

This reserve was 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 2024 to 2025, 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	2023 to 2024 Total budget £	2024 to 2025 Projected budget £	2025 to 2026 Projected budget £	2026 to 2027 Projected budget £
Budgeted opening balance	3,966,222	4,697,959	5,952,369	5,450,669
Budgeted contributions to reserve				
Contribution to reserve from New Homes Bonus grant (see also attachment D appendix 1 - Medium Term Financial Strategy)	815,078	815,078	0	0
Element of New Homes Bonus reduction from the Funding Guarantee Grant	941,032	941,032	0	0
Total contributions to reserve:	1,756,110	1,756,110	0	0
Budget Contributions from Reserve				
Community chest and locality budget funding	(548,373)	(501,700)	(501,700)	(501,700)
"One-off contribution to Abbeycroft Leisure in respect of utility costs	(300,000)	0	0	0
Social prescribing project (part funding, balance to be funded from the business rates pilot reserve, see attachment E appendix iii)	(94,000)	0	0	0
Housing Options: Net Zero funding towards refurbishment of 2 Newmarket Road, Bury St Edmunds	(82,000)	0	0	0
Total contributions from reserve:	(1,024,373)	(501,700)	(501,700)	(501,700)
Budgeted closing balance:	4,697,959	5,952,369	5,450,669	4,948,969