

Pension Fund Committee

6 March 2014



Short Term Investments for the period ended 31 December 2013

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Purpose of Report

1. To provide the Committee with information on the performance of the Pension Fund's short term investments for the 3 month period ended 31 December 2013.

Short Term Investments

2. Durham County Council (DCC) invests the short term cash balances on behalf of the Pension Fund; this is done in line with DCC's Treasury Management Policy and Annual Investment Strategy. This investment strategy sets out the maximum amounts and time limits in respect of deposits which can be placed with each financial institution.
3. The Pension Fund's surplus cash holding as at 31 December 2013 was £12.378m which was held in the institutions listed in the table below alongside their credit rating at 31 December 2013.

Financial Institution	Rating	Amount Invested £m
Bank Deposit Accounts		
Santander	A	0.026
Natwest Bank	A	3.197
Barclays	A	2.587
Fixed Term Deposits		
Bank of Scotland	A	6.208
UK Local Authorities	N/A	0.078
National Savings & Investments	N/A	0.103
Icelandic Banks	N/A	0.179
Total		12,378

4. The following table provides information on the interest earned during the 3 month period, the average daily investment balance and the average return earned in comparison to the average bank base rate:

	Total
Net Interest Earned	£11,172
Average Return Earned	0.397%
Average Bank of England base rate	0.500%
Average Daily Balance of Investments	£14.932m

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the position at 31 December 2013 regarding the Pension Fund's short term investments.

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