

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

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title: TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide you with a monitoring report on our treasury management activities for period 1 April 2018 to 31 May 2018.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- In accordance with the corporate strategy priority -“to ensure a well-managed Council, by maintaining critical financial management and controls.” This report provides members with information regarding the treasury management activities for the period.

1.3 You have previously approved a treasury management policy in accordance with CIPFA's code of practice on treasury management for Local Authorities.

1.4 In accordance with this policy committee should receive a quarterly monitoring report on the Council's treasury management operations.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Events in recent years have raised the profile of the treasury management function and highlighted the potential serious risks involved.

2.2 The Council borrows any money it requires to fund its capital spending plans from the Public Works Loan Board. They make funds available for long loan periods at interest rates just below market rates and lend to Government and Public bodies. The Council rarely borrows to fund its revenue activities and is much more likely at any point in time to have surplus funds to invest.

2.3 On a daily basis we assess our cash flow position. To do this we estimate the funds we expect to receive e.g. council tax payments, grants and fees, and deduct any known payments we expect to make e.g. precepts, creditors and salaries.

2.4 On most days the Council is in a position where it has surplus funds available to invest.

2.5 How we invest these surplus funds is governed by the Council's Treasury Management policies and practices agreed and reported to Policy and Finance Committee and ultimately Full Council.

2.6 The main points being:

- The Council maintains a list of organisations it will lend its surplus funds to, which is regularly reviewed. The current list is shown in section 7 of this report.

- The Council has maximum limits for each bank or building society of £1.75m. The limit for the Debt Management Office (DMO), where the Government guarantees investments, is currently £5m and the limit for other Local Authorities, Police and Crime Commissioners, Fire and Rescue Services and Transport Authorities is £2.5m per institution
- The safety of our investments is paramount and not the requirement to maximise returns.
- Our policy has been to only lend to major British Banks and Building Societies relying on the assumption that the Government would be unlikely to allow a major bank/building society to fail.

3 PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD

- 3.1 Bank base interest rates remained at 0.50% throughout the period.
- 3.2 Any changes in interest rates only affect interest received on our temporary investments as interest payable on the Council's long-term loan debt from Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), all at fixed interest rates.
- 3.3 From 1 November 2012, the Government reduced by 20 basis points (0.20%) the interest rates on loans from PWLB. The reduction was to be applicable for those councils that provide an annual return providing 'improved information and transparency' on 'borrowing and associated capital spending plans'. This will enable the government to build a more robust forecast of public expenditure.
- 3.4 A return has been submitted for Ribble Valley Borough Council and we are now listed as an eligible council for the certainty discount rate on the PWLB website.
- 3.5 There are two types of loan according to interest rate that are available from the board:
- Fixed rate loans, on which the rate of interest is fixed for the life of the loan and interest is payable at half-yearly intervals;
 - Variable rate loans, on which the rate of interest is variable at one, three or six monthly intervals. The interval is at the choice of the borrower but once chosen remains the same for the life of the loan.
- 3.6 For each of the two types of loan according to interest rates, there are three types of loans by method of repayment or amortisation
- Annuity or Equal Repayments (ER): fixed half-yearly payment to include principal and interest; or
 - Equal instalments of Principal (EIP): equal half-yearly instalments of principal together with interest on the balance outstanding at the time; or
 - Maturity: half yearly payments of interest only with a single repayment of principal at the end of the term.
- 3.7 As mentioned in paragraph 3.2 all our PWLB debt is at fixed interest rates, two examples of the current PWLB fixed rates payable on loans are shown in the table below for information.

PWLB - Interest rates						
	Standard New Loan Rates			Certainty Rates		
Period (Years)	EIP	Annuity	Maturity	EIP	Annuity	Maturity
Over 9.5 not over 10	2.04 %	2.05%	2.46%	1.84%	1.85%	2.26%
Over 24.5 not over 25	2.67 %	2.71%	2.90%	2.47%	2.51%	2.70%

4 BORROWING REQUIREMENTS

4.1 There has been no movement on the Council's external borrowing during the period as the instalments are only paid at the end of September and March. The external debt can be summarised as follows.

	PWLB £000	Other £000	Total £000
External Debt at 1 April 2018	147	7	154
Transactions - New Loans	0	0	0
- Repayments	0	0	0
External debt at 31 May 2018	147	7	154

4.2 No temporary loans were taken out either in the period April to May 2018 or in the same period in 2017.

4.3 No half yearly instalment of interest is due until September 2018.

5 TEMPORARY 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 rate we received on all external investments for the period 1 April to 31 May 2018 was 0.503%

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 2018	3,115	6,800	9,915
Transactions - New Investments	16,640	4,000	20,640
- Repayment Investments	-11,465	-8,800	-20,265
Monies Invested as at 31 May 2018	8,290	2,000	10,290

5.4 The following investments were held as at 31 May 2018.

Date Invested	Nos.	Borrower	Notice	Rate %	£'000	£'000
21 May'18	224	Bank of Scotland	Fixed 19 Jun'18	0.37	720	
15 May'18	232	Bank of Scotland	Fixed 19 Jun'18	0.38	365	
						1,085
25 Apr'18	196	Coventry BS	Fixed 1 Jun'18	0.45	500	
						500
14 May'18	21	Lloyds Bank Plc	Fixed 4 Jul'18	0.41	500	
30 Apr'18	22	Lloyds Bank Plc	Fixed 11 Jun'18	0.45	500	
14 May'18	31	Lloyds Bank Plc	Fixed 4 Jul'18	0.41	450	
						1,450
30 Apr'18	23	Dumfries & Galloway Council	Fixed 4 Jul'18	0.40	2,000	
						2,000
30 May'18	39	DMO	Fixed 6 Jun'18	0.25	1,000	
31 May'18	41	DMO	Fixed 4 Jul'18	0.26	2,950	
						3,950
21 May'18	35	HSBC Bank Plc	Fixed 4 Jun'18	0.35	125	
22 May'18	36	HSBC Bank Plc	Fixed 4 Jun'18	0.35	80	
30 May'18	40	HSBC Bank Plc	Fixed 19 Jul'18	0.35	600	
31 May'18	42	HSBC Bank Plc	Fixed 11 Jun'18	0.35	500	
						1,305
Total Investments as at 31 May 2018						10,290

5.5 The total interest received on the Council's external investments during the period was £8,218 compared with £2,309 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 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 2018.

- 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

6.4 The limits set on interest rate exposures for 2018/19 were as follows:

	Upper Limit £000	Current Actual £000
Maximum Principal Sums Borrowed >364 days	7,506	154
Limits on Fixed Interest Rates	7,506	154
Limits on Variable Interest Rates	1,501	0

6.5 The upper and lower limits for the maturity structure of its borrowings for 2018/19 were as follows:

	Upper Limit	Lower Limit	Current Actual
	%	%	%
Under 12 months	20	0	6.74
12 Months and Within 24 Months	20	0	6.74
24 Months and Within 5 Years	30	0	20.08
5 Years and Within 10 Years	40	0	32.41
10 Years and Above	90	0	34.03

6.6 The total principal funds invested for a period longer than 364 days was set at nil. This indicator is in place to ensure that the council is aware of the cash-flow implications of investing for periods of longer than 364 days. In lending surplus funds, the council must ensure that it can't be put in a position where it would be forced to realise any of its investments before their maturity. If this were to be the case, the council could find itself with a financial loss.

6.7 No investments (excluding our shareholding in the Local Government Bonds Agency (Local Capital Finance Company Ltd) have been made in the period for longer than 364 days.

6.8 In 2017 the Prudential Code was changed to reflect developments since it was updated in 2011. It plays a key role in capital finance in local authorities that are central to the delivery of public services.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BONDS AGENCY

7.1 The Local Government Bonds Agency is a freestanding independent body owned by the local government sector that will raise money efficiently on the capital markets at regular intervals to on-lend to participating local authorities.

7.2 Participating authorities are those local authorities that have invested in the setting up of the Agency or have invested risk capital to capitalise the Agency and fund it through its early years of operations. The agency has been incorporated with the name Local Capital Finance Ltd.

7.3 The Agency will offer a viable alternative source of capital funding to councils, other than the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB). Historically we have used the PWLB for our long term borrowing. The Local Government Bonds Agency will be able to offer loans at better or at least equivalent rates to the PWLB and tailor packages to meet the particular needs of participating authorities.

7.4 Ribble Valley Borough Council has invested £10,000 in the agency. The Agency is owned by those local authorities that invested in its establishment and those that invest in its capitalisation during its first ten years of operations. Such authorities will become shareholders in the Agency and therefore we, as other authorities, will have our say in the way it is run.

7.5 The contribution that we have invested will be returned to us after 10 years of successful operations of the agency, together with interest which will be earned at commercial rates.

8 APPROVED ORGANISATIONS

8.1 Principally, Fitch credit ratings are used as an indication of the probability of organisations defaulting on our investments and 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. In addition, we monitor and consider the ratings given by rating agents S&P Global Ratings (previously Standard and Poor), and Moody's together with the Fitch ratings prior to investing any monies on a day-to-day basis. The full list of ratings for our approved institutions is shown at Annex 3, and is a snapshot as at 11 June 2018.

8.2 It has previously been approved that investments with Building Societies be limited to the top 8 building societies based on their total assets. However West Bromwich and Newcastle Building Societies have had their Fitch Rating withdrawn so have been removed from the approved list leaving the top 6 building societies based on their total assets.

Name	Current Ranking Nov 2017	Full Transaction Review Date	Fitch Rating	
			Long Term	Short Term
Nationwide*	1	01/03/18	A	F1
Yorkshire	2	24/04/18	A-	F1
Coventry	3	24/04/18	A	F1
Skipton	4	24/04/18	A-	F1
Leeds	5	24/04/18	A-	F1
Principality*	6	24/04/18	BBB+	F2

* changed since last reported

8.3 The banks we use are reviewed annually as part of the Treasury Management Practices to take into account their Fitch IBCA long-term and short-term credit rating. The current ratings are as follows:

Name	Fitch's Full Transaction Review Date	Long Term	Short Term
Santander UK Plc	24/01/18	A	F1
Barclays Bank Plc	28/09/17	A	F1
Bank of Scotland Plc	15/05/18	A+	F1
Co-operative Bank (The)*	04/09/18	BBB	F2
HSBC Bank Plc	28/09/17	AA-	F1+
Lloyds Bank Plc	24/01/18	A+	F1
National Westminster Bank Plc *	15/05/18	A-	F2
Royal Bank of Scotland Plc (The) *	24/01/18	A+	F

* Changed since last reported

8.4 In addition to the building societies and banks we use for investments, also approved for use are other Local Authorities and the United Kingdom Debt Management Office, where the Government guarantees investments.

9 RECENT EVENTS

9.1 The market is now predicting that the Bank of England will raise its base rate to 0.75% later in 2018 after weak economic data and falling inflation caused it to delay the anticipated interest rate rise in May.

9.2 However, the Bank of England's own forecasts suggest that there will still be at least three interest rate rises between now and 2021. The Bank of England has stated that it will closely watch economic data to determine when it will next raise interest rates.

10 EXPOSURE TO RISK

10.1 With the risks surrounding the UK's exit from the EU, it is imperative that we continue to protect the council's principal sums invested in order to minimise its exposure to risks.

10.2 To ensure our exposure is limited as far as possible, we have continued with the following measures:

- Daily early morning meetings to discuss the latest position:
 - Lending arrangements
 - A review of the Markets
 - A review of our current investments and whether we consider they are still safe.
 - Institution Ratings
- Authorisation prior to investments with either the Director of Resources or the Head of Financial Services
- Keep Leader/Chief Executive informed
- Look to arrange new secure options for investments.

11 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 It is essential to minimise the risk to the principal sums that are invested. Through the careful investment of sums in line with the council's strategy the level of risk in our investments has been kept to a minimum.
- 11.2 Due to the continued uncertainty in the global economy, a prudent approach continues to be followed in the investment of any surplus cash balances on a day to day basis.

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11 June 2018

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TEMPORARY INVESTMENT ACTIVITY – 2017/18**

ANNEX 1

DATE INVESTED	TEMPORARY INVESTMENT NUMBER	BORROWER	AMOUNT INVESTED £	INTEREST RATE %	DATE REPAID	PRINCIPAL REPAID £	INTEREST RECEIVED/ DUE £	FITCH RATING AT LONG-TERM	SHORT-TERM
Investments Brought Forward @ 1 April 2018									
16-Mar-18	196	Coventry BS	Rolled Over	0.3500	16-Apr-18		-148.63	A	F1
16-Apr-18	196	Coventry BS	Rolled Over	0.2900	25-Apr-18		-35.75	A	F1
25-Apr-18	196	Coventry BS	500,000	0.4500	Still invested		-228.08	A	F1
					Debtor		76.71	A	F1
31-Jan-18	213	Thurrock Council	1,500,000	0.3800	03-Apr-18	-1,500,000	-968.22	-	-
					Debtor		936.99	-	-
15-Feb-18	224	Bank of Scotland	Rolled Over	0.4200	23-Apr-18		-555.09	A+	F1
23-Apr-18	224	Bank of Scotland	Rolled Over	0.4100	21-May-18		-226.45	A+	F1
21-May-18	224	Bank of Scotland	720,000	0.3700	Still invested		-80.28	A+	F1
					Debtor		372.82	A+	F1
28-Feb-18	228	Wirral Borough Council	1,800,000	0.5000	23-Apr-18	-1,800,000	-1,331.51	-	-
					Debtor		789.04	-	-
08-Mar-18	232	Bank of Scotland	Rolled Over	0.3700	09-Apr-18		-118.40	A+	F1
09-Apr-18	232	Bank of Scotland	Rolled Over	0.4100	15-May-18		-147.60	A+	F1
15-May-18	232	Bank of Scotland	365,000	0.3800	Still invested		-64.60	A+	F1
					Debtor		88.80	A+	F1
15-Mar-18	235	Eastleigh Borough Council	1,500,000	0.8000	23-Apr-18	-1,500,000	-1,282.19	-	-
					Debtor		558.90	-	-
15-Mar-18	236	HSBC	380,000	0.3500	09-Apr-18	-380,000	-91.10	AA-	F1+
					Debtor		61.95	AA-	F1+

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16-Mar-18	237	HSBC	300,000	0.3500	13-Apr-18	-300,000	-80.55	AA-	F1+
					Debtor		46.03	AA-	F1+
19-Mar-18	238	HSBC	250,000	0.3500	16-Apr-18	-250,000	-67.12	AA-	F1+
					Debtor		31.16	AA-	F1+
26-Mar-18	240	Suffolk County Council	2,000,000	0.8000	30-May-18	-2,000,000	-2,849.32		
					Debtor		263.01		
29-Mar-18	245	HSBC	100,000	0.3500	13-Apr-18	-100,000	-14.38	AA-	F1+
					Debtor		2.88	AA-	F1+
29-Mar-18	246	HSBC	100,000	0.3600	20-Apr-18	-100,000	-21.70	AA-	F1+
					Debtor		2.96	AA-	F1+
29-Mar-18	247	Coventry BS	Rolled Over	0.3100	23-Apr-18		-84.93	A	F1
23-Apr-18			400,000	0.3900	30-May-18	-400,000	-158.14	A	F1
					Debtor		10.19	A	F1
Monies Invested @ 1 April 2018			9,915,000			-8,330,000	-5,312.60		
Investment made April to May 2018									
April'18									
03-Apr-18	1	DMO	1,500,000	0.25000	09-Apr-18	-1,500,000	-61.64	AAA	-
03-Apr-18	2	HSBC	200,000	0.35000	09-Apr-18	-200,000	-11.51	AA-	F1+
05-Apr-18	3	Coventry BS	Rolled Over	0.28000	11-Apr-18		-22.09	A	F1
11-Apr-18	3	Coventry BS	Rolled Over	0.30000	23-Apr-18		-47.34	A	F1
23-Apr-18	3	Coventry BS	480,000	0.34000	21-May-18	-480,000	-125.19	A	F1
06-Apr-18	4	HSBC	300,000	0.35000	11-Apr-18	-300,000	-14.38	AA-	F1+
09-Apr-18	5	HSBC	245,000	0.35000	11-Apr-18	-245,000	-4.70	AA-	F1+

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09-Apr-18	6	DMO	2,000,000	0.25000	10-Apr-18	-2,000,000	-13.70	AAA	-
10-Apr-18	7	Thurrock Council	2,000,000	0.40000	30-May-18	-2000000	-1,095.89	-	-
10-Apr-18	8	HSBC	100,000	0.35000	11-Apr-18	-100,000	-0.96	AA-	F1+
12-Apr-18	9	HSBC	80,000	0.35000	13-Apr-18	-80,000	-0.77	AA-	F1+
13-Apr-18	10	HSBC	280,000	0.35000	16-Apr-18	-280,000	-8.05	AA-	F1+
16-Apr-18	11	HSBC	100,000	0.35000	17-Apr-18	-100,000	-0.96	AA-	F1+
16-Apr-18	12	HSBC	450,000	0.35000	25-Apr-18	-450,000	-38.84	AA-	F1+
16-Apr-18	13	HSBC	100,000	0.37000	08-May-18	-100,000	-22.30	AA-	F1+
17-Apr-18	14	HSBC	150,000	0.35000	18-Apr-18	-150,000	-1.44	AA-	F1+
18-Apr-18	15	HSBC	150,000	0.35000	23-Apr-18	-150,000	-7.19	AA-	F1+
19-Apr-18	16	HSBC	135,000	0.35000	23-Apr-18	-135,000	-5.18	AA-	F1+
20-Apr-18	17	HSBC	250,000	0.35000	23-Apr-18	-250,000	-7.19	AA-	F1+
24-Apr-18	18	HSBC	100,000	0.35000	25-Apr-18	-100,000	-0.96	AA-	F1+
26-Apr-18	19	HSBC	200,000	0.36000	14-May-18	-200,000	-35.51	AA-	F1+
27-Apr-18	20	HSBC	185,000	0.35000	30-Apr-18	-185,000	-5.32	AA-	F1+
30-Apr-18	20	HSBC	150,000	0.36000	08-May-18	-150,000	-11.51	AA-	F1+
30-Apr-18	21	Lloyds Bank Plc	Rolled Over	0.36000	14-May-18		-69.04	A+	F1
14-May-18	21	Lloyds Bank Plc	500,000	0.41000	Still Invested		-101.10	A+	F1
30-Apr-18	22	Lloyds Bank Plc	500,000	0.45000	Still Invested		-197.26	A+	F1
30-Apr-18	23	Dumfries & Galloway Council	2,000,000	0.40000	Still Invested		-701.37	-	-
			12,155,000			-9,155,000	-2,611.39		
May'18									
01-May-18	24	HSBC	180,000	0.3600	14-May-18	-180,000	-22.44	AA-	F1+
03-May-18	25	HSBC	100,000	0.3600	22-May-18	-100,000	-18.22	AA-	F1+
03-May-18	26	HSBC	150,000	0.3600	08-May-18	-150,000	-7.19	AA-	F1+
08-May-18	27	HSBC	400,000	0.3500	14-May-18	-400,000	-23.01	AA-	F1+
08-May-18	28	HSBC	50,000	0.3500	18-May-18	-50,000	-4.79	AA-	F1+
10-May-18	29	HSBC	120,000	0.3500	14-May-18	-120,000	-4.60	AA-	F1+
11-May-18	30	HSBC	90,000	0.3500	14-May-18	-90,000	-2.59	AA-	F1+
14-May-18	31	Lloyds Bank Plc	450,000	0.4100	Still Invested		-90.99	A+	F1
15-May-18	32	HSBC	300,000	0.3500	21-May-18	-300,000	-17.26	AA-	F1+
16-May-18	33	HSBC	100,000	0.3500	21-May-18	-100,000	-4.79	AA-	F1+

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18-May-18	34	HSBC	360,000	0.3500	21-May-18	-360,000	-10.36	AA-	F1+
21-May-18	35	HSBC	125,000	0.3500	Still Invested		-13.18	AA-	F1+
22-May-18	36	HSBC	80,000	0.3500	Still Invested		-7.67	AA-	F1+
24-May-18	37	HSBC	130,000	0.3500	31-May-18	-130,000	-8.73	AA-	F1+
30-May-18	38	HSBC	800,000	0.3500	30-May-18	-800,000	-7.67	AA-	F1+
30-May-18	39	DMO	1,000,000	0.2500	Still Invested		-13.70	AAA	-
30-May-18	40	HSBC	600,000	0.3500	Still Invested		-11.51	AA-	F1+
31-May-18	41	DMO	2,950,000	0.2600	Still Invested		-21.01	AAA	-
31-May-18	42	HSBC	500,000	0.3500	Still Invested		-4.79	AA-	F1+
			8,485,000			-2,780,000	-294.50		
Investments April - June 2018			20,640,000			-11,935,000	-2,905.89		
Total Investments 2018/19 (included Brought Forward from 2017/18)			30,555,000			-20,265,000	-8,218.49		

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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.
B	Indicates an uncertain capacity for timely payment of financial commitments relative to other issuers or obligations in the same country. Such capacity is highly susceptible to near-term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
FULL RATING LIST OF APPROVED INSTITUTIONS AS AT 8 June 2018**

	S&P Global Ratings			Moody's			Fitch				
	Long Term	Short Term	Outlook	Long Term	Short Term	Outlook	Full Review Date	Long Term	Short Term		Outlook
Building Societies											
Nationwide	A	A-1	<i>Stable</i>	Aa3	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	01/03/18	A	F1	<i>Stable</i>	£1m min,
Yorkshire	-	-	-	A3	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	24/04/18	A-	F1	<i>Stable</i>	
Coventry	-	-	-	A2	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	24/04/18	A	F1	<i>Stable</i>	Sterling Brokers
Skipton	-	-	-	Baa1	P-2	<i>Stable</i>	24/04/18	A-	F1	<i>Stable</i>	
Leeds	-	-	-	A3	P-2	<i>Stable</i>	24/04/18	A-	F1	<i>Stable</i>	3Mth
Principality	-	-	-	Baa2	P-2	<i>Stable</i>	24/04/18	BBB+	F2	<i>Stable</i>	No Contact
Banks											
Santander UK Plc.	A	A-1	<i>Stable</i>	Aa3	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	24/01/18	A	F1	<i>Positive</i>	
Barclays Bank Plc.	A	A-2	<i>Stable</i>	A1	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	28/09/17	A	F1	<i>On Watch</i>	
Bank of Scotland Plc.	A+	A-1	<i>Stable</i>	A1	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	15/05/18	A+	F1	<i>Stable</i>	
Co-operative Bank (The)	-	-	-	Caa2	NP	<i>Positive</i>	04/09/17	BBB	F2	<i>Stable</i>	£1m min
HSBC Bank Plc.	AA-	A-1+	<i>Stable</i>	Aa2	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	28/09/17	AA-	F1+	<i>Stable</i>	
Lloyds Bank Plc.	A	A-1	<i>Stable</i>	A1	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	24/01/18	A+	F1	<i>Stable</i>	£250k
National Westminster Bank Plc.	A-	A-2	<i>Positive</i>	A1	P-1	<i>Stable</i>	15/05/18	A-	F2	<i>Stable</i>	Current a/c required
Royal Bank of Scotland Plc.	A-	A-2	<i>Stable</i>	A1	P-2	<i>Stable</i>	24/01/18	A+	F1	<i>Positive</i>	Current a/c required