

ACHIEVING FOR CHILDREN TREASURY PLAN 2023/24

Introduction

1. AfC is not allowed to enter into any borrowing, credit facility or investment arrangement (other than trade credit in the normal course of business) unless it has been approved by the Councils. The Financial Plan (the Plan) provides the authorisation for AfC to borrow and invest in the particular situations specified and the Plan has to be approved by the Members, as the owners of AfC. The decision to approve the Treasury Plan has been delegated to the Ownership Board (formerly Joint Committee) as a Band Three Reserved Matter.
2. The Plan will be reviewed at least annually and when events require a review in order to ensure that the Company's banking and treasury activities are operating efficiently and that risks are being appropriately managed in order to comply with the Councils' treasury policies.

Borrowing

3. AfC will only borrow from the Councils and in accordance with the terms set out in the Revolving Credit Facility (RCF).

Investment

4. AfC will only invest surplus funds, including sums borrowed under the RCF, in order to manage its cash flow to make payment of its obligations in a timely manner without having to borrow on a frequent basis from the Councils.
5. Such investment will be on the following basis:
 - a) Investment will be in deposit/instant access bank accounts that can be withdrawn at notice on the same day
 - b) Investment will be in banks approved by the Councils
 - c) Investment in each bank will be subject to a maximum amount (or limit) invested at any time
 - d) The aggregate of investments in all banks will also be subject to a maximum amount
 - e) The banks that AfC can make investments in and the limits are as follows:

BANK	LIMIT OF INVESTMENT
Barclays	£4,000,000
Nationwide	£3,000,000
NatWest bank	£5,000,000
Svenska Handelsbanken	£2,000,000
Total Investment	£14,000,000

The total aggregate investments that AfC can have outstanding at any time is £14 million

6. At any time the Councils can jointly agree to
 - a) remove approval or vary the investment limits for any of the banks, and vary the total aggregate investments
 - b) approve additional bank(s) with appropriate limits on investment, and
 - c) any such changes shall be agreed in writing (email) by the Finance Directors of each Council and AfC (or their appointed deputies for this purpose) and shall be reported to the next meeting of the Ownership Board and adopted as a change to the Plan as soon as practical and appropriate.
7. The treasury management and banking functions in AfC will be supervised by the Chief Operating and Finance Officer and undertaken by appropriately experienced staff within the finance section of AfC. Treasury activity will be planned and reviewed weekly and longer term plans prepared at least annually.
8. AfC will take advice and act on instructions from the Councils, acting jointly, on its treasury activities and investments.