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.

	2025/26 Approved	Position as at 30 th June	2025/26 Revised
	Budget	2025	Estimate
T	£ 400 740	£	£
Total Capital Programme	1,422,512	385,182	7,438,038
IFRS16 lease additions	0	0	0
Financed by:			
Capital receipts	28,000	39,799	1,025,138
Capital grants and contributions	660,000	214,458	2,910,435
Capital reserves	54.500	14,622	111,204
Revenue contributions	0	0	150,000
Total Financing	742,500	268,879	4,196,777
Borrowing Requirement	680,012	116,303	3,241,261

The Revised Capital Programme includes expenditure and resources brought forward from 2024/25 totalling £5,884,382.

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).

	2025/26 Approved Budget £	Position as at 30 th June 2025	2025/26 Revised Estimate £
CFR as at 1 st April 2025	20,225,620	17,365,910	17,365,910
Capital Expenditure in Year	1,422,512	385,182	7,438,038
Financing in Year	(742,500)	(268,879)	(4,196,777)
Minimum Revenue Provision	(1,000,318)	0	(1,000,318)
Voluntary Revenue Provision	(250,000)	0	(250,000)
CFR as at 31st March 2026	19,655,314	17,482,213	19,356,853

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 2025/26 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.

	2025/26 Approved Budget £	Position as at 30 th June 2025 £	2025/26 Revised Estimate £
External Debt			
Debt at 1st April 2025	4,857,602	4,107,601	4,107,601
Finance Leases at 1st April 2025	841,739	860,070	860,070
Estimated Borrowing 2025/26	1,250,000	0	1,250,000
Estimated Loan Repayments	(857,602)	(107,602)	(107,602)
Estimated Lease Repayments	(16,331)	0	(16,339)
Estimated Debt at 31st March 2026	6,075 ,408	4,860 ,069	6,093,730
CFR (as above)	19,655,314	17,482,213	19,356,853
Under/(Over) Borrowing	13,579,906	12,622,144	13,263,123

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.

	2025/26 Approved Budget £	Position as at 30 th June 2025 £	2025/26 Revised Estimate £
Borrowing	18,800,000	4,107,601	18,800,000
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,000,000	860,070	1,000,000
Total	19,800,000	4,967,671	19,800,000

5. Authorised Limit for External Debt

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.

	2025/26 Approved Budget £	Position as at 30 th June 2025	2025/26 Revised Estimate £
Borrowing	20,800,000	4,107,601	20,800,000
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,200,000	860,070	1,200,000
Total	22,000,000	4,967,671	22,000,000

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.

	2025/26 Approved Budget £	Position as at 30 th June 2025	2025/26 Revised Estimate £
Maturity structure of fixed interest rate			
borrowing:			
Under 12 months	100%	17.65%	100%
12 months to 2 years	100%	0.00%	100%
2 years to 5 years	100%	0.00%	100%
5 years to 10 years	100%	0.00%	100%
10 years and above	100%	82.35%	100%

7. Investments Greater Than 364 Days

This limit is set with regard to 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 valuation as at 30/06/25 was: £57,087, with a further £4,358 capital distribution to be undertaken in August 2025.

As at 30th June 2025 the UBS Triton Property Fund LP investment value stood at £692,394.

	2025/26	Position as at	2025/26
	Approved	30 th June	Revised
	Budget	2025	Estimate
	£	£	£
Principal sums invested > 364 days	6,000,000	1,000,000	6,000,000