

COUNCIL – 30 JANUARY 2024

ITEM 11 – TREASURY MANGEMENT HALF-YEARLY REPORT 2023/24

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT – AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT of a meeting of the AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2024

Present: Councillor D Everitt (Chair)

Councillors P Moulton, D Cooper, G Rogers, J G Simmons, R Sutton and A Barker

Officers: Ms K Beavis, Mrs A Crouch, Miss E Warhurst, Mr T Devonshire and Mr P Stone

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The Head of Finance presented the report.

A Member commended the report and the work that Officers were doing, and asked whether there would be challenges in the next few years regarding future borrowing to fund capital spending. The Head of Finance drew the Committees attention to the Treasury Management Strategy which stated that there would be no borrowing to finance the General Fund revenue expenditure, which was funded by Council Tax. General Fund capital expenditure would be financed by grants and Business Rates reserve. As for the HRA account, there was planned to be a relatively small amount of borrowing for capital expenditure.

A Member asked for further details on some of the specifics of the organisation's approach to investments and loans in the context of current and projected inflationary trends. In response, Officers advised that the organisation receives advice from external treasury advisors and considers all available options. Furthermore, particularly stringent due diligence is applied when lending and borrowing from other Local Authorities, in the current climate of Local Authorities across the country having widely reported financial difficulties.

The Chair thanked Members for their comments.