

Investment Strategy & Policy

To be adopted by South Petherton Parish Council May 2025

Review date – May 2026

South Petherton Parish Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing any temporarily surplus funds held on behalf of the community.

Investment Objectives

The Council will have regard to:

- a) such guidance as the Secretary of State may issue
- b) such other guidance issued by NALC or similar organisations

The Council's investment priorities will be centred on security of reserves first, whilst also providing sufficient liquidity and profit.

All investments will be made in sterling.

The Department for 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 maturing period of no more than one year.

South Petherton Parish Council will use:

- a) deposits with banks, current and interest bearing accounts.
- b) Deposits in fixed Notice Accounts for higher interest.

Non-Specified Investments

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

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

Liquidity of Investments

The Clerk/RFO, in consultation with the Finance & General Purposes Committee, will determine the maximum periods for which funds may prudently be committed so as not to compromise liquidity.

Review of Investments

The return on investments will be reviewed regularly and at least annually by the Council.