

Monitoring of Revenue Reserves 2019-20 – half year position

1. Following the quarterly review of reserves, the table below shows the projected impact of the current forecast spend and activity for 2019-20 on our revenue reserves.

Account	Balance at 31/3/19	Projected balance at 31/3/20	Movement
	£m	£m	£m
General Fund balance	37.1	37.1	0.0
Earmarked Reserves	185.5	160.1	-25.4
Surplus on Trading Accounts	0.9	0.9	0.0
School Reserves	26.9	8.2	-18.7

The movement in earmarked reserves is due to the following:

- Planned drawdowns as agreed in the MTFP
- Planned contributions and drawdowns reflected in the base budget
- Funding of approved roll forwards from the rolling budget reserve.
- Earmarked Reserves reflect the transfers agreed in the May and August Cabinet reports.

Details of the reasons for the movement in schools' reserves are provided in section 4.6 of the main report.

The reserves do not reflect the impact of the forecast overspend. If the position is still in overspend at year end this would be funded from reserves, with any underspend being transferred to appropriate reserves as determined by Cabinet.