

Congleton Town Council

Investments Policy

I. Introduction

Congleton Town Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing the temporarily surplus funds held on behalf of the community.

In preparing its Investment Policy the Council is required to comply with the guidance notes issued under Section 15 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003. The current statutory Community and Local Government (CLG) Investments Guidance notes came into force on 1st April 2010.

Town and Parish Councils with a budget larger than £500,000 are not eligible for compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

2. Objectives

The general policy objective of the Council is prudent investment of its balances in line with the widely recognised investment policy expressed as SLY, Security, Liquidity and Yield. The Council's priorities are:

1. Security of its reserves.
2. The Liquidity of its investments.
3. The Yield of its investments.

The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity.

3. Policies

1. All investments will be made in Sterling
2. No one investment shall be for a period longer than 12 months
3. The Town Council shall invest with banks/building societies or institutions with high credit quality ratings from credit agencies such as Standard and Poors; Moody's Investors Services Ltd and Fitch Ratings Ltd.
4. Two councillor signatories in accordance with the Town Council's bank mandate will be required to open any new accounts but day to day operation of moving money between the accounts will be delegated to the RFO and Chief Officer.

This policy is for the financial year 2019/20 and will be reviewed annually.