

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
MONITORING OF EARMARKED BALANCES 2025/26 BY CHIEF OFFICER

APPENDIX 4

DEPARTMENT	25/26 Estimate	25/26 Spend to Date	25/26 Probable Outturn	25/26 to be released	To be carried forward into 26/27	Description
	£	£	£	£	£	
RESOURCES						
1 Revs & Bens: Social Welfare Fund	374,103	-	374,103		-	To pay the balance of Scottish Welfare Fund grants expenditure funded by the Scottish Government. Carried forward to 2025/26.
2 Revs & Bens: DWP funding	53,000	-	53,000		-	To support activities related to Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction, including system enhancements scheduled for completion in FY25/26.
3 Financial Service Centre: Automation Team (VKY)	26,284	-	26,284		-	Expenditure linked to the VKY Automation contract approved in 2020/21 as part of the Robotic Process Automation (RPA) rollout.
REGULATORY & REGENERATION						
4 Regulatory - New document management system	90,000	-	45,000		45,000	The Planning and Building Standards require a new document management system to replace the current system. The current timeline is to procure over two years due to the different stages in the process and the time needed to undertake them.
5 Regulatory - Underspend in 'design panel' budget for IDOX upgrade (new 23/24)	7,000	7,000	7,000		-	This balances relates to the initial stages of designing the new Planning and Building Standards document management system and will be spent this financial year.
PEOPLE & TECHNOLOGY						
6 OD & Change Training Budget (new 23/24)	8,773	-	8,773		-	Funding allocated to meet defined training needs
7 Previous provision for equal pay/holiday pay	194,663	-	1,220		193,443	Balance for outstanding equal pay/holiday pay claims and associated legal expenses.
COST OF LIVING						
Community Transition Fund	151,680		151,680		-	
STRATEGIC RESERVES						
8 Smoothing Fund		-	181,000	-		The smoothing fund is being used to offset service overspends where savings/efficiencies have not been achieved in year. £150k is being used to cover the delay in implementing a new management operating model in Facilities. In addition £31k of the smoothing fund is being used to fund the Digital Officer post within P&T to work on future transformation projects across services and generate future efficiencies.
TOTAL USE OF STRATEGIC RESERVES	-	-	181,000	-		
TOTAL USE OF EARMARKED RESERVES	905,503	7,000	848,060	-	238,443	