



Mid Term Review – Treasury Management Activity

27 October 2021

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the investment activity undertaken on behalf of the Board during the first half of the 2021/22 Financial Year.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the introduction of new Investment Regulations in Scotland the Board adopted the appropriate Codes of Practice and approved an Annual Investment Strategy at its meeting on the 1st February 2021.

3. Mid Term Review - Annual Investment Strategy

- 3.1 The Board's Investment Strategy has been to maintain its bank account as part of the City of Edinburgh Council's group of bank accounts. Any cash balance is effectively lent to the Council, but is offset by expenditure undertaken by the City of Edinburgh Council on behalf of the Board. Interest is given on month end net indebtedness balances between the Council and the Board in accordance with the former Local Authority (Scotland) Accounts Advisory Committee's (LASAAC) Guidance Note 2 on Interest on Revenue Balances (IoRB). The methodology will continue to be used until new guidance on the treatment of interest charges is made available. In line with recent short term interest rates, the investment return continues to be small, but the Board gains security from its counterparty exposure being to the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3.2 Although interest is not calculated until March, in line with the withdrawn guidance note, the interest rate remained negative for the first half of the financial year therefore the Board won't be charged for positive or negative balances, interest will be floored at zero.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the investment activity undertaken on its behalf.

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Appendix None

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