

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to set out the current level of earmarked reserves held by the Council and explain any movement to/from reserves since 1st April 2025.

Background

Wem Town Council maintains two types of reserves:

General Reserves	This is the part of the Council's funds that isn't set aside for a specific purpose. The General Reserves are mainly used to help manage cash flow and to provide a backup in case of unexpected events or emergencies. It's important for the Town Council to keep a good level of reserves to deal with any financial or operational challenges it may face.
Earmarked Reserves	Earmarked Reserves are used to save money for future projects or plans. These reserves go up when the Council decides to set money aside, and they go down when that money is spent on what it was set aside for. They are often used for projects that take more than a year, or to prepare for specific situations. Once the Council creates an Earmarked Reserve, it must make sure the money is only used for the purpose it was intended for. Each reserve should be reviewed every year to check that it's still needed.

Movement to/from Earmarked Reserves

EMR	Amount	Notes
325 Neighbourhood Fund	- £19,420.50	Spent on new play equipment
334 Public Toilets	- £4,310	Spent on new toilet doors
341 Christmas Lights Competition	+ £1600	Donations towards Christmas lights competition year 1 and year 2 (Rotary and Grocott Trust)
344 Midsummer Market Deposits	+ £80	Stallholders pay a £20 deposit which is returned immediately after the event. It is held separately from main funds.

In addition, EMR 340 (Tablet Purchase) is not shown because there is no longer any funding in it. This is because the balance of £2,000 was used towards the purchase of tablets for Councillors.

Reserves Strategy

A detailed report on the Council's Reserves Strategy will be brought to the October meeting of the Committee.

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Earmarked Reserves

<u>Account</u>		<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Net Transfers</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
320	EMR - Bulmer Cott Fund	28,511.36		28,511.36
321	EMR - Developers Reserve Fund	34,908.61		34,908.61
323	EMR - Transformation	35,741.26		35,741.26
325	EMR Neighbourhood Fund	31,216.74	-19,420.50	11,796.24
326	EMR Elections	10,024.00		10,024.00
327	EMR Pensions	7,572.00		7,572.00
328	EMR Play equipment	7,500.00		7,500.00
329	EMR recreation Ground toilets	6,600.51		6,600.51
331	EMR Highways Projects	1,886.00		1,886.00
332	EMR Heads Up	1,250.00		1,250.00
333	EMR Cemetery Extension	10,000.00		10,000.00
334	EMR Public Toilets	5,000.00	-4,310.00	690.00
335	EMR Christmas Festival	265.00		265.00
336	EMR Poppy	180.00		180.00
337	EMR Christmas Lights	4,773.05		4,773.05
338	EMR Skate Park	2,900.00		2,900.00
339	EMR Office	1,500.00		1,500.00
341	EMR Christmas Lights Comp	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
342	EMR Christmas Fest Deposits	100.00		100.00
343	EMR WEF	1,597.50		1,597.50
344	EMR Summer Market Deposits	0.00	80.00	80.00
345	EMR Allotment Deposits	100.00		100.00
347	EMR Jubilee Square Tree	600.00		600.00
348	EMR Mayoral Chain	1,320.00		1,320.00
		<u>193,546.03</u>	<u>-22,050.50</u>	<u>171,495.53</u>