GENERAL FUND RESERVES

APPENDIX C

	Revised reserves position at 1st April 2022	Estimated Movements In-Year	Estimated reserves position at 1st April 2023	2022-27 MTFP approved movements	Estimated reserves position at 1st April 2023 (revised)	Estimated reserves position at 1st April 2024	Estimated reserves position at 1st April 2025	Estimated reserves position at 1st April 2026	Estimated reserves position at 1st April 2027
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Statutory									
Schools Balances	(15,503)	-	(15,503)	-	(15,503)	(15,503)	(15,503)	(15,503)	(15,503)
Public Health	(1,442)	-	(1,442)	-	(1,442)	(1,442)	(1,442)	(1,442)	(1,442)
Total Statutory	(16,945)	-	(16,945)	-	(16,945)	(16,945)	(16,945)	(16,945)	(16,945)
Earmarked							-		
Transformation/Development Funding									
Ward Based Activity	(1,286)	120	(1,166)	-	(1,166)	(1,166)	(1,166)	(1,166)	(1,166)
Strategic Investment support	(4,500)	375	(4,125)	-	(4,125)	(4,125)	(4,125)	(4,125)	(4,125)
Waste Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Health	(639)	32	(607)	-	(607)	(607)	(607)	(607)	(607)
Inclusive Investment	(3,045)	(400)	(3,445)	-	(3,445)	(3,845)	(3,845)	(3,845)	(3,845)
Place Partnership Theme	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Transformation	(4,166)	818	(3,348)	-	(3,348)	(3,348)	(3,348)	(3,348)	(3,348)
Place Standard	(1,000)	19	(981)	-	(981)	(981)	(981)	(981)	(981)
Local Welfare provision initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apprenticeship Levy	(2,915)	-	(2,915)	-	(2,915)	(2,915)	(2,915)	(2,915)	(2,915)
Workforce Planning	-	(1,500)	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Drawdown to offset budget pressures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transformation/Development Funding	(19,551)	(536)	(20,087)	-	(20,087)	(20,487)	(20,487)	(20,487)	(20,487)
Revenue Grants/Other									
Revenue Grants (various)	(18,468)	2,220	(16,248)	-	(16,248)	(16,248)	(16,248)	(16,248)	(16,248)
Rollover	(353)	319	(34)	-	(34)	(34)	(34)	(34)	(34)
Stronger Families Grant	(1,524)	-	(1,524)	-	(1,524)	(1,524)	(1,524)	(1,524)	(1,524)
Social Care Reserve	(1,285)	-	(1,285)	-	(1,285)	(1,285)	(1,285)	(1,285)	(1,285)
School PFI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Other	(3,645)	302	(3,343)	-	(3,343)	(3,343)	(3,343)	(3,343)	(3,343)
Drawdown to offset budget pressures	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total revenue Grants/Other	(25,275)	7,841	(17,434)	-	(17,434)	(17,434)	(17,434)	(17,434)	(17,434)
Risk Reserves - Specific Purposes									
Insurance	(1,900)	-	(1,900)	-	(1,900)	(1,900)	(1,900)	(1,900)	(1,900)
Property and Other Loans	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Treasury Smoothing	(960)	-	(960)	-	(960)	(960)	(960)	(960)	(960)
Collection Fund Smoothing		4,000	4,000		4,000	-	-	-	-
Total Risk Reserves - Specific Purposes	(4,860)	4,000	(860)	-	(860)	(4,860)	(4,860)	(4,860)	(4,860)
Risk reserves - Budget Risks									
Demand Reserve	(17,352)	8,752	(8,600)	-	(8,600)	(6,450)	(4,300)	(2,150)	-
Total Risk Reserves - Budget Risks	(17,352)	8,752	(8,600)	-	(8,600)	(6,450)	(4,300)	(2,150)	-
Earmarked (COVID Reserves)									
COVID Response - Unfunded Risks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Response - Recovery Fund	(2,367)	2,367	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Response - Collection Fund (Risk)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Response - Leisure Support (KAL)	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Grants (various)	(2,110)	2,110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Business Grants Reserve	(284)	284	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extended Business Rate Relief Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Income Loss Compensation	(1,768)	-	(1,768)	1,768	-	-	-	-	
Sub Total Earmarked (COVID Reserves)	(8,029)	4,761	(3,268)	3,268	-	-	-	-	-
Q1 overspend adjusted for pay award update	-	18,808	18,808	-	18,808	18,808	18,808	18,808	18,808
TOTAL EARMARKED	(75,067)	43,626	(31,441)	3,268	(28,173)	(30,423)	(28,273)	(26,123)	(23,973)
UNALLOCATED RESERVES	(47,108)	-	(47,108)	-	(47,108)	(47,108)	(47,108)	(47,108)	(47,108)
GRAND TOTAL	(139,120)	43,626	(95,494)	3,268	(92,226)	(94,476)	(92,326)	(90,176)	(88,026)

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Total usable reserves (excluding schools and public health)	(122,175)	43,626	(78,549)	3,268	(75,281)	(77,531)	(75,381)	(73,231)	(71,081)
Useable Reserves as % of 22/23 Net Budget	36%		23%		22%	23%	23%	22%	21%
Unallocated Reserves as % of 22/23 Net Budget	14%		14%		14%	14%	14%	14%	14%

Glossary of Reserves

RESERVE	DESCRIPTION
School Balances	Statutory reserves relating to both individual schools balances/deficits carried forwards.
Public Health	Timing issues on Public Health grant spend commitments (Public health grant is statutorily ring-fenced)
Ward Based Activity	Set aside reflecting timing issues on ward-based activity spend commitments
Strategic Investment	To address the scale of development costs required to support the upscaling of
Support	capital investment activity and major project activity over the MTFP.
Waste Management	To support the implementation of the Council's waste management strategy, including phased release over the MTFP to manage current PFI contract transition in light of the current Council PFI Waste Contract ending in 2022/23.
Mental Health (including Domestic abuse)	To support a number of local area based mental health initiatives.
Inclusive Investment	Set aside for a range of targeted development activity that supports the Council's
Reserve	inclusive investment ambition.
Place Partnership Theme	To encourage Place specific local initiatives
Transformation Reserve	Set aside for strategic transformation developments over the next 12 to 24 months.
Place Standard Reserve	Set aside to support the resourcing of emerging Place Standard action plans.
Local Welfare Provision Initiatives	Set aside for a range of existing Local Welfare Provision measures to support some of the borough's vulnerable families and individuals in financial hardship
Apprenticeship Levy	Set aside to fund future payments into the Apprenticeship levy
Revenue Grants	Represents grants and contributions recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement before expenditure has been occurred.
Rollover	To fund deferred spend commitments against approved rollover
Stronger Families	Set aside reflecting timing issues on expenditure commitments supporting a range of Stronger Families activity, funded from external grant.
Social Care	Set aside to cover phased rollout of a range of social care expenditure commitments as agreed at Cabinet, August 2018.
Schools PFI Reserve	Utilised to cover reduced DSG budget contributions to council services in 2020/21 and 2021/22
Other Earmarked	A range of smaller reserves earmarked for specific purposes.
Insurance	Mitigates against risk from increased liabilities and insurance claims.
Property and Other Loans	Set aside in part against the potential risk of future loan defaults; in part to offset potential unfunded technical accounting entries on General Fund revenue arising purely arising from the introduction of a new local government accounting code intended to strengthen balance sheet transparency.
Treasury Smoothing Reserve	This reserve has been set aside to manage the volatility surrounding treasury management budgets with respect to both potential changes in interest rates and the level of delivery of the capital plan.
Financial Resilience	Covers a range of potential costs highlighted in the Council's corporate risk register, including budget risks as set out in the sensitivity analysis within the 2021-26 Annual Budget report.
Demand Reserve	Set aside to mitigate the impact/volatility of a range of potential demand risks on statutorily provided service activity
COVID Response Reserve	Specific reserve set aside to cover the costs of the Council's COVID response.

RESERVE	DESCRIPTION
COVID Grants (various)	Represents specific COVID grants recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement before expenditure was occurred.
COVID Business Grants reserve	Reflects the balance of COVID Business Grants received and recognised in 2020/21 and 2021/22 before expenditure was incurred.
Extended Business Rate Relief Compensation	During 2020/21 and 2021/22, local authorities received S31 grants to offset the reliefs given to businesses during COVID. Under current collection fund accounting rules, the S31 grants received cannot be discharged against the Collection Fund deficit in-year. The additional s31 grants were therefore transferred into the extended business rates relief reserve, to be drawn down the following year against the rolled forwards collection fund deficit.
Local Tax Income Loss Compensation	Local authorities were compensated for the loss of local tax income in 2020/21 as a result of COVID. The compensation amount was transferred into the Tax Income Loss Compensation Reserve to be drawn down in future years against the rolled forwards collection fund deficit.
Unallocated Reserves	General reserve set at £47m to support general working capital and cashflow requirements. Covers a range of potential costs highlighted in the Council's corporate risk register.