

## Policy & Resources Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 July 2018</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Loan Policy</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Graham Hunt, Town Clerk</b>

### Purpose of Report

1. To provide background on a proposed revision to the Loan Policy.

### Background

2. Thame Town Council adopted a Loan Policy at the Council meeting on 22 July 2014, following consideration at the Policy & Resources Committee on 17 July 2014, which was agreed to be due for review on 22 July 2018.
3. The Town Council subsequently made loans to Thame Players Theatre Company and Chinnor RFC, with useful experience established in both.
4. A loan has also been agreed to Thame Town Cricket Club, though not yet called on.
5. Tighter guidance on Loans by Local Authorities has been defined in the latest Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), for any Investment Strategy adopted after 1 April 2018.
6. The Town Council's Investment Strategy is due to be reviewed in February 2019, at which it also needs to take Loans into consideration, as they are a form of investment.
7. The revised Loan Policy also needs to take into account the tighter guidance.

### Resource Appraisal

8. The execution of any loan, in line with the Loan Policy, is part of normal day to day officer activity.

### Risk Assessment

9. Any loan is a risk, but the adoption of the updated policy will minimise the risks entailed.

### Legal Powers

There are various specific powers that could be applied, but all are also covered by the General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011.

### Recommendation

***It is recommended that the Committee approve the revised Loan Policy.***