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STEMPOINT Charity Reserve Funds Policy

STEMPOINT charity will keep a reserve of funds which is approximately 5-6 months' full running and operational costs, currently £195,000. This is to ensure that there are always sufficient funds available to meet our financial, legal and moral obligations to our beneficiaries, staff and volunteers and to all relevant authorities. In practice, the Reserves Policy supports the charity to plan its charitable work up to two terms ahead.

This level has been set by the Trustees to accommodate:

- any shortfalls in income (i.e. if STEM Learning withdrew its contract or a major funder could no longer support the charity)
- the variations in cash flow of income and expenditure for each of the different projects delivered
- the charity's responsibilities to its staff and contracts in the event of the charity winding up

These funds are held separately and require authorisation from the Trustees before they can be drawn down on.

The policy and reserves amount will be reviewed by the trustees every 12 months, or in the event of a major change for the charity. The reserves amount takes into consideration that STEMPOINT does not own or lease office space or vehicles. As such the expenditure is predictable and consistent each month.

The policy and reserves amount will be reviewed alongside the Risk Register at the May 2026 board meeting to ensure they remain appropriate and adequate for the following year.

The actual value of STEMPOINT's reserves at the close of the last financial year on 31st July 2025 was £251,638.