

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Investment Working Party
held on Monday 10th August 2020, at 11.00am
remotely, via Zoom video conferencing

Present: Councillor David Lister (Chairman)
 Councillors Mike Cole, Jeremy Cottam and Ellen Crumly

In attendance: Steve Tickle (Responsible Financial Officer)

IWP/2020/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

IWP/2020/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

IWP/2020/03 INVESTMENT MATURITY

Correspondence from Close Bros Savings and Nationwide Building Society, concerning maturity of the two fixed term Accounts, were received and noted. Interest rates at 10th August 2020 were confirmed at 0.7% and 0.3%.

IWP/2020/04 REINVESTMENT OF MATURING FUNDS

The following investments were due to mature:

- Close Brothers Account (£52,345.59): as at 27th July 2020 the 1-year fixed term deposit was returning 0.7% which was competitive in the current market.
- Nationwide Building Society (£52,372.07): as at 27th July the 1-year fixed term deposit was returning 0.4% which was lower than the current rate available with Close Brothers and several other Building Society providers.

The recommendation would be to consider moving the investment to a more competitive rate on maturity, however, the Responsible Financial Officer had attempted to discuss fixed rate bonds with two building societies offering more competitive rates to determine whether they accept Corporate Customers, but the call centres had been slow to respond. The difference in interest on a £50,000 investment (0.7% v 0.4%) was £150 per annum, the investment could be rolled forward with Nationwide with a switch to a more competitive rate reconsidered in 12 months' time when the call centres are operating at full capacity.

AGREED that the maturing funds with Close Bros Savings and Nationwide Building Society should be reinvested for a further year.

IWP/2020/05 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

AGREED to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that the maturing investments with Close Bros Savings and Nationwide Building Society be reinvested for a further 12 months.

IWP/2020/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Working Party be held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 11.00 am via Zoom, to consider the Lloyds Bank Term Deposit, maturing on 12th November 2020.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.20 am.

Signed: _____

Date: _____