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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council measures and manages its capital expenditure, borrowing and commercial and service investments with reference to the following indicators. It is now a requirement of the CIPFA Prudential Code that these are reported on a quarterly basis

2. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- 2.1 Cotswold District Council has undertaken and is planning capital expenditure as summarised below.

	2023/24 actual (£)	2024/25 forecast (£)	2025/26 budget (£)	2026/27 budget (£)
Capital Expenditure				
General Fund services	5,654,676	7,426,500	1,328,000	6,651,000
Capital investments	328,000	0	0	0

- 2.2 The main General Fund capital projects to date have included investment in Cirencester Leisure Centre, expenditure in respect of Disabled Facilities Grants, purchase of Ubico Vehicles, Trinity Road Agile Working Project and Carbon Efficiency works.

3. CAPITAL FINANCING REQUIREMENT

- 3.1 The Council's cumulative outstanding amount of debt finance is measured by the capital financing requirement (CFR). This increases with new debt-financed capital expenditure and reduces with Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and capital receipts used to replace debt.

	2023/24 actual (£)	2024/25 forecast (£)	2025/26 budget (£)	2026/27 budget (£)
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)				
General Fund services	70,969	496,000	469,000	4,618,000
Capital investments	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CFR	70,969	496,000	469,000	4,618,000

4. GROSS DEBT AND THE CAPITAL FINANCING REQUIREMENT

- 4.1 Statutory guidance is that debt should remain below the capital financing requirement, except in the short term. The Council has complied and expects to continue to comply with this requirement in the medium term as is shown below.

	31/03/2024 actual (£)	31/03/2025 forecast (£)	31/03/2026 budget (£)	31/03/2027 budget (£)	Debt at 30.9.2024 (£)
Gross Debt and CFR					
Debt (incl. PFI & leases)	357,255	260,000	16,000	5,000	308,955
Capital Financing Requirement	70,969	496,000	469,000	4,618,000	

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4.2 In the table above, the closing position of the CFR for 2023/24 was lower than the level of debt. This is referred to as an overborrowed position and is forecast to change based on the capital expenditure plans set out above. The Council's debt position at 31/3/2024 reflects the balance remaining of the Cotswold Climate Investment (£500k target was reached in August 2022). The need for further borrowing will be kept under review.

4.3 The Cotswold Climate Investment was not purely a treasury decision and the "over borrowed" position can be seen as a timing difference between achieving the investment in 2022 ahead of planned expenditure in 2023/24 and 2024/25. The Council has mitigated the cost of holding this debt through treasury management investments of the cash balance (achieved >5% with the Government's Debt Management Office (DMO) which is significantly above the interest payable of 2.1% on the Climate Investment).

5. DEBT AND THE AUTHORISED LIMIT AND OPERATIONAL BOUNDARY

5.1 The council is legally obliged to set an affordable borrowing limit (also termed the Authorised Limit for external debt) each year. In line with statutory guidance, a lower "operational boundary" is also set as a warning level should debt approach the limit.

Debt, Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary	Maximum Debt Q2 2024/25 (£)	Debt as at 30/09/2024 (£)	2024/25 Authorised Limit (£)	2024/25 Operational Boundary (£)	Complied? Yes/No
Borrowing	10,000,000	308,955	10,000,000	5,000,000	Yes
PFI and Finance Leases	0	0	0	0	Yes
TOTAL Debt	10,000,000	308,955	10,000,000	5,000,000	

5.2 Since the operational boundary is a management tool for in-year monitoring it is not significant if the boundary is breached on occasions due to variations in cash flow, and this is not counted as a compliance failure.

6. NET INCOME FROM COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE INVESTMENTS TO NET REVENUE STREAM

6.1 The Council's income from commercial and service investments as a proportion of its net revenue stream has been and is expected to be as indicated below.

	2023/24 actual (£)	2024/25 forecast (£)	2025/26 budget (£)	2026/27 budget (£)
Total net income from service and commercial investments	491,778	280,000	380,000	390,000
Proportion of net revenue stream	3.46%	2.09%	2.60%	2.80%

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6.2 The 2024/25 forecast is lower than the £380,000 budgeted due to additional costs in respect of vacant properties (vacated Wilkinson property and Bourton on the Water Visitor Information Centre) and in-year rental fluctuations.

7. PROPORTION OF FINANCING COST TO NET REVENUE STREAM

7.1 Although capital expenditure is not charged directly to the revenue budget, interest payable on loans and MRP are charged to revenue.

7.2 The net annual charge is known as financing costs, this is compared to the net revenue stream i.e., the amount funded from Council Tax, Business Rate, and general government grants.

	2023/24 actual (£)	2024/25 forecast (£)	2025/26 budget (£)	2026/27 budget (£)
Financing costs (£)	14,000	19,000	40,000	53,000
Proportion of net revenue stream	0.10%	0.14%	0.27%	0.48%

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