



Leicester  
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2024 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Cassidy (Chair)  
Councillor Surti (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Bajaj  
Councillor Dawood

Councillor Dave  
Councillor Porter  
Councillor Waddington

Also present:

Sir Peter Soulsby  
Alretaj Al-Showali  
Dina Al-Showali

City Mayor  
Youth Representative  
Youth Representative

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to disclose any pecuniary or other interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

**13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25**

The Director of Finance submitted a report that set out the proposed strategy for managing the Council's borrowing and cash balances during 2024/25 and for the remainder of 2023/24.

The Director of Finance provided a brief overview of the paper, together with an overview of the Investment Strategy 2024/25 (Item 14) and the Treasury Policy 2024/25 (Item 15).

It was explained that treasury management was the process by which the City Council's borrowing was managed and how cash balances were invested.

In response to comments and questions from members, the following points were raised:

- Within the Council's Finance division, there were staff who led specifically on treasury management activity and were continually trained on this area of work. The Council's also employed independent treasury advisors who provided expert opinion in respect of investment management.
- The money earmarked for treasury management and investment activity was not taken directly from the City Council's revenue budget, though early loan repayment as outlined in the report would enable a saving to be made from the revenue budget.
- In respect of the Council's loan repayment to Barclays, the City Council negotiated an early repayment programme, which enabled a saving which would not have been made if it was paid at a later date.
- In a similar vein, the City Council would consider early repayment opportunities for the 2 LOBO (Lender Option Borrower Option) loans with Dexia that amounted to £20million.
- It was made clear that there was no proposal to invest a full £30million into commercial property funds. The City Council had discretion to invest up to that amount. The Director of Finance agreed to make references to this clearer in the version of the report presented to Full Council.
- It was also suggested that a training session for members in relation to treasury management and investment activity would be arranged in advance of Full Council on 21 February.

AGREED:

- (1) That the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 be noted by the committee
- (2) That references to investment options of up to £30million into commercial property funds be made clearer in the version of the report presented to Full Council; and
- (3) That a training session for members be set up in advance of Full Council in relation to the City Council's treasury management and investment activity.