

Appendix 4 – Treasury Management Glossary (updated December 2023)

Terminology	Explanation
Authorised Limit (Also known as the Affordable Limit)	A statutory limit that sets the maximum level of external borrowing on a gross basis (i.e. not net of investments) for the Council. It is measured on a daily basis against all external borrowing items on the Balance Sheet (i.e. long and short term borrowing, overdrawn bank balances and long term liabilities).
Balances and Reserves	Accumulated sums that are maintained either earmarked for specific future costs or commitments or generally held to meet unforeseen or emergency expenditure.
Bail - in Risk	<p>Following the financial crisis of 2008 when governments in various jurisdictions injected billions of dollars into banks as part of bail-out packages, it was recognised that bondholders, who largely remained untouched through this period, should share the burden in future by making them forfeit part of their investment to "bail in" a bank before taxpayers are called upon.</p> <p>A bail-in takes place before a bankruptcy and under current proposals, regulators would have the power to impose losses on bondholders while leaving untouched other creditors of similar stature, such as derivatives counterparties. A corollary to this is that bondholders will require more interest if they are to risk losing money to a bail-in.</p>
Bank of England (BoE)	The central bank of the UK.
Bank Rate	The official interest rate set by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee and what is generally termed at the "base rate".
Basis Point	A unit of measure used in finance to describe the percentage change in the value or rate of a financial instrument. One basis point is equivalent to 0.01% (1/100th of a percent). In most cases, it refers to changes in interest rates and bond yields . For example, if interest rates rise by 25 basis points, it means that rates have risen by 0.25% percentage points. If rates were at 2.50%, and rose by 0.25%, or 25 basis points, the new interest rate would be 2.75%. In the bond market, a basis point is used to refer to the yield that a bond pays to the investor. For example, if a bond yield moves from 5.45% to 5.65%, it is said to have risen by 20 basis points. The usage of the basis point measure is primarily used in respect to yields and interest rates, but it may also be used to refer to the percentage change in the value of an asset such as a stock.
Bill	A certificate of short-term debt issued by a company, government, or other institution, tradable on the financial market.
Bond	A certificate of debt issued by a company, government, or other institution. The bond holder receives interest at a rate stated at the time of issue of the bond. The repayment date is also set at the onset but can be traded during its life, but this will affect the price of a bond which may vary during its life.

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Call Account	A deposit account that can be called back (repayment requested), normally on an instant basis.
Capital Expenditure	Expenditure on the acquisition, creation, or enhancement of capital assets.
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)	The CFR is simply the total historic outstanding capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for from either revenue or capital resources. It is essentially a measure of the Council's underlying borrowing need.
Capital gain or loss	An increase or decrease in the capital value of an investment, for example through movements in its market price.
Certainty Rate	The government has reduced by 20 basis points (0.20%) the interest rates on loans via the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) to principal local authorities who provide information as specified on their plans for long-term borrowing and associated capital spending.
CD's	Certificates of Deposits with banks and building societies.
Capital Receipts	Money obtained on the sale of a capital asset.
Capital Strategy	An annual report required by the Prudential Code that sets out a local authority's high level plans for capital expenditure, debt and investments and its prudential indicators for the forthcoming financial year.
Cash Plus fund	A collective investment scheme similar to a money market fund but with a longer duration (around 6 months).
CIPFA	The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy – the professional body for accountants working in the public sector. CIPFA also sets various standards for Local Government.
Collective Investment Scheme	Scheme in which multiple investors collectively hold units or shares. The investment assets in the fund are not held directly by each investor, but as part of a pool (hence these funds are often referred to as 'pooled funds').
Commercial Investment	An investment whose primary purpose is generating income, such as investment property.
Constant Net Asset Value (CNAV)	These are Money Market Funds which maintain a stable price of £1 per share when investors redeem or purchase shares which mean that that any investment will not fluctuate in value.
Corporate Bonds	Corporate bonds are bonds issued by companies. The term is often used to cover all bonds other than those issued by governments in their own currencies and includes issues by companies, supranational organisations, and government agencies.

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Counterparty List	List of approved financial institutions with which the Council can place investments with.
Covered Bond	Covered bonds are debt securities backed by cash flows from mortgages or public sector loans. They are similar in many ways to asset-backed securities created in securitisation, but covered bond assets remain on the issuer's consolidated balance sheet (usually with an appropriate capital charge). The covered bonds continue as obligations of the issuer (often a bank); in essence, the investor has recourse against the issuer and the collateral, sometimes known as "dual recourse."
CPI	Consumer Price Index – the UK's main measure of inflation.
Credit Rating:	An indicator of how likely a borrower is able to repay a loan. The higher the rating, the more likely a borrower will be able to meet their debt obligations.
Debt Management Office (DMO)	The DMO is an Executive Agency of Her Majesty's Treasury and provides direct access for local authorities into a government deposit facility known as the DMADF . All deposits are guaranteed by HM Government and therefore have the equivalent of a sovereign credit rating.
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)	The DLUHC is the UK Government Ministry for Levelling up, Housing, Communities and Local Government in England. Previously this was the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and references to either, within the strategies, are interchangeable for most purposes.
Diversification /diversified exposure	The spreading of investments among different types of assets or between markets in order to reduce risk.
ESG	Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria are a set of standards for a company's operations that socially conscious investors use to screen potential investments.
European Investment Bank (EIB)	The European Investment Bank is the European Union's non-profit long-term lending institution established in 1958 under the Treaty of Rome. It is a "policy driven bank" whose shareholders are the member states of the EU. The EIB uses its financing operations to support projects that bring about European integration and social cohesion.
Fair Value	Fair value is defined as a sale price agreed to by a willing buyer and seller, assuming both parties enter the transaction freely. Many investments have a fair value determined by a market where the security is traded.
Federal Reserve	The US central bank. (Often referred to as "the Fed").

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Floating rate notes (FRNs)	Floating rate notes (FRNs) are debt securities with payments that are reset periodically against a benchmark rate, such as the three-month Treasury bill or the three-month London inter-bank offer rate (LIBOR). FRNs can be used to balance risks incurred through other interest rate instruments in an investment portfolio.
FTSE 100 Index	The FTSE 100 Index is a share index of the 100 companies listed on the London Stock Exchange with the highest market capitalisation. It is one of the most widely used stock indices and is seen as a gauge of business prosperity for business regulated by UK company law.
General Fund	This includes most of the day-to-day spending and income of the Council.
Gilts	Gilts are bonds issued by the UK Government. They take their name from 'gilt-edged': being issued by the UK government, they are deemed to be very secure as the investor expects to receive the full face value of the bond to be repaid on maturity.
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Gross Domestic Product measures the value of goods and services produced within a country. GDP is the most comprehensive overall measure of economic output and provides key insight as to the driving forces of the economy
Liability Benchmark	The Liability Benchmark is effectively the Net Borrowing Requirement of a local authority plus a liquidity allowance.
Liquidity	The degree to which how quickly an asset can be bought or sold without impacting its price.
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards.
LIBOR	The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is the rate of interest that banks charge to lend money to each other. The British Bankers' Association (BBA) work with a small group of large banks to set the LIBOR rate each day. The wholesale markets allow banks who need money to be more fluid in the marketplace to borrow from those with surplus amounts. The banks with surplus amounts of money are keen to lend so that they can generate interest which it would not otherwise receive.
Maturity	The date when an investment or borrowing is repaid.
Maturity Structure / Profile	A table or graph showing the amount (or percentage) of debt or investments maturing over a time period. The amount or percent maturing could be shown on a year-by-year or quarter-by quarter or month-by-month basis.
MIFID2 / MiFID II	MiFID II is a legislative framework instituted by the European Union (EU) to regulate financial markets in the bloc and improve protections for investors. The FRC operates UK procedures equivalent to EU Regulations following withdrawal from the EU.

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Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	An annual provision that the Council is statutorily required to set aside and charge to the Revenue Account for the repayment of debt associated with expenditure incurred on capital assets.
Money Market Funds (MMF)	<p>An open-end mutual fund which invests only in money markets. These funds invest in short term debt obligations such as short-dated government debt, certificates of deposit and commercial paper. The main goal is the preservation of principal, accompanied by modest dividends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant net asset value (CNAV) refers to funds which use amortised cost accounting to value all of their assets. They aim to maintain a net asset value (NAV), or value of a share of the fund, at €1/£1/\$1 and calculate their price to two decimal places known as "penny rounding". • Variable net asset value (VNAV) refers to funds which use mark-to-market accounting to value some of their assets. The NAV of these funds will vary by a slight amount, due to the changing value of the assets and, in the case of an accumulating fund, by the amount of income received • Low Volatility NAV (LVNAV) funds. LVNAV MMFs are permitted to maintain a constant dealing NAV provided that certain criteria are met, including that the market NAV of the fund does not deviate from the dealing NAV by more than 20 basis points.
Multilateral Development Banks	See Supranational Bonds below.
Municipal Bonds Agency	An independent body owned by the local government sector that seeks to raise money on the capital markets at regular intervals to on-lend to participating local authorities.
Operational Boundary	This linked directly to the Council's estimates of the CFR and estimates of other day to day cash flow requirements. This indicator is based on the same estimates as the Authorised Limit reflecting the most likely prudent but not worst case scenario but without the additional headroom included within the Authorised Limit.
Pooled Funds	A pooled investment is an investment in a large, professionally managed portfolio of assets with many other investors. As a result of this, the risk is reduced due to the wider spread of investments in the portfolio. See also 'collective investments'.
Property	Investment property is property (land or a building or part of a building or both) held (by the owner or by the lessee under a finance lease) to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both.
Prudential Code	Developed by CIPFA and first introduced on 1 April 2004 as a professional code of practice to support local authority capital investment planning within a clear, affordable, prudent, and sustainable framework and in accordance with good professional practice. The Prudential Code was last updated in 2021.

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Prudential Indicators	Indicators determined by the local authority to define its capital expenditure and asset management framework. They are designed to support and record local decision making in a manner that is publicly accountable; they are not intended to be comparative performance indicators.
Public Works Loans Board (PWLB)	This is a statutory body operating within the United Kingdom Debt Management Office, an Executive Agency of HM Treasury. The PWLB's function is to lend money from the National Loans Fund to local authorities and other prescribed bodies, and to collect the repayments.
REIT	Real estate Investment Trust – a company whose main activity is owning investment property and is therefore similar to a property fund in many respects.
Revenue Expenditure	Expenditure to meet the continuing cost of delivery of services including salaries and wages, the purchase of materials and capital financing charges.
RPI	Retail Prices Index is a monthly index demonstrating the movement in the cost of living as it tracks the prices of goods and services including mortgage interest and rent. Pensions and index-linked gilts are uprated using the RPI index.
Risk	The likelihood of incurring a loss from an investment. All investments carry some risk, but some are riskier than others. This is closely linked to the CIPFA requirement of security.
Service Investments	Investments for service purposes' (or service investments) are taken or held primarily and directly for the delivery of public services (including housing, regeneration, and local infrastructure) or in support of joint working with others to deliver such services.
(Short) Term Deposits	Deposits of cash with terms attached relating to maturity and rate of return (Interest) with maturity durations of less than 365 days.
SLY	CIPFA key objectives for treasury management activities are Security, Liquidity, and then Yield (SLY).
Supranational Bonds	Instruments issued by supranational organisations created by governments through international treaties (often called multilateral development banks). The bonds carry an AAA rating in their own right. Examples of supranational organisations are the European Investment Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
Treasury (T) -Bills	Treasury Bills are short term Government debt instruments and, just like temporary loans used by local authorities, are a means to manage cash flow. Treasury Bills (T-Bills) are issued by the Debt Management Office and are an eligible sovereign instrument, meaning that they have an AAA-rating.

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Temporary Borrowing	Borrowing to cover peaks and troughs of cash flow, not to fund capital spending.
Treasury Management Code	CIPFA's Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services, initially published in 2003, subsequently updated in 2017 and 2021.
Treasury Management Practices (TMP)	Treasury Management Practices set out the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve its policies and objectives and prescribe how it will manage and control these activities.
UNEFI	United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEFI) is a partnership between the United Nations Environment Programme and the global financial sector to mobilize private sector finance for sustainable development.
Unsupported Borrowing	Borrowing which is self-financed by the local authority. This is also sometimes referred to as Prudential Borrowing.
Variable Net Asset Value (VNAV)	Redemptions and investments in Money Market Funds (MMF's) are on the basis of the fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per share. The NAV of any money market fund is the market value of the fund's assets minus its liabilities and is stated on a per share basis. The net value of the assets held by an MMF can fluctuate, and the market value of a share may not always be exactly the amount that has been invested.
Yield	In general terms, yield is the income return on an investment and usually expressed as an annual percentage.