

Report To: Policy & Resources Committee **Date:** 25 May 2010
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Subject: TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT 2009/10 -
QUARTER 4

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to summarise the Council's treasury management position and activities during the period as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ("TMP6") on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The total debt outstanding as at 31st March 2010 was £183,705,315. The operational limit for external debt as approved by the Policy & Resources Committee in March 2009 is £212,960,000. The Council is therefore well within its operational limit.
- 2.2 As at 31st March 2010 the Council had £26,898,320 invested in deposit accounts and a further £18,000,000 invested externally with third parties as per the Council's Investment Strategy.
- 2.3 The Council is within the limits set for the Prudential Indicators and Council Policy Limits reported to the Committee except for the Policy Limit on the maximum proportion of debt repayable in any one year. Exceeding this limit is not a matter for concern given the purpose of the limit and the reasons for exceeding it outlined in paragraph 4.3.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Treasury Management monitoring report for quarter 4 of 2009/10 be noted.

Alan Puckrin
Chief Financial Officer

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 A quarterly report on the Council's treasury management position and activities is required to be submitted to Committee under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ("TMP6") on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".
- 4.2 The Council's position can be split into 4 main areas for consideration:
- Prudential Code & CIPFA Code of Practice
 - Overall Debt Position
 - Overall Investment Position
 - Debt Rescheduling and Borrowing During The Period.

In addition, it is proposed to consider the prospects for interest rates.

4.3 Prudential Code & CIPFA Code of Practice

Appendix 1 shows Prudential Indicators and indicators forming part of the Council's Treasury Policy as agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee in March 2009.

The Council's Policy Limit for the maximum proportion of debt repayable in any one year has been reduced from 30% to 20% for 2009/10. This limit is intended to ensure that the Council spreads the maturity of its debt to reduce refinancing risks. Appendix 1 shows that the Council is above the limit but this is in relation to one year only (2077/78) and so far away as not to be a matter for concern.

4.4 Overall Debt Position

The total debt outstanding as at 31st March 2010 was £183,705,315 (up from £178,706,500 at last quarter). The operational limit for external debt as approved by the Policy & Resources Committee in March 2009 is £212,960,000. The Council is therefore well within its operational limit.

The average length of the debt outstanding as at 31st March 2010 was 45.46 years (down from 46.41 years at last quarter) with an average interest rate of 4.35%, an increase of 0.11% from last quarter. This is mainly due to the maturity of low rate 1-year PWLB borrowing taken out last year and new PWLB borrowing undertaken during the quarter at higher rates but giving stability for beyond 1 year. Further analysis of the debt position is shown in Appendix 2.

4.5 Overall Investment Position

As at 31st March 2010 the Council had investments of £44,898,320 as follows:

	Quarter 4 (As At 31/3/2010)	Quarter 3 (As At 31/12/2009)	Movement Between Quarters
	£	£	£
Deposit Accounts	26,898,320	29,615,501	(2,717,181)
Invested Externally With Third Parties Per Council Investment Strategy	18,000,000	15,000,000	3,000,000
TOTALS	44,898,320	44,615,501	282,819

Further details of the Council's investments are given in Appendix 3.

All lending by the Council is undertaken in accordance with the Council's Treasury Policy and Treasury Management Practices.

4.6 Debt Rescheduling and Borrowing During The Period

Any borrowing undertaken by the Council is in accordance with the Council's Treasury Policy and Treasury Management Practices and from known and reputable lenders.

The Council did not undertake any debt rescheduling during the quarter but repaid £10,000,000 from the PWLB at 0.92% (a 1 year loan repaid on maturity) and borrowed £15,000,000 from the PWLB (£5,000,000 at 2.85% for 5 years, £5,000,000 at 3.37% for 6½ years, and £5,000,000 at 3.86% for 8½ years) to fund ongoing capital expenditure and treasury management requirements.

4.7 Prospects For Interest Rates

The Bank Rate set by the Bank of England was reduced to 0.50% on 5th March 2009 and has remained at that level.

The Council's Treasury Advisers expect that the Bank Rate will remain at 0.50% until Quarter 4 of 2010 and will then increase to 1.00% in Quarter 1 of 2011, to 1.50% in Quarter 2 of 2011, and to 2.00% in Quarter 3 of 2011.

The Council have entered into 2 further fixed term deposits during this quarter. Details of the Council's investments are shown in Appendix 3.

It is proposed to continue to monitor and review the interest rates that are available in the market for investments (including deposit accounts) and take appropriate action in line with the Council's Treasury Policy and Treasury Management Practices.

4.8 Movements in Financial Markets/Banking Sector

This quarter has seen some continued relative stability in financial markets with few significant movements in the banking sector and the wider economy (including with interest rates, as indicated above).

Members should note that Officers continue to monitor market news and movements on bank credit ratings and take advice from the Council's Treasury Advisers as to the implications for the Council of particular market moves, changes in credit ratings, or banking news. None of the movements or news has as yet required the Council to move funds or led to any changes in Treasury Policy but additional caution is, understandably, being adopted.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Legal

None. Any borrowing or lending is done under the Council's legal powers.

5.2 Financial

The Council utilises Treasury Management as part of the overall Financial Strategy and Officers will continue to investigate borrowing and investment opportunities to bring financial benefits to the Council, all within the Treasury Management Policy.

5.3 Human Resources

None.

5.4 Equalities

None.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 None.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Inverclyde Council – Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10.

Appendix 1

Table 1

Prudential Indicators

	<u>Estimate For 2009/10</u>	<u>Actual For 2009/10 Quarter 4</u>	<u>Within Limits</u>
PI 7 - Authorised Limit for External Debt	£million 222.911	£million 183.705	Yes
PI 8 - Operational Limit for External Debt	212.960	183.705	Yes
PI 10 - Compliance with CIPFA code	%	%	Yes
PI 11 - Upper limit on fixed interest exposure	130.00%	94.94%	Yes
PI 12 - Upper limit on variable rate exposure	30.00%	5.06%	Yes
PI 13 Borrowing fixed rate maturing in each period	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Lower</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Under 12 months	30%	0%	3.797% Yes
1 - 2 years	30%	0%	3.095% Yes
2 - 5 years	30%	0%	7.835% Yes
5 - 10 years	45%	0%	16.888% Yes
10 years and above	100%	55%	68.385% Yes
			<u>100.000%</u>
PI 14 - Upper limit on sums invested for periods longer than 364 days	<u>Limit For 2009/10</u> £ 20,000,000	<u>Maximum In Quarter 4</u> £ 0	<u>Within Limit</u> Yes
External Debt Compared To Capital Financing Requirement	<u>CFR Quarter 4</u> £million 183.726	<u>External Debt</u> £million 183.705	<u>Ext Debt Below CFR?</u> Yes

Table 2

Council Policy Limits

	<u>Limit per Council Policy</u>	<u>Actual For 2009/10 Quarter 4</u>	<u>Within Limit</u>
Maximum proportion of borrowing at variable interest rate	35%	28.266%	Yes
Maximum proportion of debt restructuring in any one year	30%	8.216%	Yes
Maximum proportion of debt repayable in any one year	20%	21.774%	No

Appendix 2

Table 1

Debt Outstanding - Analysis By Time

	£ Million	Average Interest Rate	Proportion of Debt
<u>Borrowings up to 1 year</u>			
Public Works Loan Board Loans	5.003	0.84%	2.723%
European Investment Bank Loans	0.000	0.00%	0.000%
Temporary Loans	0.026	0.45%	0.014%
	<u>5.029</u>	<u>0.83%</u>	<u>2.737%</u>
<u>Borrowings over 1 year</u>			
Public Works Loan Board Loans	75.776	4.15%	41.249%
European Investment Bank Loans	0.000	0.00%	0.000%
Money Market Loans	102.900	4.66%	56.014%
	<u>178.676</u>	<u>4.44%</u>	<u>97.263%</u>
	<u>183.705</u>	<u>4.35%</u>	<u>100.000%</u>

Total Debt Outstanding 31st March 2010

Table 2

Debt Outstanding - Analysis By Fixed/Variable

	£ Million	Average Interest Rate	Proportion of Debt
<u>Variable Rate Loans</u>			
Public Works Loan Board Loans	0.000	0.00%	0.000%
European Investment Bank Loans	0.000	0.00%	0.000%
Temporary Loans	0.026	0.45%	0.014%
Market Loans *	51.900	4.64%	28.252%
	<u>51.926</u>	<u>4.64%</u>	<u>28.266%</u>
<u>Fixed Rate Loans</u>			
Public Works Loan Board Loans	80.779	3.95%	43.972%
Market Loans *	51.000	4.68%	27.762%
	<u>131.779</u>	<u>4.23%</u>	<u>71.734%</u>
	<u>183.705</u>	<u>4.35%</u>	<u>100.000%</u>

Total Debt Outstanding 31st March 2010

* - Market Loans are shown as variable when they have less than 1 year to go until their next call date.

Table 1

Investments and Deposit Accounts Balances As At 31st March 2010

	Annual Rate	Amount £	Deposit Type	Maturity Date
Investments				
Bank of Scotland	1.35%	5,000,000	Fixed	07-Jun-10
Bank of Scotland	1.35%	5,000,000	Fixed	11-Jun-10
Bank of Scotland *	1.37%	3,000,000	Fixed	27-Sep-10
Bank of Scotland *	1.87%	5,000,000	Fixed	25-Mar-11
		18,000,000		
Deposit Accounts				
Bank of Scotland	0.50%	11,088,900	Call	
Bank of Scotland **	0.51%	0	7-Day Notice	
Clydesdale Bank	0.75%	1,513,472	Call	
Santander	0.80%	9,286,325	Call	
Santander	0.90%	5,009,623	30-Day Notice	
		26,898,320		

* - Investment entered into since last quarterly report.

** - Account closed since last quarterly report.