

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

23 APRIL 2002

TREASURY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2002/03

Report of Chief Finance Officer

Purpose of Report:

To continue the treasury management arrangements adopted for 2001/02 for the first half of 2002/03 or until such time as revised arrangements can be considered.

Legal Implications:

Section 45 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires a local authority (including National Park Authorities) to determine various fundamental items of financial policy in relation to treasury management. The proper accounts practice is laid down in the CIPFA Code of Practice in Treasury Management in Local Authorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Authority is recommended to continue the treasury management arrangements adopted for 2001/02 contained in Minute 108 of the 17 April 2001 meeting for the first half of 2002/03 or until such time as revised arrangements can be adopted.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The CIPFA Code of Practice in Treasury Management in Local Authorities has been substantially revised and, as a consequence, Somerset County Council, through which we lend surplus funds are still considering the implications.
- 1.2 The Code of Practice has limited application to Exmoor National Park Authority which is only concerned with the lending of surplus funds.

2. TREASURY MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The investment service provided by the Somerset County Treasurer under a service agreement continues the arrangements that have existed for the last 5 years and which have provided the Authority with excellent returns on its short term investments.
- 2.2 Given that Somerset County Council has still to finalise its Treasury Management Arrangements for 2002/03 it is recommended that the Authority continues with the arrangements and policy adopted at its meeting on 17 April 2001 and contained in Minute 108 for the first half of 2002/03 or until such time as revised arrangements can be adopted.
- 2.3 Regular monitoring of cash flow will continue during 2002/03 and on all aspects of treasury management. Surplus cash will continue to be lent initially to Somerset County Council which in turn will lend only to a restricted list of approved counter-parties to spread the risk.

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