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## REPORT TO RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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<b>Date</b>	<b>26th January 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Earmarked Reserves and Budget Adjustments</b>

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek confirmation of two Earmarked Reserve movements relating to Station Lift Access and Climate Emergency.
2. To inform Members that following an exchange of emails with CMBC, it has been confirmed that the previous Earmarked Reserve of £25,000 is no longer required, and this has been released back into General Reserves. See Appendix 1 re email confirmation.
3. To inform members that an Earmarked Reserve of £5,000 has been established from General Reserves to fund projects identified by the Climate Emergency Committee. This is a first tranche that may be supported by further underspend that is anticipated for this current financial year.
4. To advise Members that given both Walsden and Langfield Ward Casual Vacancies are to be filled by co-option, the revenue budget for elections has been reduced from £8,500 £2,086 (the cost of the election for Stansfield).
5. To inform Members that other minor virements have been carried out within other budgets to reflect current spend and estimated year end outturns, and after Earmarked Reserve movements, as of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a General Reserves year end outturn figure is forecast of £98,198.
6. To advise Members that this assumes all spends are made to budget, but in reality as with last year underspend, where projects are committed, these will be moved into the Year End Commitments Earmarked Reserve, already established for this purpose.
7. To advise Members that further adjustments to Earmarked Reserves will be considered at the Resources Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and a recommendation for Year-End Earmarked Reserves sought for formal confirmation by Full Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

8. Based on all budgets being used, expenditure for 2021/22 is forecast at £549,128 of which £238,975 relates to “Capital spend items of the Wheelspark and Children’s Festive Lights, and £310,153 of normal activity revenue spend, against General Income of £303,631. The slight projected shortfall for this year funded from General Reserve balances.
9. The year-end estimate of General Reserves at £98,198 meets our recommended minimum level of £80,000 and any further movements to Earmarked Reserves will ensure this criterion is respected.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

10. That Members note the estimated year end outturn and confirm agreement to the Earmarked Reserve reduction of £25,000 from Station Lift Access to General Reserves and the creation of a new Earmarked Reserve of £5,000 for Climate Emergency, funded from General Reserves.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

11. Full Council approval is required to create Earmarked Reserves

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

12. None directly arising from this report

### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:**

12. None arising from this report.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE:**

13. The creation of an Earmarked Reserve of £5,000 will help toward delivery of project based activity.

## **IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT**

14. None arising from this report.

### **SUPPORTING PAPERS:**

15. Appendix 1 - CMBC email confirmation Station lift Access contribution no longer required.

**FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill**