

MINUTES OF THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT SUB COMMITTEE

held on 13 December 2022

Present:

Councillor C.K. Davidson (Chair)

Councillors M.W. Bracken, D.J.R. Clark, G.B.R. Knight, A.B. Sosin and R.T Whitehead

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sismey. No substitutions were made.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interests

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or other registerable interests where appropriate in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. None were made.

4. Public Question Time

No questions were asked or statements made.

5. Treasury Management & Investment Strategies 2023/24

The Sub-Committee considered a draft report to the Cabinet on 24th January 2023 regarding the proposed Treasury Management and Investment Strategies for 2023/24. Members were asked to review the draft report and recommend the 2023/24 strategies to Cabinet on 24th January 2022 and then Full Council on 22nd February 2022.

The Sub-Committee were provided with an overview of the documents and informed that they would essentially govern how the Council could invest its financial resources.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the Treasury Strategy detailed the managing of cash and any borrowings that may be undertaken by the Council. The Sub-Committee were informed that the option to invest with challenger banks had been removed due to the higher economic risks involved. The Sub-Committee also noted the new Treasury Advisors Link, who had recently been appointed. It was also

noted that as a result some of the investments now had slightly longer durations than when being advised by Arlingclose.

The Sub-Committee were informed that after writing the report, the Government had announced changes to banking regulations and therefore the rule changes would need to be assessed and reported back on. It was also noted that the strategy detailed a need for external borrowing of around £10m in March 2024 rising to £30m. The Sub-Committee were informed however that, slippage in the Capital programme may lead to less need to borrow and the likelihood was that the figures were overly cautious at this stage.

The Sub-Committee heard that the Investment Strategy was required by Government and complied with best practice, by detailing how the Council would invest its non cash investments. It was noted that it provided transparency on future investments.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee it was noted that;

- Further information on the proposed changes to the separation of retail and investment banks would be added to the strategy.
- Further information would be circulated to the Sub-Committee or an additional meeting would be held to discuss the regulation changes.
- The Council's investments were currently in both retail and investment arms of banks.

The Sub-Committee were happy with the proposed strategies and agreed that they should be recommended to the Cabinet.

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management and Investment Strategies be recommended to the Cabinet.

(6.01pm to 6.18pm)

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for Item 6 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

6. Non-Treasury Investments-Monitoring and Strategy Development

The Sub-Committee received a report providing them with an update in respect of the Council's non-cash investments, it also provided them with the agreed monitoring information on non-cash investments with a commentary on each asset. The Sub-Committee were also provided information on the acquisition of residential and commercial properties.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(6.19pm to 6.37pm)

7. Urgent Business

There were no matters of urgent business to discuss.

The meeting closed at 6.37pm.

Chair