

Movement on Reserves and Reserve Levels

	Opening Balance 01/04/2021	Covid Reserve Adjustments	Agreed use 2021/22	contingencies / not allocated	interest receipts above/ (below) budget	App B Col D Impact of underspends / income at year end	App B Col C Impact of overspends at year end	App C (ii) Further Reserve requests	App C (i) Slippage requests	Closing Balance 31/03/22
General Fund	221,690	130,000		191,564	(5,987)	3,565,055	(205,487)	(2,524,236)	(938,860)	433,740
Capital Reserve	880,555							735,017		1,615,572
	1,412,439	130,000	0	191,564	(5,987)	3,565,055	(205,487)	(1,789,218)	(938,860)	2,049,312
Specific Reserves										
Car Parks & Facilities	31,665							(5,861)		25,804
Trails Reserve	544,276							102,739		647,015
Corporate Property Reserve	95,232							25,009		120,241
ICT	231,316							219,100		450,416
Warslow	16,175									16,175
Design	0									0
Visitor Services	0									0
Woodland	23,140							(23,140)		0
Cycle Hire	50,000									50,000
Vehicle Maintenance	5,000									5,000
Planned Maintenance	21,545									21,545
Minerals & Legal	535,338							31,514		566,852
Restructuring	61,052	275,000						150,000		486,052
North Lees	90,000							41,882		131,882
Minor Properties	18,045									18,045
COVID Reserve	1,087,186	(405,000)						(556,000)		126,186
Conservation Acquisitions	0									0
VAT Reserve	60,000							60,000		120,000
Resilience Reserve	169,000									169,000
* New Revenue Grant Reserve	0							1,340,263		1,340,263
* New CMPT Reserve	0							17,172		17,172
* New Local Plan Reserve	0							110,000		110,000
* New Authority Delivery Plan Reserve	0							250,000		250,000
	0									0
	3,038,970	(130,000)	0	0	0	0	0	1,762,678	0	4,671,648
Matched Funding	1,229,619							(46,050)		1,183,569
Slippage Reserve	1,186,800		(952,393)						938,860	1,173,267
Restricted Funds	49,931							72,590		122,521
	6,917,758	0	(952,393)	191,564	(5,987)	3,565,055	(205,487)	0	0	9,200,317

General Reserve: The General Reserve exists to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and is approximately £623k. The level of the General Reserve needs to take account of about 8 principal variable factors – contingent liabilities; the quality of budgetary control; loss of key staff, policy or delivery changes; the extent of demand-led services; unidentified future budget savings; significant capital projects; and the availability of other reserves. Generally, the Authority only has one or two of the above factors to consider in any one year; however up to three are currently pertinent. The external auditors consider the adequacy of the Authority's reserve levels as part of their overall audit opinion and it is an important component of their financial viability assessment.

Specific Reserves: The level of specific reserves overall has increased due requests for underspends to be transferred to reserves for future use. There continues to have been no call on the Covid-19 reserve, due to service underspends. The reserves are being operated in accordance with agreed policies, allowing services to draw from and add to their reserves in line with their longer term programmes. The new specific requests have been discussed in the main body of the report.

Capital Reserve: The Capital Receipts reserve started the year at £880k, there has been minor expenditure of £2k and additions of £737k from the sale of Lower Greenhouse Farm. The reserve will continue to be used to support the capital expenditure on and more specifically the expenditure on assets approved in March 2022.

Slippage Reserve: This Reserve operates differently from the other reserves in the sense that the funds do not remain within the reserve, if they are required in the following year. The amount of slippage approved in Appendix C is temporarily held on the balance sheet on 31st March, and is then immediately allocated into the budgets upon committee approving the slippage amount if the funds are required in the next financial year. There is a balance between allowing sensible use of slippage between years to manage commitments prudently with due regard for value for money, and not allowing slippage to be too high with monies not being spent in-year. The level of slippage fluctuates year on year and the 2021/22 level is a little higher than expected partly because of slippage to fund investments into 2022/23.

Matched Funding Reserve: This reserve was created to protect funds committed to partnership projects. The actual expenditure pattern is often very different between financial years. This, means that unspent Authority funds committed to the projects in contracts with funding bodies need to be ring-fenced and carried forward to match expenditure, when required in future years, in order to fulfil the funding commitments. The reserve also contains the exchange rate earmarked contingency for the Moorlife 2020 project.

Restricted Reserve: These reserves contain funds are restricted by their nature are currently contain several bequests as well as any S106 funds the Authority receives from planning agreements.