

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL SERVICES

29 September 2014

Report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources

**Review of Earmarked Reserves
(Council Services)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to transfer funding from the Change Management Reserve to the General Reserve.

2. Information and Analysis

On 1st June 2010 Cabinet agreed to the replacement of the diesel generators located under the Winter Gardens at County Hall. This was necessary due to the lack of capacity of the generators to supply electricity to the data centre in the event of an emergency. Property Services explored several options and generator replacement, complete with new wiring into the data centre was proposed and approved.

Since then the Council has virtualised the majority of its server estate and is currently implementing a “converged infrastructure” which creates a flexible pool of ICT resources for server, storage and network computing. This, together with investment on new and more efficient air conditioning equipment, has significantly reduced the electricity demand on the generators.

Although the generators are old, they are still serviceable under the reduced load conditions, and so it is considered that their replacement can be delayed.

3. Financial Considerations

The replacement cost of the generators was estimated to be £165,000 and this amount was transferred to the Change Management Reserve. It is proposed that the existing generators be retained for the time being and the funding held in the earmarked reserve be transferred to the General Reserve.

4. Key Decision

No.

5. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

6. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That approval is given to transfer £165,000 from the Change Management Reserve to the General Reserve as set out in the report.

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