

<b>Committee:</b> Finance Committee	<b>Date:</b> 21 May 2019
<b>Subject:</b> Central Contingencies 2019/20	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Chamberlain	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report has been produced to provide Members with an update on the Central Contingencies uncommitted balances.

Of the previous allocations agreed by Committee, a further sum of £25,000 from the City's Cash Contingency will be required in future years in addition to the £40,000 agreed to carry forward in April 2019. Therefore, it is proposed that this sum is carried forward from 2018/19 to 2019/20 thereby ensuring that a full year's contingency provision is available during 2019/20.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to agree to carry forward sufficient resources of a further £25,000 to meet existing allocations and thereby providing a full year's contingency for funding requirements that may arise during 2019/20.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Service Committee budgets are prepared within the resources allocated by the Policy and Resources Committee and, with the exception of the Policy and Resources Committee, such budgets do not include any significant contingencies. The budgets directly overseen by the Finance Committee therefore include central contingencies to meet unforeseen and/or exceptional items that may be identified across the City Corporation's range of activities. Requests for allocations from the contingencies should demonstrate why the costs cannot, or should not, be met from existing provisions.
2. In addition to the central contingencies, the Committee has a specific City's Cash contingency of £100,000 to support humanitarian disaster relief efforts both nationally and internationally.

## Current Position

3. Of the previous allocations agreed by Committee, a sum of £25,000 as listed below will be required in future years. Therefore, it is proposed that this sum is carried forward from 2018/19 to 2019/20 thereby ensuring that a full year's contingency provision is available during 2019/20:
  - £25,000 which comprises Solicitors fees for the private placement of debt raising from City's Cash Contingency.
4. This is in addition to the carry forward of previous allocations agreed in April 2019:
  - £25,000 for Biography of Sir Thomas Gresham from City's Cash Contingency
  - £15,000 towards an ongoing appeal regarding Greater London Authority Roads from City Fund Contingency.
5. The uncommitted balances that are currently available for 2019/20 are set out in the table below. At the time of preparing this report there are no requests for funding elsewhere on the agenda.

2019/20 Contingencies – Uncommitted Balances and requests at 1 May 2019				
	City's Cash	City Fund	Bridge House Estates	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Contingencies	950	650	50	1,650
National and International Disasters	100	0	0	100
<b>Uncommitted Balances</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,750</b>
Requests for contingency allocations	0	0	0	0
<b>Balances pending approval</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,750</b>

6. The sums which the Committee has previously allocated from the 2019/20 contingencies are listed in Appendix 1.

## **Conclusion**

7. Members are asked to agree to carry forward sufficient resources of a further £25,000 to meet existing allocations and thereby providing a full year's contingency for funding requirements that may arise during 2019/20 and to note the Central Contingencies uncommitted balances.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Allocations from 2019/20 contingencies

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