

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<i>Treasury Management – Quarterly Report Quarter 1 2018/19</i>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To report on the Treasury Management operation of the Council for April – June 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Cabinet is requested to note the Treasury Management performance for Quarter 1 2018/19.**

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Council is required to comply with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. The Code was revised in December 2017. The primary requirements of the revised code are:
- (i) Creation and maintenance of a Treasury Management Policy Statement, which sets out the policies, objectives and approach to risk management of the Council's treasury management activities.
  - (ii) Creation and maintenance of Treasury Management Practices, setting out the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve those policies and objectives, and prescribing how it will manage and control those activities.
  - (iii) Receipt by the Cabinet and Council of an annual strategy report for the year ahead, a mid-year review and an annual review report of the previous year.
  - (iv) The delegation by the Council of responsibilities for implementing and monitoring treasury management policies and practices and for the execution and administration of treasury management decisions.

## **3. Quarterly Report on Treasury Management Quarter to June 2018**

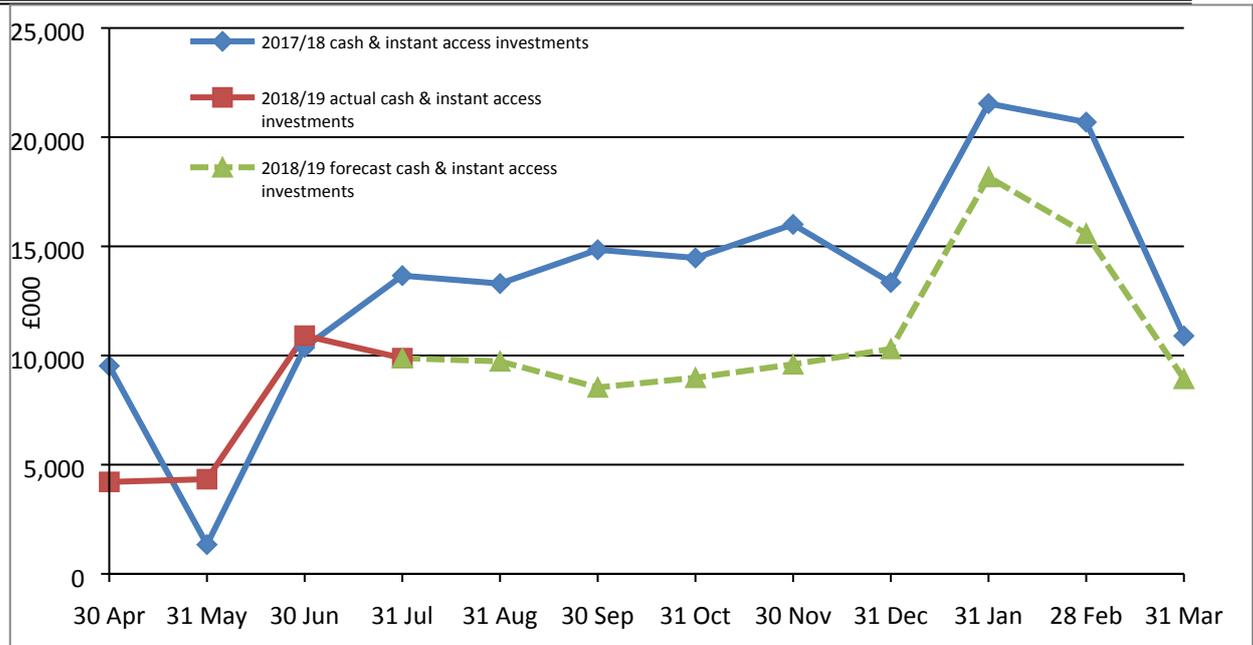
- 3.1 In July 2017 the Council took out a loan from the PWLB to finance the construction of the new Amersham Multi Storey car park following the approval of the business

case and planning. The value of the loan was £10.8m, borrowed at an interest rate of 2.7% repayable over 40 years. There has been no further borrowing in this quarter.

- 3.2 The base rate was decreased from 0.5% to 0.25% in August 2016, with the rate having remained at 0.5% since March 2009. The base rate was increased to 0.5% in November 2017 with a further increase to 0.75% in August 2018.
- 3.3 The total of loans outstanding at the end of the quarter was £15,000,000 detailed in the table below.

UK Institutions	Fitch Credit Rating	Principal £	Interest Rate	Invested	Matures	Length in days
Standard Life MMF		2,000,000	0.55% variable	immediate	access	
Lloyds Banking Group	A+					
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.90%	06/11/17	06/11/18	365
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.70%	29/01/18	06/11/18	273
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.65%	26/07/17	26/07/18	365
Fixed Deposit		2,000,000	0.70%	26/01/18	26/10/18	273
Santander	A					
Fixed Deposit		2,000,000	0.85%	09/03/18	08/03/19	364
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.90%	15/05/18	15/05/19	365
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.60%	26/07/17	26/07/18	365
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.73%	26/01/18	26/10/18	273
Close Brothers	A					
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.90%	13/10/17	15/10/18	367
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.90%	28/02/18	28/02/19	365
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.10%	20/11/17	20/11/18	365
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>15,000,000</b>				

- 3.4 The weighted average interest rate earned on fixed rate investments in the quarter was 0.80%. By way of comparison the weighted average interest rate earned in the quarter for South Bucks District Council was 0.74%. As at the end of June, £8.91m was held in instant access funds for everyday cashflow purposes compared to £0.90m at the end of March. This level of cash was held in instant access funds in order to pay precept payments totalling £6.8m in the first few days of July.
- 3.5 The following graph shows how the level of cash and instant access investments fluctuated in 2017/18, and the forecast levels of cash and instant access investments in 2018/19. The purpose of the graph is to illustrate that we always have a sufficient level of cash reserves to meet our immediate short term cash requirements.



3.6 Link Asset Services (formerly Capita Asset Services) is engaged by the Council as its Treasury Management consultants providing advice on investment, performance and regulations where necessary.

**4. The Prudential Capital Code – Prudential Indicators**

4.1 In accordance with the Prudential Capital Code the Council reviews its Prudential Indicators on a quarterly basis. Prudential Indicators are reviewed annually as part of the Treasury Management Strategy review. Movements in the Prudential Indicators for the year 2018/19 to date are as follows:

4.2 Interest rate exposures

The interest rate exposure on investments has moved as follows:

Date	Investments as a % of total	
	Fixed	Variable
31/03/18	57%	43%
30/06/18	87%	13%

This Prudential Indicator sets an upper limit on fixed interest rate exposures of 100% and variable interest rate exposures of 80% of net outstanding principal sums.

4.3 Principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days.

The upper limit for sums invested for periods longer than 364 days is £10m. As at the end of June the figures are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Total investments</b>	<b>Sums invested for greater than 364 days</b>	<b>% of total investments</b>
31/03/18	£23m	£9m	39%
30/06/18	£15m	£7m	47%

The £7m invested for greater than 364 days comprises 7 loans with durations of 365 or 367 days. The time periods over which sums have been invested reflect the current level of rates that do not incentivise long term cash investments.

- 4.4 Fixed term and money market fund investments have decreased from £23m to £15m between March and June. The decrease is entirely owing to a reduction in instant access funds held in money market funds. Funds have been spent in the first quarter on parish and other precepts and £2.2m on capital projects (including £1.6m on the Amersham Multi Storey car park).

## **5 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The budgeted income from investments for 2018/19 has been set at £90,000. The impact of the recent bank base rate increase is still an unknown at this time, however it is likely that there may be a modest interest rate increase in the medium term. The budget assumed an interest rate of 0.9% on medium term loans and 0.35% on short term loans.

<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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