

Amendments to Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2024/25

Introduction

1. This paper sets out the changes to the Cabinet's Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2024/25 at Section 4.6.
2. No changes are proposed to policies underpinning the maintenance of a level of balances and general reserves. No changes are proposed to the level of general balances.
3. Changes are proposed to the use of some reserves which are set out in the following paragraphs. The use of £1.5m of the Transformation Reserve to support investments along with the remaining £0.1m funding in the Budget Priorities reserve means total forecast reserves will be £1.6m lower at 31 March 2025 than the position set out in Cabinet Section 4.6.1.

Earmarked Reserves

Transformation Reserve

4. It is proposed to use £2.3m of the funding available in the Transformation Reserve (with £1.5m utilised in 2024/25 and the remainder in 2025/26) to support investments that are expected to reduce future demand or costs or generate income.

Budget Priorities Reserve

5. It is proposed to use the remaining £0.1m balance on a one – off basis in 2024/25 to support budget investments.