

Report for: Corporate Committee 16 November 2021

Item number: 10

Title: Treasury Management Update Mid-Year Report 2021/22

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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. The Council has adopted the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice* (the CIPFA Code) which requires the Council to approve reports on the performance of the treasury management function at least twice yearly (mid-year and at year end).
- 1.2. The Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22 was approved by Full Council on 1 March 2021.
- 1.3. This report provides an update to the Committee on the Council's treasury management activities and performance in the first half of the financial year to 30 September 2021 in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

The Corporate Committee is requested:

- 3.1. To note the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the first half of the financial year to 30 September 2021 and the performance achieved which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2. To note that all treasury activities were undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy.

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 Treasury Management in Public Services: Code of Practice (the CIPFA 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 Council'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 CIPFA 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 2021/22 on 1 March 2021. The Corporate Committee is responsible for monitoring treasury management activity, and this is achieved through the receipt of quarterly/annual reports. This report is the monitoring report for the first half of 2020/21

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

6.5. 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 Head of Legal and Governance has been consulted on the content of this report. The report is consistent with legislation governing the financial affairs of the Council. In particular, the Council must comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, the Local Authorities (Capital Financing & Accounting – England) Regulations 2003 and the Localism Act 2011 and the CIPFA Treasury Management code.

8.3. 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

9.1. Appendix 1 – Treasury Management Update Mid-Year 2021/22

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1. Not applicable.