1. <u>Investment policy</u>

a) The investment of surplus funds by local authorities is government 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. <u>Sellindge has adopted the following Policy</u>

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.

3. <u>List of investments at 31st March 2025</u>

- NS&I   Deposit Account   £11,585
- Co-op Account   £31,475.
- Co-op deposit account   £187,216
- CCLA investments   £600,000