HIGHCLIFFE & WALKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

INVESTMENT POLICY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003

BACKGROUND:
The investment of surplus funds by local authorities is governed by Section15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003 and by guidance issued under that Act by the Secretary of State.

The guidance recommends that a council annually approves an investment strategy. This is the 2026/27 Investment Strategy of Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY:
All investments of the Parish Council will be managed and actioned by the Clerk/RFO in accordance with the following priorities:

Priority 1: Security
Priority 2: Liquidity
Priority 3: Yield

Priority 1: Security of the Investments

- All investments will be with UK registered banks, building societies or UK Financial Institutions registered under the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme. This includes investment with CCLA Public Sector.

Priority 2: Liquidity of the Investments

- No investments will be made on terms in excess of 1 year.
- The availability of funds for investment will be assessed on a monthly basis following the production of the monthly cash accounts.
- Investments will be made at such times, of such amounts and on such terms that will not compromise the Council's ability to meet its anticipated commitments.

Priority 3: Yield

- Full regard will be had for the available yield as long as security and liquidity objectives are not compromised.

MONITORING:

The Clerk/RFO will prepare an annual investment report to the December meeting of the Council. This will summarise the previous 12 months' performance and thus facilitate in the preparation of the next year's budget.