

Name of Reserve & Purpose	Use of Reserve / Balance	Management and Control	Review Mechanism
General Fund Reserves			
<p>Art Gallery Gift Reserve To provide finance for major Art Gallery and Museum purchases linked to the specific conditions imposed by the original gift of the money to the Council</p>	<p>Items to be financed from this reserve are charged to the Art Gallery and Museum Account during the year and notified to Finance. An appropriate amount is then transferred to the General Fund as part of the final accounts process.</p>	<p>The Head of Cultural Services has delegated authority to make such purchases as necessary from this reserve subject to reporting retrospectively to the Executive. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.</p>	<p>This reserve is reviewed during the final accounts process but as the reserve was created by a private donation and has conditions of use attached to it, levels and potential closure are not applicable</p>
<p>Building Control Reserve The fee earning part of the Building Control service should not make a loss over a rolling three year period. This reserve has been created to assist in this with annual surpluses being paid into it and any annual losses being funded from it. It also funds any improvements required in the service.</p>	<p>Annual surpluses / deficits are credited / debited to this reserve as necessary. If funding improvements e.g. IT, reserve makes the necessary contribution to either the General Fund or Capital Financing as appropriate.</p>	<p>Approval for expenditure to be met from this reserve is delegated to the Head of Development Services and Head of Finance, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.</p>
<p>Business Rate Retention Volatility Reserve</p>	<p>Reserve established to provide finance for "smoothing out" future retained Business Rate revenues.</p>	<p>Executive to approve usage.</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.</p>
<p>Capital Investment Reserve To provide finance for the Council's General Fund capital programme not met by other resources such as capital receipts, revenue contributions to capital (RCCO), external contributions, other reserves.</p>	<p>This reserve provides the balancing figure for financing the Council's General Fund capital programme and the relevant amount is transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account as part of the final accounts process. Annual "repayments" in respect of recently financed schemes are made to the reserve from the General Fund.</p>	<p>The General Fund capital programme and its financing is approved by the Executive. This sets the contribution from this reserve. Any variation to this figure will be formally agreed by the Executive either as part of the final accounts process or as part of the normal process of revising the General Fund Capital Programme. In addition the reserve is monitored by Finance on a regular basis to provide information for reviews of capital programme resources.</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the Estimates and Final Accounts processes where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure. In addition the adequacy of the reserve is reviewed as part of the financial strategy and capital programme setting processes. Normal practice is to keep the level at around £1,000,000.</p>
<p>Car Parks Displacement Reserve</p>	<p>Substantial work is required to be carried out in respect of some of the Council's car parks in forthcoming years.</p>	<p>Transfers to and from this reserve will be approved by the Executive as part of the Budget and Final Accounts processes.</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.</p>
<p>Car Parks Repairs and Maintenance Reserve</p>	<p>Reserve created from car parks revenue repairs and maintenance budget in order to provide resources for future years.</p>	<p>Transfers to and from this reserve will be approved by the Executive as part of the Budget and Final Accounts processes.</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.</p>

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Cemetery Land Purchase Reserve	To purchase land for cemetery extensions	The General Fund capital programme and its financing is approved by the Executive. This sets the contribution from this reserve. Any variation to this figure will be formally agreed by the Executive either as part of the final accounts process or as part of the normal process of revising the General Fund Capital Programme. In addition the reserve is monitored by Finance on a regular basis to provide information for reviews of capital programme resources.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Commonwealth Games (Bowls) Reserve	To set aside funds towards funding the project in future years.	The use of this reserve will be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Community Forums Reserve	To provide finance for the annual programme of Community Forum Grants	February 2013 Executive approved 4 year programme 2014/15 to 2017/18. forums now funded within core budgets.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Community Projects Reserve	Reserve created from 2017/18 New Homes Bonus to provide finance for various District wide community projects.	Approval for project spend will be way of reports to the Executive.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Corporate Assets Reserve	To provide finance for refurbishment of facilities following Stock Condition Surveys.	Subject to future Executive reports, approvals from the reserve have been delegated to SAG and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the portfolio holders for Assets and Finance.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Covent Garden Multi Storey Reserve	Balance repurposed towards the 'Future High Street Fund'.	Authority to spend is delegated to the Head of Finance in line with the actual lost net income and debt charges. Executive to be informed of the use of the reserve and its balance.	The level and continuing need for the reserve was reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer, where a recommendation was made to Cabinet for the balance to be repurposed towards the 'Future High Street Fund'
Election Expenses Reserve To provide finance to fund the expense incurred in holding the District Council elections every four years.	The cost of the election is charged to a service account and a contribution from this reserve is credited to the General Fund from this reserve as part of the final accounts process. In the years where no election is held an annual contribution of £30,000 is made to the reserve..	The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Enterprise Projects Reserve	Reserve is used to smooth surpluses / deficits	Transfers to and from this reserve will be approved by the Executive as part of the Budget and Final Accounts processes, with delegations over usage agreed by Executive (August 2017) to the Head of Development Services up to £20k..	Reserve reviewed by Finance as part of budget estimates and closedown procedures.

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<p>Equipment Renewal Reserve To finance a rolling programme of equipment and property replacement and renewal.</p>	<p>Revenue Items to be financed from this reserve are charged to the service accounts during the year. An appropriate amount is then transferred to the General Fund as part of the final accounts process.</p>	<p>Items proposed to be financed from this reserve are first approved by the Executive. Use of reserve is subsequently controlled by SMT, which considers a business case requesting release of funding from the reserve and may approve, if appropriate, followed by approval from Chief Executive and relevant portfolio holders. The standard business case template to be used for SMT's consideration was presented and approved by the September 2011 Executive.</p>	<p>Reserve reviewed as part of Estimates and closedown procedures. Balance increased on basis of Executive approval.</p>
<p>Harbury Lane Reserve</p>	<p>A reserve has been created over a number of years to fund this project.</p>	<p>The use of this reserve will be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.</p>	<p>The level and continued requirement of this reserve will be reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the Chief Executive and the Leader.</p>
<p>Homelessness Prevention Reserve</p>	<p>From Government grants received in 18/19 and 19/20 towards Homelessness Prevention. A balance of £40k is committed for Rough Sleepers Initiative Interventions.</p>	<p>The Head of Housing Services has delegated authority to draw down from the Reserve in conjunction with the Service Portfolio Holder, Head of Finance and Finance Portfolio Holder.</p>	<p>This money is ring-fenced to prevent or deal with homelessness, with the funding being allocated to the reserve until Council has determined how this money will be spent.</p>
<p>ICT Replacement Reserve To provide finance for the Council's ICT Replacement programme</p>	<p>This reserve has been established in order to provide certainty of finance for the Council's ICT replacement programme.</p>	<p>The ICT Services Manager has delegated authority to spend from this reserve in consultation with the Head of Finance and relevant Portfolio Holders</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer and ICT Manager essentially three times a year: a) when the Financial Strategy is updated b) at budget setting and c) final accounts where depending on the need. A recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure. In addition the adequacy of the reserve is taken into account when revising the capital programme.</p>
<p>Insurance Reserve To provide finance to cover the Council's self insurance against potential claims and to pay for security improvements to the Council's General Fund properties. The reserve also holds sufficient funds to cover any potential claim with regard to the Municipal Mutual Insurance "clawback" re previous claims settled.</p>	<p>Self insurance claims and Security Improvements are charged to the service accounts and the comparable amount is credited to the General Fund from this reserve as part of the final accounts process.</p>	<p>The Insurance Officer has authority to spend up to £15,000 (£1,000 per project) in any one year on security improvements. Items above these thresholds have to be authorised by the Head of Finance. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.</p>	<p>The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.</p>
<p>Investment Volatility Reserve</p>	<p>Set up to capture a portion of the gain on corporate equity funds to be used to smooth possible future fluctuations</p>	<p>Authority to spend from this reserve is delegated to the Head of Finance.</p>	<p>The use of this reserve will be included within future Budget reports to be agreed by the Executive.</p>

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Leisure Options Reserve	This reserve has been established to cover such items as the reduction in income whilst the Leisure Centre refurbishment programme is under way and also the first year and a half's debt charges arising from the prudential borrowing for this project. The reserve will also fund the re-profiling of the contractor concessions arising from the outsourcing of the Leisure Centres operation.	Authority to spend from this reserve is delegated to the Head of Finance in line with the actual lost income and debt charges incurred.	The continuing need for the reserve will be reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer and Head of Cultural Services, and depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Local Plan Delivery Reserve	The reserve is used for items of work required to help the implementation of the Local Plan. This would include detailed work on a specific proposal to help turn it from a proposal to reality.	Approval to spend from this reserve is delegated to the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and Head of Development Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader (responsible for the Local Plan) and all group leaders.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Other Commuted Sums Reserve Commuted Sums are received from developers in respect of the adoption of public open space or other facilities to be maintained at the Council's expense.	Credits are made annually to the General Fund based on (usually) 1/13 th of the capital sum starting from the year in which the maintenance of the facility begins. This date notified by the relevant Service Area.	The General Fund Estimates and its financing is approved by the Executive. This sets the contribution to / from this reserve. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.	The balance on this reserve is dictated by receipts from developers.
Planning Appeal Reserve Originally created to provide finance to cover the costs incurred by the Council with regard to appeals against its planning decisions. The Reserve also now pays for issues relating to planning policy, for example the costs associated with the Local Plan, and associated research.	Items to be financed from this reserve are charged to the Planning service account during the year and notified to Finance. An appropriate amount is then transferred to the General Fund as part of the final accounts process.	Approval for expenditure to be met from this reserve is proposed to be delegated to the Head of Development and Head of Finance, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Planning Investment Reserve	Creation of a reserve into which the 20% uplift in planning fees will be allocated.	To be apportioned by the Head of Finance.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance followed by a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure
Public Amenity Reserve	To provide finance for play area and public open space improvements	The General Fund capital programme and its financing is approved by the Executive. This sets the contribution from this reserve. Any further upward variation in the contribution would have to be approved by the Executive either as part of a report on the particular scheme in question or as part of a revision of the capital programme during the budget monitoring process. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Public Open Spaces Planning Gain Reserve	Expenditure from this reserve will be charged to service accounts during the year. An appropriate amount is then transferred to the General Fund as part of the final accounts process.	The Head of Neighbourhood Services, in agreement with the Head of Finance, has delegated authority to spend from this reserve.	This reserve is reviewed during the final accounts process but as the reserve was created from S106 contributions which generally have conditions of use attached to them, levels and potential closure are not applicable

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Services Transformation Reserve	Reserve created to enable services to continue to be provided pending delivery of required savings and to finance "Fit For the Future" schemes so as to help the Council secure the savings needed in its Medium Term Financial Strategy.	The responsibility for the authorisation of expenditure from this reserve is proposed to be with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, subject to being reported within subsequent budget reports.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Tourism Reserve To provide finance for initiatives relating to the Council's ongoing promotion of tourism	Items to be financed from this reserve are charged to the service accounts during the year. An appropriate amount is then transferred to the General Fund as part of the final accounts process.	Authority to spend delegated to Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Development Services Portfolio Holder, Finance Portfolio Holder and S151 Officer.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Digital By Default Reserve	Reserve created to enable digitalisation of services to continue to be provided pending delivery of required savings and to finance "Fit For the Future" schemes so as to help the Council secure the savings needed in its Medium Term Financial Strategy.	The responsibility for the authorisation of expenditure from this reserve is proposed to be with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, subject to being reported within subsequent budget reports.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Climate Change Reserve	Reserve created to respond to the Climate Emergency Declaration for Council services and across the District.	The responsibility for the authorisation of expenditure from this reserve is proposed to be with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, subject to being reported within subsequent budget reports.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Community Emergency Response Fund Reserve	Reserve created to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.	The responsibility for the authorisation of expenditure from this reserve is proposed to be with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, subject to being reported within subsequent budget reports.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
Newbold Benches Donation Reserve	To be used in accordance with the wishes of the benefactor on benches and tree planting at Newbold Comyn.	Head of Service to ensure sums spent in accordance with donation conditions.	Use of the Reserve to be reviewed annually until fully disbursed.
Service Alignment Reserve	Reserve initially created to enable services to prepare for integration with Stratford District Council. Closed in 2023/23 and balance transferred to the Service Transformation Reserve.	The responsibility for the authorisation of expenditure from this reserve is proposed to be with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, subject to being reported within subsequent budget reports.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.
ICT Service System Alignment Reserve	Reserve initially created to develop ICT systems to support service delivery in preparation for integration with Stratford District Council. Uncommitted balance to be transferred to the ICT Reserve.	The responsibility for the authorisation of expenditure from this reserve is proposed to be with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, subject to being reported within subsequent budget reports.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure.

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Housing Revenue Account (HRA)			
Housing Capital Investment Reserve To provide finance for new build projects.	To provide finance for new build projects.	The budgets which affect the balance are monitored during the year by Finance and Housing with the effect on the balance being taken into account in future years' projections to ensure the balance conforms to minimum acceptable requirements within the Self Financing Business Plan in order to achieve the required number of new build homes.	The adequacy of the balance is assessed as part of reviewing the Self Financing Business Plan .
Major Repairs Reserve To provide funding for major capital works to the Council's housing stock	The relevant amount required to finance the HRA capital programme is transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account as part of the final accounts process.	The contribution made from this reserve towards capital expenditure is dictated by the developing needs of the HRA Self Financing Business Plan and will be reviewed as part of the formal Business Plan governance process.	The operation of this reserve will be reviewed as part of the ongoing monitoring of the Self Financing Business Plan.
Housing Revenue Account balance To provide a contingency reserve to protect the HRA against any unexpected and adverse revenue or capital cash flows arising during the year.	The balance will be applied as necessary to finance housing landlord revenue or capital budget variations.	The budgets which affect the balance are monitored during the year by Finance and Housing with the effect on the balance being taken into account in future years' projections to ensure the balance conforms to minimum acceptable requirements within the Self Financing Business Plan.	The adequacy of the balance is assessed as part of reviewing the Self Financing Business Plan. The Self Financing Business Plan is based on maintaining a minimum £1.5m balance (uplifted each year for inflation).
HRA Early Retirement Reserve To provide finance to cover the pension one off costs to the HRA as a result of the early retirement of Housing officers and to provide finance to cover redundancy costs properly chargeable to the HRA.	Items to be financed from this reserve are charged to the HRA during the year and notified to Finance. An appropriate amount is then transferred to the HRA as part of the final accounts process.	Approval for expenditure to be met from this reserve is subject to a report to the Executive which previously has been agreed with Finance. The movements in and out of the reserve are monitored against the approved or expected pattern by Finance at least three times a year.	The level and continuing need for the reserve is reviewed by Finance in conjunction with the S151 Officer during the final accounts process where depending on the need, a recommendation to the Executive can include increasing / decreasing the balance or complete closure
HRA Rough Sleeping Initiative Reserve	To fund a rough sleeping initiative at the William Wallsgrove hostel, from Government grant received in 2018/19.	To match-fund expenditure incurred by the HRA in 2019/20, up to the level of the Reserve.	The reserve will be reviewed as part of the wider housing and homeless strategies of the Council