PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS OF AFFORDABILITY

Estimates of Incremental Impact of Capital Investments Decisions on the Council Tax

This prudential indicator shows the potential impact of the capital investment decisions on the Council Tax.

| | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Description | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| Incremental Impact on Band D Council Tax | £3.83 | £0.26 | £0.26 |

Estimates of Incremental Impact of Capital Investments Decisions on the Housing Rents

This prudential indicator shows the potential impact of the HRA capital investment decisions on the average weekly rent.

| | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Description | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| Incremental Impact on Average Weekly Housing Rents | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |

Total Actual / Estimates of Capital Expenditure

The prudential indicator for capital expenditure should be based upon a capital programme that takes into account the Council's asset management and capital investment strategies.

| Description | 2008/09 Actual £'000 | 2009/10 Estimate £'000 | 2010/11 Estimate £'000 | 2011/12 Estimate £'000 | 2012/13 Estimate £'000 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total General Fund Capital Expenditure | 11,388 | 17,848 | 11,387 | 5,835 | 1,860 |
| Total HRA Capital Expenditure | 5,206 | 5,798 | 7,539 | 5,126 | 5,165 |
| Total Actual / Estimates of Capital Expenditure | 16,594 | 23,646 | 18,926 | 10,961 | 7,025 |

Total Actual / Estimates of Financing Costs

| Description | 2008/09 Actual £'000 | 2009/10 Estimate £'000 | 2010/11 Estimate £'000 | 2011/12 Estimate £'000 | 2012/13 Estimate £'000 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total General Fund Financing Costs | (5,071) | (78) | 1018 | 1695 | 1971 |
| Total HRA Financing Costs | (400) | (225) | (167) | (120) | (79) |
| Total Actual / Estimates of Financing Costs | (5,471) | (303) | 851 | 1,575 | 1,892 |

Actual / Estimates of Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

The net revenue stream is the estimate of the amounts to be met from government grants and local taxpayers, and for the Housing Revenue Account, is the estimate of the amounts to be met from housing subisdy and rent income.

Since the Council is 'debt-free' the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream will be negative. This reflects the fact that for 'debt-free' authorities, the negative financing costs are making a contribution to the consolidated revenue account.

| | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|---|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Description | Actual | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| General Fund Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream | (31.3) | (0.5) | 6.1 | 9.9 | 11.4 |
| HRA Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream | (2.6) | (1.5) | (1.1) | (0.7) | (0.5) |

Actual / Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement

The Capital Financing Requirement will reflect the Council's underlying need to borrow for a capital purpose.

| | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|---|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Description | Actual | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| General Fund Capital Financing Requirement | 6,706 | 16,988 | 25,470 | 27,515 | 26,884 |
| HRA Capital Financing Requirement | (4,852) | (4,852) | (3,964) | (3,121) | (2,229) |
| Total Actual / Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement | 1,854 | 12,136 | 21,506 | 24,394 | 24,655 |

Authorised Limit

In England and Wales the prudential indicator for the Authorised Limit for external debt for the current year is the statutory limit determined under Section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003: 'A local authority shall determine and keep under review how much money it can afford to borrow'

The Authorised Limit should not be set so high that it would never in any possible circumstances be breached. It should reflect a level of borrowing which, while not desired, could be afforded but may not be sustainable. The Authorised Limit must therefore be set to establish the outer boundary of the Council's borrowing, based on a realistic assessment of the risks.

| Description | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Borrowing | 35,000 | 40,000 | 45,000 |
| Other long term liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Authorised Limit | 35,000 | 40,000 | 45,000 |

Operational Boundary

The Operational Boundary is the focus of day-to-day treasury management activity within the authority. It is a means by which the authority manages its external debt to ensure that it remains within the self-imposed Authorised Limit. The Operational Boundary may be breached temporarily on occasions due to variations in cashflow. However, a sustained or regular trend above the Operational Boundary would be significant and should lead to further investigation.

| Description | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Estimate | Estimate | Estimate |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Borrowing | 25,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 |
| Other long term liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operational Boundary | 25,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 |

Actual External Debt

The prudential indicator for actual external debt will not be directly comparable to the authorised limit and operational boundary, since the actual external debt will reflect the actual position at one point in time.

| Description | 2008/09 Actual £'000 |
|--|----------------------------|
| Actual borrowing as at 31 March 2009 | 18,020 |
| Actual long term liabilities as at 31 March 2009 | 0 |
| Actual External Debt as at 31 March 2008 | 18,020 |

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS OF PRUDENCE

Net Borrowing and Capital Financing Requirement

The Code makes it necessary, if a financial strategy is to be prudent, that it is one in which in the medium term Net Borrowing is only used for capital purposes. In the Code this requirement is to be demonstrated through a comparison of Net Borrowing with the Capital Financing Requirement.

| Description | £'000 |
|--|-------|
| Total Capital Financing Requirement at 31 March 2009 | 1,854 |

| 2009/10 Estimated Change in Capital Financing Requirement | |
|---|----------|
| Capital expenditure | 23,646 |
| Application of useable capital receipts | (418) |
| Application of capital grants/contributions | (12,859) |
| The replacement for MRP | (87) |
| Additional voluntary contributions | 0 |
| Total Estimated Change in Capital Financing Requirement 2009/10 | 10,282 |

| 2010/11 Estimated Change in Capital Financing Requirement | |
|---|---------|
| Capital expenditure | 18,926 |
| Application of useable capital receipts | (915) |
| Application of capital grants/contributions | (8,305) |
| The replacement for MRP | (336) |
| Additional voluntary contributions | 0 |
| Total Estimated Change in Capital Financing Requirement 2010/11 | 9,370 |

| 2011/12 Estimated Change in Capital Financing Requirement | |
|---|---------|
| Capital expenditure | 10,961 |
| Application of useable capital receipts | (1,331) |
| Application of capital grants/contributions | (5,975) |
| The replacement for MRP | (767) |
| Additional voluntary contributions | 0 |
| Total Estimated Change in Capital Financing Requirement 2011/12 | 2,888 |

| Capital Financing Requirement: | |
|---|--------|
| Estimated Opening Balance 2009/10 | 1,854 |
| Estimated Closing Balance 2011/12 | 24,394 |
| This is an increase over the three years of | 22,540 |

Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management

The first prudential indicator for treasury management is not a numerical indicator, but a statement of good practice:

'The Council adopted the 2001 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services'

Adopted by the Council 16 February 2004 (Executive Committee)

The Council will be asked to adopt the 2009 edition during early 2010.

Operational Boundaries to Exposure to Interest Rate Risks

Interest rate risk management is a top priority for local authority management. The setting of upper limits has the effect of setting ranges within which the Council will limit its exposure to both fixed and variable interest rate movements.

| Description | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total projected interest payable on borrowing | 973 | 1,208 | 1,326 |
| Total projected interest receivable on investments | (458 | (400) | (350) |
| Net Interest | 515 | 808 | 976 |
| Upper limit - fixed rates = 100% | (458 | (400) | (350) |
| Upper limit - variable rates = 20% | (92 | (80) | (70) |

This means that the Head of Treasury Services will manage fixed interest rate exposure within the range 0% to 100% and variable interest rate exposure within the range 0% to 20%

Operational Boundary to the Exposure Inherent in the Maturity Structure of Borrowings

This indicator is designed to be a control over the Council having a large concentration of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at times of uncertainty over interest rates. The indicator is, in effect, a limit on longer term interest rate exposure and is set for the forthcoming year.

The analysis of borrowing by maturity used in the Code uses the same periods as that required in the local authority SORP.

Amount of projected borrowing that is fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that is fixed rate.

| Period | Upper | Lower |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | Limit | Limit |
| Under 12 months | 100% | 0% |
| 12 months and within 24 months | 20% | 0% |
| 24 months and within 5 years | 20% | 0% |
| 5 years and within 10 years | 20% | 0% |
| 10 years and above | 100% | 0% |

Principal Sums Invested for Periods Longer than 364 Days

The purpose of the prudential limit for principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days is for the Council to contain its exposure to the possibility of loss that might arise as a result of having to seek early repayment or redemption of principal sums invested.

| Description | At 31/3/2010 |
|--|--------------|
| | £'000 |
| Longer-term investments | 0 |
| Less - Held for operational purposes | (6,000) |
| Current Assets - Investments | 9,500 |
| Current Assets - Cash and at Bank | (500) |
| Total available for investment longer term | 3,000 |

| Limits to be placed on investments to final maturities beyond year end: | |
|---|-------|
| 31/03/11 | 3,000 |
| 31/03/12 | 3,000 |
| 31/03/13 | 3,000 |

The current agreement with Investec allows them to place up to 50% of the portfolio in products maturing after more than 1 year. In practice they only invest in gilts which are placed for longer periods but can be sold at any time, therefore they are liquid. The limits set therefore are in line with the agreement however it is not anticipated that this will impact on the liquidity of the Council.