

**South Bucks District Council
Resources Policy Advisory Group**

SUBJECT:	<i>Treasury Management – Quarterly Report Quarter 1 2015/16</i>
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on the Treasury Management operation of the Council for April – June 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to note the Treasury Management performance for 2015/16.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council is required to comply with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. The primary requirements of the code are:
- (i) Creation and maintenance of a Treasury Management Policy Statement, which sets out the policies, and objectives of the Council's treasury management activities.
 - (ii) Creation and maintenance of Treasury Management Practices, which set out the manner in which the Council will achieve those policies and objectives.
 - (iii) Receipt by the Cabinet and Council of an annual strategy report for the year ahead 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 2015

- 3.1 As a debt free authority the treasury management activities of the Council are exclusively concerned with the investment of its reserves, as the Council does not undertake any borrowing.
- 3.2 There were no changes in the base rate in the quarter, with the rate having remained at 0.5% since March 2009.
- 3.3 The total of loans outstanding at the end of the quarter was £17,000,000 detailed in the table below.

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UK Institutions	Fitch Credit Rating	Principal £	Interest Rate	Invested	Matures
Royal Bank of Scotland	BBB+				
Fixed Deposit		2,000,000	0.91% then 3 mth LIBOR	09/02/15	09/02/18
Fixed Deposit		3,000,000	1.31% then 3 mth LIBOR	09/02/15	09/02/20
Instant Access		2,000,000	0.30%		
Lloyds Banking Group	A+				
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.00%	26/01/15	26/01/16
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.00%	23/01/15	25/01/16
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.00%	12/05/15	12/05/16
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.00%	19/05/15	19/05/16
Nationwide Building Society	A				
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.90%	26/01/15	26/01/16
Santander	A				
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	0.85%	11/02/15	11/11/15
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.00%	02/06/15	02/06/16
Close Brothers	A				
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.70%	22/08/14	22/02/16
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.30%	13/10/14	13/10/15
Fixed Deposit		1,000,000	1.70%	05/09/14	07/03/16
Total Deposits		17,000,000			

3.4 In addition, funds are held on a short term basis for day to day cashflow purposes with our bankers, Barclays. At the end of June £11.665m was held in an instant access account.

3.5 The following corporate bonds were held at the end of the June 2015 (the latest valuation was as at 31 March 2015):

Bond held	Valuation £	Coupon Interest Rate	Effective Interest Rate	Maturity date
UK Gilt (a)	57,894	8.00%	4.86%	07/12/15
UK Gilt (b)	69,473	8.00%	4.64%	07/12/15
UK Treasury (a)	54,088	8.75%	4.59%	25/08/17
UK Treasury (b)	67,309	8.75%	4.54%	25/08/17
Asif II (a)	104,806	6.38%	5.49%	05/10/20
Asif II (b)	34,524	6.38%	5.33%	05/10/20
Asif II (c)	55,486	6.38%	6.41%	05/10/20
UK Treasury	196,641	8.00%	4.77%	07/06/21
Atlantia SPA (a)	71,337	6.25%	5.65%	09/06/22
Atlantia SPA (b)	112,637	6.25%	5.55%	09/06/22
National Grid (a)	193,928	5.88%	5.91%	02/02/24
National Grid (b)	82,743	5.88%	5.71%	02/02/24
UK Treasury	71,213	6.00%	4.76%	07/12/28

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Total	1,172,079			
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- 3.6 Capita Asset Services Treasury is engaged by the Council as its Treasury Management consultants providing advice on investment, performance and regulations where necessary.
- 3.7 As part of the continuing programme of Member development there is a briefing session to be held on 30th September covering Treasury Management and Investments, to be undertaken by Capita Asset Services.

The session will cover

- The Code of Practice that governs Treasury Management activities for local authorities
 - The broad economic environment which is shaping interest rates in the coming years
 - The key issues for the Council to consider for treasury management
- 3.8 In addition there will be a presentation to Members by CCLA on 10th September regarding the Local Authorities Property Fund, looking at options to increase returns at acceptable risk.

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. Movements in the Prudential Indicators for the year 2015/16 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
31/03/15	80%	20%
30/06/15	89%	11%

This Prudential Indicator sets an upper limit on fixed interest rate exposures of 100% and variable interest rate exposures of 54% of net outstanding principal sums. Exposures have been managed within this limit.

- 4.3 Principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days

The upper limit for sums invested for periods longer than 364 days is £15m. As at the end of June the figures are as follows:

Date	Total investments (excluding	Sums invested for greater than 364 days	% of total investments

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	bonds)		
31/03/15	£20m	£8m	40%
30/06/15	£17m	£8m	47%

Sums invested have been managed within the set limit, and reflect the current level of rates that do not incentivise long term cash investments.

5 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The budgeted income from investments for 2015/16 has been set at £400,000. Interest earned in the first quarter is £110,000.

Background	None
Papers:	