

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	10 April 2025

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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 2025/26.

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 Cash 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 Cash Investment Strategy 2025/26 was prepared with the advice of the County Council's treasury management advisers, Arlingclose Ltd.
- 2.4. The Director of Corporate Operations, and in his absence the Deputy Director of Corporate Operations, has been authorised by the Pension Fund Panel and Board in the Annual Cash Investment Strategy 2025/26 to manage the Pension Fund's cash balance in accordance with the policy as set out in the report dated 13 December 2024.
- 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 recent market changes, and as such the investment trigger points have been amended and revised down to ensure that the Pension Fund is not priced out of making investments for treasury management purposes.

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 the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board on 13 December 2024.

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service

- 6.1. None

7. Supporting information

- 7.1. None

Approved by:

Catherine Edgecombe, Deputy Director of Corporate Operations

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