



Labour-led councils 2018-19 report

How much reserves have they got?

This is the third annual report produced by the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition providing brief statistical profiles of the councils across England, Scotland and Wales that have Labour-led administrations, a series we started following the election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour Party leader on an anti-austerity platform.

In total there are 125 Labour-led councils in Britain, including those where Labour heads a minority administration or is the largest party in coalition with another party. The councils in England are listed by region.

Information is given on the gross budget of each council – the total cost of the councils' services – taken from the 2017-18 statement of accounts (unless stated)¹; the amount each council held in 'unallocated' General Fund (GF) and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) reserves as of 31st March 2018; the level of earmarked but largely useable reserves for the two accounts² (where this breakdown is specified in the statement of accounts); and lastly the capital receipts reserves held. Figures for major repairs reserves and unapplied capital grants, also part of a council's 'useable reserves' (and which are sometimes quite substantial), have not been collated in this series.

An alternative power

These councils administer a range of services – from housing, education, adult and children's social services and libraries, to youth provision, leisure, public health, local welfare assistance, planning and regeneration. They control combined budgets of £78.83 billion, and hold around £9.33bn in GF reserves, £1.91bn in HRA reserves, and £2.97bn useable capital receipts reserves.

As we have argued in the previous reports, these figures give a glimpse of the substantial resources of the 'local state' under the control of the Labour Party. There are also other authorities – such as the Greater London Authority, the regional Combined Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities, and Police and

Crime Commissioners – that are under Labour control but which are not included in these profiles.

Even without them, however, who could plausibly say that the councils listed are not a potential counter-power to the Tory government? Their combined spending power is greater than the GDP of nine EU countries and the state budgets of 16!

Time for action

Above all the report shows that no Labour-led council has insufficient reserves that it could not use to generate the resources for a no cuts budget for 2019-20³. The figures confirm, in other words, the central theme of TUSC's policy platform for local election candidates that councils – and councillors – have a choice.

But how far Labour still needs to be transformed to be an anti-austerity party in action as well as words is also revealed by the report. The 21 Labour-led councils in London, for example, continued to cut council spending in the 2017-2018 financial year while retaining almost exactly the same level of general fund reserves as they did the previous year. Meanwhile their combined capital receipts' reserves, of assets sold by councils, rose by £118 million. In Wales the nine Labour-led councils increased their general fund reserves by over 4% (£26.8m) over the same period.

The point with which we concluded our report last year remains as valid now as it did then. A councillors' revolt could stop the Tory cuts and add an almost irresistible pressure on the May government to go. Councillors who are not prepared to fight, however, should make way for those that will.

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Notes:

1. Not all councils have published their unaudited accounts for 2017-18 at the time of writing. In addition the accounts vary in their presentation reflecting the differing areas of responsibility councils have, normal accounting adjustments for impairments etc. So while the figures in this report certainly give an indicative picture they cannot be totally complete and are not a substitute for a detailed analysis of each council's individual financial position.

2. Can a council legally use Earmarked Reserves? Some will be restricted, for example, school reserves (although they can be used to support 'licensed deficits' for schools to prevent teacher and support staff redundancies, for example). But, as officers' guidance typically states, most Earmarked Reserves "may also be used on a short-term temporary basis for other purposes provided the funding is replaced in future years" [*Source: Liverpool council budget document, 2013-17 Medium Term Financial Strategy, Section D. Working Balances and Earmarked Reserves, paragraph 14.1, 6 March 2013*] So yes, councils can legally use their Earmarked Reserves in preparing a no cuts budget.

3. For more information on how councils' reserves and borrowing powers could be used to produce an arguably legally-compliant no cuts budgets see the TUSC briefing document, *Preparing a No Cuts People's Budget*, at <http://www.tusc.org.uk/txt/355.pdf>



Labour-led councils: statistical profiles

There are 125 Labour-led councils, 110 in England, six in Scotland and nine in Wales. Of these there will be 79 councils – all in England – which will have elections in May 2019, for all or part of the council (see the TUSC 2019 Directory of Elections at <http://www.tusc.org.uk/txt/426.pdf>).

Councils in England

Eastern

Cambridge

Population: 126,000
Gross council budget: £134m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £24.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £11.1m
Capital receipts reserves: £40.4m

Harlow

Population: 85,000
Gross council budget: £163m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £17.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £14.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £4.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £7m

Ipswich

Population: 133,000
Gross council budget: £113m
Unallocated GF reserves: £11.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £8.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £10.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £24.6m
Capital receipts reserves: £19.3m

Luton

Population: 214,000
Gross council budget: £601m
Unallocated GF reserves: £14m
Earmarked GF reserves: £66.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £8.3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £2.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £19.1m

Milton Keynes

Population: 230,000
Gross council budget: £455m
Unallocated GF reserves: £18.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £84.4m

Unallocated HRA reserves: £7.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £50.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £22.9m

Norwich

Population: 136,000
Gross council budget: £115m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £7.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £30.4m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0.5
Capital receipts reserves: £32.9m

Stevenage

Population: 87,000
Gross council budget: £96m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £2.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £24.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £9.2m
Capital receipts reserves: £15.4m

East Midlands

Bassetlaw

Population: 115,000
Gross council budget: £86m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £6.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.6m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.7m

Bolsover

Population: 76,000
Gross council budget: £63m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £9.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £14.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £1.1m

Chesterfield

Population: 105,000
Gross council budget: £112m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £10.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £27.4m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0.3m
Capital receipts reserves: £4.7m

Corby

Population: 68,000
Gross council budget: £57m
Unallocated GF reserves: £0.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £15.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £3.4m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £9.1m
Capital receipts reserves: £5.4m

Gedling

Population: 114,000
Gross council budget: £51m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £5.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0m

Leicester

Population: 348,000
Gross council budget: £1,146m
Unallocated GF reserves: £15m
Earmarked GF reserves: £168.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £29.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £1.2m
Capital receipts reserves: £84.7m

Lincoln

Population: 97,000
Gross council budget: £87m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £10.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £9.2m

North East Derbyshire

Population: 101,000
Gross council budget: £72m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £8.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £25m
Capital receipts reserves: £4.8m

Nottingham

Population: 322,000
Gross council budget: £1,131m
Unallocated GF reserves: £30.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £161.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.9m

London

Barking and Dagenham

Population: 202,000
Gross council budget: £804m
Unallocated GF reserves: £17m
Earmarked GF reserves: £55.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £7.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £8.7m
Capital receipts reserves: £22.6m

Brent

Population: 324,000
Gross council budget: £1,107m
Unallocated GF reserves: £12.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £226.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £3.7m
Capital receipts reserves: £38.4m

Camden

Population: 241,000
Gross council budget: £1,096m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £102.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £31.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £41.1m

Croydon

Population: 379,000
Gross council budget: £1,128m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £18.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £14.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £55.4m

Ealing

Population: 343,000
Gross council budget: £1,163m
Unallocated GF reserves: £15.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £82.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £4.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £5m
Capital receipts reserves: £30.5m

Enfield

Population: 328,000
Gross council budget: £1,173m
Unallocated GF reserves: £14m
Earmarked GF reserves: £67.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £13.6
Capital receipts reserves: £21m

Greenwich

Population: 275,000
Gross council budget: £894m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £141m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £18.5m

Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £113.8m

Hackney

Population: 269,000
Gross council budget: £1,396m
Unallocated GF reserves: £15m
Earmarked GF reserves: £136.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £10.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £20.2m
Capital receipts reserves: £124.1m

Hammersmith and Fulham

Population: 179,000
Gross council budget: £758m
Unallocated GF reserves: £19m
Earmarked GF reserves: £106.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £9.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £41.6m
Capital receipts reserves: £33.1m

Haringey

Population: 273,000
Gross council budget: £1,103m
Unallocated GF reserves: £15.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £68.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £30.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £7.6m
Capital receipts reserves: £37.6m

Harrow

Population: 247,000
Gross council budget: £634m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10m
Earmarked GF reserves: £43m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £7.4m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £18.6m

Hounslow

Population: 269,000
Gross council budget: £698m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £117.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £29.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £7.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £63.2m

Islington

Population: 228,000
Gross council budget: £1,125m
Unallocated GF reserves: £18m
Earmarked GF reserves: £65.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £17.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £62.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £68.9m

Lambeth

Population: 325,000
Gross council budget: £1,301m
Unallocated GF reserves: £22.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £64.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £10.7m

Earmarked HRA reserves: £44.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £44.3m

Lewisham

Population: 297,000
Gross council budget: £1,012m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13m
Earmarked GF reserves: £160.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £4.8m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £65.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £48.3m

Merton

Population: 205,000
Gross council budget (2016-2017): £514.6m
Unallocated GF reserves: £12.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £48.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £22.9m

Newham

Population: 333,000
Gross council budget: £1,493m
Unallocated GF reserves: £12.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £176.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £64m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £123.7m

Redbridge

Population: 297,000
Gross council budget: £902m
Unallocated GF reserves: £17.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £68.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £2.3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £13.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £16.6m

Southwark

Population: 309,000
Gross council budget: £1,346m
Unallocated GF reserves: £18.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £80.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £19.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £79.8m

Tower Hamlets

Population: 295,000
Gross council budget: £1,260m
Unallocated GF reserves: £33.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £141.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £47.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £194.5m

Waltham Forest

Population: 271,000
Gross council budget: £914m
Unallocated GF reserves: £14.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £94.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £4.4m

Earmarked HRA reserves: £4.8m
Capital receipts reserves: £39m

Unallocated GF reserves: £18.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £36.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £33.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £11.6m

Northern

Allerdale

Population: 94,000
Gross council budget: £53m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £3.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0.4m

Barrow-in-Furness

Population: 57,000
Gross council budget: £54m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £8.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £1
Capital receipts reserves: £2.4m

Carlisle

Population: 100,000
Gross council budget: £74m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £6.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0.4m

Copeland

Population: 69,000
Gross council budget (2016-2017): £41m
Unallocated GF reserves: £3.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £8.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £1.4m

Darlington

Population: 106,000
Gross council budget: £245m
Unallocated GF reserves: £20.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £15.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £13.8m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.9m

Durham

Population: 513,000
Gross council budget: £1,303m
Unallocated GF reserves: £24.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £224.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Gateshead

Population: 200,000
Gross council budget: £637m

Hartlepool

Population: 90,000
Gross council budget: £284m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £42.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Middlesbrough

Population: 138,000
Gross council budget: £450m
Unallocated GF reserves: £15.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £26.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Population: 259,000
Gross council budget: £790m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £94.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £9.3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £9.4m
Capital receipts reserves: £17.1m

North Tyneside

Population: 201,000
Gross council budget: £591m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £51.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £6m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £22.9m
Capital receipts reserves: £7m

Redcar & Cleveland

Population: 135,000
Gross council budget: £354m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £25m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £5.7m

South Tyneside

Population: 148,000
Gross council budget: £544m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £31.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £21.7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £2.1m

Stockton-on-Tees

Population: 238,000
Gross council budget: £474m

Unallocated GF reserves: £7.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £69.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £1.2m

Sunderland

Population: 275,000
Gross council budget: £728m
Unallocated GF reserves: £18.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £128.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £6.9m

North West

Blackburn-with-Darwen

Population: 146,000
Gross council budget: £416m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £27.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Blackpool

Population: 142,000
Gross council budget: £474m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £36.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £5.8m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £4.5m

Bolton

Population: 139,000
Gross council budget: £709m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £115.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £13.3m

Burnley

Population: 87,000
Gross council budget: £68m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £6.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.8m

Bury

Population: 182,000
Gross council budget: £586m
Unallocated GF reserves: £7.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £38.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £6.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £4.9m

Cheshire West & Chester

Population: 335,000
Gross council budget: £804m
Unallocated GF reserves: £24.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £88.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0.6m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £8.8m

Chorley

Population: 112,000
Gross council budget: £63m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £8.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £1.4m

Halton

Population: 126,000
Gross council budget: £380m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £39m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £10.7m

Hyndburn

Population: 80,000
Gross council budget: £48m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £11.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £5.8m

Knowsley

Population: 146,000
Gross council budget: £505m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £31.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £2

Lancaster

Population: 143,000
Gross council budget: £125m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £11.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £10.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Liverpool

Population: 466,000
Gross council budget: £1,443m
Unallocated GF reserves: £16.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £143.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £6.6m

Manchester

Population: 514,000
Gross council budget: £1,716m
Unallocated GF reserves: £22.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £282.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £99.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £72m

Oldham

Population: 228,000
Gross council budget: £625m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £92m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £20.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £8.7m

Preston

Population: 142,000
Gross council budget: £86m
Unallocated GF reserves: £8.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £18.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.5m

Rochdale

Population: 212,000
Gross council budget: £599m
Unallocated GF reserves: £14m
Earmarked GF reserves: £139.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £7.8m

Rossendale

Population: 65,000
Gross council budget: £38m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £6.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £2.4m

St Helens

Population: 177,000
Gross council budget: £476m
Unallocated GF reserves: £21.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £41.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £29.8m

Salford

Population: 210,000
Gross council budget: £768m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £85.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £5.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £11.1m
Capital receipts reserves: £0.2m

Sefton

Population: 273,000
Gross council budget: £647m
Unallocated GF reserves: £24.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £25.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £5.6m

Stockport

Population: 136,000
Gross council budget: £744m
Unallocated GF reserves: £17.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £77.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.1m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £1.3m
Capital receipts reserves: £8.1m

Tameside

Population: 220,000
Gross council budget: £556m
Unallocated GF reserves: £17.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £164.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0.2m

Trafford

Population: 235,000
Gross council budget: £508m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £52m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £6.6m

Warrington

Population: 206,000
Gross council budget: £487m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £42.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £5.2m

West Lancashire

Population: 112,000
Gross council budget: £86m
Unallocated GF reserves: £0.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £12.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0.6m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £5.6m
Capital receipts reserves: £5.9m

Wigan

Population: 320,000
Gross council budget: £729m
Unallocated GF reserves: £16m
Earmarked GF reserves: £100.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £25m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £8.8m

Wirral

Population: 320,000
Gross council budget: £811m
Unallocated GF reserves: £24.8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £54.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £1.6m

South East

Brighton & Hove

Population: 273,000
Gross council budget: £847m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £37.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £7.8m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £1m
Capital receipts reserves: £41.3m

Crawley

Population: 111,000
Gross council budget: £139m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £18.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £3.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £41.1m

Hastings

Population: 90,000
Gross council budget: £78m
Unallocated GF reserves: £0.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £18m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0.5m

Southern

Oxford

Population: 157,000
Gross council budget: £250m
Unallocated GF reserves: £3.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £36.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £4m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £18.3m
Capital receipts reserves: £7.9m

Reading

Population: 155,000
Gross council budget (2016-2017): £463m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £23.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £24.7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £20.2m

Slough

Population: 145,000
Gross council budget: £385m

Unallocated GF reserves: £8.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £5.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £17.8m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £28.3m

Southampton

Population: 237,000
Gross council budget: £612m
Unallocated GF reserves: £11.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £86m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £27.5m

South West

Bristol

Population: 450,000
Gross council budget: £1,163m
Unallocated GF reserves: £20m
Earmarked GF reserves: £94.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £71.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £7.3m
Capital receipts reserves: £63.4m

Exeter

Population: 124,000
Gross council budget: £102m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £7.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £10.4m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £14m

Plymouth

Population: 263,000
Gross council budget: £596m
Unallocated GF reserves: £9.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £25.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £18.2m

Stroud

Population: 117,000
Gross council budget: £81m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £16.2m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £2.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £5.2m

West Midlands

Birmingham

Population: 1,123,000
Gross council budget: £3,316m
Unallocated GF reserves: £170.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £338.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £4.8m

Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £320.4m

Cannock Chase

Population: 98,000
Gross council budget: £81m
Unallocated GF reserves: £3.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £9.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £2m
Capital receipts reserves: £3m

Coventry

Population: 337,000
Gross council budget: £766m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £86.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £23.9m

Dudley

Population: 313,000
Gross council budget: £796m
Unallocated GF reserves: £26.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £43.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £16.8m

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Population: 126,000
Gross council budget: £84m
Unallocated GF reserves: £1.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £10.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £5.3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £6.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £3.2m

Sandwell

Population: 316,000
Gross council budget: £836m
Unallocated GF reserves: £75.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £55m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £32.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £3m
Capital receipts reserves: £7.8m

Telford & Wrekin

Population: 167,000
Gross council budget (2016-2017): £454m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £60.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.3m

Wolverhampton

Population: 252,000
Gross council budget: £881m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10m
Earmarked GF reserves: £55.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £7m

Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £4.2m

Worcester

Population: 101,000
Gross council budget: £56m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £9.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3m

Yorkshire

Barnsley

Population: 237,000
Gross council budget: £610m
Unallocated GF reserves: £21.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £113.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £9.7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £31.8m
Capital receipts reserves: £12.1m

Bradford

Population: 528,000
Gross council budget: £1,211m
Unallocated GF reserves: £31.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £134.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Calderdale

Population: 204,000
Gross council budget: £471m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £42.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Doncaster

Population: 306,000
Gross council budget: £679m
Unallocated GF reserves: £12.4m
Earmarked GF reserves: £49.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £6.5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £13.8m

Hull

Population: 256,000
Gross council budget: £783m
Unallocated GF reserves: £7.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £29.3m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £24.5m
Capital receipts reserves: £21.2m

Kirklees

Population: 431,000
Gross council budget: £1,003m
Unallocated GF reserves: £8.8m

Earmarked GF reserves: £79.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £60.3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £12.4m

Leeds

Population: 766,000
Gross council budget: £1,960m
Unallocated GF reserves: £25.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £50.6m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £24m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £180.4m

North East Lincolnshire

Population: 160,000
Gross council budget (2016-2017): £289m
Unallocated GF reserves: £8.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £37.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0.4m

Rotherham

Population: 260,000
Gross council budget: £709m

Unallocated GF reserves: £12.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £25.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £37.6m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £28.8m

Sheffield

Population: 640,000
Gross council budget: £1,381m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £180m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £9.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £4.1m
Capital receipts reserves: £58.3m

Wakefield

Population: 331,000
Gross council budget: £694m
Unallocated GF reserves: £15m
Earmarked GF reserves: £78.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £4.2m

Councils in Scotland

East Lothian

Population: 104,000
Gross council budget: £393m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £5.3m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £0

Inverclyde

Population: 79,000
Gross council budget: £349m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £40.9m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £3.1m

Midlothian

Population: 89,000
Gross council budget: £390m
Unallocated GF reserves: £4.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £6.4m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £33.8m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £19.4m

North Ayrshire

Population: 135,000
Gross council budget: £712m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6.6m
Earmarked GF reserves: £26.6
Unallocated HRA reserves: £6m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £7.6
Capital receipts reserves: £12.1m

North Lanarkshire

Population: 340,000
Gross council budget: £1,308m
Unallocated GF reserves: £8m
Earmarked GF reserves: £37.1m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £5.2m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £6.6m
Capital receipts reserves: £0

West Lothian

Population: 181,000
Gross council budget: £815m
Unallocated GF reserves: £2.1m
Earmarked GF reserves: £21.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £58.9m

Councils in Wales

Bridgend

Population: 139,000
Gross council budget: £433m
Unallocated GF reserves: £8.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £48m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £21.1m

Caerphilly

Population: 180,000
Gross council budget: £668m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £73.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £5m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £8.5m

Cardiff

Population: 346,000
Gross council budget: £1,211m
Unallocated GF reserves: £14.2m
Earmarked GF reserves: £61.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £8.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £3.2m
Capital receipts reserves: £21.3m

Flintshire

Population: 154,000
Gross council budget: £462m
Unallocated GF reserves: £13.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £14.8m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £1.9m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £14m

Neath Port Talbot

Population: 140,000
Gross council budget: £480m
Unallocated GF reserves: £19.9m
Earmarked GF reserves: £39.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £6.8m

Newport

Population: 149,000
Gross council budget: £466m
Unallocated GF reserves: £6.5m
Earmarked GF reserves: £87.5m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £8.9m

Rhondda Cynon Taf

Population: 238,000
Gross council budget: £758m
Unallocated GF reserves: £10.7m
Earmarked GF reserves: £132.4m

Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £1.1m

Swansea

Population: 240,000
Gross council budget: £862m
Unallocated GF reserves: £9.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £59m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £6.7m
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £6.4m

Torfaen

Population: 92,000
Gross council budget: £322m
Unallocated GF reserves: £5.3m
Earmarked GF reserves: £12.7m
Unallocated HRA reserves: £0
Earmarked HRA reserves: £0
Capital receipts reserves: £8.4m