

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Town Council will maintain reserves for the following reasons:

1. A sum approximately equal to at least 50% of the net revenue expenditure will be maintained as the General (non-earmarked) Reserve in accordance with good practice and intended for unforeseen emergencies.
2. Specific project reserves will be built up to meet needs identified in any medium term financial strategy or for unexpected expenditure or unforeseen emergencies. Asset depreciation funds will be accumulated to meet replacement or refurbishment costs.
3. Other reserves earmarked for specific purposes, future development, or to meet commitments, will be maintained as considered necessary and recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee.

The Town Council will invest its reserves and other monies not immediately required so as to minimise risk but maximise return. The Town Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer is authorised to spread investment in accordance with this policy and in consultation with the Chair and Vice- Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The Town Council will continue to utilise linked accounts which allow transfer of money not immediately required whilst retaining ease of access.

The Town Council will periodically review its banking arrangements based upon the criteria of returns, high street presence, accessibility of funds, service level and bank charges.

Provision will be made in the revenue budget each year so as to ensure any borrowing is repaid within the planned time period.

The Town Council will review this policy at least once annually.