# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 21

meeting date:26 JULY 2011title:TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2011/12submitted by:DIRECTOR OF RESOURCESprincipal author:TRUDY HOLDERNESS

#### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide you with a monitoring report on our treasury management activities for period 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011
- 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 a quarterly monitoring report on the Council's treasury management operations.
- 3 INFORMATION
- 3.1 Nationally, bank base interest rates have remained static at 0.5% in the period.
- 3.2 This low interest rate has had no immediate effect on the interest payable on the Council's long-term loan debt from Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), which is all at fixed interest rates. However, it has resulted in a dramatic decrease in income from our temporary investments.
- 3.3 As part of the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October 2010, the interest rate on PWLB loans was raised from 0.2 percent to 1 percent above UK Government gilts. This has no immediate affect on this Council, as all our PWLB loans are on a fixed rate. However, this will impact on any future decisions that the Council may make to borrow from the PWLB.
- 4 BORROWING REQUIREMENTS

	PWLB £000	Other £000	Total £000
External Debt at 1 April 2011	507	7	514
Transactions - New Loans	0	2,100	2,100
- Repayments	0	-2,100	-2,100
External debt at 30 June 2011	507	7	514

4.1 The movement on the Council's external can be summarised as follows.

4.2 Early in this financial year the following temporary loan was taken out. This was due to a shortfall in cash balances between paying precepts to Lancashire County Council, Police and Fire Authorities and receiving council tax and NNDR direct debit

income. No further temporary loans have been required since, although cash balances remain low.

Date Loan	Investor	Amount	Rate	Date
Taken		£'000	%	Repaid
21-Apr-2011	Wakefield MBC	2,100	0.45	03-May-2011

- 4.3 The total interest paid on the Council's external debt during the period was £311 compared with £282 in the previous year.
- 5 INVESTMENTS
- 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 2011 to 30 June 2011 was 0.27%, which slightly below the average local authority seven-day notice deposit rate of 0.40%, this is mainly due to the short-term nature of the investments placed.
- 5.3 The movement in the Council's external investments are shown in Annex 1 and can be summarised as follows:

	Banks/ Building Societies £000	Other Local Authorities £000	Total £000
Monies Invested at 1 April 2011	280	0	280
Transactions - New Investments	17,730	0	17,730
- Repayment of Investments	-13,420	-0	-13,420
Monies Invested as at 30 June 2011	4,590	0	4,590

5.4 The total interest received on the Council's external investments during the period was £1,355 compared with £1,119 in the previous year.

#### 6 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

- 6.1 The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Code) initially came into effect from 1 April 2004. It regulates the Council's ability to undertake new capital investment.
- 6.2 It was recently revised to take account of the implications of the implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS).
- 6.3 In accordance with this Code the Council agreed to monitor four prudential indicators as follows. This committee approved these in March 2011.
  - 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 an investment and are based on the availability of investments after each year-end

	Upper Limit £000	Current Actual £000
Maximum Principal Sums Borrowed >364 days	7,601	515
Limits on Fixed Interest Rates	7,601	2,615
Limits on Variable Interest Rates	1,520	0

6.4 The limits set on interest rate exposures for 2011/12 were as follows:

6.5 The upper and lower limits for the maturity structure of its borrowings for 2011/12 were as follows:

	Upper Limit %	Lower Limit %	Current Actual %
Under 12 months	20	0	13.82
12 Months and Within 24 Months	20	0	13.82
24 Months and Within 5 Years	40	0	31.05
5 Years and Within 10 Years	30	0	17.39
10 Years and Above	90	0	23.92

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 period for longer than 364 days.

#### 7 APPROVED ORGANISATIONS

7.1 We previously limited investments to the top 8 building societies, these are:

Name	Current Ranking	Previous Ranking	Fitch Rating							
	May'11	Jan'11	Long Term	Full Transaction Review Date	Short Term	Full Transaction Review Date				
Nationwide	1	1	AA -	09.11.10	F1+	09.11.10				
Yorkshire	2	2	A -	20.04.11	F2	20.04.11				
Coventry	3	3	А	15.11.10	F1	15.11.10				
Skipton	4	4	A -	15.11.10	F2	15.11.10				
Leeds	5	5	А	15.11.10	F1	15.11.10				
West Bromwich	6	6	BBB -	15.11.10	F3	15.11.10				
Principality	7	7	BBB + 15.11.10 F2 15.11.10							

Name	Current Ranking	Previous Ranking	Fitch Rating					
	May'11	Jan'11	Full Long Transaction Short Transaction Term Review Term Review Date Date					
Newcastle	8	8	BBB -	15.11.10	F3	15.11.10		

- 7.2 There has been no change to the ratings during the period. Ratings are regular reviewed by Fitch to ensure that there is no change since the last full transaction review has taken place. The BBB rating of some building societies continues to be a major concern. We have therefore not placed any investments with these institutions since previously reported.
- 7.3 The current Fitch IBCA long-term and short-term credit rating on the banks we use are as follows:

		Fitch R	ating	
	Long Term	Full Transaction Review Date	Short Term	Full Transaction Review Date
Santander UK Plc (Abbey National Plc)	AA -	20.01.11	F1+	20.01.11
Santander UK Plc (Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank Plc)	AA -	30.01.11	F1+	20.01.11
Barclays Bank plc *	AA -	25.08.10	F1+	25.08.10
Bank of Scotland plc *	AA -	14.12.10	F1+	14.12.10
Bradford & Bingley Bank plc	A +	17.06.11	F1+	17.06.11
Co-operative Bank (The) *	A -	02.07.10	F2	02.07.10
HSBC Bank plc *	AA	14.12.10	F1+	14.12.10
Lloyds TSB Bank plc *	AA -	14.12.10	F1+	14.12.10
National Westminster Bank plc	AA -	29.06.11	F1+	29.06.11
Northern Rock (Asset Management) plc. *	A +	15.12.10	F1+	15.12.10
Royal Bank of Scotland plc (The)	AA -	29.06.11	F1+	29.06.11

- \* Not updated since last reported.
- 7.4 There have been no changes in the ratings since last reported in January 2011.
- 7.5 The Fitch credit ratings, which we use as an indication of the probability of organisations defaulting on our investments, are defined in Annex 2. They only show an indication of the current credit position. They are being monitored on a regular basis and any significant changes will be reported to this committee.

- 7.6 In addition to the Building societies and banks we use for investments, this Council requested approval from the United Kingdom Debt Management Office to open a Debt Management Account Deposit Facility. Approval was given in February 2009, but to date no investments have been placed with them.
- 8 CONCLUSION
- 8.1 With interest rates remaining at their low levels the amount of income we receive from investing our surplus cash balances is fairly inconsequential when compared to previous years

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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#### POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

### **TEMPORARY INVESTMENT ACTIVITY - 2011/12**

Date Invested	Temp Investment Number	Borrower	Amount Invested £	Interest Rate %	Date Repaid	Principal Repaid £	Interest Received / Due £	at Time of	Ratings Investment Short- Term
	1	INVESTMEN	TS BROUGHT F	ORWAR	D @ 1 APRIL 20	11	1		
31-Mar-11	283	HSBC	80,000	0.31	1-Apr-11 Debtor	-80,000	-0.68 0.68	AA	F1+
31-Mar-11	284	HSBC	200,000	0.31	11-Apr-11 Debtor	-200,000		AA	F1+
Monies invested at 1	April 2011		280,000			-280,000	-16.98		
		<u> </u>	NEW INVESTME	ENTS - 20	<u>)11/12</u>				
Apr									
1-Apr-11	1	Skipton BS	200,000	0.450	14-Apr-11	-200,000	-32.05	A-	F2
1-Apr-11	2	Skipton BS	140,000	0.450	18-Apr-11		-29.34	A-	F2
18-Apr-11	2	Skipton BS	Rolled Over	0.400	21-Apr-11	-140,000			F2
4-Apr-11	3	HSBC	250,000	0.310	19-Apr-11	-250,000	-31.85	AA	F1+
5-Apr-11	4	HSBC	80,000	0.310	6-Apr-11	-80,000	-0.68	AA	F1+
6-Apr-11	5	HSBC	130,000	0.310	11-Apr-11	-130,000	-5.52	AA	F1+
8-Apr-11	6	HSBC	70,000	0.310	11-Apr-11	-70,000	-1.78	AA	F1+
11-Apr-11	7	HSBC	50,000	0.310	19-Apr-11	-50,000	-3.40	AA	F1+
11-Apr-11	8	Skipton BS	300,000	0.450	21-Apr-11	-300,000	-36.99	A-	F2
12-Apr-11	9	HSBC	65,000	0.310	13-Apr-11	-65,000	-0.55	AA	F1+
13-Apr-11	10	HSBC	50,000	0.310	14-Apr-11	-50,000	-0.42	AA	F1+
13-Apr-11	11	HSBC	150,000	0.310	18-Apr-11	-150,000	-6.37	AA	F1+

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Invested	Number	Borrower	£	%	Repaid	£	£	Long- Term	Short- Term
14-Apr-11	12	HSBC	150,000	0.310	21-Apr-11	-150,000	-8.92	AA	F1+
15-Apr-11	13	Skipton BS	750,000	0.430	21-Apr-11	-750,000	-53.01	A-	F2
18-Apr-11	14	HSBC	90,000	0.310	18-Apr-11	-90,000	-0.76	AA	F1+
19-Apr-11	15	HSBC	150,000	0.310	21-Apr-11	-150,000	-2.55	AA	F1+
20-Apr-11	16	HSBC	100,000	0.310	21-Apr-11	-100,000	-0.85	AA	F1+
21-Apr-11	17	HSBC	300,000	0.310	26-Apr-11	-300,000	-12.74	AA	F1+
26-Apr-11	18	HSBC	70,000	0.310	27-Apr-11	-70,000	-0.59	AA	F1+
26-Apr-11	19	HSBC	100,000	0.310	28-Apr-11	-100,000	-1.70	AA	F1+
27-Apr-11	20	Skipton BS	340,000	0.450	13-May-11	-340,000	-67.07	A-	F2
27-Apr-11	21	HSBC	140,000	0.310	3-May-11	-140,000	-7.13	AA	F1+
27-Apr-11	22	HSBC	100,000	0.310	9-May-11	-100,000	-10.19	AA	F1+
28-Apr-11	23	HSBC	460,000	0.310	4-May-11	-460,000	-23.44	AA	F1+
28-Apr-11	24	HSBC	100,000	0.310	9-May-11	-100,000	-9.34	AA	F1+
28-Apr-11	25	Skipton BS	200,000	0.450	20-May-11	-200,000	-54.25	A-	F2
			4,535,000			-4,535,000	-406.09		
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3-May-11	26	HSBC	130,000	0.310	4-May-11	-130,000	-1.10	AA	F1+
4-May-11	27	HSBC	100,000	0.310	23-May-11	-100,000	-16.14	AA	F1+
4-May-11	28	HSBC	150,000	0.310	9-May-11	-150,000	-6.37	AA	F1+
5-May-11	29	HSBC	100,000	0.310	23-May-11	-100,000	-15.29	AA	F1+
9-May-11	30	Skipton BS	400,000	0.450	23-May-11	0	-69.04	A-	F2
23-May-11	30	Skipton BS	Rolled Over	0.450	1-Jun-11	-400,000	-44.38	A-	F2
10-May-11	31	HSBC	150,000	0.310	19-May-11	-150,000	-11.47	AA	F1+
11-May-11	32	HSBC	90,000	0.310	12-May-11	-90,000	-0.76	AA	F1+
12-May-11	33	HSBC	150,000	0.310	23-May-11	-150,000	-14.01	AA	F1+
13-May-11	34	НЅВС	200,000	0.310	19-May-11	-200,000		AA	F1+
16-May-11	35	НЅВС	200,000	0.310	19-May-11	-200,000	-5.10	AA	F1+
16-May-11	36	Skipton BS	600,000	0.460	1-Jun-11	-600,000	-120.99	A-	F2
17-May-11	37	HSBC	80,000	0.310	18-May-11	-80,000	-0.68	AA	F1+

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Invested	Number	Bonower	£	%	Repaid	£	£	Long- Term	Short- Term
18-May-11	38	HSBC	150,000	0.310	23-May-11	-150,000	-6.37	AA	F1+
19-May-11	39	HSBC	60,000	0.310	23-May-11	-60,000	-2.04	AA	F1+
20-May-11	40	HSBC	150,000	0.310	23-May-11	-150,000	-3.82	AA	F1+
23-May-11	41	HSBC	50,000	0.310	24-May-11	-50,000	-0.42	AA	F1+
23-May-11	42	HSBC	190,000	0.310	1-Jun-11	-190,000	-14.52	AA	F1+
24-May-11	43	HSBC	135,000	0.310	25-May-11	-135,000	-1.15	AA	F1+
25-May-11	44	HSBC	180,000	0.310	26-May-11	-180,000	-1.53	AA	F1+
26-May-11	45	Skipton BS	240,000	0.430	1-Jun-11	-240,000	-16.96	A-	F2
27-May-11	46a	HSBC	70,000	0.310	1-Jun-11	-70,000	-2.97	AA	F1+
31-May-11	46b	Skipton BS	260,000	0.370	1-Jun-11	-260,000	-2.64	A-	F2
31-May-11	47	Barclays Bank	1,500,000	0.300	1-Jun-11	-1,500,000	-12.33	AA-	F1+
31-May-11	48	Yorkshire BS	550,000	0.300	20-Jun-11	-550,000	-90.41	A-	F2
31-May-11	49	HSBC	180,000	0.310	1-Jun-11	-180,000	-1.53	AA	F1+
31-May-11	50	HSBC	250,000	0.310	6-Jun-11	-250,000	-12.74	AA	F1+
31-May-11	51	HSBC	250,000	0.310	13-Jun-11	-250,000	-27.60	AA	F1+
			6,565,000			-6,565,000	-512.55		
June									
1-Jun-11	52	HSBC	125,000	0.310	2-Jun-11	-125,000	-1.06	AA	F1+
2-Jun-11	53	HSBC	130,000	0.310	17-Jun-11	-130,000	-16.56	AA	F1+
3-Jun-11	54	HSBC	50,000	0.310	6-Jun-11	-50,000	-1.27	AA	F1+
6-Jun-11	55	Skipton BS	250,000	0.450	22-Jun-11	-250,000	-49.32	A-	F2
7-Jun-11	56	HSBC	125,000	0.310	8-Jun-11	-125,000	-1.06	AA	F1+
8-Jun-11	57	HSBC	150,000	0.310	10-Jun-11	-150,000	-2.55	AA	F1+
9-Jun-11	58	HSBC	90,000	0.310	10-Jun-11	-90,000	-0.76	AA	F1+
10-Jun-11	59	Skipton BS	420,000	0.460	Still Outstanding		-111.16	A-	F2
13-Jun-11	60	HSBC	250,000	0.310	22-Jun-11	-250,000	-19.11	AA	F1+
14-Jun-11	61	HSBC	80,000	0.310	15-Jun-11	-80,000	-0.68	AA	F1+
15-Jun-11	62	HSBC	250,000	0.310	20-Jun-11	-250,000	-10.62	AA	F1+
15-Jun-11	63	Skipton BS	500,000	0.480	Still Outstanding		-105.21	A-	F2

Date	Temp Investment	Borrower	Amount Invested	Interest Rate	Date	Principal Repaid	Interest Received / Due £	Fitch Ratings at Time of Investment	
Invested	Number		£	%	Repaid	£		Long- Term	Short- Term
17-Jun-11	64	HSBC	120,000	0.310	27-Jun-11	-120,000	-10.19	AA	F1+
20-Jun-11	65	HSBC	100,000	0.310	22-Jun-11	-100,000	-1.70	AA	F1+
20-Jun-11	66	HSBC	150,000	0.310	27-Jun-11	-150,000	-8.92	AA	F1+
21-Jun-11	67	HSBC	70,000	0.310	22-Jun-11	-70,000	-0.59	AA	F1+
22-Jun-11	68	HSBC	130,000	0.310	Still Outstanding		-9.94	AA	F1+
23-Jun-11	69	HSBC	100,000	0.310	27-Jun-11	-100,000	-3.40	AA	F1+
27-Jun-11	70	Skipton BS	350,000	0.450	Still Outstanding		-17.26	A-	F2
28-Jun-11	71	HSBC	700,000	0.310	Still Outstanding		-17.84	AA	F1+
29-Jun-11	72	HSBC	90,000	0.310	Still Outstanding		-1.53	AA	F1+
30-Jun-11	73	Nationwide Bs	1,400,000	0.510	Still Outstanding		-19.56	AA-	F1+
30-Jun-11	74	HSBC	150,000	0.310	Still Outstanding		-1.27	AA	F1+
30-Jun-11	75	Barclays Bank	850,000	0.351	Still Outstanding		-8.17	AA-	F1+
			6,630,000			-2,040,000	-419.73		
Total Investments m	Fotal Investments made April to June 2011		17,730,000			-13,140,000	-1,338.37		
Total Investment 201	1/12		18,010,000			-13,420,000	-1,355.35		

Date Invested	Temp Investment Number	Borrower	Amount Invested £	Interest Rate %	Date Repaid	Principal Repaid £	Interest Received / Due £	Fitch Ratings At Time of Investment Long- Short-	
								Term	Term
	INVESTMENTS OUTSTANDING @ 30 June 200								
10-Jun-11	59	Skipton BS	420,000	0.460					
15-Jun-11	63	Skipton BS	500,000	0.480					
22-Jun-11	68	HSBC	130,000	0.310					
27-Jun-11	70	Skipton BS	350,000	0.450					
28-Jun-11	71	HSBC	700,000	0.310					
29-Jun-11	72	HSBC	90,000	0.310					
30-Jun-11	73	Nationwide Bs	1,400,000	0.510					
30-Jun-11	74	HSBC	150,000	0.310					
30-Jun-11	75	Barclays Bank	850,000	0.351					
Monies invested at 3	Ionies invested at 30 June 2011								

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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 exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.					
AA	Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectation of low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for 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 commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than in the case for higher ratings.					
BBB	Moderate default risk. 'BBB' National Ratings denote a moderate default risk relative to other issuers or obligations in the same country. However, changes in circumstances or economic conditions are more likely to affect the capacity for timely repayment than is the case for financial commitments denoted by a higher rated category					
International Short-Term Credit ratings						
Short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 13 months for most obligations and thus places greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments						
F1	Highest credit quality. Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.					
F2	Good credit quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.					
F3	Fair credit quality. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate; however, near term adverse changes could result in a reduction to non-investment grade.					