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Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. What is the total amount in the Leaseholders Reserve Fund?

The sum of £3,787,503.93 is held in the designated reserve fund for 730 long term leases granted under the Right to Buy Scheme.

2. Survey reports are carried out to enable reviews of the repair element of the Service Charge contributions.

What is the average time between the most recent report and the previous report for all the properties which have had at least 2 reports?

The repair element of the service charge contributions is fixed for the initial period of the lease except for an annual increase by an inflation rate in accordance with the Housing (Right to Buy)(Service Charges)(Amendment)(England) Order signed by a Minister of State. The initial period of 5 years from the date of granting the long term lease.

There are no set times for undertaking a review on the repair contributions. Generally a review is undertaken after the initial period. Further reviews are, in practice, carried out every five years after the initial period or when major works or improvements have been undertaken.

The review is based on a dilapidation survey of the premises, the block and communal areas and the amount held in the designated reserve fund.

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