

Report to Audit Committee

Agenda
Item:

A.7

Meeting Date: 15th April 2013
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
 Key Decision: Not Applicable:
 Within Policy and Budget Framework YES
 Public / Private Public

Title: TREASURY MANAGEMENT OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012
 Report of: Director of Resources
 Report Number: RD76-12

Purpose / Summary:

This report, which provides the regular quarterly summary of Treasury Management transactions for the third quarter of 2012/13, was received by the Executive on 11 February 2013. The Audit Committee is invited to make any observations on treasury matters which took place during this quarter although it will be noted from the report that this was a relatively quiet period in treasury terms. The Committee is otherwise asked to note the report.

Recommendations:

That the report be received.

Tracking

Executive:	11 February 2013
Overview and Scrutiny:	
Council:	



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA : FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

Date of Meeting: 11 February 2013

Public

Key Decision: No

Recorded in Forward Plan: No

Inside Policy Framework

Title: TREASURY MANAGEMENT OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012
Report of: Director of Resources
Report reference: RD76/12

Summary:

This report provides the regular quarterly report on Treasury Transactions including the requirements of the Prudential Code.

Recommendations:

That this report is received and the Prudential Indicators noted as at 31 December 2012.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: The Prudential Code on Local Authority borrowing including related guidance notes; Financial Services working papers.

CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Executive
11 February 2013

RD76/12

TREASURY TRANSACTIONS 2012/13

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members on various Treasury Management issues. The report is set out as follows:

(i) **Appendix A** sets out the schedule of Treasury Transactions for the period 1 April 2011 – 31 December 2012

- **Appendix A1** – Treasury Transactions April to December 2012
- **Appendix A2** – Investment Transactions April to December 2012
- **Appendix A3** – Outstanding Investments at 31 December 2012 and

(ii) **Appendix B** discusses the Prudential Code and Prudential Indicators for 2011/12:

- **Appendix B1** – Prudential Code background
- **Appendix B2** – Prudential Indicators

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 Consultation to Date.
None.

2.2 Consultation proposed.
The Audit Committee will consider this report at their next meeting in April.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received and the Prudential Indicators noted as at 31 December 2012.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 As per the report.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – Not applicable.
- Financial – Included within the report.
- Legal – Not applicable.
- Corporate – Not applicable.
- Risk Management – Risk management lies at the heart of effective treasury management.
- Equality Issues – Not applicable.
- Environmental – Not applicable.
- Crime and Disorder – Not applicable.

6. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Does the change have an impact on the following?

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?		
Age	No	N/A
Disability	No	N/A
Race	No	N/A
Gender/ Transgender	No	N/A
Sexual Orientation	No	N/A
Religion or belief	No	N/A
Human Rights	No	N/A
Social exclusion	No	N/A
Health inequalities	No	N/A
Rurality	No	N/A

If you consider there is either no impact or no negative impact, please give reasons:

This report summarises Treasury Transactions for Quarter 3 2012/13

If an equality Impact is necessary, please contact the P&P team.

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TREASURY TRANSACTIONS
1 APRIL 2012 to 31 DECEMBER 2012

1. LOANS (DEBT)1.1 Transactions 1 April to 31 December 2012

	Raised		Repaid	
	£	%	£	%
P.W.L.B	0		0	0
Local Bonds	0		0	0
Short Term Loans	0		0	0.00
Overnight Borrowing	0		0	0.00
	0		0	

This provides a summary of any loans that have been raised or repaid, analysed by type, since the previous report. New procedures have been put in place to map the cash flow more accurately to enable better forecasting and to limit the amount of short term/overnight borrowing which may be required.

1.2 Loans (Debt) Outstanding at 31 December 2012

	£
City of Carlisle Stock Issue	15,000,000
Short Term Loans	13,300
	15,013,300

1.4 Loans Due for Repayment (Short Term)

	PWLB £	Overnight £	Total £
Short Term Debt at 31 December 2012	0	0	13,300
			13,300

The short terms loans shown above relate to amounts held by the City Council that have been invested with it from Mary Hannah Almshouses Charity and Carlisle Educational Charity.

1.5 Interest Rates

Sector is not forecasting an interest rate rise until Quarter 1 of 2015.

2 INVESTMENTS

	Made		Repaid	
	£	%	£	%
Short Term Investments	29,748,000	0.43-1.75	29,922,000	0.43-2.22
	29,748,000		29,922,000	

A full schedule of investment transactions is set out in Appendix A2. Appendix A3 shows outstanding investments at 31 December 2012.

3 REVENUES COLLECTED

To: 31 December 2012		Collected £	% of Amount Collectable %
2012/13	Council Tax NNDR	40,986,514 35,343,358	86.03 86.36
Total		76,329,872	86.18
2011/12	Council Tax NNDR	40,712,911 33,408,985	86.05 87.18
Total		74,121,896	86.55
2010/11	Council Tax NNDR	40,755,631 31,779,907	86.20 88.47
Total		72,535,538	87.17

Collection levels have been fairly stable in each of the past three years.

4 BANK BALANCE

At 31 December 2012, £1,535,482.91 in hand.

This simply records the Council's bank balance at the end of the last day covered by the report.

5 PERFORMANCE ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT TRANSACTIONS
TO 31 DECEMBER 2012
 April – 31 December 2012

	Estimate £000	Actual £000	Variance £000
Interest Receivable	(323)	(297)	26
Interest Payable	850	849	(1)
Less Rechargeable	(7)	(7)	0
	843	842	(1)
Principal Repaid	275	304	29
Debt Management	11	14	3
NET BALANCE	806	863	57

The estimate column is the profiled budget to 31 December 2012.

Most budget heads are performing very much in line with the original estimate. There will, however, be an over spend on the principal repaid figure (the minimum revenue provision - MRP) due to the capital programme in 2011/12 utilising more capital receipts than expected. This was due to expected receipts from the asset review not being generated and disposals slipping into 2012/13. This meant that the Capital Financing Requirement increased by more than expected and therefore the MRP required has increased.

Interest receivable is below budget levels due to anticipated capital receipts not being received and therefore not being able to be invested. Also, investment returns have started to fall in the last quarter which will have an ongoing impact on the amount of interest that can be generated. The current average return received is 1.61%, which when compared to the current bank rate of 0.50%, represents a significantly improved return whilst maintaining a prudent risk approach to the investments placed.

APPENDIX A2

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

Made		Repaid	
Prime Rate, Money Market	3,450,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	945,000.00
Ignis , Money Market	1,742,000.00	Cumberland B.Soc	1,000,000.00
Cumberland B.Soc	1,000,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	210,000.00
Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00	Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00
Cumberland B.Soc	1,000,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	80,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	585,000.00	Coventry B Soc	1,345,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	1,200,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	1,900,000.00
Coventry B Soc	1,345,000.00	Royal Bank of Scotland	2,000,000.00
Royal Bank of Scotland	2,000,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	2,100,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	2,173,000.00	Ignis , Money Market	1,265,000.00
Ignis , Money Market	1,579,000.00	Ignis , Money Market	314,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	560,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	107,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	485,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	17,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	889,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	575,000.00
Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	1,700,000.00
Prime Rate, Money Market	4,000,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	125,000.00
Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00	Prime Rate, Money Market	1,583,000.00
Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00	Ignis , Money Market	2,040,000.00
Ignis , Money Market	3,740,000.00	Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00
		Prime Rate, Money Market	425,000.00
		Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00
		Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000.00
		Ignis , Money Market	1,000,000.00
		Ignis , Money Market	700,000.00
		Prime Rate, Money Market	1,291,000.00
		Prime Rate, Money Market	300,000.00
		Prime Rate, Money Market	1,500,000.00
		Ignis , Money Market	3,400,000.00
TOTAL	29,748,000		29,922,000
		Bfwd	23,258,000
		Paid	29,748,000
		Repaid	29,922,000
		Total	23,084,000

Outstanding Investments as at 31 December 2012

Category	Borrower	Principal (£)	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date	Current Days to Maturity	Days to maturity at execution	Total Interest Expected (£)
Y	Ignis MMF	600,000	0.43%		Call			0
Y	Prime Rate MMF	484,000	0.41%		Call			0
G	Barclays Bank	4,000,000	0.65%		Call			0
N/C	Cumberland BS	1,000,000	0.75%	02/10/2012	02/01/2013	2	92	1,890
B	Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	1.10%	02/07/2012	03/01/2013	3	185	5,575
N/C	Cumberland BS	1,000,000	0.75%	05/10/2012	03/01/2013	3	90	1,849
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	2.50%	05/01/2012	04/01/2013	4	365	25,000
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	3.10%	13/01/2012	13/02/2013	44	397	33,718
B	Bank of Scotland	2,000,000	3.10%	01/03/2012	13/02/2013	44	349	59,282
B	Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	1.43%	15/05/2012	15/02/2013	46	276	10,813
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	2.00%	25/05/2012	27/02/2013	58	278	15,233
B	Royal Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	1.51%	01/06/2012	07/03/2013	66	279	11,542
B	Royal Bank of Scotland	2,000,000	0.95%		Call	90	90	4,685
B	Royal Bank of Scotland	2,000,000	1.20%		Call	95	95	6,247
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	3.00%	02/04/2012	11/04/2013	101	374	30,740
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	2.85%	31/05/2012	30/05/2013	150	364	28,422
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	2.85%	02/08/2012	02/08/2013	214	365	28,500
B	Bank of Scotland	1,000,000	1.75%	05/10/2012	04/10/2013	277	364	17,452
Total Investments		£23,084,000	1.61%			80	264	£280,948

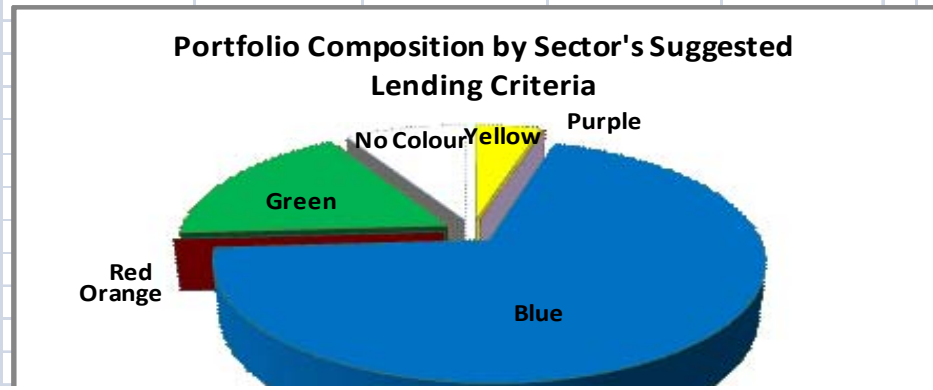
N.B Interest is recognised in the appropriate financial year in which it is due.

The category colour represents the duration of investment recommended by Sector, the Council's Treasury Advisors. Those investments with No colour, are still within the Council's investment Strategy and are therefore deemed suitable for investing.

Investments Summary Sheet

	% of Portfolio	Amount	% of Colour in Calls	Amount of Colour in Calls	% of Call in Portfolio	Weighted Average Rate of Return	Weighted Average Days to Maturity	Weighted Ave Days to Maturity from Execution	Weighted Average Risk				
						WARoR	WAM	WAM at Execution	Risk Score for Colour (1 = Low, 7 = High)	Dec 2012	Sep 2012	June 2012	Mar 2011
Yellow	4.70%	1,084,000	100.00%	1,084,000	4.70%	0.42%	0	0	1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Purple	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Blue	69.31%	16,000,000	25.00%	4,000,000	17.33%	2.10%	89	270	3	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.9
Orange	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Red	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Green	17.33%	4,000,000	100.00%	4,000,000	17.33%	0.65%	0	0	6	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.7
No Colour	8.66%	2,000,000	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.75%	3	91	7	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.7
	100.00%	23,084,000	39.35%	9,084,000	39.35%	1.61%	62	195		3.8	3.8	3.3	4.3

	Sector's Suggested Criteria
Y	Up to 5 Years
P	Up to 2 Years
B	Up to 1 Year
O	Up to 1 Year
R	Up to 6 months
G	Up to 3 months
N/C	No Colour



	Normal' Risk Score	Dec 2012	Sep 2012	June 2012	Mar 2011
	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5

THE PRUDENTIAL CODE AND PRUDENTIAL BORROWING

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government Act 2003 brought about a new borrowing system for local authorities known as the Prudential Code (the Code). This gives to Councils much greater freedom and flexibility to borrow without government consent so long as they can afford to repay the amount borrowed.
- 1.2 The aim of the Code is to support local authorities when making capital investment decisions. These decisions should also be in line with the objectives and priorities as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan.
- 1.3 The key objectives of the Code are to ensure, within a clear framework, that the capital investment plans of the Council are affordable, prudent and sustainable, or if appropriate, to demonstrate that they may not be. A further key objective is to ensure that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice and in a manner that supports prudence, affordability and sustainability. These objectives are consistent with and support local strategic planning, local asset management planning and proper option appraisal. They also encourage sound treasury management decisions.

2. Prudential Indicators

- 2.1 To demonstrate that the Council has fulfilled these objectives, the Code sets out indicators that must be used. It is for the council to set any indicative limits or ratios. It is also important to note that these indicators are not designed to be comparative performance figures indicators but to support and record the Council's decision making process.
- 2.2 Appendix B2 sets out the latest performance indicators for the current year.

3. Supported and Unsupported (or Prudential) Borrowing

- 3.1 Local authorities have always funded a substantial element of their capital programme via borrowing. This continues to be the case but until the introduction of the Code any local authority borrowing was essentially based upon a government 'permission to borrow'. Differing types of government control operated over the years but since 1990 these had been termed credit approvals. The level of an authority's previous years' credit approvals is also included in the revenue support grant (RSG) allocation so that ultimately any borrowing is 'supported' via RSG.

- 3.2 This element of supported borrowing is still part of the RSG system although the City Council has previously resolved that its capital borrowing would be limited to its level of supported borrowing. In 2012/13 this is estimated to be Nil.
- 3.3 However, there may be circumstances in which the City Council will wish to undertake some prudential borrowing and the issues surrounding unsupported and supported borrowing are discussed below.
- 3.4 Authorities are permitted to borrow in excess of their supported borrowing allocation. This is referred to as prudential or unsupported borrowing. This can be undertaken so long as the Council can demonstrate that the revenue consequences of such borrowing (i.e. the cost of the debt) are sustainable, affordable and prudent in the medium to long term.

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

Central to the operation of the Prudential code is the compilation and monitoring of prudential indicators covering affordability, prudence, capital expenditure, and treasury management. Set out below are the indicators for 2012/13 to date as detailed in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2012/13.

(a) Affordability

	2012/13 Original £	2012/13 Revised £
(i) Capital Expenditure	10,940,000	8,089,600
(ii) Financing Costs Total Financing Costs	1,163,000	1,207,565
(iii) Net Revenue Stream Funding from Govt Grants/Local Taxpayers	13,535,000	13,535,000
(iv) Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream The figures monitor financing costs as a proportion of the total revenue stream from government grants and local taxpayers. The increase in the ratio of financing costs is mainly attributable to the forecast reduction in investment income.	8.59%	8.92%
(v) Incremental Impact on Council Tax This indicator allows the effect of the totality of the Council's capital investment decisions to be considered at budget setting time.	N/A	9.00
(vi) Authorised Borrowing Limit Maximum Level of Borrowing and Other Long term Liabilities	37,600,000 15,013,300	37,600,000
The authorised borrowing limit is determined by Council prior to the start of the financial year. The limit must not be altered without agreement by Council and should not be exceeded under any foreseeable circumstances.		

	2012/13 Original £	2012/13 Revised £
<p>(vii) Operational Borrowing Limit Maximum Level of Borrowing and Other Long term Liabilities The operational borrowing limit is also determined by Council prior to the start of the financial year. Unlike the authorised limit, it may be breached temporarily due to cashflow variations but it should not be exceeded on a regular basis.</p>	32,600,000 15,013,300	32,600,000
<p>(viii) Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) As at 31 March The CFR is a measure of the underlying borrowing requirement of the authority for capital purposes.</p>	(2,992,000)	n/a

(b) Prudence and Sustainability

	2012/13 Revised £
<p>(i) New Borrowing to Date No Long Term Borrowing has been taken in 2012/13 to date</p>	0
<p>(ii) Percentage of Fixed Rate Long Term Borrowing at 31 December 2012</p>	100%
<p>(iii) Percentage of Variable Rate Long Term Borrowing at 31 December 2012 Prudent limits for both fixed and variable rate exposure have been set at 100%. This is due to the limited flexibility available to the authority in the context of its overall outstanding borrowing requirement.</p>	0%
<p>(iv) Minimum Level of Investments Classified as Specified Level of Specified Investments as at 31 December 2012</p> <p>As part of the Investment Strategy for 2012/13 the Council set a minimum level of 50% for its specified as opposed to non specified investments. The two categories of investment were defined as part of the Strategy but for the City Council non specified investments will presently refer mainly to either investments of over one year in duration or investments placed with building societies that do not possess an appropriate credit rating. These tend to be the smaller building societies.</p>	50.00% 91.00%

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2013**

EX.19/13 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Resources

Subject Matter

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report RD.76/12 providing the regular quarterly report on Treasury Transactions, including the requirements of the Prudential Code.

He drew Members' attention to Appendix 1 to the report, commenting that most budget heads were performing very much in line with the original estimate. There would, however, be an overspend on the principle repaid figure (the minimum revenue provision) due to the capital programme in 2011/12 utilising more capital receipts than expected. The position would be monitored by Officers on a regular basis.

In conclusion, the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation which was duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That Report RD.76/12 be received and the Prudential Indicators noted as at 31 December 2012.

Reasons for Decision

To advise Members of the Council's Treasury Transactions