



Guidance for managing investments

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Wilfrid's, Parklands, Chichester**

The PCC member responsible for managing investment is the
Treasurer from time to time

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Introduction

The PCC of St Wilfrid's, Chichester, is an incorporated charity, whose purpose is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC's reserve policy is to hold six months of planned expenditure as reserves to ensure continued financial security and to provide for contingencies.

Investment objectives

The PCC seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk.

The investment objective for any long term reserves is to generate a return in excess of inflation over the long term whilst generating an income to support the on-going activities of the church.

The investment objective for short term reserves is to preserve the capital value with a minimum level of risk. Assets should be readily available to meet unanticipated cash flow requirements.

Our attitude to risk

The PCC is reliant on fund raising and donations for its activities.

The key risk to the long term reserves is inflation, and the assets should be invested to mitigate this risk over the long term. The trustees understand that this is likely to mean that investment will be concentrated in real assets and that the capital value will fluctuate.

The short term reserves are held to provide financial security, and may be required at short notice. As such capital volatility cannot be tolerated and investment of these assets should be focused on minimising this.

Assets

The finance committee are charged with agreeing a suitable asset allocation strategy for the reserves with the investment committee.

Currency

Short term reserves should be held in Sterling. Within any long-term reserves, investment may be made in non-Sterling assets, but should not exceed 50% of the total investment portfolio value.

Credit

The PCC's cash balances should be deposited with institutions with a minimum rating of A- or invested in a diversified money market fund.

Deposits should be spread by counterparty, subject to a maximum exposure of £85,000.00 per institution in accordance with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme limits.

Liquidity Requirements

Income from any long term reserves will be used to fund the PCC's activities. A target income will be agreed with the investment manager on an annual basis, to enable effective budgeting.

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Management, Reporting and Monitoring

The PCC has nominated a list of authorised signatories, two of which are required to sign instructions.

The treasurer reports to every meeting of the PCC.

Approval and Review

This Investment Policy Statement will be reviewed on annual basis.