PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Capital Expenditure and Financing

This indicator shows the capital expenditure plans for the year and demonstrates how those plans are expected to be financed.

	2024/25	Position as of	2024/25
	Approved	31 st December	Revised
	Budget	2024	Estimate
	£	£	£
Total Capital Programme	3,826,900	1,861,068	9,898,960
IFRS16 lease additions			402,334
Financed by:			
Capital receipts	574,000	337,524	1,494,710
Capital grants and contributions	1,492,647	1,075,644	4,790,657
Capital reserves	94,315	38,592	145,315
Revenue contributions	0	82	100,082
Total Financing	2,160,962	1,451,842	6,530,764
Borrowing Requirement	1,665,938	409,226	3,770,531

The Revised Capital Programme includes expenditure and resources brought forward from 2023/24 totalling £4,528,430.

2. Capital Financing Requirement

The Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) is a measure of the Council's underlying need to borrow for capital purposes. It will increase as the Council incurs capital expenditure which cannot be met from other resources, but this will be partially offset by revenue repayments for the year (the Minimum Revenue Provision).

	2024/25 Approved Budget £	Position as of 31 st December 2024	2024/25 Revised Estimate £
CFR as of 1st April 2024	19,907,475	17,365,910	17,365,910
Capital Expenditure in Year	3,826,900	1,861,068	9,898,960
IFRS16 lease additions	0	0	402,334
Financing in Year	(2,160,962)	(1,451,842)	(6,530,764)
Minimum Revenue Provision	(748,865)	0	(610,820)
Voluntary Revenue Provision	(300,000)	0	(300,000)
CFR as of 31st March 2025	20,524,548	17,775,136	20,225,620

3. The Portfolio Position

The table below compares the Council's actual external debt, including other long-term liabilities such as finance leases, with the CFR. This indicator also acts as a limit to borrowing activity. Gross external debt should not, except in the short term, exceed the total of CFR in the preceding year plus the estimated additional CFR for 2024/25 and the next two financial years. This allows some limited flexibility for borrowing in advance of need. No difficulties are envisaged in complying with this indicator for the current or future financial years.

	2024/25 Approved	Position as of 31st December	2024/25 Revised
	Budget	2024	Estimate
	£	£	£
External Debt			
Debt on 1st April 2024	9,413,439	5,713,439	5,713,439
Finance Leases at 1st April 2024	454,864	454,864	454,864
Estimated Borrowing 2024/25	3,300,000	0	3,700,000
Estimated Loan Repayments	(855,837)	(802,700)	(855,837)
Estimated Lease Repayments	(293)	0	(293)
Estimated Debt at 31st March 2025	12,312,173	5,365,603	9,012,173
CFR (as above)	20,524,548	17,775,136	20,225,620
Under/(Over) Borrowing	8,212,375	12,409,533	11,213,447

4. Operational Boundary for External Debt

This is the limit which external debt is not normally expected to exceed. In most cases this would be a similar figure to the CFR but may be lower or higher depending on the levels of actual debt.

	2024/25 Approved Budget £	Position as at 31 st December 2024	2024/25 Revised Estimate £
Borrowing	18,200,000	4,910,739	18,200,000
Other Long-Term Liabilities	2,500,000	454,864	2,500,000
Total	20,700,000	5,365,603	20,700,000

5. <u>Authorised Limit for External Debt</u>

A further key prudential indicator represents a control on the maximum level of borrowing. This is the limit beyond which external debt is prohibited. It reflects the level of external debt which, while not desired, could be afforded in the short term, but is not sustainable in the longer term.

	2024/25 Approved Budget £	Position as at 31 st December 2024	2024/25 Revised Estimate £
Borrowing	20,222,200	4,910,739	20,222,200

Other Long-Term Liabilities	2,777,800	454,864	2,777,800
Total	23,000,000	5,365,603	23,000,000

6. Treasury Management Limits on Activity

There is a further debt related treasury activity limit. The purpose of this is to manage risk and reduce the impact of any adverse movement in interest rates. However, if it is too restrictive it will impair the opportunities to reduce costs and/or improve performance. The indicator is:

 Maturity structure of borrowing. These gross limits are set to reduce the Council's exposure to large, fixed rate sums falling due for refinancing, and are required for upper and lower limits.

	2024/25 Approved Budget £	Position as at 31st December 2024	2024/25 Revised Estimate £
Maturity structure of fixed interest rate			
borrowing:			
Under 12 months	100%	2.17%	100%
12 months to 2 years	100%	16.37%	100%
2 years to 5 years	100%	0%	100%
5 years to 10 years	100%	0.00%	100%
10 years and above	100%	81.45%	100%

7. Investments Greater Than 364 Days

This limit is set regarding the Council's liquidity requirements and to reduce the need for early sale of an investment and is based on the availability of investments after each year-end.

The Council invested £1m in the Lothbury Property Trust in December 2019. On 30th June 2023 the Net Asset Value (NAV) of this investment was £0.739m. The investment is being transferred as capital distributions to UBS (UBS Triton property fund LP). The remaining Lothbury estimated valuation as at 31/12/24 was: £263,371 a further capital distribution on the 10^{th of} January 2025 was made of £161,264.98.

As of 31st December 2024, the UBS Triton Property Fund LP investment value stood at £496,605.34

The Bank hope to complete the Lothbury transfers by the end of February 2025.

	2024/25 Approved Budget £	Position as of 31 st December 2024 £	2024/25 Revised Estimate £
Principal sums invested > 364 days	6,000,000	1,000,000	6,000,000