



Stanway

Parish Council Policy

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Investment Policy

1. General

- 1.1. This Investment Policy governs the cash investments of Stanway Parish Council (the 'Council') and may be amended or varied only by resolution of the Council.
- 1.2. This Investment Policy must be read in conjunction with the Council's Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations.
- 1.3. Deliberate or wilful breach of this Policy by an Officer or an employee may give rise to disciplinary proceedings.

2. Investments

- 2.1. The Council's current account(s) will be maintained with a UK clearing bank.
- 2.2. The balance of the current account will not exceed £100,000 at any one time unless payments of more than this amount are due to be made during the following 14 days.
- 2.3. Call deposit accounts will be maintained with the bank holding the current account(s) for ease of transfers unless the rate of interest offered is deemed by the Council to be uncompetitive, in which case the services of other UK banks and building societies may be considered.
- 2.4. Balances of more than £100,000 may be placed in fixed term deposit accounts with the Council's main banker or another UK financial institution, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) the amount placed in any one fixed term deposit account is not more than £50,000;
 - b) the funds will not be required during the following three calendar months;
 - c) the term of the deposit is no longer than twelve months; and
 - d) the recommendation to place such a deposit is proposed by the Corporate Governance Committee and approved by the Council.
- 2.5. Balances of more than £500,000 may be considered for investment in gilts, equities, property and other investment vehicles, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) such funds will not be required during the following 12 month period; and
 - b) the investment is recommended by the Corporate Governance Committee and approved by the Council.
- 2.6. No more than £100,000 will be deposited with any one counterparty

