

## Congleton Town Council

### Investment Strategy

#### 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

##### RBS Business Reserve

To keep the balance in RBS Current & reserve accounts to a maximum of £400,000. Balance over this will be transferred on a monthly basis to the CCLA Instant Access Money Market Account. Should the balance go below £400,000 funds will be transferred from CCLA to RBS. Transfers will be delegated to the RFO, or in the absence by the Chief Officer or Deputy Chief Officer and signed in accordance with our Financial Regulations for Bank Payments.

##### Cambridge & Counties

Congleton Town Council has £250,000 with Cambridge and Counties Bank<sup>1</sup> on a 1 year deposit. Until 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 the interest rate for the 1 Year investment is 5.2%. On renewal on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the balance of £250,000 will be retained. The monies invested in this account are tied in for the year and cannot be accessed.

##### CCLA

Within the balance of the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Account, The Council keep £150,000 of its Ear Marked Reserves, due to this the CCLA account should hold a minimum of £150,000. This is an instant access money market account with fluctuating interest rates every day. Although the capital is not at risk of reducing in value, it is possible at a time of very low interest rates, for the interest rate of a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund to be negative. As from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 this account is used as a sweeper account for the balance of funds over £400,000 in the RBS Current and Reserve accounts.

##### Suggested Strategy:

1. To limit the balance of RBS Current and Reserve account to a maximum of £400,000.
2. To retain the balance of £250,000 in Cambridge and Counties 1 year account to £250,000 on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
3. To use the CCLA instant access money account as a sweeper account until 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024. To hold a minimum of £150,000 in this account.
4. To renew and reinvest for 12 months of the Cambridge and Counties 1 year investment subject to any three of the five authorised individuals, the Chief Officer, the R.F.O, the Chair, Vice-Chair of Finance and Mayor, being satisfied that the rate on offer is reasonably competitive. In the event that the rate on offer not being

considered to be reasonably competitive, the matured funds to be reinvested at the best rate on offer in the instant access account with the CCLA or R.B.S. and for Council to be provided with a proposal on the best options available to reinvest these matured sums.

5. To consider adding a new investment which would run from May to May should funds be available. Council to approve any new investments.

1 Cambridge and Counties information:

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2 CCLA information

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