

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE BANKING SUB COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Councillor J. Arbuckle in the Chair.

Councillors: D. Collins, I. Scott and R. Hardcastle.

In attendance: T. Ferry

1. INVESTMENT OF COUNCIL FUNDS

Members discussed the existing investment of £80,000 at 1.7% gross interest rate per annum, which ends on the 20th February 2010.

Members also discussed the current bank account balance, projected spending from the current account and probable receipts to the 31 March 2010, to establish the amount to reinvest. The amount for reinvesting is calculated at £60,000.

Members agreed that it was not good practice holding all funds in one financial institution, which is currently the case.

Members then discussed various investigations that were carried out into term deposit accounts, savings accounts and bonds which all resulted in low interest rates currently being paid out at the moment, or accounts being available for named persons and not suitable for the Town Council.

Councillor Collins reported that Councillor Hudson advised that a 1-year savings bond is available with Abbey at 3% gross per annum. Members agreed that Abbey should be asked for confirmation that the Town Council can open this type of account.

It was agreed that some more enquiries should be made of other banks and to report back to this sub banking committee on the 11th December 2009.

RESOLVED:

T. Ferry to carry out a Google search for accounts with better interest rates of that currently achieved for investments of 6 months upwards,

J. Arbuckle to enquire as to what interest rate the Yorkshire Bank will provide for renewing the existing investment with them,

I. Scott to enquire about rates at the Leeds Building Society.

That this sub committee meet at 08.30am on the 11th December 2009.

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