

Recommendation of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: 26 January 2023 - Treasury Management Strategy 2023 to 2024 and Code of Practice

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Decisions Plan: **The decision made as a result of this report will usually be published within 48 hours. This item will be referred to Council for a final decision and is, therefore, not subject to call-in. This item is included in the Decisions Plan.**

Wards impacted: **All wards**

Recommendation: **It is recommended that, subject to the approval of Council:**

- 1. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023 to 2024 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report number: FRS/WS/23/002, be approved; and**
- 2. The Treasury Management Code of Practice, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report number: FRS/WS/23/002, be approved.**

1. Context to this report

1.1 Financial Resilience - Strategy Statement 2023 to 2024 and Treasury Management Code of Practice

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code of Practice requires that, prior to the start of the financial year that Council formally approves a Treasury Management Policy Statement and Investment Strategy, setting out the Council's treasury management policy and strategy for the forthcoming year.

1.2 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023 to 2024 was attached as [Appendix 1](#) to Report number: [FRS/WS/23/002](#) and the Treasury Management Code of Practice attached as [Appendix 2](#). The Sub-Committee was advised that a new Treasury Code of Practice was published on 20 December 2021 and changes from this Code had been incorporated into the Treasury Management Strategy 2023 to 2024. The key changes made were around knowledge and skills, as well as the inclusion of some extra treasury management prudential indicators, mainly around the liability benchmark.

1.3 The report also included additional supporting information on treasury advisors; borrowing strategy; investment strategy counterparty ratings and interest rate projections.

1.4 The Financial Resilience Sub-Committee scrutinised the report on 16 January 2023 and asked questions to which responses were provided. In particular, discussions were held on the meaning of short-term borrowing; capital financing which was based on the current programme of planned spending; and local authority lending and local authorities who are subject to a Section 114 notice.

1.5 The Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2023 considered the report and did not raise any issues.

2. Proposals within this report

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

3. Alternative options that have been considered

3.1 Not applicable.

4. Consultation and engagement undertaken

4.1 Not applicable.

5. Risks associated with the proposals

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Implications arising from the proposals

6.1 Financial: See report number [FRS/WS/23/002](#)

7. Appendices referenced in this report

7.1 None

8. Background documents associated with this report

8.1 See report number [FRS/WS/23/002](#)