

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

Corporate Leadership Teams' Report to Audit and Standards Committee

10 November 2025

Report Title: Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2025/26

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 ☐	No ☒
To receive the Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2025/26 and to review the Treasury Management activity for this period.			
<u>Recommendation</u>			
That Committee:			
1. Receive the Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2025/26.			
<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 12 February 2025.

2. Issues

2.1 The Treasury Management Half Yearly Report for 2025/26 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 2025/26 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 2025/26.

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. One Council

Please confirm that consideration has been given to the following programmes of work:

One Commercial Council ☒

We will make investment to diversify our income and think entrepreneurially.

One Digital Council ☒

We will develop and implement a digital approach which makes it easy for all residents and businesses to engage with the Council, with our customers at the heart of every interaction.

One Sustainable Council ☒

We will deliver on our commitments to a net zero future and make all decisions with sustainability as a driving principle

12. Key Decision Information

- 12.1** Not applicable as report is for information only.

13. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

13.1 Council, 12 February 2025, Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Appendix 1, Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2025/26.

15. **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 & Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003,
- Guidance on Local Authority Investments issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (revised April 2018).