Financial review | year ended 30 June 2026

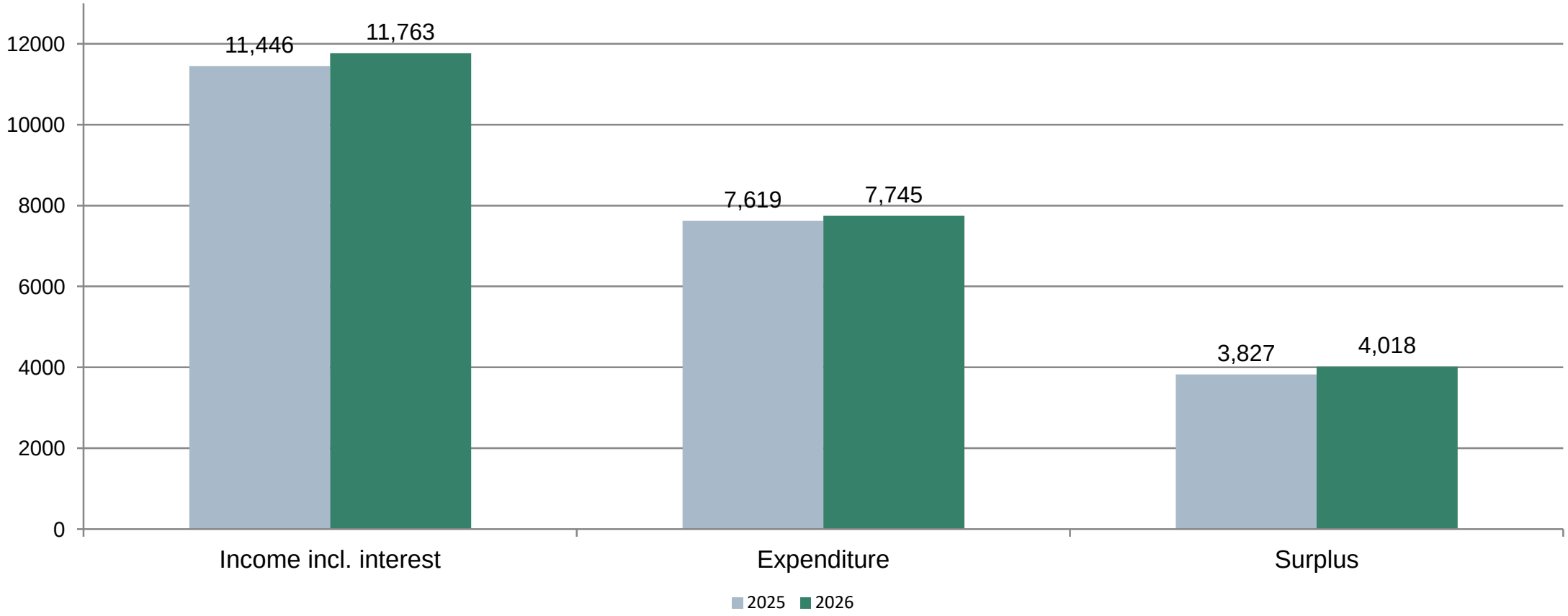
Two-year comparison: 2025 and 2026

A positive year: higher surplus, strong liquidity and continued support from partners.

Annual surplus £4,018 | Closing funds £47,401

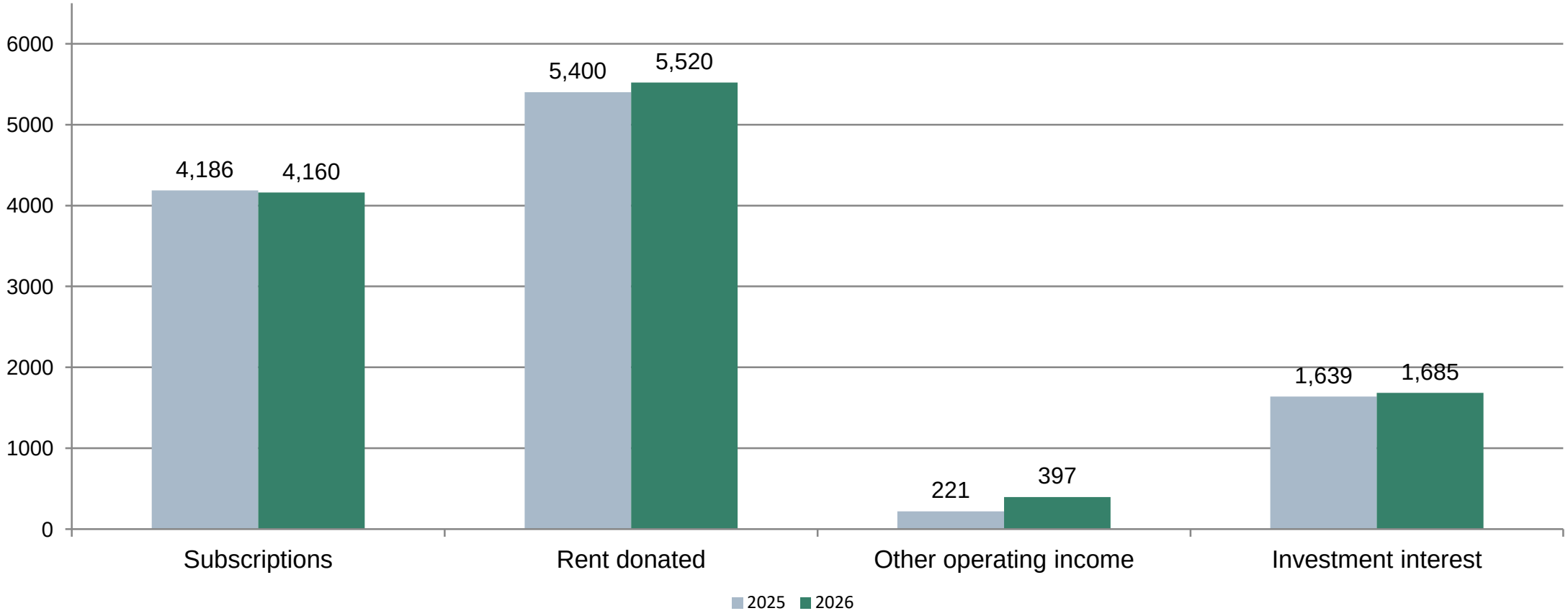
Headline financial performance

£: 2025 compared with 2026



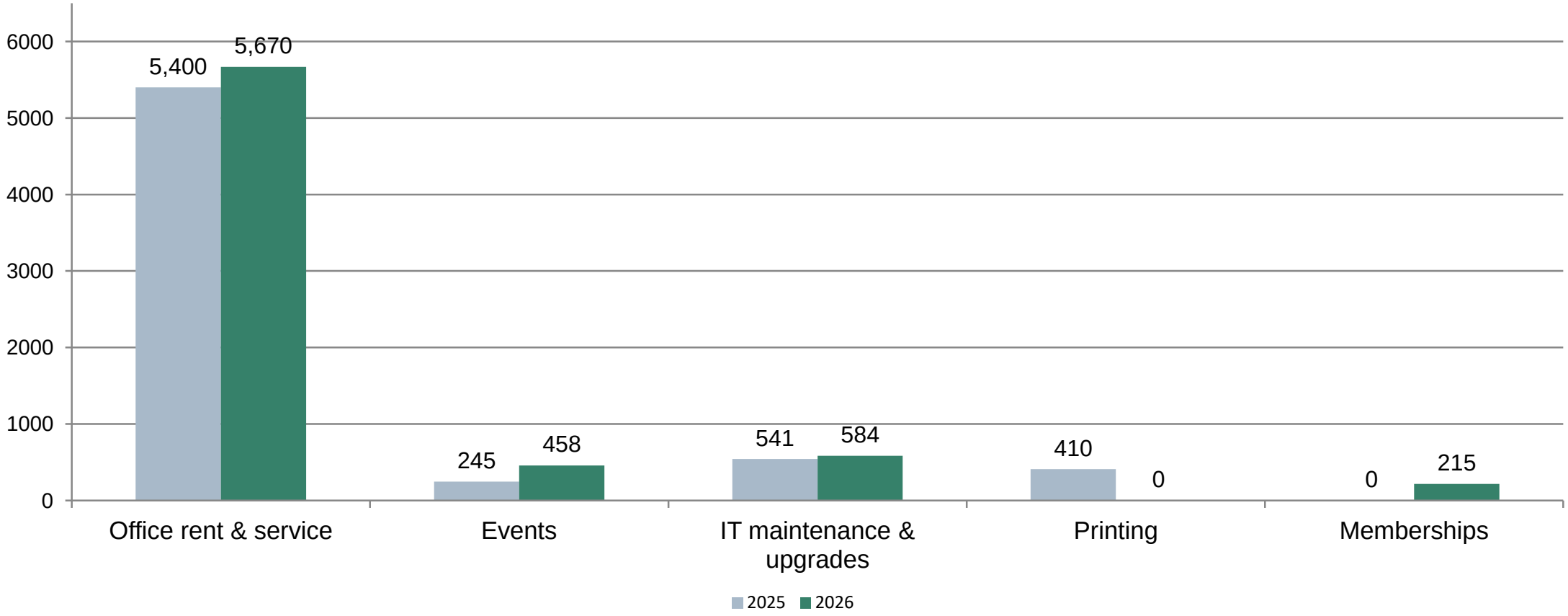
Income composition

Reported operating income excludes bank interest



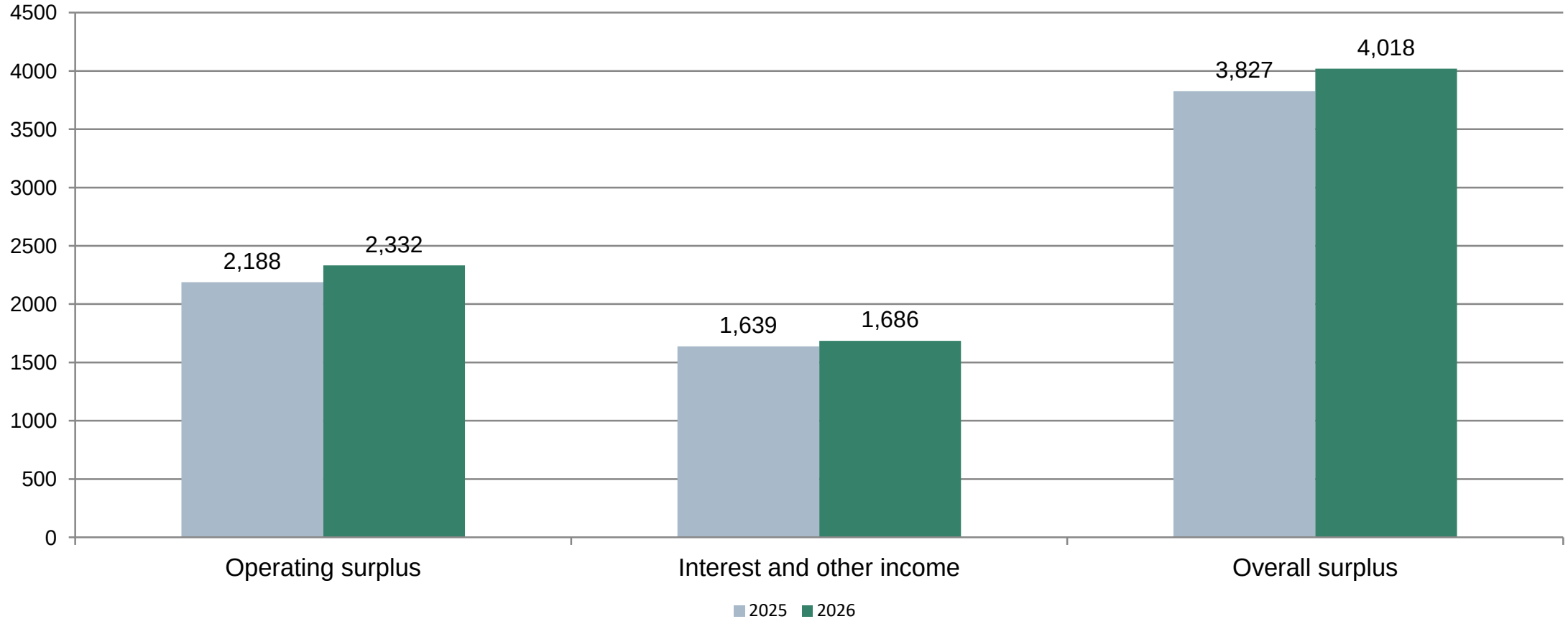
Expenditure | selected categories

Donated rent is matched by corresponding non-cash income



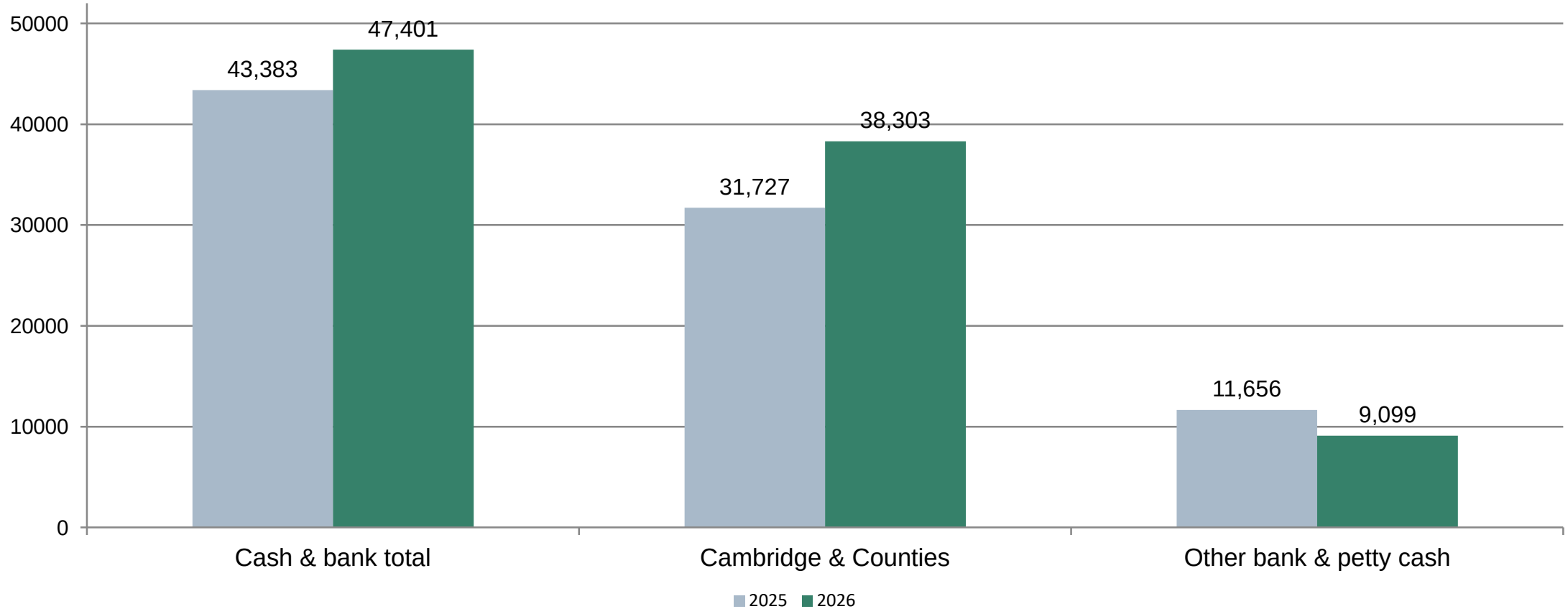
Surplus | two distinct measures

Operating surplus excludes investment interest



Cash and reserves

All net assets shown as cash and bank deposits



What the figures mean

Key messages for members

- Total income including interest rose by £317 (2.8%).
- Expenditure rose by £125 (1.6%).
- Annual surplus increased by £192 (5.0%).
- Closing reserves increased by £4,018 to £47,401.

Risks and priorities

Forward-looking discussion

- Membership: maintain same level of subscription fees and encourage further uptake.
- Accommodation: waived rent is valuable but creates reliance on donated space.
- Digital investment: website and database development remain priorities.
- Reserves: agree planned uses and maintain an appropriate liquidity buffer.

Essential investment in digital services and IT

Reliable digital delivery is central to serving members and protecting the Forum.

Member experience

Improve website content, search, newsletters and access to events and resources.

Resilience and security

Maintain secure, supported systems; protect member data; test backups and recovery.

Responsible AI

Explore AI to assist drafting, research and accessibility, with human review and safeguards for confidential data.

Good governance

Plan proportionate investment, supplier oversight, staff/volunteer awareness and digital accessibility.

IT maintenance and upgrades: £584 in 2025/26 (2025: £541). Priorities are proposals, not approved commitments.