

Glossary

Term	Definition
Basis Point	1/100 th of 1%, i.e. 0.01%
The Bank of England	The central bank of the United Kingdom and the model on which most modern central banks have been based.
Call Accounts	Deposit accounts with banks and building societies that provide same day access to invested balances. Interest paid is usually linked to the level of the official base rate.
CFR – Capital Financing Requirement	The underlying need to borrow for capital purposes
CDs – Certificates of Deposit	Negotiable time deposits issued by banks and building societies which can pay either fixed or floating rates of interest. They can be traded on the secondary market, enabling the holder to sell the CD to a third party to release cash before the maturity date.
CPI – Consumer Price Index	This is a measure of the general level of price changes for consumer goods and services but excludes most owner occupier housing costs such as mortgage interest payments, council tax, dwellings insurance, rents etc.
Corporate bonds	Corporate bonds are those issued by companies. Generally, however, the term is used to cover all bonds other than those issued by governments. The key difference between corporate bonds and government bonds is the risk of default.
Cost of Carry	Costs incurred as a result of an investment position, for example the additional cost incurred when borrowing in advance of need, if investment returns don't match the interest payable on the debt.
Counterparties	These are the organisations responsible for repaying the Council's investment upon maturity and making interim interest payments.
CDS – Credit Default Swaps	A swap designed to transfer the credit exposure of fixed income products between parties. The buyer of a credit swap receives credit protection, whereas the seller of the swap guarantees the credit worthiness of the product. By doing this, the risk of default is transferred from the holder of the fixed income security to the seller of the swap.
DMADF – Debt Management Agency Deposit Facility	An investment facility run by part of the HM Treasury taking deposits at fixed rates for up to 6 months.

Diversification / diversified exposure	The spreading of investments among different types of assets or between markets in order to reduce risk.
Derivatives	Financial instruments whose value, and price, are dependent on one or more underlying assets. Derivatives can be used to gain exposure to, or to help protect against, expected changes in the value of the underlying investments. Derivatives may be traded.
DMO – Debt Management Office	An Agency of HM Treasury whose responsibility includes debt and cash management for the UK Government, lending to local authorities and managing certain public sector funds.
ECB – European Central Bank	Sets the central interest rates in the European Monetary Union area. The ECB determines the targets itself for its interest rate setting policy; this is to keep inflation within a band of 0 to 2%
EIP – Equal Instalments of Principal	A repayment method whereby a fixed amount of principal is repaid at regular intervals with interest being calculated on the principal outstanding.
Fixed Deposits	These are loans to banks, building societies or other local authorities which are for a fixed period and at a fixed rate of interest.
FRN – Floating Rate Notes	Debt securities with payments that are reset periodically against a benchmark rate, such as the three month London inter-bank offer rate (LIBOR). FRNs can be used to balance risks incurred through other interest rate instruments in an investment portfolio.
Gilts / Gilt Edged Securities	These are issued by the UK Government in order to finance public expenditure. Gilts are generally issued for a set period and pay a fixed rate of interest. At the end of the set period the investment is repaid (at face value) by the Government. However, during the life of a gilt it will often be traded (bought and sold) at a price decided by the market.
LIBID – London Interbank BID Rate	The interest rate at which London banks are willing to borrow from one another.
LIBOR – London Interbank Offer Rate	The interest rate at which London banks offer one another. Fixed every day by the British Bankers Association to five decimal places. This has been replaced by SONIA on 1 January 2022 (see below)
Maturity loans	A repayment method whereby interest is repaid throughout the period of the loan and the principal is repaid at the end of the loan period.

MMF – Money Market Funds	Externally managed pooled investment schemes investing in short term cash instruments.
MRP – Minimum Revenue Provision	The minimum amount which must be charged to an authority's revenue account each year and set aside towards repaying borrowing.
MPC – Monetary Policy Committee	The MPC (Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England) is a group of nine individuals who, independently of government, set short term interest rates. Their primary target is to keep inflation within plus or minus 1% of a central target of 2.5% in two years time from the date of the monthly meeting of the Committee. Their secondary target is to support the Government in maintaining high and stable levels of growth and employment.
Multilateral Investment banks	International financial institutions that provide financial and technical assistance for economic development.
Municipal Bonds Agency	An independent body owned by the local government sector that seeks to raise money on the capital markets at regular intervals to on-lend to participating local authorities.
Pooled Funds	Investments made with an organisation who pool together investments from other organisations and apply the same investment strategy to the portfolio. Pooled fund investments benefit from economies of scale, which allows for lower trading costs per pound, diversification and professional money management.
Prudential Code	A governance procedure for the setting and revising of prudential indicators. Its aim is to ensure, within a clear framework, that the capital investment plans of the Council are affordable, prudent and sustainable and that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good practice.
PWLB – Public Works Loans Board	A central government agency which provides long- and medium-term loans to local authorities at interest rates only slightly higher than those at which the Government itself can borrow. Local authorities are able to borrow to finance capital spending from this source.
Repo – Reverse Repurchase Agreements	An agreement to purchase a security from a counterparty, typically a bank, and then sell the security back to the bank on a predetermined date for the principal amount plus interest. The security is collateral to be used in the event of a default by the counterparty.

SONIA – Sterling Overnight Index Average	SONIA is based on actual transactions and reflects the average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions and other institutional investors. SONIA replaced LIBOR from 1 January 2022
Supranational Bonds	These are very similar in nature to gilts except that rather than being issued by the UK Government they are issued by supranational bodies supported by more than one national government such as the European Investment Bank which is supported by all of the EU member states.
Treasury Bills	Tradable debt securities issued by the UK Government with a short term maturity (3 months to 1 year) issued at a discount. The income from these is in the form of a capital gain rather than interest income.
TMP – Treasury Management Practices	Schedule of treasury management functions and how those functions will be carried out.
TMS – Treasury Management Schedules	More detailed schedules supporting the TMP at a detailed operational level specifying the systems and routines to be employed and the records to be maintained in fulfilling the Council's treasury functions
VRP - Voluntary Revenue Provision	A voluntary amount charged to an authority's revenue account and set aside towards repaying borrowing.
Working Capital	Timing differences between income and expenditure (debtors and creditors).