Nazeing Parish Council
Investment Strategy

The Investment Strategy was reviewed and approved by the Council as its meeting held on 25th September 2025.

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1. Introduction

The Nazeing Parish Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing surplus funds held on behalf of the community. All investments will be made in line with the Council's financial procedures and observations or advice received from the Council's internal and external auditors.

The Council will ensure it has adequate cash resources, overdraft or standby facilities to enable it at all times to have the level of funds available which are necessary for the achievement of its objectives.

2. Investment Objectives

2.1 The Council's investment priorities are the security of reserves and adequate liquidity of its investments.

2.2 The Council will aim to maximise income from its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity.

2.3 Where external investment managers are used, they will be contractually required to comply with this Strategy.

2.4 In balancing risk against return, this Council is more concerned to avoid risks than to maximise returns.

2.5 All investments will be in sterling

3. Specified Investments

3.1 Specified Investments are those offering high security and high liquidity, made in sterling and maturation of no more than a year. Such short-term investments made with the UK Government or a local authority or town or parish council will automatically be Specified Investments.

3.2 For prudent management of its treasury balances, maintaining sufficient levels of security and liquidity, Nazeing Parish Council will use:

- Deposits with banks, building societies, local authorities or other public authorities.
- The choice of institution and length of deposit will be at the discretion of the Responsible Financial Officer, in consultation with the Nazeing Parish Councillors at a full council meeting.

4. Non-Specified Investments

4.1 These investments have greater potential risk – examples include investment in the money market, stocks and shares. Given the unpredictability and uncertainties surrounding such investments, Nazeing Parish Council will not use this type of investment.

5. End of Year Investment Report

5.1 At the end of each financial year the Responsible Financial Officer will present a report on any investment activity to the Full Council.

6. Review

6.1 This strategy document is to be reviewed biannually by the Finance Committee.

End of document.