

Okehampton Town Council
Policy and Resources Committee 21st July 2025
Meeting Report

Date:	14 th July 2025
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6. Town Council Grants

2025/26 Grant Budget £ 29,000.00

Applications for consideration	£ 19,585.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00
St James' Chapel (Previously approved)	<u>£ 1,000.00</u>
	£ 20,635.00

Balance remaining (if applications fully approved) **£ 8,365.00**

The application from 2443 Okehampton RAF Cadets for a grant of £500 to support the cost of a training activity for cadets has been withdrawn as the event is no longer able to go ahead. The above figures reflect this change.

9.3 Investments – To review financial investments including interest rates and Tamar Energy Community Shares

Details	Account No	Interest Rate	Balance 30/06/2025	% of OTCs funds
Nationwide 95 Day Business	90006997	3.54%	£ 263,340.59	26.24%
NatWest	5638321	1.1% Gross	£ 10,395.40	1.04%
NatWest	5624967	Nil	£ 1,000.00	0.10%
Lloyds	18063468	1.6% Gross	£ 290,530.12	28.94%
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	PS3126917-001	4.31%	£ 438,493.46	43.69%
			£1,003,759.57	100.00%

The investment of funds complies with OTCs Treasury & Investment Policy and Strategy which states *'The maximum of the council's cash deposits which may be held with one institution must not exceed 60%. Any exception to this limit must be approved by Full Council.'*

Tamar Investments is a long-term investment which is classed as an Asset in accordance with the requirements of the Practitioners' Guide: Governance and accountability for smaller authorities in England (p.31) which states:

Fixed asset investments:

- Ensure that all long-term investments (i.e., those for more than 12 month terms) are covered by the "Investment Strategy" and reported as Assets in the AGAR at section 2, line 9.

Details	Interest Rate	Balance
Tamar Investments (Ethex)	5% (Interest of £250 due to be received annually following the end of the financial year	£5,000.00

11. Website Accessibility – To consider a report from the website provider in relation to compliance with WCAG 2.2 Level AA

Please see the following report from the audit undertaken in May 2025:

The website has been audited against the latest accessibility requirements – WCAG 2.2 Level AA. Checks were made on all pages.

On a couple of editable pages there was evidence of copying and pasting from formatted documents or attempts to copy and paste pictures. These resulted in a large amount of spurious HTML code on these pages. The pages were cleaned up and spurious code removed.

The enquiry forms and community entry and update forms used a Google Recaptcha, to cut down non-human submission of these forms. The version of ReCaptcha has been updated to the latest version to comply with WCAG 2.2

The maps on the Simmons Park pages are not accessible. Both maps do have some descriptive text, although in the case of the Facilities map this does not match the (virtually unreadable) text on the map. These maps would be better presented as PDF documents which can be printed.

The maps referred to on the Simmons Park pages are too large to add to the website as PDF documents and the website contractor has been requested to investigate and advise how this can be achieved.