Lady Margaret Hall Settlement (LMHS) Reserves Policy

Purpose

The Trustees of Lady Margaret Hall Settlement (LMHS) recognise the importance of maintaining adequate financial reserves to ensure the continued operation and long-term sustainability of the charity. This policy sets out the rationale for holding reserves and the level considered appropriate by the Trustees.

Reserves Level

LMHS maintains unrestricted reserves of approximately **£10,000**, held in a separate bank account designated for reserve funds.

The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be sufficient to:

- Meet all current financial commitments and liabilities.
- Manage short-term fluctuations in income or unexpected expenditure.
- Ensure the orderly continuation of charitable activities during periods of financial uncertainty.
- Cover the costs associated with the orderly closure and winding up of the charity, should this ever become necessary.

Management of Reserves

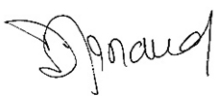
The reserves are held separately from day-to-day operational funds and are reviewed regularly by the Trustees as part of the charity's financial management and annual budgeting process.

The Trustees will monitor the adequacy of reserves and may increase or decrease the target level if there are significant changes to the charity's activities, risks, commitments, or financial position.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Trustees to ensure that it remains appropriate to the needs and circumstances of LMHS.

Approved by the Trustees of Lady Margaret Hall Settlement



Danielle Arnaud Chair

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