

LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL INVESTMENT POLICY

1. Lyminge Parish Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing any surplus funds, whether temporary or longer term held on behalf of the community. In accordance with Section 15(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Council will have regard (a) to such guidance as the Secretary of State may issue, and (b) to such other guidance as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.
2. The Council's investment priorities are the security of reserves and the liquidity of its investments. The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity.
3. The Council will use Deposits and High Investment Accounts with high street banks, building societies, local authorities or other public authorities, where the original amount invested would be protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Given the unpredictability surrounding investment in the money market, stocks and shares the Council will not use this type of investment.
4. The Finance and Administration Committee will determine the maximum periods for which funds may prudently be committed so as not to compromise liquidity. All investments of money under the control of the Parish Council shall be in the name of the Parish Council.
5. Short term investments are defined as a maximum of 1 year. The RFO will advise on investments to the Finance and Administration Committee who will recommend approval of any investment for ratification by the full Council before entering into said investment.
6. Long term investments are defined as greater than 1 year. The RFO will advise on investments to the Finance and Administration Committee who will recommend approval of any investment for ratification by the full Council before entering into said investment.
7. The Council will rely on interest rate information which is publicly available.
8. The investment strategy will be reviewed at least once annually at a meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee for recommendation to full Council.
9. The Council reserves the right to make variations to the Policy at any time, subject to the approval of the full Council. Any variations will be made available to the public.
10. This Policy will be posted on the Parish website