**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To report the Council’s Prudential Indicators for approval (in accordance with statute and the Council’s Constitution)
2. To report the Council’s updated Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2015/16 to full Council as background to the consideration of the Prudential Indicators – the Policy and Strategy were formally approved by the Council’s Executive Committee at its meeting of 18 February.

**2. BACKGROUND**

* 1. To comply with statutory requirements, the Council is required to consider (and approve) a number of ‘Prudential Indicators’ primarily relating to the forthcoming financial year (2015/16).
  2. This is not a new requirement it has been in existence for a number of years and is annually discharged by Council at its February meeting.

**3. DETAILS**

* 1. The ‘Prudential Indicators’ are part of a national data set that require annual consideration by Council.
  2. They are designed to provide a robust yet flexible framework against which a local authority’s treasury management activities are undertaken and monitored.
  3. The Prudential Indicators themselves are highly technical in nature and some in calculation. The majority are derived directly from the Council’s budgets for the year (in relation to cash flow estimates and capital expenditure plans). As such, they result from applying set calculations to the Councils budget and spending plans to arrive at a set of indictors that require formal Council approval.
  4. Appendix A contains the full list of Prudential Indicators that require Council approval and also contains an explanation of what each of the main indicators represent.
  5. The indicators are an integral element of the Council’s Treasury Management Policy and Strategy that was formally approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting of 18 February 2015. Both of these documents are reproduced at Appendix B for background information.
  6. The formal approval of the Prudential Indicators takes place each year at the same meeting as which the Council considers the budget. If capital investment opportunities arise during the year that would result in the indicators being breached, Council would need to amend the relevant indicators ‘in year’.

**4. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

* 1. In terms of Treasury Management activity, there is no direct customer impact.

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Prudential Indicators are in accordance with the Council’s Treasury Management Policy and Strategy.

**6. USE OF RESOURCES**

6.1 The Treasury Management Policy and Strategy (together with the Prudential Indictors) provide the framework and parameters that are required to shape the Council’s Treasury Management activities.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That Council approves the Prudential Indicators (as detailed in Appendix A)

7.2 That Council notes the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy (as detailed in Appendix B)

Background Papers: Previous Reports/Minutes:

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