

16th September 2021
08:45 - 17:00
The London Stock Exchange

08.45 REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

09.45 Welcome and introduction

Luke Webster
CEO
Greater London Authority

09:50 UK ECONOMY PANEL

The UK macro-economic overview: the post-Covid investment landscape

In the wake of Covid and Brexit, the UK looks towards inflationary pressures, a complex trade picture, and a vague levelling-up agenda. Our panel of senior economists put it all into perspective for council treasurers.

Stephen Jones
global chief investment officer, multi asset solutions and equities
Aegon Asset Management Europe

Stewart Robertson
senior economist (UK and Europe)
Aviva

James Carrick
global economist
Legal & General Investment Management

10:45 SURVEY RESULTS

CCLA/Room151 Annual Investment Survey 2021

The results are in for our 6th annual survey of council treasurers.

John Kelly
director
CCLA

11:00 Networking break

11:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

Is treasury investment governance fit for purpose?

CIPFA's scrutiny of treasury management practices in recent years, has generated much discussion about the treasury investment governance regime in local government. Our panel explore areas for improvement and feedback on the Prudential Code consultation.

David Green
strategic director
Arlingclose

Martin K Easton
independent, formerly head of capital and treasury
Birmingham City Council

Victoria Worsfold
lead specialist (finance) & deputy s151 officer
Guildford Borough Council

Danny Mather
head of corporate finance
Warrington Borough Council

12:00 ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE STRATEGY

Driving positive outcomes through engagement, not divestment

The demand to see positive ESG outcomes from cash investments is on the rise. But is divestment the way forward or should managers be working with counterparties to drive change?

Gavin Haywood
director
Federated Hermes

12:20 The case for clean air: how local authorities can lead the clean air revolution

April LaRusse
head of income investment specialists
BNY Mellon Investment Management, Insight Investment, a BNY Mellon Company

12:40 Lunch and networking

13:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

Alternatives to cash: sourcing income & managing risk

The now perennial headache of low yields and squeezed budgets has driven increased allocations to so-called non-specified investments. Where are managers and treasurers finding satisfactory returns for palatable risks?

Charlotte Ryland
co-head, equity
CCLA

Martin K Easton
independent, formerly head of capital and treasury
Birmingham City Council

Victoria Worsfold
lead specialist (finance) & deputy s151 officer
Guildford Borough Council

Belinda White
group accountant, capital & treasury
Stevenage Borough Council

14:30 DEBT FOCUS

Strategic debt management: a reappraisal of council borrowing

With funding streams uncertain, settlements short and cost demand rising how can treasurers look differently at debt management on their balance sheets?

Christian Wall
director
PFM

14:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

Debt and risk management: hedging, derivatives and portfolio management

What tools can/should local government employ to develop its approach to managing debt?

Martin K Easton
independent, formerly head of capital and treasury
Birmingham City Council

Mike Jensen
director for investment
Lancashire County Council

Christian Wall
director
PFM



15:20 Networking break

15:40 PROPERTY FOCUS

How to move to a more "sustainable" investment portfolio

How to integrate ESG into investment decision making and drive progress. Net zero: how do we plan to get there?

Nina Reid
head of responsible property investment
M & G Real Estate

16:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Global economic update: Covid, COP-26 & Britain's place in the world

Our closing panel take your questions and examine the state of the global economy.

James Bevan
chief investment officer
CCLA

Eoin Murray
head of investment, international
Federated Hermes

16:45 Wrap up and close of conference

17.00 DRINKS RECEPTION

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