

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2012-13 TO 2014-15

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SUMMARY

The Annual Treasury Management Strategy is agreed by Council as part of Budget setting each February. The strategy is being brought to Audit Committee in advance of it being taken to Council in order to allow greater scrutiny of the strategy. Whilst responsibility for daily decisions is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer, any changes to the strategy during the year are reported to Cabinet with an explanation of the need for those changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are reviewed.

INFORMATION

Treasury Management Strategy

1. The treasury management strategy is reviewed annually and attached is a draft of the strategy to be agreed by Council on 23 February 2012 (**Appendix 1**). Under delegated authority, the Chief Finance Officer has the authority to take all executive decisions in relation to daily treasury management.
2. The strategy for 2012/13 has been written with the assistance of Arlingclose, the Council's treasury advisors and the strategy has been developed to increase the range of permitted investment vehicles, to allow a greater diversity of investments, whilst maintaining a high degree of caution. The intention is to maintain a broadly risk averse approach, whilst being able to seek an optimum yield within the security and liquidity restrictions.
3. Throughout the year the specific investment guidelines in relation to additions and removals to the counterparty list and to the time and value limits of investments are kept under continual review and changes are agreed by the Chief Finance Officer under his delegated authority.
4. It should be noted that at this stage although the strategy for next year is set, the figures contained within it are not finalised as work will continue on refining the estimates of the balances and reserves position until the budget is completed in February. As a result many of the figures within the report are subject to change such as the CFR, prudential indicators and projected borrowing.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.