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Audit and Finance Committee

23 January 2024

Short-Term Investments and Long-Term Borrowing – Period to 31 December 2023 (Quarter 3)

Report of Treasurer

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the performance of the Authority's short-term investments and long-term loans for the period ended 31 December 2023.

Short-Term Investments

2. In accordance with the Fire and Rescue Authority's adopted Treasury Policy Statement, the following transactions have been made with the UK Government Debt Management Office, Money Market Funds, UK clearing banks and major building societies for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

	Position as at 31 December 2023
Interest Earned	£350,562.18
Average Return Earned	5.04%
Average Bank of England base rate	4.95%
Balance Invested at Quarter End	£8,820,000.00
Average Daily Balance of Investments	£9,989,086.00

3. Interest of £350,562.18 has been earned up to the 31 December 2023 which is above the budgeted amount of £37,500 for the year to date.

4. The short-term investments balance of £8,820,000 at the 31 December 2023 is made up as follows: -

Borrower	Amount Invested £M
Money Market Fund	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldman Sachs • Insight 	<p style="text-align: right;">£2.000</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£3.800</p>
Lloyds	£0.320
Debt Management Office	£2.700
Total	£8.820

Long-Term Borrowing

5. The outstanding principal balance of £4,898,000.00 relating to long-term loans at the 31 December 2023 is made up as follows: -

Lender	Amount Invested £M
PWLB Lending Facility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan 324867 • Loan 510768 	<p style="text-align: right;">£1.941</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£2.957</p>
Total	£4.898

Recommendation

6. Members are requested to **note** the current position regarding the Authority's short-term investments and long-term borrowing.