

Title of Report	Treasury Management Update Report
For Consideration By	Audit Committee
Meeting Date	17 June 2026
Classification	Open
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Group Director	Naeem Ahmed, Group Director, Finance & Corporate Resources

1. **Introduction**

- 1.1. This report provides Members of the Audit Committee with an update on treasury management activities over the period April 2026 to May 2026.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1. There are no immediate recommendations arising from this report as the purpose is to update the Audit Committee on past events.

3. **Reason(s) for decision**

- 3.1. This report updates the Audit Committee on the Council's investment and borrowing arrangements to maintain an overview on these activities in line with the Chartered Institute for Public Finance Accountants (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

4. **Background**

Policy Context

- 4.1. To help ensure that the treasury management function is governed effectively it is essential for those charged with governance to review the operations of treasury management on a regular basis. This report is the first of the treasury reports relating to the financial year 2026/27 for the Audit Committee. It sets out the background for treasury management activity from April 2026 to May 2026 and the action taken during this period.

Equality impact assessment

- 4.2. There are no equality impact issues arising from this report.

Sustainability and climate change

- 4.3. There are no sustainability and climate changes issues arising from this report.

Consultations

- 4.4. No consultations are required in respect of this report.

Risk assessment

- 4.5. There are no risks arising from this report as it reports on past events. Clearly though the treasury management function is a significant area of potential risk for the Council if the function was not properly carried out and monitored by those charged with responsibility for oversight. Regular reporting on treasury management ensures that the Committee is kept informed.

5. Comments of the Group Director, Finance & Corporate Resources

- 5.1. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report as it reflects the performance from April 2026 to May 2026. Whilst investment interest is not currently used to underpin the Council's base revenue budget, as in some other authorities, it does impact on the ability to fund additional discretionary expenditure and capital programmes. The information contained in this report will assist Members of this Committee in monitoring the treasury management activities and enable better understanding of such operations. Officers continue to pay close attention to the Council's cashflow making sure there is enough liquid cash to meet any unexpected situation as a result of a highly volatile economy at present.
- 5.2. No new borrowing has been undertaken since the last update due to sufficiency of cash levels to meet cash outflows. For future capital financing requirements, the Council will continue to consider borrowing rates offered by alternative lenders, including other local authorities, alongside PWLB rates in order to minimise, where possible, its costs of borrowing. Officers regularly review Council borrowing requirements based on development in cash forecasts and capital programmes.
- 5.3. The Committee is requested to note this report.

6. Comments of the Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services

- 6.1. The Council is required to operate a prudent system of treasury management in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2003, associated regulations and statutory guidance.
- 6.2. The Audit Committee is responsible in accordance with Article 9.3 of the Council's constitution for overseeing internal and external auditing and

helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

- 6.3. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 place obligations on the Council to ensure that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control which includes arrangements for management of risk.
- 6.4. In addition, the Council within its Annual Treasury Management Strategy has agreed to comply with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. This report sets out the work that Treasury Management is undertaking to ensure that it is meeting these requirements and adapting to changes as they arise.
- 6.5. There are no immediate legal implications arising from the report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Treasury Management Update Report

Background documents

None

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