

Committee(s): Finance Committee – For Information	Dated: 12 December 2023
Subject: Central Contingencies 2023/24	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	n/a
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	n/a
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Summary

This report provides Members with a quarterly update on the Central Contingencies 2023/24 uncommitted balances.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the Central Contingencies 2023/24 uncommitted balances.

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 2023/24 are set out in the table below.

2023/24 Central Contingencies – Uncommitted Balances 4 December 2023			
	City's Cash £'000	City Fund £'000	Total £'000
Central Contingencies			
2023/24 Provision	950	800	1,750
2022/23 Brought forward	931	1,050	1,981
Total Provision	1,881	1,850	3,731
Previously agreed allocations	(1,098)	(633)	(1,731)
Pending request on the agenda	(200)	(0)	(200)
Total Commitments	(1,298)	(633)	(1,931)
Uncommitted Balances	583	1,217	1,800
Specific - Contingencies			
National and International Disasters			
Total Provision	125	0	125
Previous allocations	50	0	50
Uncommitted Balance	75	0	75

4. At the time of writing there is one request on the non-public agenda of £200,000 from City's Cash Contingency.
5. In the case of a request for additional funding for a project that affects all three funds, the Bridge House Estates Board would approve its portion of any such joint project. All requests specific to BHE only are considered solely by the BHE Board.

Conclusion

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

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Allocations from 2023/24 Contingencies

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