

APPENDIX A

Capital Approvals - by Service Area

New Allocation

Scheme	Service Area	Funding Source	25/26 £	26/27 £	27/28 £	28/29 £	29/30 £
Playing Pitch Investment	Prosperity & Investment	External	999,713.69				
Pride in Your High Street	Prosperity & Investment	Revenue	(25,000.00)				
St Georges Regeneration	Prosperity & Investment	Revenue	100,000.00				
Highways / Footpaths	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	External	25,000.00				
			1,099,713.69	0	0	0	0

Treasury Management & Prudential IndicatorsOverall Treasury Portfolio at 31st October 2025 - £m

	Budget	Latest Estimate
Estimated Total External Borrowing (@ 31.03.2026)	502.9	497.9
Investments (@ 31.03.2026)	15.0	15.0
Net Borrowing	487.9	482.9

Capital Expenditure & Commitments - £m

This indicator shows actual capital expenditure for the previous year and planned capital expenditure for 3 years. The table below reflects approvals throughout the year at Full Council, including those proposed in this report

Capital Expenditure/Funding	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Grant Funded	49.78	22.71	31.25
Prudential Borrowing	62.99	69.46	52.05
Capital Receipts	6.88	3.57	1.34
Revenue / External	3.29	1.43	-
	122.94	97.17	84.64

Capital Financing Requirement/ Borrowing - £m

The Capital Financing Requirement is the underlying need to borrow money over the long term. If outstanding borrowing is higher than the CFR this would indicate we are borrowing in advance of need.

	Latest Projections			✓Outstanding Borrowing is lower than the underlying need to borrow
	31/03/26	31/03/27	31/03/28	
Loans CFR	625.0	692.6	742.8	
Estimated Outstanding Borrowing	497.9	567.3	619.4	

Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary (Debt)

The Authorised Limit for borrowing is the maximum amount the Council may borrow at any point in the year. The Operational Boundary is the maximum amount that the Council would normally borrow at any time during the year.

	25/26 31/03/2025	26/27 31/03/26	27/28 31/03/26	
Authorised Limit for borrowing - indicator set	665.0	745.0	785.0	✓Outstanding Borrowing (above) is below both the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary
Operational Boundary for external debt - indicator set	645.0	725.0	765.0	

Security

The Council considers security, liquidity and yield, in that order, when making investment decisions.

Credit ratings remain an important element of assessing credit risk, but they are not a sole feature in the Council's assessment of counterparty credit risk.

The Council has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to credit risk by monitoring the value-weighted credit score of its investment portfolio. This is calculated by applying a score to each investment (AAA=1, AA+=2, etc.) and taking the arithmetic average, weighted by the size of each investment. Unrated investments would be assigned a score based on their perceived risk.

Credit Risk Indicator	Target	Actual - 31/10/25	
Portfolio average credit score	6 or lower (which is equivalent to a credit rating of A or higher)	1.36	✓ The Average credit score for investments is within the target set

Maturity Structure

This indicator highlights the existence of any large concentrations of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at times of uncertainty over interest rates and is designed to protect against excessive exposures to interest rate changes in any one period, in particular in the course of the next ten years.

Maturity Structure	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Actual - 31/10/25	Within Limit
Up to 1 year	0%	70%	20%	✓
1 year to 2 years	0%	30%	26%	✓
2 years to 5 years	0%	50%	15%	✓
5 years to 10 years	0%	75%	13%	✓
10 years to 20 years	0%	75%	2%	✓
20 years to 30 years	0%	75%	2%	✓
30 years to 40 years	0%	100%	3%	✓
40 years to 50 years	0%	100%	14%	✓
Over 50 years	0%	100%	5%	✓

Principal sums invested for periods longer than one year

	31/03/26	31/03/27	31/03/28	
Indicator Set	Limit on principal invested longer than 364 days	95%	95%	✓currently 0% invested beyond 1 year

Ratio Affordability Measure

Ratio of finance cost to net revenue stream (%)	25/26	26/27	27/28	
Indicator Set	7.85%	9.74%	9.46%	Financing cost to net revenue stream is very slightly higher than budgeted in 25/26 as interest rates have not reduced in line with budget assumptions and slippage has impacted all years.
Current	8.12%	9.18%	9.56%	