

#### **Audit & Governance Committee**

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Report of the Director of Customer & Corporate Services

# Treasury Management Annual Report & Review of Prudential Indicators 2019/20

## Summary

- 1. Audit & Governance Committee are responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies, as stated in the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 approved by full Council on 28 February 2019.
- 2. Attached at Annex 1 is the draft Treasury Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators 2019/20, which provides an update on treasury management activity during the year.

#### Recommendation

Audit & Governance Committee note and scrutinise the Treasury
 Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators 2019/20 at Annex 1

Reason: That those responsible for scrutiny and governance arrangements are updated on a regular basis to ensure that those implementing policies and executing transactions have properly fulfilled their responsibilities with regard to delegation and reporting.

# **Background**

- 4. The report reviews the economic and market conditions and provides an update on the outturn position for the year, including details of new loans taken during the year.
- 5. The COVID-19 pandemic has not impacted on the 2019/20 outturn, and will only have a limited impact on treasury management due to the long term nature of investment counter parties. The situation will be kept under review and we will continue to keep members informed on any impact on the Council's borrowing and investments as the situation evolves.

#### Consultation

6. Not applicable

# **Options**

7. It is a statutory requirement under Local Government Act 2003 for the council to operate in accordance with the CIPFA prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice "the Code". No alternative options are available.

#### **Council Plan**

8. Treasury management is an integral part of the council's finances providing for cash flow management and financing of capital schemes. It aims to ensure that the council maximises its return on investments, (whilst the priority is for security of capital and liquidity of funds) and minimises the cost of its debts. This allows more resources to be freed up to invest in the Council's priority areas as set out in the council plan. It therefore underpins all of the council's aims.

# **Implications**

- 9. The implications are
  - Financial the security of the Councils capital funds is a priority, maximising returns on investments is still key along with minimising the finance costs of debt.
  - Human Resources there are no human resource implications to this report.
  - One Planet Council / Equalities there are no One Planet Council or equality implications to this report.
  - Legal there are no legal implications to this report.
  - Crime and Disorder there are no crime and disorder implications to this report.
  - Information Technology there are no information technology implications to this report.
  - Property –there are no property implications to this report.
  - Other there are no other implications to this report.

# **Risk Management**

10. The treasury management function is a high-risk area because of the volume and level of large money transactions. As a result of this the Local

Government Act 2003 (as amended), the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice (the code) are all adhered to as required.

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# For further information please contact the author of this report Background Working Papers None

### **Annexes**

Annex One - Treasury Management Annual Report and Review of Prudential Indicators 2019/20

Annex to above report – Prudential Indicators 2019/20