**NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

CABINET REPORT

Report Title	Treasury Management Strategy 2015-16

AGENDA STATUS: **PUBLIC**

Cabinet Meeting Date:	18 February 2015
Key Decision:	YES
Within Policy:	YES
Policy Document:	YES
Directorate:	LGSS
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr Alan Bottwood
Ward(s)	N/A

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to bring to Cabinet the Treasury Management Strategy for 2014-16

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Cabinet recommend to Council that they approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2015-16 at Appendix A of this report: incorporating:

    (i) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2015-16 including:

- The Council's policy on the making of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

- The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2015-16 as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

    (ii) The Investment Strategy for 2015-16 as required by the CLG revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010.

2.2   That authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in liaison with the Cabinet member for Finance, to make any temporary changes needed to the Council's borrowing and investment strategy to enable the authority to meet its obligations.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1   Report Background

3.1.1 See Treasury Management Strategy report attached.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 The Treasury Management Strategy report sets out the Council's policy for its debt and investment portfolios over the next financial year. It is reviewed annually and reported to Cabinet and Council as part of the budget setting process.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1   The resources required to deliver the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and policies over the next five years are incorporated into the Council's debt financing and debt management budgets, which are included in the General Fund and HRA budget 2015-16 to 2019-20 reports to this Cabinet.

4.2.2   Effective risk management is a fundamental requirement for the treasury management function, and this theme runs clearly throughout the Treasury Management in Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes. The Council's Treasury Management Policy, Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) and Schedules, and Treasury Management Strategy for 2015-16 outline the ways in which treasury management risk will be determined, managed and controlled

4.3 Legal

4.3.1   The Council is obliged to carry out its treasury management activities in line with statutory requirements and associated regulations and professional guidance.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1   Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has been carried out on the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2015-16.

4.4.2   The EIA screening has determined that a full impact assessment is not

necessary, as no direct or indirect relevance to equality and diversity duties has been identified.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 Consultation on treasury management matters is undertaken as appropriate with the Council's external treasury advisers and with the Cabinet member for Finance.

4.5.2 The Audit Committee has been nominated by Council as the body responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy, policies and practices. This role includes the review of all treasury management policies and procedures, the review of all treasury management reports to Cabinet and Council, and the making of recommendations to Council.

4.6 How the Proposals Deliver Priority Outcomes

4.6.1 The proposals support the Council's priority of making every £ go further.

4.7 Appendices

The **Appendices** are set out as follows:

A   Treasury Management Strategy 2015-16

5. Background Papers

5.1 Equalities Impact Assessment Screening: Treasury Management Strategy 2015-16

David Kennedy, Chief Executive, ext. 7726

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