

*Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report*

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT - APRIL to JUNE 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Cabinet note the treasury management activity in the quarter April to June 2014.**

**Relationship to Council Objectives**

*Objective 1: Efficient and effective customer focused services.*

**Implications**

*This matter is not a Key Decision.*

*This matter is within the Policy and Budgetary Framework.*

**Financial Implications**

*Potential for adverse financial implications if a more high risk treasury management policy is adopted.*

**Risk Implications**

*Possible risk of financial loss and damage to reputation if less risk-averse stance is taken.*

**Equality implications**

*There are no direct equality implications.*

**Sustainability Implications**

*There are no direct sustainability implications.*

**Report**

1. In accordance with Treasury Management policy, this report sets out the activities of the Treasury Management operation for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
2. All of the Council's investments are managed in-house. The investment criteria and parameters within which the treasury section works are set out in the Treasury Management Practices (TMP) document.
3. The table below summarises the transactions for the quarter:-

<b>External Loans</b>	
Number of loans placed	45
Total value of loans placed	£33,040,000
Average interest rate on new loans	0.55%
Interest received on new loans	£9,223
Average interest rate (including loans b/f)	1.06%
Interest received (including loans b/f)	£33,881

- The average interest rate achieved for the quarter on external loans was 1.06% (2013/14 Q1: 1.69%; 2013/14 year: 1%).
- There were no changes in base rate in the quarter, with the rate having remained at 0.5% since 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- The total of loans outstanding at the end of the quarter was £18,550,000. The detailed lending list is attached at **Appendix 1** and the table below summarises the spread of the portfolio:-

Type of Investment	% of portfolio limit	£m	%
Cash Deposits	100%	£14m	75%
Money Market Funds	75%	£4.55m	25%
Gilts	50%	0	0
Treasury Bills	50%	0	0
Certificates of Deposit	50% or £5m max	0	0
Supranational Bonds	50% or £5m max	0	0
<b>Total Portfolio</b>		<b>£18.55m</b>	
- of which:			
Non specified investments	£10m	£1m	5%
Max in Building Societies	75%	£1m	5%
Forward Dealing	25%	0	0%
Callable Deposits	25%	0	0%

- The in-house treasury team are advised by external treasury management consultants. Chiltern and South Bucks have had a joint contract in place since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at a total cost of £7,500 p.a. of which Chiltern's share is £3,000. The contract is held by Capita Asset Services Treasury Solutions.

### **Investment Strategy**

- The investment strategy for the year was updated and agreed by Cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The counterparty criteria and parameters within which day to day investments are managed are kept under review due to the ongoing economic uncertainties.

### **The Prudential Capital Code - Prudential Indicators**

- In accordance with the Prudential Capital Code the Council reviews its Prudential Indicators on a quarterly basis. The outcome of each review is included with the quarterly Treasury Management Report. The impact of the legislation has been limited due to the Council's debt-free status.

10. Movements in the Prudential Indicators for the year 2014/15 to date are as follows:

- **Interest rate exposures**

The interest rate exposure on investments has moved as follows:

Date	Investments as a % of total	
	Fixed	Variable
31/03/14	31%	69%
30/06/14	43%	57%
30/09/14		
31/12/14		

This Prudential Indicator sets an upper limit on fixed interest rate exposures of 100% and variable interest rate exposures of 100% of net outstanding principal sums. Exposures have been managed within this limit.

- **Principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days**

The limit for non specified investments is 100% of total investments, of which up to 50% only can be greater than 364 days. The figures are as follows:

Date	Total investments	Sums invested for longer than 364 days	% of total investments
31/03/14	£16.09m	£1m	6%
30/06/14	£18.55m	£1m	5%
30/09/14			
31/12/14			

Sums invested have been managed within the set limit.

### Banking services

11. A joint bank tender exercise with SBDC was commenced in January 2014 and the contract awarded in May. The winning bidder was Barclays and implementation is currently underway. The contract runs until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, and resulted in a saving to Chiltern DC of £6,000 per annum.
12. The Councils' shared finance team came into effect in August 2014, and a single banking provider offers potential efficiency and cost benefits once the migration has completed from the current providers.