

Report for: Corporate Committee 2 December 2019

Item number: 8

Title: Treasury Management Update Report

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non Key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. This report updates the Committee on the Council's treasury management activities and performance in the three months to 30th September 2019 in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. That members note the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the three months to 30th September 2019 and the performance achieved.
- 3.2. That members note that all treasury activities were undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy.
- 3.3. That members note the contents of the briefing note at Appendix 2 regarding the recent increase in the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) rate.

4. Reason for Decision

- 4.1. None.

5. Other options considered

5.1. None.

6. Background information

- 6.1. The Council's treasury management activity is underpinned by CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management ("the Code"), which requires local authorities to produce annually Prudential Indicators and a Treasury Management Strategy Statement. CIPFA has defined Treasury management as: "The management of the local authority's investments and cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks."
- 6.2. The Code recommends that members are informed of treasury management activities at least twice a year. Formulation of treasury policy, strategy and activity is delegated to the Corporate Committee and this Committee receives reports quarterly.
- 6.3. However, overall responsibility for treasury management remains with full Council and the Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and set the Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 on 26 February 2018. The Corporate Committee is responsible for monitoring treasury management activity and this is achieved through the receipt of quarterly reports. This report forms the 2nd quarterly monitoring report for 2018/19.
- 6.4. Government guidance on local authority treasury management states that local authorities should consider the following factors in the order they are stated:

Security - Liquidity - Yield

The Treasury Management Strategy reflects these factors and is explicit that the priority for the Council is the security of its funds. However, no treasury activity is without risk and the effective identification and management of risk are integral to the Council's treasury management activities.

7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

7.1. None.

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

Finance and Procurement

8.1. Finance comments are contained within the body of the report.

Legal

8.2. The contents and recommendation of this report are in accordance the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and consistent with legislation governing the financial affairs of the Council. In considering the report Members must take into account the expert financial advice available to it and any further oral advice given at the meeting of the Committee.

Equalities

8.3. There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

9. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Q1 2019/20 Treasury Update Report

Appendix 2 – Briefing regarding Council Borrowing Following PWLB Rate increase

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1. Not applicable.