

ARLINGCLOSE TREASURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Arlingclose has launched a Treasury Management System to streamline and expand its service offering to local authorities. The system holds client investment and loan details, compliance limits, cash flow forecasts and market data, enhancing treasury decision making by local authorities and enabling efficient data transfer between clients and Arlingclose. We anticipate this will lead to improved treasury management decisions, more relevant advice and efficiency savings for both Arlingclose and local authorities.



System Capabilities

Logging Transactions: The system handles investment portfolios, including call and notice accounts, CDs, money market funds, bonds, pooled funds and service loans; and debt portfolios, including PWLB loans, LOBOs and peer-to-peer lending. All documentation linked to a transaction, such as confirmations, can be uploaded and kept as a permanent record.

Transaction Maintenance: The system will automatically update interest rates on money market funds, floating rate notes, base rate linked call accounts and variable rate PWLB loans. It will also provide daily market valuations of bonds and pooled funds.

Compliance: Each client can select a series of compliance rules to match their Treasury Strategy and/or Arlingclose recommendations, to ensure investments remain within approved limits. The rules can be used to control both amount and duration exposure to individual counterparties, countries and investment types. Limits can be set either as warnings or as blocks to prevent unapproved transactions from being entered.

Authorisation: The system can optionally be set to require a second user to authorise all transactions before they are recorded as final. This can remove the need for paper based authorisation processes.



Cash Flow Forecasting: The cash flow module can be used to forecast over time ranges from daily to multi-year periods. Data can be input directly into the system or uploaded from Excel spreadsheets. Various cash flow scenarios can be maintained and compared, e.g. original budget, latest forecast and actual cash flow. Reports can be prepared combining actuals to date and forecasts for future periods.

Reporting: There are a large variety of reports and charts available: investment and debt portfolio details and summaries, compliance reports, available limits, daily cash, government statistics, accounting etc. These can be scheduled to be delivered by email. Reports can be produced in Excel, Word or PDF formats, enabling easy incorporation into other reports.

Audit: The system logs all entries, changes, updates, authorisations and compliance checks to maintain a complete and robust audit trail.

Future Developments: We plan to extend the system to encompass live inter-authority benchmarking, prudential indicators and fair values. There is also the potential to receive data from and send instructions to banks, brokers, portals and accounting systems. We are open to suggestions on future developments.

Administration

Arlingclose maintains all the universal information on the system, reducing the amount of client administration necessary. This includes counterparty, bond and fund setup, credit ratings, reference interest rates, bond prices, fund prices and money market fund rates. Data is uploaded daily from Bloomberg and ICD, so users can be confident that their decisions are based upon current information.

Clients are responsible for entering their own transactions and cash flow forecasts, but we will assist with bulk upload of existing portfolios, forecasts and limits upon initial onboarding. The system will therefore be ready for immediate use.

Installation and Training

The system is web-based on Amazon servers and so does not require any software download. It can therefore be easily accessed by users around the organisation and whether working in the office or at home. Alternatively, access can be restricted by IP address as an additional security measure.

Arlingclose will deliver training directly to users at their offices and via regional workshops. Each screen on the system has its own user guide to assist with any queries that arise during use. Arlingclose's systems team will also be available during normal office hours to answer questions and to maintain system data. Additionally Arlingclose has produced a series of demonstration videos to assist with use of the system. These can be found <u>here</u>.

Pricing

Arlingclose has purchased one user license for each local authority client, enabling system access at no cost to the client. Licenses for multiple users (essential if second-user authorisation is required) and for subsidiary or partner organisations will attract an annual fee.

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