

Title of Report	TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY 2025/26 MID-YEAR REPORT	
Presented by	Councillor Keith Merrie MBE Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	<p>Council – 20 February 2025 Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators – 2025/26</p> <p>Audit and Governance Committee – 12 November 2025 Treasury Management Update Report – Quarter 2</p>	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report	
	Signed off by the Deputy Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are no staffing or corporate implications as a direct result of this report.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To inform Council of the Council's Treasury Activity for the period April 2025 – September 2025.	
Recommendations	THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT HALF-YEARLY ACTIVITY REPORT 2025-26 (APPENDIX A)	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Treasury Management activity is underpinned by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the CIPFA Code), which requires local authorities to produce Prudential Indicators and a Treasury Management Strategy Statement annually on the likely financing and investment activity. The Treasury Management Strategy was approved by Council on 20 February 2025.

1.2 As a minimum, the Code requires that the Council reports on the performance of the Treasury Management function at least twice yearly (mid-year and at year end). Appendix A is the mid-year report for the financial year 2025/26 designed to inform Council of the Council's treasury activity and enable scrutiny of activity and performance. In addition to the required mid-year and annual Council reports, the Council also produces quarterly reports for the Audit and Governance Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The CIPFA Code requires the Council to report Treasury Management performance at least twice a year and monitor prudential indicators quarterly. Appendix A summarises activity from April to September 2025.

2.2 Consistent with the Council's prudent approach, investment activity has prioritised security and liquidity over yield, with counterparties limited to UK Government, money market funds, local authorities, and approved institutions. This approach mirrors the position reported to the Audit and Governance Committee in Quarter 2.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	The Treasury Strategies and Prudential Indicators help the Council achieve all its priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and regeneration - Communities and housing - Clean, green and Zero Carbon - A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	Not applicable
Safeguarding:	Not applicable
Equalities/Diversity:	Not applicable
Customer Impact:	Not applicable
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	The Council aims to be a responsible investor and will consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues when investing. Where practical, when making investment decisions ESG will be considered and counterparties with integrated ESG policies and commitments to carbon reduction.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Audit and Governance Committee – 12 November 2025.
Risks:	Borrowing and investment both carry an element of risk. This risk is mitigated through the adoption of the Treasury and Investment Strategies, compliance with the CIPFA Code of Treasury Management and the retention of Treasury Management advisors (Arlingclose) to proffer expert advice.
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