

**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL
CYNGOR DINAS CAERDYDD**

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

19 SEPTEMBER 2016

**TREASURY PERFORMANCE REPORT – POSITION AT 31
AUGUST 2016**

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1

Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication as it contains exempt information of the description in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

PORTFOLIO: CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Reason for this Report

1. The Audit Committee Terms of Reference sets out their responsibility for undertaking scrutiny of the accounting, audit and commercial issues in relation to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and practices.
2. This report has been prepared to provide Audit Committee Members with performance information and a position statement on Treasury Management as at 31 August 2016.

Background

3. Appendix 1 provides the Committee with position statements on investments and borrowing at 31 August 2016.

Performance

4. At 31 August 2016, investments total £91.1 million. The forecast level of interest receivable from treasury investments is £300,000.
5. Borrowing is £674.1 million, with the average rate being 4.81%. The total interest forecast to be payable is £32.8 million as at the Month 4 budget monitoring position but this will clearly be subject to the timing of any external borrowing.
6. If no further borrowing is to be undertaken during the year, based on current capital programme commitments, the estimated level of internal borrowing at 31 March 2017 would be £53 million. If borrowing is not undertaken or taken later in the year, then the value of interest expense will be less than budgeted.

Investments

7. Pages 2 and 3 of the Performance Report consider the position on investments. The charts on the Performance Report show the position at a point in time and investments continue to be closely monitored.
8. The current investments list details each investment, the interest rate, the start date and maturity date. They also link this back to the credit criteria approved by Council in February 2016 by a colour coding which indicates the perceived strength of the organisation.
9. The balance of investments is at a point in time and will fluctuate depending on the timing of income and expenditure e.g. payments to suppliers, receipt of grants, capital receipts etc.
10. The charts that surround this table provide additional information and the key areas to highlight are shown below.
 - **Counterparty Exposure** displays actual investment against the maximum permitted directly with an organisation – This demonstrates that we are not exceeding any exposure limits.
 - **Remaining Maturity Profile of Investments.** Maturities of investments have been spread to achieve a balanced profile.
 - **Investments by Institution.** This expresses the investments held with different institutions as a percentage of the total. It can be seen that investments remain diversified over a number of organisations.
 - **Geographic Spread of Investments** as determined by the country of origin of relevant organisations. All countries are rated AA and above as per our approved criteria.
 - **Investments by Financial Sector.** The majority of investments are with banks.

Borrowing

11. New PWLB borrowing of £10 million was undertaken at the end of June 2016 and £2 million of PWLB loans were repaid during August on the scheduled maturity date.
12. The timing and quantum of any new external borrowing will be considered in conjunction with the Council's treasury advisors, having regard to forecasts for interest rates and performance in delivering the capital programme. Updates would be provided in future reports to Committee.
13. Following the referendum in June 2016, the Bank of England reduced the base rate to 0.25% from 0.50%, the first movement since 2009. As a consequence investment rates on deposits have reduced as have borrowing rates and this has been reflected in a revised interest forecast which indicates interest rates remaining lower for longer.

Reason for Report

14. To provide Audit Committee Members with a performance position statement at 31 August 2016.

Legal Implications

15. No direct legal implications arise from this report.

Financial Implications

16. Treasury management activities undertaken by the Council are governed by a range of policies, codes of practice and legislation. This report and appendices indicates the treasury management position at one point in time and makes a number of assumptions in forecasts which will be updated in future reports. The report provides a tool for indicating to Members the treasury position. Future reports will highlight main changes since this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

17. That the Treasury Performance Report for 31 August 2016 be noted.

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9 September 2016

The following appendix is attached
Appendix 1 – Cardiff Council Treasury Management Performance Report – 31 August 2016