

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Summary: To report the Board's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21.

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Recommendations:

- a) that the contents of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 be noted; and**
- b) that the investment policies be approved.**

Key Issues

1. The Board is required to approve and maintain a strategy for managing its investments and borrowings. The current strategy was approved by the Board in June 2019.
2. Each year the Executive Committee reviews the strategy, together with the Board's Financial Investment Performance in the year.
3. The proposed strategy for 2020/21 is attached at Appendix A. It contains no changes of any consequence from that approved by Board last year.

Background

4. The Board's existing Treasury Management Strategy has to date provided a sound basis for controlling its investments and managing its risk.
5. Investment options are naturally restricted by the short-term nature of the Board's available funds; by the comparatively modest size of the sums available; and by the Board's inherent public sector status.
6. As a result, officers have used short fixed-term deposits with Lloyds and Clydesdale Banks, so as to achieve a degree of flexibility and competition, whilst maximising the rate of return.

Supporting Papers

Appendix A: Treasury Management Strategy