

Reserves Policy

Definition

Reserves are that part of the Club's unrestricted funds which are freely available to support its general operation, that is to maintain and operate a community swimming pool. The levels of reserves will be monitored over the year and the Reserves Policy will be reviewed annually to reflect up-to-date influences and impacts.

Purpose

- To have a contingency to meet any unexpected spending requirements because of a shortfall in income or where project costs have gone over budget.
- To ensure the Club's sustainability and its capacity to manage unforeseen financial difficulties.
- To inform future budgets by identifying any uncertainty in future income management.

Cash Flow Risk

Sources of Income

- Membership fees
- Swimming
- Fundraising and donations
- Grants from various bodies

None of these income streams are guaranteed. The Club has experienced this first-hand in recent years when it has been unable to open the pool for a season and has therefore lost income from membership fees and swimming activity. This occurred most recently in 2024 due to the renovation and refurbishment of the pool.

Although a closure of the pool brings operating expenditure savings there are still costs which need to be met such as insurance, rent and reporting.

During these years the Club is solely reliant on grants and the generosity of others, highlighting the need for reserves.



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There are two elements to consider:

Loss of income

To avoid closure during a normal, open season, if funding difficulties were to happen, particularly in the case of membership fees and swimming income loss due to poor summer weather or pool plant issues forcing closure for part of the season, the Trustees have agreed to keep a level of reserves to ensure that the pool can continue to function for a season, thus enabling the Club to at least see out the season. This is currently estimated to be around £10,000.

The main cost concern is that the Club needs to have the requisite number of volunteers who have received the appropriate level of first-aid, life-saving and pool plant operating training. This training needs to be ongoing for the charity to operate as a volunteer only run community pool. In addition, the club-run swimming lessons to generate funds using a qualified swimming instructor who is a volunteer.

Capital Replacement

Over 2024 and 2025 the pool has been completely renovated and refurbished. To assist Trustees with safeguarding the assets of the charity and to act in the best interest of the charity, the reserves will need to include for capital replacement. The intention is that the pool will be maintained to a high standard year-on-year to avoid the need for further major renovation.

Capital replacement will be based on advice from pool specialists about when replacement items are needed. This will be reviewed and updated as necessary every year.



The table below reflects the (mostly materials) cost paid during the refurbishment of the pool in 2024/25 and provides a target for capital replacement.

Description	Base Cost (Materials Only)	Replacement Period	5 Years 2030	7 Years 2032	10 Years 2035	15 Years 2040	20 Years 2045
ASHP	£28,500	15				£41,276	
Awnings	£2,000	5	£2,263		£2,560	£2,897	£3,277
Boiler	£10,000	10			£12,801		£16,386
Control Board	£15,000	20					£24,579
Cover	£10,000	7		£11,887		£14,483	
Cubicles	£5,000	10			£6,400		£8,193
Dosing System	£14,000	10			£17,921		£22,941
Fencing	£15,000	15				£21,724	
Filters	£23,500	15				£34,035	
Glass Media	£5,000	7		£5,943		£7,241	
Hoover	£3,000	5	£3,394		£3,840	£4,345	£4,916
Liner*	£60,000	20					£98,317
Office	£7,000	10			£8,961		£11,470
Heat Exchanger	£6,500	15				£9,414	
Pumps	£16,500	10			£21,121		£27,037
UV	£23,500	10			£30,082		£38,507
TOTALS			£5,657	£17,830	£103,686	£135,415	£255,623
Inflation Rate	2.50%						
* includes installing							

Current Position

Currently, the Club is building up its reserves after the renovation project in line with the policy above. The Trustees will continue to apply for appropriate grants to build up the Capital Replacement Fund, to support the annual operating costs, to train its volunteers and to ensure that LSC can offer affordable swimming for the local community.

The Treasurer will monitor the level of reserves and will report the current position at each Trustees meeting.

This Policy will be reviewed annually by the Trustees.

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