

ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR CARDIGAN TOWN COUNCIL

This Annual Investment Strategy is prepared in accordance with the statutory guidance on Local Government investments issued by the Welsh Assembly Government.

All cash, bank balances, financial assets, borrowings, and credit arrangements are a part of the Council's treasury management activities. This annual Investment Strategy will concentrate on the Council's temporary surplus resources (or other financial resources it holds) and the investments it undertakes of these resources.

The Council undertakes to ensure that for all its investments, priority will be given to security and liquidity rather than to yield. In drafting this Annual Investment Strategy the Council has made appropriate arrangements for:

- identification, management, and control of risks in the investment / treasury management activities it undertakes,
- budgeting, accounting, and audit arrangements,
- its cash and cash flow management requirements,
- segregation of responsibilities, organisational arrangements, adequate documentation and the identification of a responsible officer for investment / treasury management activities,
- corporate governance procedures to ensure that it is alert to the possibility it may become subject to an attempt to involve it in a transaction involving the laundering of money.

All investments undertaken by the Council will be made and repaid in Sterling.

SUMS TO BE INVESTED

- Maximum of £60,000 in Business Bank Instant Account, which will reduce to around £20,000 by transferring varying sums to Treasurer's Account at irregular intervals over the financial year.
- Treasurer's Account should not exceed £2,000, unless a higher payment from the account is envisaged at any time. The sum of £2,000 is controlled automatically by the bank

LIST OF INVESTMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN

The Council will undertake the following categories of investment for the financial year 2020-21:
Deposits in Business Bank Instant Account, to a maximum of £60,000.

Deposit in Treasurer's Account (Standard Interest Account) - monies on call to a maximum of £2,000

Sum of money held in HSBC account to combat Financial Compensation scheme.

NEW INVESTMENTS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

If any new investment instruments (other than those approved in the list above) are proposed during the financial year 2020-21 before such an investment is undertaken, it will need to be first approved by Cardigan Town Council.

ELERI MASKELL (RFO), Cardigan Town Council. Date 2 February 2021

CLIVE DAVIES (Mayor) Date 2 February 2021