

Definitions of Specified and Non Specified Investments

See the detailed Investment Strategy included in Appendix B, for the limits to be applied.

1. Specified Investments are defined as follows.

SPECIFIED INVESTMENTS	
<p>These are to be sterling investments of a maturity period of not more than 364 days, or those which could be for a longer period but where the Council has the right to be repaid within 364 days if it wishes. These are low risk assets where the possibility of loss of principal or investment income is considered negligible. These include investments with:</p>	
<p>(i) The UK Government (such as the Debt Management Office, UK Treasury Bills or a Gilt with less than one year to maturity).</p>	
<p>(ii) Supranational bonds of less than one year's duration.</p>	
<p>(iii) A local authority, parish council or community council.</p>	
<p>(iv) An investment scheme that has been awarded a high credit rating by a credit rating agency.</p>	
<p>(v) A body with high credit quality (such as a bank or building society).</p>	
<p>For category (iv) this covers a money market fund AAA rated by Standard and Poor's, Moody's or Fitch rating agencies.</p>	

2. Non-specified Investments are defined as follows:

Non-specified investments are any other type of investment (i.e. not defined as Specified above). The identification and rationale supporting the selection of these other investments are set out below. Non specified investments not explicitly referred to below are excluded.

Ref	Non Specified Investment Category	Limit
(i)	<p>A body which has been provided with a government issued guarantee for wholesale deposits within specific timeframes.</p> <p>Where these guarantees are in place and the government has an AAA sovereign long term rating these institutions will be included within the Council's criteria temporarily until such time as the ratings improve or the guarantees are withdrawn. Monies will only be deposited within the timeframe of the guarantee.</p>	Included as per Appendix B
(ii)	<p>A body which was an Eligible Institution for the HM Treasury Credit Guarantee Scheme initially announced on 13 October 2008.</p>	Included as per Appendix B
(iii)	<p>The Council's own banker if it fails to meet the basic credit criteria. In this instance balances will be minimised as far as is possible.</p>	Included as per Appendix B