

Appendix 3

UTILISATION OF RESERVES - 2008/9

<u>Description of Reserve</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose/Comments</u>
	£000's	
Specific Reserves -		
Planning	172	This grant was reserved to improve the planning service over the medium term – previous commitment
Communications	40	Residual amount from approval from previous years. Used to support mainstream budget in 2008/9.
Benefits reserve	107	Previously approved to fund one off capacity in the unit to prevent reduction in service levels. Utilised for benefit uptake exercises and exercise currently being carried out to verify single person discounts. The latter exercise will bring additional council tax.
Human Resource Strategy	44	Previously approved to complete the HR strategy and populate IT system. Will be utilised to complete HR issues and complete work around information needed for Local Government Review – People Issues.
Sub total	363 (A)	
Review of Medium term financial plan: -(Approved Dec 2007)		
Specific Reserves		
Fixed Term Staff Commitment Reserve	236	Approved in Transitional Plan to fund fixed term posts currently engaged in improvement/regeneration programmes.
East Durham Business Service	177	Approved in Transitional Plan to support and sustain the service in the medium term until the new authority has had time to assess the overall position.
General: -		
General Fund Reserve	571	Approved in Transitional Plan to support Environmental Improvements, local interest groups, IT developments and one off initiatives,
Sub total	984 (B)	
Ring Fenced: -		
Use of Reserves- Service Improvement/Regeneration Programme (£1.5m)	847	This funding will be used to complete the 3 year programme of service improvements and regeneration initiatives, which were approved in November 2005.
Sub total	847 (C)	
Prior Year Commitments – one offs		
Sports Action Zone	10	3 year commitment –final year
Tourism Initiative	9	3 year commitment –final year
Sub total	19 (D)	
Overall Total (A+B+C+D)	2213	