

Earmarked Reserves

Appendix B

Description	Opening Balance 2011/12 £000	Total transfers from reserves	Increase in reserves £000	Proposed transfer to Reserves £000	Proposed Closing Balance 2011/12 £000	Commentary on use/proposed transfer	Purpose of New Reserve
Social Care Health and Housing Reserves							
Social Care Reform Grant	415	(84)			331	Reserve to fund multi year Transforming People's Lives project. Includes SWIFT/AIS implementation.	
Deregistration of Care Homes	583	(17)			566	Reserve to fund costs associated with deregistering of a national care provider	
LD Campus Closure	744	(143)			601	Reserve for the smoothing of double running costs resulting from reprovision of Learning Disabilities services.	
Supporting People	305	-			305	Reserve held to manage spikes in demand for Supporting People services	
Joint working to facilitate hospital discharge (formerly Reablement and Winter Pressures)	570	-			570	NHS Funding to support joint working with other Local Authorities and partners to facilitate seamless care for patients discharged from hospital.	
Disabled Facilities Grant funding		-		475	475		To be used to fund Disabled Facilities Grant in 12/13 following on from a reduction in the 12/13 capital budget
Residential Futures and Commissioning Projects		-		347	347		To fund consultancy/projects associated with implementing 12/13 efficiencies and the Residential Futures Programme
Mental Health Action Plan	-	-		138	138		To fund improvements identified in the Mental Health Improvement Plan to be jointly delivered with SEPT
Step Up /Step Down		-		674	674		To be used to fund the Step-up, Step Down unit at Greenacres - unspent grant monies from 2011/12
Sub Total Social Care Health and Housing	2,617	(244)	-	1,634	4,007		
Children's Services Reserves							
School Forum	4	(4)			-	To support the training and consultation on forthcoming National Formula for Schools - Non Discretionary C/F	
School Specific Contingency	1,062	(162)			900	School Contingency held to fund formula changes, school based redundancies, exceptional circumstances, in year pupil number increase and other items as agreed with School Forum - Non Discretionary C/F	
Performance Reward Grant	174	-			174	Reward grant received on the basis of performance of joint partners. Used in year to support Volunteering, Community Safety Partnership and redundancies	
LSP Sustainable Neighbourhoods	48	(1)			47	Set up to fund staff management and administration costs of Sustainable Neighbourhood work which is ongoing.	
Community Engagement work	6	(6)			-		
Targeted Support for Empowerment Imp Project	18	(18)			-	Funding to support staff management and administration costs of the Targeted Support for Empowerment Improvement Project which is ongoing.	
DSG - SEN ISB adjustment		-		257	257		Unspent DSG for SEN - School Forum agreement to Earmark and add to ISB through HILLN factor for 12/13
DSG - School Support		-		494	494		Expected DSG underspend to be carried forward and applied to Schools Budgets 2012/13

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DSG-School Org Team - Academy Transfers		-		7	7		DSG for Academy Recoupment process
DSG/ Advanced Skills Teachers		-		161	161		DSG ringfenced - agreed with School Forum to carry forward reduced budget for AST 12/13
DSG/EIG		-		45	45		DSG/ EIG Transfer to the Teaching School on behalf of all schools when the commission has been agreed following consultation
EIG - Agreement of Childrens Trust		-		270	270		Decision of Children Trust to allocate remaining EIG to be spent on Parenting Support - Partnership Funds
EIG - Early Years Specific		-		87	87		Contract Paid in advance funds set aside to reflect in 12/13 where service will be delivered
EIG - Early Year/ Specific		-		67	67		Contract in place to be paid June
EIG - FAST/FIP		-		81	81		Late payment and unspent EIG to be used in 12/13
SEN Evaluation & positioning for additional duties when SEN Green paper becomes an Act		-		150	150		Green Paper late summer requires new duties that were flagged as risk last year that were not included as pressures
"Working Together" - New National Guidance		-		200	200		New National Social Care guidance requiring enhanced working between all partners particular Health and Social Care
OFSTED Action Plan		-		250	250		To be developed following publication of the OFSTED Action Plan, work needed in Health and to address adequate judgement on equalities
OFSTED recommendations for Admin and continued Social Worker Support		-		300	300		The OFSTED inspector commented on the increase number of children in care and the fact this needs attention to resourcing, we remain in the lower quartile against statistical neighbours
Developing Corporate Parenting Panel		-		50	50		Developing Corporate Parenting Panel, this is likely to need further development when the OFSTED report is published
Health and School Links key deprivation areas across the Council		-		100	100		An evaluation on Health, focus in schools is poor and needs development work
Children Health additional Staff		-		100	100		This supports the above item
Social Workers Recruitment Campaign		-		50	50		Funds set aside for Social Workers recruitment campaign delayed and not due to take place until April 2012
Sub Total Children's Services	1,312	(191)	-	2,670	3,791		
Sustainable Communities Reserves							
Adaptation of open space	449	(16)		56	489		Maintenance funds (commuted sums) for CBC adopted open space and play sites, allocated on site specific basis. Funds cannot be allocated to revenue budgets and any spend is reclaimed from the reserve at the end of the year.
Arts & Theatre service review	-	-		70	70		Funds for the installation of digital equipment, and relocation of services.
Bedford & Luton Resilience Forum	65	-			65		Contributions from partners with CBC acting as treasurer to Forum
Business growth grants	96	-		15	111		External funds and partnership contributions to support business growth. Includes matched funding for pilot schemes.
Career Development Framewrok	-	-		80	80		Cost of introduction of CDF following decisions in March 2012

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Community Safety partnership fund	89	-		70	159	Contributions from community safety partners, Home Office (IOM), and money held on behalf of HMCS relating to cash seizures.	Ring-fenced partnership funds
Conservation Fund for Fairfield Hospital	34	(34)			-	s106 revenue contribution for the maintenance of graded building., to be spent in 11-12	
Emergency Incidents	-	-		30	30		Funds to cover elevated risk of threats during Olympic year.
External Funded Regeneration reserve	492	-			492	External funds to support economic participation, regeneration and European programmes.	
GAF -Project Delivery reserve	82	(82)			-	External GAF funding for Town Centre Masterplan	
Housing Planning Delivery Grant	400	(400)			-	This reserve comprises 'banked' monies from previous years HPDG settlements and is being used to support a managed reduction in Planning Division expenditure. Up to £400k will be required to support the service in 2011/12, but thereafter all costs will be included in the base budget.	
IDB Dispute Resolution Fund		-		30	30		Funds set aside for resolution of EA / IDP claims
Leisure Centre Sinking Fund	124	(181)		91	34	Share of profits from leisure contracts for the reinvestment in building and equipment	Profit share and s106 developers contribution for open space
Library services review	45	(45)			-	Comprehensive review of library service. Executive decision 7 Dec 2010.	
Local Development Framework	100	(50)		50	100	£100k was required in 2011/12 to help cover the additional costs of two LDF examinations. £50k is proposed to cover the cost of converting the Joint Strategy for CBC.	Costs associated with terminating arrangement with LBC and taking forward LDF.
Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Growth Committee	460	(460)			-	Half of balance to be repaid to Luton Borough Council on cessation of JTU on 31/03/12. Half of balance released to General Fund.	
Minerals and Waste partnership funds	104	-			104	Partners income contributions to service costs which need to be carried forward into 2011/12 to cover the costs of LDF and enforcement inquiries which will now fall in 2011/12.	
NIRAH	71	(11)			60	Shared reserve with Bedford Borough to support NIRAH project costs	
Physical Regeneration Reserve		-		40	40		To complete stages 1 and 2 of Biggleswade TC Masterplan delivery. To carry out stage 2 of employment sites acceleration project.
Pre - Application Service		-		200	200		Cost of embedding pre-app service started in Q4'12
PTR2 Workstreams Fund		-		50	50		Delivery of IT solution and business process improvements.
Transport Sinking Fund	125	-			125	Parking income directed to parking services infrastructure improvements.	
Woodside Connection legal and advisory costs		-		50	50		Cost of preparing business case for Woodside Connection
Sub Total Sustainable Communities	2,736	(1,279)	-	832	2,289		
Corporate Services Reserves							
Invest to Save, Recovery project - Legal	5	(5)			-	Reserve required to fund Employment Law support in connection with the Council's efficiency and service reductions.	
Invest to save, Recovery project HR	43	(43)			-	Reserve required to fund HR support in connection with the Council's efficiency and service reductions.	
Invest to Save, Recovery project - Web development	21	(21)			-	Reserve required to fund work on the development and promotion of the new corporate website.	

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Invest To Save, Customer First		-		68	68		Carry forward current budget provision for completion of project in 2012/13
Invest To Save, Passenger Transport		-		135	135		Carry forward current budget provision for completion of project in 2012/13- project support costs.
Pan Public Sector Working		-		86	86		Partnership funding to facilitate the successful delivery of the Implementation of Total Place in Luton & Bedfordshire through projects.
ICT Stability		-		450	450		Resources required to secure stable ICT systems, largely one off staffing costs.
SAP Optimisation		-		150	150		One off costs associated with SAP Optimisation
		-			-		
Sub Total Corporate Services	69	(69)	-	889	889		
Corporate Reserves							
Redundancy/Restructure Reserve	2,117	(1,530)	2,742		3,329	Used for redundancy costs identified in 2011/12. Balance will be needed for 2012/13 as redundancies will continue into next year.	
Insurance reserve	3,059	-		1,162	4,221	Reserve held to pay insurance claims and liabilities against the council. Some of this fund is held jointly for Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough in respect of Bedfordshire County Council obligations.	
Elections Fund	180	(180)			-	Used in 2011/12 to support the elections. This is a fund built up over 4 years to cover the costs of elections.	
Contingency		-			-		
Sub Total Corporate Reserves	5,356	(1,710)	2,742	1,162	7,550		
Total Corporate	5,425	(1,779)	2,742	2,051	8,439		
Total Earmarked Reserves	12,090	(3,493)	2,742	7,187	18,526		
Housing Revenue Account Reserves							
HRA	3,743	-	162		3,905	Statutory reserve in relation to ring-fenced net surplus/deficit on council housing	
Business Process Re-engineering	46	(46)			-	Reserve to fund consultancy and review costs in respect of implementation of self financing on 1 April 2012.	
Major Repairs (HRA)	200	-			200	Reserve to cover any shortfall in major repairs.	
	3,989	(46)	162	-	4,105		
School Reserves							
Revenue (Schools) 3030050	10,552	(1,004)			9,548		
Revenue (PVI) 3030050		-		416	416		
Capital 3030033	4,423	(2,315)			2,108		
	14,975	(3,319)	-	416	12,072		
GRAND TOTAL	31,054	(6,858)	2,904	7,603	34,703		