

Item 1

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Glasgow City Council

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

Report by Director of Financial and Business Services

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM 17th MARCH 2021 FASC

Purpose of Report:

To receive responses to the questions raised at the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee of 17th March 2021.

Recommendations:

That Committee notes the report

Ward No(s):

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes No Consulted: Yes No

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Enquiries from Elected Members

Question	<p>Councillor Wisely- I was interested to know about the Scottish Government Investment Regulations. I note that these are from 2010 and understand that around 2015, the then Cabinet Secretary for Finance, John Swinney, gave some clarification that local authorities may decide that fulfilment of their Public Bodies Duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 requires them to reduce the carbon emissions associated with their funds and investments. I'm not sure if there is any interaction between this and the Investment Regulations and if this is something that the Council has ever considered formally?</p>
Answer	<p>The Scottish Government Investment Regulations haven't been updated since 2010 so our Treasury Management Strategy remains focused on the key responsibilities of security, liquidity and yield of our investments. We exercise this through the use of rating agencies and other tools as outlined in the strategy. At present we have no means of measuring ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) factors as part of the treasury management process although this is an area which the rating agencies are now beginning to explore as discussed recently.</p> <p>Once these kind of metrics become available and standardised, this is something that the council may wish to consider adopting as part of future treasury management strategies.</p>