#### **SECTOR**



# Treasury Management Presentation

**Lincolnshire County Council** 

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#### The Code - Reporting requirements

- Full Council to receive reports on:
- Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) overall strategy for borrowing and investing for the year ahead
- Annual MRP Policy
- Annual Investment Strategy determination of which investment instruments to use (can be combined with TMSS)
- Mid year (as a minimum) TMSS and AIS review
- Annual Report review of previous financial year

#### Current situation in summary

- Continued concern around the sovereign debt crisis in the Euro zone and sovereign downgrades
- Growth figures now lower than previously expected. Little prospect of significant growth over next 3 to 4 years
- QE now firmly back on the agenda
- CPI Inflation expected to be back to target over 2 to 3 year time horizon
- From a treasury perspective -
- Borrowing rates lower than expected value in medium and longer term rates
- Investment returns to remain depressed
- Counterparty risk remains high

#### **U.K.** Interest Rate Forecasts

Bank Rate															
	NOW	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Jun-13	Sep-13	Dec-13	Mar-14	Jun-14	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15
Sector's View	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
UBS	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	-	-	-	-	-
5yr PWLB Rate															
	NOW	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Jun-13	Sep-13	Dec-13	Mar-14	Jun-14	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15
Sector's View	2.22%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.40%	2.50%	2.60%	2.70%	2.80%	2.90%	3.10%	3.30%	3.50%	3.70%
UBS	2.22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	2.22%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	-	-	-	-	-
10yr PWLB Rate															
	NOW	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Jun-13	Sep-13	Dec-13	Mar-14	Jun-14	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15
Sector's View	3.26%	3.30%	3.30%	3.30%	3.40%	3.40%	3.50%	3.60%	3.70%	3.80%	4.00%	4.20%	4.40%	4.60%	4.80%
UBS	3.26%	3.45%	3.45%	3.50%	3.60%	3.65%	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	3.26%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	-	-	-	-	-
25yr PWLB Rate															
	NOW	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Jun-13	Sep-13	Dec-13	Mar-14	Jun-14	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15
Sector's View	4.06%	4.20%	4.20%	4.20%	4.30%	4.30%	4.40%	4.50%	4.60%	4.70%	4.80%	4.90%	5.00%	5.10%	5.20%
UBS	4.06%	4.80%	4.90%	4.90%	4.90%	4.90%	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	4.06%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	-	-	-	-	-
50yr PWLB Rate															
	NOW	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Jun-13	Sep-13	Dec-13	Mar-14	Jun-14	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15
Sector's View	4.08%	4.30%	4.30%	4.30%	4.40%	4.40%	4.50%	4.60%	4.70%	4.80%	4.90%	5.00%	5.10%	5.20%	5.30%
UBS	4.08%	4.80%	4.95%	4.95%	5.00%	5.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	4.08%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	-	-	-	-	-

## Managing Risk ~ Security v Liquidity v Yield (SLY)

#### Security

- Likelihood of getting investment back on terms invested
  - Strong = low return
  - Weak = high return

#### Liquidity

- Length of investment
  - Return linked to
    - status of counterparty
    - Interest rate outlook

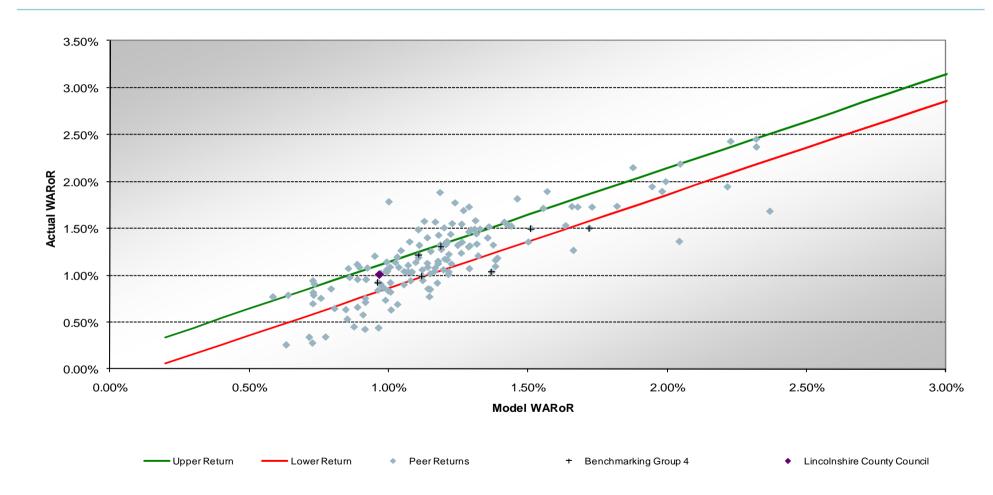
#### Yield

Combination of the above

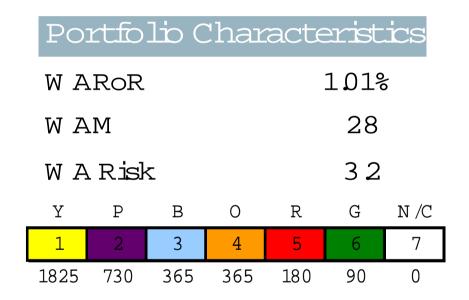
#### **Investment Strategy**

- Portfolio to average £200m-£250m during the next year
- Risk averse policy. Minimum AA- long term rating, except part nationalised UK banks
- Specified Investments (up to 1 year, highly rated, low risk)
- Non-specified Investments (1 year +, max £40m)
- Comparison with other Local Authorities in benchmarking group
- Lincolnshire CC 1.01%
- Benchmarking Group 1.18%
- Other Counties 1.12%

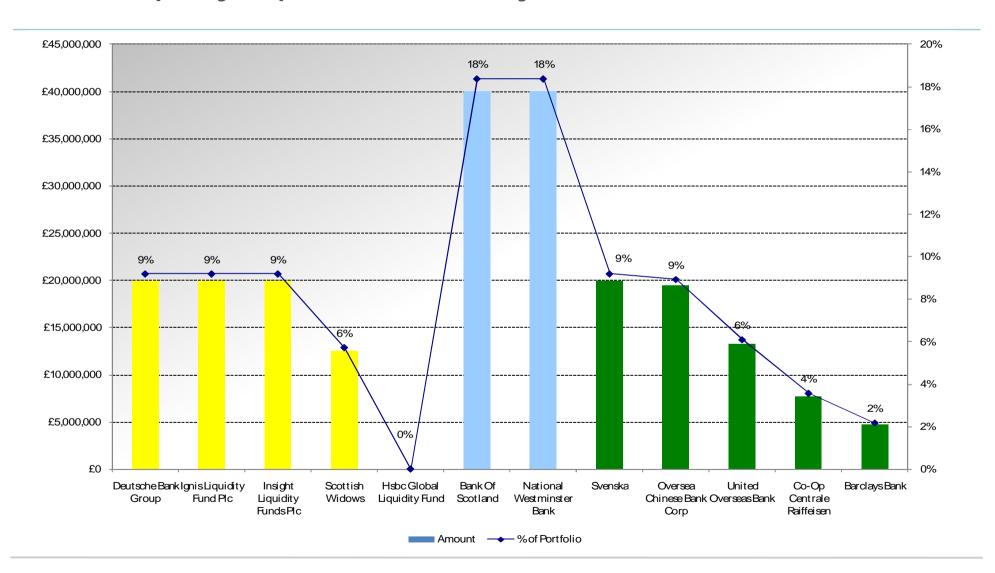
## Comparisons



#### **Portfolio Characteristics**



### Counterparty Exposure – January 2012



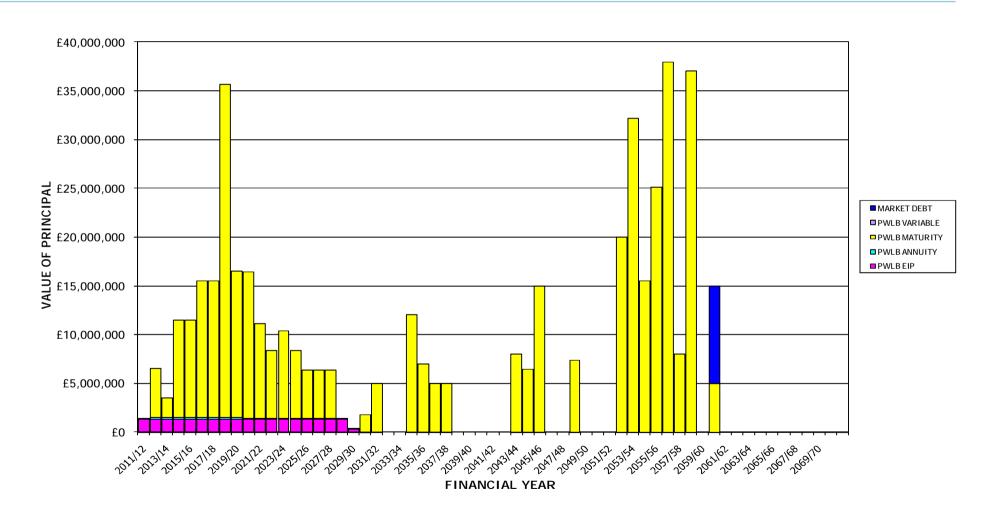
#### **Investment Strategy - Scrutiny Focus:**

- Limits Individual / Group / Sovereign limits?
- Counterparty list?
- Maturity Profiles?
- Financial Instruments?
- Officers' level of understanding?
- Members' level of understanding?
- Scrutiny Level / Quarterly Reporting?
- Risk Appetite / Risk management?
- Benchmarking risk and return?

#### **Debt Management**

- CFR at 31/3/2012 forecast = £519m
- External debt at 31/12/2012 = £450m
- Borrowed from PWLB (£440m) and Banks (£10m)
- Average rate 4.15% all fixed rate
- Low compared to most Councils
- Therefore potential borrowing requirement of £69m at 31/3/2012 which is currently internally funded
- CFR rises by a further £142m by end 2014/15

## **Maturity Profile**



### Debt / Borrowing – Scrutiny Focus

- How much needs to be borrowed?
- External vs. Internal borrowing?
- Sustainable strategy in the longer term?
- Which type of external borrowing (PWLB / LOBO)
- How long to borrow for?
- Fixed or variable rate?
- What limit should there be on LOBOs as a % of borrowing
- Are there any extraordinary issues coming up?
- 3 year ahead time frame under the Prudential Code