

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	29 November 2021
Title of Report:	Capital Financing Strategy 2022/23
Lead Member:	Councillor Nick Kelly (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Lead Strategic Director:	Brendan Arnold (Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	Finance/CF
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the Capital Financing Strategy for 2022/23 and is a requirement of The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. The Audit Committee recommends the Capital Financing Strategy 2022/23 to the Council for approval.

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

Alternative options considered and rejected

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:

The cost of capital affects the Treasury Management Strategy and the Council's budget in terms of borrowing costs and investment returns. The Capital Strategy provides an overarching policy framework for the Council's capital programme and planning, and will form part of a suite of strategies which provide a holistic view of the Council's financial planning framework. With this in mind this document should be considered in conjunction with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy.

The Capital Financing Strategy covers the capital programme; capital budget; governance; capital financing; affordability and risk management.

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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Background papers:

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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: Brendan Arnold

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

Date agreed: 17/11/2021

Cabinet Member approval: by Cllr Nick Kelly by email

Date approved: 18/11/2021