

RESERVES AND PROVISIONS - For Consideration by Cabinet on 7 February 2023

	Reason for/purpose	How & when it be used	Management & control	Reviewed	Recommendations
Capital Reserves					
Major Repairs Reserve (MRR)	Set up following the introduction of Resource Accounting in the HRA. Credited with the amount of depreciation charged to the HRA and topped up with additional funds required to finance the capital programme in-year.	Use of reserve to be determined and reported by the Chief Finance Officer (or nominated representative). Can be applied to capital improvements to HRA housing stock (specifically excluding demolition) and, additionally from 1 st April 2004, repayment of HRA debt and credit liabilities (including premia on early repayment of PWLB loans).	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	To provide in-year funding for the capital programme as budgeted
Business Support Reserve (BSR)	Established to provide support to additional business plan commitments and planned investment opportunities.	Use of the reserve to be approved by Cabinet. Contributions to the reserve to be approved annually as part of the budget.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Retain as budgeted, noting that the first call will be to support the business plan

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Revenue Reserves					
Flats – Planned Maintenance Reserve	Established to smooth the costs of major revenue and capital works to flats funded from Service Charges.	Contributions from Service Charges made to this reserve, together with additional appropriations in lieu of interest. Reserve to be applied to major works to communal facilities in flats.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Retain as budgeted
ICT & Systems Improvement Reserve	Established to fund future ICT systems and equipment replacement.	To be applied to future replacements and system / process improvements.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Retain as budgeted
Office Equipment Reserve	Established to fund purchases of major office furnishings.	Used to fund ad-hoc purchases of major office furnishings resultant from health & safety legislation and risk assessments (desk, chairs, cabinets etc) and minor office equipment items.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Transfer balance to ICT & Systems Improvement Reserve
Sheltered Equipment Reserve	Established to fund purchases of equipment for Sheltered schemes funded from Service Charges.	Contributions from Service Charges made to this reserve, together with additional appropriations in lieu of interest. Reserve to be applied to purchases of equipment for common area services for Sheltered schemes.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Retain as budgeted

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Sheltered – Planned Maintenance	Established to smooth the costs of major revenue and capital works to flats funded from Service Charges	Contributions from Service Charges made to this reserve, together with additional appropriations in lieu of interest. Reserve to be applied to major works to communal facilities in Sheltered schemes.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Retain as budgeted
Sheltered – Support Grant Maintenance	Established to fund purchases of equipment for Sheltered schemes funded from Service Charges, but classed as Support Costs under County Guidelines.	Contributions from Service Charges made to this reserve, together with additional appropriations in lieu of interest. Reserve to be applied to major works to communal facilities in Sheltered schemes.	Communities & the Environment/ Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	Retain as budgeted

Use of all reserves with the exception of the BSR and MRR to be approved by the Chief Officer with responsibility for Housing, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer (or nominated representative) and reported to Cabinet, primarily as part of normal monitoring, budgeting and outturn reporting arrangements.

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Provisions					
Bad Debts	This provision is used to provide cover for all Housing Revenue Account bad and doubtful debts.	Contributions are determined at budget setting and outturn, based on assessment of the level of debt outstanding. Write offs are charged against the provision during the year.	Corporate Services	Budget & Outturn	As reflected in the report

The Bad Debt provision will be applied by the Chief Finance Officer (or nominated representative) and reported to Cabinet, primarily as part of normal monitoring, budgeting and outturn reporting arrangements.