

Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 13 October 2020
Subject: Central Contingencies 2020/21	Public
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Summary

This report has been produced to provide Members with an update on the Central Contingencies 2020/21 uncommitted balances.

Since the last report to Committee in July, a sum of £40,000 has been donated from the National and International Disaster Fund towards the DEC Coronavirus Appeal (£20,000) and British Red Cross Beirut Emergency Appeal (£20,000).

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

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. The uncommitted balances that are currently available for 2020/21 are set out in the table below. At the time of writing this report there are no requests for funding on the agenda.

2020/21 Contingencies – Uncommitted Balances 1 Oct 2020				
	City's Cash £'000	City Fund £'000	Bridge House Estates £'000	Total £'000
General Contingencies				
Total Provision	974	1,393	50	2,417
Previous allocations	(24)	(593)	0	617
Uncommitted Balances	950	800	50	1,800
National and International Disasters				
Total Provision	125	0	0	125
Previous allocations	(100)	0	0	(100)
Uncommitted Balance	25	0	0	25

4. The sums which the Committee has previously allocated from the 2020/21 contingencies are listed in Appendix 1. This includes allocations agreed under delegated authority since your last Committee.
5. Since the last report to Committee in July, a sum of £40,000 has been donated from the National and International Disaster Fund towards the DEC Coronavirus Appeal (£20,000) and British Red Cross Beirut Emergency Appeal (£20,000).

Conclusion

6. Members are asked to note the Central Contingencies uncommitted balances.

Appendices

- Non- Public: Appendix 1 – Allocations from 2020/21 Contingencies

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