

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 20 th February 2018
Report Subject	Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report presents the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 for approval.

At a meeting of the Audit Committee on 24th January 2018 Members reviewed the Strategy and recommended approval by Council to Cabinet.

Cabinet will consider the detailed report from the Corporate Finance Manager with regard to setting the 2018/19 Treasury Management Strategy, included at Appendix A, at their meeting on 20th February 2018 and their recommendations will be reported at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Members approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT
1.01	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.

1.02	<p>The Council has adopted The CIPFA Code of Practice which requires:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the Corporate Finance Manager, who will act in accordance with the organisation’s policy statement and TMPs and, CIPFA’s <i>Standard of Professional Practice on Treasury Management</i>. • 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.
1.03	<p>The Welsh Government guidance on Local Authority investments requires that the Council prepares an Investment strategy before the start of each financial year which sets out the Council’s policies for the prudent management of its investments, giving priority, firstly to the security of those investments (protecting the capital sum from loss), and secondly liquidity (keeping money readily available for expenditure). The generation of investment income is distinct from these prudential objectives, however provided that proper levels of security and liquidity are achieved, it may (but only then) be reasonable to seek the highest yield consistent with those priorities.</p> <p>The guidance stipulates that the investment strategy must also include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specified Investments • Non-specified Investments • Credit Risk Assessment • Investment Consultants • Investment Training • Investment of money borrowed in advance of need
1.04	In preparation for approving the 2018/19 Treasury Management Strategy

	training for all Members was held on 4 th December 2017. The workshop presented by Arlingclose, the Council's Treasury Management advisors covered a detailed introduction to Treasury Management in Local Authorities, including the regulatory framework and the role of the elected Member in scrutinising the Treasury Management function. The training included an in depth presentation on investments and borrowing.
1.05	As required by the Council's Financial Procedure Rules, the Strategy was reviewed by Audit Committee on 24 th January 2018 and Cabinet on 20 th February 2018. Audit Committee scrutinised the report, and recommended it to Cabinet. Concerns were raised about the potential risk arising from late availability of CIPFA guidance on the updated Codes of Practice (explained in detail in the Cabinet report paragraphs 1.06 to 1.09 in Appendix A). The Audit Committee agreed to receive an update on progress in implementing the new CIPFA Codes of Practice in the second quarter of financial year 2018/19.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Financial implications are addressed in the attached report to Cabinet and its appendices; no other resource implications directly as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Arlingclose Ltd, being the Council's treasury management advisors.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Risk Management directly addressed within appendices including identification of risks and measures to mitigate likelihood and impact of risks identified.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A - Cabinet report: Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Contact Officer: Liz Thomas – Technical Finance Manager Telephone: 01352 702289 E-mail: liz.thomas@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Please see the attached Cabinet report at Appendix A.