

Investment Policy

Signed:

Chair: S. Gribbin

CEO: R. Swindells

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INVESTMENT POLICY

Introduction

The Trust aims to manage surplus cash to provide for the day-to-day working capital requirements of its operations, whilst seeking to protect its value against inflation.

In addition, the trust aims to invest surplus cash funds to optimise returns whilst ensuring the level of risk taken is appropriate.

Objectives and Targets

To ensure adequate cash balances are maintained to cover day-to-day working capital requirements.

To avoid the risk of loss in the capital value of any cash funds invested.

To protect the capital value of any invested funds against inflation.

To optimise returns on invested funds.

Action plan

Adequate cash balances must be maintained to ensure that there are always sufficient funds in the school's current account to cover financial commitments such as payroll and day-to-day expenses. Where the cash flows identify a base level of cash funds that will be surplus to requirements, these may be invested only in the following:

- Interest bearing accounts
- Deposits or other investments where the risk of loss is minimised.
- Funds, and any interest they earn, will be automatically reinvested, unless they are required for immediate or anticipated expenditure.

Monitoring and evaluation

The CFO will compare alternative investment opportunities every year to ensure that the trust's funds achieve the best interest rates. An independent financial adviser will be used to undertake the research and make a recommendation.

The CEO and CFO are responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to.

Reviewing

The CEO and Directors will carry out a review of this policy on a regular basis to ensure that any new or changed legislation is adhered to.