



PART A:	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	6 DECEMBER 2012
REPORT OF THE:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR (s151) PAUL CRESSWELL
TITLE OF REPORT:	TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on treasury management activities to date for 2012/13 and to update Members on current investments in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) Members receive this report; and
- (ii) the current investments and performance in 2012/2013 be noted.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council has adopted the Code. A provision of the Code is that the Policy and Resources Committee will receive and review regular monitoring reports relating to the treasury management activities of the current year.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are no significant risks in considering this report. There are significant risks when investing public funds especially with unknown institutions. However, by the adoption of the CIPFA Code and a prudent investment policy these are minimised. The employment of Treasury Advisors also helps reduce the risk.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Council has adopted the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in Local Authorities and this report complies with the requirements under this code.

- 5.2 The Council use the services of Sector Treasury Services Limited (Sector) to provide treasury management information and advice.

REPORT

6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 The CIPFA Code states that Members will receive reports on the Council's Treasury Management policies, practices, and activities at regular intervals including an annual strategy, a mid-year review of the strategy and performance, an annual outturn report and monitoring reports.
- 6.2 In compliance with the Treasury Management scheme of delegation a mid-year review report will be submitted to the December meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny, prior to the submission to Full Council.
- 6.3 The Council aims to achieve the optimum return on investments commensurate with the proper levels of security and liquidity. In the current economic climate it is considered appropriate to keep investments short-term and only invest with highly credit rated financial institutions.
- 6.4 As at 31 October 2012 internally managed investments totalled £8,300,000 which were lent out as follows:

Period of Maturity	£
Cash Equivalents:	
Call Monies (SIBA)	1,800,000
Repayable within 1 month	0
Fixed Term Deposits:	
Repayable 1 month to 3 months	4,500,000
Repayable 3 months to 6 months	1,000,000
Repayable 6 months to 12 months	1,000,000
Repayable 12 months to 24 months	0
Total	8,300,000

- 6.5 The above investments were held with the following types of institutions:

Type of Institution	£
UK Clearing Banks	8,300,000
Foreign Banks	0
Building Societies	0
Local Authorities	0
Total	8,300,000

- 6.6 This Council uses the creditworthiness service provided by Sector Treasury Services as specified in the Council's Investment Strategy approved by Full Council 20 February 2012. The service uses a sophisticated modelling approach with credit

ratings from all three agencies – Fitch, Moodys and Standard & Poors, forming the core element. The modelling approach combines credit ratings, credit watches, credit outlooks and credit default swap spreads in a weighted scoring system, which indicates the relative creditworthiness of counterparties.

- 6.7 Because of the ongoing uncertainty within the money markets, the temporary restriction to Sectors Credit Methodology is still in place. The restriction suggests a maximum investment duration of 3 months with the exception of UK Government and related entities such as local authorities, UK semi nationalised institutions such as Lloyds and RBS and Money Market Funds. New investments will be restricted to these limits until market circumstances begin to stabilise.
- 6.8 All the above borrowers met the required credit rating at the time of investment.
- 6.9 The following table shows the relative performance of cash equivalents (deposits restricted to a duration of under 30 days) and fixed term deposits, with the 7-day benchmark for the period ended 31 October 2012:

	Average Investment £	Gross Rate of Return	Net Rate of Return	Benchmark Return
Cash Equivalents	2,734,706	0.77%	n/a	n/a
Fixed Term Deposits	1,103,435	1.40%	n/a	0.42%

- 6.10 As illustrated above the Authority has to date outperformed the benchmark. The Council's budgeted investment return for 2012/13 is £100k, the interest received from investments and loans for the seven-month period to 31 October 2012 total £72k. The return on investments therefore is slightly above the profiled budget, however, due to continued quantitative easing, this return is likely to fall for the remainder of the year as banks reduce their investment interest rates. Nevertheless it is anticipated that the return on investments will meet the budget target for the financial year.
- 6.11 In October the policymakers at the Bank of England held interest rates at 0.5% for the 42nd month in a row. Sector's latest economic forecast predicts that the first Bank Rate increase will be in the third quarter of 2014 to 0.75%.
- 6.12 Officers can confirm that the approved limits within the Annual Investment Strategy were not breached during the period 1 April 2012 to 31 October 2012.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial
The results of the investment strategy affect the funding of the Capital Programme.
 - b) Legal
There are no legal implications regarding this report.
 - c) Other
None to report.

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Background Papers:
None.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:
None.