

# **2025/26 TREASURY MANAGEMENT, CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

## **4.0 Overview and Scrutiny Comments**

- 4.2 The Panel discussed the 2025/26 Treasury Management, Capital and Investment Strategies report at its meeting on 5th February 2025.
- 4.3 Following a question from Councillor Jennings which related to both the 2025/26 Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (2026/27 to 2029/30) Including the Capital Programme and the 2025/26 Treasury Management, Capital and Investment Strategies agenda items, the Panel heard that the rates forecast by the treasury advisors were the Bank of England (BOE) lending rates and that investing rates were unlikely to reach as high as this. It was also noted that there was a risk that investing rates may fall faster than the BOE lending rate, since it was some years since rates had fallen from the current level, there is uncertainty about the relationship between fall in BOE rate and the fall in investing rates, which may be steeper.
- 4.4 In response to a question from Councillor Gleadow relating to the development of the Commercial Investment Strategy, it was confirmed to the Panel that work by CIPFA was underway and that this would also include work to support Local Government Reform within this. The Panel heard that workshops would follow the completion of this work, with an update on progress being anticipated by quarter one of the coming financial year.
- 4.5 Following this, it was noted that the Panel had no further comments or discussion to add and that this would be added to the Cabinet report in order for an informed decision to be made on the report recommendations.