ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2026-2027

Introductory Statement

This Annual Investment Strategy is prepared in accordance with the statutory guidance on Local Government Investment issued by the Welsh Assembly Government.

All cash, bank balances, financial assets, borrowings and credit arrangements are defined as a part of the Council's treasury management activities. This Annual Investment Strategy will concentrate on the Councils' temporary surplus resources (or other financial assets it holds) and the investment it undertakes for these resources.

The Council undertakes to ensure that for all its investments, priority will be given to security and liquidity rather than to yield. In drafting this Strategy, the Council has made appropriate arrangements for:

- Identification, management and control of risks in the investment/treasury management activities it undertakes.
- Budgeting, accounting and audit arrangements.
- Cash and cash flow management requirements.
- Segregation of responsibilities, Organisational arrangements, adequate documentation and the identification of a responsible officer for investment/treasury management activities.
- Corporate governance.
- Procedures to ensure it is alert to the possibility it may become subject to an attempt to involve it in a transaction involving the laundering of money.

All investments undertaken by the Council will be made and repaid in Sterling.

SUMS TO BE INVESTED

(WAG advice is that Councils should identify from their budget forecast, precept calculations (and timing of its receipts) and its cash flow analysis the temporarily surplus resources it will wish to invest during the year and for how long. For example, it may carry forward an under spend from previous years or have income from the sales of assets or be investing its overnight surpluses of cash)

As at 31st March 2026 the Council had a balance of £57.26. in the Current Account, and £26855.44 held in an Instant Access account, both with Unity Trust Bank. The Council's plans for spending of its reserves are contained within the Statement of Reserves policy.

At its budget meeting on 12th of January 2026 the Council set a precept for the 2026-2027 financial year of £16542 against an estimated budget spend of £ **20542**

This decision reflected a contribution from balances of £4,000.

The day-to-day financial accounts the Council holds with Unity Trust Bank being the Current Account and the Instant Access Account are managed by the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, in accordance with their responsibilities to the Council.

LISTING OF INVESTMENTS UNDERTAKEN

The Council will undertake the following categories of investments for the financial year 2026-2027

a) Deposits in the Instant Access (Reserves) Account £26855.44
b) Temporary balances within the Council's Current Account with reasonable periodic transfers on monies between each account.

NEW INVESTMENT – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

If any new investment instruments (other than those approved in the above list) are proposed during 2026-2027 financial year, then before such an investment is undertaken it will first be approved by Abenbury Community Council.

GLOSSARY

Credit arrangements – this covers all forms of borrowing or credit transactions that the Council may undertake.

The above Strategy was approved by Abenbury Community Council on 11th of May 2026

Chair :

Clerk of the Community Council