



## **Investment Strategy**

### **Overview**

This document sets out the Investment Strategy of Lowdham 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 borrowings 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 Lowdham

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 policies 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 £50,000 in its current account. Transfers will be made from the Council's Reserve account, so the Council can undertake its normal business. Transfers between accounts will be transacted with the Council's Financial Regulations Paragraph 5.5 (c)

### **Long Term Investments (Greater than 1 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.

### **External Borrowing**

The Council will only agree borrowing for specific capital projects, as defined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2003 and will obtain approval from the relevant authority for this. Applications will be

submitted via NALC who will review the application. Any such application will require approval of Full Council.

**Review and Monitoring**

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

This document will be reviewed every 3 years.

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