

Assessment of Unallocated General Fund Reserves

Appendix 8

Assessment of Unallocated General Fund Reserves	Minimum Level 2013/14 (£ million)	Maximum Level 2013/14 (£ million)	Minimum Level 2012/13 (£ million)	Maximum Level 2012/13 (£ million)	Principal Reasons for Changes
The general financial climate to which the Council is subject	1.5	4.0	1.5	4.0	Indications that next CSR period will see sustained reductions in Central Government funding beyond 2014/15
The overall financial standing of the authority	1.5	2.0	1.5	4.0	There has been an improvement in the financial standing of the authority
Estimates of level of locally raised income	2.0	3.5	0	0	Local retention of business rates from April 2013 will expose the Council to additional risk
The treatment of planned efficiency savings / productivity gains	2.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	The Council enters 2013/14 with a fully developed savings programme, minimising the risk of significant delivery issues
The treatment of inflation and interest rates	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	
The financial risk inherent in major outsourcing / insourcing arrangements	1.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	
The treatment of demand led pressures	2.0	5.0	1.0	3.0	The new local Council Tax support scheme introduces additional risk in-year cost pressures due to changes in demand
The financial risks inherent in any major capital developments	1.0	2.5	1.0	1.5	Significant investment in delivery of school places and supported housing during 2013/14
Estimates of the level and timing of capital receipts	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	Potential for continued slippages in disposal programme during 2013/14, causing need for increased borrowing
The availability of reserves and other funds to deal with major contingencies	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
The Council's capacity to manage in year budget pressures	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	
Total	15.0	30.0	12.0	26.5	