

Prudential Indicators 2025/26 Mid-Year (30.09.25)

	Prudential Indicator		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	
1	Capital Expenditure To allow the authority to plan for capital financing as a result of the capital programme and enable the monitoring of capital budgets.	GF HRA Other LT Total	£117.5m £45.0m £0.5m £163.0m	£68.4m £15.8m £0.5m £84.7m	£51.7m £16.4m £0.5m £68.6m	£42.7m £13.1m £0.5m £56.3m	£58.7m £13.0m £0.5m £72.2m	
2	CFR Indicates the Council's underlying need to borrow money for capital purposes. The majority of the capital programme is funded through government support, government grant or the use of capital receipts. The use of borrowing increases the CFR.	GF HRA Other LT Total	£383.5m £136.8m £45.4m £565.7m	£406.8m £138.3m £44.1m £589.2m	£420.0m £141.3m £42.8m £604.1m	£436.3m £141.3m £41.6m £619.2m	£446.1m £141.3m £40.2m £627.6m	
3	Liability Benchmark The Liability Benchmark is based on current capital plans and cash flow assumptions, therefore giving the Council an indication of how much it needs to borrow, when it is likely to need to borrow, and where to match maturities to its planned borrowing needs. The liability benchmark makes no assumption about the level of future prudential borrowing in unknown capital budgets.	Liability Benchmark £700,000 £600,000 £500,000 £400,000 £300,000 £200,000 £100,000 £0 2025 2027 2029 2031 2033 2035 2037 2039 2041 2043 2045 2047 2049 2051 2053 2055 2057 2059 2061 2063 2065 2067 2069 2071 2073 2075 2077 2079 2081 2083 2085 2087 2089 2091 2093 2095 PWLB Loans LOBO Loans Variable rate loans Net Loans Requirement (forecast net loan debt) Liability Benchmark (Gross Loans Requirement) Market Loans (excl LOBO loans) Short Term inc LA Temporary Borrowing (<1 year) Existing Loan Debt Outstanding Loans CFR						
4	Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream An estimate of the cost of borrowing in relation to the net cost of Council services to be met from government grant and council taxpayers. In the case of the HRA the net	GF HRA Total	13.70% 13.21% 13.60%	17.07% 12.88% 16.26%	17.94% 12.63% 16.93%	18.67% 12.39% 17.51%	19.53% 12.14% 18.19%	

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	revenue stream is the income from rents. <i>Note that financing costs include debt and other long-term liabilities such as PFI and Leases.</i>							
5	External Debt To ensure that borrowing levels are prudent over the medium term the Council's external borrowing, net of investments, must only be for a capital purpose and so not exceed the CFR.	Gross Debt Invest Net Debt	£446.5m £5.0m £441.5m	£473.3m £5.0m £468.3m	£500.1m £5.0m £495.1m	£528.8m £5.0m £523.8m	£568.1m £5.0m £563.1m	
6 a	Authorised Limit for External Debt The authorised limit is a level set above the operational boundary in acceptance that the operational boundary may well be breached because of cash flows. It represents an absolute maximum level of debt that could be sustained for only a short period of time. The council sets an operational boundary for its total external debt, gross of investments, separately identifying borrowing from other long-term liabilities.	Borrowing CFR / Other long-term liabilities	£580.5m £30.0m £610.5m (£610.5m set at 2025/26 Strategy)	£599.2m £30.0m £629.2m (Based on current CFR projection)	£614.1m £30.0m £644.1m (Based on current CFR projection)	£629.2m £30.0m £659.2m (Based on current CFR projection)	£637.6m £30.0m £667.6m (Based on current CFR projection)	

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6 b	Operational Boundary for External Debt The operational boundary is a measure of the most likely, prudent, level of debt. It takes account of risk management and analysis to arrive at the maximum level of debt projected as part of this prudent assessment. It is a means by which the authority manages its external debt to ensure that it remains within the self-imposed authority limit. It is a direct link between the Council's plans for capital expenditure; our estimates of the capital financing requirement; and estimated operational cash flow for the year.	Borrowing CFR / Short Term Liquidity Requirement	£565.6m £14.9m £580.5m (£580.5m set at 2025/26 Strategy)	£589.2m £10.0m £599.2m (Based on current CFR projection)	£604.1m £10.0m £614.1m (Based on current CFR projection)	£619.2m £10.0m £629.2m (Based on current CFR projection)	£627.6m £10.0m £637.6m (Based on current CFR projection)	

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7	Maturity Structure of Borrowing To minimise the impact of debt maturity on the cash flow of the Council. Over exposure to debt maturity in any one year could mean that the Council has insufficient liquidity to meet its repayment liabilities, and as a result could be exposed to risk of interest rate fluctuations in the future where loans are maturing. The Council therefore sets limits whereby long-term loans mature in different periods thus spreading the risk.	Maturity profile of debt against approved limits	Maturity Profile	Debt (£)	Debt (%)	Approved Minimum Limit	Approved Maximum Limit	
			Less than 1 yr	£60.3m	19%	0%	30%	In line with the TMSS Lobo loans are shown as due at their next call date as this is the date the lender could require payment.
			1 to 2 yrs	£16.0m	5%	0%	30%	
			2 to 5 yrs	£50.4m	16%	0%	40%	
			5 to 10 yrs	£66.0m	20%	0%	40%	
			10 yrs and above	£130.8m	40%	30%	90%	
			Total	£323.5m	100%	-	-	
7	Upper Limit for Total Principal Sums Invested for Over 364 Days The Council sets an upper limit for each forward financial year period for the level of investments that mature in over 364 days. These limits reduce the liquidity and interest rate risk associated with investing for more than one year.	Limit / (Current investments greater than 364 days maturing in year)	£15.0m (£0.0m)	£15.0m (£0.0m)	£15.0m (£0.0m)	£15.0m (£0.0m)	£15.0m (£0.0m)	