INVESTMENT POLICY

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Introduction

The purpose of the Investment Policy is to set out the processes by which the Trustees will meet their duties, as set out under the Trust Articles of Association and Academy Trust Handbook, to invest monies surplus to operational requirements in furtherance of the Trust's charitable aims and to ensure that investment risk is properly and prudently managed.

Purpose

The investment objectives are:

- To ensure adequate cash balances are maintained in the current account to cover day-to-day working capital requirements
- Only invest funds surplus to operational need based on all financial commitments being met without the Trust's bank account becoming overdrawn
- To ensure there is no risk of loss in the capital value of any cash funds invested
- To protect the capital value of any invested funds against inflation
- To optimise returns on invested funds
- The need to have regard to social, environmental, or ethical considerations

Investment Policy

Investment risk will be managed to ensure that security of deposits take precedence over revenue maximisation.

The Trust can invest any excess funds (over and above the required day to day funds) in the following types of investment:

- Cash management accounts.
- Term deposit accounts or instant access deposit accounts

Decisions on how much to invest and how long to invest will be based on operational requirements and demonstrated by cash flow forecasts produced by the Trust.

A sufficient balance will be held in the academy and central trust's current accounts so that the Academy's financial commitments can always be met without the bank accounts going overdrawn. The size of the balance required in the current accounts will be determined by a forecast of future need and kept under review. The Head of Finance will periodically and at least annually, review the appropriateness of the investment options.

Implementation

The Head of Finance is responsible for placing approved investments into the agreed investment accounts.

Monitoring & Review

The Finance & Estates Committee will be updated on

- cash flow forecasts to ensure that the Trust has sufficient funds to cover operational commitments
- investments held and balances

The Finance & Estates Committee will carry out an annual review to consider the appropriateness of maintaining investments as cash or cash equivalents.