

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE****TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To amend the Treasury Management Policy and Practices to reflect the change in the Committee responsibility for the scrutiny of the Council's treasury management activities.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Council approved the current Treasury Management Strategy and Policy on 23 February 2012. The treasury management practice (TMP) on reporting requirements and management information arrangements (TMP 6) specifies the Audit Committee as the responsible body for the scrutiny of treasury management policies and practices.
3. Following the adoption of a committee system from 17 May 2012, it is appropriate to review the relevance of this role for Audit Committee. The terms of reference of the various committees are included in the revised Constitution. The Finance and Property Committee's terms of reference include:
  - Responsibility for the financial management of the Authority including recommending to Council the financial strategy, annual revenue budget, annual capital budget, asset management plan and precept on billing authorities
  - Responsibility for the monitoring, reviewing and development of the financial framework of the Council including its audit, investments, budgeting and accounting functions
4. The Finance and Property Committee therefore now has responsibility for the scrutiny of treasury management policies, practices and activities. This reflects the objective of CIPFA's code of practice on treasury management for local authorities to ensure an effective risk management process and transparency in treasury management decisions. County Council retains responsibility for approving and amending the Treasury Management Policy.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

6. None

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That, given that the Finance and Property Committee now has responsibility for the scrutiny of treasury management policies and activities, appropriate changes are made to the Council's Treasury Management Policy and Practices.

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## **Constitutional Comments (SLB 27/06/2012)**

7. County Council has authority to consider the matters set out in this report.

## **Financial Comments (SRC 27/06/12)**

8. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

## **Background Papers**

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.

The Local Government Act 2003

Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes (Fully Revised Third Edition 2011), CIPFA

Treasury Management in the Public Services: Guidance notes for Local Authorities including Police Authorities and Fire Authorities, 2011, CIPFA