

Draft Reserves Statement for a non-financial audience

The Union has been contributing to a savings pot for each of the last 6 years.

This money is being set aside in 'free reserves' to be available if needed for:

- Unexpected costs or reduction in income streams to safeguard frontline services
- To pursue new opportunities for service development
- Investment in premises, facilities or equipment

Of the investment areas, some would be expected to result in increased income streams from our commercial services whilst others would improve the experience of those using a service or facility. The Union is committed to simultaneously pursuing both types of investment.

Each year, the surplus (the difference between our overall income and expenditure) is added to our free reserves and builds towards a target total of £1.2 million by 2024.

In addition to free reserves, the Union holds money:

- In 'restricted reserves' to cover past expenditure commitments
- In 'designated funds' to cover future expenditure commitments
- On behalf of clubs, societies and halls which remains theirs to spend on their members