

**REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE AND MAJOR CONTRACTS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2019/20

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a mid-year review of the Council's treasury management activities in 2019/20 for the 6 months to 30 September 2019.

Information

2. Treasury management is defined as "the management of the council's investments and cashflows; 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".
3. County Council approves the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy and also receives mid-year and full year outturn reports. The Council delegates responsibility for the implementation, scrutiny and monitoring of its treasury management policies and practices to the Treasury Management Group, comprising the Service Director (Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement), the Group Manager (Financial Management), the Senior Accountant (Pensions & Treasury Management), the Senior Accountant (Financial Strategy & Compliance) and the Investments Officer.
4. In the first half of 2019/20, borrowing and investment activities have been in accordance with the approved limits as set out in the Council's Treasury Management Policy and Strategy. Appendix A provides a detailed report on the treasury management activities and Appendix B provides a breakdown of the transactions during the period. The main points to note are:
 - All treasury management activities were undertaken by authorised officers within the limits agreed by the Council.
 - All investments were made to counterparties on the Council's approved lending list.
 - £20m of new borrowing has been raised since the start of the financial year, and £7.5m of existing debt has been redeemed on maturity.
 - Over the 6 month period the Council earned 0.74% on its short-term lending, performing better than the average 7 day London Inter-Bank Bid (LIBID) rate of 0.57%.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

5. It is considered good practice for Members to consider treasury management planned and actual performance at least three times per financial year, firstly in the Strategy Report before the start of the year, then in this Mid-Year Report, and also in the Outturn Report, after the close of the financial year.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

8. That County Council members approve the actions taken by the Section 151 Officer to date as set out in the report.

Councillor Richard Jackson
Chairman of Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee

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Constitutional Comments (LW 30/10/2019)

9. County Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report..

Financial Comments (TMR 25/10/2019)

10. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All