

FULL COUNCIL**11 DECEMBER 2013****REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES****MID YEAR REPORT ON THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2013-14****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Revisions to the regulatory framework of Treasury Management during 2009 introduced a requirement that the Council receive a mid year treasury review in addition to the annual report and strategy on treasury management.
- 1.2 The report meets the requirement and incorporates the needs of the Prudential Code to ensure adequate monitoring of capital expenditure and the Councils prudential indicators (PI's). The treasury strategy and PI's were previously reported to Council on 6 February 2013. Revisions to future years are provided where required.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **The Budget and Strategic Planning Working Group recommends to the Council that:**
 - a) **The mid year position on treasury activity for 2013-14 be noted;**
 - b) **The mid year position on prudential indicators be noted and approved.**
 - c) **Reference to the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) be removed from the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as this project is no longer proceeding.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Treasury Management & Prudential Indicators mid year report for 2013-14 is attached at Appendix A
- 3.2 The underlying purpose of the report supports the objective in the revised CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) Investment Guidance/Investment regulations. These state that Members receive and adequately scrutinise the treasury management services.
- 3.3 The underlying economic environment remains difficult for the Council, foremost being the improving, but still challenging, concerns over investment counterparty risk. This background encourages the Council to continue maintaining investments short term and with high quality counterparties. The downside of such a policy is that investment returns remain low.
- 3.4 The report shows that the basis of the treasury management strategy, the investment strategy and the PI's have not materially changed, except where shown.
- 3.5 The report is structured to highlight the key changes to the Councils capital activity (the prudential indicators), the economic outlook and the actual and proposed treasury management activity (borrowing and investment).
- 3.6 The report shows that all treasury benchmarks have, at 30 September 2013, been maintained within the prescribed limits.
- 3.7 The Local Authority Mortgage Scheme-(LAMS) –the only provider offering a cash backed

option is Lloyds Bank .However, according to the Council's treasury consultants it appears that this scheme has been put on hold as a result of the government Help to Buy scheme being launched. Therefore the Council's commitment to LAMS in the current year will no longer proceed. The impact on the capital programme will be formalised at the meeting of the PFA committee on 3rd December 2013.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Treasury Management Strategy and Policy is a corporate document which links to the Medium Term Financial Strategy. The mid year and annual report provide details of all Treasury Management activities.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Treasury Management Strategy and Policy are core financial policies which underpin all the work of the Treasury Management function and incorporate any implications arising from the capital programme.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 The Local Government Act 2003 provides powers to invest and borrow as well as providing controls and limits on the activity.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no direct links to community safety arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 There are no direct equality issues arising from this report.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 These are assessed as part of the Central Services Service Plan.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation takes place with the Council's treasury consultants at regular intervals throughout the year.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees, all wards are affected indirectly.

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Appendices : Appendix A – Mid Year Report on Treasury Management & Prudential Indicators

Background Papers: Statement of Accounts
Final Accounts Working Papers

Reference : X : Committees/Council/2013-14/11-12-13/RC – Treasury Management Mid Year Report 2013-14

