

APPROVED COUNTRIES FOR INVESTMENT

The Council will use any UK Counterparties subject to their individual credit ratings under the Link Asset Services Methodology.

The Council may also use counterparties from countries with a minimum **AA-** sovereign rating. No more than £3m will be placed with each non-UK country at any time.

AAA

- Australia
- Denmark
- Germany
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Singapore
- Sweden
- Switzerland

AA+

- Canada
- Finland
- USA

AA

- Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- France

AA-

- Belgium
- Hong Kong
- Qatar
- **UK**

This list was provided by Link Asset Services as at 22 December 2021 and includes countries with sovereign ratings of AA- or higher, (based on the lowest rating from Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor (S&P)). Except for Hong Kong, Norway and Luxembourg, countries also have banks operating in sterling markets, with credit ratings of green or above in the Link credit worthiness service.