Bolsover District Council

Budget Scrutiny Committee

30 January 2019

Treasury Strategy Reports 2019/20 - 2022/23

Report of the Head of Finance and Resources

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

• To enable the Budget Scrutiny Committee to consider the attached treasury strategies prior to them being taken to Council for approval.

1 <u>Report Details</u>

- 1.1 Treasury risk management at the Council is conducted within the framework of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2017 Edition* (the CIPFA Code) which requires the Council to approve a treasury management strategy before the start of each financial year. This report fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the *Local Government Act 2003* to have regard to the CIPFA Code.
- 1.2 From 2019/20, the CIPFA Code requires that a Capital Strategy be produced alongside the Treasury Management Strategy. In addition, the 2018 Investment Guidance issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government requires local authorities to produce an investment Strategy. So from 2019/20 there is a requirement to produce three separate treasury strategies.
- 1.3 As in previous years, the Council's Treasury Management Strategy provides the framework for managing the Council's cash flows, borrowing and investments, and the associated risks for the years 2019/20 to 2022/23. The Treasury Management Strategy sets out the parameters for all borrowing and lending as well as listing all approved borrowing and investment sources. Prudential indicators aimed at monitoring risk are also included. (Item 8)
- 1.4 The Capital Strategy is intended to a high level, concise overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of the Council's services. The report also provides an overview of the associated risk, its management and the implications for future financial sustainability. The Capital Strategy sets out the capital expenditure plans for the period and how they will be financed. It also provides information of the minimum

revenue provision, capital financing requirement and prudential indicators aimed at monitoring risk (Item 9).

1.5 The Investment Strategy focuses on investments made for service purposes and commercial reasons, rather than those made for treasury management. Investments covered by this strategy include earning investment income through commercial investments or by supporting local services by lending to or buying shares in other organisations (Item 10).

2 <u>Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation</u>

- 2.1 This report outlines the Council's proposed suite of Treasury Strategies for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 for consideration and approval by Council on 20 February 2019. It contains:
 - The Treasury Management Strategy which provides the framework for managing the Council's cash flows, borrowing and investments for the period.
 - The Capital Strategy which is intended to provide a high level, concise overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of the Council's services.
 - The Investment Strategy which focuses on investments made for service purposes and commercial reasons, rather than those made for treasury management.

The above strategies provide an approved framework within which the officers undertake the day to day capital and treasury activities.

3 <u>Consultation and Equality Impact</u>

3.1 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

4 <u>Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection</u>

4.1 Alternative options are considered throughout the

5 <u>Implications</u>

5.1 **Finance and Risk Implications**

5.1.1 These are considered throughout the report

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 As part of the requirements of the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice the Council is required to produce every year a Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Strategy which requires approval by full Council prior to the commencement of each financial year. This report is prepared in order to comply with these obligations. 5.2.2 There are no Data Protection issues arising directly from this report.

5.3 <u>Human Resources Implications</u>

5.3.1 There are no human resource implications arising directly out of this report.

6 <u>Recommendations</u>

6.1 That the Budget Scrutiny Committee note this report and the attached strategies and make any comments that they believe to be appropriate with regards to them.

7 <u>Decision Information</u>

Is the decision a Key Decision?		No
A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:		
BDC:	Revenue - £75,000 □	
	Capital - £150,000 □	
NEDDC:	Revenue - £100,000 □	
	Capital - £250,000 □	
☑ Please indicate which threshold applies		
Is the decision subject to Call-In?		No
(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)		
Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed		Yes
District Wards Affected		All Indirectly
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework		All

8 <u>Document Information</u>

Appendix No	Title			
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)				
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