# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL <br> INFORMATION REPORT TO POLICY \& FINANCE COMMITTEE 

Agenda Item No 21a
meeting date: 21 SEPTEMBER 2010
title: TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2009/10
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform you of our 2009/2010 treasury management operations.

2 BACKGROUND
2.1 You have previously approved a treasury management policy in accordance with CIPFA's code of practice on treasury management for Local Authorities.
2.2 In accordance with this policy committee should receive an annual report on its treasury management operations.

3 INFORMATION
3.1 Since 5 March 2009, bank base interest rates have remained at 0.50\%.
3.2 This has had no immediate effect on the interest payable on the Council's long-term loan debt from Public Works Loan Board, which is at fixed interest rates. However, interest received from the short-term investment of surplus funds have been affected by the low interest rate dramatically decreasing the Council's external investment interest.

4 BORROWING REQUIREMENTS
4.1 The movements of the Council's external debt for the period can be summarised as follows:

|  | PWLB <br> £000 | Other <br> £000 | Total <br> £000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| External Debt at 1 April 2009 | 649 | 7 | 656 |
| Repayments | -71 | 0 | -71 |
| External debt at 31 March 2010 | $\mathbf{5 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 5}$ |

4.2 In April a temporary loan of $£ 500,000$ was taken out from Broadland District Council for a period of 7 days at $0.5 \%$ interest. This was due to a shortfall in cash balances between paying precepts to Lancashire County Council, the Police and Fire Authorities and receiving council tax direct debit income. No further loans have been taken out during the financial year, although cash balances have remained low.
4.3 The total interest paid on the Council's external debt during the period was $£ 29,566.52$ compared with $£ 35,485.99$ in the previous year.
5.1 In accordance with the treasury management policy, surplus funds are temporarily invested via the money market at the best rate of interest available with the minimisation of risk to the capital sum.
5.2 The average interest we received on all external investments for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 was $0.54 \%$, which compares favourably with the average local authority seven-day notice deposit rate of $0.31 \%$ but is substantially lower compared to the $6.1 \%$ in the previous year.
5.3 The movement in the Council's external investments are shown in annex 1 and can be summarised as follows:

|  | Banks/ <br> Building <br> Societies <br> $\mathbf{£ 0 0 0}$ | Other Local <br> Authorities <br> $\mathbf{£ 0 0 0}$ | Total <br> $\mathbf{£ 0 0 0}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Investments at 1 April 2009 | 1,585 | 0 | 1,585 |
| Transactions - Investments | 40,894 | 0 | 40,894 |
| Repayments | $-42,479$ | 0 | $-42,479$ |
| Investments at 31 March 2010 | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ |

5.4 The total interest received from investments and loans to outside bodies was $£ 18,443$. This shows a substantial reduction in interest received compared with $£ 243,914$ for the previous year. Interest was allocated as follows:

| Interest Allocated to: | $\begin{array}{c}2008 / 09 \\ £\end{array}$ |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | \(\left.\begin{array}{c}\mathbf{2 0 0 9 / 1 0} <br>

£\end{array}\right]\)| General Fund | 210,230 | 15,112 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| HRA | 27,413 | 0 |
| Trusts \& Bequests | 6,271 | 3,331 |
|  | $\mathbf{2 4 3 , 9 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 , 4 4 3}$ |

Following the closure of the HRA on 31 March 2009 and the transfer of balances to the general fund there is no longer any interest allocated to the HRA.
6.1 The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Code) initially came into effect from 1 April 2004 and regulates the Council's ability to undertake new capital investment.
6.2 In March 2009 the Council agreed to monitor four prudential indicators in accordance with this code.

* Upper limits on variable rate exposure. This indicator identifies a maximum limit for variable interest rates based upon the debt provision net of investments
* Upper limits on fixed rate exposure. Similar to the previous indicators, this covers a maximum limit on fixed interest rates.
* Maturity structure of borrowing. These gross limits are set to reduce the Council's exposure to large fixed rate sums falling due for refinancing.
* Total principal funds invested for a period longer than 364 days. These limits are set to reduce the need for early sale of investment and are based on the availability of investments after each year-end.
6.3 The limits set on interest rate exposures for 2009/10 were as follows:

|  | Upper Limit <br> $\mathbf{£} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | Actual <br> $\mathbf{£} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Maximum Principal Sums Borrowed >364 days | 9,448 | 657 |
| Limits on Fixed Interest Rates | 9,448 | 1,157 |
| Limits on Variable Interest Rates | $\mathbf{1 , 8 9 0}$ | 0 |

6.4 The upper and lower limits for the maturity structure of its borrowings for 2009/10 were as follows:

|  | Upper Limit <br> $\%$ | Lower Limit <br> $\%$ | Actual <br> $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 12 months | 20 |  | 10.83 |
| 12 Months and Within 24 Months | 20 |  | 10.83 |
| 24 Months and Within 5 Years | 30 |  | 32.48 |
| 5 Years and Within 10 Years | 30 |  | 23.95 |
| 10 Years and Above | 90 | 0 | 21.91 |

6.5 The upper limit for the maturity structure for 2009/10 has been exceeded. This was due to the limits not being reviewed after repayment of a significant part of our public works loan board debt by DCLG following housing stock transfer and to relatively low level of external debt / loans remaining. These limits have been changed in the 2010/11 Treasury Management Strategy.
6.6 The total principal funds invested for a period longer than 364 days was set at nil. No investments have been made in the financial year for longer than this period.
7.1 The current economic climate continues to have a detrimental impact on the interest we receive on our investments.

## SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

PF32-10/TH/AC
1 September 2010

TEMPORARY INVESTMENT ACTIVITY - 2009/10

| Date Invested | Temporary Investment Number | Borrower | Amount Invested | Interest Rate | Date Repaid | Principal Repaid | Interest Received | Fitch Ratings <br> At time of Investment |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Long-Term | Short-Term |
| INVESTMENTS OUTSTANDING @ 1 APRIL 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16-Feb-09 | 125 | Skipton BS | 560,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.84 \% \\ & 1.84 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 21-Apr-09 } \\ & \text { 08/09 Debtor } \end{aligned}$ | -560,000 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline-1,806.73 \\ 1,242.13 \end{array}$ | A- | F2 |
| 16-Mar-09 | 129 | Britannia Bs | 400,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.00 \% \\ & 1.00 \% \end{aligned}$ | 14-Apr-09 08/09 Debtor | -400,000 | $\begin{array}{r} -317.81 \\ 175.34 \end{array}$ | A- | F2 |
| 23-Mar-09 | 130 | HSBC | 125,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.25 \% \\ & 0.25 \% \end{aligned}$ | 01-Apr-09 <br> 08/09 Debtor | -125,000 | $\begin{array}{r} -7.71 \\ 7.71 \end{array}$ | AA | F1+ |
| 31-Mar-09 | 123 | Skipton BS | 500,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 0.65\% } \\ & \text { 0.65\% } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 21-Apr-09 } \\ & \text { 08/09 Debtor } \end{aligned}$ | -500,000 | $\begin{array}{r} -186.99 \\ 8.90 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | A- | F2 |
| Monies invested as 1 April 2009 |  |  | 1,585,000 |  |  | -1,585,000 | -885.16 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NEW INVESTMENTS - 2009/10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-Apr-09 | 1 | Skipton Bs | 250,000 | 0.62\% | 21-Apr-09 | -250,000 | -84.93 | A- | F2 |
| 7-Apr-09 | 2 | HSBC | 200,000 | 0.25\% | 14-Apr-09 | -200,000 | -9.59 | AA | F1+ |
| 9-Apr-09 | 3 | Alliance \& Leicester PLC | 200,000 | 0.62\% | 21-Apr-09 | -200,000 | -40.77 | AA- | F1+ |
| 15-Apr-09 | 4 | Alliance \& Leicester PLC | 570,000 | 0.61\% | 21-Apr-09 | -570,000 | -57.16 | AA- | F1+ |
| 17-Apr-09 | 5 | HSBC | 250,000 | 0.30\% | 21-Apr-09 | -250,000 | -8.22 | AA | F1+ |
| 30-Apr-09 | 6 | Abbey National Bank Plc | 1,100,000 | 0.78\% | 29-May-09 | -1,100,000 | -681.70 | AA- | F1+ |
| 30-Apr-09 | 7 | Skipton Bs | 500,000 | 0.45\% | 05-May-09 | -500,000 | -30.82 | A- | F2 |
| 30-Apr-09 | 8 | Skipton Bs | 400,000 | 0.62\% | 21-May-09 | -400,000 | -142.68 | A- | F2 |
| 30-Apr-09 | 9 | Skipton Bs | 250,000 | 0.60\% | 22-May-09 | $-250,000$ | $-90.41$ | A- | F2 |
| 1-May-09 | 10 | Alliance \& Leicester PLC | 150,000 | 0.70\% | 29-May-09 | -150,000 | -80.55 | AA- | F1+ |
|  |  |  | 3,870,000 |  |  | -3,870,000 | -1,226.83 |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Long-Term | Short-Term |
| May 8-May-09 | 11 | Skipton Bs | 150,000 | 0.64\% | 29-May-09 | -150,000 | -55.23 | A- | F2 |
| 13-May-09 | 12 | Skipton Bs | 200,000 | 0.59\% | 29-May-09 | -200,000 | -51.73 | A- | F2 |
| 15-May-09 | 13 | Alliance \& Leicester PLC | 350,000 | 0.58\% | 29-May-09 | -350,000 | -77.86 | AA- | F1+ |
| 15-May-09 | 14 | HSBC | 300,000 | 0.25\% | 18-May-09 | -300,000 | -6.16 | AA | F1+ |
| 21-May-09 | 15 | Alliance \& Leicester PLC | 250,000 | 0.55\% | 29-May-09 | -250,000 | -30.14 | AA- | F1+ |
| 22-May-09 | 16 | HSBC | 100,000 | 0.25\% | 26-May-09 | -100,000 | -2.74 | AA | F1+ |
| 28-May-09 | 17 | HSBC | 680,000 | 0.25\% | 29-May-09 | -680,000 | -428.66 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  | 2,030,000 |  |  | -2,030,000 |  |  |  |
| June |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-Jun-09 | 18 | HSBC | 400,000 | 0.25\% | 03-Jun-09 | -400,000 | -5.48 | AA | F1+ |
| 1-Jun-09 | 19 | Skipton Bs | 400,000 | 0.55\% | 18-Jun-09 | -400,000 | -102.47 | A- | F2 |
| 1-Jun-09 | 20 | Skipton Bs | 400,000 | 0.90\% | 02-Jul-09 | -400,000 | -305.75 |  |  |
| 1-Jun-09 | 21 | Alliance \& Leicester PLC | 1,150,000 | 0.70\% | 06-Jul-09 | -1,150,000 | -771.92 | A- | F2 F1+ |
| 5-Jun-09 | 22 | HSBC | 90,000 | 0.25\% | 01-Jul-09 | -90,000 | -16.03 | AA | F1+ |
| 12-Jun-09 | 23 | Skipton BS | 250,000 | 0.52\% | 22-Jun-09 | -250,000 | -35.62 | A- | F2 |
| 15-Jun-09 | 24 | Abbey | 400,000 | 0.58\% | 06-Jul-09 | -400,000 | -133.48 |  | F1+ |
|  |  |  | 3,090,000 |  |  | -3,090,000 | -1,370.75 | AA- |  |
| July |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-Jun-09 | 25 | Skipton BS | 700,000 | 0.53\% | 06-Jul-09 | -700,000 | -71.15 | A-AA- | F2 |
| 30-Jun-09 | 26 | Nation Wide | 1,000,000 | 0.60\% | 11-Aug-09 | -1,000,000 | -690.41 |  |  |
| 30-Jun-09 | 27 | Britannia BS | 700,000 | 0.43\% | 06-Jul-09 | -700,000 | -49.48 | A- | F2 |
| 30-Jun-09 | 28 | Abbey | 400,000 | 0.56\% | 20-Jul-09 | -400,000 | -122.74 | AA- | F1+ |
| 30-Jun-09 | 29 | HSBC | 350,000 | 0.25\% | 01-Jul-09 |  | -2.39 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  | 0.25\% | 13-Jul-09 | -150,000 | -28.77 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 0.25\% | 21-Jul-09 | -100,000 | -10.97 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  | Skipton BS | 200,000 | 0.25\% | 10-Aug-09 | -100,000 | -13.70 | AA | F1+ |
| 1-Jul-09 | 30 |  |  | 0.55\% | 17-Jul-09 |  | -48.22 | AA | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.85\% | 11-Aug-09 | -200,000 | -116.44 | A- | F2 |
| 3-Jul-09 | 31 | Skipton BS | 100,000 | 0.52\% | 22-Jul-09 | -100,000 | -27.07 | A- | F2 |
| 10-Jul-09 | 32 | Skipton BS | 300,000 | 0.55\% | 22-Jul-09 | -300,000 | -54.25 | A- | F2 |



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| 30-Sep-09 | 54 | Yorkshire BS | 900,000 | 0.50\% | 23-Oct-09 | -900,000 | -283.56 | A- | F2 |
| 30-Sep-09 | 55 | Abbey | 350,000 | 0.50\% | 04-Nov-09 | -350,000 | -167.81 | AA- | F1+ |
| 1-Oct-09 | 56 | Skipton Bs | 150,000 | 0.65\% | 13-Nov-09 |  | -114.86 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.47\% | 20-Nov-09 |  | -13.52 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.50\% | 04-Dec-09 |  | -28.77 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.50\% | 08-Jan-10 |  | -71.92 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.45\% | 25-Jan-10 |  | -31.44 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 45.00\% | 15-Feb-10 | -150,000 | -38.84 | A- | F2 |
| 9-Oct-09 | 57 | Skipton BS | 150,000 | 0.54\% | 22-Oct-09 |  | -28.85 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | 0.47\% | 06-Nov-09 | -150,000 | -28.97 | A- | F2 |
| 15-Oct-09 | 58 | HSBC | 200,000 | 0.25\% | 23-Nov-09 | -100,000 | -26.71 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  | 0.25\% | 08-Dec-09 | -100,000 | -36.99 | AA | F1+ |
| 15-Oct-09 | 59 | Alliance | 400,000 | 0.51\% | 19-Nov-09 |  | -195.62 | AA- | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 20-Nov-09 | -400,000 | -16.45 | AA- | F1+ |
| 28-Oct-09 | 60 | Abbey | 700,000 | 0.51\% | 30-Nov-09 |  | -322.77 | AA- | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  | 0.51\% | 08-Jan-10 | -700,000 | -381.45 | AA- | F1+ |
| 30-Oct-09 | 61 | Skipton BS | 250,000 | 0.55\% | 02-Dec-09 | -250,000 | -124.32 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  | 4,850,000 |  |  | -4,850,000 | -2,599.86 |  |  |
| Nov |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-Nov-09 | 62 | Yorkshire BS | 1,150,000 | 0.55\% | 08-Jan-10 | -1,150,000 | -1,161.03 | A- | F2 |
| 2-Nov-09 | 63 | Skipton BS | 150,000 | 0.50\% | 02-Dec-09 | -150,000 | -61.64 | A- | F2 |
| 2-Nov-09 | 64 | Skipton BS | 400,000 | 0.60\% | 21-Dec-09 | -400,000 | -322.19 | A- | F2 |
| 2-Nov-09 | 65 | Skipton BS | 400,000 | 0.75\% | 06-Jan-10 | -400,000 | -534.25 | A- | F2 |
| 16-Nov-09 | 66 | Bank Of Scotland | 600,000 | 0.47\% | 08-Jan-10 | -600,000 | -409.48 | AA- | F1+ |
| 19-Nov-09 | 67 | HSBC | 150,000 | 0.26\% | 23-Nov-09 | -150,000 | -4.27 | AA | F1+ |
| 27-Nov-09 | 68 | HSBC | 150,000 | 0.25\% | 01-Jan-10 |  | -35.96 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 18-Jan-10 | -50,000 | -17.47 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 25-Jan-10 | -30,000 | -4.79 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 29-Jan-10 | -20,000 | -1.92 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 26-Feb-10 | -25,000 | -9.59 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 17-Mar-10 | -15,000 | -3.25 | AA | F1+ |



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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Long-Term | Short-Term |
| 11-Jan-10 | 87 | HSBC | 85,000 | 0.26\% | 12-Jan-10 | -85,000 | -0.61 | AA | F1+ |
| 12-Jan-10 | 88 | HSBC | 85,000 | 0.26\% | 18-Jan-10 | -85,000 | -3.63 | AA | F1+ |
| 14-Jan-10 | 89 | HSBC | 90,000 | 0.26\% | 18-Jan-10 | -90,000 | -2.56 | AA | F1+ |
| 15-Jan-10 | 90 | HSBC <br> Santander UK Plc | 150,000 | 0.26\% | 18-Jan-10 | -150,000 | -3.21 | AA | F1+ |
| 15-Jan-10 | 91 | Santander UK Plc | 200,000 | 0.41\% | 01-Feb-10 |  | -38.19 | AA- | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.59 \% \\ & 0.48 \% \end{aligned}$ | 26-Feb-10 |  | -80.82 | AA- | F1+ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 17-Mar-10 | -200,000 | -49.97 | AA- | F1+ |
| 15-Jan-10 | 92 | Skipton Bs | 200,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.48 \% \\ & 0.50 \% \end{aligned}$ | 08-Feb-10 |  | -65.75 | A- | F2 |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.50 \% \\ & 0.45 \% \end{aligned}$ | 01-Mar-10 | -200,000 | -51.78 |  | F2 |
| 20-Jan-10 | 93 | HSBC | 120,000 | 0.26\% | 22-Jan-10 | -120,000 | -1.71 | AA | F1+ |
| 22-Jan-10 | 94 | HSBC | 60,000 | 0.26\% | 25-Jan-10 | -60,000 | -1.28 | AA | F1+ |
| 27-Jan-10 | 95 | HSBC | 90,000 | 0.26\% | 29-Jan-10 | -90,000 | -1.28 | AA | F1+ |
| 28-Jan-09 | 96 | HSBC | 170,000 | 0.26\% | 01-Feb-10 | -170,000 | -381.37 | AA | F1+ |
| 28-Jan-09 | 97 | Santander UK Plc | 500,000 | 0.58\% | 17-Mar-10 | -500,000 |  | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  | 3,490,000 |  |  | -3,490,000 | $-1,395.52$ |  |  |
| Feb |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-Feb-10 | 98 | Yorkshire BS | 1,500,000 | 0.42\% | 17-Mar-10 | -1,500,000 | -759.45 | A- | F2 |
| 01-Feb-10 | 99 | Santander UK Plc | 650,000 | 0.58\% | 17-Mar-10 | -650,000 | -454.47 | AA- | F1+ |
| 01-Feb-10 | 100 | Skipton Bs | 150,000 | 0.43\% | 22-Feb-10 | -150,000 | -37.11 | A- | F2 |
| 01-Feb-10 | 101 | HSBC | 180,000 | 0.26\% | 02-Feb-10 | -180,000 | -1.28 | AA | F1+ |
| 02-Feb-10 | 102 | HSBC | 89,000 | 0.26\% | 03-Feb-10 | -89,000 | -0.63 | AA | F1+ |
| 03-Feb-10 | 103 | HSBC | 90,000 | 0.26\% | 04-Feb-10 | -90,000 | -0.64 | AA | F1+ |
| 04-Feb-10 | 104 | HSBC | 140,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.26 \% \\ & 0.26 \% \end{aligned}$ | 08-Feb-10 | -140,000 | -3.99 | AA | F1+ |
| 08-Feb-10 | 105 | HSBC | 100,000 |  | 15-Feb-10 | -100,000 | -4.99 | AA | F1+ |
| 11-Feb-10 | 106 | HSBC | 75,000 | 0.26\% | 15-Feb-10 | -75,000 | -2.14 | AA | F1+ |
| 12-Feb-10 | 107 | HSBC | 70,000 | 0.25\% | 31-Mar-10 | -70,000 | -22.53 | AA | F1+ |
| 15-Feb-10 | 108 | HSBC | 60,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.26 \% \\ & 0.43 \% \\ & 0.47 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 22-Feb-10 } \\ & \text { 17-Mar-10 } \\ & \text { 26-Mar-10 } \end{aligned}$ | -60,000 | -2.99 | AA | F1+ |
| 19-Feb-10 | 109 | Skipton BS | 125,000 |  |  |  | -38.29 |  | F2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | -125,000 | -14.49 | A- |  |
|  |  |  | 3,229,000 |  |  | -3,229,000 | -1,343.00 |  |  |


| Date | Temporary |  | Amount | Interest | Date | Principal | Interest | Fitch <br> At time of | atings nvestment |
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|  | Number | Borrower |  |  |  |  |  | Long-Term | Short-Term |
| Mar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01-Mar-10 | 110 | HSBC | 165,000 | 0.26\% | 02-Mar-10 | -165,000 | -1.18 | AA | F1+ |
| 02-Mar-10 | 111 | HSBC | 90,000 | 0.26\% | 03-Mar-10 | -90,000 | -0.64 | AA | F1+ |
| 03-Mar-10 | 112 | HSBC | 105,000 | 0.26\% | 04-Mar-10 | -105,000 | -0.75 | AA | F1+ |
| 04-Mar-10 | 113 | HSBC | 60,000 | 0.26\% | 05-Mar-10 | -60,000 | -0.43 | AA | F1+ |
| 05-Mar-10 | 114 | HSBC | 65,000 | 0.26\% | 08-Mar-10 | -65,000 | -1.39 | AA | F1+ |
| 15-Mar-10 | 115 | HSBC | 200,000 | 0.26\% | 22-Mar-10 | -200,000 | -9.97 | AA | F1+ |
| 19-Mar-10 | 116 | HSBC | 80,000 | 0.31\% | 22-Mar-10 | -80,000 | -2.04 | AA | F1+ |
| 25-Mar-10 | 117 | HSBC | 70,000 | 0.31\% | 26-Mar-10 | -70,000 | -0.59 | AA | F1+ |
| 26-Mar-10 | 118 | HSBC | 80,000 | 0.31\% | 29-Mar-10 | -80,000 | -2.04 | AA | F1+ |
| 29-Mar-10 | 119 | HSBC | 180,000 | 0.31\% | 30-Mar-10 | -180,000 | -1.53 | AA | F1+ |
| 30-Mar-10 | 120 | HSBC | 95,000 | 0.31\% | 31-Mar-10 | -95,000 | -0.81 | AA | F1+ |
|  |  |  | 1,190,000 |  |  | -1,190,000 | -21.37 |  |  |
| Total Investments made April to March 2010 |  |  | 40,894,000 |  |  | -40,894,000 | -15,807.44 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total 2009 / 2010 |  |  | 42,479,000 |  |  | -42,479,000 | -16,692.60 |  |  |

## Fitch Rating Definitions

## International Long-Term Credit Ratings

Long-term credit rating can be used as a benchmark measure of probability of default.

| AAA | Highest credit quality. 'AAA' denotes the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of <br> exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely <br> affected by foreseeable events. |
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| International Long-Term Credit Ratings |  |
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| AA | Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectation of low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for <br> payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events. |
| A | High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial <br> commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances <br> or in economic conditions than in the case for higher ratings. |


| International Short-Term Credit ratings <br> Short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 13months for most obligations and thus places greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary <br> to meet financial commitments <br> F1 <br> F2Highest credit quality. Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an <br> added " + " to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature. |  |
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| F3 | Good credit quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is <br> not as great as in the case of the higher ratings. |
| Fair credit quality. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate; however, near term adverse <br> changes could result in a reduction to non-investment grade. |  |

