

	Full Council
Date	16 June 2025
Agenda Item	7g

To consider allocation to Earmarked reserves

There are 5 areas where it would be prudent to allocate surplus funds:

1. Empire Theatre repairs – currently this stands at £756. In view of the age of the building and the constant need for repairs in this very old building, this amount should be topped up to around £5k
2. Equipment for Courtaulds – this is currently around £3k and needs to be at least £6k in view of the need for properly functioning machinery
3. Van/tractor – this stands at £23,700 but is not enough to buy 2 new vehicles. We need to add at least £10k
4. Apprenticeships – this stands at £5k and should be increase to at least £10k to ease the burden of paying for the horticultural apprentice in the autumn
5. Safer Streets – these funds will be used up by September 2025, and we have a grant to extend the warden's contract until March 2026. If we have surplus left over it could go towards Matthew's salary for the following year.

Recommendation: that HTC allocates some of the surplus as recommended.

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