


**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
OFFICER DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD
(PUBLISHED)**

1. DECISION TAKEN			
Approval of in year borrowing requirement covering transactions over Q3 2019-20 to ensure sustainable liquidity levels are maintained.			
Approval to delegate the decision for implementation is given to Treasury Accountant, Shared Services in order to secure optimum tenure and rates , informed by liquidity requirements and maintaining flexibility over the year to adapt borrowing strategy as spending plans are more certain and in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy.			
EXECUTIVE		NON-EXECUTIVE	(Please tick either)
IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ? (see definition overleaf)			Yes No
DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?			Yes No
EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)			Section 3

2. OFFICER DECISION TAKER	<p>NAME Becky McIntyre</p> <p>POSITION/POST Director of Governance and Partnerships.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE 26 Sept 2019</p>
3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION (Please ref to any report/minute/background documents attached)	<p>The 2019-20 Treasury Management Strategy (approved Feb 2019) sets out the Authority's Borrowing Strategy as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain an under-borrowed position overall <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake smaller, more regular borrowing transactions <input type="checkbox"/> Aim to balance long-term cost and short-term cost of carry <input type="checkbox"/> To borrow for shorter periods if cash flow requires or to defer long term borrowing for a period <p>The Authority currently has an in-year borrowing requirement and wishes to balance long-term borrowing while rates remain historically low with short-term temporary loans to ensure sustainable liquidity levels are maintained.</p> <p>Up to a total of £15 million will be required to be taken over varying periods of up to 13 months by any available route permitted by the Treasury Management Strategy:</p> <p>Up to a total of £10 million will further be required to be taken over varying periods of up to 50 years by any available route permitted by the Treasury Management Strategy:</p>
4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED (BY DECISION TAKER(S))	<p>Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) has historically been the default option for such borrowing but in recent years the Local Authority market has developed to offer a lower cost alternative for sub-5 year terms. This is because PWLB's rates are set using the market price for the equivalent UK Government Gilt issue plus a margin of 0.8-1%.</p>

	<p>This margin has allowed a liquid market to develop between UK public sector bodies whereby a borrower can obtain funds for periods of less than one year and at rates lower than PWLB and the lender is able to receive better than commercial deposit rates for quasi-UK Government risk.</p> <p>Borrowing for a spread of periods less than 1 year provides the Authority with some flexibility to alter borrowing levels should spend plans alter (typically by allowing shorter loans to mature without replacement).</p> <p>For the reasons above, loans from the public sector marketplace are considered alongside longer-term PWLB on this occasion.</p> <p>Other (commercial banks, pension fund) lenders exist and are keen to lend to UK Local Governments. However, whilst these lenders typically undercut PWLB rates they currently only offer long term solutions and come with significant lead-in times, which don't fit NLC's immediate need.</p> <p>The Authority's current Liability Benchmark also indicates a sizeable borrowing requirement over the next few years to fund planned Capital Programme spend and Reserve drawdowns although management of this need will again be structured through future Borrowing Decisions. This transaction is solely to meet immediate cash flow need.</p>
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TO BE COMPLETED BELOW - ONLY WHEN A DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH A MEMBER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET MEMBER/CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 'SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS' OR DECISION/MINUTE OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OR DECISION/MINUTE OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER.

<p>5. DECISION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBER</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR</p> <p>POSITION</p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE</p>
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<p>6. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER (S) CONSULTED, WHICH RELATES TO THE DECISION, OR (NON-EXECUTIVE) – ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE DECISION TAKEN</p>	
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<p>7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)</p>	
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ANY ACCOMPANYING REPORT.

WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND TO HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES, CIVIC CENTRE, SCUNTHORPE FOR PUBLISHING.

(The definitions of a key decision are when an **executive** decision is likely -

(i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).