

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	28 November 2023
Title of Report:	Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2023/24
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Northey (Interim Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	Finance/WE/TMMY 23-24
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Council to set out its Treasury Management Strategy for borrowing and to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy. The Council's Strategy for 2023/24 was approved by full Council at its budget meeting on 27 February 2023.

This report provides an update on the progress and outcomes against the Treasury Management Strategy for the six-month period ended 30 September 2023. It is a requirement of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management that a mid- year report, as a minimum, should be presented to Full Council.

Recommendations and Reasons

That the Audit and Governance Committee:

- I. Note the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2023/24.

Reason: This is to comply with the CIPFA Code of Practice and discharge our statutory requirement.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. It is a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 2003 and supporting regulations to set an annual treasury strategy for borrowing and prepare an annual investment strategy. The Council has adopted the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Effective financial management is fundamental to the delivery of corporate improvement priorities. Treasury Management activity has a significant impact on the Council's activity both in revenue budget terms and capital investment and is a key factor in facilitating the delivery against a number of corporate priorities.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Treasury Management affects the Council's budget in terms of borrowing costs and investment returns. The Treasury Management Strategy sets the authorised limits and operational boundaries within which investment and borrowing decisions are taken and risks managed. Effective treasury management will provide support towards the achievement of its business and service objectives. It is therefore

committed to the principles of achieving value for money in treasury management, and to employing suitable performance measurement techniques, within the context of effective risk management.

Financial Risks

There is an inherent risk to any Treasury Management activity. The Council continues to manage this risk by ensuring all investments are undertaken in accordance with the approved investment strategy, and keeping the counterparty list under constant review

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No direct implications

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

A robust Treasury Management Strategy is key to ensuring a successful delivery of our Medium Term Financial Strategy and ensuring the Council can achieve its objectives to be a Pioneering, Growing Caring and Confident City.

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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A	Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2023-24							

Background papers:

**Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Northey

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 17/11/2023

Cabinet Member approval: *Councillor Mark Lowry approved via email*

Date approved: 20/11/2023