



## Reinstatement and Update of the Election Reserve

### Background

Under the former Calne Without Parish Council (CWPC), an **Election Reserve of £5,000** was held to cover the costs associated with parish elections. Following the Community Governance Review (CGR), this reserve was returned to the **General Reserve** as part of the redistribution of funds between the newly established councils.

As part of good financial planning, it is recommended that the Election Reserve is now **reinstated** using the proportion of funds that were originally held for election purpose.

### Calculation of the Election Reserve

The original reserve allocation was calculated based on a **per-household contribution**.

- Reserve held per household: **£3.48**
- Number of households used in calculation: **682**

This gives Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council an initial Election Reserve of:

**£3.48 × 682 households = £2,373.36**

### Adjustments During the Financial Year

Description	Amount
Initial Election Reserve (start of financial year)	£2,373.36
Precept allocation for elections	+ £500.00
<b>Total reserve available</b>	<b>£2,873.36</b>
Election expenditure	- £760.00
<b>Opening Election Reserve for the new 2026/27 financial year</b>	<b>£2,113.36</b>

### Conclusion

Based on the above calculations and expenditure, the **Election Reserve to be carried forward into the new financial year will be £2,113.36**.

Reinstating and maintaining this reserve will ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet future election costs without placing unexpected pressure on the annual budget.

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