

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL – 2021 INVESTMENT POLICY

1. Investment policy

- a) The investment of surplus funds by local authorities is governed by the Local Government Act 2003, section 15 (1)(a) and Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under that Act.
- b) Investments below £10,000 are not subject to the Guidance but for investments between £10,000 and £500,00 the Council is required to make a formal decision on the extent to which it would be reasonable to adopt the Guidance either in part or full.
- c) The Guidance recommends that a council produces an Annual Investment Strategy which sets out a policy for managing the investment and giving priority to security and liquidity
- d) A 'Specified Investment' is one which is made in sterling, is not long term, not defined as capital expenditure and is placed with a body which has a high credit rating, or it can be made with the UK Government, a UK Local Authority or a parish council
- e) Any other type of investment is considered 'Non-Specified Investment' to which there is a greater risk and where professional advice might be sought.

2. Sellindge has adopted the following Policy

- a) The council's priorities will always be centered on security (protecting the capital sum from loss) and the liquidity keeping the money readily available for expenditure when needed.
- b) The Parish Council will carry out an annual cash flow forecast to ascertain expenditure commitments for the coming financial year.
- c) On the basis of that cash flow to:
 - Request the precept so that the income from the precept is in line with the expenditure forecast.
 - To only invest within Specified Investment products, or with Bodies that have a high credit rating.
 - To review the investments annually, but more often if required.

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3. List of investments at 31st March 2021

- NS&I Deposit Account £11,585.96
- Co-op Account £6,985.27