

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy

Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators Annual Report for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 20261. Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the treasury management activity and the actual prudential indicators for 2025/26. This is in accordance with all the Council's objectives and key priorities.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to NOTE the Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

3. Detail

This report meets the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Council is required to comply with both Codes through regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.

During 2025/26, the minimum reporting requirements were that an annual Treasury Management Strategy be approved in advance of the year, with update reports and an annual report being produced following the year describing the activity compared to the Strategy. This report fulfils this requirement.

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management requires the Deputy Chief Executive to operate the Treasury Management function in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy approved by Cabinet on 4 February 2025 and Council on 5 March 2025. Details of all borrowing and investment transactions for 2025/26 together with the balances at 31 March 2026 and treasury management limits on activity are also provided in **Appendix 1**. All treasury management activities undertaken during the year complied fully with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the approved Treasury Management Strategy.

Under the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, the Council is required to prepare a number of prudential indicators against which treasury management performance should be measured. Performance against the prudential indicators is given in **Appendix 2**.

The CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Financing in Local Authorities was revised in December 2021 and introduced a requirement for the production of a Capital Strategy. This is considered alongside the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and the Investments Strategy by this Committee as part of the Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies report each year before being presented to full Council for approval in March.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

This report meets the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. All treasury management activities undertaken during the year complied fully with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the approved Treasury Management Strategy. Further comments are incorporated in the narrative in the executive summary and appendices.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer were as follows:

Treasury Management activities have to conform to the Local Government Act 2003, the Local Authorities (Capital; Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/3146), which specifies that the Council is required to have regard to the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and also the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/414), which clarifies the requirements of the Minimum Revenue Provision guidance. This report demonstrates compliance with the legislative framework.

8. Human Resources Implications

There were no comments from the Human Resources Manager.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

The are no climate change implications in relation to this report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As there is no change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.