

## The above highlights:

- Our internal investment balances have fallen to offset the need for borrowing and are 50% below the average.
- Internal investments average yield at 1.91% is slightly above average,
- We have maintained an average credit rating of AA- in line with the average English Unitary and other Local Authorities whilst achieving a higher income return at 2.74% compared to 2.13% and 2.05%.
- Our Strategic Investments at 44% is higher than the average at 17% and the income yield on these
  is 3.82% which is slightly below average Unuitary at 3.96% but due to the recovery of the value of
  the fund over the period, total return is higher at 10.72% compared 2.29% and -1.15%.