

Appendix 4 - General Fund balance and Earmarked Reserves (£m)

| Reserve | 2024/25 Opening reserves (£m) | Forecast in-year increase / (decrease) (£m) | Q1 Forecast £13.3m overspend (£m) | 2024/25 Forecast closing reserves (£m) |
|--|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| General Fund balance | 21.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.2 |
| Earmarked reserves without restrictions | | | | |
| Mayors Accelerated Delivery Fund | 0.0 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 6.9 |
| ICT Reserve | 9.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.7 |
| Mayor Tackling Poverty Reserve | 3.2 | (0.6) | 0.0 | 2.6 |
| Mayors Priority Investment Reserve | 21.2 | (15.6) | 0.0 | 5.6 |
| Risk Reserve | 15.9 | 0.0 | (13.3) | 2.6 |
| Services Reserve | 14.3 | (0.6) | 0.0 | 13.7 |
| Social Care Pressures Reserve | 3.2 | (3.2) | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Transformation Reserve | 3.4 | (0.2) | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| Sub-total Earmarked reserves without restrictions | 70.9 | (13.3) | (13.3) | 44.3 |
| Earmarked reserves with restrictions | | | | |
| BAME | 0.6 | (0.2) | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| CIL Reserve | 2.4 | (0.4) | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| Collection Fund Smoothing | 32.0 | (8.3) | 0.0 | 23.7 |
| Covid Recovery Fund | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Covid-19 Grant | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| Free School Meals Reserve | 1.8 | (1.8) | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| HA&C Joint Funding Agreements | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| Insurance | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.1 |
| Local Elections earmarked reserve | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Mayors Community Grants | 10.7 | (3.0) | 0.0 | 7.7 |
| Parking Control | 9.8 | (1.0) | 0.0 | 8.8 |
| Public Health Reserve | 7.3 | (0.3) | 0.0 | 7.0 |
| Revenue Grants Unused | 7.1 | (2.9) | 0.0 | 4.2 |
| Ringfenced Developers' Contributions | 12.5 | (0.2) | 0.0 | 12.3 |
| Sub-total Earmarked reserves with restrictions | 101.0 | (18.1) | 0.0 | 82.9 |
| Total General Fund balance and Earmarked Reserves | 193.1 | (31.4) | (13.3) | 148.4 |

The significant forecast movement within General Fund balance and Earmarked Reserves relates to the Quarter 1 GF forecast overspend of £(13.3)m.

Other key drivers of the forecast movement relate to Earmarked Reserves transfers reported as part of the 2024/25 budget approved by full council on 28th February 2024, which are as follows;

- Contribution to fund MTFS (from the Mayor's Priority Investment Reserve) of £(15.6)m,
- Contribution to Mayor's Accelerated Delivery Fund of £6.9m,
- Contribution to Risk Reserve of £2.3m,
- Contribution to fund Collection Fund deficit (from Collection Fund Smoothing Reserve) of £(8.3m).

Directorates are forecasting an overall net drawdown from reserves totalling £(16.7)m for the year, which includes drawdowns of £(3.2)m from the Social Care Pressures Reserve to fund inflationary pressures within Adult Social Care, £(3.0)m to fund the Mayors Grant Programme, £(3.0)m drawdown to fund Free School Meals, £(2.3)m use of risk reserve (budgeted top-up from last year) to mitigate against in-year pressures, £(1.1)m to fund Homelessness pressures, £(0.7)m for the Barkentine PFI and £(0.6)m to support Tackling Poverty.