Agenda Item

Report

Report to:	**Finance and Corporate Resources Committee**
Date of Meeting:	**1 September 2021**
Report by:	**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject:	**Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Activity and Annual Investment Report 2020/2021**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- provide an overview of the Treasury Management Activity and Prudential Code Indicators for 2020/2021
- allow Committee to scrutinise the proposed Annual Investment Report for 2020/2021

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that the Treasury Management Activity Report for 2020/2021 (Section 4 and Appendix 1), be noted;
(2) that the 2020/2021 Treasury Management and Prudential Code Indicators (Section 5 and Appendix 2), be noted;
(3) that the Treasury Management Activity Report (Appendix 1) and the Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators (Appendix 2) be referred to the Executive Committee for noting;
(4) that the 2020/2021 Annual Investment Report (Appendix 3) be endorsed; and
(5) that the 2020/2021 Annual Investment Report (Appendix 3) be referred to the Executive Committee prior to submission to the Council for formal approval in line with The Local Government Investments (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

3. Background

3.1. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management requires councils to prepare an annual report on their Treasury Management Activities. The report covering the Council's Treasury Management Activity during 2020/2021 is summarised in Section 4 of the report and provided in detail in Appendix 1.

3.2. The Council's capital programme is partly funded by planned borrowing. The CIPFA Prudential Code provides a framework to assist the management of the financial implications of borrowing and helps to demonstrate that the borrowing is both affordable and prudent. The Code requires councils to prepare a series of financial indicators that demonstrate affordability, prudence and sustainability with regard to capital financing decisions.

3.3. Estimates of these indicators are reported to the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee at the start of each year, with selected indicators then reported on an actual basis at the end of the year. The year end indicators for 2020/2021 are noted in Section 5 of the report and detailed in Appendix 2.

3.4. The Local Government Investments (Scotland) Regulations 2010 require local authorities to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy before the start of the financial year and an Annual Investment Report after the financial year end. Both documents are required to be approved by full Council.

3.5. The Annual Investment Report for 2020/2021 is summarised in Section 6 of this report with the detail in Appendix 3.

3.6. The Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/2021 recognised that any investment activity carries an element of risk. Appendix 4 details the investments that the Council were permitted to use in 2020/2021, the associated risks and the controls and limits that were put in place to mitigate these risks.

3.7. The figures contained within this report are taken or calculated from South Lanarkshire Council's Annual Accounts for 2020/2021. It should be noted that the Annual Accounts have not yet been audited and therefore some of the figures may be subject to change. Significant changes to the indicators resulting from the audit will be reported back to Committee at a later date.

4. Treasury Management Activity 2020/2021

4.1. Appendix 1 details the Treasury Management Activity for 2020/2021.

4.2. The Council ended the year with debt of £1,005.540 million with fixed rate loans from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) making up 99.15% of the debt. Fixed rate loans help to build in certainty to the calculation of future loan charges which forms a significant element of the Council's long term Revenue Budget Strategy.

4.3. The Council's pooled interest rate for 2020/2021 was 3.78% (3.89% in 2019/2020), with an expenses rate of 0.06%. The overall cost of borrowing will increase as debt levels increase to fund the capital programme.

4.4. Total deposits at the end of the year totalled £171.100 million with the level varying throughout the year due to the timing of expenditure and receipts.

4.5. During 2020/2021, the Council placed £1,816.235 million of deposits on a cumulative basis. All deposits made by the Council were in line with approved lending limits and credit rating criteria. The level of investment return was £0.240 million.

5. Treasury Management and Prudential Code Indicators – 2020/2021

5.1. The Council is required by the Prudential Code to report the actual prudential indicators after the closure of the financial year. Appendix 2 details the indicators for 2020/2021.

5.2. The General Fund Capital Expenditure for 2020/2021 was £70.522 million which is £9.499 million less than estimated in the Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy report presented to the Executive Committee in February 2021. The details of this have been reported to the Executive Committee over recent months, with a final position being reported on 23 June 2021.

5.3. The Housing Revenue Account Capital Expenditure in 2020/2021 was £49.362 million which is £1.190 million more than the estimate reported to the Executive Committee in February 2021. The details of this have been reported to the Executive Committee over recent months, with a final position being reported on 23 June 2021.

5.4. The Council's gross borrowing position for 2020/2021 was £1,199.283 million. This consists of external borrowing of £1,005.540 million and the PPP Finance Lease Liability of £193.743 million. Gross borrowing is less than the capital financing requirement of £1,260.468 million due to the fact that no borrowing was required to be taken during 2020/2021. The Council used existing cash balances in lieu of borrowing as there was no evidence of interest rates increasing significantly and to borrow before cash was required would incur a cost of carry as the interest rates achievable on deposits continue to be less than the interest rates on borrowing.

5.5. The Capital Financing Requirement for the General Fund is £20.880 million lower than forecast and for HRA is £1.868 million higher than forecast. For both the General Fund and HRA this is due to changes in the borrowing required to fund the capital programmes reflecting the timing of expenditure and movements in other sources of funding.

5.6. One indicator covers borrowing and sets limits on the level of borrowing that the Council can have: The Operational Boundary is the expected borrowing position, but it can vary due to changes in the cash flow and temporary breaches are acceptable. In contrast, the Authorised Limit represents the maximum level of debt the Council can afford and should not be breached. The Council remained within both the Operational Boundary and Authorised Limit for gross debt during 2020/2021.

6. Annual Investment Report – 2020/2021

6.1. The Council is required by The Local Government Investments (Scotland) Regulations 2010 to prepare an Annual Investment Report after the financial year end. The Annual Investment Report for financial year 2020/2021 is detailed in Appendix 3 and summarised below.

6.2. During 2020/2021, the Council placed £1,816.235 million of deposits on a cumulative basis. All deposits made by the Council were in line with approved lending limits and credit rating criteria. £1,529.735 million (84.23%) of deposits were made with counterparties of very high credit quality (UK Government – Debt Management Account Deposit Facility (DMADF) and other local authorities). The remaining £286.500 million (15.77%) was deposited in instant access call accounts with Bank of Scotland and Royal Bank of Scotland.

6.3. In order to manage liquidity risk, the Council held an average of £5.342 million in bank accounts with instant access.

6.4. No borrowing in advance was taken during 2020/2021.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. None.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. The financial impact from treasury activity and borrowing for capital expenditure has been built into the long term Revenue Budget Strategy.

8.2. In 2020/2021 the amounts charged to the General Fund in relation to debt (loan charges) totalled £38.070 million, while the charge to reduce the PPP/Finance Lease Liability was £7.704 million. HRA loan charges totalled £15.483 million. These costs were met from within revenue budgets.

8.3. £4.452 million of internal borrowing from the Council's loans fund was taken to fund the General Fund capital programme with the HRA borrowing £11.808 million. The ongoing revenue implications from this will be met from future revenue budgets.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

9.1. There are no implications for climate change or sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

9.2. There is also no requirement to carry out an environmental impact assessment in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Other Implications

10.1. South Lanarkshire Council recognises that any Treasury Management Activity will carry an element of risk. It is important that risk is identified and controls put in place to limit those risks.

10.2. The Council has complied with all of the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements which limit the levels of risk associated with its treasury management activities. In particular, its adoption and implementation of both the Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice means both that its capital expenditure is prudent, affordable and sustainable, and its treasury practices demonstrate a low risk approach.

10.3. The CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice adopted by the Council, places Credit and Counterparty risk at the forefront of treasury risks.

10.4. South Lanarkshire Council recognises that any investment activity will carry an element of risk. It is important that risk is identified and controls put in place to limit and manage those risks.

10.5. Appendix 4 to this report details the investments that the Council was permitted to use in 2020/2021, the associated risks and the controls and limits that were put in place to mitigate these risks.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

11.2. There is no requirement to undertake any consultation in relation to the content of the report.

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26 July 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- Value: Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/2021, South Lanarkshire Council, Executive Committee, 25 March 2020
- 2021/2022 Revenue Budget Strategy and Savings Requirement, Executive Committee, 24 June 2020
- Treasury Management Activity – First Quarter Review, Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, 19 August 2020
- Treasury Management Activity – Second Quarter Review, Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, 20 January 2021
- Treasury Management Activity – Third Quarter Review, Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, 17 March 2021

List of Background Papers

- None

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Appendix 1

Treasury Management Activity Report 2020/2021

1. Background

1.1. The Annual Treasury Management Activity Report is a requirement of the Council's reporting procedures and covers 2020/2021. The report also includes the Treasury Management Indicators for 2020/2021 in accordance with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Sector and actual Prudential Indicators for 2020/2021 in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.

2. Introduction

2.1. The Council's treasury management activities are regulated by a variety of professional codes and statutes and guidance:

2.2. The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (the Act), which provides the powers to borrow and invest as well as providing controls and limits on this activity;

- The Act permits the Scottish Ministers to set limits either on the Council or nationally on all local authorities restricting the amount of borrowing which may be undertaken (although no restrictions were made in 2009/10);
- Statutory Instrument (SSI) 29 2004, requires the Council to undertake any borrowing activity with regard to the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, and therefore to operate the overall treasury function with regard to the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services;
- This Council has adopted the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Sector and operates its treasury management service in compliance with this Code and the above requirements. These require that the prime objective of treasury management activity is the effective management of risk, and that its borrowing activities are undertaken in a prudent, affordable and sustainable basis.

2.3. The CIPFA Code of Practice requires reports to be made on its treasury management policies, practices and activities, including, as a minimum, an annual strategy and plan in advance of the year, a mid-year review and an annual report after its close.

2.4. This report will cover:

- A summary of the strategy agreed for 2020/2021;
- The Council's treasury position at 31 March 2021;
- Economic Background for 2020/2021;
- Actual Performance During 2020/2021;
- Risk Management;
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators (see Appendix 2)

3. The Strategy Agreed for 2020/2021

3.1. At the time of determining the strategy for 2020/2021, economic and interest rate forecasting remained difficult with many external influences weighing on the UK.

3.2. Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) rates and gilt yields were expected to remain volatile, with the overall long term trend being for them to gently increase.

3.3. The differential between investment earnings and debt costs was expected to remain high throughout 2020/2021. This "cost of carrying" would have to be considered if borrowing was taken before our cash flow required funds as returns on deposits were expected to remain lower than the rate paid on borrowing.

3.4. The uncertainty over future interest rates resulted in the Council adopting a cautious borrowing strategy. Overall the borrowing strategy was to monitor interest rates, undertake planned borrowing at the best time, while investigating opportunities where possible to improve the management of our existing loan portfolio.

3.5. The main consideration when investing surplus funds was to be the security of the transaction. Liquidity would then be considered and investments would only be made for prudent time periods. Only after considering security and liquidity would the yield to be gained from the investment be considered.

3.6. The Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources would apply appropriate restrictions to the Council's counterparty list to ensure the security of deposits.

4. Treasury Position at 31 March 2021

4.1. The Council began the year with debt of £1,035.433m with fixed rate loans from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) making up 99.12% of the debt. By 31 March 2021, debt had decreased to £1,005.540m of which 99.15% was fixed rate loans from the PWLB.

4.2. Table 1 below shows the movement in borrowing to 31 March 2021.

Table 1 – Movement in Borrowing from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

	Balance as at 01/04/2020 £m	New Borrowing £m	Debt Maturing £m	Debt Repaid £m	Balance as at 31/03/2021 £m	Increase / Decrease in Borrowing £m
Short Term Borrowing	29.893	0.000	(29.893)	0.000	0.000	(29.893)
Long Term Borrowing	1,005.540	0.000	0.000	0.000	1,005.540	0.000
TOTAL BORROWING	**1,035.433**	**0.000**	**(29.893)**	**0.000**	**1,005.540**	**(29.893)**

4.3. The Treasury Position at the 31 March 2021 compared with the previous year is shown in Table 2 overleaf:

Table 2 – Treasury Position as at 31 March 2021

	31 March 2021		31 March 2020	
	Principal	**Average Rate**	**Principal**	**Average Rate**
Fixed PWLB	£997.004m	3.92%	£1,026.326m	3.90%
Fixed Market	£0.036m	0.00%	£0.107m	0.00%
Total Fixed Rate Debt	**£997.040m**	**3.92%**	**£1,026.433m**	**3.90%**
Market	£8.500m	5.46%	£9.000m	5.79%
Total Variable Rate Debt	**£8.500m**	**5.46%**	**£9.500m**	**5.79%**
Total Debt	**£1,005.540m**	**3.93%**	**£1,035.433m**	**3.92%**
Total Deposits	**£171.100m**	**0.04%**	**£155.020m**	**0.53%**

4.4. The gross debt position decreased by £29.893m from 31 March 2020, accounted for by repayments of PWLB (£29.322m), repayments of the interest free loan from Salix (£0.071m) and repayment of a market loan (£0.500m).

4.5. The Council's pooled cost of borrowing is measured on an equated debt basis which takes account of how the Council's capital expenditure was funded throughout the year. The pooled interest cost together with the expenses rate for 2020/2021 and the previous two years is shown in Table 3 below:

Table 3 – Pooled Cost of Borrowing

Year	Loans Fund Pooled Rate	Loans Fund Expenses Rate
2020/21	3.78%	0.06%
2019/20	3.89%	0.07%
2018/19	3.87%	0.07%

5. Economic Background for 2020/2021

5.1. The financial year 2020/2021 was dominated by the coronavirus pandemic with national lockdowns impacting massively on the economy. The first national lockdown in March 2020 caused an economic downturn that exceeded that which followed the financial crisis in 2008/2009. Subsequent lockdowns had relatively little impact as businesses and individuals had become more resilient in adapting to working in new ways.

5.2. Following two emergency cuts in March 2020, the Bank of England base rate remained unchanged at 0.10% for the rest of the financial year. Financial markets were concerned that the rate would be cut further to a negative rate, however this was effectively ruled out in February 2021, when it was established that commercial banks would be unable to implement negative rates for at least six months, by which time the economy was expected to be making a strong recovery and negative rates would no longer be needed.

5.3. The Bank of England and the Government introduced new programmes of supplying the banking system and the economy with massive amounts of cheap credit so that banks could help businesses to survive the lockdown. Governments also supplied huge amounts of finance to local authorities to pass on to businesses. This meant that for most of the year there was much more liquidity in financial markets than there was demand to borrow. As a result, interest rates for deposits fell to almost zero.

5.4. Details of significant interest rates during 2020/2021 are shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4 – Significant Interest Rates

		Borrowing Rates						
	Bank Base Rate	**1 Year PWLB**	**5 Year PWLB**	**10 Year PWLB**	**20 Year PWLB**	**30 Year PWLB**	**40 Year PWLB**	**50 Year PWLB**
High	0.10%	1.92%	1.97%	2.26%	2.78%	2.84%	2.78%	2.69%
Average	0.10%	1.42%	1.50%	1.81%	2.27%	2.31%	2.21%	2.13%
Low	0.10%	0.66%	0.72%	1.00%	1.47%	1.51%	1.42%	1.32%

6. Actual Performance during 2020/2021

6.1. Capital expenditure for the year was £119.884m. During 2020/2021 no long term borrowing was taken.

6.2. During 2020/2021, the Council placed £1,816.235m of deposits on a cumulative basis. All deposits made by the Council were in line with approved lending limits and credit rating criteria. The level of investment return was £0.240m. Further details on deposits are included in the annual investment report within this Committee paper.

7. Risk Management

7.1. The Council has complied with all of the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements which limit the levels of risk associated with its treasury management activities. In particular its adoption and implementation of both the Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice means both that its capital expenditure is prudent, affordable and sustainable, and its treasury practices demonstrate a low risk approach.

7.2. **Investment Risk**
The main consideration when investing surplus funds is the security of the transaction. Through adoption on the CIPFA Code of Practice and through the Councils Annual Investment Strategy the Council mitigates risks associated with all our permitted investments.

7.3. **Interest Rate Risk**
The Council is currently part way through a significant capital programme funded in part by borrowing. Consideration has always been given to the optimum time to borrow funds to ensure cash flow is maintained, and also that any risks of increasing borrowing interest rates are minimised.

8. Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators

8.1. The Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report.

Appendix 2

Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2020/2021

1. Treasury Management Indicators 2020/2021

1.1. The Treasury Management Code includes Treasury Management Indicators which are to be reported alongside the Treasury Strategy.

1.2. The purpose of these is to contain the activity of the treasury function within certain limits, thereby managing risk and reducing the impact of an adverse movement in interest rates. The indicators are detailed below.

2. Maturity Structure of Borrowing

2.1. By setting limits on the maturity structure of borrowing, the exposure to large concentrations of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at the same time in the future at currently unknown rates can be limited. This effectively places a limit on exposure to longer term interest rate movement.

Maturity Structure of Borrowing				
	Upper Limit	**Lower Limit**	**Maximum for period to 31/03/21**	**Actuals as at 31/03/21**
Under 12 months	25%	0%	2.89%	0.00%
12 months and 24 months	30%	0%	4.07%	4.07%
24 months and 5 years	50%	0%	9.89%	9.89%
5 years and 10 years	50%	0%	34.32%	34.32%
10 years and 20 years	60%	0%	17.21%	17.21%
20 years and 30 years	70%	0%	0.62%	0.62%
30 years and 40 years	80%	0%	33.89%	33.89%
40 years and 50 years	90%	0%	0.00%	0.00%
50 years and above	90%	0%	0.00%	0.00%

3. Total Principal Sums Invested for Greater Than 364 days

3.1. The investment regulations introduced by the Scottish Government allowed the Council to invest for periods in excess of 364 days. The Treasury Management Code requires local authorities to set an upper limit for each forward financial year period for investments longer than 364 days. The purpose is to contain the exposure to the possibility of loss that might arise as a result of having to seek early repayment of principal sums invested.

3.2. South Lanarkshire Council set a limit restricting investments for periods in excess of 364 days to no more than £10m and for no more than 5 years.

3.3. No investment was made during 2020/2021 for a period in excess of 364 days.

4. Statutory Repayment of Loans Fund Advances

4.1. The Scottish Government introduced The Local Authority (Capital Financing and Accounting) Scotland Regulations 2016 with effect from 1 April 2016. These regulations require the statutory loans fund to be administered in accordance with the 2016 Regulations, proper accounting practice and prudent financial management.

4.2. The Council’s capital programmes are partly funded by planned borrowing which is advanced from the Council’s Loans Fund. Repayment of these advances is made each year and forms part of the Council’s revenue expenditure. Borrowing to fund the capital programmes therefore creates a liability to repay those advances from future years’ budgets. The Council is required to report on the commitment to repay loans fund advances.

4.3. The General Fund had an opening balance of £816.957m advances from the Loans Fund. During 2020/2021 new advances of £4.452m were made to part fund the Capital Programme, while repayments of £6.544m were made from the Council’s revenue expenditure. This left a closing balance of £814.865m to be repaid over the next 50 years.

4.4. The HRA had an opening balance of £244.218m advances from the Loans Fund. During 2020/2021 new advances of £11.808m were made to part fund the HRA Capital Programme, while repayments of £6.319m were made from the HRA. This left a closing balance of £249.707m to be repaid over the next 40 years.

4.5. The tables below show the repayment profile of the outstanding loans fund advances for both General Fund and HRA as at 31 March 2021. The tables do not include any planned borrowing that may be taken in future years to fund the ongoing capital programmes.

General Fund	Opening Balance	New Advances	Repayments	Closing Balance
2020/21	816.957	4.452	-6.544	814.865
2021/22	814.865	0.000	-5.001	809.864
2022/23 – 2025/26	809.864	0.000	-17.808	792.056
2026/27 – 2030/31	792.056	0.000	-96.225	695.831
2031/32 – 2035/36	695.831	0.000	-106.266	589.565
2036/37 – 2040/41	589.565	0.000	-119.175	470.390
2041/42 – 2045/46	470.390	0.000	-122.935	347.455
2046/47 – 2050/51	347.455	0.000	-119.360	228.095
2051/52 – 2055/56	228.095	0.000	-117.404	110.691
2056/57 – 2060/61	110.691	0.000	-40.275	70.416
2061/62 – 2065/66	70.416	0.000	-60.937	9.479
2067/68 – 2070/71	9.479	0.000	-9.479	0.000

Housing Revenue Account	Opening Balance	New Advances	Repayments	Closing Balance
2020/21	244.218	11.808	-6.319	249.707
2021/22	249.707	0.000	-6.499	243.208
2022/23 – 2025/26	243.208	0.000	-28.146	215.062
2026/27 – 2030/31	215.062	0.000	-44.556	170.506
2031/32 – 2035/36	170.506	0.000	-49.623	120.883
2036/37 – 2040/41	120.883	0.000	-31.820	89.063
2041/42 – 2045/46	89.063	0.000	-27.210	61.853
2046/47 – 2050/51	61.853	0.000	-30.701	31.152
2051/52 – 2055/56	31.152	0.000	-23.119	8.033
2056/57 – 2060/61	8.033	0.000	-8.033	0.000

4.6. The Council's strategy for managing debt includes the early repayment of some loans within the Loans Fund. These repayments result in reduced principal and interest payments in future years and are necessary to keep loan charges affordable.

4.7. **Loans Fund Review:** During 2019/2020, the Council carried out a review of how it accounts for the repayment of its loans fund advances. By repaying the advances over a longer period and applying this change retrospectively, the Council will underspend against its loan charges budget over the next few years. These underspends will be taken to reserves and used to support the Council's budget strategies.

4.8. The implementation of the findings of the Loans Fund Review was approved by the Executive Committee on 24 June 2020 and is reflected in the tables above.

5. Prudential Code Indicators 2020/2021

5.1. The Prudential Code enables Councils to take responsibility for deciding an affordable level of borrowing to fund capital expenditure. This moves away from the previous regime through which central government gave Councils consent to borrow defined amounts for capital expenditure

5.2. To meet the objectives of the Code, the Council is required to report a number of indicators, use those to demonstrate the affordability and sustainability of our capital plans and to show that good treasury management practice is adhered to.

6. Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Requirement indicators

6.1. Capital Expenditure

6.1.1 This indicator shows the capital expenditure for 2020/2021. The 2020/2021 estimate is also shown.

	Actual £ m	Estimate £ m	Variance £ m
General Fund Capital Expenditure	**70.522**	**80.021**	**-9.499**
Funded by:			
Borrowing	4.452	23.790	-19.338
Capital receipts and grants	61.335	53.538	7.797
Revenue contributions	4.735	2.693	2.042
Total Funding	**70.522**	**80.021**	**-9.499**
HRA Capital Expenditure	**49.362**	**48.172**	**1.190**
Funded by:			
Borrowing	11.808	9.994	1.814
Capital receipts and grants	19.420	20.044	-0.624
Revenue contributions	18.134	18.134	0.000
Total Funding	**49.362**	**48.172**	**1.190**

6.1.2. The General Fund Capital Expenditure for 2020/2021 was £70.522m which is £9.499m less than estimated in the Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy report presented to Executive Committee in February 2021. The details of this have been reported to the Executive Committee over recent months, with a final position being reported on 23 June 2021.

6.1.3. The Housing Revenue Account Capital Expenditure in 2020/2021 was £49.362m which is which is £1.190m more than the estimate reported to Executive Committee in February 2021. The details of this have been reported to the Executive Committee over recent months, with a final position being reported on 23 June 2021.

6.2. Councils Borrowing Requirement (the Capital Financing Requirement)

6.2.1. The Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) is the total outstanding capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for from either revenue or capital resources. It is essentially a measure of the Council's requirement to borrow for past and present capital expenditure and is comparable to the actual borrowing taken and finance lease liability.

6.2.2. The Council is required to pay off an element of the accumulated balance of borrowing every year through a charge to the revenue account.

6.2.3. Over the medium term borrowing should only be for a capital purpose. Gross borrowing should not, except in the short term, exceed the CFR for 2020/2021 plus any additional capital financing requirement over 2021/2022 and the following two financial years. The table below demonstrates that the Council has complied with this requirement

6.2.4. The Capital Financing Requirement for the General Fund is £20.880m lower than forecast and for HRA is £1.868m higher than forecast. For both the General Fund and HRA this is due to changes in the borrowing required to fund the capital programmes reflecting the timing of expenditure and movements in other sources of funding.

	31 March 2021 Actual £ m	**31 March 2021 Estimate £ m**	**Variance**
General Fund Capital Financing Requirement	1,010.749	1,031.629	-20.880
HRA Capital Financing Requirement	249.720	247.852	1.868
Total Capital Financing Requirement	**1,260.469**	**1,279.481**	**-19.012**
Treasury Position as at 31 March 2021			
Borrowing	1,005.540	1,005.540	0.000
PPP Finance Lease Liability	193.743	193.743	0.000
Gross Debt	**1,199.283**	**1,199.283**	**0.000**

6.2.5. The Council's gross borrowing position for 2020/2021 was £1,199.283m. This consists of external borrowing of £1,005.540m and the PPP Finance Lease Liability of £193.743m. Gross borrowing is less than the capital financing requirement of £1,260.468m due to the fact that no borrowing was required to be taken during 2020/2021. The Council used existing cash balances in lieu of borrowing as there was no evidence of interest rates increasing significantly and to borrow before cash was required would incur a cost of carry as the interest rates achievable on deposits continue to be less than the interest rates on borrowing.

6.3. Limits to Borrowing Activity

6.3.1. The Operational Boundary for external debt is based on the expected maximum external debt that could be faced in the course of the year. It is set to accommodate the borrowing requirements, and also includes sufficient scope to allow for changes to the capital programme throughout the year. This limit may be breached during the year, and this will be reported in the Prudential report presented to Committee after year end.

6.3.2. The Authorised Limit for External Debt represents a limit beyond which external debt is prohibited. It represents the level of external debt which could be afforded in the very short-term, but is not sustainable in the longer term without consideration to revenue budgets. This limit would not be breached without the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee being advised.

	2020/2021 £ m
Operational Limit for External Debt	1,270.000
Authorised Limit for External Debt	1,290.000
Maximum Borrowing Position During the Period	**1,035.433**
Operational Limit for Other Liabilities (PPP/Finance Lease)	210.000
Authorised Limit for Other Liabilities (PPP/Finance Lease)	210.000
Maximum PPP/Finance Lease Liability	**201.447**

6.3.3. The table demonstrates that during 2020/2021 the Council maintained its borrowing and other liabilities within their Authorised Limits and Operational Boundaries.

7. Affordability Indicators

7.1. Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

7.1.1. This indicator focuses on the extent to which the Council’s net revenue budget is used for servicing debt. This is shown for both General Fund and HRA.

	2020/21 Actual £ m	2020/21 Estimate £ m
General Fund Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream (expressed as %)	5.92%	6.27%
HRA General Fund Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream (expressed as %)	16.31%	16.53%

7.1.2. For the General Fund, the ratio is less than forecast due to the Net Revenue Stream being higher than forecast, reflecting additional funding from the Scottish Government to assist with the response to COVID-19.

7.1.3. For the HRA, the ratio is less due to lower borrowing costs than forecast and a small increase in income.

Appendix 3

Annual Investment Report

1. Permitted Investments

1.1. During 2020/2021 South Lanarkshire Council only used the following permitted investments

- Deposits with the Debt Management Account Deposit Facility
- Deposits with UK Local Authorities
- Deposits with Banks and Building Societies

1.2. Deposits made in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 totalled £1,816.235m. This is broken down per sector and institution in the table below. 61.49% of these deposits were made in the UK Government through the Debt Management Account Deposit Facility (DMADF).

Counterparty	Deposit Totals (£m)	% of Total Deposits	Average Interest Rate
Deposits in UK Government			
Debt Management Account Deposit Facility	1,116.735	61.49%	0.02%
Total Deposits in UK Government	**1,116.735**	**61.49%**	**0.02%**
Deposits in UK Local Authorities	**413.000**	**22.74%**	**0.09%**
Deposits in UK Banks and Building Soc.			
Bank of Scotland	160.195	8.82%	0.04%
Royal Bank of Scotland	126.305	6.95%	0.01%
Total Deposits in UK Banks	**286.500**	**15.77%**	**0.03%**
Total Deposits 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021	**1,816.235**	**100.00%**	**0.04%**

1.3. The average interest rates achieved from the deposits are shown in the table above. Following the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the Bank of England made two emergency cuts, first from 0.75% to 0.25% on 11 March 2020 and then to 0.10% on 19 March 2020.

1.4. Actual deposits as at 31 March 2021 totalled £171.100m.

2. Risk Management

2.1. The following minimum thresholds were set in the strategy for all deposits with banks and building societies, including Certificate of Deposits.

Rating Agency	Long Term Rating	Maximum Deposit
Fitch	A-	£10m
Moody’s	A3	£10m
Standard and Poors	A-	£10m

2.2. Prior to depositing funds with any bank or building society, additional indicators of creditworthiness (such as short term and secondary credit ratings, credit default swaps, Gross Domestic Product (GDP); net debt as a percentage of GDP, potential sovereign and parental support, share price) will also be considered.

2.3. The tables below show a breakdown of deposits with details of the credit ratings of banks and building societies used from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. Deposits with the DMADF are with the UK Government and so have a very high credit rating. Deposits with local authorities are considered to be of very high credit quality despite most local authorities not having formal credit ratings.

Fitch Ratings

Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Deposits Totals	Percentage of Total Deposits
Deposits in DMADF (AA-)		1,116.735m	61.49%
Deposits with Local Authorities		413.000m	22.74%
A+	F1	286.500m	15.77%
Total		**1,816.235m**	**100.00%**

Moody's Ratings

Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Deposits Totals	Percentage of Total Deposits
Deposits in DMADF (Aa2)		810.660m	44.64%
Deposits in DMADF (Aa3)		306.075m	16.85%
Deposits with Local Authorities		413.000m	22.74%
Aa3	P-1	77.735m	4.28%
A1	P-1	208.765m	11.49%
Total		**1,816.235m**	**100.00%**

Standard and Poor's Ratings

Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Deposits Totals	Percentage of Total Deposits
Deposits in DMADF (AA)		1,116.735m	61.49%
Deposits with Local Authorities		413.000m	22.74%
A+	A-1	160.195m	8.82%
A	A-1	126.305m	6.95%
Total		**1,816.235m**	**100.00%**

2.4. The tables show that 84.23% of deposits were made with counterparties of very high credit quality (UK Government - DMADF and other local authorities). All deposits made by the Council were in line with approved lending limits and credit rating criteria.

2.5. In order to manage liquidity risk the Council held an average of £5.342m in bank accounts with instant access.

2.6. No deposits were placed for periods in excess of 364 days.

3. Borrowing in Advance

3.1. No borrowing in advance was taken during 2020/2021.

Appendix 4

Investment	Treasury Risks	Mitigating Controls	Limits
Deposits with the Debt Management Account Deposit Facility	This is a deposit with the UK Government and so credit risk is very low. Liquidity risk has to be considered as deposits can only be broken with the agreement of the counterparty and penalties may apply. There is no market risk as the principal sum invested is not affected by market prices.	There are no mitigating controls required.	There is no maximum monetary limit. A maximum term of deposit of six months as set by the Debt Management Office.
Deposits with UK Local Authorities and other bodies defined as local authorities in the Local Government Scotland Act 2003 (And Equivalent English Act)	These are considered to be quasi UK Government investment and as such credit risk is very low. Liquidity risk has to be considered as deposits can only be broken with the agreement of the counterparty and penalties may apply. There is no market risk as the principal sum invested is not affected by market prices.	There are no mitigating controls required.	The maximum deposit with any local authority will be £15m for deposits less than one year. Deposits in excess of one year will be subject to a maximum term of deposit of three years and be limited to £10m.
Deposits with Banks and Building Societies	These tend to be low risk but credit risk will be higher than deposits placed with the DMO or UK local authorities. Liquidity risk has to be considered as deposits can only be broken with the agreement of the counterparty and penalties may apply. There is no market risk as the principal sum invested is not affected by market prices.	The counterparty selection criteria restricts lending only to high quality counterparties, measured initially by credit ratings from Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poors. Additional indicators of creditworthiness will also be considered prior to placing any deposits. Liquidity risk can be controlled by the use of instant access call accounts.	The maximum deposit with any bank or building society will be £10m. A maximum term of deposit of 364 days.

Investment	Treasury Risks	Mitigating Controls	Limits
Certificates of Deposit with Banks and Building Societies	These are short to medium term dated marketable securities issued by financial institutions. These tend to be low risk investments but credit risk will be higher than deposits placed with the DMO or UK local authorities. Liquidity risk is lower than placing a deposit with a Bank or Building Society as these can be sold on the market. There is a risk of capital loss arising from selling ahead of maturity.	The counterparty selection criteria restricts lending only to high quality counterparties, measured initially by credit ratings from Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Additional indicators of creditworthiness will also be considered prior to using this type of instrument. Market risk would be mitigated by holding the instrument to maturity.	The maximum investment with any bank or building society will be £10m. A maximum period of investment of 364 days.
UK Government Gilts and Treasury Bills	These are marketable securities issued by the UK Government and as such credit risk is very low. Liquidity risk is very low as there is a huge market for Gilts and Treasury Bills There is a risk of capital loss arising from selling ahead of maturity.	There are no mitigating controls required for credit risk as the investment is with the UK Government. Market risk would be mitigated by holding the instrument to maturity.	There is no maximum limit to investments in UK Gilts or Treasury Bills for maturities less than one year and a limit of £10m for maturities greater than one year. The maximum period of investment will be five years.
AAA Rated Bonds Issued by Multilateral Development Banks	These are bonds issued by supranational bodies such as the European Investment Bank or World Bank and as a result are backed by several sovereign states and as such credit risk is very low. Liquidity risk is very low as there is a large market for Supranational Bonds. There is a risk of capital loss arising from selling ahead of maturity.	As the investment is effectively spread across a number of sovereign states, the Council will mitigate the credit risk of holding such bonds by considering the sovereign rating of the underlying sovereign states and only holding bonds that have a AAA rating. Market risk would be mitigated by holding the instrument to maturity.	The maximum amount that will be invested in AAA Rated Bonds issued by Multilateral Development Banks is £10m. The maximum period of investment will be five years.

Investment	Treasury Risks	Mitigating Controls	Limits
AAA Rated Money Market Funds	Money market funds are pooled funds that invest in short-term money market instruments and other debt instruments. The underlying investments are diversified and Credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk are all very low. Investments in these MMFs are highly liquid (same day liquidity).	Money Market Funds will only be used where they have obtained a AAA rating from the credit rating agencies. In addition to the credit rating, Money Market Funds will also be assessed for suitability on fund size, the strength of the custodian and the stability of invested capital.	Investments in Money Market Funds will be limited to 0.5% of the Money Market Fund Balance and to no more than £10m in any one Fund. Investments in Sterling Government Money Market Funds which only invest in Sterling denominated short term debt securities issued by the UK Government will be restricted to 2% of the Money Market Fund size and to no more than £10m in any individual Money Market Fund.
Loans to Third Parties	These are service investments which may exhibit credit risk and are likely to be highly illiquid.	Any new types of loans to third parties should be approved by Members through the appropriate Committee with full consideration of the service rationale behind the loan and the likelihood of partial or full default and the impact that this will have on service budgets.	