BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is a key decision within the Council's definition and has been included within the relevant Forward Plan

Report Ref:

Cabinet: Report of the Service Director Finance

TREASURY STRATEGY AND POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present for approval the 2018/19 Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Statement (TMSPS) attached to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that: -
 - Members note the main Treasury Management Policy Statement attached at Appendix A of the TMSPS.
 - Members approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 including:-
 - The borrowing strategy for 2018/19 at Section 3 of the TMSPS including the full suite of Prudential and Treasury Indicators at Appendix F.
 - The revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement at Appendix C.
 - The Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/19 at Section 4 of the TMSPS.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Treasury Management Code of Practice requires local authorities to produce a Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Statement on an annual basis.
- 3.2 The Council adopted the original CIPFA Code of Practice on 13th February 2002, and this resolution is carried through to the revised Code. Therefore, the attached Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Statements for 2018/19 have been prepared in compliance with the revised Code.

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4. Consultations

4.1 The Treasury Policy and Strategy Statements were drafted in consultation with the Council's Treasury Management advisers (Link).

5. Risk Implications

- 5.1 The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk is an important and integral element of its treasury management activity.
- 5.2 Credit, interest rate and refinancing risk are the most relevant to the Council at the current time. The following 2018/19 TMSPS sets out how the Council intends to address these risks. An additional Appendix has also been included (Appendix H) within the TMSPS which further examines the risks faced by the Council and the mitigations used to address these risks.
- 5.3 In order to implement the strategy and monitor treasury management activity, the Council has set up a Treasury Management (TM) Panel. Chaired by the Section 151 Officer and including the Cabinet Spokesperson and Cabinet Support Member for Corporate Services, the TM Panel meets on a quarterly basis to ensure that the approved treasury strategy is implemented.
- 5.4 In addition, the 2018/19 TMSPS and other treasury reports are also submitted into Audit Committee for further scrutiny.

6. Reduction of Crime and Disorder

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7. Employee Implications

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 The strategy outlines borrowing and investment activity which will be factored into the wider budget.

9. Background Papers

- 9.1 The following documents/ publications were used in preparation of the TMSPS:-
 - CIPFA Treasury Management Code (2017);
 - CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
 - CIPFA's guide to Housing Self Financing;
 - Papers from the Council's Treasury Management advisers (Capita).

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