

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LENDING OF TEMPORARY SURPLUSES

Country		Lending Limit £m	Maturity Limit	# Watch/ Outlook Adjusted		FITCH IBCA Credit Rating Long Term	Sovereign	For Treas CDS Overlay
	1 Other Local Authorities	20 each	24 Months					
	2 Debt Management Account Deposit Facility	50	6 Month					
	3 UK Banks :							
UK	# HSBC Group	20	365 Day					
	HSBC Bank Plc (RFB)	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AA	365 Day
	HSBC Evergreen Notice Account	20	365 Day					
UK	# RBS Group - Part Nationalised	40	365 Day					
UK	National Westminster Bank Plc (RFB)	40	365 Day	365 Day	SB	BBB+	AA	
UK	Royal Bank of Scotland Plc (RFB)	40	365 Day	365 Day	SB	BBB+	AA	
UK	# LloydsHBOS Group	20	365 Day					
	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc (RFB)	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	A+	AA	365 Day
	Bank of Scotland PLC (RFB)	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	A+	AA	365 Day
UK	Santander UK PLC	15	6 Months	6 Months	SB	A+	AA	6 Months
UK	Standard Chartered Bank	15	6 Months	6 Months	SB	A+	AA	6 Months
	4 Other Banks							
AUS	Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
AUS	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
AUS	National Australia Bank	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
AUS	Westpac Banking Corporation	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
BEL	# BNP Paribas Group	20	365 Day					
FRA	BNP Paribas Fortis	15	6 Months	6 Months	SB	A+	AA-	6 Months
	BNP Paribas	20	6 Months	365 Day	SB	A+	AA	365 Day
CAN	Bank of Montreal	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
CAN	Bank of Nova Scotia	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
CAN	Canadian Imperial Bank Commerce	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
CAN	National Bank of Canada	15	6 Months	6 Months	SB	A+	AAA	6 Months
CAN	Royal Bank of Canada	20	365 Day	365 Day	NO	AA	AAA	365 Day
CAN	Toronto Dominion Bank	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
FRA	Credit Industriel et Commercial	15	6 Months	6 Months	SB	A+	AA	6 Months
FIN	Nordea Bank Abp	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AA+	365 Day
	OP Corporate Bank	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AA+	365 Day
GER	DZ Bank AG	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
GER	Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale (Heleba)	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	A+	AAA	365 Day
NETH	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten	25	24 Months	24 Months	SB	AAA	AAA	24 Months
NETH	Cooperative Centrale Raiffeisen Boerenleenbank BA (Rabobank)	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
NETH	ING Bank NV	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	A+	AAA	365 Day
SING	DBS Bank Ltd	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
SING	Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
SING	United Overseas Bank	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
SWITZ	#UBS Group	20	365 Day					
UK	UBS AG	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
	UBS Ltd	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AA	365 Day
SWE	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
SWE	Swedbank AB	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
SWE	# Svenska Group	20	365 Day					
UK	Svenska Handelsbanken AB	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA	AAA	365 Day
	Handelsbanken Plc	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA	AA	365 Day
	Svenska Handelsbanken - 35 Day Notice Account	20	365 Day	365 Day				365 Day
	Svenska Handelsbanken- 10 Day Notice Account	20	365 Day	365 Day				365 Day
	Svenska Handelsbanken- Call Account	20	365 Day	365 Day				365 Day
USA	Bank of New York Mellon	25	24 Months	24 Months	SB	AA	AAA	24 Months
USA	Bank of America NA	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA-	AAA	365 Day
USA	JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	20	365 Day	365 Day	SB	AA	AAA	365 Day
	5 AAA Money Market Funds							
	# MMF Group	100	24 Months					
	HSBC Global Liquidity Fund	20	24 Months			AAA		
	Morgan Stanley Sterling Liquidity Fund	20	24 Months			AAA		
	Deutsche Managed Sterling Fund	20	24 Months			AAA		
	Insight GBP Liquidity Fund	20	24 Months			AAA		
	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund	20	24 Months			AAA		
# Group Limit of applies where indicated. ** A maximum of 20% of total funds to be held in the Building Society Sector. ** No more than 20% of total funds to be held in any one institution or group, excluding Govt/MMFs. Any adverse press comments concerning borrowers/potential borrowers should be referred to M Grady / S Maycock / K Tonge / N Kay. Revised: 31st March 2019								

Definition of Credit Ratings and Credit Default Swap Spreads

Credit Ratings:

Long Term Rating (Fitch)

The Long Term rating assesses the borrowing characteristics of banks and the capacity for the timely repayment of debt obligations which apply to instruments of up to 5 years duration.

Long Term Ratings range from AAA, AA, A to DDD, DD, D. Only Institutions with Ratings of A+ and above are acceptable on the Councils Lending List as follows:

AAA - Highest Credit Quality - lowest expectation of credit risk. Exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. Highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA - Very High Credit Quality - Very low expectation of credit risk. Very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. Not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

A - High Credit Quality - Low expectation of credit risk. Strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. More vulnerable to adverse foreseeable events than the case for higher ratings.

“+” Or “-” may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories.

Sovereign Ratings (Fitch)

The Sovereign (Governments of Countries) Rating measures a sovereign’s capacity and willingness to honour its existing and future obligations in full or on time. It looks at factors such as:

- Macroeconomic performance and prospects;
- Structural features of the economy that render it more or less vulnerable to shocks as well as political risk and governance factors;
- Public finances, including the structure and sustainability of public debt as well as fiscal financing;
- The soundness of the financial sector and banking system, in particular with respect to macroeconomic stability and contingent liability for the sovereign; and
- External finances, with a particular focus on the sustainability of international trade balances, current account funding and capital flows, as well as the level and structure of external debt (public and private).

Sovereign Ratings range from AAA, AA, A to DDD, DD, D. Only countries with a Sovereign Rating AA- are acceptable on the Councils Lending List.

Credit Rating Watches and Outlooks issued by Credit Rating Agencies

Rating Watches -indicate that there is a heightened probability of a rating change in the short term either in a positive or negative direction. A Rating Watch is typically event-driven and, as such, it is generally resolved over a relatively short period.

Rating Outlooks -indicate the direction a rating is likely to move over a one- to two-year period reflecting a position not yet reached but if trends continue will do so hence triggering a rating move.

Money Market Fund Rating (Moody's)

Aaa/MR1+ - this rating denotes the lowest expectation of default risk. It is assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events. Funds rated MR1+ are considered to have the lowest market risk.

Credit Default Swap (CDS) Spreads

A CDS is effectively a contract between two counterparties to 'insure' against default. The higher the CDS price of a counterparty, the higher the supposed risk of default. The CDS level therefore provides a perceived current market sentiment regarding the credit quality of a counterparty and generally the movement in the CDS market gives an early warning of the likely changes in credit ratings of a counterparty.

Link has employed a benchmark system which compares the CDS spread of a counterparty against a pre-determined benchmark rate (iTraxx Senior Financial Index) to produce a CDS status overlay of 'In Range', 'Monitoring' or 'Out of Range' and this status is used to further determine the creditworthiness of the counterparty.

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