



INVESTMENT STRATEGY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Annual Investment Strategy is prepared in accordance with the statutory guidance on Local Government Investments issued by Welsh Government and contain the disclosures and reporting requirements specified and be approved by Full Council.
- 1.2 Where a local authority proposes to make a material change to its Investment Strategy during the year a revised Strategy should be presented to Full Council for approval before the change is implemented.

2 THE STRATEGY

- 2.1 All cash, bank balances, financial assets, borrowings and credit arrangements are defined as part of the council's treasury management activities. This Annual Investment Strategy will concentrate on the council's temporarily surplus resources (or other financial assets it holds) and the investments it undertakes of these resources.
- 2.2 The council will invest as much of its balances as possible in low risk products in order to achieve its investment objectives. The council is mindful of the need to not make the administration of investments too complex, especially when considering the current low rates of return and the administration costs associated with managing multiple accounts and creating new accounts.
- 2.3 The investments will be split between appropriate bank and building societies and other low risk investment funds as determined by the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee and the Full Council.

2.4 The council undertakes to ensure that for all its investments, priority will be given to security and liquidity rather than to yield. In drafting this Investment Strategy, the council has made appropriate arrangements for:

- identification, management and control of risks in the investment/treasury management activities it undertakes;
- budgeting, accounting and audit arrangements;
- its cash and cash flow management requirements;
- segregation of responsibilities, organisational arrangements, adequate documentation and the identification of a responsible officer for investment/treasury management activities;
- corporate governance;
- procedures to ensure it is alert to the possibility it may become subject to an attempt to involve it in a transaction involving the laundering of money.

2.5 All investments undertaken by the council will be made and repaid in sterling and will be in the name of the council for a maximum of 6 month/12 months with a recognised banking institution.

3 NEW INVESTMENTS

3.1 If any new investment instruments are proposed during the financial year 2024-2025, before such an investment is undertaken, it will need to be first approved by the Full Council.