

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)**

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

- 4.1 The Panel received the Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/18 at its meeting on 14th June 2018.
- 4.2 When asked, would it be better to move money to an investment with a better rate, the Panel was informed that the aim of Treasury Management is to spread money around in order to mitigate the risk of a counterparty failure. If the Council consolidated the money in one investment then the risk would not be spread and the council's entire invested funds would be at risk.
- 4.3 A Member asked whether it was possible to refinance the loans in order to achieve a better interest rate. In response, it was explained this was possible however the Council would end up paying a penalty to the lender (PWLB) to do so. This is particularly the case as the council is holding loans with long maturity dates.