

# TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2003/2004

## PROGRAMME AREA RESPONSIBILITY: CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CABINET

9TH SEPTEMBER, 2004

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### Wards Affected

County-wide.

### Purpose

To receive a report on the Council's Treasury activities for the period 1st April, 2003 to 31st March, 2004.

### Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

### Recommendation

**THAT the report detailed in Appendix 1 be noted.**

### Reasons

The reporting of the past financial year's performance is a requirement of the Council's Treasury Management Policy.

### Considerations

1. A detailed report is attached at Appendix 1 with the following key points specifically drawn to the attention of Cabinet:
  - The maximum borrowing limits were not exceeded during the period (Section 1 of the report refers).
  - With regard to the transactions for the financial year 2003/2004, the cost of borrowing was slightly above budget and the investment income was significantly above the budget (Section 2 and 3 of the report refers).
  - The average rate for the debt portfolio fell during 2003/2004 by 0.9% (Section 2 of the report refers).
  - The return on investments managed by the County Treasurer's staff, exceeded the index benchmark for 2003/2004 (Section 3 of the report refers).
  - The net return on externally managed funds did not meet the index benchmark for 2003/2004 (Section 3 of the report refers).

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
Samantha Pitt on 01432 261860

- Debt rescheduling exercises were carried out in 2003/2004, generating substantial interest rate savings (Section 2 of the report refers).

## **Risk Management**

Risk is managed in accordance with the Treasury Management Policy Statement approved by Cabinet in February 2002.

## **Consultees**

None identified.

## **Background Papers**

None identified.