

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL

INVESTMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION & DEFINITIONS

1. Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council (The Council) acknowledges the importance of prudently saving and investing the temporary surplus funds held on behalf of the community as part of its fiduciary duty.
2. An Investment is a transaction which relies upon the power in Section 12 of the Local Government Act 2003 (2003 Act) and is recorded in the balance sheet under the heading of investments within current assets or long-term investments.
3. A Long-term Investment is any investment other than one which is due to be repaid within 12 months of the date on which it is made, or one which the Council may require to be repaid within that period.

APPLICATION

4. Where the Council expects its investments at any time during a financial year to exceed £10,000 but not £500,000 it should decide on the extent, if any, to which it would be reasonable to have regard to the guidance in relation to that year.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

5. An Annual Investment Strategy should be approved by the full Council before the start of the financial year to which the strategy relates.
6. Variations to the strategy may be made at any time, subject to the same process of approval by full Council.

SECURITY OF INVESTMENTS

7. The Council's investment priorities are:
 - The security of its reserves
 - The adequate liquidity of its investments
 - To support effective treasury management
8. All investments will be made in sterling and within the United Kingdom only.
9. Long term investments are defined in the guidance as greater than 12 months.
10. The Council and Clerk will monitor all investments by regular review.

REPORTING

11. Cashflow, reserves and investments are accounted for when the budget is prepared and at the end of the financial year (31 March) when the Clerk will report the investment activity to full Council.

REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

12. The Clerk and full Council will review this policy annually and revise it if necessary.
13. The Council reserves the right to make variations to the Savings & Investment Policy at any time subject to the prior approval of full Council. All variations will be made available to the public.