

Explanation of Capital Expenditure, Treasury Investments, and Non-Treasury Investments

Appendix 1

	Capital Expenditure	Treasury Investments	Non-Treasury Investments
Purpose	Traditional capital expenditure to meet service objectives	Maximising the security and liquidity of cash, and generating the most efficient returns without compromising the required security and liquidity	Investment in assets to meet service objectives and/or commercial objectives
Investment Timescales	Long term	Short-term (up to 1 year)	Short term through to exceptionally long term - dependent on objectives
Outcome for Asset Value	Assets are consumed through their working life and are assumed to have no remaining value at the end of their working life. New funding is then required to purchase or create a new asset.	The preservation of capital (security) is the top priority. Assets are only held until the cash is needed for its original purpose (for example a capital receipt that was held until it was spent).	Asset values are assumed to be maintained and repaid where investments are loans by nature. Where investments are equity in nature then either (1) asset values are assumed to be maintained and/or increase or (2) be replaced by other value (e.g. dividends, capital receipts).
Sources of Funding	Investment is permanent (i.e. the investment does not come back). Sources include capital receipts and grants and borrowing. Provision is made for replacement costs via the MTFS.	Investments are temporary (i.e. investments are assumed to come back eventually) Cash balances provide the funding.	Investments are temporary (i.e. investments are assumed to come back eventually). Primarily borrowing and cash balances
Risk	Assets are fully funded, so there is no risk of a loss of an assumed financial investment as such, however there are risks for example (1) cost over-run and (2) that an asset does not deliver its objectives, and that this has knock-on implications.	Credit and liquidity risk exist but are minimised, for example by restricting investments to counterparties with high credit ratings and restricting investments to shorter durations.	Risks are directly dependent upon the nature of the investments undertaken, and the governance and controls built around them. Risks relate to individual investments, and also emerge from the aggregate total amount of activity.
Primarily covered by which strategy document?	Capital Strategy Capital plans also feature in the Treasury Strategy as they drive borrowing and cash planning.	Treasury Management Strategy	Investment Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will also feature in the capital strategy where investment is capital in nature and must be accounted for as such. Will also feature in the Treasury Strategy where the investment drives borrowing or the use of cash balances.
Examples of what this covers in practice	Traditional capital expenditure, for example on roads, IT infrastructure, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loans to Banks, Building Societies, and other Local Authorities Investments in Money Market Funds Investment in the CCLA Property Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-existing non-treasury investments (e.g. land bank, companies such as ESPO, loans to Educaterers, and loans made via CWRT). WPDG