

South Lakeland District Council
Council
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2019/20 Annual Treasury Management Report

Portfolio:	Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder
Report from:	Section 151 Officer
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Wards:	All Wards
Forward Plan:	Budget and Policy Framework Decision included in the Forward Plan as published on 26/05/2020

1.0 Expected Outcome

- 1.1 The attached report reviews treasury performance during 2019/20 against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy. This is a historic review for noting by members.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that Council:-

- (1) Approve this report**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 The Council is required through regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management report. This is to include a review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2019/20.
- 3.2 The report at **Appendix 1** meets the requirements of both the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).
- 3.3 In line with requirements of the code, the Treasury Management Framework (including Prudential Indicators) was approved prior to the start of the financial year by Council on 26th February 2019. Detailed reports have been presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Council throughout the year.
- 3.4 The level of actual external debt has remained at £12.8m, below the Capital Financing Requirement of £18.5m. This shows the Council has not funded revenue activity through borrowing, a key prudential indicator. This has been a prudent strategy which is constantly under review so as to avoid incurring higher borrowing costs in the future when the Council may not be able to avoid new borrowing.
- 3.5 Interest Receipts from the Council's Investments have brought in £61k more income than budgeted for, as we benefited from fluctuations in market rates as a result of changing market expectations on the next move by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) re the Bank of England base rate and a stepped maturity profile for deposits.

- 3.6 Interest payable on borrowing was in line with budget as no new borrowing was expected or taken in 2019/20 as a result of using internal cash balances to fund capital rather than borrowing.
- 3.7 Looking forward, the COVID-19 outbreak has introduced a large amount of uncertainty into the market. Officers will keep this under constant review with support from the Council's external treasury advisors, Link Asset Services. The current strategy of using internal cash balances to fund prudential borrowing continues to minimise the interest rate gap (where loans cost more than investments earn) and to help reduce counterparty risk.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 The Treasury Management Framework satisfies statute and guidance issued by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and CIPFA. It is mainly a technical document that reflects the decisions made as part of the wider budget process. It was prepared in consultation with the Council's Treasury Advisor (Link Asset Services). Senior management and the Portfolio holder have been consulted. The report presents historic data on treasury performance during 2019/20. The report will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22nd June 2020 and Cabinet on the 24th June 2020.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no alternative options, the report presents historic data on treasury performance during 2019/20

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

- 6.1 The Treasury Management Framework including Prudential Indicators forms part of the corporate governance arrangements that support all Council priorities.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1 The report is historic with the financial and resource implications forming part of the out-turn report for 2019/20

Human Resources

- 7.2 This report has no direct impact on the staffing of the Council/

Legal

- 7.3 This report has no direct legal implications

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

- 7.4 Have you completed an Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No
- 7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Treasury management out-turn relates to a historic review of activities already approved as part of the 2018/19 Treasury Management Framework

Equality and Diversity

- 7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No
- 7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Treasury management out-turn relates to a historic review of activities already approved as part of the 2018/19 Treasury Management Framework

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Reporting is not compliant with the statutory guidance.	Members do not have the opportunity to scrutinise the Treasury function	Full year treasury management report to be presented to Overview and Scrutiny, Cabinet and Council
Investment and borrowing activity is outside of the approved Treasury Management Framework	The Council is exposed to an unauthorised level of Treasury related risk	Robust governance arrangement to control day to day operations, based on the approved strategy, with regular reporting of compliance

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Appendices Attached to this Report

(delete if no appendices attached)

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	2019-2020 Annual Treasury Management Report

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Council Minute C/79 (2018/2019)	https://shorturl.me/yaldeRg

Tracking Information

Signed off by	Date sent	Date Signed off
Section 151 Officer	02/06/2020	09/06/2020
Monitoring Officer	02/06/2020	09/06/2020
CMT	02/06/2020	04/06/2020

Circulated to	Date sent
Lead Specialist	02/06/2020
Human Resources Lead Specialist	N/A
Communications Team	N/A
Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	N/A
Portfolio Holder	02/06/2020
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	*** or N/A
Executive (Cabinet)	*** or N/A
Council	*** or N/A