

ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose a Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25.

2 Annual Treasury Management Strategy

- 2.1 The Partnership currently maintains its bank account as part of the City of Edinburgh Council's group of bank accounts. Any cash balance is effectively lent to the Council, but is offset by expenditure undertaken by the City of Edinburgh Council on behalf of the Partnership. Interest is given on month end net indebtedness balances between the Council and the Partnership in accordance with the former Local Authority (Scotland) Accounts Advisory Committee's (LASAAC) Guidance Note 2 on Interest on Revenue Balances (IoRB). These arrangements were put in place given the existing administration arrangements with the City of Edinburgh Council and the relatively small investment balances which the Partnership has. Although the investment return will be small, the Partnership will gain security from its counterparty exposure being to the City of Edinburgh Council. Although interest rates have increased, if interest rates are negative the Board won't be charged for positive or negative balances, interest will be floored at zero.

3 Recommendations

It is recommended that the that the Partnership approve the Annual Treasury Management Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1.

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Appendix Appendix 1 - Annual Treasury Management Strategy

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APPENDIX 1

Annual Treasury Management Strategy

(a) Treasury Management Policy Statement

1. The Partnership defines its Treasury Management activities as:

The management of the Partnership's investments, 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.

2. The Partnership regards the successful identification monitoring and control of risk to be the prime criteria by which the effectiveness of its treasury management activities will be measured. Accordingly, the analysis and reporting of treasury management activities will focus on their risk implications for the organisation.
3. The Partnership acknowledges that effective treasury management will provide support towards the achievement of its business and service objectives. It is therefore committed to the principles of achieving value for money in treasury management, and to employing suitable comprehensive measurement techniques, within the context of effective risk management.

Treasury Management is carried out on behalf of the Partnership by the City of Edinburgh Council. The Partnership therefore adopts the Treasury Management Practices of the City of Edinburgh Council. The Partnership's approach to investment is a low risk one, and its investment arrangements reflect this.

(b) Permitted Investments

The Partnership will maintain its banking arrangement with the City of Edinburgh Council's group of bank accounts. The Partnership has no Investment Properties and makes no loans to third parties. As such the Partnership's only investment / counterparty exposure is to the City of Edinburgh Council.

(c) Prudential Indicators

Whilst the Partnership has a Capital Programme this is funded by grant income and no long term borrowing is required. The indicators relating to debt are therefore not relevant for the Partnership. By virtue of the investment arrangements permitted in (b) above, all of the Partnership's investments are variable rate, and subject to movement in interest rates during the period of the investment.