

## **Financial Reserves Policy**

### **Introduction**

Cheshire Community Foundation (CCF) has developed its financial reserves policy as recommended by the Charity Commission and to give stakeholders confidence that it aims to provide sustainable support for the community.

### **Reserves Policy**

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Board ensures that a minimum of six months running costs are held at any time.

CCF's objective, however, is to hold up to an equivalent of one year's running costs in unrestricted reserves to enable grant making activity to work in a planned and sustainable way. This recognises that otherwise there could be curtailment to grant making activity from periodic gaps in funding, as funding can be less predictable.

### **Managing Reserves**

The Board delegates the responsibility for managing cash flow and reserves to a Finance and Risk Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, with operational responsibility held by the Finance Officer. Cash flow and money available to cover core costs is reported quarterly and reviewed at the Finance & Risk Committee meetings.