

Annex A

Prudential Indicators 2009/10 Outturn

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS			2008/09 actual	2009/10 Estimate Monitor 3	2009/10 actual
1)	Capital Expenditure To allow the authority to plan for capital financing as a result of the capital programme. To enable the monitoring of capital budgets to ensure they remain within budget.	Non - HRA	£'000 51,066	£'000 56,043	£'000 52,387
		HRA	7,470	6,887	6,093
		TOTAL	58,536	62,927	58,408
2)	Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream This indicator estimates 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 revenue stream is the income from Rents and Subsidy.	Non - HRA	5.40%	6.90%	6.98%
		HRA	2.33%	3.10%	2.84%
3)	Incremental impact of capital investment decisions - Council Tax Shows the actual impact of capital investment decisions on council tax. The impact on council tax is a fundamental indicator of affordability for the Council to consider when setting forward plans. The figure relates to how much of the increase in council tax is used in financing the capital programme and any related revenue implications that flow from it.	Increase in Council Tax (band D) per annum	£ p 25.62	£ p 19.84	£ p 15.70
4)	Incremental impact of capital investment decisions - Hsg Rents Shows the actual impact of capital investment decisions on HRA rent. For CYC, the HRA 2008/09 planned capital spend is based on the government's approved borrowing limit so there is no impact on HRA rents.	Increase in average housing rent per week	£ p 0.00	£ p 0.00	£ p 0.00
5)	Capital Financing Requirement as at 31 March 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.	Non - HRA	£'000 87,329	£'000 106,762	£'000 111,591
		HRA	11,235	12,235	12,235
		TOTAL	98,564	118,997	123,826
6a)	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 for 3 financial years.	borrowing	£'000 146,500	£'000 186,000	£'000 186,000
		other long term liabilities	0	0	0
		TOTAL	146,500	186,000	186,000
6b)	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	£'000 125,200	£'000 145,000	£'000 145,000
		other long term liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
		TOTAL	125,200	145,000	145,000
7)	Adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services Ensuring Treasury Management (TM) Practices remain in line with the SORP.	TM Policy Statement	✓	✓	✓
		12 TM Practices	✓	✓	✓
		Policy Placed Before Council	✓	✓	✓
		Annual Review Undertaken	✓	✓	✓
		A&G named as specified Scrutiny body			✓
8a)	Upper limit for fixed interest rate exposure				

	The Council sets limits to its exposures to the effects of changes in interest rates for 3 years. The Council should not be overly exposed to fluctuations in interest rates which can have an adverse impact on the revenue budget if it is overly exposed to variable rate investments or debts.	Net interest re fixed rate borrowing / investments	107%	150%	150%
		Actual Net interest re fixed rate borrowing / investments		106%	110%
8b)	Upper limit for variable rate exposure The Council sets limits to its exposures to the effects of changes in interest rates for 3 years. The Council should not be overly exposed to fluctuations in interest rates which can have an adverse impact on the revenue budget if it is overly exposed to variable rate investments or debts.	Net interest re variable rate borrowing / investments	-7%	-50%	-50%
		Actual Net interest re variable rate borrowing / investments		-6%	-10%
9)	Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days 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.	Investments over 364 days	£'000 £10,000 £4,000	£'000 £10,000 £0	£'000 £10,000 £0
10)	Maturity structure of new fixed rate borrowing during 2008/09 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. The limits are set as a percentage of the average balances of the investment portfolio.		Actual (£102,065k)	Upper Limit	Actual (£116,065k)
		under 12 months	4%	10%	0%
		12 months & within 24 months	4%	10%	6%
		24 months & within 5 years	3%	25%	6%
		5 years & within 10 years	14%	40%	19%
		10 years & and above	75%	90%	69%

Glossary Of Abbreviations

HRA Housing Revenue Account

SORP Statement of Recommended Practice - for Local Authority Accounting

CFR Capital Financing Requirement

CY City of York Council

1. In accordance with the Prudential Code, the Prudential Indicators set by full Council on 26th February 2009 for the financial year 2009/10 must be monitored and reported at Outturn. The Prudential Indicators are detailed above and some of the key points are explained below:
2. Size of the Capital Programme (Indicator 1) - The capital programme expenditure at monitor 3 was estimated to be £62,927m and outturn was £58.408m. The Capital Programme Outturn 2009/10 report has further details with regards to this movement. The reduced outturn compared to monitor 3 is due to a number of schemes being slipped to be completed during 2009/10.
3. Net revenue Stream (indicator 2) - This indicator represents how much borrowing, for the capital programme, will cost as a percentage of the net revenue stream. The General Fund indicator is 6.98% compared to a budgeted level of 6.90%, with the marginal increase due to the a larger amount of interest being paid to departments on their surplus balances than originally expected. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) version of the indicator is 3.10% compared to the budgeted level of 2.84%, the difference is again due to a larger amount of interest being received by the HRA as their balances were higher than anticipated.
4. Incremental Impact on the Level of Council Tax (Indicator 3) – This indicator shows the impact of capital investment decision on the bottom line level of Council Tax. The Council can fund its discretionary capital programme from two main sources, from unsupported borrowing or using capital receipts from the sale of surplus assets. The

Council's policy is to use capital receipts to fund the Capital programme, however in the current economic environment with reduced capital receipts there is the requirement to use unsupported borrowing to support the capital programme, which has an impact on Council Tax. The unsupported borrowing is not taken unless it is affordable, sustainable and prudent and can be supported by an existing budget. In 2009/10 the increased impact on council tax is £15.70 per Band D charge. This has fallen from the estimate of £19.84 due to the capital expenditure reducing thereby less funding is required to support schemes and lower than estimated interest paid on borrowing throughout the year.

5. Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) (Indicator 5) - The CFR at outturn was £123,826m, which is the Council's underlying need to borrow for all capital investment over time. At year-end when the Capital programme is financed the CFR can change when decisions are made with regards to use of external funding, capital receipts etc to support the Capital investment of the Council. In addition the change in the accounting treatment of part of the Private Finance Initiative increased the CFR, however this had not direct affect on Council tax.
6. Authorised Limit / Operational Boundary (Indicator 6) - The Council took on additional debt of £18m, but repaid £4m leaving the Council's total level of debt at £116.1m. The Council's Operational Boundary (maximum prudent level of debt) was revised to £145m as part of the 2009/10 budget setting process and the Authorised Limit (maximum allowed debt) revised to £186m. The headroom available within these limits allows the Council the ability to borrow in advance of need in accordance with its 3 year forecast Capital programme. If these limits were breached the LG Act 2003 requires full Council approval. Debt levels have remained within the limits set.
7. Adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice in Treasury Management (Indicator 7) – In accordance with the Prudential Code the Council has adopted the Treasury Management Code of Practice in the Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10 prior to the beginning of the financial year. In addition, during 2009/10 the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice “the Code” has been revised in light of the Icelandic situation in 2008. the revised “Code” has also been adopted by the Council and as detailed in the table has adhered to the requirements.
8. Upper Limit for Fixed and Variable Interest rate Exposure (Indicator 8) – Interest rate exposure on debt is positive due to it being in relation to interest paid and on investments is negative as it is interest being received. When the variable and fixed interest rates are totalled, it will always be 100%. The majority of the interest received for the Council relates to variable rated investments, where as the interest paid on debt is fixed. The limits set in the budget were not breached and the outturn stands at 110% for fixed interest arte exposure and –10% for variable interest rate exposure.
9. Upper Limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days (Indicator 9) – This has been set at £10m and is approximately 25% of the average portfolio throughout the year. In the year no investments for longer than 364 days have been taken. A long term invest of £4m was however repaid.
10. Maturity Structure of Fixed rate Borrowing in 2009/10 (Indicator 10) – The borrowing portfolio is spread across different time periods to ensure that the Council is not exposed to the requirement to take new borrowing in any one year and be exposed to interest rates in any one year. In 2009/10 the borrowing portfolio maturity profile was within the limits set.