

**EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT COVER SHEET**

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Annual Treasury Management Report 2022-23	To be marked with an 'X' by Democratic Services after report has been presented
<b>Meeting of:</b>	Audit Committee – 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	
	Council – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023	

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**Essential Signatories:**

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Monitoring Officer: **John Teasdale**

Date ..... Signature .....

Interim Chief Finance Officer: **Lisa Turner**

Date ..... Signature .....

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Report to Council

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Annual Treasury Management Report 2022/23	
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Finance	
<b>HEAD OF SERVICE:</b>	Lisa Turner	
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Anya Murray Interim Chief Accountant	ext. x1404
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	All	

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The Council is required through regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury report. This report fulfils this requirement, providing a review of treasury activities during the year against the approved Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS).

**2. Contribution to Corporate Priorities**

- 2.1 To support all corporate priorities by minimising the cost to the Council of borrowing to finance its Capital Programme, whilst at the same time maximising the Council's income from the investment of surplus funds whilst maintaining the security and liquidity of investments.

**3. Annual Treasury Management Report**

- 3.1 This is one of three Statutory Treasury Management Reports which are required to be presented to Council each year. The report was considered by the Audit Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and they had no comments or observations to make to Council. The attached report covers:

- The strategy for 2022/23 - a summary (Section 3)
- The Council's treasury position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Section 4)

- Borrowing and Investments outturn (Sections 5 & 6)
- An update on the economy and interest rates (Section 7)
- Compliance with treasury limits and prudential indicators (Section 8)
- An update on other treasury matters (Section 9)

3.2 Overall, the Council's treasury management activities during 2022/23 have been in line with the approved strategy. The highlights from the attached report are as follows:

3.2.1 The Council's external borrowing is £11.057m as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. No additional external borrowing was undertaken during the financial year. External loan debt was repaid as individual annuity loan repayments (from PWLB) were due.

3.2.2 The Capital Financing Requirement (the underlying need to borrow) decreased by £1.5m during the year. This net reduction in the year is due to the annual statutory debt repayments through the Minimum Revenue Provision and voluntary repayments from capital receipts in line with our approved policy and the Medium Term Financial Strategy. This will reduce the cost of borrowing to the revenue budget in future years. Overall the CFR is higher than had originally been anticipated due to the timing of capital receipts that have been committed towards a reduction in the underlying need to borrow. The CFR level (£14.326m) remains above the external borrowing level; this reflects an under-borrowed position which reduces counterparty risk and is cost effective in the current market conditions.

3.2.3 Core Investments stood at £56.3m as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Average returns during the year were 2.1% and reflects the rapidly changing market conditions throughout the year.

3.2.4 The average rate of investment return that was assumed in the 2022/23 budget was 0.5%, which reflected the conditions and forecasts at the time the budget was prepared. Since that time worldwide economic circumstances have significantly changed and inflationary pressures are paramount. The Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee responded by raising the Base Rate of Interest incrementally during the year to 4.25% at the end of March. Combined with higher than expected levels of cash balances due to government grant funded schemes, this has led to investment income returns exceeding budget on an exceptional basis by £1.1m.

#### **4. Risk Assessment and Management**

4.1 The main risks associated with this report and the Council achieving its objectives are the same as those contained within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement. These cover interest rate risk, inflation risk, market/credit risks and liquidity risk.

4.2 These risks are recorded within the risk register and monitored in accordance with the risk strategy.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Finance Team: Anya Murray.*

- 5.1 The report is solely related to financial matters.
- 5.2 Borrowing and investments throughout the year have been managed in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2022-23.

## **6. Legal Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team: John Teasdale*

- 6.1 There are no direct significant legal issues arising from this Report. This report meets the requirements under the Local Government Act 2003.

## **7. Equality and Health**

- 7.1 The Report does not involve the public, including staff, or have consequences for them.

## **8. Data Protection Implications – Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)**

- 8.1. A DPIA must be completed where there are plans to:
  - use systematic and extensive profiling with significant effects;
  - process special category or criminal offence data on a large scale; or
  - systematically monitor publicly accessible places on a large scale
  - use new technologies;
  - use profiling or special category data to decide on access to services;
  - profile individuals on a large scale;
  - process biometric data;
  - process genetic data;
  - match data or combine datasets from different sources;
  - collect personal data from a source other than the individual without providing them with a privacy notice ('invisible processing');
  - track individuals' location or behaviour;
  - profile children or target marketing or online services at them; or
  - process data that might endanger the individual's physical health or safety in the event of a security breach
- 8.2 Following consideration of the above, there are no Data Protection implications arising from this report which would require a DPIA.

## **9. Human Rights**

- 9.1 There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

**10. Recommendation(s)**

- 10.1 To approve the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2022-23 (and associated Prudential Code Indicators).

**11. Background papers**

- 11.1 Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022/23 – approved by full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**12. Appendices**

- 12.1 Annual Treasury Management Report – Appendix A.