

Annex A: General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Reserves 2023/24

Reserve	Purpose of Reserve	Opening Balance	Net Movement In Reserves (Cont. to) / Cont. from	Closing Balance
£m				
<u>General</u>				
Insurance Reserve	Risks covered by the reserve include fire, employer and third party liability, contract guarantee bonds, motor cars, personal accident and other general risks	(7.398)	2.212	(5.186)
School Catering Essential Equipment Repairs Reserve		0.000	(0.100)	(0.100)
Planning Functions 20% Fee	Reserve set aside to account for the 20% uplift in planning application fees. The reserve to be invested into the planning service	(0.564)	0.088	(0.476)
Private Landlord Lease to Let Scheme	Reserve set aside to modernise private landlord properties for future lettings	(0.312)	(0.053)	(0.365)
Street Lighting	Set up to equalise cash flows relating to the Council's street lighting PFI scheme	(1.607)	1.607	0.000
Lettings Agents Transparency & Redress Scheme	Grant to support the monitoring of lettings agents in the Lettings Agents Transparency & Redress Scheme	(0.005)	0.000	(0.005)
Music Service	Development of music education hub	(0.141)	0.056	(0.085)
North Shields Christmas Market	The Xmas Market runs annually at a 'cost neutral' basis. The balance handed over & now retained in NTC's accounts acts as a contingency for the market (given that the market event is run for the community). If the event makes a loss, the balance/funding held is used to meet the expense. Similarly, if the event makes a profit, the balance will increase. It is expected that the annual event runs on a 'cost neutral' basis for some time to come	(0.002)	0.002	0.000

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Wallsend Festival	The Wallsend Festival runs annually at a 'cost neutral' basis. The balance handed over & now retained in NTC's accounts acts as a contingency for the festival (given that the festival is run for the community). If the event makes a loss, the balance/funding held is used to meet the expense. Similarly, if the event makes a profit, the balance will increase. It is expected that the annual event runs on a 'cost neutral' basis for some time to come	(0.002)	0.002	0.000
Tynemouth Pool Restoration	A grant from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to provide planning application support for Tynemouth Pool Restoration	(0.047)	0.000	(0.047)
Reinvestment in Leisure Service	Reinvestment in Leisure Service	(0.112)	0.003	(0.109)
Alternate Weekly Waste Collection Reserve	Alternate Weekly Waste Collection Reserve	(0.170)	0.170	0.000
Redundancy & Remuneration Reserve	Reserve to meet the expected cost of redundancies arising from the Change Programme	(1.485)	0.167	(1.318)
Support for Change Programme	Reserve to support the implementation of the Change Programme	(2.447)	1.303	(1.144)
General Fund PFI Reserve		0.000	(4.051)	(4.051)
Community Infrastructure Levy	To be used on the costs associated with the Community Infrastructure Levy	(0.459)	(0.393)	(0.851)
Housing Growth	Carry forward of budget to continue to develop initiatives and create the requisite delivery mechanisms to help achieve Cabinet's ambition to enable delivery of 3,000 affordable homes in the Borough over the next 10 years	(0.171)	0.000	(0.171)
Lead Local Flood Authority	Funding to support the Council's programme of flooding work in its role as Lead Local Flooding Authority	(0.012)	0.000	(0.012)

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MHCLG – Self Build	Works associated with the self build and custom build register	(0.082)	0.000	(0.082)
Capita Managed Budget Reserve	Surplus/loss relating to the Capita NTC Partnership Managed Budget	(0.343)	0.343	0.000
New Burdens UC Funding	To support welfare in future years as a result of the impact of Covid-19	(0.019)	0.019	0.000
Training Reserve	This reserve will be available to supplement and support the delivery of the Corporate Training Plan	(0.160)	0.047	(0.113)
Welfare Reform	Grant funding from central government to meet the on-going cost of implementing welfare reform and to support welfare in future years as a result of the impact of Covid-19	(0.194)	0.194	0.000
Education PFI Reserve	Established to provide a mechanism which takes account of project cashflows over a 30-year period to enable the yearly equalisation of the additional costs of the PFI schools	(0.535)	0.535	0.000
Education Change Reserve	Reserve to reflect potential future risks associated with change to our schools	(1.094)	0.066	(1.028)
Assessed & Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) & Student Placements (Children’s)	To help newly qualified social workers develop their skills, knowledge and capability, and strengthen their professional confidence. It provides them with access to regular and focused support during their first year of employment in social work.	(0.080)	(0.023)	(0.103)
Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey Reserve	A ring fenced reserve set up at the request of the Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Trade representatives whereby any surplus from fees is reinvested in the service	(0.021)	0.000	(0.021)
Building Control Reserve	The reserve has been set up to assist in complying with the accounting requirements of the Building (Local Authority Charges) regulations 2010	(0.379)	0.220	(0.159)
Feasibility Study Reserve	Set up to fund feasibility studies of potential capital schemes	(0.730)	0.081	(0.649)

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ASC Covid Reserve	Covid-19 grants linked to Adult Social Care	(0.015)	0.000	(0.015)
Strategic Reserve	Established to address future potential significant external pressures on the Council's budget	(6.345)	0.387	(5.958)
Poverty & Intervention Fund	Established to support our residents in financial hardship	(0.566)	0.100	(0.465)
Dudley/Shiremoor Joint Service Centre PFI Reserve	Established to provide a mechanism which takes account of project cashflows over a 25-year period to enable the yearly equalisation of the additional costs of the Joint Service Centre	(1.836)	1.836	0.000
Schools PFI Lifecycle Costs	Established to provide a mechanism to reflect the costs of replacing items of equipment over the life of the PFI contract	(1.652)	(0.312)	(1.964)
MHCLG Bond Bank	This reserve is used to underwrite the deposit required when renting a property and therefore enabling people (over 18) who are homeless or have a housing need to access private lettings	(0.040)	0.000	(0.040)
Dudley PFI Lifecycle Costs	Established to provide a mechanism to reflect the costs of replacing items of equipment over the life of the PFI contract	(0.252)	(0.071)	(0.324)
Business Rates Volatility Fund	Established to support potential volatility in business rates income as the market changes post pandemic	(1.113)	1.113	0.000

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Minimum Revenue Provision Reserve	As part of the 2021-2025 Medium-Term Financial Plan the Authority stated an intention to undertake an MRP review encompassing the methodology for charge as well as the underlying calculations. During the year, the Authority engaged with its Treasury advisors Link to carry out a review of the Authority's MRP methodology. This work was completed in March 2022 and the change in methodology has resulted in a reduced MRP charge delivering a £5.893m surplus in 2021/22. This will be used as an earmarked reserve to strengthen the Authority's financial resilience in a time of continued cost pressures as well as rising inflation and interest rates.	(5.893)	5.893	0.000
Customer Services Call Recoding VODA Contribution	Contribution towards a new system in customer services for call recording.	(0.020)	0.000	(0.020)
High Borans Operational Reserve	To purchase a mini bus.	(0.047)	0.000	(0.047)
Ringfenced Property Reserve	A reserve holding the surplus balances generated by the Ringfenced properties within the Capital NTC Managed Budget. Reserves used to ensure an nil impact on the managed budget	(0.580)	0.046	(0.535)
Service Improvement Fund	Support fund established to facilitate the delivery of the major change programme that is required to ensure we continue to provide the services that our people need. The fund also provides Cabinet with the flexibility to make service improvement choices based on feedback from the residents and other key stakeholders	(0.508)	0.434	(0.074)
Waste Procurement Reserve	A reserve established to manage the future costs of waste provision	(0.987)	(0.136)	(1.123)
Local Safeguarding Board	To hold the balance of contributions from various partners and income generated from the LSCB charging policy (in relation to training) on behalf of the LSCB	(0.145)	0.015	(0.130)

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Whitley Bay CFC PFI Reserve	Established to provide a mechanism which takes account of project cashflows over a 25-year period to enable the yearly equalisation of the additional costs of the Customer First Centre	(1.330)	1.330	0.000
Whitley Bay CFC PFI Lifecycle Costs	Established to provide a mechanism to reflect the costs of replacing items of equipment over the life of the PFI contract	(0.225)	(0.061)	(0.286)
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	A furniture reserve to fund a rolling programme of refurbishments to the Direct Access Units and Dispersed Units	(0.067)	0.008	(0.058)
HRA Solar PV Green Fund	To support the provision of energy efficiency measures on council dwellings	(0.872)	(0.072)	(0.944)
Older Peoples Homes for the Future PFI Reserve	Set up to equalise cash flows relating to the Council's North Tyneside Living PFI scheme	(15.142)	0.234	(14.907)
Housing PFI Lifecycle Costs	Established to provide a mechanism to reflect the costs of replacing items of equipment over the life of the PFI contract	(6.520)	(0.220)	(6.740)
Surplus on RTB Admin Costs	Reserve created to recognise additional administration payments over and above those required to fund RTB administration costs over the previous two years, have been set aside to supplement financing available for the Housing Investment Plan.	(0.533)	0.250	(0.283)
HRA Solar PV Maintenance	Maintenance of solar PV systems on new build council dwellings	(0.032)	0.000	(0.032)

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HPC Vehicle Replacement Reserve	A delegated decision on Use of Reserves was taken as part of the project to create the Housing Property and Construction Group which released up to £3m from the North Tyneside Living PFI reserve to fund the purchase of the new fleet. As part of this decision it was agreed that the money recovered to cover the purchase costs over time from the financing element of hire rates, would initially be put into a VRR in order to build resource to replace the fleet as appropriate over the longer term. However, the one stipulation was that the PFI Reserve would have first call on the money to restore its position should that be required. For 2019-20 this resulted in the total applicable sum of £365,394 being split evenly between the Reserve and the VRR with each receiving a contribution of £182,697	(0.900)	(0.388)	(1.288)
Plant Replacement Reserve	Housing Property Services has undertaken a major replacement of core Plant and Equipment required by the frontline Operational staff during 2022-23. This replenishment of around £250k was met from the HRA Capital Investment Plan, the purpose of the Plant Reserve is to build up a fund to enable future such replacements to be accrued from Plant Hire charges levied on the use of the purchased plant.	(0.052)	(0.134)	(0.185)
Tenancy Sustainment Reserve	Agreement by Cabinet as part of the 2023-24 budget process to create a reserve covering 3 years for a total of £3m to introduce a range of measures aimed at helping tenants and recognising the pressure brought about by the cost of living crisi	0.000	(0.734)	(0.734)
Sub Total - General Reserves		(64.243)	12.016	(52.227)
Grants				
Air Quality Monitoring Grant	Grant to fund support on measures to improve air quality in the local authority area	(0.042)	0.000	(0.042)

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Step up to Social Work Grant	A programme to provide accelerated entry route into social work for high achieving graduates and career changers	(0.093)	0.093	0.000
Accommodation for Ex-Offenders scheme		0.000	(0.013)	(0.013)
Asylum Dispersal Grant		0.000	(0.318)	(0.318)
Ukraine Refugee Grant		0.000	(2.189)	(2.189)
Rogue Landlords Grant Reserve	To provide improved reporting systems to assist in tackling rogue landlords in North Tyneside	(0.002)	0.002	0.000
Tobacco Burdens Grant	To cover any additional costs incurred as a direct result of the implementation new tobacco legislation	(0.006)	0.003	(0.003)
Public Health Grant	Department of Health ring-fenced grant made available to local authorities to allow them to discharge their new public health responsibilities	(1.464)	0.842	(0.621)
Education Funding Agency	The 16-19 Bursary Fund aims to ensure that every young person participates and benefits from a place in 16-19 training. The SEN element of the reserve is intended to develop special educational needs and disability implementation and services	(0.168)	(0.192)	(0.360)
Syrian Refugee Grant	The reserve is for the Syrian Refugee Relocation Programme and will be used for spend in-line with this programme. The grant will be spent over the 5 years of the programme, but will be added to/ reduced as the next wave of refugees enter our Borough, with their 5 years of funding starting from this point	(0.531)	0.052	(0.479)
Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure		0.000	(0.062)	(0.062)

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Holiday Activities & Food Programme		0.000	(0.112)	(0.112)
Afghan Refugee Grant		0.000	(0.046)	(0.046)
Assessed & Supported Year in Employment Programme	The Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) is designed to help newly qualified social workers develop their skills, knowledge and capability, and strengthen their professional confidence. It provides them with access to regular and focused support during their first year of employment in social work	(0.007)	0.000	(0.007)
PropTech Innovation Funding Round 4		0.000	(0.063)	(0.063)
Cultural Partnership Grant		0.000	(0.009)	(0.009)
Step Up To Social Work Grant ΓÇô Cohort 8		0.000	(0.099)	(0.099)
Flexible Homelessness Support Grant	Grant to allow councils greater flexibility to prioritise homelessness prevention through new ways of working	(0.274)	0.084	(0.190)
RRP Tenancy Support	Tenancy Support for Rapid Rehousing Pathway Scheme for Homelessness	(0.032)	0.000	(0.032)
Hardship Fund	Established from the unused balance of the Hardship funding provided during 20/21 for support to the covid-19 pandemic.	(0.261)	0.000	(0.261)

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Local Authority EU Exit Preparation Reserve	As Central Government is committed to ensuring councils have the support and the funding they need to prepare for an orderly exit from the EU and do appropriate contingency planning, this funding will help councils to adapt to changes caused by Brexit, while still protecting vital local services	(0.337)	0.337	0.000
Contain Outbreak Management	Covid-19 grant to assist local authorities in containing outbreaks	(0.127)	0.113	(0.014)
Rough Sleepers Grant	This grant supports the delivery of the government's rough sleeping strategy. It allows local authorities to employ one or more specialist personal advisers to support a small caseload of 5 to 10 care leavers	(0.167)	0.000	(0.167)
Business Rates; NoTCA Growth	Business Rates Growth income; result of the authority's membership in the 2019-20 NOTCA Pool	(1.841)	1.841	0.000
Homeless Veterans	The homeless veteran's daily allowance and grant program is designed to help non-profit and government organizations set up and run supportive service centres and housing to cater for the needs of homeless veterans.	(0.024)	0.000	(0.024)
Tyne Port Health – Export Health Certificates	Reserve is for costs to Tyne Port Health for the implementation of the new Export health Certificates following Brexit.	(0.011)	0.011	0.000
Grant Reserves under £100k	£83,794.05 English for speakers of other languages. £7,928.30 Working Well.	(0.092)	(0.032)	(0.124)
Revenues and Benefits New Burdens Admin Funding'	The Admin Subsidy is used to part fund the Unitary Charge that is paid to EQUANS for them to deliver the Housing Benefit Administration	(0.185)	0.185	0.000
Capability Fund – Sustainable Transport	Funding to provide sustainable transport solutions	(0.227)	0.079	(0.148)

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Bio-Diversity Net Gain Grant	To help Local Planning Authorities and other local authorities with planning oversight prepare for Biodiversity Net Gain which will become mandatory two years after Royal Assent of the Environment Act	(0.010)	0.010	0.000
Food Allergen Labelling – Grant	Grant to assist the authority in the monitoring of the New Food Allergen labelling laws	(0.009)	0.009	0.000
Botulinum Toxin & Cosmetic Fillers Grant	Grant to assist the authority in the monitoring of underage practice	(0.008)	(0.006)	(0.014)
Covid 19 Pavement licenses – New Burdens’	Covid-19 grant linked to admin of more businesses looking for outside space	(0.002)	0.002	0.000
S31 – Covid-19 Business Rates Relief Additional Grant	Covid-19 business rates relief linked grant	(3.972)	3.972	0.000
Step up to Social Work Grant – Cohort 7	Cohort 7 Step up to Social Work grant	(0.049)	0.049	0.000
Organisational and Workforce Development	Established to support the authority's training programme in 2022-2023, which is expected to see pressure from the back log created as a result of the pandemic.	(0.043)	0.000	(0.043)
Air Quality – New Burdens – Smoke Emissions	Air Quality – New Burdens – Smoke Emissions	(0.012)	0.012	0.000
Brownfield Housing Grant Fund Reserve	Brownfield Housing Grant Fund Reserve	(0.003)	0.002	(0.002)

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Public Health – Health Inequalities Grant	Development and introduction of Health and Care Connector posts to support individuals to address healthcare needs through a social care lens. Funding will support a menu of interventions from TyneHealth, offering access to a range of interventions, clinical and practice nurse support. An annual fund to support individuals to access healthcare where there may be barriers linked to financial hardship	(0.190)	0.088	(0.102)
Public Health – Vaccine Inequalities Grant	Established local VCS. To understand barriers to accessing current vaccines (PPV). Long established programme with large variation across the LA area. Also include primary care perspective.	(0.020)	0.000	(0.020)
Public Health – Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Grant	Targeting and monitoring unwarranted variation in care and outcomes. System leadership to co-ordinate action to drive CVD recovery. Supporting general practice to recover the management of key risk factors in atrial fibrillation, hypertension, and hypercholesteremia. Accelerating making every contact count (MECC) interventions such as commissioning non-NHS providers, high street pharmacies and vaccination centres to undertake BP checks.	(0.178)	(0.021)	(0.199)
ASYE Social Work Training & Development Grant	The Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) is designed to help newly qualified social workers develop their skills, knowledge and capability, and strengthen their professional confidence. It provides them with access to regular and focused support during their first year of employment in social work	(0.021)	0.000	(0.021)
Public Health – Community Reading Contribution	Part year (carry forward) funding of a post linked to delivering Community Reading within Libraries & Community Centres.	(0.007)	0.007	0.000
Parks – Heritage Lottery Fund Grant	Ring-fenced grant for the future maintenance and managements costs associated with Wallsend Parks and Northumberland Parks	(0.518)	0.167	(0.352)

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ICT – Local Digital Fund Round 6	The Local Digital Fund aims to help councils transform their digital services in line with the Local Digital Declaration	(0.094)	0.000	(0.094)
Household Support – Private Sector Heating	Funding towards the installation of energy efficient measures in private sector housing.	(0.009)	0.000	(0.009)
Capacity & Productivity Grant	To help streamline adult social care assessments, simplify processes and reduce bureaucracy	(0.130)	0.130	0.000
Household Grant	Support households in the most need with food, energy & water bills. It can be used to support households with essential costs related to those items and with wider essential costs	(0.137)	0.034	(0.103)
Trees For Cities / Forest Commission / Newcastle CC Grant Income	Working with local communities to cultivate lasting change in their neighbourhoods – whether it's revitalising forgotten spaces, creating healthier environments or getting people excited about growing, foraging and eating healthy food.	(0.041)	(0.093)	(0.134)
Wallsend Towns and High Streets Innovation Programme	Wallsend Masterplan Regeneration support funding for delivery of proposals for the plan.	(0.129)	0.118	(0.011)
Support for those in Domestic Abuse	Funding for initiatives and support for those fleeing domestic abuse.	(0.078)	0.036	(0.042)
PCC – Safer Underpasses	To provide wardens to patrol underpasses in the borough to improve safety.	(0.010)	0.010	0.000
Chairs Charity Lottery	Reserve of balance of monthly lottery money linked to charity distribution.	(0.008)	(0.011)	(0.019)

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Youth Employability Project	A partnership to help improve employment outcomes or prospects of future employment outcomes for long-term unemployed individuals and groups facing the most complex and intractable barriers to work.	(0.286)	0.074	(0.212)
Multiply Project	A partnership to help improve employment outcomes or prospects of future employment outcomes for long-term unemployed individuals and groups facing the most complex and intractable barriers to work.	(0.136)	0.085	(0.051)
Digital Inclusion Outreach Project	Targeted support to residents who, due to the impacts of Covid-19, have found themselves to be now digitally excluded, unable to afford internet connectivity and/or access to the devices needed to get online.	(0.111)	0.111	0.000
Elections Act 2022 New Burdens Funding	The purpose of the reserve is to provide support to local authorities in England and Wales towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them through implementation of the Elections Act 2022.	(0.034)	0.034	0.000
Improvement & Development Grant	The Improvement and Development Grant is to support implementation of the Redmond review recommendations for internal audit fees	(0.005)	0.005	0.000
Dedicated Schools Grant & DSG Adj Account	This Grant is a ring-fenced specific grant and must be used in support of the Schools Budget as financed in the School Finance (England) Regulations 2008	8.340	(0.000)	8.340
Schools Recovery Premium	Recovery premium is part of the government's package of funding to support pupils whose education has been impacted by COVID-19. It is an Academic Year funding stream focused on pupils who are eligible for pupil premium and pupils in specialist settings because of the additional impact of the pandemic on these students.	(0.409)	0.017	(0.392)

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Schools National Tutoring Premium	As part of the Department for Education's (DfE)'s education recovery plan, the Secretary of State for Education is providing financial assistance to eligible local authorities, for their maintained schools, and academy trusts. This is in accordance with section 14 of the Education Act 2002, in the form of the school-led tutoring grant. It is an Academic Year funding stream which will give schools and academy trusts the flexibility in determining how best to provide tutoring intervention to support catch-up for lost education due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.	(0.359)	0.359	0.000
NE One Public Estate Grant	Grant as part of a national programme (NT are part of North East Scheme) to transform local communities and public services	(0.026)	0.000	(0.026)
Transparency Code New Burdens Funding	Funding for local authorities under the new burdens scheme for carrying out specific activities associated with its Local Land Charges Programme	(0.013)	0.013	0.000
LAA Performance Grant	To support local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred	(0.002)	0.002	0.000
Tenancy Satisfaction Measures Funding	Funding for new Government initiatives that will be undertaken from 2023-24 onwards	(0.030)	(0.019)	(0.049)
	Sub Total of Grant Reserves	(4.640)	5.701	1.061
	Total all Reserves	(68.883)	17.717	(51.166)