

INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2026-27

INTRODUCTION

Burton Green Parish Council (“the Council”) acknowledges arrangements should be in place to ensure that the Council’s funds are managed properly and that any amounts surplus to requirements are invested appropriately, in accordance with an approved strategy.

This Investment Strategy (“the Strategy”) has been prepared in accordance with the Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments 3rd Edition (“The Guidance”) issued under Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003. The Guidance applies to all Parish Councils where total investments exceed or are expected to exceed £100,000 at any time during the financial year.

The Guidance recommends that each financial year a Parish Council produces an Investment Strategy which sets out its policy for managing the investments and giving priority to the liquidity and security.

Burton Green Parish Council expects its investments during the 2026-27 financial year to exceed £100,000 and has resolved to apply the Strategy set out below.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

Investments made by the council can be classified into one of two main categories:

- Investments held for treasury management purposes
- Other investments

In 2026-27 the Council’s investments will only be held for treasury management purposes.

The Council’s investment priorities are:

1. the security of reserves; protecting the sum invested from loss
and
2. the liquidity of investments; ensuring that funds are available for expenditure when needed

The council will also aim to achieve the optimum return on its investments after proper levels of security and liquidity are maintained.

All investments will be made in sterling and, as a minimum, surplus funds will be held in interest-bearing bank accounts.

The Government maintains that borrowing of monies purely to invest or to lend and make a return, is unlawful and this Council will not engage in such activity.

SECURITY OF INVESTMENTS

The Finance & General Purposes Committee has the delegated authority to consider and recommend any short-term investments (maximum of twelve months), in accordance with this Strategy.

For the prudent management of its treasury balances, the Council will only use UK banks and building societies that are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and investments will be spread over different providers where appropriate to minimise risk.

The Council's investment position will be reviewed regularly by the Clerk/RFO and reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee as part of the regular Financial Report.

LIQUIDITY OF INVESTMENTS

The Clerk/RFO and the Finance and General Purposes Committee will determine the maximum periods for which funds may prudently be committed so as not to compromise liquidity.

LONG TERM INVESTMENTS

Long term investments shall be defined as greater than one year. The Council will use the same criteria for assessing long term investment as identified above for specified investments; all long term investments are subject to the final approval of the investment provider by the Full Council.

At present the Council does not hold any long-term investments.

LOANS

The Council does not make loans to local enterprises or charities; any such decision would require the approval of the Full Council.

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

This Strategy is approved by the Full Council and will be reviewed annually, prior to the start of the financial year. The Council reserves the right to make variations to the Strategy at any time; this Strategy and any variations will be published on the Council's website.

Signed (Chair): Cllr Marshall (Vice Chair)

Date: 16th March 2026

Date for next review: March 2027