

SHADOW EXECUTIVE
17 FEBRUARY 2009

SUBJECT	TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2009/10 (To set out the Councils Treasury Management Policy document and agree the annual Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/10).
REPORT OF	Director of Corporate Resources
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IMPLICATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY	Both the treasury management policy and annual strategy document are fundamental to ensuring most efficient use of the Council's funds thus contributing toward a sustainable balanced budget.
FINANCIAL	As set out in both documents, Annexes 1 and 2 of this report.
LEGAL	All Treasury Management arrangements are carried out in accordance with legislative powers conferred upon local authorities to both invest and borrow.
PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	None
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SAFETY	None
TRADES UNIONS	None
HUMAN RIGHTS	None
KEY ISSUE	Yes
BUDGET/POLICY FRAMEWORK	Yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT
None

<p>RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <p>That the Executive: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve both the Treasury Management Policy and Annual Strategy 2009/10 for consideration and agreement by Council. 2. Recommend to Council the adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services (Revised 2001)
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Reason for Recommendation: To enable the Council to have in place a properly approved Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2009-10 prior to commencement of business on 1st April 2009. .

1. Background:

- (a) The Council is obliged to set out a Treasury Management Policy and an annual Treasury Management Strategy for approval by Council.
- (b) These obligations are part of the good financial practice set out in the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services (Revised 2001) and Council will be asked to adopt the Code as revised. A copy has been placed in the Members Lounge – Priory House
- (c) All 3 of the current Council's that will constitute Central Bedfordshire have adopted the Code and in doing so this strengthens the Councils position in respect of Audit inspection as part of its continued assessment under Use of Resources

2. Treasury Management Practices Statement (TMPS)

- (a) In addition to the above, officers are currently formulating the very detailed Treasury Management Practices Statement (TMPS) which sets out how the Council will conduct its Treasury Management practices covering some 12 different areas of activity.
- (b) This document is not vital to the agreeing of either the Treasury Management Policy or Strategy, though both when agreed will aid some of the content.
- (c) The TMPS is expected to come back to the March meeting of the Executive for approval.

3. Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2009/10

- (a) The proposed Policy document is set out at Annex 1 of this report and the proposed Strategy for 2009/10 is set out at Annex 2 of this report and Members are asked to consider these documents and, if agreed, propose them to Full Council for adoption.

4. External Treasury Management advice

- (a) In compiling the document sets out in Annexes 1 and 2, external advice and guidance has been sought from both the external advisors currently used by both the County and District Councils. In essence one advisor has carried out the detailed financial work involved in splitting the present data relating to investments and debt and the other has been advising on the way forward. Over the next few weeks the Council will seek tenders for a single advisory service from 1st April 2009.

Background Papers: None

Location of Papers: Accountancy Section, Council Offices, Priory House

File Reference: N/A