HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT RESERVES

APPENDIX A

Reserve	Policy	Estimated Level at 31 March	Benefits	Opportunity Costs
Housing Revenue Account	 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 section 76 (3) forbids a year end deficit on the HRA Balance is determined by level of risk associated with the budget Minimum 5% of gross spend Current recommended minimum level of reserves is: £0.8m - minimum level 	2018 £4.1m 2019 £2.8m 2020 £1.8m 2021 £1.8m 2022 £1.8m	 Provides general contingency for unavoidable and unseen expenditure or fall in income Stability for longer term planning and for meeting the decent homes standards Interest on Balances helps to reduce costs: Interest on Balances @ 0.5% = £21k 	 Could be used to fund HRA Capital expenditure to help meet decent homes standard which would result in loss of interest £5k per £1m Could be used to fund HRA debt repayment
Major Repairs Reserve	 Use of Capital to meet Decent Homes Standard Redevelopment and regeneration of the Council's housing stock 	2018 £3.5m 2019 £3.2m 2020 £1.0m 2021 £1.5m 2022 £1.5m	 Provides capital to invest in stock to meet the government's Decent Homes Standard policy Provides general contingency for unavoidable or unseen expenditure 	Will be used to fund HRA capital expenditure to help meet decent homes standard

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