MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**		
DATE:	**14 DECEMBER 2023**	**REPORT NO:**	**CFO/054/23**
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TITLE OF REPORT:	**TREASURY MANAGEMENT INTERIM REPORT**		

APPENDICES:	**APPENDIX A:**	**TREASURY MANAGEMENT INTERIM REPORT 2023/24**

Purpose of Report

1. This report ensures that the Authority meets the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Codes require the Authority to review its Treasury Management activities during the year to ensure they are consistent with its approved Treasury Management Strategy and have remained within the approved Prudential Indicators.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

Introduction and Background

3. The CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Local Authorities has been adopted by the Authority and a Treasury Policy Statement incorporated into Financial Regulations, which are contained within the Authority's Constitution, in accordance with the requirements of the Code. The arrangements for reporting treasury management activities to Members are that the Director of Finance and Procurement will present a minimum of three reports: -

   - An Annual Treasury Strategy Report before the start of a financial year.
   - An interim report during the second half of a financial year, (other interim reports will be prepared if necessary).
   - An annual outturn report by 30th September following the financial year to which it relates.

4. The original 2023/24 Treasury Management Strategy Statement was contained within the Budget and Financial Plan report CFO/063/22 approved by the Authority at its meeting on 23rd February 2023. The strategy covered the following areas:

   (a) prospects for interest rates;
   (b) capital borrowing and debt rescheduling;
   (c) annual investment strategy;
   (d) external debt prudential indicators;
   (e) treasury management prudential indicators.
   (f) performance indicators;
   (g) treasury management advisers

5. The Interim Treasury Management Report, attached as Appendix A, constitutes the interim report for 2023/24. In summary the treasury management activity has been carried out in compliance with the relevant Codes and Statutes and within the borrowing and treasury management limits set by the Authority under the prudential code. Performance indicators are consistent with the Authority's approved Treasury Management Strategy.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. There are no equality and diversity implications in this report.

Staff Implications

7. None directly related to this report.

Legal Implications

8. This report meets the requirements of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 paragraph 24 issued under the Local Government Act 2003 and the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. The revenue costs associated with capital borrowing make up a significant proportion of the Authority's revenue budget (approximately £4m). It is vital that treasury management is proactively managed alongside the investment portfolio to minimise risk.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

10. None directly related to this report.

Contribution to Our Vision: ***To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.***

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

11. Sound budgetary management and the delivery of services within the approved budget contribute to the core value of providing an excellent and affordable response.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CFO/063/22 "MFRA Budget and Financial Plan 2023/2024 – 2027/28" Authority 23rd February 2023.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CIPFA The Charted Institute for Public Finance & Accountancy.