

## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE No. 02/2010-11 COUNCIL 18 OCTOBER 2010**

Chair:  
Councillor George Meehan

Deputy Chair:  
Councillor Reg Rice

### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report to full Council arises from the reports entitled:
- Treasury Management 2010/11 Mid Year Activity & Performance update
  - Feedback following consultation on the new draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2011-14 under the Licensing Act 2003
  - Census 2011
- considered by the General Purposes Committee at our meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010.

### **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 2.1 Treasury Management 2010/11 Mid Year Activity & Performance Update (Appendix A)<sup>1</sup>
- 2.1.1 The report updated the General Purposes Committee on the Council's treasury management activities and performance in the first half of 2010/11.
- 2.1.2 The report proposed that the Council's lending list be extended to include non UK Banks and additional Money Market Funds (paragraphs 9.7 & 9.8).
- 2.1.3 In accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice the report also presented the Treasury Management Practices document.
- 2.1.4 Santander UK PLC had recently been reinstated on the active list of institutions (paragraph 9.4) which the Council can lend to and there was a recommendation to also reinstate Clydesdale Bank (paragraph 9.6).
- 2.1.5 The report included a recommendation to extend the lending list to a number of non UK banks (Paragraph 13.2). The Committee expressed concerns about investing in foreign banks and recommended only investing in their UK subsidiaries. Officers will take further information on this issue back to General Purposes in January.

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<sup>1</sup> Treasury Management 2010/11 Mid Year Activity & Performance Update report will be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

## 2.2 Feedback following consultation on the new draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2011-14 under the Licensing Act 2003 (Appendix B)

2.2.1 The report informed Members about the responses to the statutory consultation on the new draft Statement of Licensing Policy and proposed amendments to the Policy. The new Policy would take effect for the next 3 years 2011-2014.

2.2.2 The General Purposes Committee noted that there had been limited responses to the consultation (detailed in Appendix 1 of the report), however, some responses such as that from the Greater London Authority (GLA) required amendments to the Policy.

2.2.3 Committee members highlighted that the Policy was not explicit in describing how litter dropped outside premises should be dealt with (Appendix 2 of the report, paragraph 14.7 – bullet 5). It was noted that prescriptive conditions could in the right circumstances be attached to a licence during the application process.

## 2.3 Census 2011 (Appendix C)

2.3.1 The report sought the General Purposes Committee's support for a positive programme of liaison and assistance during the census process.

2.3.2 The Committee noted the need to gain the trust of hard to reach community groups in dealing with their personal information during the census process and that all members could play an important role in spreading the message of how vital it was that these groups take part.

2.3.3 The Committee agreed to the establishment of an ad hoc Member Advisory Group and suggested that members be put forward at Full Council on 18<sup>th</sup> October to serve on this Advisory Group.

### **WE RECOMMEND:**

- (i) Treasury Management 2010/11 Mid Year Activity & Performance Update
  - (a) That the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the first half of 2010/11 and the performance achieved be noted.
  - (b) That the proposed extended use of money market funds (as set out in Appendix 3 of the report) be approved.
  - (c) That the reinstatement of Clydesdale Bank to the lending list be agreed and the reinstatement of Santander UK Bank be noted.
  - (d) That the Treasury Management Practices document (as set out in Appendix 4 of the report) be noted.

(ii) Feedback following consultation on the new draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2011-14 under the Licensing Act 2003

- (a) That full Council determine and adopt as the new Statement of Licensing Policy the draft attached at Appendix 2 of the report to take effect on 7 January 2011.
- (b) That officers be instructed to take all necessary steps to publish the new Statement of Licensing Policy including publication on the Council's website and by making copies available to the public at Council offices.

(iii) Census 2011

That Full Council receives a presentation by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Census Area Manager at it's meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and agree members to serve on an ad hoc Members Advisory Group to support the Census.