## **Explanation for 'High' Reserves**

2025/26

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year-end:

Precept (Box 2):	3156
Balances carried forward (Box 7):	7944

Purpose	Amount (£)
Laptop replacement	237
Noticeboard replacement	800
Defibrillator maintenance	200
Training & development	100
Local events & community programmes	100
General Reserve (operational flexibility & unforeseen expenditure)	3500
Total Reserves Explained	4937

The authority's total earmarked reserves (£1,437) are held for specific, agreed purposes. The General Reserve is maintained at £3,500, which represents 111% of the precept (£3,156).