

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CABINET
DATE: 19 FEBRUARY 2013
REPORT BY: HEAD OF FINANCE
SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2013/14, TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2013 – 2016 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES 2013 – 2016.

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To present the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 for approval to the Council in conjunction with:-
- Draft Treasury Management Policy Statement 2013 – 2016,
 - Draft Treasury Management Practices 2013 -16.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The Local Government Act 2003 requires all local authorities to have due regard to both the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in Public Services: Code of Practice (The CIPFA Code of Practice) and Welsh Government guidance on Local Authority Investments.
- 2.02 The Council adopted the 2011 edition of The CIPFA Code of Practice in March 2012 which requires:-
- The Council to create and maintain a Treasury Management Policy Statement which states the Council's policies, objectives and approach to risk management of its treasury management activities.
 - The Council to create and maintain suitable Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) and accompanying schedules, stating how those policies and objectives will be achieved and prescribing how those activities will be managed and controlled.
 - The Council to receive reports on its treasury management policies, practices and activities, including, as a minimum, an annual strategy and plan in advance of the year, a mid-year review and an annual report after its close, in the form prescribed in its TMPs.
 - Responsibility for Treasury Management to be clearly defined. The Council delegates responsibility for the implementation and regular monitoring of its treasury management policies and practices to the Cabinet, and for the execution and administration of treasury management decisions to Head of Finance, who will act in accordance with the organisation's policy statement and TMPs and, CIPFA's *Standard of Professional Practice on Treasury Management*.

- A body to be responsible for the scrutiny of Treasury Management Policy, Strategy and Practices. The Council has nominated the Audit Committee to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the treasury management function. The Audit Committee has previously agreed to include treasury management as a standing item on each quarterly agenda to receive an update.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 At a meeting of the Audit Committee on 30th January 2013, Members reviewed the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2013 - 2016, Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 and Treasury Management Practices 2013 - 2016. Any comments from the Audit Committee will be reported verbally at Cabinet.
- 3.02 The Audit Committee report, which includes the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2013 - 2016, Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 and Treasury Management Practices 2013 – 2016, and an explanation of changes from previous years, is attached appendix 1.
- 3.03 A training session open to all Members on treasury management was run by Arlingclose, the Council's treasury management advisors on the 29th January 2013.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 Cabinet approves and recommends to the Council the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 for approval in conjunction with:-
- Draft Treasury Management Policy Statement 2013 – 2016,
 - Draft Treasury Management Practices 2013 -16.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 As set out in the report.

6.00 ANTI-POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 None directly as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 None directly as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 None directly as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 None directly as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 Arlingclose Limited.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 Arlingclose Limited.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – Report to Audit Committee – 30th January 2013

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: Treasury Management Policy Statement 2013 – 2016
Treasury Management Practices 2013 - 2016
Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14

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