

## **Annual Investment Strategy for Calne Town Council**

### *1. Introduction*

1.1 From time to time Calne Town Council may have surplus funds in its bank account. It is important that these funds are invested prudently, with full recognition of the Town Council's responsibility to the Council Tax payer, and with regard to the priority for security and liquidity of those investments.

1.2 The Town Council is required by the Local Government Act 2003, to have in place an Investment Strategy. The strategy must be approved by all members of the Town Council, but may be varied from time to time as circumstances alter. The Investment Strategy will be a public document as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1.3 This document therefore sets out the Town Council's policies for managing any investments that it makes.

### *2. Policies*

2.1 All the Town Council's investments will be Specified Investments. This means that:

2.1.1 All investments will be made in sterling and any payments or repayments will also be made in sterling.

2.1.2 All investments will be short term investments, not to exceed [six – delete] twelve months maximum.

2.1.3 All investments will be made with a body or an investment scheme which has been awarded a high credit rating by a credit rating agency.

2.1.4 A Credit Rating Agency is one of the following three companies:

Standard and Poor's  
Moody's Investors Services Ltd  
Fitch Ratings Ltd

2.2 A high credit rating will be defined as 'A' 'High Credit Quality'.

2.3 Credit ratings will be monitored at monthly intervals. If the credit rating falls during that period, the Town Clerk will immediately call a meeting of the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Chair of Finance Sub-committee to decide on the appropriate action.