

COUNCIL 20th MARCH 2024

Cabinet 11th March 2024

120 CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Councillor Dacre, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources presented a written report of the Director, Resources and Transformation which provided the Capital and Investment Strategy and sought the approval of:

- 1) A Capital Strategy and Capital Programme.
- 2) An Investment Strategy (including the Treasury Management Strategy).
- 3) The Treasury Management Policy.
- 4) The Council's Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy.
- 5) Prudential Indicators for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27.

The Council must determine how it was to operate within the forecast financial resources over the medium term, this included both revenue and capital investment. Whilst revenue budgets enabled the Council to provide the day-to-day services for residents, capital expenditure was spending on assets and infrastructure required to deliver the best outcomes for the place and people of Calderdale. Capital investment also contributed to efficiencies in the safe operation of the Council and supported long-term financial sustainability. These strategies formed a fundamental element of the Council's stewardship of public funds. The Capital Investment Strategy set out the framework for all capital investment decisions, maximising external funding opportunities and ensuring that the Capital Programme was informed by the principles and aligned to our Corporate Plan and Wellbeing Priorities. The Investment Strategy ensured our cash flow was adequately planned and capital investment obligations prudently met.

It was required by part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003, related statutory guidance, Prudential code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities and the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Sector that the Council approved a Capital Strategy and an Investment strategy and related Prudential Indicators in advance of the next financial year. The Authority was also required under the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) regulations 2008 to prepare an annual statement of their policy on making MRP for submission to Council.

The report outlined background information, options considered, financial, legal, human resources and organisational development, environmental, health and economic implications.

***RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that:**

(a) the following strategies and policies outlined in the appendices of the Director, Resources and Transformation's written report be approved:-

- 1. the Capital Strategy and Capital Programme (Appendix 1)**
- 2. the Investment Strategy (Appendix 2)**

- 3. the Treasury Management Policy (Appendix 3)**
- 4. the Council's Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (Appendix 4)**
- 5. the Prudential Indicators (Appendix 5)**

and;

(b) an Operational Boundary for external debt of £184m, £183m and £182m and an Authorised Limit for external debt of £191m, £190m and £189m for the financial years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 respectively be approved.

Original reports considered can be found on the Council's website as follows:

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