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Strategic reserves.							
Strategic Priorities and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) reserve.	3,279,952	662,773	3,942,725	2,036,478	5,316,430	1,373,705	<p>This reserve is primarily comprised of monies received in respect of the New Homes Bonus grant, set aside as agreed to support the delivery of the council's priorities and medium term financial strategy.</p> <p>The year end balance is higher than budgeted as a result of: £1,152,000 transfer from the Business Rates Equalisation Reserve in respect of the Suffolk Pool surplus £100,000 contributed in respect of HVO fuel project timings £12,000 reduced utilisation for central training costs £60,000 Lifelink Project funding carried forward into 2023 to 2024 £48,000 Families and Communities funding accommodated within the budget.</p>
COVID-19 reserve	306,721	(300,000)	6,721	(306,721)	0	(6,721)	<p>This reserve was set up in order to hold monies related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes contributions in respect of government grants and utilisation to mitigate the adverse effects on the council's budgets.</p> <p>The grant monies received have been fully utilised and this reserve will close from 1 April 2023.</p>

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Investing in our Growth Agenda reserve.	794,432	(106,648)	687,784	(103,128)	691,304	3,520	<p>This reserve was set up in order to support the delivery of the council's growth agenda.</p> <p>The year end balance is slightly higher than budgeted as a result of reduced staff funding due to vacant posts.</p>
Business Rates Retention Pilot: place-based reserve.	2,146,604	(692,143)	1,454,461	(513,551)	1,633,053	178,592	<p>This reserve was set up to hold the benefit from the Suffolk 100 per cent business rate retention pilot in 2018 to 2019. To be utilised against projects as agreed by the district and county leaders in West Suffolk. This reserve is largely committed across the medium term financial strategy.</p> <p>Utilisation of this reserve during the year is mainly in respect of: £331,000 Feasibility spend on the Western Way Development £160,000 capital spend on 17/18 Cornhill £23,000 Lifelink project.</p> <p>The balance at the year end is higher than budgeted due to timings on Lifelink, the remaining funds to be utilised in 2023 to 2024.</p>

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Financial planning reserves.							
Invest to save reserve.	4,402,327	(420,064)	3,982,263	216,934	4,619,261	636,998	The year end balance is higher than budgeted due to: £741,000 Annual reduction in Employers Pensions contributions to Suffolk County Council contributed to the reserve, future reduction in cost has been included in 2023 to 2024 budget and medium term plans. £97,000 Lower reserve utilisation against the Public Sector Decarbonisation capital project (see also appendix C), slightly offset with: (£200,000) net higher utilisation of budgeted funding across various services due to structure changes and vacancies.
Business Rates Retention equalisation reserve.	15,832,530	(6,926,543)	8,905,987	(8,117,564)	7,714,966	(1,191,021)	This reserve is intended to neutralise the impact of any fluctuations in growth or reductions in Business Rates income under the Business Rates Retention Scheme, primarily relating to statutory timing differences and appeal costs. The year end balance is lower than budgeted. This is as a result of £960,000 increase in S31 grants, £18,000 enterprise zone allocations, offset by a £2,240,000 increased levy payable to the Suffolk Pool. In addition to this the £1,152,000 increased share of the in-year Suffolk pooling benefit has been transferred to the Strategic Priorities and Medium Term Financial Strategy reserve.

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Housing Benefits equalisation reserve.	558,141	(282,892)	275,249	23,780	581,921	306,672	This reserve is utilised in order to smooth out the effect of variations between the amounts of Housing Benefits paid out and subsequently grant funded by Department of Works and Pensions (DWP).
Capital project financing reserve.	4,902,184	0	4,902,184	1,645,882	6,548,066	1,645,882	This Reserve was set up in order to facilitate the capital financing requirements of the council, and to account for fluctuations and timing differences in the expected spend profile and interest rates. Fund will be utilised in the medium term towards the increased cost of borrowing. The increased balance at the year end is due to higher contributions relating to savings in interest payable budgets in year whilst the council's treasury management approach utilises internal funds.
Self insured reserve.	393,815	0	393,815	(30,639)	363,176	(30,639)	Monies set aside to provide funds in order to finance any high insurance excesses that may arise.
Election reserve.	215,856	59,418	275,274	90,651	306,507	31,233	Monies set aside each year in order to fund the local elections when required. Additional monies received in-year for New Burdens Funding.
Planning reserve.	351,330	(36,020)	315,310	(44,917)	306,413	(8,897)	Monies set aside in order to fund the Local Plan and other planning-related expenditure.

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Service delivery reserves.							
Computer and telephone equipment reserve.	175,479	(48,387)	127,092	(86,125)	89,354	(37,738)	Monies set aside for major ICT hardware refreshes and software purchases and upgrades.
Office equipment reserve.	311,867	35,326	347,193	9,506	321,373	(25,820)	Monies set aside to purchase significant replacement items of office equipment.
Anglia Revenues Partnership reserve.	742,121	5,935	748,056	6,692	748,813	757	Government grant monies received by the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) for specific purposes which are held in reserve due to timings of receipts and usage.
Vehicle, plant and equipment reserve.	1,450,991	(1,078,069)	372,922	(255,782)	1,195,209	822,287	This reserve is utilised to fund the council's vehicle replacement programme. Year end balance higher than budgeted, due to timing differences in the acquisition of vehicles (see also appendix C).
Waste management reserve.	243,429	(45,385)	198,044	(71,187)	172,242	(25,802)	This reserve includes monies set aside for purchases related to the Waste and Street Scene service, including wheeled bins and associated equipment. Lower year end balance than budgeted due to skip purchases funded from this reserve, resulting in increased revenue income.

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Building repairs reserve - property.	3,514,289	320,142	3,834,431	1,648,715	5,163,004	1,328,573	Higher closing balance than budgeted, mainly as a result of timing in capital spend (see also Appendix C).
Industrial unit service charge reserve.	107,897	0	107,897	6,080	113,977	6,080	This reserve holds monies received in respect of service charges which are intended to be utilised on specific industrial estate works.
Car Park development reserve	1,021,481	(422,576)	598,905	(78,400)	943,081	344,176	This reserve holds monies set aside from parking income which are intended to be utilised on car park improvements and developments. The year end balance is higher than budgeted due to lower spend on the capital programme as a result of project timings (see also appendix C).
Industrial rent reserve.	1,030,000	(590,000)	440,000	(438,275)	591,725	151,725	Monies set aside to meet lost lease income on the former Co-op building at Jubilee Walk, Haverhill, plus Provincial House, Haverhill works. Higher year end balance than budgeted due to timings of the Provincial House capital project (see also Appendix C).
Building repairs reserve - leisure.	396,364	(279,345)	117,019	(135,604)	260,760	143,741	This reserve is utilised in order to fund the Leisure Capital programme. Higher year end balance than budgeted due to project timings as further outlined in appendix C.
Abbey Gardens donation reserve.	38,766	0	38,766	0	38,766	0	Monies held for the improvement of the Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds.

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Newmarket Stallion statue reserve.	20,809	0	20,809	0	20,809	0	Monies held for the maintenance and repair of the Newmarket Stallion statue.
Housing Options reserve.	1,553,331	197,537	1,750,868	591,740	2,145,071	394,203	This reserve holds the funding received from the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant and is utilised to fund the Housing Options team and associated expenditure. Year end balance higher than budgeted due to some additional grant contributions, plus lower utilisation within the service than anticipated due to vacancies and reduced spend.
Section 106 reserves.							
Commuted maintenance reserve.	1,351,608	(82,930)	1,268,678	8,530	1,360,138	91,460	Monies received from developers in order to maintain additional play areas and public open space adopted.
Public Service Village reserve.	79,699	0	79,699	0	79,699	0	Section 106 monies to be utilised to fund the council's Green Travel scheme and associated initiatives.
Section 106 monitoring officer reserve.	40,437	(7,844)	32,593	(33,894)	6,543	(26,050)	This reserve is utilised in order to fund the Section 106 Monitoring Officer post. Lower year end balance as a result of lower section 106 income than budgeted during the year.
Section 106 revenue reserve.	80,287	0	80,287	0	80,287	0	Monies held in respect of revenue Section 106 contributions received. No movement in the year.

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Other reserves.							
Gershom Parkington reserve.	586,346	1,660	588,006	(454)	585,892	(2,114)	Monies received from the Gershom Parkington Trust in order to maintain and develop the council's horological collection.
Reserves totals:	45,929,093	(10,036,055)	35,893,038	(3,931,253)	41,997,840	6,104,802	