

### **Prudential Indicators 2014/15 Out-turn**

#### **Introduction**

The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (Prudential Code) has been developed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) to provide a code of practice to underpin the new system of capital finance embodied in Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003.

The key objectives of the Prudential Code are to ensure that capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable.

The Prudential Code supports a system of self-regulation that is achieved by the setting and monitoring of a suite of Prudential Indicators that directly relate to each other. The indicators establish parameters within which the Authority should operate to ensure the objectives of the Prudential Code are met.

#### **Prudential Indicators**

The Prudential Indicators for which the Authority is required to set limits are as follows:

##### **1. Capital Expenditure**

The actual amount of capital expenditure that was incurred during 2014/15 was as follows:

	2014/15 Original Feb 2014 £m	2014/15 Forecast Feb 2015 £m	2014/15 Actual £m
Capital Expenditure	7.000	6.759	4.809
Operationally Leased Assets	0.000	0.313	0.355
	<b>11.959</b>	<b>11.064</b>	<b>5.164</b>

Actual capital expenditure is lower than that originally anticipated due to the following reasons:

- The vehicle replacement programme and minor capital projects was put on hold pending the outcome of the CRMP.
- Delays on major building projects.

## **2. Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream**

Financing Costs include the amount of interest payable in respect of borrowing or other long term liabilities and the amount the Authority is required to set aside to repay debt, less interest and investments income.

The actual Net Revenue Stream is the 'amount to be met from government grants and local taxation' taken from the annual Statement of Accounts, and the estimated figure is the Authority's budget net of any transfers to or from the balances.

The indicator only requires that the costs associated with capital expenditure are measured in this way. However the Authority has used, and may continue to use Operational Leasing as a cost effective method of acquiring vehicles. In the spirit of the Prudential Code these costs are included for comparative purposes.

	2014/15 Original Feb 2014	2014/15 Forecast Feb 2015	2014/15 Actual
	£m	£m	£m
Financing Costs	2.715	2.215	1.999
Net Revenue Stream	31.366	31.366	31.366
Ratio	8.66%	7.06%	6.37%

## **3. Capital Financing Requirement**

The capital financing requirement is a measure of the extent to which the Authority needs to borrow to support capital expenditure. It does not necessarily relate to the actual amount of borrowing at any one point in time. The Authority arranges its treasury management activity via a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) which has an integrated treasury management strategy where there is no distinction between revenue and capital cash flow, and the day to day position of external borrowing and investments can change constantly.

The capital financing requirement concerns only those transactions arising from capital spending, whereas the amount of external borrowing is a consequence of all revenue and capital cash transactions combined together following recommended treasury management practice.

	Original Feb 2014	Forecast Feb 2015	Actual
	£m	£m	£m
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) 31 March 2015	20.685	20.107	17.859

#### **4. Authorised Limit**

The Authorised Limit represents an upper limit of borrowing that could be afforded in the short term but may not be sustainable.

#### **5. Operational Boundary**

The Operational Boundary represents an estimate of the most likely, prudent, but not worst case scenario and provides a parameter against which day to day treasury management activity can be monitored.

The limits for these indicators set for 2014/15 and the final out-turn are given below, and it can be confirmed that the out-turn figure represents the maximum borrowing at any point in the year, i.e. the Authorised limit was not exceeded.

	2014/15 £m
Authorised Limit	28.000
Operational Boundary	26.000
Actual Borrowing 31 March 2015	13.971

#### **6. Fixed Interest Rate Exposures**

The Authority set an upper limit on its fixed interest rate exposures as follows:

<b>Fixed Interest Rate Exposure</b>	2014/15 £m
Upper Limit	28.000
Actual Borrowing 31 March 2015	13.971

#### **7. Variable Interest Rate Exposures**

The Authority set an upper limit on its variable interest rate exposures, however all current borrowing is at fixed rates.

#### **8. Maturity Structure of Borrowing**

The upper and lower limits for the maturity structure of borrowings are as follows:

<b>Period of Maturity</b>	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Actual
Under 12 months	0.000	3.493	0.834
12 months and within 24 months	0.000	3.493	0.500
24 months and within 5 years	0.000	6.986	2.000
5 years and within 10 years	0.000	10.478	5.149
10 years and above	3.493	13.272	5.488