

Treasury Strategy 2010-11

Initial Screening

Equality Impact Assessment – screening.

Name of Strategy/Policy: Treasury Strategy 2009-10 Date of Assessment: Feb 2010

Is this a new or updated Policy? New ☐ Updated ☒

How is the Strategy/Policy finalised/adopted: Cabinet/Board ☐ Delegated ☐
Council ☒

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Identify what the activity is trying to achieve – why is the Policy/activity¹ required *(is there a statutory duty, how was the issue identified, who was the originator of the activity, etc).*

The Annual Treasury Management Strategy report is submitted to Council before the start of the financial year, consisting of a review of the Council's approved clauses, treasury management policy statement and practices and a strategy report on the proposed treasury management activities for the year.

The report asks Cabinet to recommend to Council that they approve:

- a) The adoption of the revised CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services; Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (Fully revised second edition 2009)
- b) The replacement of existing paragraph 5.9 of the Council's Financial Regulations with the wording at Annex A
- c) The Treasury Management Policy Statement at Annex B
- d) The Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) and TMP Schedules for 2010-11 at Annex C
- e) The Treasury Strategy for 2010-11 at Annex D, incorporating:

¹ Policy/activity in this context includes policies, services, strategies, functions, projects, plans, restructures, major events, etc

(i) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2010-11 including:

- The Council's policy on the making of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2008.
- The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2010-11 as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

(ii) The Investment Strategy for 2010-11 as required by the CLG (formerly ODPM) Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2004.

The report asks Cabinet to recommend to Council that they note:

- a) The proposed Debt Financing Budget 2010-11 to 2011-12 (paragraph 3.2.15 and Annex F).
- b) Adherence to the Council's policy on reserves and balances (paragraph 3.2.16).
- c) Compliance with the requirement under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce a balanced budget (paragraph 3.2.17 & 3.2.18).

The Treasury Strategy (Annex D) includes the following elements:

Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy

- Capital Financing
- Existing Borrowing
- New Borrowing
- Minimum Revenue Provision
- Borrowing Requirement
- Debt Rescheduling
- Long Term Interest Rates for Borrowing
- Sensitivity of Forecasts
- Borrowing Strategy
- Prudential Indicators
- Treasury Indicators
- Affordable Borrowing Limit
- Temporary Borrowing
- Overdraft Facilities

Investment Strategy

- Current Investment Portfolio
- Specified/ Non specified Investments
- Investment strategy;
- Counterparties

- Liquidity of Investments
- Bank Base Rate
- Short Term Interest Rates for Investments
- Sensitivity of Forecasts
- Prudential Indicators
- Treasury Indicators

Purpose of the Policy/activity. *(What does the activity entail? Consider how the activity relates to the council's equality and diversity duties and strategic priorities, etc).*

The purpose of the Treasury Strategy is to establish the framework for the effective and efficient management of the Council's treasury management activity, including the Council's investment portfolio, within legislative, regulatory, and best practice regimes, and balancing risk against reward in the best interests of stewardship of the public purse

The Council is required to keep its treasury management strategy under review and monitor against it. The strategy should reflect the requirements of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (Fully revised second edition 2009).

This contributes positively to Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Use of Resources requirements. This supports the Council's priority to be a well-managed organisation that puts customers at the centre of what we do.

Identify the main beneficiaries or people affected by the issue *(who benefits or is affected - local residents and users of area, community at large, visitors to the town, contractors working in the area, people delivering the service etc).*

Northampton Borough Council, Residents of Northampton (Council tax and rent payers)

What information exists already?

Treasury Strategy 2009-10 to 2010-11 approved by Council 26 February 2009

Has any consultation been undertaken on this or related issue?

No external consultation is required. The CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (Fully revised second edition 2009) and the accompanying Guidance Notes for Local Authorities (Fully revised third edition 2009) broadly determine the format and content

Are any reports or other relevant documents available from our organisation or from partners or other sources?

Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (Fully revised second edition 2009) and other associated statutory and regulatory guidance

Which parts of the activity have the potential for adverse impact or to discriminate unlawfully? *(Factors or issues that could contribute to inequality, consider risks and opportunities).*

None

Could a particular sector of the community be disadvantaged by the strategy/policy.

Yes ☐ No ☒ *(give details of any evidence you may have)*

If yes, proceed to undertake a full [Equality Impact Assessment](#) (EIA)

If no, then have this confirmed by the Corporate Equalities Steering Group representative for your area and signed off by your Service Head / Corporate Director/ Board. In the event of any queries, check with a member of the Policy team.

Action points *(please make this SMART-state what/who/how/when)*

To consider the potential impact of the strategy and associated documents (including Treasury Management Practices (TMPS) and the Schedules to the TMPs) on the different equalities groups as it is developed and put together each year.

To consider the potential impact on the different equalities groups of any processes, procedures or outcomes arising from the above

To include wording to that effect in the annual treasury strategy document.

I agree that this policy/activity should not proceed to a full Impact Assessment
(If appropriate, date equality impact assessment will commence)

Confirmed by:

Signed by:

Please attach a copy of this screening to the document it relates ✓

Copy to be sent to Policy Team Leader at policy@northampton.gov.uk ✓