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**Close Brother Investments**

**Executive Summary**

Ash Parish Council holds two Business fixed term Deposit accounts with the Close Brothers. These accounts came to maturity on 15 June 2020. The Council needs to decide whether to continue investing with the Close Brothers or have the investment repaid and seek an alternative investment house.

**Recommendation to Council (13 July 2020)**

That Members agree to continue investing for a further 1-year term for both accounts. Whilst the Parish Clerk seeks alternative investment houses for the year 2021-2022.

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 Members to consider whether to continue investing with the Close Brothers or have the investment repaid and seek an alternative investment house.

**2. Background**

2.1 Ash Parish Council invested £100,000.00 in two business 1 Year Fixed Term deposit accounts (Total £200,000) with the Close Brothers on the 13 June 2019. Both these accounts were due to mature on the 15 June 2020. These account are still held with the Close Brothers until a decision has been made.

**3. Return from investment**

The final maturity figure for both accounts on the 22 June 2020 was £101,160.42.per account. (Total £202,320.84).

If the funds were reinvested for a further term the resulting reinvestment offering would be as follows:

Length of Term	Percent Offering
<b>1 Month</b>	<b>0.10%</b>
<b>3 Month</b>	<b>0.30%</b>
<b>6 Month</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
<b>12 Month</b>	<b>0.90%</b>
<b>2 Year</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>3 Year</b>	<b>1.05%</b>
<b>4 Year</b>	<b>1.10%</b>
<b>5 Year</b>	<b>1.40%</b>

**3. Options**

- 4.1 Members may decide to:
- a) Agree with the Clerk's recommendation; or
  - b) Agree an alternative course of action.

**5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 If the Council requests the refund of the investment, a loss of interest will occur during the transfer period to another investment house.

**6. Implications on Crime and Disorder**

- 6.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Section 17) requires a parish council to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decision. There are no implications relating to this item

**7. Implications on Biodiversity**

- 7.1 The Natural Environment and Communications Act 2006 (Section 40) requires parish councils to consider the impact any decisions will have on biodiversity. There are no direct biodiversity implications to the report.

**8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 There are no background papers for this report.