

**HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS FIRE BOARD
Proposed Revenue Reserve Strategy**

Report by Chief Fire Officer

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Scottish Executive guidelines state that the maximum revenue reserve balance available to the Fire Service is 5% of the prior years GAE approximately £930k

In accordance with CIPFA Guidance "Reserves and Balances in a Local Authority" the Service has determined that General Fund balances should be held for contingencies and for identified requirements.

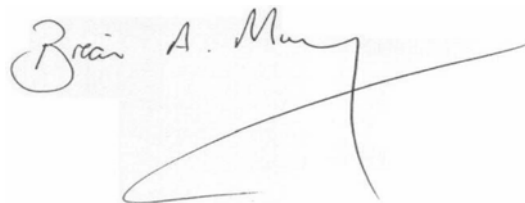
A sum equivalent to 3% of the revenue budget, approximately £650k will be retained for contingent purposes while any sums in excess of this figure will be earmarked to meet future specific projects or identified requirements.

Future specific projects 2007/08

- Requirement to fund capital build programme
- Firelink
- Continuous professional development

Recommendation

Members are invited to approve the strategy for revenue reserves.



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