



## EARMARKED RESERVE BALANCES TO 31 MARCH 2026

| Reserve  | Type                     | Audited Balance at 31/03/2024<br>£m | Forecast Balance at 31/03/2025<br>£m | Forecast Balance at 31/03/2026<br>£m |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Business rates risk                              | Liabilities and risk     | 19.7                                | 8.7                                  | 9.0                                  |
| Budget resilience                                | Budget resilience        | -                                   | 11.0                                 | 9.6                                  |
| Waste  | Budget resilience        | 6.8                                 | 6.3                                  | 2.5                                  |
| Fastershire                                      | Strategic Priorities     | 0.5                                 | 2.7                                  | 2.7                                  |
| Additional pension costs                         | Liabilities and risk     | 1.7                                 | 0.7                                  | 0.7                                  |
| Settlement monies                                | Strategic Priorities     | 2.8                                 | 2.0                                  | 1.7                                  |
| Care market costs                                | Budget resilience        | 1.0                                 | -                                    | -                                    |
| Whitecross school PFI                            | Accounting reserves      | 1.8                                 | 1.8                                  | 1.8                                  |
| Technology enabled communities                   | Strategic Priorities     | 1.5                                 | 0.4                                  | 0.1                                  |
| Financial resilience                             | Liabilities and risk     | 3.1                                 | 1.8                                  | 1.8                                  |
| Severe weather fund                              | Strategic Priorities     | 1.0                                 | 0.6                                  | 0.6                                  |
| Unused grants carried forward                    | Grants and contributions | 17.3                                | 15.0                                 | 13.3                                 |
| Other reserves individually under £1m            | Grants and contributions | 6.1                                 | 4.6                                  | 1.9                                  |
| <b>Total reserves excluding schools</b>          |                          | <b>63.3</b>                         | <b>55.6</b>                          | <b>45.7</b>                          |
| Schools' balances                                |                          | 9.9                                 | 9.9                                  | 9.9                                  |
| <b>Total earmarked reserves</b>                  |                          | <b>73.2</b>                         | <b>65.5</b>                          | <b>55.6</b>                          |
| General fund balance                             |                          | 9.6                                 | 9.6                                  | 9.6                                  |
| <b>Total earmarked reserves and general fund</b> |                          | <b>82.8</b>                         | <b>75.1</b>                          | <b>65.2</b>                          |