

Recommendation of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: 30 July 2020: Financial Resilience - June 2020

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Decisions Plan: This item is included on the Decisions Plan.

Wards impacted: All wards

Recommendation: It is recommended that, subject to the approval of Council, the Financial Resilience Report (June 2020), as contained in Report number: FRS/WS/20/002, be approved.

1. Context to this report

1.1 Investment Activity 1 April to 30 June 2020

The total amount invested at 1 April 2020 was £29,900,000 and at 30 June 2020 £32,650,000.

1.2 The 2020-2021 Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy sets out the Council's projections for the current financial year. The budget for investment income in 2020-2021 was £142,141 which is based on a 0.65% target interest rate of return on investments.

1.3 As at the end of June 2020, interest earned during the first quarter of the financial year amounted to £31,947.08 against a profiled budget for the period of £35,535; a budgetary deficit of £3,587.92. The budgetary deficit relates to reducing interest rates as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which started in mid-March 2020.

1.4 As at the end of June 2020, the Council had not had any additional external borrowing over the long-term £4 million loan.

1.5 The Sub-Committee has scrutinised the investment activity for 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, and asked questions to which responses were provided.

1.6 The Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the report and discussed the HM Debt Management Office. Members did not raise any issues to be brought to the Cabinet's attention.

1.7 The Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee has put forward a recommendation as set out on page one of this report.

2. Alternative options that have been considered

2.1 Not applicable.

3. Consultation and engagement undertaken

4.1 Not applicable.

4. Risks associated with the proposals

5.1 Not applicable.

5. Implications arising from the proposals

6.1 Financial:

See Report number: [FRS/WS/20/002](#)

6. Appendices referenced in this report

7.1 None

7. Background documents associated with this report

8.1 Report number: [FRS/WS/20/002](#)