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Background

- 1. The requirement for financial reserves is acknowledged in statute. Sections 32 and 43 of the Local Government Act require Precepting authorities (and billing authorities) in England and Wales to have regard to the level of reserves needed for meeting estimated future expenditure when calculating the budget requirement.
- 2. In England and Wales, earmarked reserves remain legally part of the General Reserve, although they are accounted for separately.
- 3. There are other safeguards in place that help to prevent Police & Crime Commissioners over-committing themselves financially. These include:
 - The balanced budget requirement (Local Government Act 1992 s32 and s43).
 - Chief Finance Officers duty to report on the robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves (Local Government Act 2003 s25) when the Police & Crime Commissioner is considering the budget requirement.
 - Legislative requirement for each Police & Crime Commissioner to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and that the Chief Finance Officer has responsibility for the administration of those affairs (section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972).
 - The requirements of the Prudential Code
 - Auditors will consider whether audited bodies have established adequate arrangements to ensure that their financial position is soundly based.
- 4. These requirements are reinforced by section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, which requires the Chief Finance Officer to report to the Police & Crime Commissioner if there is likely to be unlawful expenditure or an unbalanced budget. This would include situations where reserves have become seriously depleted and it is forecast that the Commissioner will not have the resources to meet its expenditure in a particular financial year. The issue of a section 114 notice cannot be taken lightly and has serious operational implications. Indeed, the Police and Crime Commissioner must consider the s114 notice within 21 days and during that period the Force is prohibited from entering into new agreements involving the incurring of expenditure

- 5. Whilst it is primarily the responsibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner and its Chief Finance Officer to maintain a sound financial position, external auditors will, as part of their wider responsibilities, consider whether audited bodies have established adequate arrangements to ensure that their financial position is soundly based. However, it is not the responsibility of auditors to prescribe the optimum or minimum level of reserves for individual Police and Crime Commissioners or authorities in general.
- 6. CIPFA's Prudential Code requires the Chief Finance Officers to have full affordability when making recommendations regard to about the Commissioners future capital programme. Such consideration includes the level of long-term revenue commitments. Indeed, in considering the affordability of its capital plans, the Commissioner is required to consider all of the resources available to it and estimated for the future, together with the totality of its capital plans and revenue forecasts for the forthcoming year and the following two years. There is a requirement for three-year revenue forecasts across the public sector and this is achieved through the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) has provided the Commissioner with details of proposed revenue grant for one year and capital grant settlement has yet to be announced. This provides limited ability to focus on the levels of reserves and application of balances and reserves.
- 7. CIPFA and the Local Authority Accounting Panel do not accept that there is a case for introducing a generally acceptable minimum level of reserves. Commissioners on the advice of their Chief Finance Officers should make their own judgements on such matters taking into account all relevant local circumstances. Such circumstances will vary between local policing areas. A well-managed organisation, for example, with a prudent approach to budgeting should be able to operate with a level of general reserves appropriate for the risks (both internal and external) to which it is exposed. In assessing the appropriate level of reserves, a well-managed organisation will ensure that the reserves are not only adequate, but also are necessary.
- 8. Section 26 of the Local Government Act 2003 gives Ministers in England and Wales a general power to set a minimum level of reserves for authorities. However, the government has undertaken to apply this only to individual authorities in the circumstances where the authority does not act prudently, disregards the advice of its Chief Finance Officer and is heading for serious financial difficulty. This would also apply to Police and Crime Commissioners. This is in accord with CIPFA's view on the process of setting reserves. A minimum level of reserve will be imposed where an authority is not following best financial practice.

The Commissioners Plans

- 9. The Commissioner holds reserves for specific reasons that are included within the Police & Crime Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy these include:
 - To meet forthcoming events where the precise event, date and amount required for such events cannot accurately be predicted. For example major events that would require the use of the General Reserve. These are detailed within the General Reserve risk assessment provided at **Appendix A**.
 - To meet forthcoming events where the precise date and amount required cannot be accurately predicted. For example: Night Time Levy where partners are making proposals together on how best to utilise this funding or the Grants and Commissioning Reserve, where proposals on how to utilise this fund from previous years underspends are being considered for Crime Prevention or Victims.
 - To meet forthcoming capital expenditure needs where major capital schemes are being planned and the reserve will be utilised to reduce the cost of borrowing and capital charges to the revenue account.
 - To meet smaller projects such as the Animal Welfare Reserve where expenditure is only met from this reserve and which meets specific policy requirements.
 - A reasonable amount to meet peaks and troughs in revenue expenditure requirements (e.g. redundancy or restructuring costs). This is met through the MTFP Reserve.

Current Financial Climate

- 10. The pressures on public finances are currently forecast as improving. However, at the local level reducing expenditure to an affordable base whilst maintaining service at an acceptable level remains a challenge. Therefore, the ability to retain reserves for unforeseen events and circumstances becomes not only difficult, but something that requires careful consideration.
- 11. We are still facing an uncertain future with the impact of Brexit and how this will impact on public expenditure plans are currently unknown.
- 12. Nottinghamshire currently has one of the lowest levels of reserves for policing in England and Wales. Nottinghamshire has never been cash rich, especially as in excess of £10m per annum has been withheld, in the funding formula floors mechanism since 2005.
- 13. The Medium Term Financial Strategy identifies risks in achieving the required efficiencies to ensure balanced budgets over future years.

Types of Reserve

- 14. When reviewing the medium term financial strategy and preparing the annual budgets the Commissioner should consider the establishment and maintenance of reserves. These can be held for four main purposes:
 - A working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows and avoid unnecessary temporary borrowing – this forms part of general reserves.
 - A contingency to cushion the impact of unexpected events or emergencies this also forms part of general reserves.
 - A means of building up funds often referred to as earmarked reserves, to meet known or predicted requirements; earmarked reserves are accounted for separately, but remain legally part of the general reserve.
 - The economic climate and the safety of the Commissioner's financial assets. This would link closely with the Treasury Management and Prudential Code Strategy this also forms part of general reserves.
- 15. The Commissioner also holds other reserves that arise out of the interaction of legislation and proper accounting practice. These reserves are not resource-backed and cannot be used for any other purpose, are described below:
 - The Pensions Reserve this is a specific accounting mechanism used to reconcile the payments made for the year to various statutory pension schemes.
 - The Revaluation Reserve this is a reserve that records unrealised gains in the value of fixed assets. The reserve increases when assets are revalued upwards, and decreases as assets are depreciated or revalued downwards or disposed of.
 - The Capital Adjustment Account this is a specific accounting mechanism used to reconcile the different rates at which assets are depreciated under proper accounting practice and are financed through the capital controls system.
 - The Available-for-Sale Financial Instruments Reserve this is a reserve that records unrealised revaluation gains arising from holding available-for-sale investments, plus any unrealised losses that have not arisen from impairment of the assets. Currently none.
 - The Financial Instruments Adjustment Reserve this is a specific accounting mechanism used to reconcile the different rates at which gains and losses (such as premiums on the early repayment of debt)

are recognised under proper accounting practice and are required by statute to be met from the General Fund. Currently none.

- The Unequal Pay Back Pay Account this is a specific accounting mechanism used to reconcile the different rates at which payments in relation to compensation for previous unequal pay are recognised under proper accounting practice and are required by statute to be met from the general fund. Currently none.
- Collection Fund Adjustment account this is specific to the changes in accounting entries relating to the Collection Fund Accounts held by the Billing Authorities.
- Accumulated Absences Account this account represents the value of outstanding annual leave and time off in lieu as at 31st March each year.
- 16. Other such reserves may be created in future where developments in local authority accounting result in timing differences between the recognition of income and expenditure under proper accounting practice and under statute or regulation, such as the Capital Grants Unapplied.
- 17. In addition the Commissioner will hold a Capital Receipts Reserve. This reserve holds the proceeds from the sale of assets, and can only be used for capital purposes in accordance with the regulations.
- 18. For each earmarked reserve held by the Commissioner there should be a clear protocol setting out:
 - The reason for/purpose of the reserve
 - How and when the reserve can be used
 - Procedures for the reserves management and control
 - A process and timescale for review of the reserve to ensure continuing relevance and adequacy
- 19. When establishing reserves, The Commissioner needs to ensure compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and in particular the need to distinguish between reserves and provisions.

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20. This document aims to provide an over-arching strategy that defines the boundaries within which the approved budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) operate.

The General Reserve

- 21. It has previously been established that General Reserves will be maintained at a level above the **minimum of 2.0% of the total net budget**.
- 22. The purpose of this reserve is to provide for any unexpected expenditure that cannot be managed within existing budgets. Such expenditure would be one-off and resulting from an extraordinary event.
- 23. Similarly the General Reserve should be set at a prudent and not excessive level, as holding high level of reserves can impact on resources and performance. As such the **maximum** level of General Reserves is set at **5.0%** of the total net budget.
- 24. Authorisation to finance such expenditure must be obtained in advance from the Commissioners Chief Finance Officer, in accordance with the scheme of delegation and the protocol between the Chief Constable and the Chief Finance Officer. Where time permits the request should be supported by a business case.
- 25. As the net budget position changes the level of General Reserve must be monitored to ensure the minimum level is maintained.
- 26. **Appendix A** details the elements that make up the current General Reserves balance and the levels of risk attached to each of these elements. These are indicative and may not be exhaustive as new risks emerge. This does not include the Jointly Controlled Operations general reserve of £0.075m.

Earmarked Reserves

27. Unlike General Reserves earmarked reserves have been identified for specific areas of expenditure where there are anticipated costs that can only be estimated. It is therefore prudent for the Commissioner to identify such areas of expenditure and set aside amounts that limit future risk exposure (e.g. balancing budget shortfalls in the MTFS).

- 28. Such expenditure usually arises out of changes in policy or where the organisation is working in collaboration with other forces to provide a specific service (for example Private Finance Initiative (PFI)).
- 29. Expenditure relating to earmarked reserves has to specifically relate to the purpose of the reserve.
- 30. **Appendix B** details for each of the earmarked reserves that existed at the start of the 2017-18 financial year and their estimated balance by 1st April 2018.

Details of the earmarked reserves available for use in 2018-19 are given below:

Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Reserve

- 31. The medium term financial strategy of the Commissioner is under constant review and changes as new and reliable information becomes available.
- 32. The original purpose of this reserve was to alleviate financial pressure on the budgets in future years.
- 33. The support from this reserve is only one-off support and as such cannot be used to finance on-going commitments.
- 34. The use of this reserve has been reviewed and will continue to be utilised to finance the cost of organisational changes and as an investment to facilitate new savings. In addition to this the reserve will also be utilised smooth budget pressures as they arise.
- 35. The Medium Term Financial Strategy has a risk assessment in relation to achieving the efficiencies identified. As such this reserve may be used for balancing the accounts should the efficiencies not be realised.
- 36. All reserves will be utilised with the agreement of the Police & Crime Commissioner in the ways identified in this strategy and supported by a detailed business case.
- 37. The current level of reserves is now very low and if called upon will impact negatively on the financial viability of the force. This remains a significant risk.
- 38. Payback of this reserve of £11.5m has commenced earlier than originally anticipated and will continue through the medium term period.

Asset Replacement Reserve

- 39. This is a new reserve reflecting the need to consider the major programme of asset replacement in the capital programme.
- 40. Specifically, a new Custody building at an estimated cost of £20m and the need to consider replacing the existing Force HQ building within the next 5-10 years. These are major items of expenditure and it is prudent to create a reserve to part fund such items.
- 41. The Commissioner has also requested a full Asset Strategy to include a detailed stock condition. This will enable the updating of all remaining buildings to a reasonable and comparable standard.

IT Investment Reserve

42. This reserve is set aside to support investment and replacement of IT hardware and software. IT revenue underspends will be transferred to this reserve to meet future changes in IT investment and in support of a medium term IT strategy, which will be provided during 2018-19.

PCC Reserve

43. This reserve has now been earmarked for any cost associated with the PCC elections. This is funded from underspends in the OPCC budget.

Grants & Commissioning Reserve

44. It is intended that underspends on the Grants and Commissioning budget are transferred to here to provide for future needs in this growing area of work. Current plans are to utilise some of this reserve for the refurbishment of a new SARC building in partnership0 with the NHS. And to support further work relating to Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Reserve

45. This is a reserve for the equalisation of expenditure over the life of the contract. This is a statutory reserve to maintain. Consideration of transferring this to provisions is being considered.

Property Act Fund Reserve

46. This reserve relates to the value of property sold where the Commissioner can retain the income for use in accordance with the Property Act.

Drugs Fund

- 47. This minor reserve is received from court awards in drugs cases and is only used for initiatives that reduce drug related crime. The Chief Constable is currently in the process of approving a pan to utilise this fund proactively.
- 48. There is currently a request with Neighbourhood Policing Teams for activity requests that would make best use of this fund. The requests have to meet specific criteria such as having community impact, being visible and where possible involving partners. The cost will be met from the fund but at the time of writing this report are unknown.

Revenue Grants

- 49. This reserve combines the small amounts of grant income on completed projects where the grant conditions do not require repayment of any balances. Cumulatively they create a sizeable reserve. The use of this reserve will be subject to evaluation of any risk of repayment.
- 50. This reserve is also used for on-going projects such as the Camera Safety Partnership Project.

Animal Welfare Reserve

51. This reserve was established to support the policy for the welfare of animals specifically police dogs on retirement as working animals. There is a panel which meet with representatives from the Vets and the Force and to approve any claims against this fund. Any approved expenditure relating to on-going welfare as a result of work related injuries can then be paid from this fund. This reserve is for the Animal Welfare Retired Dogs Scheme and is for costs associated with the running of that scheme

Tax Base Reserve

- 52. Due to the timing differences between the PCC's budget being approved and the deadline for the Billing Authorities to notify us of the final tax base and any Collection Fund surplus or deficit this fund has been created.
- 53. This reserve will be utilised where the tax base reduces from the estimated figures provided by Billing Authorities to the declaration of the actual tax base, as this would create a shortfall in overall total funding.
- 54. This reserve will also be used to cover the PCC's portion of costs associated with the Single Occupier Discount Reviews undertaken periodically across the City and the County.

Night Time Levy

55. 2015-16 saw the first amount of income from this levy being received. The Commissioner will use this funding to contribute towards projects that ensure the City Night Time economy runs smoothly and safely (e.g. the work of the Street Pastors/additional policing when required).

Estimation Reserve

56. 2017 saw this fund created as part of the earlier closedown process for the accounts. This initially required a greater degree of estimation as part of the closure of the management accounts. It will be reviewed during 2018-19.

57. There are a growing number of areas where collaborative working is undertaken with other Regional Policing areas. EMSOU is providing collaboration for specialised policing services, such as Major Crime and Forensics. Collaboration has also extended beyond Police Operation Services to include areas such as Legal Services, Procurement and Learning and Development.

- 58. The Police & Crime Commissioners meet to make decisions and agree further areas of collaboration. They would also approve the use of this reserve for regional activity.
- 59. The reserve exists to finance activities of regional collaboration above those identified within the annual budget.

Joint Operations

60. The region currently has revenue earmarked reserves of £0.845m.

Procedure for Use of Reserves

- 61. The use of reserves requires approval of the Chief Finance Officer to the Commissioner and the Commissioner.
- 62. All requests should be supported by a business case unless there is an approved process for use, such as the Animal Welfare Reserve, or relate to a specific project relating to retained grant.
- 63. On occasion where an urgent request is being made this should comply with the protocol between the Chief Constable and the Chief Finance Officer to the Commissioner.

<u>Monitoring</u>

64. The level of reserves is kept under continuous review. The Commissioner receives reports on the levels of reserves as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy updates together with the Annual strategy in January and the out-turn position in June each year.

Risk Analysis

- 65. Any recommendations that change the planned use of reserves reported within the Annual Budget and Precept Reports will take account of the need for operational policing balanced against the need to retain prudent levels of reserves.
- 66. However, there are significant risks, which affect the level of reserves to be maintained, and it is for this reason that a minimum level of 2% (with a maximum level of 5%) of total net budget has been set for the General Reserve.
- 67. The significant risks that have been considered, but which will also be kept under review are:
 - Significant unforeseen legal costs
 - The budget monitoring report highlights potential risks in being able to achieve the required efficiencies and savings during the year.
 - The ability to seek financial assistance from the Home Office for major incidents has been diminished and can no longer be relied upon.
 - The need to finance organisational change and redundancies may have an impact on the use of reserves, although this is also reducing in value and risk.
 - The ability to recover significant overspends by divisions and departments would be very difficult in the current financial climate.

- The instability of the Financial Markets means that the investments we make with balances are currently exposed to greater risk. This is negated by the Treasury Management Strategy, but returns on investment have reduced significantly.
- Should the Commissioner and Force be faced with two or more of the above issues at the same time then the reserves may be needed in full.
- Once utilised reserves have limited scope for replenishment. This is usually achieved through a budget underspend.
- There may be exceptional levels of insurance claims that cannot be met from the usual provisions
- Home Office interest in the levels of reserves held by Police Forces. Nottinghamshire is in the lower quartile in regard to this so any requirement by Central Government affecting reserves would impact on us greater.

CFO Opinion

It is my opinion that the current level of reserves is very low. Over recent years our need to use these when savings have not been achieved or other unplanned expenditure has arisen has resulted in this low position. Other forces are facing similar issues. Nottinghamshires level of reserves are quite low when compared nationally.

This strategy now requires the continued repayment of reserves that have been utilised in recent years.

The repayment of Earmarked reserves will ensure the financial viability of the Force. This will then allow for investment in assets and IT to provide service improvement in the future.

STRATEGY REVIEW

This strategy will be reviewed annually and the Police & Crime Commissioners approval sought.

During the year changes may occur in the MTFS, which affect this strategy. Such changes will be monitored by the Chief Finance Officer and reported to the Commissioner for approval.

Charlotte Radford (CPFA) Chief Finance Officer

<u>Appendix A</u>

Reserves Risk Assessment 2018-19

GENERAL RESERVE

| RISK | IMPACT | PROBABILITY | Min £m | Max £m | Proposed for 2017-18 £m | |
|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| Major Incident(s) Unbudgeted expenditure | Any amount under 1% of net budget is to be funded by the authority. Amounts over 1% of net budget are subject to Home Office application approval. | Single Incident amounting to less than 1% of net budget. MEDIUM Multiple incidents amounting to over 1% of net budget. MEDIUM Single incident amounting to over 1% of net budget. LOW | 2.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | |
| Major Disaster (e.g. natural) | Operation policing affected and resources diverted. (e.g. through building being inaccessible and disaster recovery plan being auctioned). | LOW | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | |
| Partnership Support | Funding for posts and PCSO's withdrawn. This has also been risk assessed as part of the budget assumptions. | Medium to HIGH | 0.5 | 4.6 | 1.2 | |
| Counterparty failure | If invested balances were tied up in a process to recovery there would be an immediate impact on the revenue budget (possibly short term). | LOW | 0.5 | 5.0 | 0.5 | |
| Employment Tribunals and other litigation | Direct impact on revenue budgets. | LOW | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | |
| Insurance | Emerging Risks and late reported claims. | To date no claims of this type have affected the accounts. Low to MEDIUM | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | |
| TOTAL | | | | | 7.0 | |

<u>Appendix B</u>

Earmarked Reserves Assessment

| RISK/RESERVE | PURPOSE | HOW AND WHEN IT WILL BE USED | Management and control | Review | Estimated Balance 31.03.18 £m |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) | To provide against financial shortfalls identified within the MTFS. | Smoothing peaks and troughs in financing the MTFS. | Chief Finance Officer & Commissioner | Minimum twice annually | 2.000 |
| Asset Replacement | To provide funding towards major items of capital expenditure. | In conjunction with the Treasury Management Strategy and where borrowing is not the whole answer. | Chief Finance Officer | On-going | 4.075 |
| IT Investment | To provide for investment in new IT software and hardware | In line with the IT strategy | Chief Finance Officer | On-going | 1.100 |
| PCC Reserve | Underspends on PCC budgets are transferred here, to meet future needs. | To be utilised to meet unforeseen expenditure. | Chie Finance Officer | On-going | 0.652 |
| Grants & Commissioning | To collate small balances within revenue accounts to provide funding for this growing area of work. | To meet specific requirements relating to Grants and Commissioning. | Chief Finance Officer | On-going | 2.849 |
| PFI reserve | To fund irregular PFI related expenditure on a smoothed basis. And to provide for end of life PFI expenditure. | Life cycle equalisation. | Chief Finance Officer | Annually | 0.012 |

| Property Act Fund | Income from the sale of property act confiscations. | To be determined by the Police & Crime Commissioner. | PCC and CFO | Annually | 0.183 |
|---|---|---|--|--------------------|--------|
| Drug Fund | For use in reducing drug related crime. | To be determined by the Police & Crime Commissioner and CC. | PCC and CFO | Annually | 0.076 |
| Revenue Grants | Balances on grants not required to be repaid. Use needs to be risk assessed. | To be determined by the Police & Crime Commissioner. | Drawn upon when repayment has been requested | Annually | 2.747 |
| Animal Welfare | To set up a scheme for animal welfare on retirement as working animals. | Scheme established. | Chief Finance Officer | During the year | 0.019 |
| Tax Base | To iron out fluctuations caused between estimated and actual tax base data. Also to assist with risk relating to the removal of redistributed business rates in future years. | Annually to balance the budget. Every 3-4 years to finance Single Person Discount Review. | Chief Finance Officer | Annually | 1.054 |
| Night Time Levy | To be utilised to address Night Time economy issues of crime and safety. | To be determined by the Police & Crime Commissioner. | PCC and CFO | Annually | 0.233 |
| Estimation | To be utilised when using estimates in the final accounts statements | Annually as part of the closedown of accounts process | Chief Finance Officer | Annually | 0.013 |
| JCO – Jointly Controlled Operations | To provide for unexpected expenditure relating to regional collaboration. | Decisions relating to the use of this fund follow the regional governance arrangements. | EM meeting of the PCC's | Annually | 0.845 |
| TOTAL | | | | | 15.858 |

Appendix C (i)

Tables to show the use of General Reserves

| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | |
|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------------|-----|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | 01.04.17 | 01.04.18 | Use | 01.04.19 | Use in | 01.04.20 | Use | 01.04.21 | Use in | 01.04.22 | Use in |
| | Balance | balance | in | balance | year | balance | in | balance | year | balance | year |
| | £m | £m | year | £m | £m | £m year £m £m | | £m | £m | £m | |
| | | | £m | | | | £m | | | | |
| General | 7.000 | 7.000 | 0 | 7.000 | 0 | 7.000 | 0 | 7.000 | 0 | 7.000 | 0 |
| Reserve | 7.000 | 7.000 | 0 | 7.000 | 0 | 7.000 | U | 7.000 | U | 7.000 | U |
| EMSOU | | | | | | | | | | | |
| general | 0.075 | 0.075 | | 0.075 | | 0.075 | | 0.075 | | 0.075 | |
| reserve | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % of net | 3.7% | 3.6% | | 3.5% | | 3.5% | | 3.5% | | 3.4% | |
| budget | 3.7 /0 | 5.0% | | 5.5% | | 5.5% | | 5.570 | | 5.4% | |

The policy in relation to General Reserves is that they will be no less than 2% of the Net Budget and no more than 5% of the net budget.

<u>Appendix C (ii)</u>

Tables to show the estimated use of Earmarked Reserves

| | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 | | 202 | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Earmarked | 01.04.17 | 01.04.18 | Use in | 31.03.19 | Use in | 31.03.20 | Use in | 31.03.21 | Use in | 31.03.22 | Use in | 31.03.23 |
| Reserves | Actual | balance | year | balance | year | balance | year | balance | year | balance | year | balance |
| | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m |
| MTFP | 3.275 | 2.000 | | 2.000 | | 2.000 | (0.003) | 1.997 | | 1.997 | | 1.997 |
| Asset Replacement | | 4.075 | 2.000 | 6.075 | 3.000 (8.000) | 1.075 | 2.000 (3.000) | 0.075 | 1.000 | 1.075 | | 1.075 |
| IT Investment | | 1.100 | 0.400 | 1.500 | | 1.500 | | 1.500 | | 1.500 | | 1.500 |
| PCC Reserve | 0.622 | 0.652 | 0.010 | 0.662 | | 0.662 | | 0.662 | | 0.662 | | 0.662 |
| Grants & Commissioning | 2.499 | 2.849 | 0.100 (0.100) | 2.849 | (0.150) | 2.699 | (0.100) | 2.599 | | 2.599 | | 2.599 |
| PFI | (0.027) | 0.012 | 0.039 | 0.051 | 0.040 | 0.091 | 0.041 | 0.132 | (0.330) | (0.198) | 0.042 | (0.156) |
| Property Act Fund | 0.183 | 0.183 | | 0.183 | | 0.183 | | 0.183 | | 0.183 | | 0.183 |
| Drug Fund | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.002 (TBC) | 0.078 | | 0.078 | | 0.078 | | 0.078 | | 0.078 |
| Revenue Grants | 2.747 | 2.747 | | 2.747 | | 2.747 | | 2.747 | | 2.747 | | 2.747 |
| Animal welfare | 0.019 | 0.019 | (0.001) | 0.018 | (0.001) | 0.017 | 0.003 | 0.020 | (0.001) | 0.019 | (0.001) | 0.018 |
| Tax Base | 1.247 | 1.054 | 0.468 (0.500) | 1.022 | | 1.022 | | 1.022 | | 1.022 | | 1.022 |
| Night Time Levy | 0.284 | 0.233 | 0.100 (0.125) | 0.208 | 0.100 (0.277) | 0.031 | 0.100 | 0.131 | 0.100 | 0.231 | 0.100 | 0.331 |
| Estimation | 0.013 | 0.013 | | 0.013 | | 0.013 | | 0.013 | | 0.013 | | 0.013 |
| Joint Ops | 0.845 | 0.845 | | 0.845 | | 0.845 | | 0.845 | | 0.845 | | 0.845 |
| TOTAL | 11.783 | 15.858 | 2.393 | 18.251 | (5.288) | 11.963 | (0.959) | 12.004 | 0.769 | 12.773 | 0.141 | 12.941 |