

REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE**TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2023/24****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a mid-year review of the Council's treasury management activities in 2023/24 for the 6 months to 30 September 2023.

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. The Council approved the 2023/24 Treasury Management Policy and Strategy in February 2023 and normally receives mid-year and full year outturn reports. The responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of treasury management policies and practices has been delegated 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 2023/24, borrowing and investment 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 this treasury management activity. 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.
 - In this period the Council earned £5.740m on its short-term lending. This equates to a return of 4.63% compared with the Council's benchmark rate of 4.61%.
 - In May 2023 £5.2m of existing long-term debt matured, with a further £5.6m due to mature in November. Based on current forecasts no further long-term borrowing will be required before 2027/28.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

5. It is considered good practice for Council 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.

Other Options Considered

6. Another option would be to not report the Treasury Management mid-year position to Full Council. However, such an approach would not be in line with good practice and would reduce the level of financial transparency which the Council is keen to promote.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

9. That Council notes the actions taken by the Section 151 Officer to date as set out in the report.

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Constitutional Comments (SR 24/11/2023)

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

Financial Comments (TMR 24/10/2023)

11. 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