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**30 January 2019**

The following report is attached for consideration and is submitted with the agreement of the Chairman as an urgent matter pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

**9      TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (Pages 1 - 40)**

Report attached.

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## AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Subject Heading:**

Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2019/20 and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS) 2019/20, Capital Prudential and Treasury Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2019/20

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**Policy context:**

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The code of practice on treasury management 2017 recommends that the Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement are reported to a scrutiny committee for effective scrutiny.

**Financial summary:**

The Treasury Management Strategy forms part of the Council's overall budget strategy and financial management framework.

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**When should this matter be reviewed?**

Bi-Annually

**Reviewing OSC:**

Audit Committee

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives**

Communities making Havering	[x]
Places making Havering	[x]
Opportunities making Havering	[x]
Connections making Havering	[x]

**SUMMARY**

The TMSS and AIS are part of the Council's reporting procedures and are recommended by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) code of practice on treasury management and its prudential code for capital finance in local authorities. The Local Government Act 2003 requires councils to comply with both codes.

This report fulfils the Authority's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the DCLG Guidance, and it covers:

- The Borrowing and Investment Strategies
- Treasury Management Indicators
- Prudential Indicators
- A Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (the means by which capital expenditure which is financed from borrowing is paid for by council tax payers)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

To note the report and make any comment on its content.

**REPORT DETAIL**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Authority is required to set a balanced budget each financial year, which broadly means that income received during the year will meet its operational expenditure. As part of the overall financial management arrangements, a primary objective of the Treasury Management service is to ensure that the Authority's cash flow is adequately planned, with cash being available when it is needed. Surplus monies are invested in counterparties or instruments commensurate with the Authority's appetite for risk and liquidity requirements, as priorities before considering investment return.

1.2 Revised reporting is required for the 2019/20 reporting cycle due to revisions of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

Investment Guidance, the MHCLG Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Guidance, the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code. The primary reporting changes include the introduction of a capital strategy, to provide a longer-term focus to the capital plans, and greater reporting requirements surrounding any commercial activity undertaken under the Localism Act 2011. The capital strategy is being reported separately on this agenda.

CIPFA define treasury management as “The management of the local authority’s borrowing, investments 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.”

- 1.2 Whilst any commercial initiatives or loans to third parties will impact on the treasury function, these activities are generally classed as non-treasury activities, (arising usually from capital expenditure), and are separate from the day to day treasury management activities. This expenditure is shown throughout this report as “regeneration programme”.
- 1.3 The Council is currently required to receive and approve, as a minimum, three main treasury reports each year, which incorporate a variety of policies, estimates and actuals.
  - a. **Prudential and treasury indicators and treasury strategy** (this report) - The first, and most important report is forward looking and covers:
    - the capital plans, (including prudential indicators);
    - a minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy, (how residual capital expenditure is charged to revenue over time);
    - the treasury management strategy, (how the investments and borrowings are to be organised), including treasury indicators; and
    - an investment strategy, (the parameters on how investments are to be managed).
  - b. **A mid-year treasury management report** – This is primarily a progress report and will update members on the capital position, amending prudential indicators as necessary, and whether any policies require revision.
  - c. **An annual treasury report** – This is a backward looking review document and provides details of a selection of actual prudential and treasury indicators and actual treasury operations compared to the estimates within the strategy.
- 1.4 The above reports are required to be adequately scrutinised before being recommended to the Council. This role is undertaken by the Audit Board

## **2. Key Considerations and Sustainability**

### **2.1 Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20**

2.1.1 The strategy for 2019/20 covers two main areas:

#### **Capital issues**

- the capital expenditure plans and the associated prudential indicators;
- the minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy.

#### **Treasury management issues**

- the current treasury position; See table 1 below
- treasury indicators which limit the treasury risk and activities of the Council; Appendix 2
- prospects for interest rates; Appendix 3
- the borrowing strategy;
- policy on borrowing in advance of need; Appendix 4
- debt rescheduling;
- the investment strategy;
- creditworthiness policy;
- the policy on use of external service providers.

2.1.2 These elements cover the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, the CIPFA Prudential Code, MHCLG MRP Guidance, the CIPFA Treasury Management Code and MHCLG Investment Guidance.

## **2.2 Training**

2.2.1 The needs of the Authority's treasury management staff for training in investment management are assessed on a regular basis as part of the staff appraisal process, and additionally when the responsibilities of individual members of staff change.

Staff regularly attend training courses, seminars and conferences provided by the treasury management adviser and CIPFA. Relevant staff are also encouraged to study professional qualifications from CIPFA, the Association of Corporate Treasurers and other appropriate organisations. The CIPFA Code requires the responsible officer to ensure that Members with responsibility for treasury management receive adequate training in treasury management. This especially applies to Members responsible for scrutiny. Training will be arranged as required.

**3. Service Delivery and Performance Issues**

3.1 The Council's capital expenditure plans are the key driver of treasury management activity. The output of the capital expenditure plans is reflected in the prudential indicators, shown in Appendix 1, which are designed to assist Members' overview and confirm capital expenditure plans.

**3.2 Current Portfolio Position**

3.2.1 The overall treasury management portfolio as at 31 March 2018 and the position as at 31 December 2018 are shown below for both borrowing and investments.

**Table1: Current Portfolio Position**

<b>TREASURY PORTFOLIO</b>				
	<b>Actual 31/3/18 £m</b>	<b>Actual 31/3/18 %</b>	<b>Current 31/12/18 £m</b>	<b>Current 31/12/18 %</b>
<b>Treasury Investments</b>				
Banks & Building Societies	81.002	35	75.201	35
Government (including Local Authorities)	131.850	58	120.750	55
Money Market funds	12.737	6	9.500	4
Bonds	3.000	1	3.000	1
<b>Total Treasury Investments</b>	<b>228.589</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>223.608</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Treasury External Borrowing</b>				
Local Authorities	30.000	12	0	0
PWLB	203.235	85	203.235	97
LOBO loans from banks	7.000	3	7.000	3
Other loans	0.250	-	0.250	-
<b>Total External Borrowing</b>	<b>240.485</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>210.385</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Net Treasury Investments/(Borrowing)</b>	<b>(11.896)</b>		<b>(13.223)</b>	

Borrowing from Local Authorities as at 31 March 2018 was taken as temporary short term debt

3.2.2 The Council's forward projections for borrowing are summarised below in Table 2. The table shows the actual external debt, against the underlying capital borrowing need, (the Capital Financing Requirement - CFR), highlighting any over or under borrowing



**Table 2: Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)**

<b>£m</b>	<b>2017/18 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Estimate</b>	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>	<b>2020/21 Estimate</b>	<b>2021/22 Estimate</b>
<b>External Debt</b>					
Debt at 1 April	215	241	251	369	463
Expected change in Debt	26	10	118	94	53
Other long-term liabilities (OLTL)	0	0	0	0	0
Expected change in OLTL	0	0	0	0	0
Gross debt at 31 March	<b>241</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>516</b>
The Capital Financing Requirement	<b>264</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>604</b>
Under / (over) borrowing	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>88</b>

3.2.3 Within the above figures the level of debt relating to regeneration activities is detailed in table 3 below

**Table 3: Regeneration Programme debt**

	<b>2017/18 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Estimate</b>	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>	<b>2020/21 Estimate</b>	<b>2021/22 Estimate</b>
Actual debt at 31 March £m	21	26	123	174	196
Percentage of total external debt %	9	11	33	38	38

3.2.4 Within the range of prudential indicators there are a number of key indicators to ensure that the Council operates its activities within well-defined limits – see Appendix 1

3.2.5 The Chief Operating Officer reports that the Council complied with the prudential indicator that the Council's gross borrowing in the current year does not exceed its CFR and does not envisage difficulties for the future. This view takes into account current commitments, existing plans, and the proposals in this budget report.

### **3.3 Prospects for Interest Rates**

3.3.1 Current Forecasts are shown in Appendix 3

3.3.2 Economic and interest rate forecasting remains difficult with so many external influences weighing on the UK. The forecast, and Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decisions), will be liable to further amendment depending on how economic data and developments in financial markets transpire over the next year. Geopolitical developments, especially in the EU, could also have a major impact. Forecasts for average investment earnings beyond the three-year time horizon will be heavily dependent on economic and political developments.

### **3.4 Borrowing Strategy**

3.4.1 Caution will be adopted with the 2019/20 treasury operations. The Chief Operating Officer will monitor interest rates in financial markets and adopt a pragmatic approach to changing circumstances.

3.4.2 The Council is currently maintaining an under-borrowed position. This means that the capital borrowing need (the Capital Financing Requirement), has not been fully funded with loan debt as cash supporting the Council's reserves, balances and cash flow has been used as a temporary measure. This strategy is prudent as investment returns are low and counterparty risk is still an issue that needs to be considered.

Against this background and the risks within the economic forecast, caution will be adopted with the 2019/20 treasury operations. The Chief Operating Officer will monitor interest rates in financial markets and adopt a pragmatic approach to changing circumstances.

If it was felt that there was a significant risk of a sharp fall in long and short term rates, (e.g. due to a marked increase of risks around relapse into recession or of risks of deflation), then long term borrowings will be postponed, and potential rescheduling from fixed rate funding into short term borrowing will be considered.

If it was felt that there was a significant risk of a much sharper rise in long and short term rates than that currently forecast, perhaps arising from an acceleration in the rate of increase in central rates in the USA and UK, an increase in world economic activity, or a sudden increase in inflation risks, then the portfolio

position will be re-appraised. Most likely, fixed rate funding will be drawn whilst interest rates are lower than they are projected to be in the next few years.

3.4.3 The reasons for any rescheduling to take place will include:

- \* the generation of cash savings and / or discounted cash flow savings;
- \* helping to fulfil the treasury strategy;
- \* to enhance the balance of the portfolio (amend the maturity profile and/or the balance of volatility).

3.4.4 All rescheduling will be reported to the Cabinet at the earliest meeting following its action.

3.4.5 In October 2018, Prime Minister Theresa May announced a policy change of abolition of the HRA debt cap. The Chancellor announced in the Budget that the applicable date was 29/10/18

3.4.6 This Council's borrowing in advance of need policy can be found at Appendix 4

### **3.5 Annual Investment Strategy**

3.5.1 The MHCLG and CIPFA have extended the meaning of 'investments' to include both financial and non-financial investments. This report deals solely with financial investments, (as managed by the treasury management team). Non-financial investments, essentially the purchase of income yielding assets, are covered in the Capital Strategy, (a separate report) which will be considered at the same meeting.

3.5.2 The Council's investment policy has regard to the following: -

- MHCLG's Guidance on Local Government Investments ("the Guidance")
- CIPFA Treasury Management in Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes 2017 ("the Code")
- CIPFA Treasury Management Guidance Notes 2018.

3.5.3 The Council's investment priorities will be security first, portfolio liquidity second and then yield (return).

3.5.4 The above guidance from the MHCLG and CIPFA place a high priority on the management of risk. This Authority has adopted a prudent approach to managing risk, its minimum credit criteria is set out in Appendix 5.

3.5.5 The Council will consider placing longer term treasury deals while investment rates are at historically low levels and where attractive interest rates with high quality counterparties become available.

- 3.5.6 Investments will make reference to the core balance, cash flow requirements and the outlook for short and medium term interest rates.
- 3.5.7 Credit ratings should not be the sole determinant of the quality of an institution, this Council is not bound by the agency with the lowest rating and, importantly, officers will continually assess and monitor the financial sector and the economic/political environment in which institutions operate.
- 3.5.8 Treasury investment instruments identified for use in the financial year are listed in Appendix 6 under the 'specified' and 'non-specified' investment categories.
- 3.5.9 The Chief Operating Officer will, on advice, make operational changes to these limits in response to prevailing market conditions and regulatory changes.
- 3.5.10 All investments will be denominated in sterling.
- 3.5.11 As a result of the change in accounting standards for 2018/19 under IFRS 9, this authority will consider the implications of investment instruments which could result in an adverse movement in the value of the amount invested and resultant charges at the end of the year to the General Fund.
- 3.5.12 Following the consultation undertaken by the MHCLG on IFRS 9 the Government has introduced a mandatory statutory override for local authorities to reverse out all unrealised fair value movements resulting from pooled investment funds. This will be effective from this financial year, 1 April 2018. The statutory override applies for five years from this date. Local authorities are required to disclose the net impact of the unrealised fair value movements in a separate unusable reserve throughout the duration of the override in order for the Government to keep the override under review and to maintain a form of transparency.
- 3.5.13 The largest UK banks, (those with more than £25bn of retail / Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) deposits), are required, by UK law, to separate core retail banking services from their investment and international banking activities by 1st January 2019. This is known as "ring-fencing". Whilst smaller banks with less than £25bn in deposits are exempt, they can choose to opt up. Several banks are very close to the threshold already and so may come into scope in the future regardless.
- 3.5.14 Ring-fencing is a regulatory initiative created in response to the global financial crisis. It mandates the separation of retail and SME deposits from investment banking, in order to improve the resilience and resolvability of banks by changing their structure. In general, simpler, activities offered from within a ring-fenced bank (RFB) will be focused on lower risk, day-to-day core transactions, whilst more complex and "riskier" activities are required to be housed in a separate entity, a non-ring-fenced bank (NRFB). This is intended to ensure that an entity's core activities are not adversely affected by the acts or omissions of other members of its group.

3.5.15 Whilst the structure of the banks included within this process may have changed, the fundamentals of credit assessment have not. The Council will continue to assess the new-formed entities in the same way that it does others and those with sufficiently high ratings, (and any other metrics considered), will be considered for investment purposes.

3.5.16 This Authority will also pursue value for money in treasury management and will monitor the yield from investment income against appropriate benchmarks for investment performance. Regular monitoring of investment performance will be carried out during the year.

3.5.17 The local benchmark for investment is the 3 month LIBOR rate.

### **3.6 Loans to Third Parties**

3.6.1 The Authority may borrow to make grants or loans to third parties for the purpose of capital expenditure, as allowable under paragraph 25 (1) (b) of the Local Authorities (Capital Financing and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (Statutory Instrument No. 3146). This facility is likely to be used to support local economic regeneration and development activity but not limited to those purposes. The additional capital expenditure may be funded by external borrowing. Loans for working capital or revenue purposes are permitted as long as these are funded from the Council's internal cash balances as external borrowing is not permitted in such circumstances.

### **3.7 Treasury Indicators**

3.7.1 The indicators cover 2018/19-2021/22. The CIPFA Prudential Code and the TM code requires authorities to set treasury indicators and these are set out in Appendix 2. No breaches in the indicators are expected in 2019/20.

### **3.8 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)**

3.8.1 The MRP Policy Statement 2019/20 is set out in Appendix 7 of this report.

### **3.9 Policy on the use of external service providers**

3.9.1 The Council uses Link Asset Services as its external treasury management advisors.

3.9.2 The Council recognises that responsibility for treasury management decisions remains with the organisation at all times. All decisions will be undertaken with regards to all available information, including, but not solely, our treasury advisers.

**REASONS AND OPTIONS**

**Reasons for the decision:**

The statutory Codes set out that the Council ought to approve a Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the MRP Strategy and the Prudential Indicators.

**Other options considered:**

The MHCLG Guidance and the CIPFA Code do not prescribe any particular treasury management strategy for local authorities to adopt. The Chief Operating Officer, having consulted the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, believes that the above strategy represents an appropriate balance between risk management and cost effectiveness. Some alternative strategies, with their financial and risk management implications, are listed below.

Alternative	Impact on income and expenditure	Impact on risk management
Invest in a narrower range of counterparties and/or for shorter times	Interest income will be lower	Lower chance of losses from credit related defaults, but any such losses may be greater
Invest in a wider range of counterparties and/or for longer times	Interest income will be higher	Increased risk of losses from credit related defaults, but any such losses may be smaller
Borrow additional sums at long-term fixed interest rates	Debt interest costs will rise; this is unlikely to be offset by higher investment income	Higher investment balance leading to a higher impact in the event of a default; however long-term interest costs may be more certain
Borrow short-term or variable loans instead of	Debt interest costs will initially be lower	Increases in debt interest costs will be broadly offset

long-term fixed rates		by rising investment income in the medium term, but long-term costs may be less certain
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## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

### **Financial implications and risks:**

The Treasury Management Strategy Statement is a key part of the overall budget strategy and financial management framework and governs the strategic and operational treasury management activities throughout each financial year in order to manage the Council's financial risks associated with cash management via borrowing and investments.

For the financial year 2019/20, the budget for investment income has been set at £1.4m, based on an average interest rate of 0.8%.

The budget for long term debt interest payable in 2019/20 has been increased from £8.4m to £11.3m. This is based on the existing average long term debt portfolio of £210m at an average interest rate of 3.6% and has been adjusted for anticipated borrowing for the 2019/20 capital programme.

Of the existing £210m of long term debt, £170m is in relation to the HRA, with a budget for debt interest payable of £5.2m. An additional £0.7m will be incurred in 2019/20 in respect of new external borrowing interest costs.

The General Fund Budget for debt interest on external debt has been increased by £0.2m from £2.4m to £2.6m to allow for external borrowing to be undertaken should it be considered necessary in 2019/20 to fund the cost of borrowing for the increased capital programme.

The budget for debt interest on external debt for regeneration activities has been set at £2.8m in 2019/20.

If actual levels of investments and borrowing, and actual interest rates differ from those forecast, performance against budget will be correspondingly different. Variance from budget will be reported on a bi-annual basis to full Council.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

The Council must comply with its duty under section 3 Local Government Act 2003 to keep under review the amount of money the Authority can afford to borrow. Regulation 2 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003/3146 requires the Authority to have regard to the code of practice entitled the



“Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities” published by CIPFA when considering its duty under section 3.

The Council has fiduciary duties toward its tax payers to act in good faith in the interests of those tax payers with the considerable sums of money at their disposal. The Strategies being proposed for approval seek to discharge those duties in a reasonable and prudent fashion and therefore there is a low risk of successful challenge.

Otherwise there are no apparent legal implications arising as a result of this Report.”

**Human Resources implications and risks:**

There are no direct Human Resources implications arising as a result of this report.

**Equalities implications and risks:**

There are no equalities implications within this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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## Appendix 1

### PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

#### Capital expenditure

This prudential indicator is a summary of the Council's capital expenditure plans, both those agreed previously, and those forming part of this budget cycle. Members are asked to approve the capital expenditure forecasts:

<b>Capital expenditure £m</b>	<b>2017/18 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Estimate</b>	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>	<b>2020/21 Estimate</b>	<b>2021/22 Estimate</b>
Non-HRA	<b>51.165</b>	<b>71.120</b>	<b>72.651</b>	<b>62.745</b>	<b>12.662</b>
HRA	<b>33.056</b>	<b>67.459</b>	<b>47.310</b>	<b>80.719</b>	<b>54.186</b>
Regeneration Programme *	<b>4.472</b>	<b>6.279</b>	<b>146.735</b>	<b>132.243</b>	<b>72.709</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>88.693</b>	<b>144.858</b>	<b>266.696</b>	<b>275.707</b>	<b>139.557</b>

\* these activities relate to areas such as capital expenditure on investment properties, loans to third parties etc.

Other long-term liabilities - The above financing need excludes other long-term liabilities that already include borrowing instruments.

The table below summarises the above capital expenditure plans and how these plans are being financed by capital or revenue resources. Any shortfall of resources results in a funding borrowing need.

<b>Financing of capital expenditure £m</b>	<b>2017/18 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Estimate</b>	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>	<b>2020/21 Estimate</b>	<b>2021/22 Estimate</b>
Capital receipts	22.457	15.331	63.690	80.947	46.000
Capital grants	20.823	39.621	31.550	31.725	2.000
Revenue and Reserves	27.945	68.267	25.689	38.340	23.335
Section 106/CIL	1.921	2.795	1.339	0	0
<b>Net financing need for the year</b>	<b>15.547</b>	<b>18.844</b>	<b>144.428</b>	<b>124.695</b>	<b>68.222</b>

The net financing need for regeneration programme activities included in the above table against expenditure is shown below:

<b>Regeneration Programme £m</b>	<b>2017/18 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Estimate</b>	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>	<b>2020/21 Estimate</b>	<b>2021/22 Estimate</b>
Capital Expenditure	4.472	6.279	146.735	132.243	72.709
Other Sources of Financing	0	0	50.250	78.000	46.000
<b>Net financing need for the year</b>	<b>4.472</b>	<b>6.279</b>	<b>96.485</b>	<b>54.243</b>	<b>26.709</b>
Percentage of total net financing need %	<b>28.76</b>	<b>33.32</b>	<b>66.80</b>	<b>43.50</b>	<b>39.15</b>

### **The Council's borrowing need (the Capital Financing Requirement)**

The second prudential indicator is the Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). The CFR is simply the total historic outstanding capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for from either revenue or capital resources. It is essentially a measure of the Council's indebtedness and so its underlying borrowing need. Any capital expenditure above, which has not immediately been paid for through a revenue or capital resource, will increase the CFR.

The CFR does not increase indefinitely, as the minimum revenue provision (MRP) is a statutory annual revenue charge which broadly reduces the indebtedness in line with each assets life, and so charges the economic consumption of capital assets as they are used.

The CFR includes any other long-term liabilities. The Council currently has no such liabilities within the CFR.

The Council is asked to approve the CFR projections below:

£m	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Estimate	2019/20 Estimate	2020/21 Estimate	2021/22 Estimate
<b>Capital Financing Requirement</b>					
CFR – non housing	69.154	80.281	104.693	130.435	138.063
CFR – housing	174.669	174.669	196.290	238.669	269.520
CFR – Regeneration Programme	20.647	26.489	122.537	173.897	196.414
<b>Total CFR</b>	<b>264.470</b>	<b>281.439</b>	<b>423.520</b>	<b>543.001</b>	<b>603.997</b>
<b>Movement in CFR</b>	<b>13.892</b>	<b>16.969</b>	<b>142.081</b>	<b>119.481</b>	<b>60.996</b>

<b>Movement in CFR represented by</b>					
Net financing need for the year	15.548	18.844	144.428	124.695	68.221
Less MRP and other financing movements	1.656	1.875	2.347	5.214	7.225
<b>Movement in CFR</b>	<b>13.892</b>	<b>16.969</b>	<b>142.081</b>	<b>119.481</b>	<b>60.996</b>

A key aspect of the regulatory and professional guidance is that elected members are aware of the size and scope of any commercial activity in relation to the authority's overall financial position. The capital expenditure figures and the details above demonstrate the scope of this activity and, by approving these figures, consider the scale proportionate to the Authority's remaining activity.

Within the range of prudential indicators there are a number of key indicators to ensure that the Council operates its activities within well-defined limits. One of these is that the Council needs to ensure that its gross debt does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the CFR in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for 2019/20 and the following two financial years. This allows some flexibility for limited early borrowing for future years, but ensures that borrowing is not undertaken for revenue or speculative purposes.

The Chief Operating Officers reports that the Council complied with this prudential indicator in the current year and does not envisage difficulties for the future. This view takes into account current commitments, existing plans, and the proposals in this budget report.

## Core funds and expected investment balances

The application of resources (capital receipts, reserves etc.) to either finance capital expenditure or other budget decisions to support the revenue budget will have an ongoing impact on investments unless resources are supplemented each year from new sources (asset sales etc.).

The Council's capital expenditure plans are the key driver of treasury management activity. The output of the capital expenditure plans is reflected in the prudential indicators, which are designed to assist Members' overview and confirm capital expenditure plans.

## Affordability prudential indicators

The previous sections cover the overall capital and control of borrowing prudential indicators, but within this framework prudential indicators are required to assess the affordability of the capital investment plans. These provide an indication of the impact of the capital investment plans on the Council's overall finances. The Council is asked to approve the following indicator:

### Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream

This indicator identifies the trend in the cost of capital, (borrowing and other long term obligation costs net of investment income), against the net revenue stream.

<b>%</b>	<b>2017/18 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Estimate</b>	<b>2019/20 Estimate</b>	<b>2020/21 Estimate</b>	<b>2021/22 Estimate</b>
Non-HRA	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.3	4.0
HRA	4.1	3.2	3.7	4.4	5.0
Regeneration Programme		0.8	2.0	4.9	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>

Prior to 2018/19 regeneration programme activities are not shown separately in this table

The estimates of financing costs include current commitments and the proposals in this budget report.

## Prudential and Treasury Indicators

The Council needs to ensure that its gross debt does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for 2019/20 and the following two financial years. This allows some flexibility for limited early borrowing for future years, but ensures that borrowing is not undertaken for revenue or speculative purposes.

### The operational boundary

This is the limit beyond which external debt is not normally expected to exceed. In most cases, this would be a similar figure to the CFR, but may be lower or higher depending on the levels of actual debt and the ability to fund under-borrowing by other cash resources.

Operational boundary £m	2018/19 Estimate	2019/20 Estimate	2020/21 Estimate	2021/22 Estimate
Debt	369	408	422	453
Other long term liabilities	10	10	10	10
Regeneration Programme	174	197	212	210
Total	553	615	644	673

### The authorised limit for external debt

This is a key prudential indicator and represents a control on the maximum level of borrowing. This represents a legal limit beyond which external debt is prohibited, and this limit needs to be set or revised by the full Council. It reflects the level of external debt which, while not desired, could be afforded in the short term, but is not sustainable in the longer term.

1. This is the statutory limit determined under section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003. The Government retains an option to control either the total of all councils' plans, or those of a specific council, although this power has not yet been exercised.
2. The Council is asked to approve the following authorised limit:

Authorised limit £m	2018/19 Estimate	2019/20 Estimate	2020/21 Estimate	2021/22 Estimate
Debt	414	457	472	505
Other long term liabilities	10	10	10	10
Regeneration Programme	151	197	212	210
Total	575	664	694	725

Separately, the Council has been limited historically to to a maximum HRA CFR through the HRA self-financing regime. In October 2018, Prime Minister Theresa May announced a policy change of abolition of the HRA debt cap. The Chancellor announced in the budget that the applicable date was 29 October 2018.

### Treasury Management Limits on Activity

There are three debt related treasury activity limits. The purpose of these are to restrain the activity of the treasury function within certain limits, thereby managing risk and reducing the impact of any adverse movement in interest rates. However, if these are set to be too restrictive they will impair opportunities to reduce costs/improve performance.

**The Code** requires that for LOBO loans the maturity date is now deemed to be the next call date.

The indicators are:

### Maturity structure of borrowing

These gross limits are set to reduce the Council's exposure of large fixed rate sums falling due for refinancing; these have been kept deliberately wide to provide flexibility for any restructuring that might be carried out to de-risk the debt portfolio.

Maturity structure of fixed interest rate borrowing 2019/20		
	Lower	Upper
Under 12 months	0%	40%
12 months to 2 years	0%	60%
2 years to 5 years	0%	70%
5 years to 10 years	0%	80%
10 years to 20 years	0%	100%
20 years to 30 years	0%	100%



30 years to 40 years	0%	100%
40 years to 50 years	0%	100%
<b>Maturity structure of variable interest rate borrowing 2019/20</b>		
	Lower	Upper
Under 12 months	0%	90%
12 months to 2 years	0%	90%
2 years to 5 years	0%	100%
5 years to 10 years	0%	100%
10 years to 20 years	0%	100%
20 years to 30 years	0%	100%
30 years to 40 years	0%	100%
40 years to 50 years	0%	100%

### Investment treasury indicator and limit

Total principal funds invested for greater than 365 days. These limits are set with regard to the Council's liquidity requirements and to reduce the need for early sale of an investment, and are based on the availability of funds after each year-end.

The Council is asked to approve the following treasury indicator and limit:

<b>Upper limit for principal sums invested for longer than 365 days</b>			
<b>£m</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Principal sums invested for longer than 365 days	£75m	£75m	£75m

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### Prospects for interest rates

The Council has appointed Link Asset Services as its treasury advisor and part of their service is to assist the Council to formulate a view on interest rates. The following table gives their central view.

Link Asset Services Interest Rate View														
	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22
Bank Rate View	0.75%	0.75%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.25%	1.25%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.75%	1.75%	2.00%
3 Month LIBID	0.80%	0.80%	0.90%	1.10%	1.10%	1.20%	1.40%	1.50%	1.60%	1.60%	1.70%	1.80%	1.90%	2.00%
6 Month LIBID	0.90%	0.90%	1.00%	1.20%	1.20%	1.30%	1.50%	1.60%	1.70%	1.70%	1.80%	1.90%	2.00%	2.10%
12 Month LIBID	1.00%	1.00%	1.10%	1.30%	1.30%	1.40%	1.60%	1.70%	1.80%	1.80%	1.90%	2.00%	2.10%	2.20%
5yr PWLB Rate	2.00%	2.10%	2.20%	2.20%	2.30%	2.30%	2.40%	2.50%	2.50%	2.60%	2.60%	2.70%	2.70%	2.80%
10yr PWLB Rate	2.50%	2.50%	2.60%	2.70%	2.70%	2.80%	2.90%	2.90%	3.00%	3.10%	3.10%	3.20%	3.20%	3.20%
25yr PWLB Rate	2.90%	3.00%	3.00%	3.10%	3.20%	3.20%	3.30%	3.40%	3.50%	3.50%	3.60%	3.60%	3.60%	3.70%
50yr PWLB Rate	2.70%	2.80%	2.80%	2.90%	3.00%	3.00%	3.10%	3.20%	3.30%	3.30%	3.40%	3.40%	3.40%	3.50%

Link Asset Services economic view is summarised below:

The flow of generally positive economic statistics after the quarter ended 30 June meant that it came as no surprise that the MPC came to a decision on 2 August to make the first increase in Bank Rate above 0.5% since the financial crash, from 0.5% to 0.75%. Growth has been healthy since that meeting, but is expected to weaken somewhat during the last quarter of 2018. At their November meeting, the MPC left Bank Rate unchanged, but expressed some concern at the Chancellor's fiscal stimulus in his Budget, which could increase inflationary pressures. However, it is unlikely that the MPC would increase Bank Rate in February 2019, ahead of the deadline in March for Brexit. The next increase in Bank Rate is therefore forecast to be in May 2019, followed by increases in February and November 2020, before ending up at 2.0% in February 2022.

The overall longer run future trend is for gilt yields, and consequently PWLB rates, to rise, albeit gently. However, over about the last 25 years, we have been through a period of falling bond yields as inflation subsided to, and then stabilised at, much lower levels than before, and supported by central banks implementing substantial quantitative easing purchases of government and other debt after the financial crash of 2008. Quantitative easing, conversely, also caused a rise in equity values as investors

searched for higher returns and purchased riskier assets. In 2016, we saw the start of a reversal of this trend with a sharp rise in bond yields after the US Presidential election in November 2016, with yields then rising further as a result of the big increase in the US government deficit aimed at stimulating even stronger economic growth. That policy change also created concerns around a significant rise in inflationary pressures in an economy which was already running at remarkably low levels of unemployment. Unsurprisingly, the Fed has continued on its series of robust responses to combat its perception of rising inflationary pressures by repeatedly increasing the Fed rate to reach 2.00 – 2.25% in September 2018. It has also continued its policy of not fully reinvesting proceeds from bonds that it holds as a result of quantitative easing, when they mature. We have, therefore, seen US 10 year bond Treasury yields rise above 3.2% during October 2018 and also seen investors causing a sharp fall in equity prices as they sold out of holding riskier assets.

Rising bond yields in the US have also caused some upward pressure on bond yields in the UK and other developed economies. However, the degree of that upward pressure has been dampened by how strong or weak the prospects for economic growth and rising inflation are in each country, and on the degree of progress towards the reversal of monetary policy away from quantitative easing and other credit stimulus measures.

From time to time, gilt yields, and therefore PWLB rates, can be subject to exceptional levels of volatility due to geo-political, sovereign debt crisis, emerging market developments and sharp changes in investor sentiment. Such volatility could occur at any time during the forecast period.

Economic and interest rate forecasting remains difficult with so many external influences weighing on the UK. The above forecasts, (and MPC decisions), will be liable to further amendment depending on how economic data and developments in financial markets transpire over the next year. Geopolitical developments, especially in the EU, could also have a major impact. Forecasts for average investment earnings beyond the three-year time horizon will be heavily dependent on economic and political developments.

### **Borrowing in advance of need**

Borrowing is primarily required to finance the council's capital expenditure programme and is long term in nature. Views of interest rate movements and moreover rising interest rate risk must be managed. This may result in borrowing in advance of need to secure long term finance on advantageous terms and reduce financing risk when capital will be required.

The Council will not borrow more than or in advance of its needs purely in order to profit from the investment of the extra sums borrowed. Any decision to borrow in advance will be within forward approved Capital Financing Requirement estimates, and will be considered carefully to ensure that value for money can be demonstrated and that the Council can ensure the security of such funds.

There are attendant risks associated with investments but the council has taken measures to substantially reduce the level of credit risk from holding investments and manage the carry cost (the difference between borrowing costs and investment yield)

Officers will monitor the interest rate market and adopt a pragmatic approach to changing circumstances. Risks associated with any borrowing in advance activity will be subject to proper appraisal and subsequent reporting through the mid-year or annual reporting mechanism

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### The council's minimum credit ratings criteria

Credit Rating: Investment decisions are made by reference to the lowest appropriate published credit rating from Fitch, Moody's or Standard & Poor's. Where available, the credit rating relevant to the specific investment or class of investment is used, otherwise the counterparty credit rating is used. However, investment decisions are never made solely based on credit ratings, and all other relevant factors including external advice will be taken into account.

Within the parameters set out below the Council works together with Link Asset Services (the treasury management advisor) to establish an operational lending list using Link's creditworthiness methodology.

The notes below should be read in conjunction with table 1 overleaf.

- 1. Banks (Unsecured) and Building Societies:** Accounts, deposits, certificates of deposit and senior unsecured bonds with banks other than multilateral development banks. These investments are subject to the risk of credit loss via a bail-in should the regulator determine that the bank is failing or likely to fail.

For non UK Banks, the Authority's credit criteria will require that banks from AA+ rated countries and above can be used.

**Current bank accounts:** the Authority's own banker, Should the credit rating fall below A-, for liquidity purposes the Authority may continue to deposit surplus cash with the group providing that investments can be withdrawn on the next working day. Balances will be reviewed on a daily basis to assess their appropriateness.

**Banks (secured):** Covered bonds, reverse repurchase agreements and other collateralised arrangements with banks and building societies. These investments are secured on the bank's assets, which limits the potential losses in the unlikely event of insolvency, and means that they are exempt from bail-in. Where there is no investment specific credit rating, but the collateral upon which the investment is secured has a credit rating, the higher of the collateral credit rating and the counterparty credit rating will be used to determine cash and time limits.

The combined secured and unsecured investments in any one bank will not exceed the cash limit for secured investments.

- 2. Rated Building Societies -** The Authority's credit rating criteria for UK Building Societies in 2018/19 will continue to limit deposits to those UK Building Societies that meet the credit criteria in table 1 below.

3. **Non Rated Building Societies** – The criteria in table 1 overleaf will apply.
4. **Government:** Loans, bonds and bills issued or guaranteed by national governments, regional and local authorities and multilateral development banks. These investments are not subject to bail-in, and there is an insignificant risk of insolvency. Investments with the UK Central Government may be made in unlimited amounts for up to 50 years.
5. **Corporates:** Loans, bonds and commercial paper issued by companies other than banks and registered providers. These investments are not subject to bail-in, but are exposed to the risk of the company going insolvent. Loans to unrated companies will only be made following an external credit assessment as part of a diversified pool in order to spread the risk widely.
6. **Registered providers:** Loans and bonds issued by, guaranteed by or secured on the assets of registered providers of social housing, formerly known as housing associations. These bodies are tightly regulated by the Regulator of Social Housing and, as providers of public services, they retain the likelihood of receiving government support if needed.
7. **Residential Mortgage Based Schemes** - Investment will be restricted to AAA rated funds with only UK exposure. These funds offer stronger risk-adjusted returns whilst maintaining high daily liquidity with time plus two days (T+2) access.
8. **Pooled funds:** Shares in diversified investment vehicles consisting of any of the above investment types, plus equity shares and property. These funds have the advantage of providing wide diversification of investment risks, coupled with the services of a professional fund manager in return for a fee.
9. **Money Market Funds (MMF):** The Authority will continue to use MMF's, which provide lower interest returns but do provide a highly liquid, diversified investment via a highly credit-rated pooled investment vehicle.

Bond, equity and property funds offer enhanced returns over the longer term, but are more volatile in the short term. These allow the Authority to diversify into asset classes other than cash without the need to own and manage the underlying investments. Because these funds have no defined maturity date, but are available for withdrawal after a notice period, their performance and continued suitability in meeting the Authority's investment objectives will be monitored regularly.



**Table 1: Approved investment counterparties and limits**

Credit rating	Banks unsecured*	Banks secured	Government	Corporates	Registered Providers
UK Govt	n/a	n/a	£ Unlimited 50 years	n/a	n/a
AAA	£35m 5 years	£35m 20 years	£35m 50 years	£15m 20 years	£15m 20 years
AA+	£35m 5 years	£35m 10 years	£35m 25 years	£15m 10 years	£15m 10 years
AA	£35m 4 years	£35m 5 years	n/a	£15m 5 years	£15m 10 years
AA-	£35m 3 years	£35m 4 years	n/a	£15m 4 years	£15m 10 years
A+	£35m 2 years	£35m 3 years	n/a	£25m 3 years	£15m 5 years
A	£35m 13 months	£35m 2 years	n/a	£25m 2 years	£15m 5 years
A-	£35m 6 months	£35m 13 months	n/a	£15m 13 months	£15m 5 years
None	£1m 6 months	n/a	n/a	£5m 5 years	£10m 5 years
	UK Local Authorities £35m per authority; 50 years				
<b>Pooled funds</b>	£25m per fund These include Bond Funds, Gilt Funds, Equity, Enhanced Cash Funds, Mixed Asset Funds and Money Market Funds, Residential Mortgage Based Schemes (RMBS)				

\* Includes Building Societies

## Investment Limits

The Authority further proposes the investment limits as set out in the table below to protect the security of its investments. A group of banks under the same ownership will be treated as a single organisation for limit purposes. Limits will also be placed on fund managers, investments in brokers' nominee accounts, foreign countries and industry sectors as below. Investments in pooled funds and multilateral development banks do not count against the limit for any single foreign country, since the risk is diversified over many countries.

**Table 2: Investment limits**

	Cash limit
UK Central Government	unlimited
Any single organisation, except the UK Central Government	£35m each
Any group of organisations under the same ownership	£35m per group

Any group of pooled funds under the same management	£35m per manager
Financial instruments held in a broker's nominee account	£50m per broker
Foreign countries	£35m per country
Registered providers	£35m in total
Unsecured investments with building societies	£50m in total
Loans to unrated corporates	£35m in total
Money Market Funds	£50m in total
UK Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS)	£25m in total

Appendix 8 gives details of the Council's current investments.

## Specified and Non Specified Investments

### Specified investments:

The CLG Guidance defines specified investments as those:

- denominated in pound sterling,
- due to be repaid within 12 months of arrangement,
- not defined as capital expenditure by legislation, and
- invested with one of:
  - the UK Government,
  - a UK local authority, parish council or community council, or
  - a body or investment scheme of “high credit quality”.

The Authority defines “high credit quality” organisations and securities as those having a credit rating of A- or higher that are domiciled in the UK or a foreign country with a sovereign rating of AA+ or higher. For money market funds and other pooled funds “high credit quality” is defined as those having a credit rating of A- or higher.

Limits on specified investments are shown in table 1 below.

**Table 1: Specified Investments**

Instrument	Institution Type	Instrument Minimum 'High' Credit Criteria	Limits	Max. Maturity Period
Accounts, deposits, certificates of deposit and senior unsecured bonds with banks other than multilateral development banks, UK Government Gilts.	UK Banks and UK Banking Groups <sup>1</sup>	per Appendix 5, Table 1	£35m	per Appendix 5, Table 1
	UK Building Societies	per Appendix 5, Table 1	£35m	per Appendix 5, Table 1
	Non UK Banks	Sovereign Rating of AA+ and above and meet Credit Criteria in Appendix 5, Table 1	£35m	per Appendix 5, Table 1
Covered bonds, floating rate notes, reverse repurchase agreements and other collateralised arrangements with banks and building societies	UK Banks and Building Societies and Non UK Banks	Per Appendix 5, Table 1 (and Sovereign Rating of AA+ minimum for Non UK Banks)	See Note 2	per Appendix 5, Table 1
Term Deposits	Local Authorities and other Public Institutions	UK Sovereign Rating	£35m	per Appendix 5, Table 1
Loans and bonds issued by, guaranteed by or secured on the assets of registered providers of social housing.	Registered Social Housing Providers	per Appendix 5, Table 1		per Appendix 5, Table 1
Money Market Fund		AAA <sup>3</sup>	£25m	
Enhanced Cash Funds		AA/Aa <sup>4</sup>	£25m	
Residential Mortgage Based Schemes (RMBS)		UK AAA	£25m	

1. £35m Limit per bank / banking group.

2. The combined secured and unsecured investments in any one bank will not exceed the cash limit for secured investments.

3. Investments will be made with those MMF's which have a rating of AAA

4. Minimum of Fitch / Standard & Poor's AA or Moody's Aa rating

### **Non-specified investments:**

Any investment not meeting the definition of a specified investment is classed as non-specified. The Authority does not intend to make any investments denominated in foreign currencies, nor any that are defined as capital expenditure by legislation, such as company shares. Non-specified investments will therefore be limited to long-term investments, i.e. those that are due to mature 12 months or longer from the date of arrangement, and investments with bodies and schemes not meeting the definition on high credit quality.

Limits on non-specified investments are shown in table 2 below.

**Table 2: Non-specified investment limits**

	<b>Cash Limit £m</b>
Total long-term investments	75
Total Investments without credit ratings or rated below A- (subject to due diligence)	20
<b>Total non-specified investments</b>	<b>95</b>

**NON SPECIFIED INVESTMENTS**

<b>Instruments</b>	<b>Non Specified Investments</b>	<b>Institution Type</b>	<b>Minimum Credit Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Duration</b>	<b>Cash limit</b>
<p>Accounts, deposits, certificates of deposit, structured deposits and senior unsecured bonds with banks other than multilateral development banks. Covered bonds, reverse repurchase agreements, and other collateralised arrangements with banks and building societies. Short Dated Bond Funds, Diversified Growth Funds, Absolute Return Funds and Property Funds. Unrated Bonds.</p>	Total long-term investments (investments over 1 year)	UK and Non UK Banks and Building Societies, Rated Registered Social Housing Providers (RSP)	Per Appendix 5, Table 1	10 yrs.	£75m
	Total investments without credit ratings or rated below A- (except UK Government and local authorities)	Unrated Registered Social Housing Providers (RSP), Unrated Banks and Building Societies	N/A	5 yrs.	£20m
	Total Investments made in pooled investment vehicles.			7 yrs.	
	Total Investments made in unrated bonds.				
	<b>Total non-specified investments</b>				<b>£95m</b>

### Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement

Where the Authority finances capital expenditure by debt, it must put aside resources to repay that debt in later years. The amount charged to the revenue budget for the repayment of debt is known as Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). Although there has been no statutory minimum provision requirement since 2008, The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Authority to have regard to the MHCLG *Guidance on Minimum Revenue Provision* updated in 2018.

The broad aim of the MHCLG Guidance is to ensure that debt is repaid over a period that is either reasonably commensurate with that over which the capital expenditure provides benefits, or, in the case of borrowing supported by Government Revenue Support Grant, reasonably commensurate with the period implicit in the determination of that grant.

The DCLG Guidance requires the Council to approve an Annual MRP Statement each year, and recommends a number of options for calculating a prudent amount of MRP. The following statement only incorporates options recommended in the Guidance.

For capital expenditure incurred before 1st April 2008, MRP will be determined in accordance with the former regulations that applied on 31st March 2008, incorporating an "Adjustment A" of £2.9m on a reducing balance method

For capital expenditure incurred after 31st March 2008, MRP will be determined by charging the expenditure over the expected useful life of the relevant assets in equal instalments, but under exceptional circumstances MRP the annuity or equal instalments method may apply. Furthermore, where appropriate provision of MRP will commence in the year after the asset becomes operational.

Estimated life periods will be determined under delegated powers. The council may defer to the estimated useful economic life periods specified in the MRP guidance, but reserves the right to determine such periods and prudent MRP. As some types of capital expenditure incurred by the Authority are not capable of being related to an individual asset, asset lives will be assessed on a basis which most reasonably reflects the anticipated period of benefit that arises from the expenditure. Also, whatever type of expenditure is involved, it will be grouped together in a manner which reflects the nature of the main component of expenditure and will only be divided up in cases where there

are two or more major components with substantially different useful economic lives.

For assets acquired by finance leases or the Private Finance Initiative, MRP will be determined as being equal to the element of the rent or charge that goes to write down the balance sheet liability.

No MRP will be charged in respect of assets held within the Housing Revenue Account.

**Third party loans** – Under statutory requirements the payment of the loan will normally be treated as capital expenditure. The subsequent loan repayments, (which are treated as capital receipts under statutory requirements), will be used to reduce the long term liability and consequently the CFR. As a result MRP will not generally be charged on the loan as it is not appropriate to do so.



## Appendix 8

### Breakdown of Deposits at 24 January 2019

Institution Type	Counterparty	Start Date	Maturity Date	Principal O/S (£m)
UK Bank	Close Brothers	27/07/2018	28/01/2019	5.000
UK Bank	Goldman Sachs International	05/11/2018	03/05/2019	5.000
UK Bank	Lloyds Bank plc	03/08/2018	04/02/2019	5.000
UK Bank	Santander UK plc (Covered Bond)	31/08/2016	08/07/2019	1.001
UK Bank - Call Account	National Westminster Bank plc	28/03/2013	(blank)	0.100
UK Bank-Notice Account	Goldman Sachs Int Bank (95 Days)	06/07/2018	08/03/2019	5.500
UK Bank-Notice Account	Goldman Sachs Int Bank (95 Days)	16/07/2018	08/03/2019	4.500
UK Bank-Notice Account	Lloyds Bank plc (175 Days)	15/05/2018	(blank)	5.000
UK Bank-Notice Account	Santander UK plc	01/06/2018	(blank)	20.000
Government	Cambridgeshire County Council	08/05/2018	09/11/2020	5.000
Government	Dundee City Council	17/10/2018	16/10/2019	5.000
Government	Eastleigh Borough Council	19/11/2018	03/04/2019	5.000
Government	Eastleigh Borough Council	21/11/2018	01/04/2019	5.000
Government	Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	15/10/2018	30/09/2019	5.000
Government	Highland Council	15/11/2018	14/06/2019	5.000
Government	Lancashire County Council	17/04/2018	17/04/2019	5.000
Government	Lincoln City Council	31/01/2018	30/01/2019	1.750
Government	London Borough of Barnet	01/11/2018	01/05/2019	5.000
Government	London Borough of Croydon	20/09/2018	12/09/2019	5.000
Government	London Borough of Haringey	10/09/2018	09/05/2019	4.000
Government	London Borough of Islington	26/04/2016	26/04/2021	5.000
Government	Mid Suffolk District Council	06/07/2018	06/07/2020	5.000
Government	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	29/02/2016	26/02/2021	5.000

Government	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	03/04/2017	03/04/2019	5.000
Government	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	02/02/2018	01/02/2019	5.000
Government	Northumberland County Council	16/11/2016	16/11/2020	5.000
Government	Northumberland County Council	16/11/2016	16/11/2021	5.000
Government	Plymouth City Council	09/11/2018	09/08/2019	5.000
Government	Plymouth City Council	05/12/2018	05/06/2019	5.000
Government	Powys County Council	22/02/2018	22/02/2021	5.000
Government	Slough Borough Council	08/10/2018	08/04/2019	5.000
Government	Telford and Wrekin Borough Council	17/10/2018	17/04/2019	5.000
Government	Woking Borough Council	12/10/2018	12/09/2019	5.000
Non UK Bank	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	05/12/2018	05/06/2019	5.000
Non UK Bank	DBS Bank Ltd (Singapore)	03/08/2018	04/02/2019	5.000
Non UK Bank	DBS Bank Ltd (Singapore)	02/10/2018	02/04/2019	5.000
Non UK Bank	Rabobank Nederland	15/10/2018	14/10/2019	5.000
Non UK Bank	United Overseas Bank Limited	12/10/2018	11/10/2019	4.100
Money Market Funds	Insight Liquidity Sterling	16/01/2017	(blank)	15.000
Money Market Funds	BNP Paribas InstiCash	21/01/2017	(blank)	3.610
Money Market Funds	Federated Prime Rate Sterling Liquidity	13/11/2018	(blank)	15.000
Corporate Bond	Rockfire Capital Ltd	15/02/2018	21/04/2022	3.000
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>227.561</b>