#### **CLIENT MONEY HANDLING PROCEDURE**



### DEFINITION OF CLIENT MONEY

Client money relates to money of any currency, whether in the form of cash, cheque or electronic transfer, which is:

- Held or received on behalf of another person, including money held by a regulated firm as a stakeholder.
- Is not immediately due and payable on demand.

internal due diligence, client money held or received by Third Sector Property Ltd (TSP) is either banked into a general client's bank account, a designated discrete account or held in a client controlled bank account.

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As part of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) professional statement (Client money handling, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020), and

A general clients' bank account is a Client Bank Account which holds pooled client money belonging to more than one client. A discrete bank account is a Client-named bank account which holds client money belonging to a single client. All landlord and tenant monies are kept separate and further details of where funds are held can be found within the Property Management Agreement (PMA), Tenancy Agreement or specific Terms of Business (TOB). How and where client money is held Client monies are held separately from TSP's own monies, are easily identifiable and immediately available. Within the general clients' bank account, each client's money is recorded in individual client ledgers to maintain segregation of funds.

# HOW AND WHERE CLIENT MONEY IS HELD

Client money is held in an appropriate banking institution, with a minimum rating of BBB+, regulated as follows:

- UK Authorised by the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA), the Bank of England and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA);
- Jersey Authorised by the Jersey Financial Services Commission;
- Guernsey Authorised by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission;
- Isle of Man Authorised by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.

## ACCESS TO FUNDS

Signatories are at level Associate and above and, where required, staff with a minimum of three years of employment. Only a principal of the firm can authorise new signatories to client money accounts.

# TIMESCALES FOR PAYMENT OF CASH INTO A CLIENT ACCOUNT

All cash and cheques received by post are logged and banked on day of receipt, where possible, and allocated to the appropriate client money account.

All unidentified funds are reviewed as soon as possible and no later than one month from receipt at which time they will be allocated or returned.

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CONTROLS FOR AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS FROM A CLIENT ACCOUNT A withdrawal from a client account can only be made after a specific authority has been approved by a signatory in accordance with the bank mandate and the firm's procedures and systems.

All payment requests must be accompanied by supporting evidence that has been checked and authorised. Segregation of duties in the client accounting function is in place to prevent data tampering within the payment process.

HOW INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES ARE HANDLED The Client Bank Account is an interest bearing, instant access account and TSP will cover transactional banking and account maintenance charges associated with the operation of such account. TSP is entitled to retain any interest earned through the aggregation of various client accounts to offset general bank charges and administration costs associated with operating the Client Bank Account, as per a signed Property Management Agreement (PMA), Tenancy Agreement or specific Terms of Business (TOB).

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

Bank accounts are reconciled on a monthly basis, using a three way reconciliation between the bank, general ledger and individual client ledgers, as required by the RICS.

INFORMATION
PROVIDED TO
PAYMENTS FROM
A CLIENT
ACCOUNT

Reporting and frequency requirements are agreed and documented with the client and provided in line with the agreement.

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