

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

(Non-Executive Decision)

Decision Maker	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Operations
Title	Decision Sheet for Hampshire Pension Fund – Cash Investments
Date	19 September 2024

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1. The decision

Hampshire Pension Fund's cash balances will be invested in accordance with the approved decision sheet for Hampshire Pension Fund – Cash Investments. This has been prepared with the advice of the County Council's Treasury Management adviser, Arlingclose Ltd, and in accordance with the Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25.

2. Reason(s) for the decision

- 2.1. In accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016, an investment policy must be formulated for the investment of the Fund's cash.
- 2.2. The production of an Annual Investment Strategy is in line with the recommendations of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services.
- 2.3. The Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25 was prepared with the advice of the County Council's treasury management advisers, Arlingclose Ltd.
- 2.4. The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Operations has been authorised by the Pension Fund Panel and Board in the Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25 to manage the Pension Fund's cash balance in accordance with the policy as set out in the report dated 12 December 2023.
- 2.5. The primary objective in relation to the investment of Pension Fund cash remains the security of capital. The liquidity or accessibility of the Fund's cash investments followed by the yields earned on these investments are important but secondary considerations. Counterparties, durations, and

minimum yields are set according to the advice of Arlingclose Ltd to achieve the policy objectives.

- 2.6. This decision sheet has been updated to reflect the change to market conditions following the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voting to lower Bank Rate from 5.25% to 5.00% on the 1st August 2024.

3. Other options considered and rejected

Within the market there are a huge number of counterparties and different types of investments that the Pension Fund could use to invest its cash balances. However, the Pension Fund uses the County Council's treasury management adviser, Arlingclose Ltd, who has great experience and knowledge of the market, and therefore the decision sheet is created with their advice.

4. Conflicts of interest:

To record conflicts of interest declared by any Member who was consulted in the process of taking this decision:

- 4.1. None

5. Delegated Authority

- 5.1. This decision has been taken on the basis of express delegation from Pension Fund Panel and Board on 12 December 2023.

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service

- 6.1. None

7. Supporting information

- 7.1. None

Approved by:



Rob Carr, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Operations

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