

# Adoption of the Revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2009

## Introduction

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in Local Authorities was last updated in 2001 and has been revised in 2009 in the light of the default by Icelandic banks in 2008. The revised Code requires that a report be submitted to the council, board or other appropriate body, setting out four amended clauses that should be formally passed in order to approve adoption of the new version of the Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes.

The revised Code also includes an amended version of the treasury management policy statement (TMPS) incorporating just three clauses and a revised definition of treasury management activities. The Code does not require this statement to be approved by the council, board or other appropriate body.

The revised Code has also set out various requirements which have been summarised in paragraph 1 of the latest Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

## Resolutions

CIPFA recommends that all public service organisations adopt, as part of their standing orders, financial regulations, or other formal policy documents appropriate to their circumstances, the following clauses.

1. The Council will create and maintain, as the cornerstones for effective treasury management:

- a treasury management policy statement, stating the policies, objectives and approach to risk management of its treasury management activities
- suitable treasury management practices (TMPs), setting out the manner in which the organisation will seek to achieve those policies and objectives, and prescribing how it will manage and control those activities.

The content of the policy statement and TMPs will follow the recommendations contained in Sections 6 and 7 of the Code, subject only to amendment where necessary to reflect the particular circumstances of this organisation. Such amendments will not result in the Council materially deviating from the Code's key principles.

2. The Council will receive reports on its treasury management policies, practices and activities, including, as a minimum, an annual strategy and plan in advance of the year, a mid-year review and an annual report after its close, in the form prescribed in its TMPs.

3. The Council delegates responsibility for the implementation and regular monitoring of its treasury management policies and practices to Cabinet, and for the execution and administration of treasury management decisions to the Head of Corporate Services, who will act in accordance with the organisation's policy statement and TMPs and, as he is a CIPFA member, CIPFA's Standard of Professional Practice on Treasury Management.

4. Council nominates the Audit Committee to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies.