



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023 / 2024

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 19th December 2023	2023/2024 MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT
REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & GROUP DIRECTOR – FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES	

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides Members with the opportunity to scrutinise Treasury Management information presented to Council on 29th November 2023. The Council report is attached at Appendix 1 and details:

- The Council's Treasury Management activity during the first six months of 2023/24; and
- Prudential and Treasury Indicators for the same period.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

2.1 Scrutinise and comment on the information provided.

2.2 Consider whether they wish to receive further detail on any matters contained in the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2023/24 Mid Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report was presented to Council on 29th November 2023.
- 3.2 The Governance and Audit Committee has responsibility for scrutinising the Council's treasury management activity, as set out in its Terms of Reference, this being consistent with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code of Practice and Prudential Code Guidance Notes.
- 3.3 For Members information, the Treasury Management Code of Practice sets out that *"The treasury management strategy should be supplemented by the provision of monitoring information and regular review by board members/councillors in both executive and scrutiny functions. CIPFA considers clearly defined responsibilities for the approval and scrutiny of treasury management activities to be an essential element of a public service organisation's treasury management arrangements."*

4.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 4.1 The report provides an overview of the Council's Treasury Management activities during the first six months of 2023/24 in line with the Treasury Management and Capital Strategies approved by Council in March 2023. As a result, there are no equality and diversity or socio-economic duty implications to report.

5.0 WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Welsh language implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Following consideration by Council, this report (Appendix 1) is subject to review by the Governance and Audit Committee, in line with the laid down code of practice "CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services 2017" and also the Terms of Reference for this Committee.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 The financial results / implications of the Council's Treasury Management arrangements during the first six months of 2023/24 have been incorporated into quarterly Performance Reports during the year.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The report ensures the Council complies with its legal duty under the Local Government Act 2003 and in doing so is in line with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

9.0 LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 9.1 This report evidences the progress made in delivering the Council's Corporate Plan 2020-24 – 'Making a Difference' in particular through supporting the 'Living Within Our Means' theme by pursuing optimum treasury management performance or return at the same time as managing associated risk.
- 9.2 The report also supports the Well-being of Future Generations Act in particular 'a globally responsible Wales' through responsible management and investment of the Council's resources.

10.0 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 This report, together with Appendix 1, provides Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the activities of Treasury Management for the first six months of financial year 2023/24.
