



BUDE-STRATTON TOWN COUNCIL
INVESTMENT STRATEGY & POLICY
2015-2016

Introduction and Strategy

From time to time Bude-Stratton Town Council may have surplus funds in its bank account. It is important that these funds are invested prudently, with full recognition of the Town Council's responsibility to the Council Tax payer, and with regard to the priority for security and liquidity of those investments

The Town Council is required by the Local Government Act 2003 to have in place an Investment Policy. The policy must be approved by the Town Council, but may be varied from time to time as circumstances alter. The Investment Strategy and Policy will be a public document as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000

This document sets out the Town Council's policy for managing any investments that it makes

Policy

Cash not immediately required:

1. To retain not less than two months average working capital requirement in current and deposit accounts giving immediate access
2. To place any other funds on deposit of up to one year's duration, depending upon the prevailing interest rates and forecast cash flow requirements
3. Funds only to be deposited or invested with:
 - (a) UK clearing banks or their subsidiaries, together with those former major building societies now banks, subject to their being assigned a credit rating of 'A' or above, from Standard and Poors or Moody's Investment Services Inc, up to the maximum protected funds may be held with other than 'A' rated
 - (b) UK Government stocks
 - (c) UK local authority stocks and bonds

Investments/Shares:

To hold UK shares that comply with the Trustee Act 2000 in such quantity as the Council shall from time to time approve as a medium to long term investment

Donna James
Town Clerk