

This is to smooth the impact in 2020/21 of the increases in the interest budgets as a result of the financing of the capital investment programme.

10. £918,000 from the MRP Equalisation Reserve

This is to smooth the impact in 2020/21 of the increases in MRP that the Council needs to set aside as a result of the proposed capital investment programme.

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11. £4,350,000 from the Pensions Reserve

This is to fund the prepayment of pension deficit contributions and thereby securing savings over the three year actuarial review period.

12. £150,000 from the Public Health Grant – Public Health Reserve

This is to fund proposed additional investment for the operation of a new complex needs facility. This investment will be drawn down once the purchase of a suitable property is secured to expand the service and provision in 2020/21.

13. £35,000 from the Public Health Grant – DAAT Reserve

This is to fund proposed additional hours and capacity to enhance the current operating model at the local complex needs facility in 2020/21.

Total Appropriations from Reserves

£11,892,000