

Title of Report:	Treasury Management Officer Authorisation			
Committee Report Submitted To:	Finance Committee			
Date of Meeting:	9 October 2025			
For Decision or For Information	For decision			
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No			

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)				
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership			
Outcome	Council has agreed policies and procedures and decision			
	making is consistent with them.			
Lead Officer	Chief Finance Officer			

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	

Budgetary Considerations			
Cost of Proposal			
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/ NO		
Capital/Revenue	Revenue		
Code			
Staffing Costs			

Legal Considerations		
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO	
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.			
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/ No	Date:	
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes /No	Date:	
Rural Needs Assessment	Screening Completed	Yes/ No	Date:	
(RNA)	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/ No	Date:	
Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	Yes /No	Date:	
Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/ No	Date:	

1.1 Background

Treasury management is the management of the Authority's cash flows, borrowing and investments, and the associated risks. The Authority has borrowed and invested substantial sums of money and is therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of financial risk are therefore central to the Authority's prudent financial management.

1.2 Detail

Treasury risk management at the Authority is conducted within the framework of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2017 Edition* (the CIPFA Code) which requires the Authority to approve a treasury management strategy before the start of each financial year. In addition, the Department for Communities (DfC) issued *Guidance on Local Authority Investments* in November 2019 that requires the Authority to approve an investment strategy before the start of each financial year. This report fulfils the Authority's legal obligation under the *Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011* to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the DfC Guidance.

1.3 Review

The purpose of this report is to request an additional officer authorisation to deal with Treasury Management activities on behalf of Council. The current authorisation extends to the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Financial Accountant. A recent internal audit of Treasury Management activities recommended that the current authorisation is slightly small meaning that during a period of absence such as annual leave there may only be one person dealing with these activities and Council should therefore consider extending the delegated authority. Having considered the recommendation of internal audit Officers are requesting an additional Officer be authorised for Treasury Management.

1.4 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the authorisation of the Management Accountant to deal with Treasury Management activities and that they be added to the approved authority list for processing online banking payments.