

KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Investment Strategy



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Overview

This document sets out the Investment Strategy for Kegworth Parish Council. The Council is committed to effective management of its investments to ensure that:

- It maintains the security of its cash balances whilst retaining sufficient available funds to meet its spending plans
- Any capital expenditure plans are affordable
- Any external borrowing or long-term liabilities are within sustainable levels

Investment Strategy

The Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing any cash balances that it holds during its normal business on behalf of the community of Kegworth.

In accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003 the Council will have regard to any guidance and regulations that the Secretary of State may issue.

Investments

The Council's investment priorities are the security of its cash reserves and the liquidity of its investments. The Council will aim to achieve a reasonable return on its investments commensurate with appropriate levels of risk management and the security of cash balances.

The Council will only make deposits in specific investments with UK banks or building societies, UK government authorities, or UK-based financial establishments.

Liquidity

The Council will aim to hold no more than £30,000 in its current account. Transfers will be made from the council's reserve accounts, so the Council can undertake its normal business. Transfers between accounts will be transacted in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations Paragraph 6.8 (iii).

Long Term Investments (Greater than one year)

Any decisions regarding long-term investments will be made by the Full Council, which will agree the length and amount of the investment, after consideration of the risks and security against the potential yield of the investment, and accessibility required.

Risk Assessment

The Council is covered under the Financial Compensation Scheme, but only up to the maximum up to £85,000 per eligible person, per bank, building society, or credit union.

The Council will aim to spread its investments across multiple opportunities to ensure that its investments are, for the most part, covered under this scheme.

Where the compensation scheme is not available, the Council will only invest with organisations that have a high credit rating or profile.

External Borrowing

The Council will only agree borrowing for specific capital projects, as defined in the Local Government Act 2003 and will obtain approval from the relevant authority for this. Applications will be submitted via the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) who will review the application. Any such application will require approval from the Full Council.

Review and Monitoring

The Full Council will consider the Council's spread of investments and income received every year as part of the budget setting process.

This document will be reviewed every year in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.