

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Audit & Accounts Committee

14 February 2025

TITLE:	Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2025/26
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Wood - Portfolio Holder for Finance
CONTACT OFFICER:	Keith Pointon – Head of Finance Emily Bennetts – Principal Finance Officer
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non -specific

Appendices Attached:

Appendix A: Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2025/26

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to allow members of the Committee to consider and endorse the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/26, ensuring that its capital and treasury activities for the next four years are affordable and properly managed.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2025/26 is recommended to Council for approval.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Council is required, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003, to produce an annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement before the commencement of each financial year.
- 3.2 The Local Government Act 2003 and supporting regulations require the Council to 'have regard to' the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code and Treasury Management Code of Practice. The Council is required to set prudential and treasury indicators for the next four years to ensure that the Council's capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable.
- 3.3 The 2025/26 Treasury Management Strategy Statement comprises three principal areas:

Capital programme: Capital plans and the prudential indicators, and the

Minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy

Treasury management: Current treasury position, treasury indicators, Prospects for interest rates, borrowing strategy, policy on borrowing in advance of need, and debt rescheduling

The annual investment strategy: Investment policy, creditworthiness policy, investment income

3.4 Members are asked to note the controls that have been put in place to manage the Council's treasury management risks and activities and to endorse the Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/26.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Effective treasury management is critical to the safeguarding and management of the financial resources at the Council's disposal. Sufficient financial resources are required to deliver and underpin the Council's corporate priorities.

5. **Alternative Options**

5.1 This report sets the proposed treasury management approach based upon the Council's financial plans.

6. **Implications**

6.1	<u>Community safety, including safeguarding and prevention of terrorism</u> None
6.2	<u>Workforce</u> None
6.3	<u>Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment</u> This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's equality and diversity policies.
6.4	<u>Financial Considerations</u> Financial considerations are embedded throughout this report
6.5	<u>Legal</u> None
6.6	<u>Climate Change and Sustainability</u> Investments with links to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria are considered within the report.
6.7	<u>Conservation and Enhancement of Biodiversity</u> None
6.8	<u>Consultation</u> None
6.9	<u>Risk Assessment</u> There are a number of inherent financial risks associated with treasury management activity, not least the potential for loss of interest and/or deposits. The Council has engaged MUFG Corporate Markets ('MUFG'),

formerly Link Treasury Services Limited as its treasury management advisors. Investment and borrowing decisions are made in accordance with the Council's formally adopted Treasury Management Strategy, which is the subject of this report. The Strategy includes a number of risk management features such as the overriding priority that security of deposit takes precedence over return on investment.
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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

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