

Policy:

Investment

drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust Mission Statement

One Vision The drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust has been established through a shared belief that lives can be transformed by what goes on in schools. We believe that the process of teaching and learning shapes futures. To this end our mission is to give every child learning experiences that excite them and give them the power to begin to shape their own lives.

One Aim drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust will ensure that all pupils achieve the highest standard of educational outcomes regardless of circumstances or background.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this Investments Policy is to set out the processes by which the board of trustees will invest to further the trust's charitable aims and to ensure that investment risk is properly managed. The Academies Financial Handbook (issued by the Education, Skills and Funding Agency) allows investment on the understanding that The Board:

- Act within their powers in the Articles of Association
- Ensures Value for money
- Exercises care and skill in all investment decisions, taking advice as appropriate from a professional advisor
- Ensures that security takes precedence over revenue maximisation
- Ensures all investment decisions are in the best interests of the Trust and command broad public support
- Reviews the Trust's investments and investment policy regularly
- Follows the Charity Commission's Guidance: CC14 Charities and investment matters: A guide for trustees

Policy

It is the directors' belief that it should be anticipated that the Trust will have surplus cash available, both as a result of cashflow planning and also the implementation of a reserves policy that maintains a suitable amount of reserves.

Such surplus cash should be invested to ensure that the Trust receives an acceptable income stream without putting at risk the funds that belong to the Trust. The trust investment risk management will be underpinned with the following operational investment principles:

In balancing risk against return:

- investments will be geared towards avoiding risk as opposed to maximising any return on the investment
- only invest funds within the UK, in low risk and immediately accessible deposit accounts or similar financial products – avoiding stocks and shares or other volatile investments as they do not feel these represent an acceptable level of risk to the Trust
- the key factors to consider should be yield, liquidity and security
- the CFO will regularly monitor cash flow and current account balances to ensure immediate financial commitments can be met (payroll and payments runs) and that the current account has adequate balances to meet forthcoming commitments
- any funds identified that are surplus to immediate cash requirements should be transferred to an appropriate high interest deposit account rate
- the maximum investment term cannot be longer than twelve months from the date of deposit
- balances invested should be reported to Directors on a termly basis
- interest rates on investments will be regularly reviewed and compared with other investment opportunities

Reviewing

The CFO, CEO and Trustees will carry out a review of this policy annually to ensure it reflects the drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust's current situation and that any new or changed legislation is adhered to.

Policy Reviewed: Summer Term 2017

Next Review: Autumn Term 2017

Signature of Chair of Trustees:

Signature of Chief Executive Officer:

*Please note that should there be any changes/further national guidance issued relevant to this policy, it will be updated accordingly prior to the review date shown above and referred to the next MAT Board meeting.