

# St ENDELLION PARISH COUNCIL

## INVESTMENT and BANKING STRATEGY 2019 -20

### Introduction

St Endellion Parish Council acknowledges the importance of investing monies under its control held on behalf of the community.

This Strategy complies with the revised requirements set out in the Office of the Deputy Prime Ministers Guidance on Local Government Investments and Chartered Institute of Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes and takes account of the Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003.

### Investment Objectives

In accordance with Section 15(1) of the 2003 Act, the Council will have regard (a) to such guidance as the Secretary of State may issue, and (b) to other such guidance as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.

The Councils priorities are Security of reserves and liquidity of its investments in this order.

All investments will be made in sterling.

The Department of Communities and Local Government maintains that borrowing of monies purely to invest, or to lend and make a return, is unlawful and this Council will not engage in such activity.

### Specified Investments

Specified Investments are those offering high security and high liquidity, made in sterling and with a maturing of no more than a year. Such short term investments made with the UK Government or a local authority or town or parish council will be automatically be Specified Investments.

### Strategy

The Council shall continue to use a current account with the Lloyds Bank for its day to day transactions. This account will on a day to day basis normally be managed with a credit balance.

### Non-Specified Investments

These investments have greater potential risk – examples include investment in the money market, stocks and shares.

Given the unpredictability and uncertainties surrounding such investments, St Endellion Parish Council will not use this type of investment.

### **Liquidity of Investments**

The Council will determine the maximum periods for which funds may prudently be committed so as not to compromise liquidity.

### **Long Term Investments**

Long term investments are defined in the Guidance as greater than 36 months.

The Council does not currently hold any long-term investments.

### **End of Year Investment Report**

Investment forecasts for the coming financial year were accounted for when the budget was prepared. During the financial year the amount the Council has invested will be reported at each meeting of the Full Council.

### **Review and Amendment of Regulations**

The strategy will be reviewed annually. The Annual Strategy for the coming year will be prepared by the Town Clerk and presented for approval at Full Council. The Council reserves the right to make variations to the Strategy at any time, subject to the approval of the Full Council. Any variations will be made available to the public.

### **Freedom of Information**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this document will be posted on the Council's website. [www.stendellionpc.com](http://www.stendellionpc.com).

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