

Strategic Priorities and MTFS Reserve

Attachment E Appendix 1

This reserve has been set up in order to provide the financial capacity, either through direct investment - revenue and/or capital - or through servicing external borrowing, for West Suffolk Council to drive forward the delivery of a sustainable Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the delivery of the Strategic Plan.

The primary source for the funding of this reserve is the New Homes Bonus Grant.

The projections below currently assume a level of New Homes Bonus contributions up to 2022 to 2023, however this will be reviewed annually in line with the revised grant determinations and the overall budget position.

The table below summarises the proposed contributions to and from this reserve for the term of the MTFS.

| Details | 2022 to 2023 Total budget £ | 2023 to 2024 Projected budget £ | 2024 to 2025 Projected budget £ | 2025 to 2026 Projected budget £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Budgeted opening balance | 2,188,457 | 3,416,286 | 2,914,586 | 2,412,886 |
| Budgeted contributions to reserve | | | | |
| Contribution to reserve from New Homes Bonus grant (see also attachment D appendix 1 - Medium Term Financial Strategy) | 1,756,110 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total contributions to reserve: | 1,756,110 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Budget Contributions from Reserve | | | | |
| Community chest and locality budget funding | (501,700) | (501,700) | (501,700) | (501,700) |
| Social prescribing project (part funding, balance to be funded from the business rates pilot reserve, see attachment E appendix iii) | (1,351) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Families and Communities: part year funding for COVID-19 Vaccination post and Families and Communities Officer, funded from 2020 to 2021 underspend and external grant | (25,230) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total contributions from reserve: | (528,281) | (501,700) | (501,700) | (501,700) |
| Budgeted closing balance: | 3,416,286 | 2,914,586 | 2,412,886 | 1,911,186 |