

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

### GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

29 MARCH 2011

#### REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 10 FEBRUARY 2011

#### **Minute 154 - Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and Strategy 2011/12**

The Corporate Director Finance introduced a report, which set out the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and Strategy for 2011/12. She explained that Treasury Management was the management of the Council's investments and cash flows, its banking, money market and debt transactions together with the effective control of risks associated with those activities.

The Corporate Director highlighted the importance of risk minimisation, as the Council was funded by public money. It was important for an authority to strike a balance between risk and return in order to allow for a contribution to the budget. The borrowing element was also a key aspect with duration and timing as essential ingredients. She explained that as base rates were currently low, it was better to borrow internally but that this would be kept under review.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to Council) That

- (1) the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators be approved;
- (2) the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Strategy for 2011/12 be approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be referred for review to the Governance Audit and Risk Management Committee.

**Reason for Decision:** To promote effective financial management and comply with the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) Regulations 2003 and other relevant guidance.

#### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

Background Documents:  
Minutes of Cabinet

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