
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee

13 July 2022

Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

The attached report by the Director of Finance and Support Services provides the committee with details of the borrowing and investment activity during 2021/22 compared to the approved Treasury Management Strategy. It provides the outturn position for treasury activities and highlights compliance with approved County Council policies.

The Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility to review and scrutinise Treasury Management policies and activities through regulatory and governance requirements.

Focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to scrutinise the content of the attached report. Key areas for scrutiny include:

- That the security of investments and borrowing activity complies with the approved Treasury Management Strategy,
- That there is compliance with approved County Council policies, and
- that the impact of national and local situations, including Covid-19, on future treasury management activities is being managed and monitored effectively.

If appropriate the Committee to make any relevant recommendations for action to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property in relation to Treasury Management activity.

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee.

Details

The attached report sets out in detail the performance of Treasury Management for the year 2021/22. It highlights the cautious approach to investing which was followed due to the on-going covid-19 cashflow considerations. The report shows that all statutory and regulatory requirements were complied with including identifying and quantifying levels of risk associated with the treasury management activities.

As at the 31 March 2022 PWLB borrowing was £471.3m. There was no new borrowing during 2021/22 so total external debt remained within the "Authorised

Borrowing Limit" approved by County Council in February. Internal borrowing fell by £6.3m to £21.3m.

The investment strategy was maintained with no breaches during 2021/22. The security of capital sums invested remained the primary objective of the strategy. As at 31 March 2022 the total County Council investment was £442.8m. Interest received during the year amounted to £2.6m which represents a return of 0.61%.

The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached Annex. As it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only, the Equality, Human Rights, Social Value, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder Reduction Assessments are not required.

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Annex Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22
Appendices Appendix 1 – Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Compliance)
Appendix 2 – Investments held as at 31 March 2022

Background papers

None