

Hathern Parish Council Reserves' Policy - 2019/20

Reserves have been set aside to provide the Council with financial stability, as follows:

Exceptional Expenditure Fund – to meet the costs of exceptional expenditure that enable the Council to meet its legal, statutory and proper duties or responsibilities. This fund will allow the :

- undertaking of essential repairs or maintenance work.
- undertaking of unexpected administrative duties or the challenging or deflection of future threats to the village, its community and environment.
- making of provision for redundancy obligations and any exceptional future costs of investigations and disciplinary hearings.
- provision for short term cash flow difficulties.

For this financial year this fund is £10,000.

In addition funds have been designated as a means of enabling the Council to develop its principle activities and to deliver substantive longer term projects – in particular:

Development Fund – to meet the costs of future expenditure that are associated with the Council's Parish Priority Projects list but not specifically identified in the current year's budget . For this financial year this fund is £17,000

Longer Term Reserve - to allow the Council to make capital equipment, land, or property purchases of strategic importance to the Council and the community it serves. For this financial year this fund is £36,637

In the event of projects and/or prospective purchases associated with both the Development Fund and Longer Term Reserve not being taken forward or superseded the Council will review these funds to determine whether some or the entire fund can be employed in the following financial year to offset Precept charges. The Council will review its current level of reserves and designated funds at least twice a year

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