

Investment Policy

1st Southgate Scout Group

Charity Registration Number: 305881

Date of Investment Policy Statement: September 2014 (Latest Review: April 2024)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 1st Southgate Scout Group (the Group) is a separate educational charity and is registered with the Charity Commission. It was established in 1957. The Group is a part of the Scout Association in the UK and as such is required to comply with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR). The Group is also required to comply with the current Charities Acts.
- 1.2 The main aim of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
- 1.3 The funds that the Group needs to operate are derived from 2 main sources:
 - Subscriptions paid by Members, and
 - A variety of fundraising activities.
- 1.4 In addition to the need to cover routine running expenses, the Group raises funds for the maintenance and possible eventual replacement of its current headquarters.
- 1.5 Annual Group expenditure is c£16,000 per annum.
- 1.6 The Group Treasurer has the authority to move funds as necessary for day to day business, but the opening of new bank accounts or use of new investment vehicles requires the approval the Group's Trustee Board.

2. Investment Objectives

- 2.1 The Group seeks to produce the best financial return with a minimum level of risk.
- 2.2 The investment objective for the headquarters fund is to generate a return at or above inflation over the long term, where this is possible, whilst maintaining a minimum level of risk.
- 2.3 The investment objective for the short term reserves is to preserve the capital value at a level equal to circa one year's expenditure, with a minimum level of risk. Assets should be readily available to meet unanticipated cash flow requirements.

3. Risk

- 3.1 Attitude to risk
 - The key risks to the long term reserves is inflation, and the absence of low risk investment vehicles paying adequate returns. As the fund is required for capital expenditure in the medium term, capital volatility cannot be tolerated and assets should be invested to minimise risk.

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- The short term reserves are held to provide financial security, and may be required at short notice. To provide stability these assets must be held in cash or near cash investments denominated in sterling.

4. Liquidity Requirements

4.1 Short term reserves are required to be available at no, or very limited, notice.

4.2 Long term reserves are required to be available at no more than 30 days notice.

5. Time Horizon

5.1 The Group will continue to raise funds to grow its headquarters fund. With significant refurbishment having recently been completed, This fund is now expected to be used within the long term.

5.2 Subscriptions are the main source of short term income and these short term reserves will be required on an on-going basis at short notice.

7. Management, Reporting and Monitoring

7.1 The Group will manage its own investments and has nominated a list of authorised signatories, two of which are required to sign instructions to the deposit taking institution. The Group Treasurer will monitor the cash position and cash flow and report this to the Trustee Board at each meeting.

8. Approval and Review

This Investment Policy Statement was prepared by the Trustees to provide a framework for the management of its assets. It will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure continuing appropriateness.

Approved by the Trustee Board: Signed Chris Hobbs (Group Lead Volunteer)

Dated: 25th April 2024