

## AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

### Report of the Executive Director Finance

#### **REVIEW OF THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STATEMENT 2021/22 and the TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2020/21**

#### **Purpose**

To review the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement and Annual Investment Statement 2021/22 and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2020/21 approved by Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 respectively.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Members consider the Treasury Management Reports, as detailed within the reports attached at Appendix A and Appendix B and highlight any changes for recommendation to Cabinet.**

#### **Executive Summary**

At its meeting in February each year, the Council approve the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators including, as required by the Code, that the Audit & Governance Committee be given the opportunity to scrutinise the strategy and policies, as well as receiving regular monitoring reports.

With regard to the appointment of a Committee to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and Policies, the code suggests:

- This involves reviewing the Treasury Management policy and procedures and making recommendations to the responsible body;
- Public Service Organisations have a responsibility to ensure that those charged with governance have access to the skills and knowledge they require to carry out this role effectively;
- Those charged with Governance also have a personal responsibility to ensure they have the appropriate skills and training in their role;
- The procedures for monitoring Treasury Management activities through audit, scrutiny and inspection should be sound and rigorously applied, with an openness of access to information and well-defined arrangements for the review and implementation of recommendations for change; and
- This includes the provision of monitoring information and regular review by Councillors in both executive and Scrutiny functions.

In compliance with the above, a copy of the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 is attached at **Appendix A**, together with a copy of the Mid-year Report on the Treasury Management Service 2020/21 at **Appendix B**.

## **Equalities implications**

There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

## **Legal implications**

Approval of Prudential Indicators and an Annual Investment Strategy is a legal requirement of the Local Government Act 2003. Members are required under the CIPFA Code of Practice to have ownership and understanding when making decisions on Treasury Management matters.

## **Resource and Value for Money implications**

All financial resource implications are detailed in the body of this report which links to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

## **Risk implications**

Risk is inherent in Treasury Management and as such a risk based approach has been adopted throughout the report with regard to Treasury Management processes.

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<i>Background Papers:-</i>	Corporate Vision, Priorities Plan, Budget & Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 (Including Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Statement 2021/22, and Corporate Capital Strategy, Council 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021)
	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2020/21, Council 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020