

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

24th April 2024

Report of the Executive Director Finance

REVIEW OF THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STATEMENT 2024/25 and the TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2023/24

Purpose

To review the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement and Annual Investment Statement 2024/25 and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2023/24 approved by Council on 27th February 2024 and 12th December 2023 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. In order to undertake this role effectively the Committee receive regular treasury management reports and all Members receive training on treasury management at least annually or more often when required.

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 2024/25 is attached at **Appendix A**, together with a copy of the Mid-year Report on the Treasury Management Service 2023/24 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 2024/25 (Including Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Statement 2024/25, and Corporate Capital Strategy, Council 27 th February 2024)
	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2023/24, Council 12 th December 2023