

Draft Budget 2025 – 2026

This year, we have been fortunate to achieve a significant saving, resulting in an anticipated surplus exceeding £20k.

Our current reserves stand at £229k, which equates to just over four months of operating costs, in line with our reserves policy. Based on last year's average monthly operating costs, we require reserves of £224k, and for next year's budget, £218k would be adequate.

With this year's surplus, our reserves are projected to increase to approximately £254k.

In light of this positive financial position, I propose allocating a portion of the surplus as follows:

Marketing Investment: Allocate £15k towards marketing activities next year. This will enhance our profile and visibility, which is vital for brand awareness and community engagement.

Support for Youthwatch: Allocate £10k to Youthwatch to provide additional resources. Specific details of this allocation are currently being discussed and will be outlined in due course.

Moving forward, we could aim to maintain this level of expenditure in future budgets by generating additional income through project work and other revenue streams.

Surplus from 2024 – 2025	25,000 (b/f on balance sheet)
Profit & Loss Account	
Local Authority Funding	597,987
Other funding	35,000
Interest	7,000
Total Income	<u>639,987</u>
All Staff Costs	475,471
National Insurance	42,602 (£7175 increase re: changes in rates and thresholds)
Overheads	106,551
Summit	12,000
Marketing	15,000
Youthwatch	10,000
Total expenditure	<u>661,624</u>
Deficit	<u>-21,637</u>
Next years deficit brings our reserves back to just over 4 months operating costs	