Investment Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear and comprehensive framework for the management of Alongside Hope's available funds for investing in a cost-effective and professional manner with the following objectives:

- sustain an appropriate cash flow of income to meet long term requirements
- effective, prudent and material compliance with all applicable legal requirements
- preservation of the capital value of the funds to maintain purchasing power
- maximize total return with acceptable levels of risk consistent with prudent investments
- comply with all applicable statutory and legislative requirements, including the *Trustee Act* and the prudent investor rule

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all directors, members, employees and agents involved in the oversight or management of Alongside Hope's investments.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Board of Directors: The Board holds ultimate responsibility for the organization's investments. It sets the investment policy, approves risk tolerance and asset allocation guidelines, appoints the investment manager, and ensures compliance with fiduciary obligations and applicable registration. Proxy voting is a fiduciary responsibility of the Board. As such, the Board retains proxy voting authority unless specific delegation to the Investment Manager is explicitly approved under defined circumstances.

- Finance & Investment Committee: Reporting to the Board, the Committee monitors investment activities and performance, oversees the implementation of this policy, and recommends amendments to the policy or changes in investment strategy as needed.

- Investment Manager: Appointed by the Board, the investment manager is responsible for implementing investment strategies in alignment with this policy. The manager oversees the portfolio on a discretionary basis, operating within the established guidelines and in compliance with the prudent investor rule.

Refer to the Investment Procedures and Investment Procedures Appendix for further details on the respective responsibilities of the Committee and Investment Manager.

POLICY

Alongside Hope will:

- follow agreed standards and procedures that will maximize return on investment and avoid undue risk of loss
- invest in both individual securities and pooled funds as recommended by the investment manager
- incorporate responsible investment principles in the management of its investment portfolios
- ensure that ethical, socially responsible principles guide the manner of investment selection
- refer to the Investment Procedures and Investment Procedures Appendix for additional guidance and detailed operational frameworks supporting this policy

AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended by the Alongside Hope Board.

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