

Pension Fund Committee

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Short Term Investments for the period ended 30 June 2015

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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 as at 30 June 2015.

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 30 June 2015 was £68.972m which was held in the institutions listed in the table below alongside their credit rating at 30 June 2015.

Financial Institution	Short-term Rating	Amount Invested £m
Bank Deposit Accounts		
Handelsbanken	F1+	1.289
Santander UK Plc	F1	6.505
Barclays	F1	8.053
Fixed Term Deposits		
Bank of Scotland	F1	13.805
Nationwide Building Society	F1	8.053
Goldman Sachs	F1	8.053
Natwest	F2	4.602
National Savings & Investments	N/A	0.229
Money Market Funds	N/A	18.383
Total		68.972

4. The following table provides information on the net interest earned during the three month period to 30 June 2015, the average daily investment balance and the average return earned in comparison to the average bank base rate. The interest paid to the Pension Fund is based on the London Interbank Bid (LIBID) three month rate and is net of the fees of £2,500 paid for the Council undertaking the Treasury Management function for the Pension Fund.

	Total
Net Interest Earned	£60,448
Average Return Earned	0.45%
Average Bank of England base rate	0.50%
Average Daily Balance of Investments	£56.685m

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the position at 30 June 2015 regarding the Pension Fund's short term investments where £60,448 net interest was earned in the three month period.

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