## FINANCIAL POLICY PANEL 30 November 2021

REVENUE RESERVES / CONTINGENCIES	Minimum Balance	<u>Description</u>	Policy/Objective		
	£000				
RESERVES AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE					
General Fund Working Balance	2,500	The Council's working balance	(1) Provision for unforeseen expenditure (2) Used to support the Revenue Budget in the Medium Term Financial Strategy / Four Year Financial Plan (3) Interest on balance used to finance the General Fund revenue account.		
Corporate Project Reserve	1,000	General corporate contingency (revenue funds) against additional scheme costs and spend to save initiatives.	(1) To provide contingency funding or high risk projects and developments (2) To fund or meet one-off costs on spend-to-save schemes (revenue funding) (3) To hold revenue funding for corporate projects where funded from partnerships or grants, including New Homes Bonus		
CONTINGENCIES UNAVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE					
Repairs and Renewals Fund	None	Provides funding for replacement of certain vehicles, plant and equipment	<ul><li>(1) Provides for the replacement of plant and equipment which cannot be funded within revenue budget.</li><li>(2) Manages the risk of unplanned expenditure at Council properties, including health and safety requirements, where there is no separate budget.</li></ul>		
Insurance	300	Provides funding for self-insured losses	<ul> <li>(1) Reserve on outstanding insurance claims</li> <li>(2) £100,000 held for risks on LB Sutton Partnership</li> <li>(3) Smoothes impact of variations in insurance costs on general fund</li> <li>(4) Provision of £85,000 for MMI mutual run down</li> </ul>		
Property Maintenance Reserve	250	Funding held for prioritised backlog property repairs	(1) To fund approved programme where works not completed by the year-end and budget available (2) Used to finance urgent unplanned works where approved programme cannot be rescheduled		
VAT Reserve	200	Provides funding for unplanned VAT liabilities	(1) To manage the risk that the Council exceeds the 5% threshold for VAT on commercial trading activity (2) To meet other potential VAT liabilities (3) The balance on this reserve should be at a level that can provide funding for 2 years of the potential annual VAT liability.		
Collection Fund Equalisation Reserve	500	Provides funding to offset future taxation deficits chargeable to the General Fund	Reserve used to protect funding from the Council's share of council tax and localised business rates, used to smooth the impact of changes such as increase in appeals. The reserve should be maintained at a minimum balance of £0.5 million to compensate for when council tax and/or business rates income may fall below budgeted baseline levels.		
Recreation Commuted Sums	1,439	Sums held following the transfer of land to the Council and used to finance additional maintenance costs	Principal sum invested with 2% interest earned applied to fund on-going recreation grounds maintenance liabilities.		
Property Income Equalisation Reserve	5,588	The reserve aims to hold sufficient funds to mitigate the risks associated with future rental income streams from properties acquired through borrowing	The reserve is to be maintained at a level to cover the potential loss of one year's rental income from each property acquired thorough the use of external borowing.		

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RINGFENCED GRANTS OR FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC USE					
Residential Property Acquisition Fund		I A limited filled of + 3 million for the	A specific fund created at S&R on 27 January 2016, for the purchase of suitable properties for use as temporary accommodation, to generate an income stream, reduce emergency temporary accommodation costs incurred and provide a long term asset value growth.		
Community Safety Partnership	N/A	To fund Community Safety activities agreed with Surrey County Council and Surrey Police	To deliver objectives set by the Community Safety Partnership. To provide funding for domestic homicide reviews.		
Sports & Leisure Development Projects Fund	N/A	External funding setaside to support sports & leisure development projects	Funding for Sports & Leisure Development Projects; BMX/skateboard maintenance, youth diversion, Let Get Active 50+ and community football coaching		
Place Development Grants	N/A	Provides funding for planning development expertise	(1) Grants received to provide resources for the local plan and other place development related workstreams.		
Prevention, Personalisation and Partnership Fund		nninanves supporting aquit social care	Funding from ring fenced grant for local authorities to undertake new public health functions		
Housing/Homelessness Support Grants		Grant funding used to support homelessness prevention measures	The funding is to be used on prventing homelessness and to offset reduced rental income on temporary accommodation arising from benefit changes		
Other	N/A				