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Adult Services						
Mary Ellen Bequest - Oxley Training Centre Reserve	Bequest available for use at the Oxley Training Centre.	(7)	(7)		No specific impact on services.	Use of reserve governed by trust conditions.
Adult Services Total		(7)	(7)			
Children's Services						
Regional Adoption Agency (RAA)	As part of the funding agreement with partner Authorities in the Regional Adoption Agency it has been agreed that an overspend up to 5% of the approved budget will be held in a reserve to be utilised in future years.	(209)	(150)	This reserve balance brought forward on 1 April 2020 will be drawdown in full in 2020-2021 to be used for Adoption@Heart, however it is anticipated that there will be further planned contributions to this reserve totalling £150,000 by year end.		
Children's Services Total		(209)	(150)			
City Assets and Housing						
Victoria Square Sinking Fund Reserve	Contributions made by tenants and set aside by the Council to meet future maintenance costs at Victoria Square commercial units.	(22)	(24)	It is not currently anticipated that this reserve will be utilised in 2020-2021.	The Council would have to meet the cost of any essential	

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					repairs and maintenance through its own resources.	
Magistrates Court Reserve	Sinking fund to meet future refurbishment costs for building occupied by Magistrates court.	(34)	(34)		There may not be funds to carry out necessary repairs.	
Private Sector Housing – Civil Penalties	This reserve is made up of fines levied on private sector landlords under the Housing Planning Act 2016. As an alternative to prosecution landlords can be fined for breaches of the act for example breaches of an improvement notice or overcrowding in a property. Fines can be up to £30,000 and are ringfenced for the provision of the service.	(120)	(190)	It is not currently anticipated that this reserve will be utilised in 2020-2021.	If the reserve were not to be available, the Council would need to consider whether resources could be reallocated to support the cost of enforcement activity.	

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Private Sector Housing – Licencing Fees	Licencing fees are levied on all private sector properties that offer multiple occupancy. Each property is charged a set fee at the point of registration. Properties are then assessed against pre-defined criteria and are awarded a star rating. Depending upon the star rating awarded an amount of the licence fee is refunded up to a total of the original fee. This reserve is required in order to fund these refunds in future years.	(74)	(74)	It is not currently anticipated that this reserve will be utilised in 2020-2021.	If the reserve were not to be available, the Council would need to consider whether resources could be reallocated to support the cost of enforcement activity.	
City Assets and Housing Total		(250)	(322)			
City Environment						
Markets Reserve	This reserve is available to fund periodic repairs and maintenance at the wholesale market including, for example, internal and external redecoration. The Reserve has been established from market trader contributions (part of annual service charges).	(92)	(92)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	The reserve is used as a mechanism to minimise variations in annual service charges to traders that would otherwise arise	

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					from annual fluctuations in repairs and maintenance costs. The service would be unable to smooth service charges for traders from year to year in accordance with tenancy agreements.	
Licensing Reserve	The Licensing service is not permitted to make a surplus over a three-year period. Against this background the Reserve is used to minimise variations in fees imposed as costs and license volumes fluctuate between years.	(2,362)	(1,420)	Reduction of licensing fees during the year 2020-2021	The funds in this reserve are subject to Licensing legislation and can only be used for Licensing.	
Wholesale Market Sinking Fund	Established to fund specific major replacement and refurbishment projects at the wholesale market including, for example, plant and equipment replacement or a roof	(29)	(29)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	The functioning of the wholesale market will be impacted if the	

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	replacement. This Reserve has been established from market trader contributions (part of annual service charges).				site condition is not maintained. Market traders contribute to this reserve for the maintenance of the markets, it cannot be used for any other purpose.	
Highway Management Reserve	Reinvestment of funds secured through bus lane enforcement into Highway improvement.	(888)	(364)	Funds will be reinvested into Transportation projects and Highway Improvement works.	In accordance with Section 55 of the Road Traffic Act, this reserve holds any surplus generated through Bus Lane enforcement, to be reinvested into Transportation projects and Highway	Compliance with Road Traffic Act (S55).

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					Improvement works.	
City Environment Total		(3,371)	(1,905)			
Corporate						
Funds and Bequests Reserve	Trust funds administered by the authority with specific criteria for allocation.	(9)	(9)	It is not currently anticipated that this reserve will be utilised in 2020-2021.	No specific impact on services.	Use of reserve governed by trust conditions.
Revenue Grants Unapplied (IFRS) Reserve	Established in accordance with the principles of IFRS in relation to the recognition of grants and contributions in the Council's accounts. Approvals for the use of actual grants are made during the year according to the Council's constitution.	(15,043)	(15,043)			
Art Fund	Funds administered to support revenue expenditure against criteria defined by the bequest.	(33)	(33)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	Would be unable to purchase art works, which is a condition of bequest and further develop	

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					the Cities art collection.	
Mayors Award	Trust funds administered by the authority with specific criteria for allocation.	(2)	(2)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	No specific impact on services.	Use of reserve governed by trust conditions.
Corporate Total		(15,087)	(15,087)			
Education and Skills						
The Education (Penalty Notices) Regulations 2007	This reserve is made up fines levied to parents where their children are taken out of school on holidays during term time. The fund can only be spent on issuing and enforcing penalty notices and prosecuting recipients who do not pay.	(89)	(89)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	This reserve balance could be recalled back by the Secretary of State at any time if it is not used for the intended purpose. If this reserve were to not be available, then this would have to be funded by the Council.	

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PFI Surplus Reserve	A Reserve to allow in year PFI contract efficiencies to be utilised to meet future years expenditure.	(660)	(660)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.		
Education and Skills		(749)	(749)			
Finance						
Insurance Reserve	The Reserve is for unexpected insurance claim events that cannot be covered by Insurance Fund budgets. Insurance claims costs vary year to year and a contribution may be made to or from the Reserve dependent on the Fund outturn position.	(2,691)	(2,691)		No specific impact on services.	The Reserve is for unexpected claim events that cannot be covered by the Insurance Fund in a given year. If the reserve is not used for this purpose it would impact on the General Fund.
Finance Total		(2,691)	(2,691)			
Public Health						
Community Safety	To assist the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership to deliver the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy and its annual Delivery Plan, as authorised by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).	(22)	(22)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	Reserve established from ring fenced Police Grant Community Fund for	Grant is awarded to the Council as accountable body for Safer Wolverhampton Partnership.

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					specific Community Safety initiatives.	
Public Health	This reserve has been established from ring fenced Public Health grant and is to fund one-off public health initiatives.	(577)	(1,177)	There is no planned use of this reserve in 2020-2021.	This reserve has been established to fund one off initiatives across Council services which impact upon Public Health. If these were not funded through this reserve then they would require growth or invest to save in order to carry out any initiatives. If initiatives that impacted upon Public Health were	This reserve is funded from ring fenced Public Health grants for use on public health related items of expenditure.

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					not funded then this could increase the demand upon the public health grant to deliver desired outcomes.	
Public Health Total		(599)	(1,199)			
Regeneration						
Building Control Service Improvements	Any surplus achieved on the Building Control Service is required to be reinvested back into the service.	(219)	(211)		These funds are ringfenced by the Building (local authority charges) regulations 2010.	Building control regulation compliance
Regeneration Total		(219)	(211)			
Total		(23,182)	(22,321)			