

Treasury Management Sub-Committee



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Third Quarter Treasury Management Report 2016/17 and Investment Activity 1 April to 30 December 2016	
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Purpose of report:	To present the Council's third Quarter Treasury Management Report summarising the investment activities for the period to 31 December 2016.	

Recommendation	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that, the Treasury Management Sub-Committee:</p> <p>(1) Scrutinise the content of this report, including details of the treasury management performance for the first nine months of the 2016/17 financial year; and,</p> <p>(2) Make recommendations, as appropriate, via the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council regarding the <u>approval</u> of the attached Treasury Management Report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2016 (Appendix 1 refers).</p>
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasury management activities are undertaken in consultation with Capita (the Council's appointed Treasury Management advisers) and also takes into account information obtained from investment brokers and other economic commentators. This committee provides for the scrutiny of treasury management strategies and performance, with changes in strategies and policies subject to approval by Cabinet and full Council.
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for the management of Council investments are formally considered within the annual treasury management and investment strategy. This includes key strategies in respect of the maintenance of the Council's debt free status, the continuation of in-house management of funds, and the approach to be adopted in establishing the creditworthiness of potential counterparties. The changing nature of the economic climate requires that these key areas are subject on-going review.
Implications:	
<i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to main report
<i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">

<i>Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This report is in-line with the Treasury Management Practice 6, (TMP6), of the Treasury Management Code of Practice which requires that a current year review of the Treasury Services against adopted annual strategy, be report to Council by 30 November each financial year. 	
<i>Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
	Low/Medium/ High*		Low/Medium/ High*
Fluctuation in interest rates or in projected cash flows having significant impact on budgeted investment income.	High	Spread of investments for periods of up to two years. Budget monitoring and quarterly performance reports. Use of interest equalisation reserve to smooth out year on year fluctuations.	Medium
Bank / building society failure resulting in loss of Council funds.	High	Use of Capita advice on counterparty credit ratings (based on Fitch and Moody ratings) and the setting of lending limits. Use of non-rated building societies based on asset base and additional credit checks.	Medium
Ward(s) affected:		All Ward	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2016/17 <i>(Report TMS/SE/16/002 refers)</i>	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1 – Third Quarter Treasury Management Report 2016/17	

1. **Third Quarter Monitoring Report 2016/17**

1.1 Full details of treasury management activities during the period 1 April to 31 December 2016 are included in **Appendix 1** of this report.

1.2 Below is a summary of those investment activities:

INTEREST EARNED & AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN SUMMARY			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Investment Interest Earned	£208,112	£327,926	+ £119,814
Average Rate of Return	0.90%	0.80%	- 0.10%

- The over-achievement of interest earned was primarily due to higher cash balances being available for investment than expected. These increases in balances are due to timing differences in the collection and payment of Council Tax, NNDR and other revenue streams, and underspends relating to the budgeted capital programme.
- The reduced average rate of return is due to the reduction in the Bank of England base rate and resulting reduction of interest rates offered by institutions.
- As at 31 December 2016 we held £55,450,000 of investments

INVESTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY	
	2016/17 £
Opening Balance 01 April 2016	44,600,000
Investments made during the year (including transfers to business reserve accounts)	80,300,000
Sub Total	124,900,000
Investments realised during the year (including withdrawals from business reserve accounts)	69,450,000
Closing Balance 31 December 2016	55,450,000

2. **Borrowings and Temporary Loans**

2.1 The Council had no borrowings or temporary loans as at 31 December 2016.