

Helston Downsland Charity

Charity Registered. No. 235477

INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction

This statement provides the general investment goals and objectives of the Helston Downsland Charity and describes the strategies that the investment manager should employ to meet these objectives.

1. Description of Charity and what it does

- 1.1 The financial objective of the charity is to at least maintain the real value of its assets whilst generating a stable and sustainable return to fund the delivery of its services for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Helston, whilst adhering to the investment objectives outlined below.
- 1.2 Investment management is delegated to an authorised professional investment manager regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority – currently Brewin Dolphin

2. Investment Objectives

- 2.1 As stated above, the charity will seek to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk.
- 2.2 The investment objective is to generate a long term positive real return of its assets to support the ongoing activities of the charity over 8 years, in line with two Helston Town Council election periods.
- 2.3 It is acknowledged that at the time of writing, (September 2022) inflation is at an unprecedented rate due to geopolitical events beyond the control of the Helston Downsland Charity.

3. Risk

- 3.1 The trustees accept that they need to take investment risks to meet the objectives described above. They also realise that some volatility is to be expected and that steps will be taken in terms of diversification to minimise risks to a reasonable level, given the objectives. These objectives will contain due care for the residents of Helston, as well as the wider, planetary responsibilities.
- 3.2 Based on the view taken on risk as outlined in 3.1 above, the trustees have asked the portfolio managers to work around a composite benchmark of the major indices that encompasses the objectives of the charity as a neutral position against which to take its investment decisions. Performance will be assessed in relation to this over time.

4. Liquidity Requirement

- 4.1 At least 75% of investments need to be realisable within one month. The remainder should be realisable within twelve months.

4.2 The portfolio should have 2 years' worth of estimated budget held in low-risk assets, such as bonds, alternatives, and cash.

5. Ethical Investment Policy

5.1 The objective of the charity is to benefit the inhabitants of the Parish of Helston. It recognises its responsibilities to the current and future inhabitants, the Parish environment, and the wider world.

5.2 Returns are secondary to 5.1 above when taken in good faith and within an acceptable level of risk, having due regard for the volatility of stocks and shares dealing.

5.3 The overall direction of the investment portfolio will be guided by: -

5.3 a) **Positive Impact:** Preference for investment should be afforded to companies/investments which seek to generate positive social and/or environmental benefits whilst delivering a financial return.

5.3 b) **Negative Impact:** Exclusions will apply to companies/investments where the primary business is:

- I. Fossil fuel exploration and extraction
- II. Cement Manufacture
- III. Weaponry manufacture
- IV. Tobacco Manufacture

5.3 c) **Social Responsibility:** The objective will be to include companies/investments which demonstrate positive impacts on society and an understanding of responsible social governance.

5.3 d) **Environmental, Social and Governance Collective investments:** 15 - 25% of portfolio should be invested in ESG funds.

It is recognised that some collective investments may include holdings that fall foul of the criteria above, however the objective will be to include collectives where the *majority* of holdings satisfy the criteria.

6. Management Reporting and Monitoring

6.1 The charity has appointed a professional investment management firm to manage the assets on a discretionary basis in line with this Investment Policy. Any drawdown of income requires prior approval by the Board. Written instructions to the Investment Manager will require the signature of the Chair and Vice-chair.

6.2 The investment manager will provide a valuation and performance report at the end of each quarter and attend trustee meetings as required.

7. Approval and Review

This Investment Policy was prepared by the board of trustees to provide a framework for managing its reserves. It will be reviewed, at least, on an annual basis to ensure continuing appropriateness.

Signatory list & Signatures

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