Armitage with Handsacre Parish Council

INVESTMENT POLICY

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November 2024	December 2024	N/A	September 2025

1 Introduction

1.1 Armitage with Handsacre Parish Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing the funds held on behalf of the community

1.2 This strategy is created under guidance issued by the Secretary of State fo Communities and Local Government in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003. It states that local authority may invest:-

- For any purpose relevant to its functions under any enactment
- For the purpose of prudent management of its financial affairs

1.3 The strategy complies with the requirements set out in:-

- The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government *Guidance on Local Government Investments*
- Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003
- Guidance within Governance and Accountability for Local Councils *Practitioners Guide*

1.4 The Council defines its treasury management activities as the prudent management of the Council's cash flow and its cash holdings, and not to enter into any transactions which put these holdings at any investment risk. The Parish will ensure it achieves best value for money from the cash it has in the bank, through the use of interest bearing accounts, and with as little money as possible left outside of an interest bearing account. The Parish will not seek any other potentially higher risk investments to seek higher returns.

2. Investment Objectives

2.1 In accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Council will have regard to:-

- such guidance as the Secretary of State may issue and
- such other guidance as the Secretary of State may by regulation specify

3. Non Specified Investments

3.1 ~~These investments have greater potential risk – e.g. investment in the money market, stocks and shares~~

4. Loans

4.1 The Council will not make loans to local enterprises, local charities, wholly owned companies, joint ventures or individuals for any reason

5. Liquidity of Investments

5.1 The council will aim to ensure that its cash is held in interest bearing accounts that are instantly available and will never invest in financial instruments from which the Council monies cannot be access immediately and in full.

6. Long term investments

6.1 Long term investments are defined in the MHCLG Guidance

6.2 The Council does not currently hold any funds in long term treasury investments, and none are envisaged as being taken out

7. Details of Accounts held

7.1 Armitage with Handsacre Parish Council hold 5 bank accounts as follows:-

- Current account
- Deposit account
- Hawksyard
- HAC
- War Memorial

Arrangements are in place for money to be moved between accounts to allow payments to be made as required