

AVON FIRE AUTHORITY

Summary of Reserves as at June 2023

Reserve	Purpose	Utilisation	30 June 2022 £'000	Movement in year £'000	Balance as at March 2023 £'000	Reserves Strategy Movement £'000	Balance as at June 2023 £'000	Balance projected at 31 March 2027 £'000
a) Cash backed Earmarked Revenue Reserves:								
Ill health Pension Reserve	To fund fluctuations in ill health retirements	As required	230		230		230	230
Immediate Detriment Pension Reserve	To mitigate the impact of immediate detriment payments	As required	347		347	-197	150	0
Legal Fees Reserve	Finance unexpected Legal Costs	As required	30		30	150	180	100
Document Management and Retention System Reserve	To fund development of a Corporate wide document system to improve administration and information security requirements including GDPR.	Next 2 years	60		60		60	0
ESMCP Reserve	Government grant received to fund ESMCP project.	As required	611		611		611	611
Medical Intervention	To fund medical interventions and prevention initiatives	As required	31		31	-31	0	0
Invest to Save (former Austerity) Reserve	To support implementation of new procedures / ways of working	Next 4-5 years	0	417	417	3	420	200
Cultural Improvement Reserve	To support ongoing cultural improvement work, particularly with regard to the HMICFRS spotlight report	Next 2 years				100		0
Transformation Reserve	This reserve has been created to undertake digitalisation and corporate level projects of the Authority. Digitalisation includes the introduction of Office 365, incident resource management and business process re-engineering. Corporate level projects include collaboration, cultural reviews and Firewatch enhancement.	Next 2 years	1,355	-488	867		867	0
Community Fire Safety Reserve	To support update of Community Fire Safety systems and processes	Next 2 years	25		25		25	0
Communications - Infrastructure upgrades	To enable the upgrade comms infrastructure	Next 2 years	30		30		30	0
Control and Communications - Welfare/Site	To enable the welfare and rest areas for Control and Communications to be built and updated	Next 2 years	25		25	-25	0	0
National Operational Guidance Reserve	To implement the new National Operational Guidance (NatOG)	Next 2 years	300		300		300	0
Technical Fire Safety Reserve	Created to continue to support increased activity in Fire Safety as a result of additional grant funding received from the Government, in 2020, following the Grenfell Tower fire.	Next 2 years	167	190	357		357	100
Investment Fund Reserve	Investment fund allocated to specific projects which will be released once projects have progressed	Over next year	98		98		98	0
IT Comms and Digital Infrastructure Reserve	To address problems identified with the existing IT, Comms and Digital structure	Next 3 years	253		253		253	200
Cash backed Earmarked Revenue Reserves			3,563	119	3,682		3,682	1,441
b) Non Cash backed - Earmarked Reserves:								
PFI Equalisation Fund	Grant from the Government for the PFI project, along with contributions from partners is paid into an Equalisation Fund. This fund is administered by Gloucestershire County Council, on behalf of the partners.	2029/30 - End of PFI contract	1,240	-166	1,074		1,074	410
Total Earmarked Reserves			4,803		4,756		4,756	1,851
General Reserve (Working Balance)		For unexpected events or emergencies	1,500		1,500		1,500	1,500
Total Earmarked Revenue Reserves			6,303		6,256		6,256	3,351
c) Cash Backed Capital Reserves:								
Unapplied Capital Receipts Reserve	This reserve is to fund the capital programme	Over the next 3 to 5 years	3,889	-3,889	0		0	0
General Capital Reserve	This reserve is to fund the capital programme		9,530	-101	9,429		9,429	0
Total Reserves			19,721	-4,037	15,684		15,684	3,351