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REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

REPORT AUTHOR	RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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Date	17TH March 2021
SUBJECT	Reserves and Treasury Management

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform Members that at the Resources Committee held on the 24th February 2021, the Committee reviewed some minor amendments to the Reserves and Treasury Management Policy and recommends that Full Council now re-adopts these for 2021/22.
2. To inform Members that the Resources Committee also agree to establish additional Earmarked Reserves in respect of:-
 - £9000- Year-end commitments – to reflect known commitment and projects to be carried forward into 2021/22.
 - £6000 – Accelerator Funding Children’s Festive Displays.
 - £5000 – Benches (provision for repairs and maintenance)
 - £4500 – Defibrillators – to provide up to 3 new opportunities/locations.
3. To inform Members that following these adjustments the year-end Earmarked Reserves position will stand at £187,913.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The general guidance is that Precept should not be simply used to bolster up Financial Reserves without any planned or justifiable contingency need.
5. The level of Earmarked Reserves standing at £187,913 is healthy for a Town Council of this size given that it has no high-risk property asset nor is delivering direct services. They do however reflect the ambition to work with others to help and facilitate and potentially enable the leveraging in of more funds to benefit the residents of Todmorden.
6. The ambition to help deliver a major project is reflected in the Community Development Reserve standing at £60,000 of which Full Council has already agreed to move £10,000 into the Skate Park Earmarked Reserve subject to conditions being met.

7. The Levels of Earmarked Reserves are included within the Policy but for ease of Reference are detailed below for Member's consideration in pages 6/7 of the Policy

RECOMMENDATION

8. That Members re-adopt the Reserves and Treasury Management.
9. That Members note the levels of Earmarked Reserves now in existence
10. That should Interest Rates improve for the investment of funds, consideration be given to use of fixed term deposits in line with the proposals contained within the Policy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

11. Full Council Approval is required to re - adopt this policy and be satisfied that the levels of General and Earmarked Reserves represent good financial governance for a Town Council of this size and nature of activity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

16. None arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

17. None arising from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

18. None arising from this report.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

19. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

20. Appendix 1 - Reserves and Treasury Management.

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill