

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S
REPORT TO
AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13 November 2023

Report Title: Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2023/24

Submitted by: Service Director for Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Portfolios: Finance, Town Centres and Growth

Ward(s) affected: All

<u>Purpose of the Report</u>	<u>Key Decision</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To receive the Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2023/24 and to review the Treasury Management activity for this period.			
<u>Recommendation</u>			
That Committee:			
1. Receive the Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2023/24.			
<u>Reasons</u>			
The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management recommends that Members should be informed on Treasury Management activities at least twice a year.			
It was resolved that the Audit and Standards Committee would monitor and oversee the delivery of the Treasury Management Strategy through the receipt of half yearly and year end Treasury Management Reports.			

1. Background

- 1.1** The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management recommends that Members should be informed on Treasury Management activities at least twice a year. It was resolved that the Audit and Standards Committee would monitor and oversee the delivery of the Treasury Management Strategy through the receipt of half yearly and year end Treasury Management Reports.

1.2 This report therefore ensures that this Council is embracing Best Practice in accordance with CIPFA's recommendations in the CIPFA Code of Practice.

1.3 Treasury Management operations are carried out in accordance with policies laid down in the currently approved Treasury Management Policy Statement, backed up by approved Treasury Management Practices and Schedules thereto, and the Treasury Management Strategy Report approved by Council on 15 February 2023.

2. **Issues**

2.1 The Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2023/24 is attached at Appendix 1. The economic background included in the report has been provided by the Council's Treasury Management Advisors, Arlingclose.

3. **Recommendation**

3.1 That the Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2023/24 be received.

4. **Reasons**

4.1 The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management recommends that Members should be informed on Treasury Management activities at least twice a year.

4.2 It was resolved that the Audit and Standards Committee would monitor and oversee the delivery of the Treasury Management Strategy through the receipt of half yearly and year end Treasury Management Reports.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 Provision of the Treasury Management Half Yearly report is best practice and demonstrates the transparency regarding treasury management activities during the first half of 2023/24.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 This report ensures that this Council is embracing best practice in accordance with CIPFA's recommendations in the CIPFA Code of Practice.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 There are no differential equality issues arising directly from this report.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

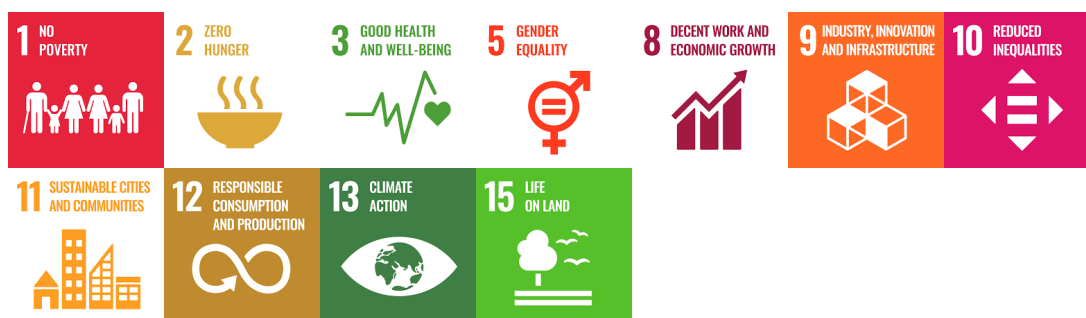
8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

9. **Major Risks & Mitigation**

- 9.1 Treasury management is a major area of risk for the Council in that large amounts of money are dealt with on a daily basis and there are a number of limits and indicators, which must be complied with.
- 9.2 The overriding consideration in determining where to place the Council's surplus funds is to safeguard the Council's capital. Within this constraint the aim is to maximise the return on capital.
- 9.3 Operational procedures, coupled with monitoring arrangements, are in place to minimise the risk of departures from the approved strategy.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

- 10.1 Treasury Management helps to inform the budget process, as part of the budget process consideration will be given to the need for investment in order to deliver the Council's Sustainable Environment Action Plan.



11. Key Decision Information

- 11.1 Not applicable as report is for information only.

12. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

- 12.1 Council, 15 February 2023, agenda item 4 – Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24.

13. List of Appendices

- 13.1 Appendix 1, Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2023/24.

14. Background Papers

- CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice (revised December 2017),
- Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement,
- Council's Treasury Management Strategy,
- Local Government Act 2003,
- Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003,
- Guidance on Local Authority Investments issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (revised April 2018).

