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.