

STRATEGY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 November 2023

5.30pm – 7:05pm

Present: Robertson (Chair), Baigent, Bennett, Bick, Gawthrope Wood, Holloway, Sheil and Young.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES COUNCILLOR S. SMITH)

TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2023/24

The council has adopted The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (Revised 2021).

This half-year report has been prepared in accordance with the Code and covers the following: -

- An economic update for the first half of the 2023/24 financial year;
- A review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and
- Annual Investment Strategy;
- The Council's capital expenditure, as set out in the Capital Strategy,
- and prudential indicators;
- A review of the Council's investment portfolio for 2023/24;
- A review of the Council's borrowing strategy for 2023/24; and
- A review of compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2023/24.

Cash and investment balances as at 29 September were £142 million. The balance is forecast to gradually reduce over the remainder of the year as existing balances are used to fund General Fund (GF) and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital expenditure.

Interest receipts for the year are projected at £6,271,000 which is £3,954,000 above the original budget. Interest receipts are forecast higher than last year due mainly to increases in investment rates and higher cash balances being held for longer periods than expected.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

Approve the council's estimated Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2023/24 to 2026/27 (Appendix A).