

## Use of Reserves

## Appendix 4a

Name of Reserve	Description of Reserve	Estimated Balance as at 31/03/2022 £m	Estimated Use of Reserves 2022/23 £m	Estimated Balance as at 31/03/2023 £m	Estimated Use of Reserves 2023/24 £m	Estimated Balance as at 31/03/2024 £m	Estimated Use of Reserves 2024/25 £m	Estimated Balance as at 31/03/2025 £m
<b>General Fund Reserves</b>								
General Fund Reserves	Unrestricted funds held for general purposes and unexpected emergencies.	(23.0)	0.0	(23.0)	0.0	(23.0)	0.0	(23.0)
<b>Total General Fund Reserves</b>		<b>(23.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(23.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(23.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(23.0)</b>
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>								
<b>Resilience Reserves</b>								
Social Care Transformation	To enable service transformation that delivers greater future operational savings.	(3.9)	1.4	(2.5)	1.0	(1.5)	0.0	(1.5)
Social Care Volatility Reserves	Resilience against future social care funding & demand.	(4.3)	0.0	(4.3)	0.0	(4.3)	0.0	(4.3)
Improving Lives Programme	An enabling fund to promote transformation across the Council.	(0.2)	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Workforce Reserve	Resilience against workforce pressures.	(1.0)	0.2	(0.8)	0.0	(0.8)	0.0	(0.8)
Funding Volatility	Resilience against future funding changes.	(3.3)	0.0	(3.3)	0.0	(3.3)	0.0	(3.3)
Budget Equalisation Reserve	Enable smoothing of spend across years.	(4.9)	(2.9)	(7.8)	0.4	(7.4)	0.2	(7.2)
Capital Fund	To support significant unforeseen costs not allowable against capital schemes.	(2.4)	0.0	(2.4)	0.0	(2.4)	0.0	(2.4)
<b>Total Resilience Reserves</b>		<b>(20.0)</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>	<b>(21.1)</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(19.7)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>(19.5)</b>
<b>Other Reserves</b>								
Local Government Reorganisation	To support local government reorganisation in Somerset.	(10.0)	6.9	(3.1)	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trading Accounts	The cumulative surplus/deficits of the Council's trading accounts	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)
Climate Emergency	Funding set aside for projects which support SCC's climate emergency strategy	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)
West Somerset Opportunity Area	Programme funded by the Department for Education	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)	0.0	(0.9)
Public Health	Ring-fenced underspends from the Council's Public Health budget	(3.2)	0.0	(3.2)	0.0	(3.2)	0.0	(3.2)
Prevention Fund	Preventative work including localised impact	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)
Held for Infrastructure Developments	S106 / S38 / Commuted Sums	(2.5)	0.0	(2.5)	0.0	(2.5)	0.0	(2.5)
Ash die back	To fund the cost of ash die back in Somerset	(1.5)	0.5	(1.0)	0.3	(0.7)	0.3	(0.4)
Property Repairs & Maintenance	Funds set aside for Property Repairs and Maintenance	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)
BSF Bridgwater - Equalisation Reserve	Set aside to meet future contract costs of the Councils PFI schools in Bridgwater.	(8.6)	0.0	(8.6)	0.0	(8.6)	0.0	(8.6)
Short Life Asset Fund	Funds set aside for the purchase of short life assets (e.g. laptops)	(3.0)	0.0	(3.0)	0.0	(3.0)	0.0	(3.0)
Insurance	As the Council largely self-insures, this reserve has been set aside for Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR), Municipal Mutual Insurances (MMI) levy and other insurance related balances.	(8.4)	(0.2)	(8.6)	0.0	(8.6)	0.0	(8.6)
Collection Fund Compensation	Funding received from MHCLG to fund the shortfall in Business Rates due to Covid-19	(5.9)	0.0	(5.9)	0.0	(5.9)	0.0	(5.9)
Covid-19 Funding	Covid-19 funding given for use against specific workstreams	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)
Elections	Funds are set aside annually to contribute to the (usually) four yearly elections.	(1.0)	1.0	0.0	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.6)
Other Children's Services	Ring-fenced funds for various children's services	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
Other ECI	Ring-fenced funds for various ECI services	(1.8)	0.0	(1.8)	0.0	(1.8)	0.0	(1.8)
<b>Total Other Reserves</b>		<b>(49.0)</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>(40.8)</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>(37.7)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(37.7)</b>
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>		<b>(69.0)</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>(61.9)</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>(57.4)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>(57.2)</b>

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<b>Funds Held on Behalf of Other Bodies</b>								
Somerset Rivers Authority	Funds held on behalf of SRA who are a separate decision making body. SCC holds as administering authority	(2.9)	0.0	(2.9)	0.0	(2.9)	0.0	(2.9)
Local Enterprise Partnership	Funds held on behalf of LEP who are a separate decision making body. SCC holds as accountable authority	(0.9)	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Connecting Devon and Somerset	Funds held on behalf of Connecting Devon and Somerset and the superfast broadband project. SCC holds as accountable authority.	(0.3)	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Somerset and South West Mutual Scheme	A staff absence scheme run solely for the benefit of its member schools. SCC holds funds as administering authority.	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	(0.4)
Business Rates Retention - County Wide	Funds held on behalf of districts who are a separate decision making body. SCC holds as administering authority.	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0	(0.2)
<b>Total Funds Held on Behalf of Other Bodies</b>		<b>(4.7)</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>