Report Title	Treasury Management Outturn Report 2025/26
Meeting	Executive
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Wards Affected	All
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	N/A
Appendices (if any)	Appendix A – Outturn Report 2026/27

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive of the performance of the Council's Treasury Management function for the 2025/26 financial year.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, the EXECUTIVE is recommended to:

2.1 Note the outturn position of the Council's treasury management activities for 2025-26 (Appendix A) in compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy.

3. Information: the Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

3.1 The Council's Treasury Management function is concerned with the management of the Council's debts, investments, cashflow and banking arrangements. These activities are regulated by a variety of professional codes, statute and guidance.

3.2 This report has been produced to comply with the requirements of the Code of Practice on Treasury Management, as issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). The Code states that a report must be submitted to the appropriate Committee before the end of September following the end of the financial year detailing the Council's treasury activities for the previous financial year.

3.3 The Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2025-26 was approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, on 27th March 2025.

3.4 Attached at **Appendix A** is the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2025/26. The report sets out details of the Council's borrowing and investment activity for the year. Some of the key issues are summarised below:

Borrowing – The Council's long-term borrowing was £18.359m at the beginning of the financial year. This reduced to £16.859m by the end of the financial year reflecting a net debt repayment of £1.500m. The overall cost of debt on the 31st March 2026 was 2.76%.

Borrowing Limits – The Council's Authorised Borrowing Limit of £32.0m was not breached during the year, nor was there any breach of the Operational Boundary of £29.0m.

Investments – The balance of investments on 31st March 2026 was £20.70m (compared to £33.10m at the beginning of the financial year). The investment return achieved for the year was 4.05%.

3.5 The two key budgets related to the Council's Treasury Management Function are interest payable on external debt (or debt charges) and interest receivable on investments made.

3.6 The General Fund Revised Budget for debt charges for 2025/26 was £1.242m comprising £0.700m for interest on debt, £0.542m for the Minimum Revenue Provision. Actuals charged to these budgets were £0.575m and £0.594m retrospectively, a total spend of £1.169m.

3.7 The Approved Budget for interest investment income for 2025-26 on the General Fund was £1m whilst the actual level achieved was £1.37m.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)

4.1 The report seeks to inform councillors of the Council's position with regards to its treasury management activities for 2025-26 to fulfil Priority 1 in the Action Plan 2025-26 (High-Quality Services and Facilities) – financial resilience.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The Financial implications arising are set out in this report.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

The Legal and Governance implications arising are set out in this report.

5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

There are no Climate and Biodiversity implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

5.5 **Human Resources Implications**

There are no Human Resources implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

5.6 **Equality and Diversity Implications**

There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

6. Consultation

6.1 N/A.

7. Alternative Options Considered

N/A.

8. Statutory Officer Sign off (please tick)

Section 151 Officer	✓
Monitoring Officer	✓

9. Background Documents

N/A.

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