

WIRRAL COUNCIL
PENSIONS COMMITTEE
22 JUNE 2015

SUBJECT:	TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents a review of treasury management activities within Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) for the 2014/15 financial year and reports any circumstances of non-compliance with the treasury management strategy and treasury management practices. It has been prepared in accordance with the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Treasury Management in Local Government is governed by the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services and in this context is the “management of the Fund’s investments and cash flows, its banking, money market transactions, the effective control of the risks associated with those activities and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks”.
- 2.2 On 20 January 2014 Pensions Committee approved the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2014/15.
- 2.3 This report relates to money managed in-house during the period. It excludes cash balances held by investment managers in respect of the external mandates and the internal UK and European investment managers.

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- 2.4 As at 31 March 2015, MPF had a cash balance of £50.9 million as against £30.8 million at 31 March 2014. All of these funds were held on call (instant access) accounts with Lloyds, Northern Trust, Iceland escrow account and a small balance at RBS.
- 2.5 Managing counterparty risk continued to be the overarching investment priority. Investments during the year included:
- Call (instant access) accounts and deposits with UK banks
 - Investments in AAA rated money market funds with a constant Net Asset Value.

- 2.6 The rate at which MPF can invest money continues to be low, reflecting the record low Bank of England base rate which remained at 0.5% throughout 2014/15.
- 2.7 Over the twelve month period, WM calculated the cash performance to be 0.7% against a benchmark performance (7 day LIBID) of 0.3%.
- 2.8 Transactions were undertaken to reflect the day-to-day cash flows of the Fund, matching inflows from receipts to predicted outflows.
- 2.9 The detailed cash flow plans were managed so as to be compliant with the deposit limits agreed for individual financial institutions as reflected in the Treasury Management Policy for 2014/15.
- 2.10 There was one area where MPF was non-compliant with the policy during 2014/15. The Fund continued to maintain a small balance on an instant access account with RBS (MPF's previous bankers) to keep the account open, as on occasion receipts are still credited to this account.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 All relevant risks have been discussed within section 2 of this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There are no other options considered in this report

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising out of this report.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

- 6.1 There are no outstanding previously approved actions

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are none arising out of this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 The financial implications are stated above.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The legal implications have been discussed within section 2 of this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising out of this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none arising out of this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2014/15 be agreed.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The Treasury Management Code requires public sector authorities to determine an annual Treasury Management Strategy and, as a minimum to report formally on their treasury activities and arrangements mid-year and after the year-end. These reports enable those tasked with implementing policies and undertaking transactions to demonstrate that they have properly fulfilled their responsibilities and enable those with responsibility/governance of the treasury management function to scrutinise and assess its effectiveness and compliance with policies and objectives. The requirement to report mid-year is met via regular reports to the Investment Monitoring Working Party (IMWP).

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APPENDICES

None.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services – CIPFA 2009

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Pensions Committee	17 January 2012
Pensions Committee	25 June 2012
Pensions Committee	15 January 2013
Pensions Committee	24 June 2013
Pensions Committee	20 January 2014
Pensions Committee	1 July 2014
Pensions Committee	19 January 2015