Appendix 1

Local Government Treasury Management Definitions

Investment

In the context of a local authority cash deposit, an investment is a monetary asset deposited with a credible institution with the objective of providing income in the future. This is a transaction which relies upon the power in section 12 of the 2003 Act and is recorded in the balance sheet under the heading of investments within current assets or long-term investments.

• Long-term Investment

This is any investment other than one which is contractually committed to be paid within 12 months of the date on which the investment was made.

Credit Rating Agency

An independent company that provides investors with assessments of an investment's risk and the three most prominent are.

Standard and Poor's (S & P) Moody's Investors Service Limited (Moody's) Fitch Ratings Limited (Fitch)

• Specified Investment

An investment is a specified investment if it satisfies the following conditions:

- 1. The investment is denominated in sterling and any payments or repayments in respect of the investment are payable only in sterling.
- 2. The investment is not a long-term investment (as defined above).
- 3. The investment is not considered to be capital expenditure.
- 4. One or both of the following conditions is both:
 - The investment is made with the UK Government or a local authority (as defined in section 23 of the 2003 Act) or local authorities in Scotland and Northern Ireland or a parish or community council.
 - The investment is made with a body or in an investment scheme which has been awarded a high credit rating by a credit rating agency
- 5. The principal sum to be repaid at maturity is the same as the initial sum invested other than investments in the UK Government.

Non-specified Investments

These are investments, which do not meet the conditions of specified investments.