

<b>Committee(s):</b> Finance Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 11 May 2021
<b>Subject:</b> Central Contingencies 2021/22	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	n/a
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	N
<b>If so, how much?</b>	n/a
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	n/a
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	n/a
<b>Report of:</b> The 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 2021/22 uncommitted balances.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the Central Contingencies 2021/22 uncommitted balances and;
- Agree to allocate a sum of £300,000 from City's Cash Contingency 2021/22 to top up the COVID Contingency 2021/22.

### 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 £125,000 to support humanitarian disaster relief efforts both nationally and internationally.

## Current Position

3. The uncommitted balances that are currently available for 2021/22 are set out in the table below. The sums which the Committee has previously allocated from the 2021/22 contingencies are detailed in Appendix 1. This includes allocations agreed under delegated authority since your last Committee.
4. As agreed at this Committee's April meeting, the proposal to carry forward a sum of £206,000 from 2020/21 to 2021/22 for the City Fund Contingency to ensure that a full year's provision is available during 2021/22 will be presented for approval as part of the carry forward process in consultation with the Chamberlain and Chairman of RASC.
5. Per the Policy and Resources Contingency/Discretionary report on the Committee's May agenda, it is recommended that a sum of £300,000 is allocated from the City's Cash Contingency to top up the COVID Contingency. The COVID Contingency is a time limited fund to meet any unforeseen items of expenditure due to the COVID19 virus, which currently has a balance of £76,546 of non-ringfenced funds available.
6. At the time of writing this report there is one request for funding on the non-public agenda from the City Fund contingency for a sum of £223,000.

2021/22 Central Contingencies – Uncommitted Balances 28 April 2021				
	City's Cash £'000	City Fund £'000	Bridge House Estates £'000	Total £'000
<b>Contingencies</b>				
2021/22 Provision	950	800	50	1,800
2020/21 Pending brought forward	0	206	0	206
<b>Total Provision</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2,006</b>
Previously agreed allocations	0	(206)	0	(206)
Pending recommended allocation	(300)	0	0	(300)
Pending request on the agenda	0	(223)	0	(223)
<b>Total Commitments</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>(429)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(729)</b>
<b>Uncommitted Balances</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,277</b>
<b>National and International Disasters</b>				
Total Provision	125	0	0	125
Previous allocations	0	0	0	0
<b>Uncommitted Balance</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>

## **Conclusion**

7. Members are asked to note the Central Contingencies uncommitted balances. It is recommended that a sum of £300,000 is allocated from City's Cash Contingency 2021/22 to top up the COVID Contingency 2021/22.

## **Appendices**

- Non- Public: Appendix 1 – Allocations from 2021/22 Contingencies

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