

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2021-22

Summary:	This report presents the out-turn position in respect of the Prudential Indicators for 2021-22.
Options considered:	To approve the out-turn position in respect of the 2021-22 Prudential Indicators, or Do nothing.
Conclusions:	The Prudential Indicators for 2021-22 are fully complied with.
Recommendations:	Members are asked to consider the report and recommend the following to Full Council: That the out-turn position in respect of the 2021-22 Prudential Indicators are approved
Reasons for Recommendations:	To meet the requirements of the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management code of Practice.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

(Papers relied on to write the report, which do not contain exempt information and which are not published elsewhere)

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government Act requires the Council to have regard to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code) when determining how much money it can afford to borrow. The objectives of the Prudential Code are to ensure, within a clear framework, that the capital investment plans of local authorities are affordable, prudent and sustainable, and that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice. To demonstrate that the Council has fulfilled these objectives, the Prudential Code sets out the following indicators that must be set and monitored each year.

This report is usually an appendix to the out-turn report, but has been brought as a separate item as not all indicators were available for the September/October committee cycle.

2. Prudential Indicators

Capital Expenditure

- 2.1 This indicator is set to ensure that the level of proposed capital expenditure remains within sustainable limits and, in particular, to consider the impact on Council Tax.

Capital Expenditure	2021-22 Estimate £'000	2021-22 Out-turn £'000
Total	20,649	9,183

- 2.2 Capital expenditure will be financed or funded as follow:

Capital Financing	2021-22 Estimate £'000	2021-22 Out-turn £'000
Capital receipts	3,259	1,211
Government grants and other contributions	8,806	2,343
Revenue contributions & Reserves	4,094	1,319
Internal/external borrowing	4,490	4,310
Total Financing	20,649	9,183

Capital Financing Requirement

- 2.3 The Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) measures the Council's underlying need to borrow for a capital purpose. The calculation of the CFR is taken from the amounts held in the Balance Sheet relating to capital expenditure and financing.

Capital Financing Requirement	2021-22 Estimate £'000	2021-22 Out-turn £'000
Total CFR	13,957	15,952

A portion of CFR indicated in the table relates to loans provided under the Local Investment Strategy. Although initially this would have increased the CFR, the capital receipts generated by the annual repayments on the loans will be applied to reduce the CFR across subsequent years. The remainder of the CFR relates to capital projects undertaken during the year that were funded through internal borrowing.

Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt

- 2.4 The Council has an integrated treasury management strategy and manages its treasury position in accordance with its approved strategy and practice. Overall borrowing will therefore arise as a consequence of all the financial transactions of the Council, and not just those arising from capital spending reflected in the CFR.

The Authorised Limit sets the maximum level of external debt on a gross basis (i.e. excluding investments) for the Council. It is measured against all external debt items (i.e. long and short term borrowing, overdrawn bank balances and long term liabilities). The indicator separately identifies borrowing from other long term liabilities such as finance leases. It is

consistent with the Council's existing commitments, its proposals for capital expenditure and financing and its approved treasury management policy statement and practices.

The Authorised Limit is the statutory limit determined under Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 (referred to in the legislation as the Affordable Limit).

The Operational Boundary is based on the same estimates as the Authorised Limit reflecting the most likely, prudent but not worst case scenario, and without the additional headroom included within the Authorised Limit for unusual cash movements.

	2021-22 Estimate £'000	2021-22 Out-turn £'000
Authorised limit for borrowing	28,400	28,400
Authorised limit for other long-term liabilities	3,000	3,000
Authorised limit for external debt	31,400	31,400
Operational boundary for borrowing	23,530	23,530
Operational boundary for other long-term liabilities	2,000	2,000
Operational boundary for external debt	25,530	25,530

Ration of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

- 2.5 This is an indicator of affordability and highlights the revenue implications of existing and proposed capital expenditure by identifying the proportion of the revenue budget required to meet financing costs. The definition of financing costs is set out in the Prudential Code.

The ratio is based on the costs net of investment income.

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream	2021-22 Estimate £'000	2021-22 Out-turn £'000
Total	(5.02%)	(5.66%)

The indicator is negative because the Council has interest receivable and minimal financing costs.

Adoption of the CIPFA Treasury Management Code

- 2.6 This indicator demonstrates that the Council has adopted the principles of best practice.

Adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice in Treasury Management
The Council approved the adoption of the CIPFA Treasury Management Code at Full Council on 28 April 2022

3. Corporate Plan Objectives

3.1 This report is regulatory in nature as does not directly support any individual corporate plan objectives.

4. Medium Term Financial Strategy

4.1 None as a result of this report

5. Financial and Resource Implications

5.1 The Prudential indicators form part of overall financial indicators for the 2021-22 year

6. Legal Implications

6.1 None as a result of this report

7. Risks

7.1 None as a result of this report

8. Impact on Climate Change

8.1 None as a result of this report

9. Equality and Diversity

9.1 None as a result of this report

10. Section 17 Crime and Disorder considerations

10.1 None as a result of this report

11. Conclusion (including recommendations)

The Prudential Indicators for 2021-22 are fully complied with