

Redirection of Corporate Funds and General Reserves for Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2023

Corporate Items and Reserves

Background

The Q2 report forecast a net pressure on directorates after mitigations of £22.8m anticipated to be covered through a mixture of corporate funds and reserves. The risk adjusted forecast also assumed that pay and inflation risk of £8.5m (exact figures still to be confirmed) would be funded by general reserves.

Cabinet has previously approved (4 October 2022):

- The temporary redirection of earmarked reserves totalling £13.6m to general reserve and
- The delegation of authority to the Director of Finance in conjunction with the Deputy Mayor for Finance to realign the general reserve in order to meet Q2 forecast spending requirements and to bring back a report to Cabinet to demonstrate that all budget movements are within the scheme of delegation.

This £13.6m included a residual £4.9m general Covid reserve expected predominantly to support Children and Family service facing ongoing post-pandemic placement related pressures.

At the same time, Cabinet noted:

- The application of £9.2m from corporate contingencies to the appropriate service area which included the release of £3.6m optimism bias and savings contingency.

Existing corporate budgets (approved Full Council 2 March 2022) for Inflation and Corporate Allowances have released £4.6m (which includes £1.7m for Temporary Accommodation Placement – see Appendix A8) and optimism bias £1.9m under S151 authority (as noted in the Q2 report, the £1.7m balance of optimism bias and savings contingency was allocated to crosscutting savings held centrally). The release of these approved budgets totalling £6.5m see Table 1 of Appendix A1 leaves a balance of £16.3m for budget realignment.

Table 1 on page 2 of this appendix sets out budget realignment of £16.3m

Sign Off

In line with delegated authority, the following people have authorised these budget realignments	Evidence of Sign-off (email)	Date
Mayor	Yes	24/10/2022
Director Of Finance – Denise Murray	yes	24/10/2022

Table 1

Cabinet Approved Budget Revisions for P6 2022/23

Cabinet Approved Budget Revisions for P6 2022/23 Total						
	People	Resources	G&R	Total		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
	12,999	150	3,164	16,313		
<u>Applied as follows:</u>						
<u>Service Pressure</u>	<u>Budget Source</u>	<u>People</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>G&R</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Note</u>
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Bristol Waste one-off inflation on contract disposal and staff costs	Inflation			(667)		See Appendix A3 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Electricity	Corporate Allowances			(568)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Externally Supported Accommodation placement costs	Corporate Allowances	(858)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Independent Fostering Agencies	Capital Financing one off Saving	(603)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Gas	Redirection of General Reserves			(666)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
ASC Nursing - Increased demand post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(84)				See Appendix A4 - Supplementary Estimate
ASC Residential and Supported - Increased demand post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(986)				See Appendix A4 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Asylum seekers	Redirection of General Reserves	(14)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
ASC Nursing - Increased demand post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(467)				See Appendix A4 - Supplementary Estimate
Digital Transformation contractual desktop licence costs	Redirection of General Reserves		(23)			N/A
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Additional demand on Children - Parent and Baby Units	Redirection of General Reserves	(302)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Staffing pay pressure due to higher demand for social workers and carers post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(913)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Externally Supported Accommodation placement pressure due to prolonged post-Covid impact	Redirection of General Reserves	(446)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Independent Foster Carers post-Covid demand increase	Redirection of General Reserves	(446)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Out Of Area Placement price/demand increase post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(893)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Guardianship Orders	Redirection of General Reserves	(904)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Asylum Seekers	Redirection of General Reserves	(800)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in staffing demand pressure within SEN service post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(512)				See Appendix A6 - Supplementary Estimate
Independent Foster Carers - Placement breakdown due to substance mis-use	Redirection of General Reserves	(828)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
ESA - Placement breakdown due to substance mis-use	Redirection of General Reserves	(414)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
OOA - Placement breakdown due to substance mis-use	Redirection of General Reserves	(414)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
ASC Residential and Supported - Increased demand relating to substance misuse	Redirection of General Reserves	(329)				See Appendix A4 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Externally Supported Accommodation placement costs	Redirection of General Reserves	(1,000)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Independent Fostering Agencies	Redirection of General Reserves	(526)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
ASC Nursing - Increased demand post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(167)				See Appendix A4 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in staffing cost pressure within SEN service post-Covid	Redirection of General Reserves	(500)				See Appendix A6 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Unmetered Electricity	Redirection of General Reserves			(477)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Out Of Area placements	Redirection of General Reserves	(317)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Gas	Redirection of General Reserves			(59)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Gas	Redirection of General Reserves			(175)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Unmetered Electricity	Redirection of General Reserves			(110)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in cost and demand of Temporary Accommodation	Redirection of General Reserves	(108)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Electricity	Redirection of General Reserves			(100)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Electricity	Redirection of General Reserves			(96)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in cost/demand for Home To School Transport for vulnerable children and Out Of Authority Children	Redirection of General Reserves	(91)				See Appendix A6 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Electricity	Redirection of General Reserves			(85)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Electricity	Redirection of General Reserves			(80)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Additional demand on Children - Parent and Baby Units	Redirection of General Reserves	(77)				See Appendix A5 - Supplementary Estimate
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Gas	Redirection of General Reserves			(54)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate
Digital Transformation contractual desktop licence costs	Redirection of General Reserves		(30)			N/A
Increase in Energy Prices - Metered Gas	Redirection of General Reserves			(28)		See Appendix A7 - Supplementary Estimate