

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: PFCC/048/19
Classification: Not protectively marked
Title of report: Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
Report by : Abbey Gough Date of report: 27 th March 2019 Enquiries to: Abbey Gough

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To approve the Treasury Management Strategy (TMS) for 2019/20. This provides a framework for the effective management of the PFCC's cash balances and related investments and borrowing. The strategy concentrates on 2019/20 but also considers treasury management for future years in the context of the major planned investment programme.
- 1.2 The strategy was presented to the PFCC at the Essex Police Strategic Board held on 14th March 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy and Capital Strategy 2019/20.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1 The strategy provides a framework for the effective management of the PFCC's cash balances, related investments and borrowings. The strategy also ensures that cash is available when needed to meet payments when they are due

4. Background and proposal

4.1 CIPFA defines treasury management as:

“The management of the ... authority’s investment and cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks.”

4.2 One aspect of treasury management is to ensure that cash flow is adequately planned in order to ensure that cash is available when needed to meet payments when they are due. If not immediately needed any surplus monies are invested in low risk counterparties in order to earn interest.

4.3 The second main purpose of the treasury management strategy is the financing of the PFCC’s capital investment plans.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1 The alternative would be to not approve the strategy, however this is not a viable option as the PFCC is required under various legislation detailed under section 9.1 to have a robust Treasury Management Strategy in place.

6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1 The Treasury Management Strategy ensures that there are sufficient funds available to meet financial commitments within the approved budget in relation to operational and strategic requirements. This includes both day to day operations and longer term investment in order to deliver the Police and Crime Plan.

7. Police operational implications

7.1 Not applicable

8. Financial implications

8.1 Considered in the main body of this report

9. Legal implications

9.1 Approval of the Treasury Management Strategy satisfies the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, CIPFA Prudential Code, CLG MRP Guidance, CIPFA Treasury Management Code & CLG Investment Guidance. The post Stage 2 treasury management arrangements satisfy the requirements of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011.

10. Staffing implications

10.1 Not applicable

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1 Not applicable

12. Risks

12.1 The key risks associated with this strategy are outlined within the main body of the report

13. Governance Boards

13.1 This strategy was presented to the PFCC at the Essex Police Strategic Board on 14th March 2019

14. Background papers

Annexe 1 – Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign: 

Print: P. Best

Date: 16 April 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: A. Best

Date: 16/04/19

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: R.C. Hirst

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 17/04/19

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