



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, 7 August 2015

Time: 10.30 am

Place: LH3.19 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business

Acting Corporate Director for Resources

Constitutional Services Officer: Catherine Ziane-Pryor **Direct Dial:** 0115 8764298

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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at LB31 Loxley House, Station Street,
Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 26 June 2015 from 10.30 - 12.18**

Membership

Present

Councillor Michael Edwards
Councillor John Hartshorne
Councillor Carole-Ann Jones
Councillor Anne Peach
Councillor Sarah Piper (Chair)
Councillor Andrew Rule
Councillor Linda Woodings
Councillor Steve Young

Absent

Councillor Dave Liversidge
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Malcolm Wood

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Jeremy Bailey	- Service Support Manager, IT
Glyn Daykin	- Audit Section
Barry Dryden	- Senior Finance Manager
Simon Salmon	- Head of IT
Shail Shah	- Head of Internal Audit
Richard Walton	- External Audit, KPMG
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Steve Young as vice-chair

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor David Liversidge (other council business)
Councillor Toby Neil (other council business)
Councillor Malcolm Wood (other council business)

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

5 FUTURE MEETING DATES

AGREED to meet on the following dates:

2015: 7 August, 18 September, 27 November

2016: 26 February, 6 May

6 KPMG EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND TECHNICAL UPDATE

Richard Walton, of external auditors KPMG presented the progress report, highlighting the following points:

- (a) the report is laid out differently from previous reports. It outlines national concerns of local government so that the Committee can have an overview and request council officers to give updates on specific topics at future meetings;
- (b) the report uses a traffic-light system showing the areas of most concern as red. There is only one red area which is CIPFA and HFMA guidance on the Better Care Fund and Section 75 budgets;

RESOLVED to note the report

7 PROGRESS AGAINST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACTICA REVIEW OF NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL IT SERVICES

Jez Bailey, IT Service Support Manager gave a presentation on progress against the recommendations of the Actica Review, highlighting the following points:

- (a) the review was commissioned in June 2014, and looked at all aspects of the IT service including vision, governance, structure and capacity;
- (b) the report was hart-hitting, frank and accurate but did also identify areas where positive changes were already being made such as an investment in technology and a reduction in the number of calls;
- (c) the report gave 28 recommendations ranked high, medium or low priority and also suggested a move to a Service Tower Delivery model, meaning a move from a product-focused to a service-focused model;
- (d) currently all of the 28 recommendations are being addressed and one is complete. It is hoped that all targets will have been met by Summer 2016;
- (e) there has been a notable reduction in calls to the IT helpdesk, abandoned calls, open calls at the end of the month and incidents which breach the Service Level Agreement;

The following answers were given in response to questions from the Committee:

- (f) the IT service now has an investment plan which is reviewed monthly. There has been a move to cloud-based solutions in some areas however this is not always

- the best value for money option as there has been heavy investment in hardware and storage;
- (g) the council has achieved accreditation on three national standards for IT security and this is taken very seriously;
 - (h) as part of the IT Service Improvement Plan, there has been an upgrade programme of user equipment with most colleagues now having received laptops and taken off Citrix;
 - (i) there has been investment in public access to computers, with all libraries and leisure centres having their public computers replaced. There is also now public wi-fi at 22 council sites through The Cloud, and a contract has been signed to provide wi-fi through street furniture in the city-centre;
 - (j) there is also a plan for old council equipment to be offered to members of the public who have no computers. This could be distributed by councillors and could also go to community centres or youth centres as well as vulnerable families;
 - (k) the Big Conversation recently focused on IT services, and confirmed that those users who have received laptops are happier than those who still use the old systems.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the findings of the IT review, the recommendations made by ACTICA and the progress to date**
- (2) organise a meeting of IT services and Councillors Edwards, Peach and Young to discuss the distribution of the old IT equipment.**

8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2014/15 ANNUAL REPORT

Glyn Daykin, Finance Analyst presented the report of the Corporate Director for Resources, highlighting the following:

- (a) the three main themes of the report are:
 - (i) new borrowing – no new long term borrowing has taken place;
 - (ii) debt rescheduling – no debt rescheduling has taken place;
 - (iii) investments – there has been a good return on investments;
- (b) the overall outturn for 2014/15 is an underspend of £2.6m, mainly due to slippage in capital programmes;
- (c) the banking service was transferred from Co-Op to Lloyds as Co-Op pulled out of the public sector market, and Lloyds gave the best alternative offer;
- (d) Treasury Management training will be given at the next meeting for new members.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the performance information in relation to Treasury Management activities for 2014/15, as detailed in the report.**
- (2) bring a report on all capital schemes and values to the next meeting, so that Councillors can pick schemes that they would like to look at in more detail. This can be provided by a Capital accountant.**

9 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2015

Shail Shah, Head of Internal Audit, presented the report which, in accordance with Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, included minor amendments to the Charter endorsed on 25 July 2014, by reflecting the enactment of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

RESOLVED to endorse the Internal Audit Charter.

10 INTERIM ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2014/15

Shail Shah, Head of Internal Audit presented the interim Annual Governance Statement. The final version of the statement will be presented to the Committee in September.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the Interim Governance Statement, the final version of which will be published with the City Council's Statement of Accounts.**

11 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT

Shail Shah, Head of Internal Audit, introduced the Director of Strategic Finance's report which outlined the work of the Internal Audit service for 2014/15.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the audit work completed during the year;**
- (2) note the Head of Internal Audit's annual opinion;**
- (3) select Foster Caring and Adoption and Budgetary Control audits for examination at the November meeting.**

12 EAST MIDLANDS SHARED SERVICES (EMSS) ANNUAL REPORT 2015

RESOLVED to note the EMSS Annual Report 2014/15.

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee decided to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining agenda item in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on that basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the

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public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

14 **EAST MIDLANDS SHARED SERVICES (EMSS) ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - EXEMPT APPENDIX 1**

Shail Shah, Head of Internal Audit presented his opinion on the EMSS annual report.

RESOLVED to note the Head of Internal Audit's opinion contained within the EMSS Annual Report 2014/15.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE – 7 August 2015

Title of paper:	AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Councillor Sarah Piper Chair of the Audit Committee	Wards affected: All
Report author(s) and contact details:	Shail Shah Head of Internal Audit Tel: 0115-8764245 Email: shail.shah@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the work undertaken and approve the report at Appendix 1 .	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

This report outlines the work undertaken by the Audit Committee in 2014/15 and explains how the Committee has filled its designated role within the Constitution and how this work relates to its core responsibilities.

2. BACKGROUND

The Committee is central to the provision of effective corporate governance, which partly depends on a systematic strategy, clear framework and processes for managing risk. Good governance also maintains and increases public confidence in the objectivity and fairness of financial and other reporting, as well as helping to deliver improved services. It is important that local authorities have independent assurance about the mechanisms underpinning these aspects of governance.

An effective Audit Committee helps to raise the profile and effectiveness of internal control, risk management and financial reporting within the Council and should enhance public trust and confidence in the governance of the Council.

In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Committee and develop public trust, the Chair has produced this annual report in respect of its activities. It is aimed to develop the Council's commitment to improving corporate governance.

The report at **Appendix 1** summarises the work undertaken by the Committee during 2014/15, shows the topics it discussed and uses its Terms of Reference to demonstrate how it met its objectives and responsibilities. The report recognises the positive contributions of councillors and colleagues in the deliberations of the Committee and the positive effect the Committee has had on the Council's governance arrangements. For the purpose of reporting, the report categorises the work under the broad themes below.

- Risk Management
- Performance Management

- External Audit
- Internal Audit
- Other Work

The work undertaken is, however, cross cutting and the work covered in each theme is complimentary to that reported in the other themes.

3. **BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

None.

4. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None.

Audit Committee Annual Report 2014/15

Foreword by the Chair

In this, my third annual report, I would like to express my gratitude for the help I have received from committee members and to thank them all for their hard work and diligence. In particular I would thank former Vice Chair Thulani Molife, Mohammad Aslam and Roger Steel for the support they gave during their time on the Committee. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Head of Internal Audit, who has supported the Committee throughout the year with advice and the provision of training, and also to Council colleagues and the providers of external assurances, who have attended our meetings and answered our questions. Indeed those who have attended the committee will be able to testify that appearing before the Audit Committee can be a challenging experience, since in depth questioning and responses are necessary for the Committee to assure itself of the Council's governance arrangements.

The following report summarises the work performed over the year 2014/15 and describes how the Committee has contributed to the effectiveness of the Council by the work it has done including:

- Reviewing the mechanisms for the assessment and management of risk and thereby developing the Council's ability to respond to known and emerging risks.
- Managing a good working relationship with the External Auditor, ensuring appropriate action was taken on its recommendations and the most efficient use of external and Internal Audit was achieved.
- Overseeing the performance of the Internal Audit Service.
- Ensuring audit findings are actioned and consequently helping to improve the Council's effectiveness and governance arrangements.
- Monitoring of, and contribution to, the development of the Council's Statement of Accounts and overseeing the Council's Treasury Management arrangements.
- Accepting new responsibilities for overseeing our partnership with other notable organisations

Purpose of the Committee

Corporate governance is a phrase used to describe the mechanisms underpinning how the Council directs and controls its operations, and relates to the people of Nottingham. Good corporate governance requires organisations to undertake their functions with integrity and in a way that is accountable, transparent, effective and inclusive. My role of the Chair of the Audit Committee is to drive forward improvements on corporate governance. This means I must;

- Consider the reports of external audit and inspection agencies.
- Support the Committee in reviewing the financial statements, external auditor's opinion and reports to Councillors, and monitor management action in response to the issues raised by external audit.
- Support the Committee in reviewing the Council's integrated planning and performance framework.
- Support consideration of the effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated anti-fraud and anti-corruption arrangements.

- Seek assurances that action is being taken on risk-related issues identified by auditors and inspectors.
- Lead the Committee to be satisfied that the authority's assurance statements, including the Annual Governance Statement, properly reflect the risk environment and any actions required to improve it.
- Lead but not direct approval of Internal Audit's strategy, plan and monitor performance.
- Support the review of the summary Internal Audit reports and the main issues arising, and seek assurance that action has been taken where necessary.
- Ensure that there are effective relationships between external and internal audit, inspection agencies and other relevant bodies, and that the value of the audit process is actively promoted.
- Lead the Audit Committee in procuring external audit if required

Committee Aims

The Committee helps to raise the profile of internal control, risk management and financial reporting within the Council. The Committee enhances public trust and confidence in the governance of the Council. My annual report underlines this important work and demonstrates the Council's awareness and commitment to maintaining and improving corporate governance across all its dealings. In summary, the Committee's role is to challenge, assess and gather assurance from within the Council and from external agencies, on the level and quality of the internal control and risk management processes in place. It also approves Audit Plans, the Statement of Accounts, and AGS and monitors the robustness of performance management systems. The benefits to be gained from operating an effective committee are that it:

- raises greater awareness of the need for internal control and the implementation of audit recommendations;
- increases public confidence in the objectivity and fairness of financial and other reporting;
- reinforces the importance and independence of internal and external audit and any other similar review process (eg providing a view on the AGS);
- provides additional assurance through a process of independent and objective review.

Membership

The Audit Committee is made up of 9 non-executive councillors appointed to reflect the political balance of the Council and 1 independent member. The members of the Committee for 2014/15 were:

Councillor Mohammad Aslam
 Councillor Georgina Culley
 Councillor Michael Edwards
 Councillor John Hartshorne
 Councillor Thulani Molife (Vice Chair)
 Councillor Toby Neal
 Councillor Sarah Piper (Chair)
 Councillor Roger Steel
 Councillor Malcolm Wood

Work Undertaken

The following summary of activity is categorised by the main topic or source of the assurance. The work is reflective of the Committee's terms of reference shown at **Appendix A**, which is addressed via an annual work programme endorsed by the Committee. The analysis has been derived from the reports and presentations set before the Committee in the period. **Appendix B** cross references the essential elements of the annual work programme to the Committee's terms of reference.

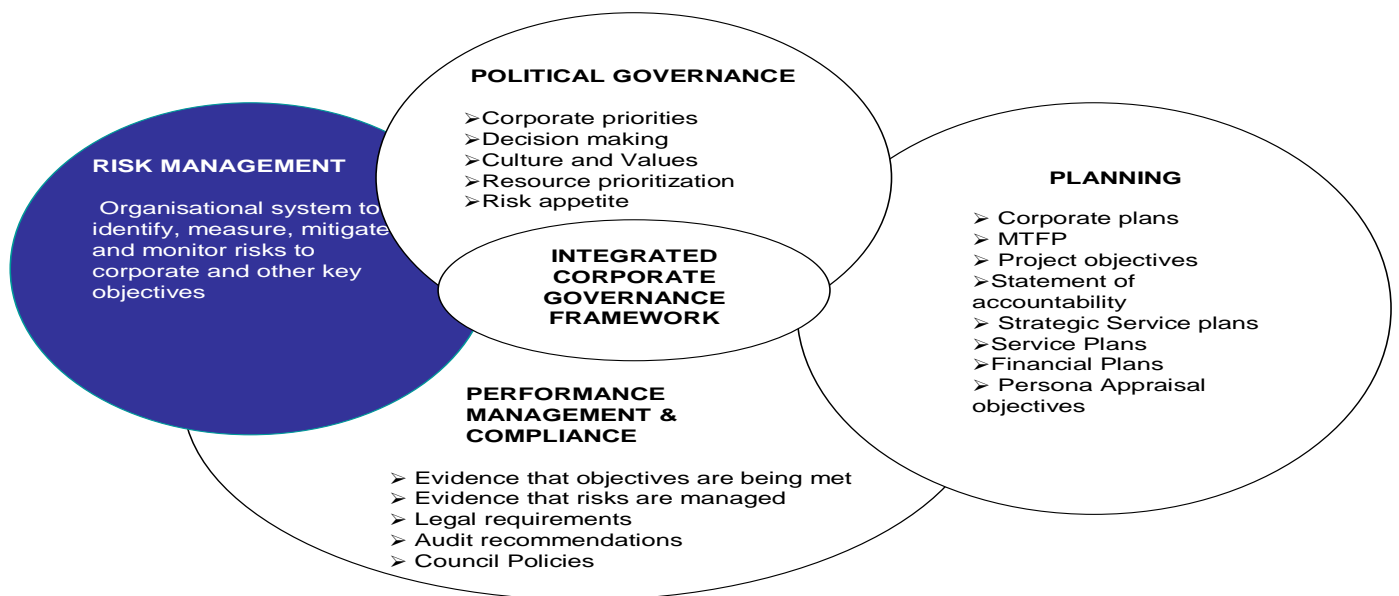
A. Risk Management

Rationale

The role and remit of the Committee was defined when it was established in 2008. The Committee's key risk management role is to provide assurance on the adequacy of the Council's Risk Management Framework (RMF) and the associated control environment by reviewing the mechanisms for assessing and managing risk. The role places the Committee at the centre of the Council's implementation of the RMF and associated policies and practices.

Summary of Work

Risk Management is an essential part of the Council's governance framework. The Committee received regular updates regarding the Council's RMF and Strategic Risk Register, the main elements are summarised below. The following illustration shows the interdependence of the key governance elements and how they sit together with risk management.



RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Committee has responsibility for approving the RMF which provides policy and detailed practical guidance on the Council's risk management approach. The Strategic Risk Strategy

provides practical guidance on the management of the Strategic Risk Register and the risks within it, including escalation/ delegation of risks, reporting arrangements, responsibilities. Risk Strategies accompany Risk Registers maintaining a rigorous Risk and Opportunity Management approach while enabling flexibility in how risks are managed at different levels of the organisation. This approach reflects departmental priorities, ways of working and activities whilst complying with the requirements of higher level risk strategies. During the year the Committee reviewed and approved the updated RMF including the Improvement Action Plan.

The Following Diagram Illustrates the interrelationship of the Council’s Risk Registers



REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISKS

The Council manages the full range of risks that threaten its priorities from the operational to the strategic through a portfolio of risk registers which collectively form the Council Risk Register (CRR). The “highest” register is the Strategic Risk Register (SRR).

In support of its role, Audit Committee received updates on the SRR and considered the direction of risk travel. The Committee has an important role in ensuring the adequacy of the RMF and the associated control environment. As part of the SRR Quarterly Updates, the Committee selected or received for review of the Council’s most important risks with risk owners attending meetings to provide a verbal briefing and answer questions: The Committee used these briefings as an opportunity to challenge / test the management of the risks (for example, identification of appropriate constituent risks and the robustness of risk management actions) and in so doing made a valuable contribution to the management these risks.

B. Performance Management

Rationale

The Committee receives periodic reports in respect of how the Council’s Performance Management Framework (PMF) is being implemented across the Council, which guides its management of non-financial, strategic and operational performance. This gives the Committee

an insight into how strategic and operational performance is being managed and how the use of the PMF affects the Council's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment.

The Council Plan stresses the importance of having effective performance management in place which effectively measure and report success in delivering its key priorities. It is also enshrined in The Nottingham Plan to 2020 which forms the key overarching strategic plan for the public service agencies to deliver the priorities for the city by 2020.

Summary of Work

In February 2014, the Committee approved a substantial revision to the PMF to help reinforce a stronger performance culture which is an integral part of the day-to-day activity of the Council. Managers who attend performance management training workshops consistently report an improvement in their skills and that they have been able to use their skills to positively influence the performance culture of their service. One of the key tenants of the PMF is that every council team should have an appropriate Business Plan as this is key along with Performance Appraisals, to identify and effectively manage the services' contribution to delivering the priorities of the Council as outlined in its overall Council Plan.

The Council's Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) is driving a shift in the culture of performance management across the authority and so has signalled a need for a more consistent, efficient, effective and streamlined approach that also helps services put the citizens at the heart of everything they do. Therefore, the revised PMF is designed to provide a more consistent and effective approach to the way organisational & service performance is managed, monitored, reviewed and reported at all levels in the organisation. It establishes a clear relationship between corporate priorities and decisions taken from the top down to individual level via business planning. The framework has been updated in so that it aligns with the Council's commissioning cycle and sits within the context of our developing 'Good to Great' vision placing citizens at the heart of everything we do. The PMF sets out the high level approach the Council will take to performance management, ensuring that all are:

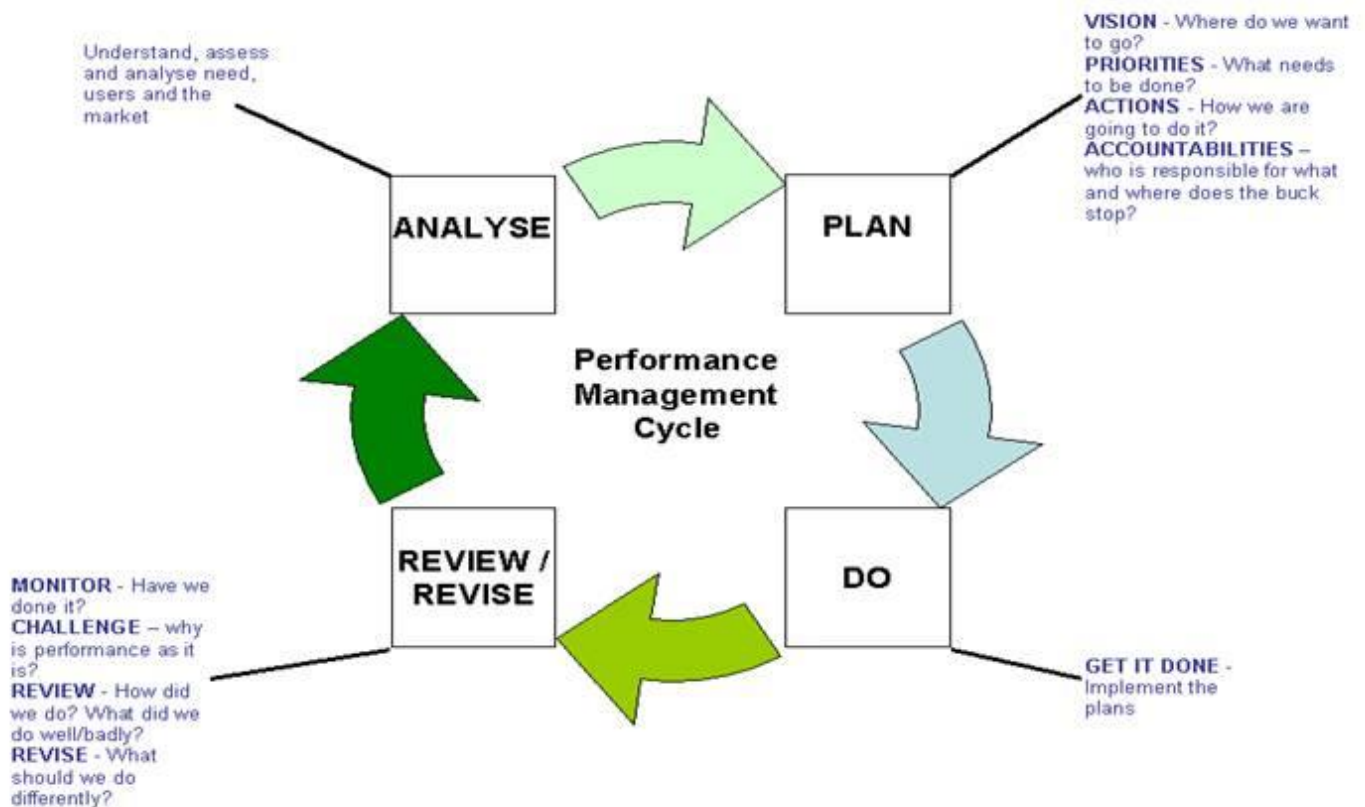
- Clear about what to achieve, by when and by whom
- Focussing resources and action on the right outcomes
- Aware of how things are going
- Reporting on progress – to both internal and external audiences
- Able to quickly access effective support.

The PMF:

- Sets out the principles of our performance culture and how this can be sustained
- Applies to all levels of council activity
- Defines the roles, responsibilities and reporting arrangements for all involved
- Has a broad scope, which includes strategic business planning, risk management, workforce planning, performance appraisal (which has also been substantially refreshed) and performance monitoring and management at team, service, departmental and organisational levels
- Has wider links to the Council's Transformation Portfolio.

As the diagram below shows it is based on the Analyse – Plan – Do – Review/Revise cycle widely adopted as a good business planning/management process, and mirrors the approach taken by our commission activity:

PMF



C. External Audit

Rationale

The Committee also has a duty to scrutinise the Council's financial and non-financial performance, to the extent that it affects the Council's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and to oversee the financial reporting process. It also has further responsibilities to approve the Council's Statement of Accounts (SOA) and to consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports and the report to those charged with governance.

External audit is an essential element of governance, which gives an independent view of the stewardship and accountability roles of the Council. The duties and powers of the external auditor are set out in statute and in the Audit Commission's statutory code of practice. The Council's external auditor changed in the year, the service being provided by the Audit Commission until November 2012 when it was taken over by KPMG.

Summary of work

Throughout the year the Committee received reports from the Council's external auditors, detailing their work plans and the progress they had made. The audit plan followed the approach of previous years and key audit risks were discussed. This has allowed the Committee to obtain an independent assurance in respect of the overall governance arrangements set in place by the Council, including assurance that NCC grant related processes were similar to other local authorities and that their recommendations were addressed appropriately.

In respect of the statement of accounts some transition issues in changing finance systems were recognised, however the committee was assured that mitigating controls were put in place and actions required by Internal Audit had been quickly implemented. Furthermore KPMG had undertaken additional testing on the mitigating controls and were sufficiently assured they were adequate. The culmination of this work was the Annual Audit and Inspection letter and an unqualified opinion on the Authority's 2013-14 financial statements.

D. Internal Audit

Rationale

One of the Committee's key roles is to review and monitor the work of Internal Audit (IA). The Audit Charter sets out the terms of reference of the service and is one of the benchmarks against which the Committee can measure performance and effectiveness of the service.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 state that local authorities must undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards or guidance. The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require the responsibility for the management of Internal Audit to be set with the Board. In practical terms this Board responsibility is vested in the Audit Committee and Section 151 Officer who exercise their Board responsibility via the Constitution and the associated policies and procedures of the City council.

Summary of work

The service impacts on corporate objectives by bringing a systematic disciplined approach to improve the effectiveness of risk management control and governance processes and is an important part of the Council's governance and control framework. During its deliberations the Audit Committee discussed the extent and quality of service being provided against alternative service delivery models and concluded that it was satisfied with the current arrangements. In summary:-

- The IA service operates within professional standards as laid down in the PSIAS.
- The Audit Charter is the embodiment of the terms of reference for the service defining the objectives and responsibilities of the service.
- From the assurance given by the HoIA and assurances gathered from other independent sources, the Committee gained reasonable assurance that the internal control system was operating effectively within the Council and its associated partners.

The Committee gained further assurance from its consideration of detailed reports including:-

- Internal Audit Annual Work Plans, Three Year Strategic Plan and Internal Audit Charter 2014. The Committee endorsed the plans based on a risk assessment model, identifying high, medium and low risks. The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require the production of a Charter which defines the purpose, authority and responsibility of the IA function. The Charter is a key document detailing the scope and methods underpinning the work of Internal Audit and specifically defines the independence of the service and the professional standards expected from it.
- Internal Audit Quarterly Reports. Further to planned work of IA referred to above, the Committee received quarterly progress reports, plan updates and the performance of

Internal Audit analysing outturn against plan and key performance indicators, and summarising the assurance to be taken from the work concluded. The Committee chose a sample of work for further scrutiny at its future meetings to test the robustness of the work and to help understand the Council's internal control environment.

- Internal Audit Annual Report. The PSIAS also require the HoIA to deliver an annual audit opinion which can be used to inform the Annual Governance Statement. The Head of Internal Audit informed the Committee that a reasonable level of assurance could be given that internal control systems are operating effectively.
- Counter Fraud Strategy (CFS). The maintenance and embedding of a counter fraud culture is essential if the Council is to maximise the use of its resources and minimise waste through inefficiency and/or fraudulent activity. The CFS is the cornerstone of the Council's governance policies and is the main strategy statement geared towards protecting public funds and assets by requiring compliance with regulations, rules, procedures and guidelines designed to promote the highest standards of conduct and behaviour. The Head of Internal Audit has also developed a similar strategy for schools to be promoted for adoption by school governing bodies which addresses the relevant parts of The Department of Education Schools Financial Value Standard. The external Auditor assured the Committee that KPMG did not have any concerns regarding the policy and that other Local Authorities are likely follow Nottingham's example.

E. Other Work

The Audit Committee Work Programme (**Appendix B**) reflects the many subject areas and sources of information that the Committee considers in its deliberations about Corporate Governance. The information assimilated allows members of the Committee to understand governance issues and determine their opinion about the overall state of corporate governance in the Council.

E1. Annual Governance Statement - AGS

Rationale

Included in this Committee's terms of reference is the core function that it should be "satisfied that the Authority's assurance statements, including the AGS, properly reflect the risk environment and any actions required to improve it."

The publication of an AGS is required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Council is required to conduct a review, at least annually, of the effectiveness of its internal control and prepare an AGS. In order to produce the AGS an annual timetable is required to ensure key tasks are undertaken to deliver the Statement alongside the Council's SOA. In accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the Committee has delegated authority for the formal approval of the AGS, which it did so at its September 2014 meeting. It was signed by the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive and was published alongside the SOA.

The 2007 CIPFA/SOLACE publication "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework" provides the principles by which good governance should be measured. This has been adopted as the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance by the Executive Board.

The Council's governance arrangements aim to ensure that it sets and meets its objectives and responsibilities in a timely, open, inclusive and honest manner. The governance framework comprises the systems, processes, cultures and values by which the Council is directed and controlled, and through which it engages with and leads the community to which it is accountable. Every council and large organisation operates within a similar framework, which brings together an underlying set of legislative requirements, good practice principles and management processes.

Summary of work

The AGS reflects the governance framework operating within the Council and its significant partnerships, groups and trusts. The issues identified in the AGS and the consequent plans for their mitigation are used to direct corporate resources, including those of IA.

The Committee approved AGS 2013/14, which identified no new significant items of concern. The Committee periodically received reports on the progress made to date in addressing the issues reported in the 2013/14 Statement, and the process and timetable for compiling the 2014/15 statement. Specifically progress has been made across all areas, with the issue regarding Icelandic banks now coming to a conclusion, and the Single Status issue having been concluded. Procedural issues, such as with EMSS (East Midlands Shared Services) were still on-going.

E2. Statement of Accounts (SOA)

Rationale

The SOA is an annual publication that shows how the Council's resources have been utilised, it must be prepared in accordance with all legislative requirements and professional best practice, and approved by the Council within a defined timescale. The Committee's terms of reference include a duty to review and approve the Council's SOA on behalf of the Council.

Summary of Work

The Committee reviewed and agreed the accounting policies on which the annual accounts were prepared. The 2013/14 SOA and Annual Governance Report were received by the Committee. The Committee approved the SOA, noted the report issued to those charged with governance (from the external auditor), and approved the associated management presentation letter.

E3. Local Government Ombudsman – Annual Review

Rationale

Each year all local authorities are provided with a letter from the Ombudsman and a report covering their performance with regard to dealing with complaints.

Complaints need to be used to influence service improvement and therefore to increase customer satisfaction and highlight areas where controls may be failing.

The Council is still the responsible body for complaints about housing provided by Nottingham City Homes and their figures are included in its Annual Letter.

Summary of work

The letter from the Ombudsman was positive noting in particular that:-

- Nottingham is the second best performing Core City. Nottingham City received 115 complaints/enquiries during the year and only 14 complaints were upheld.
- the Authority continues to perform well and turn around enquiries/complaints in good time with an improvement year on year;
- the volume of complaints regarding School Admission Appeals is a national issue resulting from the national situation of there being more school aged children than school places;
- the 'Have Your Say' corporate system for recording compliments, comments and complaints has increased feedback from Nottingham's citizens and is giving invaluable information of how to improve services and responses to citizens

E4. Treasury Management

Rationale

Treasury management is the management of an organisation's borrowings and investments, the effective management of the associated risks and the pursuit of optimum performance or return consistent with those risks.

The Council's treasury management function operates in accordance with the Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services (the TM Code), issued by the CIPFA. Under this code the annual Treasury Management Strategy, including the Investment Strategy, is considered and approved by a meeting of Full Council before the beginning of the financial year to which it applies.

The TM Code requires authorities to nominate a body within the organisation to be responsible for scrutiny of treasury management activity. In undertaking this function, the Committee holds the responsibility to provide effective scrutiny of treasury management policies and practices, and to deliver this in advance of the associated strategies being formally approved by Council. This provides an opportunity for detailed scrutiny and analysis of the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy by those charged with governance.

Summary of Work

The Committee scrutinised and gained assurance from the regular reports it received in the period regarding City Council's Treasury Management Strategy and performance reports including the Treasury Management Annual Report. The Committee reviewed the 2013/14 Treasury Management Annual Report and noted Issues including:-

- the 2013/14 performance of the City Council's external debt investments management,

- changes to its banking arrangements, endorsement Of the 2014/15 Treasury Management Strategy,
- the recovery of the Icelandic Bank deposits;

E5. Role of the Audit Committee and Annual Work Programme

Rationale

An Audit Committee is central to the provision of effective corporate governance. It is important that local authorities have independent assurance about the mechanisms underpinning their governance arrangements. It recognised that high performing councils develop effective financial and non-financial control mechanisms through the ongoing liaison and development of expertise made available by the establishment of an Audit Committee, meeting on a regular cycle, with Terms of Reference focussed on the key audit control and risk management areas critical to the Council's performance. The work of the Committee supports the Council's aim to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. In common with the requirement for Overview & Scrutiny Committees/Panels, and in accordance with CIPFA guidance, the Committee is politically balanced and does not have Executive membership.

Summary of work

The Committee has periodically considered and endorsed periodic reports detailing its work programme. This work aims to improve the Committee's efficiency and effectiveness and ensure it addresses its terms of reference as approved by the City Council. Coverage as contained in the programme is essential for the Committee to gain assurance regarding governance on behalf of the Council's. In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Committee and develop public trust, the Chair produces an annual report in respect of its activities.

E6. Partnership Governance Arrangements

Rationale

The Council has a long and successful history of working in partnership across the public, private, voluntary and third sector. The benefits and opportunities of working in partnership are well understood but risks can arise from collaborative working and the Council must ensure that its involvement in partnerships does not expose it to an unacceptable level of risk.

Summary of work

The Partnership Governance Framework includes an annual 'health check' of each partnership which is significant to the City Council in terms of strategic, reputational or financial importance. The partnerships that are deemed significant to the Council in terms of their strategic, reputational or financial importance are listed in the Register of Significant Partnerships. Any changes to the register are reported to Audit Committee. Health checks are designed to identify risks to the Council from its involvement in any of the partnerships. The results of these health checks included the finding that the majority of partnerships scored good/excellent in all areas;

E7. Audit Committee Annual Report

Rationale

The Committee is central to the provision of effective corporate governance, which partly depends on a systematic strategy, clear framework and processes for managing risk. Good governance also maintains and increases public confidence in the objectivity and fairness of financial and other reporting as well as helping to deliver improved services. It is important that local authorities have independent assurance about the mechanisms underpinning these aspects of governance.

An effective Audit Committee helps to raise the profile and effectiveness of internal control, risk management and financial reporting within the Council. The Committee should enhance public trust and confidence in the governance of the Council.

In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Committee and develop public trust, an annual report was produced in respect of the Committee's activities. It was aimed to demonstrate the Council's commitment to improving corporate governance.

Summary of work

The last annual report outlined the work undertaken by the Committee and how that related to its core responsibilities to demonstrate how the committee had fulfilled its designated role and contributed to the Council's governance framework. The report was presented to the Full Council by the Chair of the Committee.

THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE 2014/2015

TITLE	AUDIT COMMITTEE
POWERS / REMIT	
<p>(a) <u>Main Purposes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment; 2. Scrutinise the council's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the council's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment; 3. Oversee the financial reporting process; 4. Approve the council's statement of accounts; 5. Comment on the scope and nature of external audit; 6. Oversee proposed and actual changes to the council's policies and procedures pertaining to governance. <p>(b) <u>Main Functions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing the mechanisms for the assessment and management of risk; 2. Approving the council's statement of accounts; 3. Receiving the council's reports on the statement on the annual governance statement and recommending their adoption; 4. Approving internal audit's strategy, planning and monitoring performance; 5. Receiving the annual report and other reports on the work of internal audit; 6. Considering the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports and the report to those charged with governance and the council's responses to them; 7. Considering arrangements for and the merits of operating quality assurance and performance management processes; 8. Considering the exercise of officers' statutory responsibilities and of functions delegated to officers; 9. To recommend external audit arrangements for the council; 10. To receive and consider the results of reports from external inspectors, ombudsman and similar bodies and from statutory officers; 11. Overseeing the partnership governance framework, including annual health checks and the register of significant partnerships. 	
ACCOUNTABLE TO: Council	
MEETINGS: Normally six per annum plus specials where required	
MEMBERSHIP: 9 non-executive members (politically balanced) plus 1 independent member	
ESTABLISHED SUB COMMITTEES: None.	

SUMMARY OF CATEGORY OF WORK UNDERTAKEN CROSS REFERENCED TO THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE BY MAIN PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

TOPICS *	Cross reference to Appendix A TOR	Cross reference to Appendix A Function
Audit Committee Training	1 - 6	1- 11
Review of Accounting Policies	3,4	2
External Audit – Audit Committee Progress Reports	5	6
Internal Audit Annual Work Plan and Three Year Strategic Plan	1	4
Audit Committee Annual Work Programme	1 - 6	1 - 11
Annual Governance Statement and Updates	2,4	3,6
Statement of Accounts	4	2
Internal Audit Annual Report and Internal Audit Charter	1	4
Annual Audit Letter	3,4	6
Ombudsman Annual Letter	2	10
Partnership Governance Health Checks and Update to Register Of Significant Partnerships	1	11
Strategic Risk Register – Quarterly Updates and Annual Reviews	1	1
Counter Fraud Strategy	6	8
External Audit Plan	5	6,9
Certificate of Grants and Returns	3,5	2,8
A Revised Performance Management Framework for Nottingham City Council	2	7
Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Report, and Half Yearly Update	2	2,8
Internal Audit Quarterly Reports	1	4
Audit Committee Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plan and Updates	1 - 6	1 - 11

- All the associated reports and agendas are publicly available and may be found at the following website: [Council Meetings and Decisions](#)

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 7 AUGUST 2015

Title of paper:	Draft Statement of Accounts 2014/15	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Geoff Walker Chief Finance Officer	Wards affected: All
Report author(s) and contact details:	Barry Dryden, Senior Finance Manager, Financial Reporting barry.dryden@nottinghamcity.gov.uk 0115 876 2799	
Other colleagues who have provided input:	None	
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note that the Statement of Accounts was submitted to the Audit Commission for audit review on 29 June 2015.	
2	Note that the contents of the Statement of Accounts will be placed on deposit for public inspection for 20 working days from 6 July 2015	
3	Note that there have been no significant changes to the accounting policies presented to Audit Committee on 27 February 2015	
4	Review the Council's position and confirm that it is appropriate for the Statement of Accounts to be produced on a going concern basis.	
5	Note that the Audit Committee will be required to review the final audited Statement when it is presented on 18 September 2015.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 (the Regulations) require the City Council to produce an annual Statement of Accounts and outline the process for their approval and publication. The Regulations require the Council to make the un-audited Statement available for public inspection.
- 1.2 The Review of Accounting Policies report to Audit Committee on 27 February 2015 stated that any major changes in Accounting Policies would be brought to a future meeting. There are no changes at this time.

2. BACKGROUND

- 1.3 Under regulation 8 of the Regulations, the responsible financial officer has to certify that the Council's pre-audit Statement presents a true and fair view of the income, expenditure and financial position of the Council. In accordance with the Regulations, the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) certified the 2014/15 Statement on 29 June 2015 and the Statement was passed to the external auditors (KPMG) to begin their audit on the same date.
- 2.2 The certification will allow the Statement to be placed on deposit for public inspection for a period of 20 working days from 6 July 2015 to 31 July 2015. A public notice to this effect was placed in the local press on 10 June 2015 and on the Council's website. Following this period, KPMG will be available on or after 3 August 2015 for

any local government elector or their representative to question them about the accounts or make any objections.

- 2.3 The accounting policies presented to Audit Committee on 27 February have been passed to KPMG for review. To date, KPMG have not identified any major changes that are required.
- 2.4 International Accounting Standard 1 requires the Council to undertake an annual review to assure itself that it is appropriate for the Statement to be produced on a going concern basis. In line with best practice, it is recommended that Audit Committee formally confirm that the Council is a going concern. The inherent nature of local authorities is considered to be sufficient to satisfy this requirement; although the work undertaken by the CFO in assessing the Medium Term Financial Plan for the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves further supports this.
- 2.5 The Regulations require that the audited Statement is submitted for consideration and approval by the Council or a committee of the Council prior to the end of September in the following financial year. To meet this requirement a further report, supported by the audited Statement, will be brought to the Audit Committee on 18 September.
- 2.6 The Audit Committee's terms of reference include dealing with matters relating to the Statement, and will be required to review the final Statement and consider any findings made by KPMG at the September meeting. As the Statement is a long and complex document, the draft executive summary and main statements are set out in Appendix A. The full Statement is also available at Appendix B.

3. **BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Draft Statement of Accounts
Closedown working papers

4. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting
CIPFA Supplementary Guidance
LAAP bulletins
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011

Section 1

Executive Summary

The Statement of Accounts provides a summary of the Council's financial performance for 2014/15 and this is primarily reflected in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) and Balance Sheet. The Movement in Reserves and Cash Flow statements provide further analysis of specific figures. However, when setting its Budget and Council Tax, the Council is required to follow legislative requirements to arrive at the Funding Basis. As a consequence the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is shown separately within the Supplementary Statements. The Collection Fund is also included here and this presents how the Council collects all Council Tax and distributes it to tax setting authorities in the area. A separate set of Group Accounts is also published which shows a consolidated position for the Council and organisations where it has significant control.

Together with Section 2 (Introductory Statements), this section constitutes the Explanatory Forward found in other authorities' Statement of Accounts.

1.1 CIES – Financial Reporting (IFRS) Basis

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Cost of Services	239.257	203.381
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure(Surplus)/Deficit	(74.106)	173.854

The CIES is produced using International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and shows a deficit for the year of £173.854m. This figure includes:

- A charge of £113.949m for properties removed from the balance as a result of 10 schools gaining Academy Status.
- A credit of £42.537m resulting from net gains on property revaluations.
- A charge of £153.168m relating to the actuary's assessment of pension assets and liabilities.

The deficit is offset by a reduction of £186.374m in Unusable Reserves. Further reductions in Capital Financing Reserves of £5.420m and HRA Reserves of £0.547m allow Earmarked Reserves to increase by £11.342m, leaving an increase in the General Fund of £7.146m.

Further details appear in Section 3.1 and section 6.1.

1.2 Balance Sheet

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Long Term Assets	2,143.067	2,162.155
Current Assets	331.358	324.932
Current Liabilities	(226.700)	(246.670)
Long Term Liabilities	(1,353.371)	(1,519.917)
NET ASSETS	894.354	720.500

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The Balance Sheet shows the value of the Council's assets and liabilities at the end of the financial year. The most significant assets relate to the value of property, plant and equipment (PPE). The value of these assets has increased by £0.235m. This movement is as a result of a number of factors:

- Expenditure on new PPE assets or improving existing assets has increased their value by £166.053m.
- PPE assets have been depreciated to reflect use over their lifetime. This charge has reduced the value of these assets by £86.277m.
- 10 schools have switched to Academy status which together with the de-recognition of other assets resulted in £147.609m of assets being removed.
- The Council's rolling programme of revaluations on property has given rise to net revaluation gains of £73.652m.
- Other items have reduced the value of assets by £5.585m.

Further details appear in note 6.2.1.

The Balance Sheet also includes a liability of £720.588m relating to pension schemes. This liability represents the likely pension entitlements payable to all current staff and pensioners offset by the current value of the pension fund. The Pension Fund is reviewed every 3 years and employer's contributions are adjusted with the intention of meeting the net liabilities over a period of time.

The figure for Net Assets represents an overall view of the net value of the Council after netting off all assets and liabilities. At 31 March 2015, this totals £720.500m.

1.3 Movement in Reserves Statement

	31 March 2014 £m	Movement 2014/15 £m	31 March 2015 £m
General Fund	12.229	7.324	19.553
Earmarked General Fund Reserves	148.763	11.342	160.105
Other Usable Reserves	77.194	(5.968)	71.226
Unusable Reserves	656.168	(186.552)	469.616
TOTAL AUTHORITY RESERVES	894.354	(173.854)	720.500

Previous years' surpluses and deficits on the CIES are reflected in the reserves figures. The Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS) in section 3.3 shows how the reserves have changed during the year.

The reserves are split between usable and unusable. Usable reserves are available to support the Council's revenue budget and are made up of the Un-earmarked General Fund Reserve (£19.553m), Earmarked Reserves (£160.105m) the HRA (£4.307m) and Capital Financing Reserves (£66.919m). The movement in the General Fund reflects the surplus after transfers to reserves on the Funding Basis (Paragraph 1.4). The balance on the General Fund is monitored closely to ensure it is kept at a prudent level to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Unusable reserves are created as a consequence of the timing differences between the Funding Basis and IFRS basis of accounting as referred to in paragraph 1.4. This category also includes a revaluation reserve which holds changes in the valuation of assets. In 2014/15 a net increase in these valuations of £42.537m has been credited to this reserve, however, revaluation gains on schools that have become academies and

other items resulted in an overall reduction in this reserve of £11.770m. These reserves are, therefore, not available for distribution as they are required as and when the timing differences fall out.

Further details of the reserves and movements are set out in the MIRS and in notes 6.2.11 and 6.2.12.

1.4 Funding Basis

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
(Under)/Over spending by Portfolios against budgets	(1.175)	(9.773)
Cost of services(portfolios)	284.227	266.550
Council Tax Income	(80.818)	(85.835)
(Surplus)/Deficit after transfers to reserves	1.573	(7.146)
Movement in capital financing requirement	14.757	43.798
Council Tax (Band D)	£1,404.42	£1,431.80

The Funding Basis is the basis on which the Council manages its expenditure. Using this basis, in 2014/15 spending by services (portfolios) was £9.773m less than planned.

The Funding Basis is based on legislative requirements and differs from the IFRS Basis due to the exclusion of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA – shown separately within the Supplementary Statements), the treatment of capital financing and timing differences in the recognition of income and expenditure.

In 2014/15 the Council Tax raised £85.835m and, together with funding from government grants and other income, this was used to meet the cost of services. Overall the Council generated a surplus of £7.146m after contributions of £11.342m had been made to earmarked reserves. This surplus increased the General Fund by £7.146m.

The IFRS basis of accounting reflects the net change in the actuarial valuation of the pension fund. For 2014/15 the resulting debit to the CIES was £153.168m. This method of assessing the impact of pensions can be very volatile, resulting in significant charges or credits to the CIES. However, the Funding Basis approach maintains an element of stability by only accounting for the annual employer's contributions and payments to the fund, which are set at a level which will meet liabilities over a longer period. Therefore, the difference in approach generates timing differences when recognising the net charge to the CIES.

The Council is required to calculate a Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) which measures the Council's need to borrow as a result of capital expenditure, less provisions for repayment of debt. The movement in the CFR of £43.798m shows the net increase in the need to borrow in 2014/15. The CFR is used to inform the ceiling of £1,041.6m that the Council set for its overall long term debt in 2014/15. The actual external debt at 31 March 2015 was £791.2m

Further explanation and analysis of these differences in section 5 and note 6.3.1.

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1.5 Group Accounts

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure (Surplus)/Deficit	(62.496)	202.000
Net Assets	871.646	669.999
Council's Share of other Group Reserves/Minority Interests	(22.708)	(50.501)

Group Accounts consolidate the Council's financial statements with those organisations where the Council has material financial interests and a significant level of control. The 2014/15 Group Accounts consolidate the accounts for Bridge Estate, Nottingham City Homes, Nottingham City Transport, Nottingham Ice Centre, Enviroenergy, Nottingham Revenues and Benefits Ltd, Blueprint Limited Partnership, and Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd.

On an IFRS basis the group's deficit is £28.146m higher than the Council's, primarily due to gains and losses on the pension scheme valuations for Nottingham City Transport and Nottingham City Homes. The value of the Group as represented by Net Assets is £669.999m. This is £50.501m less than the Council's Net Assets which is again due in part to the additional pension scheme liabilities. This reduction is also reflected in the Group's reserves as a result of the consequential accumulated net losses.

Further details appear in section 8 of the accounts.

1.6 Forward Plans

	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Medium Term Financial Outlook - Indicative			
Cumulative Revenue Gap	-	22.048	34.089
Capital Programme - Planned Expenditure	381.738	224.852	127.552
Capital Programme - Funding:			
Borrowing	212.325	118.374	58.554
Grants and Contributions	61.534	48.530	23.462
HRA	30.069	30.069	30.069
Other	77.810	27.879	15.467

Details of the Council's plans for the future are held in a number of documents including the Nottingham Plan to 2020, the Medium Term Financial Plan and the Asset Management Plan.

Although the council has set a balanced budget for 2015/16, it is clear that there will be further funding reductions in the future, within which inflationary and demographic pressures will have to be managed. As a result the current Medium Term Financial Outlook shows an estimated funding gap of £34.089m by 2017/18.

The Council is planning to invest £882.390m of capital expenditure over the next 5 years, enabling substantial regeneration in and around the City and allowing the Council to deliver the capital requirements that have arisen from business service needs.

Further details appear in Section 9 (Appendix A) – Forward Plans.

1.7 Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES)

This statement shows the net cost in the year of providing services in accordance with IFRS, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation (funding basis). Costs covered on the funding basis are calculated differently, in accordance with legislative requirements. The funding basis position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement and section 5.

Notes	2013/14 Restated (Note 2.2.8)			2014/15		
	Gross	Gross	Net	Gross	Gross	Net
	Expenditure £m	Income £m	£m	Expenditure £m	Income £m	£m
Central services to the public	5.397	(3.492)	1.905	4.619	(3.484)	1.135
Cultural and related services	53.328	(23.929)	29.399	53.422	(27.591)	25.831
Environmental and Regulatory services	51.006	(16.005)	35.001	52.523	(19.316)	33.207
Planning Services	31.485	(23.912)	7.573	13.775	(32.485)	(18.710)
Education and children's services	265.230	(180.303)	84.927	286.089	(181.949)	104.140
Highways and transport services	74.300	(76.412)	(2.112)	86.607	(80.658)	5.949
Local authority housing (HRA)	65.586	(96.189)	(30.603)	50.566	(109.325)	(58.759)
Other housing services	166.861	(150.364)	16.497	172.334	(151.883)	20.451
Adult social care	119.767	(32.773)	86.994	133.238	(46.543)	86.695
Public Health	24.770	(25.765)	(0.995)	42.109	(43.577)	(1.468)
Corporate and democratic core	32.947	(20.906)	12.041	36.036	(23.679)	12.357
Non distributed costs	(1.370)	-	(1.370)	(7.447)	-	(7.447)
6.1.1 Cost of Services	889.307	(650.050)	239.257	923.871	(720.490)	203.381
6.1.2 Other operating expenditure			37.879			136.506
6.1.3 Financing and investment income and expenditure			52.390			55.186
6.1.4 Taxation and non-specific grant income			(350.035)			(327.037)
(Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services			(20.509)			68.036
6.1.5 Revaluation of PPE/Heritage assets			(28.587)			(42.537)
6.1.6 Re-measurement of pension assets/liabilities			(25.056)			153.168
Other gains/losses recognised required			0.046			(4.813)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(53.597)			105.818
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			(74.106)			173.854

Section 3 – Core Financial Statements

1.8 Balance Sheet

Shows the value, as at 31 March each year, of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Council. The net assets (i.e. assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held. Reserves are reported in two categories:

- Usable reserves - i.e. those reserves that may be used to help provide services or reduce taxation, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve that may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt).
- Unusable reserves – i.e. those reserves that the Council is not able to use to help provide services. This category includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to help provide services if the assets are sold; and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line ‘Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations’.

Notes	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
6.2.1 Property, Plant & Equipment	1,974.150	1,974.385
6.2.2 Heritage Assets	47.185	55.174
6.2.3 Investment Property	38.388	44.024
6.2.4 Intangible Assets	2.329	3.162
6.2.15(a) Long Term Investments	20.319	15.345
6.2.15(a) Long Term Debtors	60.696	62.437
6.2.5 Assets Held for Sale (non-current)	-	7.628
Long Term assets	2,143.067	2,162.155
6.2.5 Assets Held for Sale (current)	4.621	9.011
6.2.15(a) Short Term Investments	160.350	149.477
6.2.6 Inventories	2.537	3.834
6.2.7 Short Term Debtors	104.809	109.201
6.2.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents	59.041	53.409
Current Assets	331.358	324.932
6.2.15(b) Short Term Borrowing	(32.195)	(25.145)
6.2.9 Short Term Creditors	(189.708)	(195.608)
6.2.10(a) Provisions (current provisions)	(4.797)	(25.917)
Current Liabilities	(226.700)	(246.670)
6.2.15(b) Long Term Borrowing	(685.889)	(670.493)
6.2.15(b) Other Long Term Liabilities	(98.843)	(112.364)
6.2.10(b) Provisions (non-current)	(14.831)	(13.707)
6.2.13 Capital Grants Receipts in Advance	(3.310)	(2.765)
6.2.14 Defined Benefit Pension Scheme	(550.498)	(720.588)
Long Term Liabilities	(1,353.371)	(1,519.917)
NET ASSETS	894.354	720.500
6.2.11 Usable Reserves	238.186	250.884
6.2.12 Unusable Reserves	656.168	469.616
TOTAL RESERVES	894.354	720.500

1.9 Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the in-year movement of reserves, analysed into 'usable reserves' and 'unusable reserves' (see Section 3.2 above). The Surplus/(deficit) on the Provision of Services from the CIES is added to the opening balance for the year. However, adjustments are first made to reflect the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance and the HRA for council tax setting and dwellings rent setting purposes, to arrive at the Movement before Discretionary Transfers. The Council then has discretion to earmark General Fund Reserves for specific purposes as shown by the Discretionary Transfers line.

2014/15	General Fund	Earmarked General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 31/3/14	12.229	148.763	4.854	14.416	38.658	19.266	238.186	656.168	894.354
Movement in 2014/15:									
Surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	(103.015)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(68.036)	-	(68.036)
Other CIE*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(105.818)	(105.818)
Total CIE (Table 3.1)	(103.015)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(68.036)	(105.818)	(173.854)
Funding basis adjustments (Note 6.3.1)	121.681	-	(35.526)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	80.734	(80.734)	-
Movement before discretionary transfers	18.666	-	(0.547)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	12.698	(186.552)	(173.854)
Discretionary transfers	(11.342)	11.342	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in Year	7.324	11.342	(0.547)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	12.698	(186.552)	(173.854)
Balance at 31/3/15	19.553	160.105	4.307	22.550	28.470	15.899	250.884	469.616	720.500

* CIE - Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

2013/14	General Fund	Earmarked General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 31/3/13	13.802	118.656	5.030	9.303	28.007	19.225	194.023	626.225	820.248
Movement in 2013/14:									
Surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	9.332	-	11.177	-	-	-	20.509	-	20.509
Other CIE*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.597	53.597
Total CIE (Table 3.1)	9.332	-	11.177	-	-	-	20.509	53.597	74.106
Funding basis adjustments (Note 6.3.1)	19.202	-	(11.353)	5.113	10.651	0.041	23.654	(23.654)	-
Movement before discretionary transfers	28.534	-	(0.176)	5.113	10.651	0.041	44.163	29.943	74.106
Discretionary transfers	(30.107)	30.107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in Year	(1.573)	30.107	(0.176)	5.113	10.651	0.041	44.163	29.943	74.106
Balance at 31/3/14	12.229	148.763	4.854	14.416	38.658	19.266	238.186	656.168	894.354

* CIE - Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

1.10 Cash Flow Statement

The Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents held by the Council during the reporting period and how these are generated or used by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which operations are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the Council. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been used to generate resources intended to contribute to future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (i.e. borrowing).

Notes	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on the provision of Services	20.509	(68.036)
Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements	192.556	223.820
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	(74.643)	(84.822)
6.4.1 Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	138.422	70.962
6.4.2 Investing activities	(81.194)	(57.025)
6.4.3 Financing activities	(75.103)	(19.569)
Net Increase or Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(17.875)	(5.632)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	76.916	59.041
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2015	59.041	53.409

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Section 1

Executive Summary

The Statement of Accounts provides a summary of the Council's financial performance for 2014/15 and this is primarily reflected in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) and Balance Sheet. The Movement in Reserves and Cash Flow statements provide further analysis of specific figures. However, when setting its Budget and Council Tax, the Council is required to follow legislative requirements to arrive at the Funding Basis. As a consequence the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is shown separately within the Supplementary Statements. The Collection Fund is also included here and this presents how the Council collects all Council Tax and distributes it to tax setting authorities in the area. A separate set of Group Accounts is also published which shows a consolidated position for the Council and organisations where it has significant control.

Together with Section 2 (Introductory Statements), this section constitutes the Explanatory Foreword found in other authorities' Statement of Accounts.

1.1 CIES – Financial Reporting (IFRS) Basis

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Cost of Services	239.257	203.381
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure(Surplus)/Deficit	(74.106)	173.854

The CIES is produced using International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and shows a deficit for the year of £173.854m. This figure includes:

- A charge of £113.949m for properties removed from the balance as a result of 10 schools gaining Academy Status.
- A credit of £42.537m resulting from net gains on property revaluations.
- A charge of £153.168m relating to the actuary's assessment of pension assets and liabilities.

The deficit is offset by a reduction of £186.374m in Unusable Reserves. Further reductions in Capital Financing Reserves of £5.420m and HRA Reserves of £0.547m allow Earmarked Reserves to increase by £11.342m, leaving an increase in the General Fund of £7.146m.

Further details appear in Section 3.1 and section 6.1.

1.2 Balance Sheet

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Long Term Assets	2,143.067	2,162.155
Current Assets	331.358	324.932
Current Liabilities	(226.700)	(246.670)
Long Term Liabilities	(1,353.371)	(1,519.917)
NET ASSETS	894.354	720.500

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The Balance Sheet shows the value of the Council's assets and liabilities at the end of the financial year. The most significant assets relate to the value of property, plant and equipment (PPE). The value of these assets has increased by £0.235m. This movement is as a result of a number of factors:

- Expenditure on new PPE assets or improving existing assets has increased their value by £166.053m.
- PPE assets have been depreciated to reflect use over their lifetime. This charge has reduced the value of these assets by £86.277m.
- 10 schools have switched to Academy status which together with the de-recognition of other assets resulted in £147.609m of assets being removed.
- The Council's rolling programme of revaluations on property has given rise to net revaluation gains of £73.652m.
- Other items have reduced the value of assets by £5.585m.

Further details appear in note 6.2.1.

The Balance Sheet also includes a liability of £720.588m relating to pension schemes. This liability represents the likely pension entitlements payable to all current staff and pensioners offset by the current value of the pension fund. The Pension Fund is reviewed every 3 years and employer's contributions are adjusted with the intention of meeting the net liabilities over a period of time.

The figure for Net Assets represents an overall view of the net value of the Council after netting off all assets and liabilities. At 31 March 2015, this totals £720.500m.

1.3 Movement in Reserves Statement

	31 March 2014 £m	Movement 2014/15 £m	31 March 2015 £m
General Fund	12.229	7.324	19.553
Earmarked General Fund Reserves	148.763	11.342	160.105
Other Usable Reserves	77.194	(5.968)	71.226
Unusable Reserves	656.168	(186.552)	469.616
TOTAL AUTHORITY RESERVES	894.354	(173.854)	720.500

Previous years' surpluses and deficits on the CIES are reflected in the reserves figures. The Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS) in section 3.3 shows how the reserves have changed during the year.

The reserves are split between usable and unusable. Usable reserves are available to support the Council's revenue budget and are made up of the Un-earmarked General Fund Reserve (£19.553m), Earmarked Reserves (£160.105m) the HRA (£4.307m) and Capital Financing Reserves (£66.919m). The movement in the General Fund reflects the surplus after transfers to reserves on the Funding Basis (Paragraph 1.4). The balance on the General Fund is monitored closely to ensure it is kept at a prudent level to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Unusable reserves are created as a consequence of the timing differences between the Funding Basis and IFRS basis of accounting as referred to in paragraph 1.4. This category also includes a revaluation reserve which holds changes in the valuation of assets. In 2014/15 a net increase in these valuations of £42.537m has been credited to

this reserve, however, revaluation gains on schools that have become academies and other items resulted in an overall reduction in this reserve of £11.770m. These reserves are, therefore, not available for distribution as they are required as and when the timing differences fall out.

Further details of the reserves and movements are set out in the MIRS and in notes 6.2.11 and 6.2.12.

1.4 Funding Basis

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
(Under)/Over spending by Portfolios against budgets	(1.175)	(9.773)
Cost of services(portfolios)	284.227	266.550
Council Tax Income	(80.818)	(85.835)
(Surplus)/Deficit after transfers to reserves	1.573	(7.146)
Movement in capital financing requirement	14.757	43.798
Council Tax (Band D)	£1,404.42	£1,431.80

The Funding Basis is the basis on which the Council manages its expenditure. Using this basis, in 2014/15 spending by services (portfolios) was £9.773m less than planned.

The Funding Basis is based on legislative requirements and differs from the IFRS Basis due to the exclusion of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA – shown separately within the Supplementary Statements), the treatment of capital financing and timing differences in the recognition of income and expenditure.

In 2014/15 the Council Tax raised £85.835m and, together with funding from government grants and other income, this was used to meet the cost of services. Overall the Council generated a surplus of £7.146m after contributions of £11.342m had been made to earmarked reserves. This surplus increased the General Fund by £7.146m.

The IFRS basis of accounting reflects the net change in the actuarial valuation of the pension fund. For 2014/15 the resulting debit to the CIES was £153.168m. This method of assessing the impact of pensions can be very volatile, resulting in significant charges or credits to the CIES. However, the Funding Basis approach maintains an element of stability by only accounting for the annual employer's contributions and payments to the fund, which are set at a level which will meet liabilities over a longer period. Therefore, the difference in approach generates timing differences when recognising the net charge to the CIES.

The Council is required to calculate a Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) which measures the Council's need to borrow as a result of capital expenditure, less provisions for repayment of debt. The movement in the CFR of £43.798m shows the net increase in the need to borrow in 2014/15. The CFR is used to inform the ceiling of £1,041.6m that the Council set for its overall long term debt in 2014/15. The actual external debt at 31 March 2015 was £791.2m

Further explanation and analysis of these differences in section 5 and note 6.3.1.

1.5 Group Accounts

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure (Surplus)/Deficit	(62.496)	202.000
Net Assets	871.646	669.999
Council's Share of other Group Reserves/Minority Interests	(22.708)	(50.501)

Group Accounts consolidate the Council's financial statements with those organisations where the Council has material financial interests and a significant level of control. The 2014/15 Group Accounts consolidate the accounts for Bridge Estate, Nottingham City Homes, Nottingham City Transport, Nottingham Ice Centre, Enviroenergy, Nottingham Revenues and Benefits Ltd, Blueprint Limited Partnership, and Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd.

On an IFRS basis the group's deficit is £28.146m higher than the Council's, primarily due to gains and losses on the pension scheme valuations for Nottingham City Transport and Nottingham City Homes. The value of the Group as represented by Net Assets is £669.999m. This is £50.501m less than the Council's Net Assets which is again due in part to the additional pension scheme liabilities. This reduction is also reflected in the Group's reserves as a result of the consequential accumulated net losses.

Further details appear in section 8 of the accounts.

1.6 Forward Plans

	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Medium Term Financial Outlook - Indicative			
Cumulative Revenue Gap	-	22.048	34.089
Capital Programme - Planned Expenditure	381.738	224.852	127.552
Capital Programme - Funding:			
Borrowing	212.325	118.374	58.554
Grants and Contributions	61.534	48.530	23.462
HRA	30.069	30.069	30.069
Other	77.810	27.879	15.467

Details of the Council's plans for the future are held in a number of documents including the Nottingham Plan to 2020, the Medium Term Financial Plan and the Asset Management Plan.

Although the council has set a balanced budget for 2015/16, it is clear that there will be further funding reductions in the future, within which inflationary and demographic pressures will have to be managed. As a result the current Medium Term Financial Outlook shows an estimated funding gap of £34.089m by 2017/18.

The Council is planning to invest £882.390m of capital expenditure over the next 5 years, enabling substantial regeneration in and around the City and allowing the Council to deliver the capital requirements that have arisen from business service needs.

Further details appear in Section 9 (Appendix A) – Forward Plans.

Section 2

Introductory Statements

2.1 Accounting Policies

2.1.1 Basis of Accounting

The Statement of Accounts is a legal requirement under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 and must comply with proper accounting practices. These practices are set out in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 (the Code) which is based on approved accounting standards. In addition, the Council's accounts also comply with the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2014/15, which ensures consistency and comparability in financial reporting across Councils. The accounts are supported by IFRS and statutory guidance issued under section 7 of the 2011 Act.

2.1.2 Accounting Developments and Changes

Developments and other changes during 2014/15

The Council has not chosen to change any of its Accounting Policies since the last financial year.

Prior Year Reclassifications

Separate disclosures are given here where it has been necessary to make material changes to prior year figures. There were no such changes made in the 2014/15 accounting statements for prior years

Accounting Standards Issued but not adopted

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting requires the Council to disclose the expected impact of new standards that have been issued but not yet adopted by the Code. Although a number of new and revised standards fall into this category, none are expected to have a material effect on the Council's statements. Details of these standards are provided below:

- **IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.** This standard provides a consistent definition of fair value and enhanced disclosure requirements. It is designed to apply to assets and liabilities covered by those IFRS standards that currently permit or require measurement at fair value (with some exceptions). The adoption of this standard will require surplus assets (assets that are not being used to deliver services, but which do not meet the criteria to be classified as either investment properties or non-current assets held for sale) to be revalued to market value rather than value in existing use as at present. Operational property, plant and equipment assets are outside the scope of IFRS 13. Overall this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Statement of Accounts, due to the low value of surplus assets held by the Council.
- **IFRIC 21 Levies.** This standard provides guidance on levies imposed by government in the financial statements of entities paying the levy. The IFRIC specifies the obligating event as the activity that triggers the timing of the payment of the levy. The amount payable may be based on information relating to a period

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before the obligation to pay arises or the levy is payable only if a threshold is reached, or both. This standard will not have a material impact on the Statement of Accounts.

- **Annual Improvements to IFRSs (2011 – 2013 Cycle).** These improvements are minor, principally providing clarification and will not have a material impact on the Statement of Accounts. The Code requires implementation from 1 April 2015 and there is therefore no impact on the 2014/15 Statement of Accounts.

2.1.3 Choices permitted under IFRS

For some policies IFRS provides different options that can be used and the Council has, for a number of years, chosen to apply the following:

De Minimus Capital Expenditure

All assets acquired can be included in the Balance Sheet, regardless of their cost. However where the current value is less than the following amounts the Council may choose to exclude the asset from the Balance Sheet:

	£m
Vehicles and Plant	0.003
Computer Equipment	0.005
Land & Buildings	0.010

Componentisation

Where an asset consists of significant components that have different useful lives and / or depreciation methods to the remainder of asset, these components are separately identified and depreciated accordingly. The Council has chosen to only apply componentisation where the value of the asset is in excess of £3m.

Depreciation (including amortisation of intangible assets)

Certain PPE components and Intangible Assets are written down over time and charged to revenue. IFRS allows the Council to choose the period over which this write down occurs as well as the depreciation method. The following assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their individually assessed useful life, unless otherwise stated:

- Dwellings, buildings, vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment
- Infrastructure and Community are depreciated over 25 years
- Intangible assets are depreciated over 5 years

2.1.4 Critical Accounting Policies

Only the critical Accounting Policies used in preparing these statements are provided below. A full list of Accounting Policies can be found at Appendix B.

Accruals of Expenditure and Income

The revenue and capital accounts of the Council are maintained on an accrual basis. This means that income and expenditure are recognised in the accounts in the period in which they are earned or incurred and not when money is received or paid. Where income and expenditure has been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor is recorded in the Balance Sheet

Government Grants and Contributions

Government Grants and contributions are credited to income in the CIES only when there is reasonable assurance that any attached conditions will be met. Specific grants are credited to the relevant service line, while non-ring fenced and capital grants are credited to Taxation and Non-specific grant income.

Any grants received where conditions have not been met are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors.

Charges to CIES for Non-Current Assets

Service revenue accounts, support services and trading accounts are debited with the following amounts to record the real cost of holding non-current assets during the year:

- Depreciation attributable to the assets used by the relevant service.
- Revaluation and impairment losses attributable to the clear consumption of economic benefits on tangible fixed assets used by the service, and other losses where there are no accumulated gains in the Revaluation Reserve against which the losses can be written off.
- Amortisation of intangible fixed assets attributable to the service.

Valuation of Non-Current Assets

Generally non-current assets are valued initially at cost and subsequently revalued at fair value, which is the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use. The main exceptions are infrastructure, which is generally valued at depreciated historical cost, council dwellings, which are valued at Existing Use Value for Social Housing and heritage assets, which are valued at market value by an external valuer.

Interests in Companies and Other Entities

Inclusion in the Council's Group Accounts is, in accordance with the Code, dependent upon the extent of the Council's interest and control over an entity. In the Council's single-entity accounts, the interests in companies and other entities are shown as investments and valued at cost less any provision for losses.

2.1.5 Critical Judgments in applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in Section 10 (Appendix B), the Council has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are:

- Accounting standards determine that all maintained schools are considered to be entities controlled by the Council. However, maintained schools are included within the single entity financial statements rather than the Group Accounts. This treatment is in line with the adaptation to the definition of single entity financial statements by the Code.
- There are a number of other different types of schools in Nottingham. The Council recognises Schools in line with the provisions of the Code and, consequently, schools are recognised on the balance sheet only if the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the school will flow to the Council. As a result, each type of school has been separately assessed for inclusion on the Council's Balance Sheet. The table below summarises the treatment for each type of school:

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School Type	Balance Sheet Treatment
Community	On
Voluntary Aided	On
Academy	Off

- When a school that is held on the Council's balance sheet transfers to Academy status this is recorded as a de-recognition for nil consideration with the assets transferring to the Academy under a finance lease arrangement.

Where the Council has entered into construction contracts for replacement schools on behalf of an Academy, the Council charges the cost of construction against Assets Under Construction, whilst the Academy is constructed. Once the construction is complete the Asset is transferred to Other Land and Buildings and, on the date of transfer to Academy the Council records this as a de-recognition for nil consideration.

- The Council has entered into a partnership arrangement with Leicestershire County Council to provide financial and human resources services. The structure of the partnership has been judged to be a "joint operation" with the Council's share of revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities shown in the single entity financial statements in section 3.
- The Council has produced a set of Group Accounts after reviewing related organisations, evaluating whether the Council has the necessary material financial interest and/or level of control required for inclusion the Group.
- There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government. However, the Council has determined that this uncertainty is not yet sufficient to provide an indication that the assets might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision.

2.2 Supplementary Comments

This Statement of Accounts is prepared according to International Financial Reporting Standards which specifically require some further information to be provided. This information is provided below.

2.2.1 Key Changes affecting 2014/15 Statements

For 2014/15 the Government has not implemented any legislative or funding changes that have made a material impact on the Council's Statement of Accounts.

2.2.2 Provisions and Write offs

Increase in Current Provisions (£21.120m)

The increase in current provisions is primarily a result of settling the compulsory purchase orders relating to the NET2 project.

2.2.3 Impact of Economic Climate

The management of the Council's finances continues to be set in the context of reducing resources as a consequence of the Government's policy of reducing expenditure in order to assist in addressing the deficit in the national public finances.

Following the banking collapse of 2008, security concerns regarding financial institutions remain which has subsequently seen the introduction of “bail in” arrangements, removing some of the security previously afforded to the Council’s deposits with banks. As a result the Council has sought more secure instruments for investment which provide a lower return.

As a result of the banking collapse the Government has also provided additional liquidity to banks resulting in lower short term interest rates for investments.

2.2.4 Assumptions about the Future and other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Council to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts. Although these are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including the expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

- **Business Rates** - Since the introduction of Business Rates Retention Scheme effective from 1 April 2013, Local Authorities are liable for successful appeals against rates charged to businesses. Therefore, a provision has been recognised for the best estimate of the amount that businesses have been overcharged up to 31 March 2015, calculated using the Valuation Office (VAO) ratings list of appeals and the analysis of successful appeals to date.
- **PPE – Assets** are depreciated over their useful lives, with this period dependant on assumptions about the level of repairs and maintenance applied to individual assets. The current economic climate creates uncertainty about the levels of repairs and maintenance that will be maintained, bringing into doubt the useful lives assigned to assets. If the useful life of assets is reduced, depreciation increases and the carrying amount of the asset falls. It is estimated that the annual depreciation charge for buildings excluding Council dwellings would increase by £1.838m for every year that useful lives had to be reduced. Further details can be found in Note 6.2.1.
- **National Ice Centre** - The building has been re-valued on a basis that more accurately reflects the multi-use nature of the building rather than as an ice rink alone. The revised approach provided a valuation of £63.168m, an increase of £21.319m from the 2012 valuation.
- **Post Retirement Benefits** – Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide expert advice about the assumptions to be applied. Differences arising from actual experiences or future changes in assumptions will be reflected in subsequent periods. See Note 6.2.15 and Section 11 for further details.
- **PFI and similar arrangements** have been considered to have an implied finance lease within the agreement. In reassessing the leases the Council has estimated the implied interest rate within the leases in order to calculate interest and principal payments. In addition, the future RPI increase within the contracts has been estimated as remaining constant throughout the remaining period of the contract.

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2.2.5 Events after the Reporting Date

Any subsequent material events occurring after the reporting date of 29 June 2015, when the un-audited accounts were authorised for issue by the Chief Financial Officer, will be reported within this section.

2.2.6 Material assets acquired and liabilities incurred.

During 2014/15 the Council purchased a number of assets from the Homes and Community Agency at a total cost of £11.320m. The assets included a 50% share in the Blueprint Limited Partnership at a cost of £7.550m. This partnership takes the form of a joint venture with Igloo Regeneration Fund for the development of land next to the River Trent at Trent Basin.

2.2.7 Pension Fund

The Council is a member of the Nottinghamshire County Council pension fund and assets and liabilities of that fund that may be attributed to the Council are evaluated on an annual basis by an independent actuary. The actuary has estimated that, at 31 March 2015, the Council's fund was in deficit by £720.588m (£550.498m as at 31 March 2014). The actuary undertakes tri-annual valuations of the fund and sets the Council's contribution with a view of recovering the deficit in the longer term.

2.2.8 Prior Year Restatements

The treatment of Trading Operations within the Financing and Investment line of the CIES has been reviewed for 2014/15. The Council has decided that a number of these operations would be more correctly shown within Continuing Services. The comparative figures for both the Council and Group Accounts have therefore been amended to show the income and expenditure on the correct line. The net effect of £4.413m (£40.262m Income and £35.849m Expenditure) is included in the tables below, which only show the lines that have been restated:

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement 2013/14

	As Previously Stated 2013/14			As Restated 2013/14		
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cultural and related services	40.331	(10.641)	29.690	53.328	(23.929)	29.399
Environmental and regulatory services	48.571	(14.767)	33.804	51.006	(16.005)	35.001
Planning services	25.467	(14.646)	10.821	31.485	(23.912)	7.573
Education and children's services	257.562	(172.532)	85.030	265.230	(180.303)	84.927
Highways and transport services	68.258	(68.470)	(0.212)	74.300	(76.412)	(2.112)
Adult social care	119.726	(32.753)	86.973	119.767	(32.773)	86.994
Corporate and democratic core	32.299	(20.169)	12.130	32.947	(20.906)	12.041
Cost of Services	853.458	(609.788)	243.670	889.307	(650.050)	239.257
Financing and investment income and expenditure			47.977			52.390

Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

	As Previously Stated 2013/14			As Restated 2013/14		
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cultural and related services	48.022	(18.345)	29.677	61.019	(31.633)	29.386
Environmental and regulatory services	48.571	(14.767)	33.804	51.006	(16.005)	35.001
Planning services	25.288	(14.234)	11.054	31.306	(23.500)	7.806
Education and children's services	257.562	(172.532)	85.030	265.230	(180.303)	84.927
Highways and transport services	109.743	(113.882)	(4.139)	115.785	(121.824)	(6.039)
Adult social care	119.726	(32.753)	86.973	119.767	(32.773)	86.994
Corporate and democratic core	32.299	(20.169)	12.130	32.947	(20.906)	12.041
Cost of Services	898.225	(658.409)	239.816	934.074	(698.671)	235.403
Financing and investment income and expenditure			50.601			55.014

Section 3

Core Financial Statements

3.1 Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES)

This statement shows the net cost in the year of providing services in accordance with IFRS, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation (funding basis). Costs covered on the funding basis are calculated differently, in accordance with legislative requirements. The funding basis position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement and section 5.

Notes	2013/14 Restated (Note 2.2.8)			2014/15		
	Gross	Gross	Net	Gross	Gross	Net
	Expenditure £m	Income £m	Expenditure £m	Expenditure £m	Income £m	Expenditure £m
Central services to the public	5.397	(3.492)	1.905	4.619	(3.484)	1.135
Cultural and related services	53.328	(23.929)	29.399	53.422	(27.591)	25.831
Environmental and Regulatory services	51.006	(16.005)	35.001	52.523	(19.316)	33.207
Planning Services	31.485	(23.912)	7.573	13.775	(32.485)	(18.710)
Education and children's services	265.230	(180.303)	84.927	286.089	(181.949)	104.140
Highways and transport services	74.300	(76.412)	(2.112)	86.607	(80.658)	5.949
Local authority housing (HRA)	65.586	(96.189)	(30.603)	50.566	(109.325)	(58.759)
Other housing services	166.861	(150.364)	16.497	172.334	(151.883)	20.451
Adult social care	119.767	(32.773)	86.994	133.238	(46.543)	86.695
Public Health	24.770	(25.765)	(0.995)	42.109	(43.577)	(1.468)
Corporate and democratic core	32.947	(20.906)	12.041	36.036	(23.679)	12.357
Non distributed costs	(1.370)	-	(1.370)	(7.447)	-	(7.447)
6.1.1 Cost of Services	889.307	(650.050)	239.257	923.871	(720.490)	203.381
6.1.2 Other operating expenditure			37.879			136.506
6.1.3 Financing and investment income and expenditure			52.390			55.186
6.1.4 Taxation and non-specific grant income			(350.035)			(327.037)
(Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services			(20.509)			68.036
6.1.5 Revaluation of PPE/Heritage assets			(28.587)			(42.537)
6.1.6 Re-measurement of pension assets/liabilities			(25.056)			153.168
Other gains/losses recognised required			0.046			(4.813)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(53.597)			105.818
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			(74.106)			173.854

3.2 Balance Sheet

Shows the value, as at 31 March each year, of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Council. The net assets (i.e. assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held. Reserves are reported in two categories:

- Usable reserves - i.e. those reserves that may be used to help provide services or reduce taxation, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve that may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt).
- Unusable reserves – i.e. those reserves that the Council is not able to use to help provide services. This category includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to help provide services if the assets are sold; and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

Notes	31 March	31 March
	2014	2015
	£m	£m
6.2.1 Property, Plant & Equipment	1,974.150	1,974.385
6.2.2 Heritage Assets	47.185	55.174
6.2.3 Investment Property	38.388	44.024
6.2.4 Intangible Assets	2.329	3.162
6.2.15(a) Long Term Investments	20.319	15.345
6.2.15(a) Long Term Debtors	60.696	62.437
6.2.5 Assets Held for Sale (non-current)	-	7.628
Long Term assets	2,143.067	2,162.155
6.2.5 Assets Held for Sale (current)	4.621	9.011
6.2.15(a) Short Term Investments	160.350	149.477
6.2.6 Inventories	2.537	3.834
6.2.7 Short Term Debtors	104.809	109.201
6.2.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents	59.041	53.409
Current Assets	331.358	324.932
6.2.15(b) Short Term Borrowing	(32.195)	(25.145)
6.2.9 Short Term Creditors	(189.708)	(195.608)
6.2.10(a) Provisions (current provisions)	(4.797)	(25.917)
Current Liabilities	(226.700)	(246.670)
6.2.15(b) Long Term Borrowing	(685.889)	(670.493)
6.2.15(b) Other Long Term Liabilities	(98.843)	(112.364)
6.2.10(b) Provisions (non-current)	(14.831)	(13.707)
6.2.13 Capital Grants Receipts in Advance	(3.310)	(2.765)
6.2.14 Defined Benefit Pension Scheme	(550.498)	(720.588)
Long Term Liabilities	(1,353.371)	(1,519.917)
NET ASSETS	894.354	720.500
6.2.11 Usable Reserves	238.186	250.884
6.2.12 Unusable Reserves	656.168	469.616
TOTAL RESERVES	894.354	720.500

Section 3 – Core Financial Statements

3.3 Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the in-year movement of reserves, analysed into 'usable reserves' and 'unusable reserves' (see Section 3.2 above). The Surplus/(deficit) on the Provision of Services from the CIES is added to the opening balance for the year. However, adjustments are first made to reflect the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance and the HRA for council tax setting and dwellings rent setting purposes, to arrive at the Movement before Discretionary Transfers. The Council then has discretion to earmark General Fund Reserves for specific purposes as shown by the Discretionary Transfers line.

2014/15	General Fund	Earmarked General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 31/3/14	12.229	148.763	4.854	14.416	38.658	19.266	238.186	656.168	894.354
Movement in 2014/15:									
Surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	(103.015)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(68.036)	-	(68.036)
Other CIE*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(105.818)	(105.818)
Total CIE (Table 3.1)	(103.015)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(68.036)	(105.818)	(173.854)
Funding basis adjustments (Note 6.3.1)	121.681	-	(35.526)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	80.734	(80.734)	-
Movement before discretionary transfers	18.666	-	(0.547)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	12.698	(186.552)	(173.854)
Discretionary transfers	(11.342)	11.342	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in Year	7.324	11.342	(0.547)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	12.698	(186.552)	(173.854)
Balance at 31/3/15	19.553	160.105	4.307	22.550	28.470	15.899	250.884	469.616	720.500

* CIE - Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

2013/14	General Fund	Earmarked General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 31/3/13	13.802	118.656	5.030	9.303	28.007	19.225	194.023	626.225	820.248
Movement in 2013/14:									
Surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	9.332	-	11.177	-	-	-	20.509	-	20.509
Other CIE*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.597	53.597
Total CIE (Table 3.1)	9.332	-	11.177	-	-	-	20.509	53.597	74.106
Funding basis adjustments (Note 6.3.1)	19.202	-	(11.353)	5.113	10.651	0.041	23.654	(23.654)	-
Movement before discretionary transfers	28.534	-	(0.176)	5.113	10.651	0.041	44.163	29.943	74.106
Discretionary transfers	(30.107)	30.107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in Year	(1.573)	30.107	(0.176)	5.113	10.651	0.041	44.163	29.943	74.106
Balance at 31/3/14	12.229	148.763	4.854	14.416	38.658	19.266	238.186	656.168	894.354

* CIE - Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

3.4 Cash Flow Statement

The Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents held by the Council during the reporting period and how these are generated or used by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which operations are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the Council. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been used to generate resources intended to contribute to future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (i.e. borrowing).

Notes	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on the provision of Services	20.509	(68.036)
Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements	192.556	223.820
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	(74.643)	(84.822)
6.4.1 Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	138.422	70.962
6.4.2 Investing activities	(81.194)	(57.025)
6.4.3 Financing activities	(75.103)	(19.569)
Net Increase or Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(17.875)	(5.632)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	76.916	59.041
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2015	59.041	53.409

Section 4

Certifications

4.1 Independent Auditor’s Report to the members of Nottingham City Council

4.1.1 Auditors Report

The audit of the Financial Statements takes place after the Draft Financial Statements have been produced. The Independent Auditor’s report will therefore be included here in the final audited version of the Statement of Accounts

4.2 Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The Chief Finance Officer’s Responsibilities

I am responsible for the preparation of the Council’s Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, I have:

Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently.

Made judgments and estimates that were reasonable and prudent.

Complied with the local authority code.

I have also:

Kept proper accounting records which were up-to-date.

Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority at the reporting date and of its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Signed..... Date: 29 June 2015

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This statement will be replaced following audit of the Financial Statements and will also include approval by the Council’s Audit Committee in September 2015.

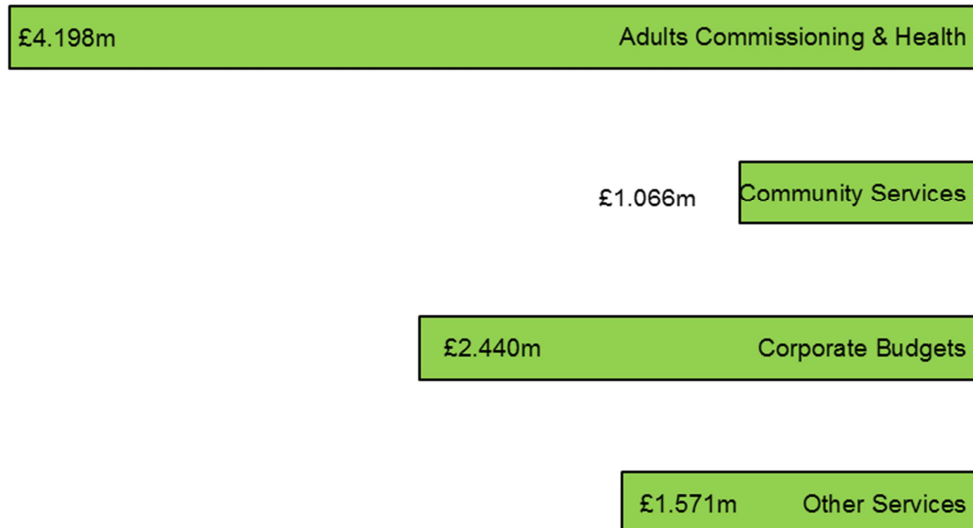
Funding Basis and Budget Monitoring

Local Authorities are required by statute to make their funding decisions on a different basis from the Statement of Accounts, which is required to follow International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The accounts used for resource allocation and budget management are shown on a funding basis and a number of adjustments are, therefore, required to produce the Statement of Accounts on an IFRS basis. The adjustments required to the CIES are generally offset by adjustments to unusable reserves. The impact on the CIES is shown in section 5.3 and the movements in reserves are shown in section 6.3.

5.1 Performance against Budget 2014/15

For budget management purposes, specific grant income, charges to users and expenditure items such as employees, premises, supplies and services are organised by groups of services known as portfolios (table 5.2). Using this basis the pre-audit outturn to be reported to Executive Board on 21 July 2015 will show the net outturn as being £9.275m lower than that planned for the year.

2014/15 Net Underspending by Portfolios £9.275m



Adults Commissioning and Health -£4.198 m

This underspending is mostly due to increased contributions towards care packages.

Community Services -£1.066m

This underspending is a result of increased turnover by the service’s trading activities.

Corporate Budgets -£2.440m

This underspending was generated by interest savings on delayed borrowing and less debt repayment as a result of capital programme slippage.

5.2 Net Portfolio Spend on Funding Basis (management accounts)

The analysis of income and expenditure by service in the CIES is presented using the analysis required by the Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. However, the table below provides a more detailed analysis of Net Portfolio Spend on a funding basis.

2014/15	Commissioning and Health Adults, £m	Children's Services £m	Strategic Regeneration and Schools £m	Leisure and Culture £m	Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration £m	Other Smaller Portfolios £m	Corporate Items £m	Total £m
Fees, Charges, other income	(78.448)	(4.903)	(9.628)	(30.292)	(34.291)	(73.027)	(88.351)	(318.940)
Government Grants	(0.458)	(10.449)	(141.625)	(0.534)	(6.428)	(21.485)	(113.579)	(294.558)
Total Income	(78.906)	(15.352)	(151.253)	(30.826)	(40.719)	(94.512)	(201.930)	(613.498)
Employee Expenses	28.898	33.836	91.352	18.317	37.871	51.701	1.746	263.721
Other Service Expenses	142.172	38.563	52.920	21.955	39.816	83.164	239.142	617.732
Support Service Recharges	0.469	0.320	1.066	(0.183)	(2.007)	0.335	-	(0.000)
Total Expenditure	171.539	72.719	145.338	40.089	75.680	135.200	240.888	881.453
NET EXPENDITURE	92.633	57.367	(5.915)	9.263	34.961	40.688	38.958	267.955

2013/14	Adults and Health £m	Children's Services £m	Commissioning and Voluntary Sector £m	Leisure and Culture £m	Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration £m	Other Smaller Portfolios £m	Corporate Items £m	Total £m
Fees, Charges, other income	(55.356)	(11.960)	(2.518)	(26.802)	(42.670)	(48.008)	(85.169)	(272.483)
Government Grants	(0.266)	(151.897)	(0.474)	(0.604)	(7.066)	(11.926)	(109.984)	(282.217)
Total Income	(55.622)	(163.857)	(2.992)	(27.406)	(49.736)	(59.934)	(195.153)	(554.700)
Employee Expenses	25.657	132.296	4.927	18.390	48.145	40.016	1.050	270.481
Other Service Expenses	106.767	80.611	16.980	20.563	38.901	55.847	248.777	568.446
Support Service Recharges	0.762	0.206	(0.057)	(0.224)	(1.918)	1.150	0.081	-
Total Expenditure	133.186	213.113	21.850	38.729	85.128	97.013	249.908	838.927
NET EXPENDITURE	77.564	49.256	18.858	11.323	35.392	37.079	54.755	284.227

5.3 Reconciliation of CIES between Funding Basis and IFRS basis

5.3.1 Adjustments Required

Contributions from the National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR), income from Council Tax payers and Revenue Support Grant from the Government are managed outside portfolios. Council Tax income was generated by the Council setting a Band D Council Tax of £1,431.80 (2013/14 £1,404.42).

The table below shows the net surplus for the accounts on a funding basis together with the adjustments required to arrive at the equivalent IFRS figure for the Statement of Accounts:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Funding Basis		
Net Portfolio Spend	284.227	267.955
(Use)/Contributions to Reserves included above	(25.902)	(9.949)
Expenditure financed from Council Tax and Non-specific Grants	258.325	258.006
Council Tax and NNDR	(157.512)	(146.611)
Non-Specific Grants	(129.347)	(130.061)
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT ON FUNDING BASIS BEFORE TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	(28.534)	(18.666)
Adjustments to move to Accounting Basis		
Items removed from CIES:		
a) Net pension contributions/payments by employees	(27.114)	(28.212)
b) Provision for Debt Redemption	(33.874)	(34.324)
c) Capital expenditure charged to revenue	(11.072)	(8.425)
Replaced by:		
a) Assessment of retirement benefits due	56.433	45.134
b) Change in valuation of Pension assets	(25.056)	153.168
c) Depreciation, impairment etc	83.033	180.925
d) Change in valuation of other assets	(20.285)	(48.244)
e) Revenue expenditure funded from Capital under Statute	1.639	13.021
Additional items required by Accounting Basis:		
Housing Revenue Account	(11.177)	(34.979)
Grants and Contributions used to finance Capital	(55.739)	(47.185)
Collection Fund adjustment	(3.588)	0.774
Financial Instruments	(0.330)	(0.330)
Other smaller items	1.558	1.197
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT ON ACCOUNTING BASIS	(74.106)	173.854

5.3.2 Reconciliation on a Subjective Analysis

The tables below show how the figures in the Net Portfolio Spend on a Funding Basis in Section 5.2 relate to a subjective analysis of the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services included in the CIES on an IFRS basis:

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2014/15	Portfolio Spend on Funding Basis	Add Amounts not in Funding Basis	Remove Amounts not in Cost of Services	Cost of Services per CIES (IFRS)	Items below Cost of Services (IFRS)	Totals per CIES (IFRS)
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Fees, charges, other income	(318.940)	(108.968)	(1.826)	(429.734)	-	(429.734)
Interest and investment income	-	-	(0.330)	(0.330)	(8.301)	(8.631)
Council tax and NNDR	-	-	-	-	(275.720)	(275.720)
Government grants and contributions	(294.558)	(47.185)	51.317	(290.426)	(51.317)	(341.743)
Total Income	(613.498)	(156.153)	49.161	(720.490)	(335.338)	(1,055.828)
Employee expenses	263.721	44.596	(28.212)	280.105	-	280.105
Other service expenses	617.732	73.989	(199.993)	491.728	-	491.728
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	-	192.908	(40.870)	152.038	-	152.038
Interest payments	-	-	-	-	63.487	63.487
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	-	-	-	-	1.879	1.879
Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	134.627	134.627
Total Expenditure	881.453	311.493	(269.075)	923.871	199.993	1,123.864
NET (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT*	267.955	155.340	(219.914)	203.381	(135.345)	68.036

* See (Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services line in table 3.1

2013/14	Portfolio Spend on Funding Basis	Add Amounts not in Funding Basis	Remove Amounts not in Cost of Services	Cost of Services per CIES (IFRS)	Items below Cost of Services (IFRS)	Totals per CIES (IFRS)
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Fees, charges, other income	(272.483)	(84.977)	(10.449)	(367.909)	(0.890)	(368.799)
Interest and investment income	-	(0.260)	(0.330)	(0.590)	(7.652)	(8.242)
Council tax and NNDR	-	-	-	-	(161.096)	(161.096)
Government grants and contributions	(282.217)	0.666	-	(281.551)	(188.939)	(470.490)
Total Income	(554.700)	(84.571)	(10.779)	(650.050)	(358.577)	(1,008.627)
Employee expenses	270.481	55.876	(27.114)	299.243	-	299.243
Other service expenses	568.446	53.092	(66.957)	554.581	-	554.581
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	-	80.429	(44.946)	35.483	-	35.483
Interest payments	-	-	-	-	60.932	60.932
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	-	-	-	-	1.730	1.730
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	36.149	36.149
Total Expenditure	838.927	189.397	(139.017)	889.307	98.811	988.118
NET (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT*	284.227	104.826	(149.796)	239.257	(259.766)	(20.509)

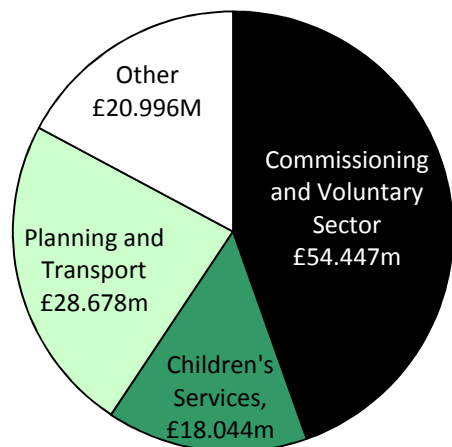
5.4 Capital

5.4.1 Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

Capital expenditure relates to the acquisition of new assets and the development of existing assets, which will be of benefit to the Council for more than one year. Expenditure by service over the last two years has been as follows:

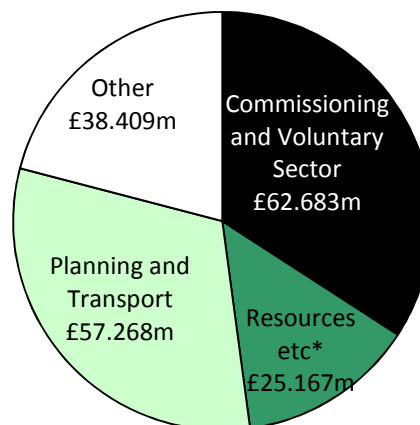
Capital Expenditure 2013/14

£122.165m



Capital Expenditure 2014/15

£183.527m



The capital programme is actively managed throughout the year and varied in line with agreed approvals and changes in funding. At the 2014/15 year end, available resources were £262.243m. After spending £183.527m, the balance of £79.116m is therefore available to carry forward into 2015/16, to cover expenditure that has slipped between years.

The treatment of capital expenditure and financing generates some of the main differences between the funding basis and IFRS basis. The capital focus of the funding basis is ensuring that sufficient cash is raised to finance capital expenditure. The major differences are:

- Certain items of revenue expenditure which can be treated as capital under statute under the funding basis.
- Items of capital expenditure which are financed by a charge to revenue.
- Capital grants which are used to finance capital expenditure rather than being credited to revenue
- Making a revenue provision for repayment of borrowing (replacing depreciation) based on a calculation of the net capital financing requirement.

The total amount of capital expenditure incurred in the year is shown in the table below (including the value of assets acquired under finance leases and Public Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts), together with the resources that have been used to finance it:

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	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Capital Investment on IFRS Basis		
Property, Plant and Equipment	107.925	168.751
Investment Properties	6.573	5.579
Intangible Assets	1.061	1.539
Long Term Debtors	0.034	0.542
Total Additions to Assets on IFRS Basis	115.593	176.411
Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	6.572	7.116
Total Expenditure to be Financed from Capital Sources	122.165	183.527
Financing		
Capital receipts	(4.815)	(5.588)
Government grants and other contributions	(60.631)	(56.925)
Sums set aside from revenue	(34.908)	(54.383)
UNDERLYING BORROWING REQUIREMENT IN YEAR	21.811	66.631

5.4.2 Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

The CFR is a measure of the capital expenditure incurred historically by the Council that has yet to be repaid. The CFR is also used to calculate the statutory minimum charge for debt repayment known as the Minimum Revenue Provision.

Where capital expenditure is financed by borrowing, the expenditure results in an increase in the CFR. Further adjustments are made to include assets acquired under PFI contracts included in the Balance Sheet, and provisions for debt repayment included in the funding basis in the table below:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	902.178	916.935
Increase in underlying need to borrow:		
Supported by government financial assistance	1.632	0.182
Unsupported by government financial assistance	20.179	66.449
Statutory Minimum Revenue Provision	(8.426)	(7.907)
Voluntary Revenue Provision	(22.410)	(23.692)
Voluntarily Set Aside Capital Receipts	(3.192)	-
Assets acquired under finance leases	(0.002)	-
Assets acquired under PFI/PPP contracts	28.994	11.304
PFI Liability Discharged	(1.045)	(1.989)
Other Items	(0.973)	(0.549)
CLOSING CAPITAL FINANCING REQUIREMENT	916.935	960.733

5.5 Long Term Borrowing

The Local Government Act 2003 provides the legislative framework for borrowing undertaken by the Council including an operational boundary or limit on the value of borrowing undertaken. The Council approved an operational boundary on the level of external debt during 2014/15 of £1,041.6m (including PFI and finance lease related debt of £237.3m). Actual external debt on 1 April 2014 was £802.0m and this decreased to £791.2m at 31 March 2015.

Section 6

Notes to the Financial Statements

These notes provide information that supports and helps in interpreting the Financial Statements.

6.1 Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Notes

6.1.1 Specific Grants Credited to Services

The following grants, contributions and donations for specific services are included within the Cost of Services as income:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Revenue Grants		
Department for Communities and Local Government: PFI Grant	(2.898)	(2.898)
Department for Education: Dedicated School Grant	(137.907)	(128.947)
Department for Education: PFI Grant	(5.416)	(5.590)
Department for Education: Universal Free School Meals	-	(0.962)
Department of Transport: PFI Grants	(46.533)	(47.429)
Department for Work & Pensions: Housing Benefit Admin	(3.123)	(3.011)
Department for Work & Pensions: Innovation Fund	(1.200)	(1.428)
Growth Fund	(1.024)	(1.112)
Mandatory Rent Allowances: Subsidy	(81.020)	(79.229)
Public Health	(27.080)	(27.839)
Pupil Premium Grant	(8.770)	(9.966)
Rent Rebates Granted to HRA Tenants	(62.376)	(62.847)
Drug Action Team	(0.022)	-
Young People Learning Agency Grant	(0.109)	-
<i>Other Revenue Grants</i>	(40.188)	(59.824)
Contributions	(17.566)	(17.139)
TOTAL	(435.232)	(448.221)

6.1.2 Other Operating Expenditure

Other Operating Expenditure includes the following items:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Derecognition of Academies	23.324	113.949
Other Derecognition	11.963	25.524
Payments to the Government Housing Capital Receipts Pool	1.730	1.879
Revaluation increases / decrease on assets held for sale	-	0.570
Net Gain/Loss on the disposal of non-current assets	0.862	(5.416)
TOTAL	37.879	136.506

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6.1.3 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

Financing and Investment includes the following items:

	2013/14			2014/15		
	Expenditure £m	Income	Net	Expenditure £m	Income	Net
Net Interest on Pension Fund	23.262	-	23.262	23.099	-	23.099
Other interest	34.672	(3.101)	31.571	35.847	(2.369)	33.478
Trading Operations	2.425	(3.786)	(1.361)	2.601	(4.482)	(1.881)
Investment Property Revaluations	0.359	-	0.359	1.835	-	1.835
Other Finance and Investment items	0.214	(1.655)	(1.441)	0.105	(1.450)	(1.345)
TOTAL	60.932	(8.542)	52.390	63.487	(8.301)	55.186

Further information on Trading Operations can be found in note 6.5.1.

6.1.4 Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Revenue:		
<i>Council Tax income</i>		
Demand on the collection fund	(79.751)	(85.835)
Council Tax Transition Grant	(0.663)	-
Apportionment of Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit	(0.404)	(1.357)
<i>National Non domestic rates (NNDR)</i>		
Demand on the collection fund	(83.215)	(59.235)
Apportionment of Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit	2.270	0.590
<i>Non-ringfenced government grants</i>		
Revenue Support Grant	(129.347)	(130.061)
New Homes Bonus	(3.186)	(3.397)
Costs of NNDR Collection	-	(0.498)
New Development Deal	-	(0.032)
Enterprise Zones	-	(0.026)
Capital:		
<i>Government Departments</i>	(52.431)	(41.855)
<i>Other</i>	(3.308)	(5.331)
TOTAL	(350.035)	(327.037)

6.1.5 Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)/Heritage assets

During 2014/15 revaluation gains and losses charged to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure amounted to a net revaluation gain of £34.549m for PPE assets (see note 6.2.1) and £7.988m for Heritage Assets (see note 6.2.2). There are no charges relating to physical damage and demolition of assets in 2014/15.

6.1.6 Transactions Relating to Post Employment Benefits (incl. Pensions)

The tables below show how the IAS19 standard impacts on the CIES:

	Local Government		Teachers Benefits	
	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Cost of Services:				
Service cost	33.113	21.885	-	-
Administration expenses	0.058	0.150	-	-
Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure:				
Net interest on the defined liability (asset)	22.362	22.059	0.900	1.040
Total Charged to (Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services	55.533	44.094	0.900	1.040
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure (OCIE):				
Re-measurements of the net defined benefit liability (asset):				
Return on plan assets in excess of interest	(12.792)	(55.171)	-	-
Other actuarial (gains)/losses on assets	27.017	-	-	-
Change in financial assumptions	24.853	206.492	(1.508)	1.708
Change in demographic assumptions	57.517	-	-	0.139
Experience (gain)/loss on defined benefit obligation	(120.143)	-	-	-
Total Charged to OCIE	(23.548)	151.321	(1.508)	1.847
Total Charged to the CIES	31.985	195.415	(0.608)	2.887
Actual Return on Scheme Assets	49.497	n/a	-	-

These transactions are summarised in the following table:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:		
Cost of services	33.171	22.035
Financing and Investment income and expenditure	23.262	23.099
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	(25.056)	153.168
TOTAL	31.377	198.302

6.2 Balance Sheet Notes

6.2.1 Property Plant and Equipment

2014/15	Council Dwellings £m	Other Land and Buildings £m	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £m	Infrastructure Assets £m	Community Assets £m	Surplus Assets £m	Assets Under Construction £m	Total Property, Plant & Equipment £m	PFI Assets included in PPE £m
Gross Book Value b/f	569.260	938.099	139.242	432.522	29.076	38.608	81.101	2,227.908	105.470
Accumulated Depreciation b/f	-	(55.706)	(62.350)	(123.758)	(6.331)	(1.089)	-	(249.234)	(7.969)
Accumulated Impairment b/f	(0.158)	(0.357)	-	-	-	-	(4.009)	(4.524)	-
Net Book Value at 1st April 2014	569.102	882.036	76.892	308.764	22.745	37.519	77.092	1,974.150	97.501
Additions - Capital Expenditure	39.446	10.484	18.961	7.658	0.814	5.168	66.314	148.845	0.008
Additions - Donations	1.091	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.091	-
Additions - PFI / VA School Recognition	-	4.813	-	11.304	-	-	-	16.117	11.304
Depreciation Charge	(25.946)	(26.539)	(15.186)	(16.685)	(0.942)	(0.978)	-	(86.276)	(3.914)
Revaluations - Recognised in Revaluation Reserve	0.931	30.181	-	-	-	3.437	-	34.549	-
Revaluations - Recognised in the CIES	39.623	0.391	-	-	-	(0.911)	-	39.103	(17.420)
Derecognition - Disposals	(5.012)	(0.025)	-	-	-	(3.110)	-	(8.147)	-
Derecognition - Other	(4.907)	(116.759)	-	-	-	(11.392)	(6.404)	(139.462)	-
Impairments - Recognised in the CIES	0.158	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.158	-
Other - Transfers to Held for Sale	(4.261)	13.324	(0.025)	0.025	-	(2.186)	(12.620)	(5.743)	-
Net Book Value at 31st March 2015	610.225	797.906	80.642	311.066	22.617	27.547	124.382	1,974.385	87.479
Gross Book Value c/f	610.225	852.739	155.032	450.263	29.890	27.575	124.382	2,250.106	99.087
Accumulated Depreciation c/f	-	(54.833)	(74.390)	(139.197)	(7.273)	(0.028)	-	(275.721)	(11.608)
Net Book Value at 31 March 2015	610.225	797.906	80.642	311.066	22.617	27.547	124.382	1,974.385	87.479

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2013/14	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Surplus Assets	Assets Under Construction	Total Property, Plant & Equipment	PFI Assets included in PPE
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gross Book Value b/f	562.063	934.174	119.894	402.692	27.902	30.454	76.159	2,153.338	76.450
Accumulated Depreciation b/f	-	(39.890)	(49.577)	(107.736)	(5.438)	(1.212)	-	(203.853)	(4.784)
Accumulated Impairment b/f	(0.188)	(6.189)	-	-	-	(7.425)	(4.009)	(17.811)	-
Net Book Value at 1st April 2013	561.875	888.095	70.317	294.956	22.464	21.817	72.150	1,931.674	71.666
Additions - Capital Expenditure	36.223	6.242	20.386	18.529	1.174	4.895	20.476	107.925	0.025
Additions - Donations	1.792	-	0.054	-	-	-	-	1.846	-
Additions - PFI Recognition	-	16.403	-	11.301	-	-	1.291	28.995	28.995
Depreciation Charge	(26.182)	(26.240)	(13.828)	(16.022)	(0.893)	(0.134)	-	(83.299)	(3.185)
Revaluations - Recognised in Revaluation Reserve	0.920	24.410	-	-	-	2.415	-	27.745	-
Revaluations - Recognised in the CIES	7.812	(7.589)	-	-	-	(0.068)	-	0.155	-
Derecognition - Disposals	-	(0.453)	(0.037)	-	-	(2.840)	-	(3.330)	-
Derecognition - Other	(3.531)	(26.953)	-	-	-	(4.803)	-	(35.287)	-
Impairments - Recognised in the CIES	0.030	0.017	-	-	-	-	-	0.047	-
Transfers to Held for Sale/Investment	(9.837)	8.104	-	-	-	16.237	(16.825)	(2.321)	-
Net Book Value at 31st March 2014	569.102	882.036	76.892	308.764	22.745	37.519	77.092	1,974.150	97.501
Gross Book Value c/f	569.260	938.099	139.242	432.522	29.076	38.608	81.101	2,227.908	105.470
Accumulated Depreciation c/f	-	(55.706)	(62.350)	(123.758)	(6.331)	(1.089)	-	(249.234)	(7.969)
Accumulated Impairment c/f	(0.158)	(0.357)	-	-	-	-	(4.009)	(4.524)	-
Net Book Value at 31 March 2014	569.102	882.036	76.892	308.764	22.745	37.519	77.092	1,974.150	97.501

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Depreciation

In line with the Accounting Policies for PPE (section 2.1.3) the following useful lives and depreciation rates have been used in the calculation of depreciation:

	Standard Life	Overall Range
Council Dwellings – component based calculation	-	20-80 years
Other Land and Buildings	-	5-75 years
Furniture & Equipment	5 years	5-22 years
Vehicles	7 years	1-7 years
Infrastructure and Community Assets	25 years	6-52 years

Where the Council departs from standard lives, the lives used are within the overall range outlined in the table above.

Revaluations

The Council carries out a rolling programme that ensures that all PPE carried at 'fair value' is revalued at least every 5 years. Valuations of land and buildings are carried out in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Valuations of vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment are based on depreciated historical cost as a proxy for current value.

During 2014/15, the Council's internal valuers completed asset valuations for operational and surplus properties in compliance with the 5-year requirement. In addition, internal valuers also completed a number of reviews outside the Council's 5-year property revaluation programme, for properties undergoing significant changes as a result of capital investment, material impairment or reclassification.

External valuers Herbert Button & Partners and Freeman and Mitchell completed a full beacon based revaluation of the Council Housing Stock valuation as at 31st March 2015.

Valuers Assumptions - Cyclical and Non Cyclical Valuations

States of Repair - All properties have been assumed to be in good condition unless specific disrepair has been identified and this has been taken into account in the valuation.

Contamination – Unless there is specific evidence, it is assumed that the properties are not, nor are likely to be affected by land contamination and that there are no ground conditions that affect the present or future use of the properties. Where there is evidence of contamination, this has been reflected in the valuation unless the cost of decontamination work would be immaterial.

Title - It is assumed that there are no encumbrances on title.

Council Housing Stock Valuation – Full beacon revaluation (see above)

Material Revaluation Gains, Losses and Impairments

10 properties with a total value of £113.949m have been removed from the Council's balance sheet as a result of schools gaining Academy Status and entering into long leasehold agreements at a peppercorn rent.

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Other material changes as a result of revaluation in 2014/15 include a gain of £27.552m for Nottingham Ice Centre to reflect the multi-use aspect of the facility. A gain of £40.554m reflects the increase in value of Council Housing Stock as a result of the quinquennial full beacon based revaluation.

In line with the Accounting Policies for PPE, the Council's componentisation policy has been applied to recognition, revaluation and depreciation of fixed assets during 2014/15.

Valuation at 31 March 2015

DESCRIPTION	Council Dwellings £m	Other Land and Buildings £m	Equipment, Furniture & Vehicles, Plant, £m	Infrastructure Assets £m	Community Assets £m	Surplus Assets £m	Assets Under Construction £m	Total £m
Carried at depreciated historical cost			80.642	311.066	22.617			414.325
Valued at depreciated fair value as at:								
2010/11	-	69.666	-	-	-	-	35.415	105.081
2011/12	-	223.689	-	-	-	-	20.020	243.709
2012/13	-	225.616	-	-	-	0.078	25.737	251.431
2013/14	-	106.739	-	-	-	-	19.807	126.546
2014/15	610.225	172.196	-	-	-	27.469	23.403	833.293
TOTAL	610.225	797.906	80.642	311.066	22.617	27.547	124.382	1,974.385

Capital Commitments

At 31 March 2015, the Council had entered into a number of contracts for the construction or enhancement of PPE which extend into future years. The major commitments are:

DESCRIPTION	Contract Period	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Public Sector Housing Programme			
Cranwell Road New Build	2014-2017	-	5.342
Meadows New Build	2014-2017	-	6.101
Other Services			
Eastcroft Incinerator Waste Recycling Contract	Rolling	10.972	8.583
Harvey Hadden Pool	2013-2016	11.835	3.980
NET2/3 Land Acquisitions	2012-2017	31.286	7.044
NET2/3 Other Elements of Scheme	2013-2017	102.822	109.067
Creative Quarter - Daykene St Factory	2013-2016	5.968	4.920
Southglade Food Park - Phase 2	2013-2016	6.232	1.496
Growing Places - Boots Site - Infrastructure	2014-2018	-	7.541
Commitments less than £5m at 31 March	-	72.805	72.090
TOTAL		241.920	226.164

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6.2.2 Heritage Assets

The Council's register of Heritage Assets includes over 95,000 items (excluding natural history). The Council holds these assets as a contribution to the knowledge and cultural development of both citizens and visitors. The heritage assets items are either held on display at one of the Council's museums or held in storage, where access is encouraged.

These collections are reported either at cost or an adjusted external valuation, based on an annually updated market value, usually provided for insurance purposes. Items reported at cost are usually awaiting a market valuation.

	1 April 2013	Revaluations	31 March 2014	Revaluations	31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Byron Collection	13.892	0.260	14.152	0.084	14.236
Costume Collection	0.535	0.010	0.545	(0.009)	0.536
Decorative Art	2.356	0.042	2.398	1.518	3.916
Fine Art	27.655	0.495	28.150	6.340	34.490
Human & Social History	0.593	0.011	0.604	0.043	0.647
Industrial History	0.015	-	0.015	-	0.015
Civic Regalia & Silver Collection	1.298	0.023	1.321	0.013	1.334
TOTAL	46.344	0.841	47.185	7.989	55.174

In 2010/11 there were additions to the value of Heritage Assets of £0.025m. Since 2010/11 there have been no further additions, disposals or impairments.

Preservation and Management

Each of the collections is managed by a curator who is responsible for their care and management in accordance with Nottingham City Council's policies and national guidelines. This policy requires that Heritage Assets are only disposed of when it is considered that they no longer contribute to the interest of the general public in their subject area. Although acquisitions are rare and primarily made by donation, on those rare occasions when a particularly important asset is available for purchase, the Council will apply for funding and undertake the purchase, provided that it meets the Council's objectives.

6.2.3 Investment Property

There are no restrictions on the Council's ability to sell its investment property or on its right to related income and the proceeds of disposal. There are no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property or to conduct repairs, maintenance or enhancement.

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties over the year:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	36.962	38.388
Additions	6.572	5.579
Disposals	(3.820)	(1.835)
Net gains/(losses) from fair value adjustments	0.006	1.991
Transfers to / from Property Plant and Equipment	(1.332)	(0.099)
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	38.388	44.024

Details of related income and expenditure included in the CIES are shown in section 6.1.3.

6.2.4 Intangible Assets

The Council accounts for software as intangible assets, to the extent that the software is not an integral part of a particular IT system and accounted for as part of the hardware item of PPE. The balances shown below relate to purchased software licences. All software is given a finite useful life, based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use and for the major software suites this is assumed to be 5 years.

The carrying amount of intangible assets is amortised on a straight-line basis. The amortisation charged to revenue in 2014/15 was £0.706m.

The movement on intangible asset balances during the year is as follows:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at start of year:		
Gross carrying amounts	4.582	5.643
Accumulated amortisation	(2.801)	(3.314)
Net carrying amount at start of year	1.781	2.329
Additions - Purchases	1.061	1.539
Amortisation for the period	(0.513)	(0.706)
Net carrying amount at end of year	2.329	3.162
Comprising:		
Gross carrying amounts	5.643	7.181
Accumulated amortisation	(3.314)	(4.019)
Net carrying amount at end of year	2.329	3.162

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6.2.5 Assets Held for Sale

Non-Current

Non-current Assets Held for Sale include a 50% share in the Blueprint Limited Partnership acquired by the Council during 2014/15.

Current

Movements in assets that the Council expects to sell within a year were as follows:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance outstanding at start of year	5.918	4.621
PPE newly classified as held for sale	3.653	5.842
Revaluation losses	-	(0.570)
Revaluation gains	2.438	0.028
Assets sold	(7.388)	(0.910)
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	4.621	9.011

6.2.6 Inventories

	2013/14				2014/15			
	Consumable Stores	Maintenance Materials	Client services work in progress	Total	Consumable Stores	Maintenance Materials	Client services work in progress	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 1 April	0.536	0.051	0.622	1.209	0.524	0.064	1.949	2.537
Purchases	2.903	1.366	12.029	16.298	4.771	0.558	19.085	24.414
Recognised as an expense in the year	(2.898)	(1.353)	(10.702)	(14.953)	(4.660)	(0.192)	(18.265)	(23.117)
Written off balances	(0.017)	-	-	(0.017)	-	-	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	0.524	0.064	1.949	2.537	0.635	0.430	2.769	3.834

6.2.7 Short Term Debtors

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Central government bodies	20.735	15.764
Other local authorities	6.637	7.201
NHS Bodies	1.068	1.905
Public corporations and trading funds	0.187	0.188
Other entities and individuals	76.182	84.143
TOTAL	104.809	109.201

6.2.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents comprises the following elements:

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Cash held by the Authority	0.394	0.342
Bank current accounts	4.047	(4.133)
Short-term deposits with banks and building societies	54.600	57.200
TOTAL	59.041	53.409

The Council has set-off overdrafts of £15.335m (£8.338m in 2013/14) against credit balances held within its bank current accounts.

6.2.9 Short Term Creditors

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Central government bodies	(30.793)	(38.562)
Other local authorities	(7.975)	(6.922)
NHS Bodies	(7.437)	(7.773)
Other entities and individuals	(143.503)	(142.351)
TOTAL	(189.708)	(195.608)

6.2.10 Provisions

Current Provisions

These are amounts set aside meet specific expenditure in 2015/16. For the NET2 project the provision has been increased where new compulsory purchases orders have been issued, but the purchase price has yet to be agreed. A number of Single Status payments have yet to be made against the job evaluation provision, which has been reassessed to provide for an additional £0.927m of costs in relation to academy schools.

	Compulsory Purchases for NET2 £m	Job Evaluation £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 April 2014	(1.750)	(3.047)	(4.797)
Additional provisions made	(22.173)	(0.927)	(23.100)
Amounts used	1.750	0.230	1.980
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2015	(22.173)	(3.744)	(25.917)

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Non-Current Provisions

These accounts represent amounts set aside to meet specific expenditure in future years.

	Injury and Damage Compensation Claims	Business Rates Appeals	Equal Pay	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 1 April 2014	(9.655)	(4.419)	(0.757)	(14.831)
Additional provisions made	(1.102)	(1.447)	-	(2.549)
Amounts used	0.924	2.749	-	3.673
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2015	(9.833)	(3.117)	(0.757)	(13.707)

Insurance Compensation Claims

Nottingham City Council maintains an insurance provision to meet the cost of claims arising from self-insured risks and risks which fall below the external policy retention levels.

The majority of costs met from the provision arise from property damage, liability claims made against the Council and motor accidents involving Council motor vehicles. In order to limit the Council's exposure to these risks the policies for external fire and motor and liability have been arranged with excesses of £0.250m, and £0.100m respectively. To further protect the Council's exposure to significant payments, aggregate stop losses are in place, which limit the total value of claims that the Council will have to fund in one policy year; the stop losses for the 2014/2015 policy year were £5m across all classes. Other costs falling on the provision include self-insured risks.

Contributions to the insurance provision arise from annual charges to service areas. These maintain the insurance provision at a sufficient level to meet claim liabilities, which includes an element of incurred but not reported claims. In addition to the known and estimated liabilities there are also potential liabilities on the fund that have not been included in the fund balance.

Business Rates

The council bears a risk of non-collection of business rates following appeals. The council's share of appeals awarded during 2014/15 amounts to £2.749m. An additional provision of £1.447m has been made as a result of the assessment of outstanding appeals at 31st March 2015, the last date for appeals against the current valuation list.

Equal Pay

A provision of £1.762m was set up in 2012/13 to meet the potential cost of additional settlements arising from an ongoing equal pay tribunal case. A balance of £0.757m remains for this provision.

6.2.11 Usable Reserves

Movements in the Council's usable reserves are summarised in the Movement in Reserves Statement (Table 3.3). Further details of the earmarked reserves are shown below:

	Balance at 1 April 2013 £m	Transfers Out £m	Transfers In £m	Balance at 31 March 2014 £m	Transfers Out £m	Transfers In £m	Balance at 31 March 2015 £m
Restricted Reserves:							
Schools	19.402	(4.389)	6.754	21.767	(3.461)	5.816	24.122
Capital	4.505	(0.086)	0.715	5.134	(1.556)	8.562	12.140
Other Reserves:							
Private Finance Initiatives	12.153	(4.578)	16.463	24.038	(4.996)	16.510	35.552
Investment	10.336	(0.197)	2.916	13.055	(13.574)	22.399	21.880
Contingency	10.102	(1.451)	9.756	18.407	(12.427)	11.258	17.238
Services	17.478	(8.629)	5.030	13.879	(8.817)	5.671	10.733
Job Evaluation	12.550	(0.774)	3.451	15.227	(8.441)	1.311	8.097
Business Transformation	13.023	(1.706)	4.312	15.629	(9.040)	1.098	7.687
Local Economy	4.302	(1.418)	3.730	6.614	(11.889)	12.759	7.484
Information Technology	8.897	(3.700)	3.553	8.750	(5.327)	3.592	7.015
Insurance & Risk							
Management	2.532	(0.253)	-	2.279	-	2.500	4.779
Asset Maintenance	3.376	(0.488)	1.096	3.984	(1.436)	0.830	3.378
	118.656	(27.669)	57.776	148.763	(80.964)	92.306	160.105

Restricted reserves have been identified separately as they are generally not available to support General Fund revenue expenditure. The detailed categories are explained below:

Schools

This represents funds that have been allocated to schools under Local Management of Schools legislation, and which remains unspent at the year end. This reserve is not available to support other General Fund expenditure.

Capital

Sums that have been set aside in previous years to provide additional funding for the capital programme.

PFI

PFI reserves exist for number of schemes as a result of Government funding that has been received in advance to pay future years' liabilities. This income is therefore set aside to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover the cost of contracts in future years.

Investment

Reserves set aside to help fund or manage the impact of new capital schemes that have not yet been included in the capital programme.

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Contingency

Certain areas of expenditure are subject to volatility. Reserves are therefore set aside to help manage the impact on the General Fund of significant changes in costs year on year in specific areas.

Services

Where services have identified one-off items of revenue expenditure that are likely to be incurred in future years.

Workforce Issues

Initially set up to meet costs relating to job evaluation and equal pay, this reserve is now available to fund residual equal pay costs as well as any other workforce issues.

Business Transformation

These reserves are available to help meet costs incurred when implementing business and service efficiencies within the Council.

Information Technology

These reserves are set aside to provide a source of funding for major changes to information technology that occur periodically.

Insurance and Risk Management

These reserves reflects the potential future liabilities in relation to insurance claims and provides resources to help reduce or deal with risk management issues that arise.

Local Economy

The Council has set aside reserves that will allow investment in the local economy. The reserves are generally used to help local businesses and residents.

Asset Maintenance

These reserves are available to help maintain the Council's property and other assets, particularly where there are significant and periodic requirements to ensure the Council's assets are adequately maintained.

6.2.12 Unusable Reserves

Unusable reserves have been created as a result of the difference between accounting under IFRS and statutory provisions for meeting expenditure from the General Fund. These reserves represent differences due to timing of funding certain items of expenditure and are, therefore, not available as a source of general funding.

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	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Revaluation Reserve	327.492	315.722
Capital Adjustment Account	881.690	877.330
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	(7.186)	(6.882)
Pensions Reserve	(550.498)	(720.588)
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	4.293	3.893
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	5.006	4.232
Accumulated Absences Account	(4.629)	(4.091)
TOTAL UNUSABLE RESERVES	656.168	469.616

Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Council arising from increases in the value of its PPE. The balance is reduced when assets with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost
- used in the provision of services and the gains are consumed through depreciation, or
- disposed of and the gains are realised.

The reserve contains only revaluation gains accumulated since 1 April 2007, the date that the reserve was created. Accumulated gains arising before that date are consolidated into the balance on the Capital Adjustment Account.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	310.122	327.492
Upward revaluation of assets	33.720	50.388
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(5.133)	(7.851)
Surplus or deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	28.587	42.537
Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation	(8.567)	(9.317)
Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped	(2.650)	(44.990)
Amount written off to the Capital Adjustment Account	(11.217)	(54.307)
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	327.492	315.722

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Capital Adjustment Account

The Capital Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for the consumption of non-current assets and for financing the acquisition, construction or enhancement of those assets under statutory provisions. The account is debited with the cost of acquisition, construction or enhancement. Depreciation, impairment losses and amortisations are charged to the CIES (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a historical cost basis). The Account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The account also contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and gains recognised on donated assets that have yet to be consumed by the Council, together with revaluation gains accumulated on PPE before 1 April 2007, the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	869.605	881.690
Other Comprehensive Items		
Voluntary aided school recognition	-	4.813
Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the CIES:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	(0.513)	(0.706)
Charges for depreciation of non-current assets	(83.299)	(86.276)
Charges for impairment of non-current assets	0.047	0.158
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	2.593	38.700
Donated assets	1.846	1.091
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties	0.006	1.817
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute (REFCUS)	(6.572)	(19.394)
REFCUS expenditure funded by grants	4.933	6.373
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the CIES	(50.639)	(150.354)
Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	11.217	54.307
	<u>(120.381)</u>	<u>(154.284)</u>
Capital financing applied in the year:		
Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	8.007	5.588
Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	18.088	40.257
Application of grants from the Capital Grants Unapplied Account	55.698	50.552
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	12.469	7.907
Voluntary set aside of capital receipts for debt redemption	22.410	23.693
Adjustment to MRP as a result of PFI Projects	-	3.729
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	16.820	14.125
Reduction in Liabilities & Repayment of Long Term Debtors etc:		
Principal Repayment of Capital Loans	(1.026)	(0.740)
	<u>132.466</u>	<u>145.111</u>
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	881.690	877.330

Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

The Financial Instruments Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for income and expenses relating to certain financial instruments and for bearing losses or benefiting from gains per statutory provisions. The Council uses the account to manage premiums paid and discounts received on the early redemption of loans. Premiums and discounts are debited or credited to the CIES when they are incurred, but reversed out of the General Fund Balance to the Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Over time, the expense is posted back to the General Fund Balance in accordance with statutory arrangements for spreading the burden on council tax. In the Council's case, this period is the unexpired term that was outstanding on the loans when they were redeemed.

Similar treatment is applied to loans raised by the Council with variable interest rates applied (Lenders Option Borrowers Option loans), and for monies advanced by the Council at less than the market interest rate (soft loans).

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	(7.530)	(7.186)
Premiums incurred in the year	0.411	0.370
Discounts incurred in the year	(0.072)	(0.072)
Lenders Option Borrowers Option Loans	0.004	0.004
Soft Loans	0.001	0.002
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	(7.186)	(6.882)

Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. Post employment benefits are accounted for in the CIES as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as employer's contributions are made to pension funds or eventually pays any pensions for which it is directly responsible. The debit balance on the Pensions Reserve therefore shows a substantial shortfall in the benefits earned by past and current employees and the resources set aside to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

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	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	(546.235)	(550.498)
Return on plan assets	12.792	55.171
Actuarial gains or (losses) on pensions assets and liabilities	12.264	(208.339)
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to (Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services in the CIES	(56.433)	(45.134)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to the pensioners payable in the year	27.114	28.212
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	(550.498)	(720.588)

Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve

The Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve holds the gains recognised on the disposal of non-current assets but for which cash settlement has yet to take place. Under statutory arrangements, the Council does not treat these gains as usable for financing new capital expenditure until they are backed by cash receipts. When the deferred cash settlement eventually takes place, amounts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	3.985	4.293
Transfer to the Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	(0.066)	(0.400)
Created in year	0.374	-
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	4.293	3.893

Collection Fund Adjustment Account

The Collection Fund Adjustment Account manages the differences arising from the recognition of council tax and NNDR income in the CIES as it falls due, compared with the statutory arrangements (funding basis) for paying across amounts to the General Fund from the Collection Fund.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	1.419	5.006
Adjustment for council tax income and NNDR credited to the CIES on an accounting basis instead of funding basis	3.587	(0.774)
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	5.006	4.232

Accumulated Absences Account

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year, e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31 March. Statutory arrangements (funding basis) require it to be treated as an unusable reserve so that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the Account.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance at 1 April	(5.187)	(4.629)
Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	5.187	4.629
Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	(4.629)	(4.091)
Adjustment to CIES to include officer remuneration on an accounting (accruals) basis instead of funding basis	0.558	0.538
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	(4.629)	(4.091)

6.2.13 Capital Grants Received in Advance

The Council has received a number of grants, contributions and donations that have yet to be recognised as income as they have conditions attached to them that will require the monies or property to be returned if the conditions are not met.

The balances at the year-end are as follows:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Department for Education	(0.264)	(0.177)
Department of Health	-	(0.019)
S106 Contributions - Affordable Housing	(1.286)	(1.206)
S106 Contributions - Open Space	(0.799)	(1.022)
S106 Contributions - Transport / Public Realm / Training	(0.445)	(0.252)
Other Grants and Contributions	(0.516)	(0.089)
TOTAL	(3.310)	(2.765)

6.2.14 Defined Benefit Pension Schemes

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers, the Council makes contributions towards the cost of post-employment benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Council has a commitment to make the payments that need to be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Council participates in three post employment schemes:

- The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), administered locally by Nottinghamshire County Council
- The Teachers Pension Scheme, managed by the Department for Education (DfE) and administered by Capita Business Services Ltd
- The NHS Pension Scheme, administered by the NHS Business Services Authority

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Further details for these schemes can be found in Appendix C

The following tables explain the amounts in the financial statements. Teachers Benefits data is in respect of additional pensions granted at retirement by the Council and are paid for by the Council as they become due.

Assets and Liabilities in Relation to Post-employment Benefits

Reconciliation of present value of the scheme liabilities (defined benefit obligation):

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers Benefits	
	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Opening balance at 1 April	(1,334.670)	(1,351.191)	(34.402)	(31.658)
Current service cost	(36.513)	(30.227)	-	-
Interest cost	(59.066)	(58.312)	(0.900)	(1.040)
Change in financial assumptions	(24.853)	(206.492)	1.508	(1.708)
Change in demographic assumptions	(57.517)	-	-	(0.139)
Experience loss/(gain) on defined benefit obligation	120.143	-	-	-
Liabilities assumed/extinguished on settlements	6.597	19.615	-	-
Estimated benefits paid net of transfers in	42.328	42.069	-	-
Past Service costs including curtailments	(0.708)	(0.916)	-	-
Contributions by scheme participants	(8.188)	(8.519)	-	-
Unfunded pension payments	1.256	1.246	2.136	2.158
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	(1,351.191)	(1,592.727)	(31.658)	(32.387)

Reconciliation of fair value of the scheme assets:

	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m
Opening balance at 1 April	822.837	832.351
Interest on assets	36.704	36.253
Return on assets less interest	12.792	55.171
Other actuarial gains/losses	(27.017)	-
Administration expenses	(0.058)	(0.150)
Contributions by the employer including unfunded	24.978	26.054
Contributions by scheme participants	8.188	8.519
Estimated benefits paid plus unfunded net of transfers in	(43.584)	(43.315)
Settlement prices received/paid	(2.489)	(10.357)
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	832.351	904.526

The net pension liability shown in the balance sheet as at 31 March is as follows:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers Benefits	
	31 March 2014	31 March 2015	31 March 2014	31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Present value of funded obligation	(1,336.017)	(1,577.116)	-	-
Fair value of scheme assets (bid value)	832.351	904.526	-	-
Net Liability	(503.666)	(672.590)	-	-
Present value of unfunded obligation	(15.174)	(15.611)	(31.658)	(32.387)
NET LIABILITY IN BALANCE SHEET	(518.840)	(688.201)	(31.658)	(32.387)

The liabilities show the underlying commitments that the Council has to pay in respect of post-employment (retirement) benefits. The total liability has a substantial impact on the net worth of the Council as recorded in the Balance Sheet, as a result of the negative overall balance of £720.558m. However, statutory arrangements for funding the deficit mean that the financial position of the Council remains healthy:

- The deficit on the LGPS will be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees (i.e. before payments fall due), as assessed by the scheme actuary
- Finance is only required to be raised to cover discretionary benefits when the pensions are actually paid.

6.2.15 Financial Instruments

The operation of the Council's Treasury Management function is regulated through the Local Government Act 2003 and supplementary guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government, the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Council approves an annual treasury strategy, reviewing risk and expected activities during the year.

The 2011 Accounting Code of Practice requires disclosure of information pertaining to the scope, significance and risk associated with the Council's financial instruments.

Categories of Financial Instruments

A financial instrument arises from a contract which creates a financial asset in one organisation and a financial liability in another. The Balance Sheet contains a range of such financial instruments, both assets and liabilities.

The tables below show the appropriate value of all financial instruments on the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015 (and 31 March 2014).

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	Notes	Long-term		Current	
		31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
		2014	2015	2014	2015
		£m	£m	£m	£m
Investments					
Loans and receivables					
- investments (principal)		15.000	10.000	138.600	136.600
- accrued interest		-	-	0.317	0.550
- Icelandic deposits		-	-	2.450	2.340
		15.000	10.000	141.367	139.490
Available for sale					
- investments (principal)		-	-	18.969	9.980
- accrued interest		-	-	0.014	0.007
Unquoted equity investment at cost		5.319	5.345	-	-
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		20.319	15.345	160.350	149.477
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
- cash (including bank accounts)		-	-	4.441	(3.791)
- cash equivalents (principal)		-	-	54.600	57.200
TOTAL CASH EQUIVALENTS		-	-	59.041	53.409
Debtors					
Loans and receivables	1	60.696	62.437	83.990	90.399
TOTAL DEBTORS		60.696	62.437	83.990	90.399

Notes:

- Debtors exclude non-contractual items e.g. NNDR and Council Tax, together with Payments in Advance.

	Notes	Long-term		Current	
		31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
		2014	2015	2014	2015
		£m	£m	£m	£m
Borrowings					
Financial liabilities at amortised cost					
- principal	1	684.943	669.552	25.311	18.409
- interest		-	-	6.884	6.736
- accounting adjustments		0.946	0.942	-	-
TOTAL BORROWINGS		685.889	670.494	32.195	25.145
Other Long Term Liabilities					
PFI and finance lease liabilities	1	91.789	101.103	1.891	2.414
Growing Places Fund and other		7.054	11.261	15.899	9.758
TOTAL OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES		98.843	112.364	17.790	12.172
Creditors					
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	2	-	-	146.218	145.806
TOTAL CREDITORS		-	-	146.218	145.806

Notes:

1. The principal element of borrowings plus PFI and finance lease liabilities equates to external debt for comparison against the operational boundary.
2. Creditors exclude non-contractual items e.g. NNDR and Council Tax, together with Receipts in Advance.

Financial Instruments – Items of interest, expense, gains and losses

The following table discloses the income and expenditure recognised in the CIES for all financial assets and liabilities not held at fair value (calculated using the effective interest method):

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Interest expense	(23.878)	(23.462)
Impairment losses	1.080	(0.183)
Total Expense in (Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services	(22.798)	(23.645)
Interest income	1.828	2.031
Interest income - impaired financial assets	0.507	0.072
Total Income in (Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services	2.335	2.103
NET GAIN/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	(20.463)	(21.542)

Financial liabilities and assets represented by loans and receivables are carried on the balance sheet at amortised cost. Their fair value can be assessed by calculating the net present value, at 31 March 2015, of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining life of the instruments, using the following assumptions:

- The fair values of loans from the PWLB have been discounted at the published interest rates for new PWLB certainty rate loans with an identical remaining term to maturity arranged on 31st March.
- Within market loans the fair values of long-term “Lender’s Option Borrower’s Option” loans have been calculated discounting the contractual cash flows over the whole life of the instrument at the appropriate interest rate swap rate on 31st March plus a margin for local authority credit risk and adding the value of the embedded options. Lenders’ options to propose an increase to the interest rate on the loan have been valued according to Bloomberg’s proprietary model for Bermudan cancellable swaps. Borrower’s contingent options to accept the increased rate or repay the loan have been valued at zero, on the assumption that lenders will only exercise their options when market rates have risen above the contractual loan rate
- The fair values of finance lease and PFI scheme assets and liabilities have been calculated by discounting the contractual cash flows (excluding service charges) at the appropriate AA corporate bond yield.
- For other loans, relevant premature repayment rates have been applied to provide a fair value.
- Where an instrument has a maturity of less than 12 months, the fair value is taken to be the principal outstanding, plus accrued interest.
- The fair value of trade and other creditors and debtors is taken to be the billed amount.

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- The fair value of investments excludes all sums deposited with Icelandic banks which have been accounted for separately.
- Available for sale investments are held on the Balance Sheet at fair value and therefore excluded from the table below.

The fair values calculated are as follows:

	31 March 2014		31 March 2015	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£m	£m	£m	£m
PWLB debt	655.141	746.230	641.197	752.319
Market loans	50.431	63.028	50.427	79.670
3% stock	0.919	0.625	0.648	0.647
Bonds etc	0.387	0.387	0.176	0.176
PFI and finance leases	93.680	372.508	103.516	407.274
Other debt	11.184	11.184	3.191	3.191
Trade creditors	146.218	146.218	145.806	145.806
Financial Liabilities	957.960	1,340.180	944.961	1,389.083
Investments (< 1 year)	193.517	193.517	194.350	194.350
Investments (> 1 year)	15.000	15.107	10.000	10.175
Debtors	83.990	83.990	90.399	90.399
Long-term debtors	60.696	60.696	62.437	62.437
Financial Assets	353.203	353.310	357.186	357.361

The fair value of the debt is greater than the carrying amount because the Council's portfolio of loans includes fixed rate loans where the interest rate payable is higher than the rates available for similar loans in the market at the balance sheet date.

All loans and receivables held on the Balance Sheet at 31 March were issued at par. They have been accounted for on the Balance Sheet on an amortised cost basis, and reflect the principal outstanding, plus any accrued interest at 31 March 2015, giving a 'carrying amount' at year-end.

6.3 Movement in Reserves Statement Notes

6.3.1 Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under regulations

2014/15	Usable Reserves					Unusable Reserves
	General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Non Current Assets						
• Amortisation of Intangible Fixed Assets	0.702	0.004	-	-	-	(0.706)
• Depreciation	56.207	30.069	-	-	-	(86.276)
• Impairment	-	(0.158)	-	-	-	0.158
• Revaluation Losses	0.354	(39.623)	-	-	-	39.269
• Donated Assets	-	(1.091)	-	-	-	1.091
• Investment Property Movement	(1.817)	-	-	-	-	1.817
• Assets Held for Sale Movement	0.569	-	-	-	-	(0.569)
• Derecognition of Fixed Assets	124.016	16.200	-	-	-	(140.216)
• (Loss)/Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets	(0.144)	(4.180)	14.462	-	-	(10.138)
	179.887	1.221	14.462	-	-	(195.570)
Capital Financing						
• Revenue Expenditure Funded From Capital Under Statute	13.021	-	-	-	-	(13.021)
• Statutory Minimum Revenue Provision for Capital Financing	(7.907)	-	-	-	-	7.907
• Voluntary Revenue Provision for Capital Financing	(22.688)	(1.005)	-	-	-	23.693
• PFI Minimum Revenue Provision	(3.729)	-	-	-	-	3.729
• Capital Expenditure charged in year to General Fund Balance	(8.425)	(5.700)	-	-	-	14.125
• Transfer to/from Major Repairs Reserve	-	(30.069)	-	(10.188)	-	40.257
• Transfer from usable Capital Receipts equal to the amount payable into the Housing Capital Receipts Pool.	1.879	-	(1.879)	-	-	-
• Other Items: Regional Housing Grant, Bulwell LIFT, WD LT debtor	-	-	1.139	-	-	(1.139)
• Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new Capital expenditure	-	-	(5.588)	-	-	5.588
• Capital Grants Applied	-	-	-	-	(50.552)	50.552
	(27.849)	(36.774)	(6.328)	(10.188)	(50.552)	131.691

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2014/15	Usable Reserves					Unusable Reserves
	General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Employee Benefits	(0.538)	-	-	-	-	0.538
Pension Fund						
• Net charges made for Retirement Benefits in accordance with IAS19	45.134	-	-	-	-	(45.134)
• Employers contributions payable to the NCC Pension Fund and Retirement Benefits payable direct to pensioners.	(28.212)	-	-	-	-	28.212
	16.922	-	-	-	-	(16.922)
Other Movements						
• Capital Grants & Contributions	(47.185)	-	-	-	47.185	-
• Financial Instrument Adjustment Account	(0.330)	0.027	-	-	-	0.303
• Transfer to/(from) Collection Fund Adjustment Account	0.774	-	-	-	-	(0.774)
	(46.741)	0.027	-	-	47.185	(0.471)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	121.681	(35.526)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	(80.734)

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2013/14	Usable Reserves					Unusable Reserves
	General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Non Current Assets						
• Amortisation of Intangible Fixed Assets	0.508	0.005	-	-	-	(0.513)
• Depreciation	54.560	28.739	-	-	-	(83.299)
• Impairment	(0.017)	(0.030)	-	-	-	0.047
• Revaluation Losses	8.285	(8.440)	-	-	-	0.155
• Donated Assets	(0.054)	(1.792)	-	-	-	1.846
• Investment Property Movement	0.026	(0.032)	-	-	-	0.006
• Assets Held for Sale Movement	-	(2.438)	-	-	-	2.438
• Derecognition of Fixed Assets	27.981	7.915	-	-	-	(35.896)
• (Loss)/Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets	0.386	0.226	14.131	-	-	(14.743)
	91.675	24.153	14.131	-	-	(129.959)
Capital Financing						
• Revenue Expenditure Funded From Capital Under Statute	1.639	-	-	-	-	(1.639)
• Statutory Minimum Revenue Provision for Capital Financing	(8.426)	-	-	-	-	8.426
• Voluntary Revenue Provision for Capital Financing	(21.405)	(1.005)	-	-	-	22.410
• PFI Minimum Revenue Provision	(4.043)	-	-	-	-	4.043
• Capital Expenditure charged in year to General Fund Balance	(11.072)	(5.748)	-	-	-	16.820
• Transfer to/from Major Repairs Reserve	-	(28.739)	-	10.651	-	18.088
• Transfer from usable Capital Receipts equal to the amount payable into the Housing Capital Receipts Pool.	1.730	-	(1.730)	-	-	-
• Other Items: Regional Housing Grant, Bulwell LIFT, WD LT debtor	-	-	0.719	-	-	(0.719)
• Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new Capital expenditure	-	-	(8.007)	-	-	8.007
• Capital Grants Applied	-	-	-	-	(55.698)	55.698
	(41.577)	(35.492)	(9.018)	10.651	(55.698)	131.134

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2013/14	Usable Reserves					Unusable Reserves
	General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Employee Benefits	(0.558)	-	-	-	-	0.558
Pension Fund						
• Net charges made for Retirement Benefits in accordance with IAS19	56.433	-	-	-	-	(56.433)
• Employers contributions payable to the NCC Pension Fund and Retirement Benefits payable direct to pensioners.	(27.114)	-	-	-	-	27.114
	29.319	-	-	-	-	(29.319)
Other Movements						
• Capital Grants & Contributions	(55.739)	-	-	-	55.739	-
• Financial Instrument Adjustment Account	(0.330)	(0.014)	-	-	-	0.344
• Transfer to/(from) Collection Fund Adjustment Account	(3.588)	-	-	-	-	3.588
	(59.657)	(0.014)	-	-	55.739	3.932
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	19.202	(11.353)	5.113	10.651	0.041	(23.654)

6.3.2 Post Employment Benefits Transactions

The Council recognise the cost of retirement benefits in the cost of services when they are earned by employees; rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge required to be made against council tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the MIRS. The following transactions have been made in the General Fund Balance via the MIRS during the year:

	Local Government			
	Pension Scheme		Teachers Benefits	
	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Movement in Reserves Statement				
Reversal of net charges made to the Surplus or Deficit for the Provision of Services for post employment benefits	(55.533)	(44.094)	(0.900)	(1.040)
Actual amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year:				
Employers' contributions payable to scheme	24.978	26.054		
Retirement benefits payable to pensioners			2.136	2.158

These transactions can be summarised as follows:

	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m
Movement in Reserves Statement:		
Reversal of Charges made in accordance with the Code	(56.433)	(45.134)
Charges to General Fund made on a funding basis	27.114	28.212
TOTAL	(29.319)	(16.922)

6.4 Cash Flow Statement Notes

6.4.1 Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Interest received	2.336	1.817
Interest paid	(25.870)	(23.131)
Dividends received	1.000	0.700
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(22.534)	(20.614)

6.4.2 Investing Activities

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(131.390)	(144.115)
Purchase of short-term and long-term investments	(22.648)	(0.029)
Other payments for investing activities	(0.417)	(2.030)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	13.011	30.850
Other receipts from investing activities	60.250	58.299
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(81.194)	(57.025)

6.4.3 Financing Activities

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Cash receipts of short and long-term borrowing	10.000	2.000
Other receipts from financing activities	3.097	0.257
Cash payments for the reduction of the outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases and on-balance sheet PFI contracts	(1.325)	(1.737)
Repayments of short and long-term borrowing	(86.875)	(20.089)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(75.103)	(19.569)

6.5 Other Notes

6.5.1 Trading Operations

These trading operations generate income in a competitive commercial environment. Those operations with a turnover of greater than £5m or deficit in excess of £1m are shown separately in the table below :

	2013/14			2014/15		
	Income £m	Expenditure £m	(Surplus) Deficit £m	Income £m	Expenditure £m	(Surplus) Deficit £m
Included within Services:						
Royal Centre Theatre	13.288	12.997	(0.291)	15.089	17.104	2.015
Car Parking	7.798	5.175	(2.623)	7.823	5.341	(2.482)
Property	7.731	4.449	(3.282)	9.350	4.717	(4.633)
Education Catering	7.771	7.668	(0.103)	7.677	7.265	(0.412)
Leisure Centres	4.489	11.969	7.480	5.457	11.561	6.104
Smaller activities	8.531	8.611	0.080	10.109	9.370	(0.739)
Included in Finance and Investment:						
Investment Properties	2.650	0.440	(2.210)	2.623	(0.392)	(3.015)
Smaller Activities	1.136	1.985	0.849	1.859	2.993	1.134
TOTAL						
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	53.394	53.294	(0.100)	44.898	40.855	(4.043)

Generally the trading operations are included within Continuing Services in the CIES. The net surplus of trading operations which are not an integral part or directly support NCC's services are charged to Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure. The net surplus of these operations in 2014/15 was £1.881m (2013/14 £1.361m).

6.5.2 Agency Services

The Council does not receive any significant income for agency services.

6.5.3 Jointly Controlled Operations

Nottingham City Council (NCC) runs a joint operation with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to provide shared transactional finance, human resources and payroll services to both councils under the name of East Midlands Shared Services (EMSS). EMSS operates under a Joint Committee established under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Joint Committee does not have separate legal personality and is therefore not a separate entity.

Operations relating to EMSS are carried out at both NCC and LCC premises, with LCC being the employing authority and NCC the host authority. In line with the partnership agreement, the net expenditure is shared between the two authorities by allocating an equal share of the financial benefits (savings) accruing from the operation of EMSS. This has resulted in a share of costs for NCC of 56%.

A summary of the income and expenditure of EMSS, and the associated amounts included in NCC's accounts is shown below:

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	Total EMSS		Amounts included within NCC Accounts	
	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income:				
Direct External Income	(1.797)	(1.890)	(0.540)	(0.504)
LCC Share of NCC Direct Costs			(0.149)	-
Total Income	(1.797)	(1.890)	(0.689)	(0.504)
Expenditure:				
Total EMSS Expenditure	5.676	6.708		
Direct costs incurred by NCC			0.348	0.245
Third party payments to LCC			2.566	2.959
Total Expenditure	5.676	6.708	2.914	3.204
NET EXPENDITURE	3.879	4.818	2.225	2.700

6.5.4 Councillors' Allowances

The Council paid the following amounts to Councillors during the year:

	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m
Allowances	1.059	1.077
Expenses	0.002	0.001
TOTAL	1.061	1.078

6.5.5 Officers Remuneration

The remuneration paid to the Council's senior employees is as follows:

POST HOLDER	2013/14 £	2014/15 £
Chief Executive - Ian Curryer		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	160,000	160,000
- Expense Allowances	283	-
- Pension Contributions	28,800	-
	189,083	160,000
Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director Resources - C. Mills*		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	144,653	41,218
- Expense Allowances	92	-
- Pension Contributions	26,038	5,094
	170,783	46,312
Acting Corporate Director Resources - C. O'Connell*		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	-	90,352
- Pension Contributions	-	10,906
	-	101,258
Corporate Director - Children and Adults **		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	57,167	140,000
- Pension Contributions	10,290	17,500
	67,457	157,500
Corporate Director - Community Services		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	130,000	130,000
- Pension Contributions	23,400	-
	153,400	130,000
Corporate Director - Development and Growth		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	127,500	127,500
- Pension Contributions	22,950	16,483
	150,450	143,983
Corporate Director - Quality and Commissioning ***		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	102,807	-
- Expense Allowances	59	-
- Pension Contributions	18,505	-
	121,371	-
Director - One Nottingham ****		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	61,484	-
- Pension Contributions	11,067	-
	72,551	-
Director - Policy, Partnership and Comms *****		
- Salary, Fees & Allowances	77,895	-
- Pension Contributions	14,021	-
	91,916	-

* Deputy Chief Executive / Corporate Director Resources left 13/07/14, a Council employee was Seconded to the Corporate Director Resources role for the remaining of 2014/15

** Corporate Director - Children and Adults - Appointed 4/11/2013

*** Corporate Director - Quality and Commissioning - Seconded to Corporate Director Children and Adults from 1/2/2013-3/11/2013, due to a Senior Officer restructure this post was removed on the 31st March 2014

**** Director - One Nottingham stopped reporting direct to the Chief Executive from the 1st April 2014, as such now no longer meets the requirements of this disclosure.

***** Director - Policy, Partnership and Comms - left the Council on the 31st March 2014

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During 2014/15 there was a joint arrangement with Nottinghamshire County Council, whereby the Director of Public Health for the County would also undertake this role for the City Council. It was agreed that the role would operate on the basis of a 60/40 split, with 40% dedicated to the City Council. The Director of Public Health is not included within the officers' remuneration note as the post holder is not an employee of the City Council.

A total of 161 employees (including senior employees) received remuneration of more than £0.050m, of these 84 are employed directly by schools. However, the figures do not include staff employed by academy schools, who are not Council employees:

Remuneration Banding £	Number of Employees					
	2013/14			2014/15		
	School Based Staff	Senior Employees	Other Staff	School Based Staff	Senior Employees	Other Staff
50,000 - 54,999	32	-	29	30	-	19
55,000 - 59,999	20	1	17	19	-	15
60,000 - 64,999	17	1	11	14	-	12
65,000 - 69,999	9	-	6	7	-	6
70,000 - 74,999	3	-	2	2	-	2
75,000 - 79,999	2	1	6	4	-	3
80,000 - 84,999	1	-	4	1	-	4
85,000 - 89,999	1	-	5	2	-	6
90,000 - 94,999	2	-	2	2	-	3
95,000 - 99,999	1	-	-	2	-	-
100,000 - 104,999	1	1	1	1	-	1
105,000 - 109,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
110,000 - 114,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
115,000 - 119,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
120,000 - 124,999	-	-	-	-	1	-
125,000 - 129,999	-	2	1	-	1	1
130,000 - 134,999	-	-	-	-	1	-
135,000 - 139,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
140,000 - 144,999	-	1	-	-	1	-
145,000 - 149,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
150,000 - 154,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
155,000 - 159,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
160,000 - 164,999	-	1	-	-	1	-
Total	89	8	84	84	5	72
Grand Total			181			161

The number of exit packages with total cost per band and total cost of the compulsory and other redundancies are set out in the table below:

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Type of Exit Package	2013/14*		2014/15		
	Up to £20,000	£20,001 to £40,000	Up to £20,000	£20,001 to £40,000	£40,001 to £150,000
Number of:					
Compulsory redundancies	48	2	24	2	4
Other departures agreed	42	6	25	6	-
Total departures	90	8	49	8	4
Total Cost	£823,801	£189,213	£228,287	£348,125	£363,146

* There were no exit packages which cost in excess of £40,000 in 2013/14

6.5.6 External Audit Costs

The Council has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the Statement of Accounts and statutory inspections and certification of grant claims:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Statutory audit and inspection work	0.233	0.232
Certification of grant claims and returns	0.025	0.032
Refund of prior year fees by Audit Commission	-	(0.055)
TOTAL	0.258	0.209

There were no other non-audit services provided by the Council's external auditors.

6.5.7 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

The Council's expenditure on schools is funded primarily by DSG provided by the Department for Education. This is a ring fenced grant and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget, as defined in the Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013. The Schools Budget includes elements for a range of educational services provided on a council-wide basis and for the Individual Schools Budget (ISB), which is divided into a budget share for each maintained school.

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Details of the deployment of DSG receivable for 2014/15 are as follows:

Notes	Central Expenditure £m	ISB £m	Total £m
A			228.843
B			(99.896)
C			128.947
D			11.962
E			9.066
F	29.329	115.595	144.924
G	(1.507)	(5.807)	(7.314)
H	27.822	109.788	137.610
I	22.006		
J		(109.788)	
K	-	-	-
L	5.816	-	14.882

Notes to DSG:

- A Figure as announced by the Department for Education (DfE) in March 2015.
- B Figure recouped from the Council in 2014/15 by the DfE for the conversion of maintained schools into Academies.
- C Total figure after DfE recoupment for 2014/15.
- D Figure brought forward from 2013/14 as agreed with the DfE.
- E The amount which the Council planned after consultation with the schools forum to carry forward to 2015/16, rather than distribute in 2014/15.
- F Budgeted distribution of DSG, adjusted for carry-forward, as agreed with the schools forum.
- G Changes to the initial distribution.
- H Budgeted distribution of DSG as at the end of the financial year.
- I Actual amount of central expenditure items in 2014/15.
- J Amount of ISB actually distributed to schools (ISB is regarded for DSG purposes as spent by the Council once it is deployed to schools' budget shares).
- K Any contribution from the Council in 2014/15 which will have the effect of substituting for DSG in funding the Schools Budget.
- L Carry forward to 2015/16. The total figure is the carry forward to 2015/16 agreed in advance (line E) plus carry forwards on central expenditure and ISB (Line L).

6.5.8 Related Parties

The Council is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Council or to be controlled or influenced by the Council. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the Council might have been constrained in its

ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the Council.

Central Government

Central government has significant influence over the general operations of the Council – it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Council operates, provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Council has with other parties (e.g. council tax bills, housing benefits). Grants received from government departments are set out in the CIES note 6.1.5. Grant receipts outstanding at 31 March 2015 are shown in Table 6.2.14.

Councillors/Officers

Councillors have direct control over financial and operating policies. The total of Councillors' allowances paid in 2014/15 is shown in the Councillors' allowances note.

During 2014/15 payments, receipts and balances outstanding for works and services to companies (including subsidiaries and associated companies) in which Councillors or relevant officers had an interest were as follows:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Payments	72.766	84.502
Receivables	(9.451)	(16.622)
Debtors	5.957	7.806
Creditors	(0.009)	(9.422)

Details of transactions are recorded in the Register of Members' Interest, open to public inspection during office hours.

Other Public Bodies

The Council has pooled budget arrangements with ICES, the Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board and the St Ann's Valley Centre. There were no significant transactions with the Council for these arrangements in 2014/15.

The Council paid £0.070m in 2014/15 (£0.067m 2013/14) to the Environment Agency for flood defence.

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Entities Controlled or Significantly Influenced by the Council

The following are significant related-party transactions with the Council's subsidiary and associated companies. These companies are included in the Group Accounts. Further information on all companies, associated with the Council, can be found within Section 8 - Group Financial Statements and Notes.

	2013/14		2014/15	
	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Nottingham City Transport	7.783	(0.756)	7.784	(0.966)
Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Ltd	56.512	(7.997)	58.420	(8.373)
Enviroenergy Ltd	0.929	(3.537)	0.921	(4.061)
Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd	2.514	(0.003)	3.217	(0.012)
Nottingham Revenues & Benefits Ltd	-	-	-	(1.857)
Other Related Parties	0.560	(3.668)	0.668	(2.510)

	2013/14		2014/15	
	Debtors	Creditors	Debtors	Creditors
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Nottingham City Transport	0.889	(0.152)	0.959	(0.315)
Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Ltd	4.260	(11.787)	2.506	(9.701)
Enviroenergy Ltd	18.669	(2.244)	17.110	(3.197)
Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd	-	(0.440)	-	-
Nottingham Revenues and Benefits Ltd	-	-	0.375	(0.248)
Other Related Parties	5.402	(2.913)	5.410	(0.440)

6.5.9 Road Charging Schemes under the Transport Act 2000

The Council introduced the workplace parking levy on the 1 April 2012. The levy is charged under section 178-190 of the Transport Act 2000 (the Act). As per section 180 and 181 of the Act, all monies which are raised by the levy are to be re-invested in the City Councils Transport Plan. The figures for the year ending 31 March 2015 are as follows:

	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m
Income	(8.453)	(9.089)
Expenditure	0.809	0.837
NET INCOME	(7.644)	(8.252)

6.5.10 Leases

Council as Lessee

Finance Leases

The assets acquired under these leases are carried as PPE in the Balance Sheet at the following net amounts:

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	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Other Land and Buildings	39.347	38.526
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	0.001	-
TOTAL	39.348	38.526

The Council is committed to making minimum payments under these leases comprising settlement of the long-term liability for the interest in the property acquired by the Council, and finance costs that will be payable by the Council in future years. The minimum lease payments are made up of the following amounts:

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Finance lease liabilities*:		
current	0.002	0.001
non-current	2.206	2.205
Finance costs payable in future years	11.510	11.302
MINIMUM LEASE PAYMENTS	13.718	13.508

* Net present value of minimum lease payments

The finance costs which the Council has committed to are significant when compared to the lease liabilities, because the property leases are for a period of 99 years or more and the majority of payments made are for the interest element.

The minimum lease payments will be payable over the following periods:

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Not later than one year	0.209	0.208	0.002	0.001
Between one and five years	0.833	0.833	0.005	0.005
Later than five years	12.676	12.467	2.201	2.200
TOTAL	13.718	13.508	2.208	2.206

The Council has committed to a number of long term property leases, this is evidenced with the high value of minimum lease payments which have been committed to be paid later than five years.

The Council has not sub-let any of the properties held under these finance leases.

Operating Leases

The future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable leases are:

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	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Not later than one year	0.359	0.342
Between one and five years	0.989	0.700
Later than five years	2.168	2.125
TOTAL	3.516	3.167

The expenditure charged to the CIES during 2014/15 in relation to these leases was £0.251m (2013/14 £0.330m).

Council as Lessor

Finance Leases

As a lessor, the Council has an investment in finance leases. This is made up of the minimum lease payments expected to be received over the remaining term, together with the residual value anticipated for the property at the end of the lease. The minimum lease payments comprise the settlement of the long-term debtor for the interest in the property acquired by the lessee and finance income that will be earned by the Council in future years. The gross investment is made up of the following amounts for all finance leases:

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Long term finance lease debtor*	1.022	1.022
Finance income receivable in future years	59.404	59.337
Anticipated residual value of property	8.595	8.567
GROSS INVESTMENT IN THE LEASE	69.021	68.926

* Net present value of minimum lease payments

The finance income which the Council will receive in future years is significant when compared to the lease debtors. This is because a number of assets are being leased for a period of 999 years which means the majority of current payments are for the interest element of the debtor.

The gross investment in the lease and the minimum lease payments will be received over the following periods:

	Gross Investment in the Lease		Minimum Lease Payments	
	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Not later than one year	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067
Between one and five years	0.266	0.266	0.266	0.266
Later than five years	68.688	68.593	60.093	60.026
TOTAL	69.021	68.926	60.426	60.359

The Council has committed to leasing out a number of assets on long term leases. This is evidenced with the high value of minimum lease payments which will be received in the period later than five years.

The Council has not set aside an allowance for uncollectible amounts on the above finance leases.

Operating Leases

The Council leases out property and equipment under operating leases for the following purposes:

- The provision of community services, such as sports facilities, tourism services and community centres
- Economic development purposes to provide suitable affordable accommodation for local businesses.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases are:

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Not later than one year	4.187	4.035
Between one and five years	11.321	12.470
Later than five years	96.410	95.796
TOTAL	111.918	112.301

Contingent Rents

The minimum lease payments identified in the tables above do not include rents that are contingent on events taking place after the lease was entered into, such as:

- the level of sales achieved by the tenant
- rate of inflation
- usage

For operating leases where the Council is lessor there were contingent rents receivable by the Authority in 2014/15 of £1.111m (2013/14 £0.950m). There were no contingent rents for any of the other types of lease arrangement.

6.5.11 Private Finance Initiatives and Similar Contracts

The Councils has four PFI arrangements, all of the assets within the following arrangements have been recognised on the Council's Balance Sheet:

NET

The Council reached financial close on NET Phase Two in December 2011, this PFI arrangement is to incorporate an additional two tram lines within the City's current tram network. The additional tram lines are currently under construction / testing and it is envisaged that the NET expansion will become operational summer 2015.

The concession agreement runs from 15 December 2011 to 20 March 2034, at the end of the contract, title to the property transfers to the Council (or a continuing concessionaire) at nil cost with the assets in a satisfactory condition for its continued operational use.

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Building Schools for the Future (BSF)

The Council received handover of two PFI schools, Big Wood Phase 1 / Oak Field in 2009/10, Big Wood Phase 2 in 2010/11. The contract for these PFI schools will end in 2034.

A further PFI school, Farnborough School was handed over in 2013/14, the land element was recognised as an operational asset in 2014/15. The PFI contract for Farnborough School expires August 2038.

Upon expiry of the contract terms, all assets under this programme will be passed back to the City Council.

Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) Joint Service Centres

The Council has completed two new Joint Service Centres these Centres are located at Hyson Green / Bulwell and have been procured using the LIFT vehicle in partnership with NHS Nottingham City. As such the Council has recognised its share of occupancy of both sites on the Balance Sheet.

The contract expiry and the asset treatment are as follows:

- *Mary Potter Centre (Hyson Green), contract expires October 2032. Upon expiry of the contract term, the Council does not have an option to purchase the asset.*
- *Bulwell Riverside (Bulwell), contract expires October 2036. Upon expiry of the contract term, the Council does have an option to purchase the asset.*

Another Joint Service Centre was procured in 2007 (Clifton Cornerstone), this arrangement has been treated as an operating lease and as such is excluded from the Council's Balance Sheet and the PFI tables shown below.

Street Lighting Contract

In May 2010 the Council entered into a PFI arrangement in relation to Street Lighting. The first five years of the contract provide for the replacement of outdated lighting columns, together with modifications to other columns that have an acceptable residual life. The contract also allows for adjustments and is followed by operation and maintenance of the street lighting network.

The contract expires August 2035 and upon expiry the assets will revert back to the City Council at nil cost.

Future Contractual Payments

The table below shows the Councils future contractual payments. The future Service Charge payments are estimated using the Service Charge payments incurred during 2014/15, which are then inflated using the inflation rate implicit with each PFI arrangement:

	2015/16	2016/17 - 2019/20	2020/21 - 2024/25	2025/26 - 2029/30	2030/31 - 2034/35	2035/36 - 2039/40	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
NET							
Repayment of Liability	100.369	15.133	24.628	18.428	19.736	-	178.294
Interest Charges	10.315	54.838	50.065	27.610	6.055	-	148.883
Service Charges	17.848	67.077	88.557	119.290	106.835	-	399.607
NET Unitary Charge	128.532	137.048	163.250	165.328	132.626	-	726.784
BSF							
Repayment of Liability	1.148	4.996	9.815	13.469	16.605	4.632	50.665
Interest Charges	3.866	14.537	15.329	10.795	4.755	0.588	49.870
Service Charges	2.918	13.323	17.455	21.528	23.980	6.306	85.510
BSF Unitary Charge	7.932	32.856	42.599	45.792	45.340	11.526	186.045
LIFT							
Repayment of Liability	0.417	1.762	2.915	3.577	4.210	1.343	14.224
Interest Charges	1.191	4.436	4.667	3.388	1.765	0.187	15.634
Service Charges	0.579	2.766	4.124	5.701	5.389	1.174	19.733
LIFT Unitary Charge	2.187	8.964	11.706	12.666	11.364	2.704	49.591
Street Lighting							
Repayment of Liability	0.574	3.839	7.788	13.086	13.130	1.643	40.060
Interest Charges	4.206	16.226	17.285	11.782	5.414	0.037	54.950
Service Charges	1.742	6.595	9.247	10.792	22.657	1.061	52.094
Street Lighting Unitary Charge	6.522	26.660	34.320	35.660	41.201	2.741	147.104
TOTAL CHARGES	145.173	205.528	251.875	259.446	230.531	16.971	1,109.524

N.B. The table excludes Clifton Cornerstone LIFT JSC which is classified as an operating lease.

Liabilities resulting from PFI arrangements

The following table shows the value of liabilities resulting from PFI arrangements and the in year movements. However, although there is a contractual commitment included for the NET PFI scheme in the table above, as the scheme is not yet live, there is no liability included in the 2014/15 balance sheet or the table below:

	2013/14		2014/15		
	Total £m	BSF £m	LIFT £m	Street Lighting £m	Total £m
Opening balance at 1 April	63.812	51.394	14.615	25.465	91.474
Additions	28.995	-	-	11.304	11.304
Repayment of Liability	(1.333)	(0.727)	(0.390)	(0.623)	(1.740)
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	91.474	50.667	14.225	36.146	101.038

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6.5.12 Trust Funds

The Council acts as a sole trustee for a number of trust funds. The funds do not represent assets of the Council and, therefore, have not been included in the Balance Sheet. These trusts include the Bridge Estate Trust, which holds net assets of £28.204m (£27.097m at 31 March 2014) with a turnover of £2.038m (£1.999m 2013/14), primarily from the rental of investment properties. The Trust was established for the repair and maintenance of Trent Bridge, or the construction of new bridges over the River Trent.

The Council is also the sole trustee for a number of other Trusts whose net assets total £1.734m (£1.716m as at 31 March 2013) with a turnover of £0.300m (£0.361m 2012/13). These Trusts include:

- Harvey Hadden Stadium and Highfields Leisure Park, for the provision of public recreation and pleasure grounds.
- Hanley and Gellestrop, which provides 9 almshouses to accommodate the poor.
- Nottingham Aged Persons Trust, George Pendry's Fund, Church and Poor's Charity which provide benefit for the poor and elderly.
- Abbott Brown Fund, established to enable a doctor from Ljubljana Hospital study medicine in the United Kingdom.

6.5.13 Contingent Liabilities

At 31 March 2015, the Council has the following contingent liabilities that could exceed a materiality level of £5m:

Employment Tribunal - Increments

The Council has a potential liability in relation to an outstanding litigation which goes before the Employment Tribunal in July 2015.

Insurance Claims

A contingent liability exists for insurance claims that pre-date the coverage provided by the Insurance Provision. There are some claims that will be submitted dating back to the 1950/1960's and will be high value complex claims where insurers cannot be traced. These claims are increasing with developments in child abuse and disease claims. Should no insurer be traced, or an insurer refuses an indemnity, the costs would have to be met from the provision.

In addition there will be a number of incidents that have been incurred but not yet reported (IBNR) as claims. These IBNR's may need to be self-funded if they fall outside the scope of insurance cover, fall within current or historic excess levels, or be in periods where insurers are untraceable. The severity, value and number of IBNR cases are unknown.

A contingent liability therefore exists to the extent that existing provisions could be insufficient to meet the potential liabilities.

6.5.14 Nature and Extent of Risks arising from Financial Instruments

The Council's activities potentially bring exposure to a variety of financial risks. The key risks are:

- Credit risk – the possibility that other parties might fail to pay amounts due to the Council;

- Liquidity risk – the possibility that the Council might not have funds available to meet commitments to make payments;
- Re-financing risk – the possibility that the Council might be required to renew a financial instrument on maturity at disadvantageous interest rates or terms;
- Market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Council as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates or equity prices.

Overall Procedures for Managing Risk

The Council's overall risk management procedures focus on the unpredictability of financial markets and implementing restrictions to minimise these risks. The procedures for risk management are set out through in *Local Government Act 2003* and the associated regulations. These require compliance with the CIPFA Prudential Code, the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Investment Guidance issued through the Act.

Overall, the procedures require the Council to manage risk in the following ways:

- by formally adopting the requirements of the Code of Practice;
- by approving, annually in advance, prudential indicators for the following three years which limit:
 - The Council's overall borrowing;
 - Its maximum and minimum exposures to fixed and variable rates;
 - Its maximum and minimum exposures in the maturity structure of its debt;
 - Its maximum annual exposures to investments maturing beyond a year.
- by approving an investment strategy for the forthcoming year, setting out its criteria for both investing and selecting investment counterparties, in compliance with the Government Guidance.

These procedures are required to be reported and approved at the meeting of the Council, which also sets the annual Budget and Council Tax. The procedures are included within an annual treasury management strategy which outlines the detailed approach to managing risk in relation to the Council's financial instrument exposure. Actual performance is also reported annually to Councillors.

The Council maintains written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and the investment of surplus cash, through Treasury Management Practices, which are a requirement of the Code of Practice and are regularly reviewed.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the Council's investments with banks and other financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the Council's customers. This risk is minimised through the Annual Investment Strategy, which requires that investments are only placed with organisations of high credit quality as set out in the Treasury Management Strategy. These include commercial entities with a minimum long term credit rating, the UK government and other local authorities. Recognising that credit ratings are imperfect predictors of default, the Council has regard to other measures including credit default swap and equity prices when selecting commercial entities for investment.

The Annual Investment Strategy also imposes a maximum sum to be invested with a financial institution located within each category.

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The adopted credit criteria in respect of financial assets held by the Council in 2014/15 are:

- 1) Minimum credit ratings – a minimum long-term credit rating of A- (or equivalent).
- 2) Individual cash limits – a limit of £20m per counterparty for eligible UK banks and £10m for eligible non-UK banks.
- 3) Group limits – where more than one bank on the counterparty list is included within a banking group (e.g. Bank of Scotland and Lloyds Bank), individual limits will also apply to the group as a whole.
- 4) Country limits – other than UK institutions, a total investment limit for all counterparties in a particular country. No more than 15% of the investment portfolio, at the time of the deposit, will be placed with any one country.
- 5) Overall country limit – no more than 25% of the investment portfolio, at the time of the deposit, will be placed with non-UK banks in total.
- 6) Money Market Funds – individual cash limit of £10m with any one fund and an overall limit of £100m for all Money Market Funds.

The Council's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its investments of £213.780m at 31 March 2015 (excluding deposits in Icelandic banks) cannot be assessed generally, as the risk of any institution failing to make interest payments or repay the principal sum will be specific to each individual institution. Recent experience has shown that it is rare for such entities to be unable to meet their commitments. A risk of non-recoverability applies to all of the Council's deposits, but there was no evidence at the 31 March 2015 that this was likely to crystallise.

The following table summarises the value of the Council's investment portfolio at 31 March 2015 (excluding Icelandic bank deposits) and confirms that all investments were made in line with the approved credit rating criteria:

Credit Rating	Long		Short	
	31 March 2014	31 March 2015	31 March 2014	31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m	£m
AAA	-	-	49.169	68.780
AA+	-	-	-	-
AA	-	-	-	-
AA-	-	-	60.000	55.000
A+	-	-	-	-
A	-	-	95.000	35.000
A-	-	-	-	-
Unrated local authorities	15.000	10.000	8.000	45.000
Total Investments	15.000	10.000	212.169	203.780

Provision for trade debtor default is provided for through impairment of the principal sum (a bad debt provision), based on local experience.

Liquidity Risk

The Council has ready access to borrowings from the Money Markets and other local authorities to cover day to day cash flow need, and whilst the PWLB provides access to longer term funds, it also acts as a lender of last resort to councils (although it will not provide funding to a council whose actions are unlawful). The Council is also required to provide a balanced budget through the Local Government Finance Act

1992, which ensures sufficient monies are raised to cover annual expenditure. There is therefore no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments.

The Council manages its liquidity position through the risk management procedures (the setting and approval of prudential indicators and the approval of the treasury and investment strategy reports), as well as through cash flow management procedures, as required by the Code of Practice.

Refinancing and Maturity Risk

The Council maintains a significant debt and investment portfolio. There is a risk relating to managing exposure to replacing financial instruments as they mature. There is a risk that it will need to refinance a significant proportion of its borrowing at a time of unfavourably high interest rates. This risk is managed by maintaining a spread of fixed rate loans and ensuring that the approved prudential indicator limits the Council’s borrowing that matures in any given period.

The Council approved treasury and investment strategies address the main risks, and the central treasury team addresses the operational risks within these approved parameters. Measures include:

- Monitoring the maturity profile of financial liabilities and amending the profile through either new borrowing or the rescheduling of the existing debt; and
- Monitoring the maturity profile of investments to ensure that sufficient liquidity is available for the Council’s day-to-day cash flow needs.

The maturity analysis of the principal element of financial liabilities at 31 March 2015 is:

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Less than 1 year	25.311	18.410
1 to 2 years	15.111	15.494
2 to 5 years	88.508	103.274
5 to 10 years	136.585	122.369
10 – 25 years	235.116	219.071
25 – 40 years	145.574	145.574
40 – 70 years	63.098	63.098
Irredeemable	0.951	0.671
TOTAL	710.254	687.961

All trade and other creditors are payable in less than one year and are not shown in the above table.

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The maturity analysis of the principal element of loans and receivables at 31 March 2015 is shown below. The Icelandic bank deposits have been expressed based on the current forecast of recovery percentages and dates.

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Less than 1 year	214.620	206.086
1 to 2 years	15.000	10.000
TOTAL	229.620	216.086

Interest Rate Risk

The Council is exposed to risk in terms of exposure to interest rate movements on borrowings and investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the Council. For instance, a rise in interest rates would have the following effects:

- borrowings at variable rates – the interest expense charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services will rise
- borrowings at fixed rates – the fair value of the borrowings will fall
- investments at variable rates – the interest income credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services will rise
- Investments at fixed rates – the fair value of the assets will fall.

Borrowings are not carried at fair value, so nominal gains and losses on fixed rate borrowings would not impact on the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure. However, changes in interest payable and receivable on variable rate borrowings and investments will be posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and affect the General Fund Balance. Movements in the fair value of fixed rate investments classed as “available for sale” and so have a quoted market price will be reflected in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

The Council has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The Annual Treasury Management Strategy draws together the prudential indicators and expected treasury operations, including an expectation of interest rate movements. From this Strategy a prudential indicator is set which provides maximum and minimum limits for fixed and variable interest rate exposure. Market and forecast interest rates are monitored within the year, to adjust exposures appropriately.

The 2014/15 strategy allowed for a maximum of 50% of borrowings in variable rate loans. The risk of loss is ameliorated by the fact that a proportion of Government grant payable on financing costs will normally move with prevailing interest rates or the cost of borrowing and provide compensation for a proportion of any higher costs.

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According to this assessment strategy, at 31 March 2015, if interest rates had been 1% higher, with all other variables held constant, the financial effect would be:

	31 March 2015 £m
Increase in interest payable on variable rate borrowings	(0.543)
Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	0.672
Impact on Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	0.129
Share of overall impact debited to the HRA	0.342
IMPACT ON OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	0.471

The impact of a 1% fall in interest rates would be as above but with the movements being reversed.

Price Risk

The Council does not generally invest in equity shares but does have shareholdings to the value of £0.813m in a number of joint ventures and in local industry, at 31 March 2015. These holdings are generally illiquid and are shown in the balance sheet at cost. The equity holding in Nottingham City Transport Limited is excluded from the financial instruments disclosure notes because this interest is shown at cost within the Council's group accounts. The Council is exposed to losses arising from movements in the value of these holdings. As the holdings have arisen in the acquisition of specific interests, the Council is not in a position to limit its exposure to price movements by diversifying its portfolio. Instead, "open book" arrangements are maintained with the companies concerned to enable monitoring of the factors that might cause a fall in the value of specific holdings.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Council currently has approximately ISK476m (Icelandic Krona) held in escrow pending the relaxation of capital controls by the Icelandic Government. Based on the official exchange rate at 31 March 2015 the ISK had a sterling value of £2.3m. The Council is working with the Local Government Association, in conjunction with other affected authorities, to progress the conversion of this ISK element of its Icelandic bank deposits into sterling.

Section 7

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES

7.1 Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

7.1.1 Housing Revenue Income and Expenditure Account

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a record of revenue expenditure and income relating to the Council's housing stock. Its primary purpose is to ensure that expenditure on managing tenancies and maintaining dwellings is balanced by rents charged to tenants. Consequently, the HRA is a statutory account, ring-fenced from the rest of the General Fund, so that rents cannot be subsidised from council tax.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Expenditure		
Repairs and maintenance	32.043	30.354
Supervision and Management	16.771	26.648
Rents, rates, taxes and other charges	2.911	2.981
Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	16.011	(10.662)
Debt management costs	0.066	0.033
Movement in the allowance for bad debts	1.010	1.212
Total Expenditure	68.812	50.566
Income		
Dwelling Rents	(96.308)	(100.617)
Non Dwelling Rents	(2.524)	(3.137)
Charges for Services and Facilities	(0.339)	(5.571)
Contributions Towards Expenditure	(0.244)	-
Total Income	(99.415)	(109.325)
Net Cost of HRA Services as included in the CIES	(30.603)	(58.759)
HRA services' share of Corporate and Democratic Core	0.033	0.034
Fixed Asset Derecognition	7.916	15.817
NET COST FOR HRA SERVICES	(22.654)	(42.908)
HRA Share of the Operating Income and Expenditure included in the CIES		
Gain or (loss) on sale of HRA non-current assets	0.226	(4.180)
Interest payable and similar charges	11.511	12.437
Interest and Investment Income	(0.260)	(0.328)
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR ON HRA SERVICES	(11.177)	(34.979)

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7.1.2 Movement on the HRA Statement

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance on HRA at the start of the Year	5.030	4.854
Surplus or (deficit) for the year	11.177	34.979
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis	(11.353)	(35.526)
Increase or (Decrease) in Year on the HRA	(0.176)	(0.547)
BALANCE ON THE HRA AT THE END OF THE YEAR	4.854	4.307

7.1.3 Notes to the HRA Financial Statements

7.1.3.1 Housing Stock

The Council was responsible for managing the following housing stock:

	31 March 2014 Number	31 March 2015 Number
Houses and Bungalows		
1 Bedroom	993	992
2 Bedroom	5,855	5,857
3 Bedroom	10,476	10,290
4 or more Bedrooms	519	514
Flats		
1 Bedroom	7,308	7,298
2 Bedrooms	1,564	1,506
3 or more Bedrooms	205	162
TOTAL	26,920	26,619

7.1.3.2 Valuation of Housing Assets

The value of land, houses and other property within the HRA is as follows:

	Value at 31 March 2014 £m	Value at 31 March 2015 £m
Operational Assets		
Council Dwellings	569.102	610.225
Other Land and Buildings	9.746	9.631
Assets Under Construction	7.160	21.651
Surplus Assets not held for sale	16.532	10.021
Investment Properties	1.156	0.946
Assets Held for Sale	0.210	1.934
Infrastructure	20.492	21.079
Vehicles, IT and Other Equipment	7.821	9.911
TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS	632.219	685.398

7.1.3.3 Asset value of Dwellings

The vacant possession valuation of Council dwellings at 31 March 2015 was £1,794.781m (1 April 2014 £1,673.897m). The Balance Sheet value of dwellings was £610.225m. The difference of £1,184.556m reflects the fact that social housing rents generate a lower income stream than could be obtained in the open market. Operational assets in a commercial environment are required to earn a rate of return. The value placed on such assets will reflect the required economic rate of return in relation to the income streams that the assets might be expected to generate throughout their economic life. To the extent that income streams are constrained to serve a wider social purpose, the value of capital assets employed for this purpose will be reduced.

External valuers Herbert Button & Partners and Freeman & Mitchell completed a full valuation of the housing stock as at 31 March 2015 (a full valuation is required every 5 years).

7.1.3.4 The Major Repairs Reserve

The purpose of this reserve is to earmark funding to provide for the long-term maintenance of the housing stock. Movements on the reserve were as follows:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Balance Brought Forward	(28.007)	(38.658)
Credits - Depreciation on HRA Assets	(28.739)	(30.069)
Debits - Capital Expenditure	18.088	40.257
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	(38.658)	(28.470)

7.1.3.5 Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure of £60.039m (£52.398m in 2013/14) in respect of HRA assets was financed from a range of sources in 2014/15. This is set out below:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	52.398	60.039
Financed By:		
Capital Receipts Reserve	0.054	0.021
Major Repairs Reserve (MRR)	18.088	40.257
Direct Revenue Financing*	5.749	5.700
Other Capital Grants and Contributions	28.507	14.061
TOTAL FINANCING	52.398	60.039

* The debit under item 2 of part II of Schedule 4 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

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7.1.3.6 Capital Receipts

Capital receipts of £9.838m (£8.886m in 2013/14) arose from the sale of land, houses and other property within the HRA in 2014/15. Of this total, £8.281m (£5.676m in 2013/14) related to the disposal of houses and flats under the right to buy scheme and £1.346m (£2.543m in 2013/14) from the sale of vacant non purpose built council houses.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Land	0.311	-
Houses	8.219	9.626
Other Property	0.356	0.212
TOTAL	8.886	9.838

7.1.3.7 Depreciation

Depreciation was charged in respect of HRA operational assets in 2014/15 as follows:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Dwellings	26.181	25.946
Other Operational HRA Assets:		
Other Land and Buildings	0.135	0.883
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	1.193	1.921
Infrastructure and Community Assets	1.224	1.313
Assets Held for Sale	0.006	0.006
TOTAL	28.739	30.069

In addition a debit of £0.004m (£0.005m) for amortisation was charged in the year.

7.1.3.8 Revaluations and Impairments during the Financial Year

£39.457m in respect of revaluation gains have been credited to the HRA during the year (£8.440m in 2013/14).

Donated assets amounting to £1.091m (£1.792m in 2013/14) resulted from energy efficiency works undertaken to council dwellings by energy companies as part of a government initiative.

A de-recognition write out of £16.200m (£7.916m in 2013/14) was made to reflect the residual value of assets replaced.

Due to a policy of disposal of non-purpose built council housing there are assets held for sale. The revaluation gains relating to assets held for sale amounted to £0.029m.

Impairments include a credit of £0.158m in respect of an insurance impairment (reversal of charge in previous year).

The revaluation of investment Properties has resulted in a credit of £0.174m.

7.1.3.9 Rent Arrears and the Balance Sheet provision in respect of Collectable Debts

Gross rent arrears (including service charges and overpaid housing benefit) in respect of current and former tenants amounted to £5.487m at 31 March 2015

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(£4.427m at 31 March 2014). A total bad debt provision of £4.035m has been established at 31 March 2015 (£4.370m at 31 March 2014).

7.1.3.10 Average Rent for HRA Dwellings

Year	Average Rent £
2006/07	50.68
2007/08	52.94
2008/09	56.04
2009/10	57.98
2010/11	59.39
2011/12	63.73
2012/13	67.37
2013/14	71.13
2014/15	76.46

The average rent figures have been calculated on a 50-week basis and exclude service charges.

7.1.3.11 Item 8 Debit and Credit (General) Determination

This regulation sets out the entries to be accounted for within the Housing Revenue Account and is required by legislation under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Item 8 Debit Determination sets out the method for charging the capital asset charges and the deduction required for capital asset accounting adjustment. Debt management charges are also included in this section. The Item 8 Credit Determination covers bank interest charges, mortgage interest and premiums and discounts on premature loan repayments and rescheduling. There is also an entry known as the “T” adjustment, which is an adjustment between the depreciation charge and the Major Repairs Allowance. The overall effect on the HRA of the Item 8 Debit and Credit entries is to neutralise the effect on the bottom line of the HRA, so that only the actual capital financing charges impact on the Account.

The reconciliation between the Item 8 Determination and the actual charges to the HRA is shown in the following two tables:

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	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Debit Determination		
Capital Asset Charges	23.921	5.360
Debt Repayment and Management Charges	0.066	0.033
Capital Asset Charges and Accounting Adjustment	24.244	52.926
Transfer to Major Repairs Reserve	28.739	30.069
	76.970	88.388
Credit Determination		
Bank Interest	(0.259)	(0.152)
Mortgage Interest	(0.002)	(0.002)
"T" Adjustment	(36.659)	(46.273)
Premiums and Discounts	0.014	(0.027)
	(36.906)	(46.454)
TOTAL	40.064	41.934

The actual charges to the HRA were:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Bank Interest	(0.259)	(0.152)
Mortgage Interest	(0.002)	(0.002)
Capital Financing	11.511	12.053
Debt Repayment and Management Charges	0.066	0.033
Premiums and Discounts	0.014	(0.027)
Transfer to Major Repairs Reserve	28.734	30.029
TOTAL	40.064	41.934

7.2 Collection Fund

7.2.1 Collection Fund Statement

The Collection Fund is an agent's statement that reflects the statutory obligation for billing authorities to maintain a separate Collection Fund. The statement shows the transactions of the billing authority in relation to the collection from taxpayers and distribution to local authorities and the Government of council tax and non-domestic rates.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15		Total £m
		Business Rates £m	Council Tax £m	
INCOME				
Council Tax Receivable	(99.054)		(106.639)	(106.639)
Business Rates Receivable	(127.155)	(121.347)	-	(121.347)
TOTAL INCOME	(226.209)	(121.347)	(106.639)	(227.986)
EXPENDITURE				
Precepts, Demands and Shares				
Central Government	55.463	62.411	-	62.411
Police Authority	9.633	-	10.646	10.646
Fire Authority	5.054	1.211	4.372	5.583
Billing Authority	133.501	59.322	86.879	146.201
Charges to Collection Fund				
Write offs of uncollectable amounts	4.415	1.538	3.389	4.927
Increase (-)/Decrease in Bad Debt Provision	2.109	0.480	0.600	1.080
Increase (-)/Decrease in Provision for Appeals	9.018	(2.658)	-	(2.658)
Cost of Collection	0.498	0.498	-	0.498
Disregarded Amounts	0.090	0.059	-	0.059
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	219.781	122.861	105.886	228.747
Movement on the Collection Fund Balance	(6.428)	1.514	(0.753)	0.761
(Surplus)/Deficit Brought Forward	(1.661)	-	(3.455)	(3.455)
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT CARRIED FORWARD	(8.089)	1.514	(4.208)	(2.694)

7.2.2 Notes to Collection Fund Statement

7.2.2.1 National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

The Council collects NNDR from local businesses based on the rateable value of their property multiplied by a business rate, set nationally by Central Government. The Council retains 49% of the NNDR with the remainder distributed to Central Government (50%) and the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority (1%).

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	2013/14 £	2014/15 £
Rate in the pound	47.1p	48.2p
Total non-domestic rateable value per NNDR system	324,418,061	318,004,575
Gross Debit	152,800,900	153,278,205
Net debit after adjustments and reliefs	130,326,000	126,566,000

7.2.2.2 Council Tax

Council tax is broadly based on the capital value of domestic property as estimated at 1 April 1991 and classified into 8 bands. Charges are calculated by dividing the preceptors' income requirements by the council tax base (the total number of properties in each band, adjusted for discounts and expressed as an equivalent number of Band D dwellings). This gives the basic amount of council tax for a band D property, which when multiplied by the specified proportion (as follows) will give the individual amount due.

	2013/14	2014/15
Council Tax Base	60,261	62,447
Council Tax (Band D) Property	£1,643.76	£1,675.83

Band	Average Number of Properties	Taxable Properties after discounts, exemptions etc.	Conversion Factor to Band D	Band D Equivalents
A	85,825	48,717	6/9	32,478
B	21,859	13,806	7/9	10,738
C	15,508	10,725	8/9	9,533
D	6,522	4,927	9/9	4,927
E	2,314	1,929	11/9	2,358
F	1,000	883	13/9	1,276
G	694	610	15/9	1,016
H	110	61	18/9	121

7.2.2.3 Redistribution of Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit

The (surplus)/deficit on the closing balance of the Collection Fund as at 31 March is allocated as follows:

	2013/14	2014/15		
	£m	Council Tax £m	NNDR £m	Total £m
Nottingham City Council	(5.224)	(3.588)	0.769	(2.819)
Nottinghamshire Police Authority	(0.356)	(0.440)	-	(0.440)
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority	(0.192)	(0.180)	0.016	(0.164)
Central Government	(2.317)	-	0.729	0.729
TOTAL	(8.089)	(4.208)	1.514	(2.694)

Section 8

GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES

8.1 Introduction

The Accounting Code of Practice requires that where a local authority has material financial interests and a significant level of control over one or more organisations, it should prepare Group Financial Statements. The financial statements in section 3 consider the Council only as a single entity, while the group financial statements provide an overall picture of the Council's financial activities and the resources employed in carrying out those activities as a group. The group accounts contain core financial statements similar to those included in the Council's single entity statements, consolidated with figures for the Council's subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities.

The following pages include:

- Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
- Group Balance Sheet
- Group Movement in Reserves Statement
- Group Cash Flow Statement
- Notes to the Group Accounts

8.2 Significant Judgements and Assumptions

The Council maintains relationships with a number of organisations over which it has varying degrees of control or influence. An assessment of all of these joint arrangements has been carried out to determine which of the following categories they fall under:

- Subsidiaries - where the Council is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the organisation and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the organisation i.e. control. These entities are included in the group.
- Associates – where the Council exercises a significant influence, having more than 20% of the voting power and has a participating interest. Where these are material they have been included in the group.
- Jointly Venture – where the Council exercises joint control with one or more organisations and has rights to its net assets. Where these are material they have been included in the group.
- No group relationship – where the body is not an entity in its own right or the Council has an insufficient interest in the entity to justify inclusion in the group financial statements. These entities are not included in the group.

For each of the group entities, the group accounts include a share of the operating results, assets and liabilities. Subsidiaries are accounted for on an acquisition basis

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(line by line basis) with intra-group transactions written out. Associates / joint ventures are accounted for by including the Council's share of their net operating results and net assets (equity method of accounting).

For 2014/15 the financial details of these organisations have been consolidated within the group accounts where it is considered that those details have a material effect upon those accounts.

Details of the Council's relationship with each of these organisations are given in group accounts note 8.5.

The group accounts for 2014/15 have been completed using audited accounts from Bridge Estate Trust, Enviroenergy Ltd, Nottingham City Homes Ltd, Nottingham City Transport Ltd, Nottingham Ice Centre Ltd, Nottingham Revenues and Benefits Ltd, Blueprint Limited Partnership, and Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd.

The effect of including the related organisations on the summarised financial position is as follows:

	2013/14		2014/15	
	Single Entity Accounts £m	Group Accounts £m	Single Entity Accounts £m	Group Accounts £m
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure (CIES):				
(Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services	(20.509)	(21.607)	68.036	71.072
Other CIES	(53.597)	(40.889)	105.818	130.928
Total CIES (Surplus)/Deficit	(74.106)	(62.496)	173.854	202.000
Balance Sheet:				
Long Term Assets	2,143.067	2,211.941	2,162.155	2,230.213
Current Assets	331.358	327.308	324.932	327.103
Current Liabilities	(226.700)	(235.557)	(246.670)	(257.979)
Long Term Liabilities	(1,353.371)	(1,432.046)	(1,519.917)	(1,629.338)
Nets Assets	894.354	871.646	720.500	669.999
Usable Reserves	238.186	240.874	250.884	253.551
Unusable Reserves	656.168	630.772	469.616	416.448
	894.354	871.646	720.500	669.999
Cash Flow Statement:				
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	138.422	145.268	70.962	83.764
Investing Activities	(81.194)	(81.554)	(57.025)	(61.510)
Financing Activities	(75.103)	(80.782)	(19.569)	(24.644)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(17.875)	(17.068)	(5.632)	(2.390)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	76.916	90.467	59.041	73.399
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31 March	59.041	73.399	53.409	71.009

8.3 Accounting policies used in preparing the Group Financial Statements

The financial statements produced by individual group entities have been realigned in order to ensure consistent accounting policies in the preparation of the group financial statements. These policies differ from those applicable to the Council's primary financial statements only in the following respects:

- Fixed assets held by group entities which are sufficiently specialist in nature not to fall within the scope of the Council's accounting policies are valued in accordance with the accounting policies of the individual entities.
- Any trust funds which the Council controls and which generate economic benefits, or deliver goods or services in accordance with the Council's objectives have been evaluated in terms of their impact on the group financial statements. Where this impact has been judged to be material the trust has been included.

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8.4 Core Group Financial Statements

8.4.1 Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (Group CIES)

The purpose of this statement is explained in section 3.1 of the Council's single entity Statement of Accounts.

Notes	2013/14 Restated (Note 2.2.8)			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Central services to the public	5.397	(3.492)	1.905	4.619	(3.484)	1.135
Cultural and related services	61.019	(31.633)	29.386	63.325	(37.567)	25.758
Environmental and regulatory services	51.006	(16.005)	35.001	52.523	(19.316)	33.207
Planning services	31.306	(23.500)	7.806	13.345	(31.814)	(18.469)
Education and children's services	265.230	(180.303)	84.927	286.089	(181.949)	104.140
Highways and transport services	115.785	(121.824)	(6.039)	129.238	(126.466)	2.772
Local authority housing (HRA)	65.586	(96.189)	(30.603)	50.566	(109.325)	(58.759)
Other housing services	162.631	(146.281)	16.350	168.181	(147.601)	20.580
Adult social care	119.767	(32.773)	86.994	133.238	(46.543)	86.695
Public Health	24.770	(25.765)	(0.995)	42.109	(43.577)	(1.468)
Corporate and democratic core	32.947	(20.906)	12.041	36.036	(23.679)	12.357
Non distributed costs	(1.370)	-	(1.370)	(7.447)	-	(7.447)
Cost of Services	934.074	(698.671)	235.403	971.822	(771.321)	200.501
8.7.1.1 Other operating expenditure			37.879			141.986
8.7.1.2 Financing and investment income and expenditure			55.014			55.719
Taxation and non-specific grants			(350.035)			(327.037)
Other			-			-
(Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services			(21.739)			71.169
Share of the surplus or deficit on the provision of services by associates			-			(0.794)
Tax expenses of subsidiaries			0.132			0.697
Group (Surplus)/Deficit			(21.607)			71.072
Revaluation of PPE/Heritage assets			(28.587)			(42.537)
Remeasurements of pension assets/liabilities			(12.348)			178.278
Other gains/losses recognised required			0.046			(4.813)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(40.889)			130.928
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			(62.496)			202.000

Analysis of Minority Interest Shares in the Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

In consolidating subsidiaries, 100% of their transactions are included in the CIES even if ownership is less than 100%. The note below discloses the attributable amounts of the group surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income and expenditure to the minority interest in subsidiaries.

	2013/14			2014/15		
	Authority	Minority Interest	Total	Authority	Minority Interest	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Group (surplus) / Deficit	(21.490)	(0.117)	(21.607)	71.098	(0.026)	71.072
Other CIES	(41.028)	0.139	(40.889)	130.976	(0.048)	130.928
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	(62.518)	0.022	(62.496)	202.074	(0.074)	202.000

Reconciliation of single entity (surplus)/deficit for the year to the Group (surplus)/deficit

	2013/14	2014/15
	£m	£m
Total (surplus)/deficit on the authority's single entity CIES	(74.106)	173.854
Add (surplus)/deficit arising from group entities:		
Subsidiaries	12.027	30.325
Joint Ventures		(0.794)
Trust Funds	(0.417)	(1.385)
Total (surplus)/deficit on the Group CIES	(62.496)	202.000

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8.4.2 Group Balance Sheet

The purpose of this statement is explained in section 3.2 of the Council's single entity Statement of Accounts.

	Notes	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Property, Plant & Equipment	8.7.2.1	2,022.780	2,019.963
Heritage Assets		47.185	55.174
Investment Property	8.7.2.2	66.692	73.470
Intangible Assets		2.329	3.162
Assets Held for Sale		-	0.078
Long Term Investments		16.119	11.192
Long Term Debtors		56.836	58.830
Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures		-	8.344
Long Term Assets		2,211.941	2,230.213
Short Term Investments		160.350	149.477
Assets Held for Sale		4.621	9.011
Inventories		4.849	6.058
Short Term Debtors	8.7.2.3	84.089	91.548
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8.7.2.4	73.399	71.009
Current Assets		327.308	327.103
Short Term Borrowing		(31.973)	(24.875)
Short Term Creditors	8.7.2.5	(197.961)	(205.608)
Provisions		(5.605)	(27.463)
Current Tax Liability		(0.018)	(0.033)
Current Liabilities		(235.557)	(257.979)
Long Term Creditors		(18.351)	(15.262)
Provisions		(14.831)	(13.707)
Long Term Borrowing		(685.889)	(670.493)
Other Long Term Liabilities		(98.843)	(112.364)
Capital Grants Receipts in Advance		(3.310)	(2.765)
Deferred Tax Liability		(0.222)	(0.904)
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme		(610.600)	(813.843)
Long Term Liabilities		(1,432.046)	(1,629.338)
NET ASSETS		871.646	669.999
Usable Reserves	8.7.2.6	240.874	253.551
Unusable Reserves	8.7.2.7	630.772	416.448
TOTAL RESERVES		871.646	669.999

8.4.3 Group Movement in Reserves Statement

The purpose of this statement is explained in section 3.3 of the Council's single entity Statement of Accounts.

2014/15	General Fund Balance	Earmarked General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves	Authority's Share of Group Reserves	Minority Interest	Total Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 31/3/15	12.229	148.763	4.854	14.416	38.658	19.266	238.186	656.168	894.354	(23.082)	0.374	871.646
Movement in 2014/15:												
Surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	(51.563)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(16.584)	-	(16.584)	(54.514)	0.026	(71.072)
Other CIE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(105.818)	(105.818)	(25.158)	0.048	(130.928)
Total CIE (Table 8.4.1)	(51.563)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(16.584)	(105.818)	(122.402)	(79.672)	0.074	(202.000)
Adjustments between group accounts and authority accounts (Note 8.7.3.2(a))	(51.452)	-	-	-	-	-	(51.452)	-	(51.452)	51.411	-	(0.041)
Net Increase/Decrease before transfers	(103.015)	-	34.979	-	-	-	(68.036)	(105.818)	(173.854)	(28.261)	0.074	(202.041)
Funding basis adjustments	121.681	-	(35.526)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	80.734	(80.734)	-	0.394	-	0.394
Movement before discretionary transfers	18.666	-	(0.547)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	12.698	(186.552)	(173.854)	(27.867)	0.074	(201.647)
Discretionary transfers	(11.342)	11.342	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in year	7.324	11.342	(0.547)	8.134	(10.188)	(3.367)	12.698	(186.552)	(173.854)	(27.867)	0.074	(201.647)
Balance at 31/3/15	19.553	160.105	4.307	22.550	28.470	15.899	250.884	469.616	720.500	(50.949)	0.448	669.999

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2013/14	General Fund Balance	Earmarked General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves	Authority's Share of Group Reserves	Minority Interest	Total Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 31/3/13	13.802	118.656	5.030	9.303	28.007	19.225	194.023	626.225	820.248	(12.573)	0.396	808.071
Opening balance restatement (note 8.7.3.1)										(0.579)		(0.579)
Movement in 2013/14:												
Surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	60.580	-	11.177	-	-	-	71.757	-	71.757	(50.267)	0.117	21.607
Other CIE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.597	53.597	(12.569)	(0.139)	40.889
Total CIE (Table 8.4.1)	60.580	-	11.177	-	-	-	71.757	53.597	125.354	(62.836)	(0.022)	62.496
Adjustments between group accounts and authority accounts (Note 8.7.3.2(a))	(51.248)	-	-	-	-	-	(51.248)	-	(51.248)	52.516	-	1.268
Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers	9.332	-	11.177	-	-	-	20.509	53.597	74.106	(10.320)	(0.022)	63.764
Funding basis adjustments	19.202	-	(11.353)	5.113	10.651	0.041	23.654	(23.654)	-	0.390	-	0.390
Movement before discretionary transfers	28.534	-	(0.176)	5.113	10.651	0.041	44.163	29.943	74.106	(9.930)	(0.022)	64.154
Discretionary transfers	(30.107)	30.107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in year	(1.573)	30.107	(0.176)	5.113	10.651	0.041	44.163	29.943	74.106	(9.930)	(0.022)	64.154
Balance at 31/3/15	12.229	148.763	4.854	14.416	38.658	19.266	238.186	656.168	894.354	(23.082)	0.374	871.646

8.4.4 Group Cash Flow Statement

The purpose of this statement is explained in section 3.4 of the Council's single entity Statement of Accounts.

	Notes	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Net (Surplus)/Deficit on the provision of Services		21.739	(71.169)
Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements		202.687	240.268
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities		(79.158)	(85.335)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	8.7.4.1	145.268	83.764
Investing activities	8.7.4.2	(81.554)	(61.510)
Financing activities	8.7.4.3	(80.782)	(24.644)
Net Increase or Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(17.068)	(2.390)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		90.467	73.399
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH		73.399	71.009

8.5 Details of subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and trust funds included in the group accounts

Unless otherwise stated in sections 8.5.1 to 8.5.3 below:

- The accounts used to produce the Draft 2014/15 group accounts are unaudited
- Copies of the accounts can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ

8.5.1 Subsidiaries:

Enviroenergy Limited (Registered Company Number: 4131345)

Nature of the business

Its main activities are the production of heat and steam for supply to domestic and commercial customers, along with the generation and sale of electricity.

Relationship with the Council

The Council is the ultimate controlling party of Enviroenergy Ltd, owning 100% of the issued share capital. The Council acquired the business and associated assets of the company on 28 June 2001.

Risk to the Council

The steam used to generate energy for resale and electricity generation is purchased from the Council. Debt for the steam purchased due to the Council as at 31 March 2015 is £14.528m (31 March 2014 £16.312m)

Nottingham City Homes Limited (Registered Company Number: 05292636)

Nature of the business

The principal activities of the company are to act as the managing agent of Council's housing stock, and to provide a repairs and maintenance service to the landlord in respect of these properties.

Relationship with the Council

The company is incorporated as a private company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 1985. As such it has no share capital. The company's sole member is the Council.

Risk to the Council

The Council has a management agreement with NCH until 31 March 2020. The annual management fee paid to NCH was £22.014m (2013/14 £28.037m).

The Council will continue to assist NCH in meeting their pension fund liabilities as and when they fall due, but only to the extent that money is not otherwise available to NCH to meet such liabilities

Nottingham City Transport Limited (Registered Company Number: 2004967)

Nature of Business

The company is the principal public bus operator in the Greater Nottingham area.

Relationship with the Council

This company is controlled by the Council and commenced trading on 26 October 1986. The total shareholding owned by the Council is 95%. Transdev Plc has a minority interest in Nottingham City Transport of 5% which comprises of 238,526 B Ordinary shares at £1 each.

The company has the following shares in issue:

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- 4,532,000 “A” Ordinary shares at £1 each, which are owned by the Council.
- 238,526 “B” Ordinary shares at £1 each, which are owned by Transdev Plc.
- 2,882,750 £1 cumulative, convertible, redeemable preference shares owned by Transdev Plc. These shares carry a 10% coupon rate and are convertible at the rate of 3.64 preference shares to 1 “B” Ordinary share at any time. The shares are redeemable by the shareholder at any time after 1 January 2005, and by the company at any time after 1 January 2010.

The “A” and “B” shares rank pari passu in all material respects.

The group takes into account 100% of the results of the company with the 5% minority interest being disclosed where appropriate.

Period of Accounts

The financial statements used in the preparation of the group accounts are for the 52 week period ending 28 March 2015 (as this is the last week ending date for NCT’s internal group reporting purposes).

Summarised Financial Information of NCT showing Minority Interest

	2013/14		2014/15	
	NCT £m	5% Minority Interest £m	NCT £m	5% Minority Interest £m
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders	(2.313)	(0.116)	(1.266)	(0.063)
Dividends Paid	0.526	0.026	0.737	0.037
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	2.234	0.112	(0.958)	(0.048)
Total Comprehensive Income	0.447	0.022	(1.487)	(0.074)
Non-current Assets	41.969	2.098	37.589	1.879
Current Assets	9.550	0.478	10.581	0.529
Current Liabilities	(14.878)	(0.744)	(14.287)	(0.714)
Non-current Liabilities	(29.163)	(1.458)	(24.918)	(1.246)
Net Assets	7.478	0.374	8.965	0.448

Nottingham Ice Centre (Registered Company Number: 3563341)

Nature of the business

The principal activity of the company is to manage the trading aspects of the National Ice Centre.

Relationship with the Council

The Council is the ultimate controlling party of Nottingham Ice Centre Ltd, owning 100% of the issued share capital.

Nottingham Revenues & Benefits Ltd (Registered Company Number: 09157986)

Nature of the business

The company is principally engaged in the provision of administration services in relation to Nottingham’s revenue and benefit services.

Relationship with the Council

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The Council is the ultimate controlling party of Nottingham Revenues & Benefits Ltd, owning 100% of the issued share capital.

8.5.2 Jointly Ventures:

Blueprint Limited Partnership (Registered Limited Partnership Number: LP10442)

Nature of the business

The principal activities of the partnership are that of the purchase of interests in and redevelopment of property, and the sale and interim rental of land and property. The General Partner, Blueprint (General Partner) Ltd, manages the activity of the partnership.

The objectives of the partnership are to carry out this trading and development in order to generate a commercial return and to encourage the physical regeneration and economic growth of the priority urban areas within Nottingham City.

Relationship with the Council

The Council and Aviva Investor's Igloo Regeneration Partnership each own 49.95%, with Blueprint (General Partner) Ltd owning the remaining 0.1% (the general partner being owned equally by the Council & Aviva). The Council in effect owns 50% of Blueprint Limited Partnership. The Council purchased its share on 9 March 2015.

Commitments

The Council has committed to loan Blueprint £0.325m in 2015/16 to part fund repairs to the Trent Basin Walls which are costing £0.500m.

Summarised Financial Information

The following table summarise the financial position of Blueprint:

	2014/15 £m
Turnover	(6.239)
Cost of Sales	4.695
Gross Profit	(1.544)
Other Operating Income	(0.688)
Administrative Expenses	0.753
Operating Profit	(1.479)
Interest Receivable	(0.017)
Interest Payable	0.057
Profit for the Financial Year	(1.439)
Current Assets	18.104
Current Liabilities	(1.417)
Net Assets as at 31 March 2015	16.687
Investment in Joint Venture included in the Council's Group Accounts (50% of net assets)	8.344
Amounts included in the above figures:	
Cash at Bank and In Hand (included in current assets)	5.717
Accruals and Deferred Income (included in Current Liabilities)	(1.103)

Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd (Registered Company Number: 04172770)

Nature of the business

Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd (Futures) is a company which is an all age, careers and employability advice service which delivers a range of careers, advice and consultancy services in the East Midlands and across England.

Relationship with the Council

The company is jointly owned 50/50 by the Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Council's share of Future's accumulated net liability and loss in year as at 31 March 2015, equating to £9.090m (2013/14 £4.798m) and £4.292m (2013/14 £0.924m) respectively, have not been recognised in the group accounts in accordance with IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures'.

Commitments

The Council is committed to paying Futures £1.700m in 2015/16, being grant funding for the delivery of careers advice. Up to a further £0.090m is payable based on performance, in respect of the Innovation Fund funding received by the Council from DWP.

Summarised Financial Information

The following table summarise the financial position of Futures group:

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	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Revenue	(13.145)	(15.800)
Operating Charges	13.253	15.061
Operating Loss	0.108	(0.739)
Finance Costs	0.422	0.487
Investment Income	(0.013)	(0.005)
Loss before Tax	0.517	(0.257)
Income Tax Expense	0.194	0.104
Loss for the Year	0.711	(0.153)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	1.137	8.736
Total Comprehensive Loss for the Year	1.848	8.583
Non-current Assets	0.241	0.169
Current Assets	2.559	4.231
Current Liabilities	(1.028)	(20.778)
Non-current Liabilities	(11.368)	(1.801)
Net Liabilities as at 31 March 2015	(9.596)	(18.179)
Councils Share (50%) of Net Liability not recognised in the Group accounts under IAS 28	(4.798)	(9.090)
Amounts included in the above figures:		
Depreciation (in Operating Charges)	0.090	0.103
Interest on Bank Overdrafts and Loans (in Finance Costs)	0.007	0.005
Defined Benefit Pension Finance Costs (in Finance Costs)	0.415	0.482
Interest Earned on Loans and Deposits (in Investment Income)	(0.013)	(0.005)
Cash and Cash Equivalents (in Current Assets)	0.995	2.233
Accruals (in Current Liabilities)	0.603	1.206
Retirement Benefit Obligation (in Non-current Liabilities)	(11.177)	(20.618)

8.5.3 Trust Fund:

Bridge Estate (Registered Charity Number: 220716)

Nature of the Trust Fund

The earliest mention of Bridge Estate is in 1302. Since that date, various bequests of land and property have been made, the income from which being set aside for the maintenance of bridges over the River Trent. By 1882 the income generated by the Estate was in excess of that required for the maintenance of Trent Bridge and consequently the objectives of the Estate were extended by virtue of section 78 of the Nottingham Corporation Act 1882.

The objectives of the charity are as follows:

- Provide for the efficient maintenance and repair of Trent Bridge and the approaches to it.
- In effect, to set up a contingency fund for the possible construction of such new bridge or bridges over the River Trent as may be found necessary or desirable.

- The residue of such income is to be applied as the Trustee thinks best for the improvement of the City of Nottingham and the public benefit of its inhabitants.

Relationship with the Council

Bridge Estate is a charity of which the Council is sole trustee. Councillors are appointed to the Trusts and Charities Committee by full Council to fulfil the Council's responsibilities as Trustee including the responsibility for making recommendations on the management of the charity.

All transactions relating to Bridge Estate are subject to the same financial regulations and procedures as those relating to the Council.

Accounts

Copies of the accounts of Bridge Estate can be obtained from Financial Reporting, Resources, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG.

8.6 Details of associates, joint ventures and trust funds not included in the group accounts

The Council has considered its relationship with the following associates, joint ventures and trust funds. These organisations have been excluded from the group accounts on the basis of risk and materiality.

8.6.1 Associates

Nottingham Regeneration Ltd (Registered Company Number: 3665996)

Nature of the company

The principal activity of Nottingham Regeneration Ltd is that of securing the overall economic social and environmental regeneration of the City of Nottingham, the greater Nottingham area and beyond.

Relationship with the Council

A partnership between the Council and the Homes and Communities Agency. The Council is deemed to have significant influence even though it holds less than 20% of the voting rights.

Ticketing Network East Midlands Ltd (Registered Company Number: 06623526)

Nature of the company

The founding members of Ticketing Network East Midlands Ltd (TNEM) are the Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham Playhouse and Dance4. TNEM is run on behalf of this consortium of arts organisations to manage its ticketing and customer relationship management system.

TNEM is the first consortium in the United Kingdom to be formed specifically for the purpose of enabling multiple organisations within this region to share Tessitura software and services from the Tessitura network.

Relationship with the Council

The Council holds 25% of the shares of TNEM, as do each of the other three member organisations Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham Playhouse and Dance4.

8.6.2 Joint Ventures

Blueprint General Partner Ltd (Registered Company Number: 05340186)

Nature of the Company

Blueprint (General Partner) Ltd manages the activity of the Blueprint Limited Partnership.

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Relationship with the Council

The company is jointly owned by the Council and Aviva Investor's Igloo Regeneration Partnership. The Council purchased the 50% share on 9 March 2015.

emPSN Services Ltd – formerly EMBC Procurement Ltd (Registered Company Number: 5882746)

Nature of the Company

emPSN Service Ltd is a regional partnership formed to secure a regional network and services for schools and a service framework for the public sector.

Relationship with the Council

As a customer of emPSN the Council is a member of the company and has a stake in its future as a public sector owned company Limited by Guarantee.

Inspired Spaces Nottingham Ltd - Local Education Partnership (Registered Company Number: 6506329)

Nature of the Company

This company was set up in June 2008 and the principal activities of the company are the provision of the construction project development and partnering services within the education sector in accordance with the terms and agreement set up with the Council.

Relationship with the Council

The Council has a 10% shareholding in the company. 10% is also held by Amber Investments and 80% is held by Carillion.

8.6.3 Trust Funds

Harvey Hadden Stadium Trust (Registered Charity Number: 522271)

Nature of the Trust Fund

On 18 July 1955 the court made a scheme and order for an athletics stadium to be erected out of the bequest of Harvey Hadden. Under the court order there is a requirement for "the Corporation" – now Nottingham City Council – to maintain the stadium built with those funds, "under the name of Harvey Hadden Stadium in good order and condition in perpetuity for the purposes of public recreation".

The objective of the Trust is to provide public recreation for the people of the City of Nottingham forever.

Relationship with the Council

Harvey Hadden Stadium Trust is a charity of which the Council is sole trustee. Councillors are appointed to the Trusts and Charities Committee by full Council to fulfil the Council's responsibilities as Trustee including the responsibility for making recommendations on the management of the charity.

All transactions relating to Harvey Hadden Stadium Trust are subject to the same financial regulations and procedures as those relating to the Council.

Highfields Leisure Park Trust (Registered Charity Number: 1006603)

Nature of the Trust Fund

The Highfields Leisure Park Trust was created by indenture in 1920 as a gift from Sir Jesse Boot, founder of Boots the Chemist. The objective of the Trust is to provide public recreation and pleasure grounds for the people of the City of Nottingham forever.

Relationship with the Council

Highfields Leisure Park Trust is a charity of which the Council is sole trustee. Councillors are appointed to the Trusts and Charities Committee by full Council to fulfil

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the Council's responsibilities as Trustee including the responsibility for making recommendations on the management of the charity.

All transactions relating to Highfields Leisure Park Trust are subject to the same financial regulations and procedures as those relating to the Council.

8.7 Notes to the Core Group Financial Statements

These notes provide information that supports, and helps in interpreting the financial statements. Where the group account figures are not materially different from those of the council only accounts, no additional disclosure notes have been made.

8.7.1 Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Notes

8.7.1.1 Other Operating Expenditure

This includes the IAS 19 valuation of NRB Ltd's net defined benefit liability at the point of transfer from the Council of £5.480m. The remaining £136.506m balance relates to the Council's single entity accounts.

8.7.1.2 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

	2013/14			2014/15		
	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net
	£m			£m		
Net Interest on Pension Fund	24.375	-	24.375	23.825	-	23.825
Other interest	34.672	(3.154)	31.518	35.783	(2.362)	33.421
Trading Operations	2.425	(3.786)	(1.361)	2.601	(4.482)	(1.881)
Investment Property						
Revaluations	0.736	-	0.736	0.599	-	0.599
Other Finance and Investment items	(1.643)	1.389	(0.254)	(0.953)	0.708	(0.245)
TOTAL	60.565	(5.551)	55.014	61.855	(6.136)	55.719

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8.7.2 Group Balance Sheet Notes

8.7.2.1 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2014/15									
	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Furniture & Equipment	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Surplus Assets	Assets Under Construction	Total Property, Plant & Equipment	PFI Assets included in PPE
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gross Book Value b/f	569.260	939.608	220.078	432.522	29.076	38.608	81.904	2,311.056	105.470	
Accumulated Depreciation b/f	-	(57.125)	(94.778)	(123.758)	(6.331)	(1.089)	-	(283.081)	(7.969)	
Accumulated Impairment b/f	(0.158)	(0.357)	(0.671)	-	-	-	(4.009)	(5.195)	-	
Net Book Value at 1st April 2014	569.102	882.126	124.629	308.764	22.745	37.519	77.895	2,022.780	97.501	
Additions - Capital Expenditure	39.446	11.164	21.881	7.658	0.814	5.168	66.938	153.069	0.008	
Additions - Donations	1.091	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.091	-	
Additions - PFI / VA School Recognition	-	4.813	-	11.304	-	-	-	16.117	11.304	
Depreciation Charge	(25.946)	(26.597)	(21.578)	(16.685)	(0.942)	(0.978)	-	(92.726)	(3.914)	
Revaluations - Recognised in Revaluation Reserve	0.931	30.181	-	-	-	3.437	-	34.549	-	
Revaluations - Recognised in the CIES	39.623	0.391	-	-	-	(0.911)	-	39.103	(17.420)	
Derecognition - Disposals	(5.012)	(0.025)	(0.267)	-	-	(3.110)	(0.559)	(8.973)	-	
Derecognition - Other	(4.907)	(116.759)	-	-	-	(11.392)	(6.404)	(139.462)	-	
Impairments - Recognised in Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Impairments - Recognised in the CIES	0.158	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.158	-	
Other - Transfers to Held for Sale	(4.261)	13.324	0.270	0.025	-	(2.186)	(12.915)	(5.743)	-	
Net Book Value at 31st March 2015	610.225	798.618	124.935	311.066	22.617	27.547	124.955	2,019.963	87.479	
Gross Book Value c/f	610.225	854.928	235.473	450.263	29.890	27.575	124.955	2,333.309	99.087	
Accumulated Depreciation c/f	-	(56.310)	(109.867)	(139.197)	(7.273)	(0.028)	-	(312.675)	(11.608)	
Accumulated Impairment c/f	-	-	(0.671)	-	-	-	-	(0.671)	-	
Net Book Value at 31 March 2015	610.225	798.618	124.935	311.066	22.617	27.547	124.955	2,019.963	87.479	

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2013/14	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Surplus Assets	Assets Under Construction	Total Property, Plant & Equipment	PFI Assets included in PPE
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gross Book Value b/f	562.063	934.773	187.276	402.692	27.902	30.454	76.575	2,221.735	76.450
Accumulated Depreciation b/f	-	(40.797)	(78.984)	(107.736)	(5.438)	(1.212)	-	(234.167)	(4.784)
Accumulated Impairment b/f	(0.188)	(5.856)	(1.120)	-	-	(7.425)	(4.009)	(18.598)	-
Net Book Value at 1st April 2013	561.875	888.120	107.172	294.956	22.464	21.817	72.566	1,968.970	71.666
Additions - Capital Expenditure	36.223	6.242	39.515	18.529	1.174	4.895	21.446	128.024	0.025
Additions - Donations	1.792	-	0.054	-	-	-	-	1.846	-
Additions - PFI Recognition	-	16.403	-	11.301	-	-	1.291	28.995	28.995
Depreciation Charge	(26.182)	(26.308)	(19.604)	(16.022)	(0.893)	(0.134)	-	(89.143)	(3.185)
Revaluations - Recognised in Revaluation Reserve	0.920	24.543	-	-	-	2.415	-	27.878	-
Revaluations - Recognised in the CIES	7.812	(7.589)	-	-	-	(0.068)	-	0.155	-
Derecognition - Disposals	-	(0.453)	(3.091)	-	-	(2.840)	-	(6.384)	-
Derecognition - Other	(3.531)	(26.953)	-	-	-	(4.803)	-	(35.287)	-
Impairments - Recognised in the CIES	0.030	0.017	-	-	-	-	-	0.047	-
Other - Transfers to Held for Sale	(9.837)	8.104	0.583	-	-	16.237	(17.408)	(2.321)	-
Net Book Value at 31st March 2014	569.102	882.126	124.629	308.764	22.745	37.519	77.895	2,022.780	97.501
Gross Book Value c/f	569.260	939.608	220.078	432.522	29.076	38.608	81.904	2,311.056	105.470
Accumulated Depreciation c/f	-	(57.125)	(94.778)	(123.758)	(6.331)	(1.089)	-	(283.081)	(7.969)
Accumulated Impairment c/f	(0.158)	(0.357)	(0.671)	-	-	-	(4.009)	(5.195)	-
Net Book Value at 31 March 2014	569.102	882.126	124.629	308.764	22.745	37.519	77.895	2,022.780	97.501

8.7.2.2 Investment Properties

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties over the year:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Opening Balance At 1 April	66.587	66.692
Additions	7.851	5.623
Disposals	(6.023)	(1.926)
Net gains/losses from fair value adjustments	(0.391)	3.180
Transfers to / from Property Plant and Equipment	(1.332)	(0.099)
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	66.692	73.470

Where the Bridge Estate's fixed assets have been consolidated with the Council's it has been assumed that the properties class will remain as investment property upon consolidation.

8.7.2.3 Short Term Debtors

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Central government bodies	21.257	16.895
Other local authorities	5.548	7.365
NHS bodies	1.247	1.990
Public corporations and trading funds	0.187	0.188
Other entities and individuals	55.850	65.110
TOTAL	84.089	91.548

8.7.2.4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents comprises of the following elements:

	31 March 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Cash held by the Authority / Group Organisation	0.405	0.353
Bank current accounts	11.121	5.749
Short-term deposits with banks and building societies	61.873	64.907
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	73.399	71.009

8.7.2.5 Short Term Creditors

	31 March 2014	31 March 2015
	£m	£m
Central government bodies	(34.009)	(41.322)
Other local authorities	(1.846)	(9.539)
NHS bodies	(7.437)	(7.773)
Other entities and individuals	(154.669)	(146.974)
TOTAL	(197.961)	(205.608)

8.7.2.6 Usable Reserves

Movements in the usable reserves are detailed in the MIRS.

8.7.2.7 Unusable Reserves

Unusable reserves have been created as a result of the difference between accounting under IFRS and statutory provisions. These reserves represent differences due to timing of funding certain items of expenditure and are, therefore, not available as a source of general funding. The unusable reserves also include the Council's share of profit and loss and other reserves of jointly controlled entities included in the group accounts.

	31 March 2014	31 March 2015
	£m	£m
Revaluation Reserve	336.762	326.271
Capital Adjustment Account	897.201	892.927
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	(7.186)	(6.882)
Pensions Reserve	(602.376)	(797.111)
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	4.293	3.893
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	5.006	4.232
Accumulated Absences Account	(5.023)	(4.471)
Profit and Loss and Other Reserves of Group Entities	1.721	(3.653)
Authority's share of Profit and Loss and Other Reserves of an associate / joint venture	-	0.794
Minority Interest - Equity	0.374	0.448
TOTAL	630.772	416.448

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Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Group arising from increases in the value of its PPE. The balance is reduced when assets with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost
- used in the provision of services and the gains are consumed through depreciation, or
- disposed of and the gains are realised.

The reserve contains only revaluation gains accumulated since 1 April 2007, the date that the reserve was created. Accumulated gains arising before that date are consolidated into the balance on the Capital Adjustment Account.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Opening Balance at 1 April	319.783	336.762
Upward revaluation of assets	32.571	52.449
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(4.388)	(8.655)
Surplus or deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	28.183	43.794
Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation	(8.554)	(9.295)
Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped	(2.650)	(44.990)
Asset reclassifications		
Amount written off to the Capital Adjustment Account	(11.204)	(54.285)
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	336.762	326.271

Capital Adjustment Account

The Capital Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for the consumption of non-current assets and for financing the acquisition, construction or enhancement of those assets under statutory provisions. The account is debited with the cost of acquisition, construction or enhancement as depreciation. Impairment losses and amortisations are charged to the CIES (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a historical cost basis). The account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and gains recognised on donated assets that have yet to be consumed by the Group. The account also contains revaluation gains accumulated on PPE before 1 April 2007, the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Opening Balance at 1 April	885.701	897.201
Other Comprehensive Items		
Voluntary aided school recognition		4.813
Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the CIES:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	(0.513)	(0.706)
Charges for depreciation of non-current assets	(83.296)	(86.272)
Charges for impairment of non-current assets	0.047	0.158
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	2.593	38.700
Donated Assets	1.846	1.091
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties	0.006	1.817
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute (REFCUS)	(6.572)	(19.394)
REFCUS expenditure funded by grants	4.933	6.373
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the CIES	(52.701)	(150.512)
Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	11.217	54.307
	<u>(122.440)</u>	<u>(154.438)</u>
Capital financing applied in the year:		
Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	9.285	5.632
Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	18.088	40.257
Application of grants to capital financing from the Capital Grants Unapplied Account	55.698	50.552
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	12.469	7.907
Voluntary set aside of capital receipts for debt redemption	22.606	23.889
Adjustment to MRP as a result of PFI Projects		3.729
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	16.820	14.125
Reduction in Liabilities & Repayment of Long Term Debtors etc:		
Principal Repayment of Capital Loans	(1.026)	(0.740)
	<u>133.940</u>	<u>145.351</u>
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	897.201	892.927

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Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. Post employment benefits are accounted for in the CIES as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as employer's contributions are made to pension funds or eventually pays any pensions for which it is directly responsible. The debit balance on the Pensions Reserve therefore shows a substantial shortfall in the benefits earned by past and current employees and the resources the set aside to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Opening Balance at 1 April	(588.226)	(602.376)
Return on plan assets	12.792	55.171
Actuarial gains or (losses) on pensions assets and liabilities	2.377	(232.984)
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(56.433)	(45.134)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to the pensioners payable in the year	27.114	28.212
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH	(602.376)	(797.111)

8.7.3 Group Movement in Reserves Statement Notes

The following tables detail the adjustments between Group Accounts and Authority Accounts in the Group Movement in Reserves Statement:

2014/15	General Fund Balance	Total Authority Reserves	Authority's Share of Group Reserves	Total Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Payments in relation to goods and services from subsidiaries	(67.932)	(67.932)	67.932	-
Receipts in relation to goods and services provided to subsidiaries	14.268	14.268	(14.268)	-
Interest and investment income from/to subsidiaries	0.708	0.708	(0.708)	-
Contributions from subsidiaries	1.504	1.504	(1.504)	-
Other movements	-	-	(0.041)	(0.041)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(51.452)	(51.452)	51.411	(0.041)

2013/14	General Fund Balance	Total Authority Reserves	Authority's Share of Group Reserves	Total Reserves
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Payments in relation to goods and services from subsidiaries	(65.849)	(65.849)	65.849	-
Grants and provisions for subsidiaries	(0.046)	(0.046)	0.046	-
Receipts in relation to goods and services provided to subsidiaries	11.511	11.511	(11.511)	-
Interest and investment income from/to subsidiaries	1.696	1.696	(1.696)	-
Contributions from subsidiaries	1.440	1.440	(1.440)	-
Other movements	-	-	1.268	1.268
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(51.248)	(51.248)	52.516	1.268

8.7.4 Group Cash Flow Notes

8.7.4.1 Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Interest received	9.112	3.001
Interest paid	(34.174)	(23.937)
Dividends received	1.000	0.700
Dividends paid	(1.340)	(1.025)
Taxation	0.043	-

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8.7.4.2 Investing Activities

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(140.899)	(146.331)
Purchase of short-term and long-term investments	(22.668)	(0.075)
Other payments for investing activities	(0.417)	(4.780)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	17.480	31.377
Proceeds from short-term and long-term investments	0.342	-
Other receipts from investing activities	64.608	58.299
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(81.554)	(61.510)

8.7.4.3 Financing Activities

	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m
Cash receipts of short and long-term borrowing	10.000	2.000
Other receipts from financing activities	3.143	0.257
Cash payments for the reduction of the outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases and on-balance sheet PFI contracts	(6.607)	(6.560)
Repayments of short and long-term borrowing	(87.318)	(20.341)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(80.782)	(24.644)

Section 9 (Appendix A)

Forward Plans

9.1 Medium Term Financial Plan

9.1.1 Revenue Plans

In February 2015 the Council approved a revised Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering the 3 year period from 2015/16 to 2017/18.

The Council's MTFP was developed within the context of an integrated service planning and budget preparation cycle with emphasis on objectivity, accountability, early decision making and service and Councillor engagement in order to enhance policy-led budgeting and longer term planning. The process included identifying cost reductions, budget and cost pressures for the next three years. Detailed budgets were then worked up based on current priorities and plans, underlying demographic trends and predicted inflation factors.

Local government continues to operate in a challenging environment and there is considerable uncertainty over the future levels of funding. However, it is clear that the public sector will have lower than previously anticipated levels of funding in the years ahead and that significant further savings will need to be identified. These issues have been brought together to produce a 3 year Medium Term Financial Outlook (MTFO) which is summarised below:

	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Expenditure:			
2014/15 Budget Requirement	277.229	277.229	277.229
Budget Refresh	2.859	8.931	18.973
New Pressures	0.759	2.479	4.084
Sub-Total	280.847	288.639	300.286
Portfolio Proposal	(23.533)	(23.016)	(29.652)
Corporate Proposals	(1.500)	(2.500)	(2.500)
Assumed Net Budget	255.814	263.123	268.134
Funding:			
Retained Business Rates, Top-up & RSG	(162.064)	(149.513)	(139.968)
Council Tax	(89.108)	(91.562)	(94.077)
Collection Fund	(4.642)	-	-
FUNDING GAP	(0.000)	22.048	34.089

The Council has identified proposals to produce a balanced budget for 2015/16 and will continue to work on proposals to meet the future funding gap, which rises to £34.089m by 2017/18. The 2015/16 budget has been constructed in accordance with the MTFP and all relevant corporate financial protocols. It is a balanced budget; policy-led, medium term and risk assessed and reflects the Council Plan priorities. Budgets have been redirected to enable some resources to be targeted on the

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Council's current focus of supporting the most vulnerable, local jobs, and enjoying Nottingham. Resources have been redirected by:

- Reducing demand and reviewing the way we commission our services.
- Reviewing and optimising income streams of all kinds
- Redesigning and modernising our service provision / identifying efficiencies

9.1.2 Capital Plans

The Council is planning to invest £882.390m over the next 5 years, enabling substantial regeneration in and around the City and allowing the Council to deliver the capital requirements that have arisen from business service needs. The capital programme and funding proposals following the 2014/15 Outturn are detailed below:

	CAPITAL PROGRAMME					
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Expenditure:						
Public Sector Housing	71.373	64.056	51.396	42.021	62.235	291.081
Transport	25.781	23.881	16.469	-	-	66.131
Education	19.215	5.647	-	-	-	24.862
All Other Services	168.651	27.346	12.887	14.704	7.988	231.576
Schemes in Development	96.718	103.922	46.800	19.800	1.500	268.740
TOTAL	381.738	224.852	127.552	76.525	71.723	882.390
Forecast Funding:						
Unsupported Borrowing	212.325	118.374	58.554	15.946	2.094	407.293
Capital Receipts	10.316	14.002	6.059	0.870	-	31.247
Revenue /Reserves etc	17.294	8.575	9.506	10.370	10.214	55.959
Major Repairs Reserve (Housing)	30.069	30.069	30.069	30.069	30.069	150.345
Grants & Contributions	61.534	48.530	23.462	21.157	7.309	161.992
TOTAL	331.538	219.550	127.650	78.412	49.686	806.836
Resources Brought Forward	79.118	28.918	23.616	23.714	25.601	
CUMULATIVE SURPLUS	(28.918)	(23.616)	(23.714)	(25.601)	(3.564)	

The total funding shortfall of £75.554m is met from resources brought forward (£79.118m) leaving a balance of available funding of £3.564m.

The Capital Programme includes a number of schemes that are currently being developed. Before these projects can gain full approval they will be subject to a process of business case appraisal that includes both due diligence and confirmation of funding.

Often additional capital projects emerge during the year. Where this is the case, any decision to progress the schemes will be dependent upon securing the necessary external funding, or demonstrating an appropriate return on investment based on robust business cases.

Some spending within the capital programme will be delivered in partnership with other organisations. The paragraphs below summarise the major partnership schemes with expenditure incurred from 2015/16 onwards:

NET2 (Lines 2 and 3) – A PFI scheme with a private sector partner (“Tramlink”) which was signed on 15 December 2011 for the operation of Line 1 and construction and operation of Lines 2 and 3. The Council will incur capital expenditure of around £146m together with annual availability payments to Tramlink.

Nottingham Station Improvements (The Hub) – An agreement with Network Rail to fund improvements of £60m to Nottingham Station. The Council has approved a contribution of up to £18.130m

9.2 Future Significant Developments

Following the May 2015 General Election a number of new and previously planned Government policies are likely to have an impact on the Council’s finances in the future.

9.2.1 Universal Credit

The Government will continue to roll out the introduction a single Universal Benefit across the country. The Universal Benefit replaces a number of individual benefits, including Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit. The Council will no longer receive payments for these benefits directly, but instead will need to recover Council Tax and rents directly from residents, potentially increasing the level of bad debts the council incurs.

9.2.2 Fiscal Consolidation

The Government plans to eliminate budget deficit by 2018/19 and run at a surplus thereafter while protecting areas of spend such as Education the NHS and pensions. This consolidation is likely to result in significant reductions in funding for local government which could exceed those already included in the MTFO.

Part of the consolidation plans include a £12bn reduction to the Welfare Budget. While this may not affect local government directly the Council is likely to see an increase in the demand for services related to those currently in receipt of benefits.

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Accounting Policies

This section explains the accounting policies applied in producing the Statement of Accounts.

10.1 General Principles

10.1.1 Statutory Guidance and Accounting Standards used

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2014/15 financial year and its position at the year end of 31 March 2015. It provides the reader with information about the Council's financial position and its stewardship of public funds. The Statement of Accounts is a legal requirement under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 and must comply with proper accounting practices. These practices are set out in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 (the Code) which is based on approved accounting standards. In addition to compliance with the Code, the Council's accounts also comply with the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2014/15. This Code sets out proper practice for financial reporting to ensure consistency and comparability across Councils. The accounts are supported by IFRS and statutory guidance issued under section 7 of the 2011 Act.

10.1.2 Accounting Convention

The accounting convention adopted in the Statement of Accounts is principally historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain categories of non-current assets and financial instruments.

10.1.3 Prior Period Adjustments, Changes in Accounting Policies and Estimates and Errors

A prior period adjustment will be made to the accounts as a result of a change in accounting policies. Changes in accounting estimates will be accounted for prospectively. Material errors in prior periods are corrected retrospectively by amending opening balances and comparative amounts. A full disclosure as to the nature, circumstance and value of the adjustment will be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

10.1.4 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the Balance Sheet date of 31 March and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. The two types of events and the accounting treatment are given below:

- For any material events after the balance sheet date which provide additional evidence regarding conditions existing at the balance sheet date, an adjustment has been made to the Statement of Accounts.
- Material events after the balance sheet date which concerned conditions not existing at 31 March have been disclosed as a separate note to the accounts.

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10.1.5 Accruals of Expenditure and Income

The revenue and capital accounts of the Council are maintained on an accrual basis. This means that income and expenditure are recognised in the accounts in the period in which they are earned or incurred and not when money is received or paid. Further details are given below:

- Where income and expenditure has been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Cash received or paid and not yet recognised as income or expenditure is shown as a creditor (receipt in advance) or debtor (payment in advance) in the Balance Sheet and the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) adjusted accordingly. Where it is doubtful that debts will be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected.
- Fees, charges and rents due from customers are accounted for as income at the date that the Council provides the associated goods or services.
- Supplies are recorded as expenditure in the period during which they are consumed. Where there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet. For some quarterly payments including gas and electricity, expenditure is recorded at the date of meter reading rather than being apportioned between financial years. This practice is consistently applied each year and therefore does not have a material effect on the year's accounts.
- Works are charged as expenditure, once complete, prior to completion they are carried as 'works in progress' on the Balance Sheet.
- For significant accruals such as pay awards, estimates are made based on the best information available at the time. Cost of pay awards not yet settled but likely to apply to part of the financial year to which the accounts relate are based on forecasted cost.
- Interest payable on borrowings and interest receivable on investments is accounted for as income and expenditure based on the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract.
- Income and expenditure are credited and debited to the relevant service revenue account in the CIES. Capital expenditure creates a fixed asset which is shown on the Balance Sheet.

Accruals have been made on the basis of the known value of the transaction wherever possible. Where estimates have been required to be made, they are based on appropriate and consistently applied methods. In the case of highways and building works, the related assets or liabilities will be valued at the year-end by colleagues working in the relevant service. Where there has been a change to an estimation method from that applied in previous years and the effect is material, a description of the change and if practicable, the effect on the results for the current period is separately disclosed.

10.2 Policies primarily affecting the CIES

10.2.1 Government Grants and Contributions

Government grants and other contributions are recognised as due to the Council when the attached conditions have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant or contribution will be received.

Grants and contributions are credited to income when there is reasonable assurance that the attached conditions will be met. Any grants received where conditions have not been met are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors. When all conditions are satisfied, the grant is credited to the relevant service line and non-ring fenced grants and capital grants are credited to Taxation and Non-specific grant income in the CIES.

10.2.2 Business Improvement Districts (BID)

A BID scheme applies across the whole of the Council. The scheme is funded by a BID levy paid by non-domestic ratepayers. The Council acts as principal under the scheme, and accounts for income received and expenditure incurred (including contributions to the BID project) within the relevant services within the CIES.

10.2.3 Operating Leases

Receivable (Council as lessor)

Where the Council has granted an operating lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the asset is retained in the Balance Sheet. Rental income is credited to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the CIES. Credits are made on a straight line basis over the life of the lease and any direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging the lease are added to the carrying amount and charged as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as rental income.

Payable (Council as lessee)

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the service benefiting from use of the leased asset in the CIES. Charges are made on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease, regardless of the pattern of payments.

10.2.4 Employee Benefits

Benefits Payable During Employment

Wages and salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees render service to the Council.

An accrual is made for the cost of the holiday entitlements or for any form of leave, e.g. time off in lieu, which employees have earned during the year but are able to carry forward into the next financial year.

Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Council to terminate an employee's employment before the normal retirement date or an employee's decision to accept voluntary redundancy. They are charged on an accruals basis to the Non Distributed Costs line in the CIES when the Council is demonstrably committed to the termination of the employment of an employee or group of employees or are making an offer to encourage voluntary redundancy.

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Teachers Pension Scheme

Pension costs relating to Teachers' Pension Scheme have been treated as defined contribution schemes and the costs are charged to Children's and Education in the CIES.

Defined Benefit Schemes (Local Government Pension Scheme)

Within the CIES, service revenue accounts have been charged with their current service cost, which represents the extent to which the pension liability has increased as a result of employee service during the year. Past service costs, settlements and curtailments have been charged to non-distributable costs.

Discretionary Benefits

The Council also has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff (including teachers) are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

10.2.5 Charges to Service Revenue Accounts for Non-Current Assets

Service revenue accounts, support services and trading accounts are debited with the following amounts to record the real cost of holding non-current assets during the year:

- Depreciation attributable to the assets used by the relevant service.
- Revaluation and impairment losses attributable to the clear consumption of economic benefits on tangible fixed assets used by the service, and other losses where there are no accumulated gains in the Revaluation Reserve against which the losses can be written off.
- Amortisation of intangible fixed assets attributable to the service.

10.2.6 Financing and Investment

The financing an investment line of the CIES is charged or credited for the following amounts relating to investments:

- Gain or loss on the difference between net sale proceeds and carrying value of investment properties.
- Rental income from investment properties
- Gains and losses on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing.
- Interest costs and expected return on Defined Benefit pension schemes.

10.2.7 Other Operating Expenditure

Other operating expenditure includes charges for:

- The proportion of receipts relating to HRA disposals payable to the Government
- Gains or losses on sale and derecognition of non-current assets (excluding investment properties)
- Actuarial gains or losses and return on plan assets of Defined Benefit Pension Schemes, which are charged to the Pension Reserve

10.2.8 Overheads and Support Services

Overheads and support services are charged to service revenue accounts, trading undertakings and other support services in accordance with the Service Reporting Code of Practice. The basis for apportionment is generally time spent by colleagues on relevant tasks although other bases are used where more appropriate. The costs of Corporate and Democratic and Non-Distributable costs are not charged to service revenue accounts but are shown as separate lines on the CIES.

10.2.9 Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme

As energy is used and carbon dioxide is emitted, an expense is charged to services in the CIES based on the current market price of allowances, together with a corresponding liability being created on the Balance Sheet. The expense is apportioned to services on the basis of energy consumption. The liability is subsequently discharged when the allowances are purchased retrospectively.

10.2.10 Landfill Allowance Schemes

When landfill is used an expense is charged to the CIES. This expense is matched by treating the use of landfill allowances allocated by DEFRA as government grants. Landfill used in excess of the allowances will appear as an expense in the form of allowances purchased from other Waste Disposal Authorities or a cash penalty paid to DEFRA.

Any residual allowances are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. However, due to the significant level of surplus landfill allowances available and trading being minimal, any surplus landfill allowances are judged to have no value

10.2.11 Jointly Controlled Operations

Jointly controlled operations are activities undertaken by the Authority in conjunction with other venturers that involve the use of the assets and resources of the venturers rather than the establishment of a separate entity. The Authority recognises on its Balance Sheet the assets that it controls and the liabilities that it incurs and debits and credits the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement with the expenditure its incurs and the share of income it earns from the activity of the operation.

10.2.12 Exceptional Items

Normally any material exceptional items are separately identified on the face of the CIES, in order to give a fair presentation of the accounts. Where these items are less significant they are included within the cost of the relevant service, however, details of all exceptional items are given in the Explanatory Foreword.

10.2.13 Value Added Tax

Income and expenditure excludes any amounts related to VAT, as all VAT collected is payable to HM Revenue & Customs and all VAT paid is recoverable from it.

10.3 Policies primarily affecting the Balance Sheet

10.3.1 Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE), Heritage Assets and Intangible Assets

PPE - Recognition

General

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of PPE is capitalised on an accruals basis, provided that it brings benefits to the Council for more than one financial year. Expenditure that maintains but does not extend the previously assessed standards of performance of an asset (e.g. repairs and maintenance) is charged to revenue as an expense when it is incurred.

Surplus Assets

Assets that are surplus to service needs but that do not meet the classification of Investment Property or Assets Held for Sale are classified as PPE 'Surplus', pending a decision on the future use of the asset.

Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Similar Contracts

In accordance with the code, the Council accounts for its PFI contracts in accordance with IFRC 12 Service Concession Agreements. The Council is deemed to control the services that are provided under its PFI schemes and ownership will pass to the Council at the end of the contracts for no additional charge (with the exception of LIFT Joint Service Centres for which there is an option to purchase). Therefore, the Council carries the assets used under the contracts, on its Balance Sheet as PPE, where they are accounted for in the same way as the other assets. The original recognition of assets is at fair value with a corresponding liability for the amounts due to the scheme operator.

The amounts payable to the PFI operators is comprised of 5 elements. The Fair Value of Services received during the year, Finance Cost, Contingent Rent, and Lifecycle replacement costs are posted to the CIES. The final element is a payment towards the outstanding liability on the balance sheet.

Finance Leases - General

Leases are classified as finance leases where substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the PPE transfer from the lessor to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Where a lease covers both land and buildings, the land and buildings elements are considered separately for classification.

Finance Leases – where the Council is Lessee

The asset is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor. Any initial direct costs of the Council are added to the carrying amount of the asset.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

- A charge for the acquisition of the interest in the PPE – applied to write down the lease liability and
- A finance charge which is debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES.

Finance Leases – the Council as Lessor

Where the Council grants a finance lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the carrying amount of the asset is written off and a long term debtor raised in the Balance Sheet.

Lease rentals receivable are apportioned between the principal repayment which reduces the debtor balance and interest which is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES.

Heritage Assets

Acquisitions are either purchased by the City Council or donated by a third party. Purchases are initially recorded at cost while donations are held at nil value until the assets related collection is externally valued within the heritage asset valuation cycle.

Items are omitted from the Balance Sheet where the Council is unable to obtain the valuations at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits it would provide to users of the financial statements.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets where the Council has control of the asset through either custody or legal protection for e.g. software licences are capitalised at cost.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, i.e. purchase price plus any costs incurred in bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use. The Council does not capitalise borrowing costs. Assets are then carried in the Balance Sheet using the following measurement bases:

- Infrastructure for e.g. roads and bridges and community assets for e.g. parks and land used for cemeteries and crematoria are generally valued at depreciated historical cost.
- Council dwellings are valued at Existing Use Value for Social Housing as defined in the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors valuation manual. The valuation exercise was carried out in accordance with guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government in 2009/10 based on a full valuation of beacon properties by Chartered Surveyors Herbert Button & Partners and Freeman and Mitchell.
- Other land and buildings are valued at fair value, the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use. Where insufficient market based evidence of fair value is available because an asset is specialised in nature, Depreciated Replacement Cost has been applied.
- Finance leases are recognised at fair value or the present value of the minimum lease payments if lower.
- Heritage assets are reported in the Balance Sheet at market value and have been valued by an external valuer, the valuation dates range from 2001 to 2008. These external valuations have been carried out by a variety of qualified experts in the relevant field. These external valuations are adjusted annually by the Council to provide an internal valuation which is used until the collection is periodically externally revalued.
- All other assets are valued at fair value.

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Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued, as a minimum, every 5 years. However, if there is evidence that there have been material changes in the value a further valuation will be undertaken.

Increases in valuations are credited to services within the CIES where they arise from the reversal of a revaluation or an impairment loss previously charged on the same asset. Any gains in excess of previous revaluation losses are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve.

Any revaluation losses are firstly written down against any previous revaluation gains held in the Revaluation Reserve. Where there are no previous revaluation gains, the losses are charged to the relevant service line of the CIES.

The Revaluation Reserve contains revaluation gains recognised since 1 April 2007 only, the date of its formal implementation. Gains arising before that date have been consolidated into the Capital Adjustment Account.

De Minimis Levels

All assets acquired can be included in the Balance Sheet, regardless of their cost. However where the current value is less than the following amounts the Council may choose to exclude the asset from the Balance Sheet.

Description	£m
Vehicles and Plant	0.003
Computer Equipment	0.005
Land & Buildings	0.010

Impairment

Asset values are assessed at the end of each financial year for evidence of reductions in value. If identified either as part of this review or as a result of a valuation exercise, they are accounted for as follows:

- Where there is a balance of revaluation gains on the Revaluation Reserve for the relevant asset the impairment loss is charged against that balance until it is used up. Thereafter, or if there is no balance of revaluation gains the impairment loss is charged to the relevant service line of the CIES.
- For intangible assets there will be no Revaluation Reserve balance, so impairment losses are charged to the relevant service line of the CIES only.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Depreciation is provided for on all PPE assets. The annual charge to the CIES is calculated by dividing the value less any residual value of the asset by the estimated asset life. There is no depreciation on the assets in the year of acquisition, although a full year of depreciation is charged in the year of disposal. In accordance with recommended accounting practice, depreciation is not provided for in respect of freehold land, Heritage Assets, certain Community Assets and assets under construction.

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- Dwellings – straight line allocation over the useful life on the building major components.
- Buildings – straight-line allocation over the useful life of the property as estimated by the valuer.

- Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment – straight line allocation over the useful life.
- Infrastructure and Community – straight-line allocation generally over 25 years.
- Finance leases - over the lease term. If the lease term is shorter than the asset's estimated useful life and ownership of the asset does not transfer to the authority at the end of the lease period.
- Intangible assets – amortised on a straight line basis over the economic life, which is generally assessed to be 5 years.

Where an item of PPE asset has major components whose cost is significant in relation to the total cost of the item, the components are depreciated separately.

The Revaluation Reserve is also reduced for the depreciation relating to revaluation gains with a corresponding credit to the Capital Adjustment Account..

Componentisation

Where an asset consists of significant components that have different useful lives and / or depreciation methods to the remainder of asset, these components are separately identified and depreciated accordingly. A component value must be at least 20% of the whole asset. Where there is more than one significant part of the same asset which has the same useful life and depreciation method, the parts have been grouped to determine the depreciation charge. Componentisation only applies to enhancement and acquisition expenditure and revaluations carried out from 1st April 2010 with a de-minimis level of £3m.

10.3.2 Investment Property

Investment properties are those used solely to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation and does not apply to properties which are being used to deliver services for the Council.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost. They are not depreciated but are revalued annually according to market conditions.

10.3.3 Long Term Investments

Interests in Companies and Other Entities

Inclusion in the Council's Group Accounts is, in accordance with the Code, dependent upon the extent of the Council's interest and control over an entity. In the Council's single-entity accounts, the interests in companies and other entities are shown as investments and valued at cost less any provision for losses.

Available-for-sale Financial Assets

Available-for-sale assets are valued at fair value. Where available-for-sale assets are quoted in an active market, the quoted market price is taken as fair value.

10.3.4 PPE Assets Held for Sale

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use, it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale. Assets held for sale are carried at the lower of carrying value and fair value less costs to sell.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale, they are reclassified back to non-current assets and valued at the lower of their carrying amount before they were classified as held for sale, adjusted for depreciation,

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amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale, and their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell.

10.3.5 Inventories and Work in Progress

Stocks are largely valued at latest purchase price and any difference between this and actual cost is not considered to be material. Other less significant stocks are valued at average or actual cost.

10.3.6 Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet initially at fair value and carried at their amortised cost. Interest payable is charged to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line of the CIES. The amount shown in the Balance Sheet is the carrying amount of the loan at 31st March.

10.3.7 Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are recognised on the Balance Sheet, initially at fair value and carried at their amortised cost. Annual credits to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES for interest receivable are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument.

10.3.8 Provisions

Provisions have only been recognised in the accounts where there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefits as a result of a past event and where such an amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are charged to the CIES and, depending on their materiality, are either disclosed as a separate item on the Balance Sheet or added to the carrying balance of an appropriate current liability. When expenditure is eventually incurred, it is charged to the provision set up in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year. Where it is apparent that the provision is not required or is lower than originally anticipated, the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service

Where some or all of the payment required to settle a provision is expected to be recovered from another party, for e.g. from an insurance claim, this is only recognised as income for the relevant service if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the Council settles the obligation.

Provisions are also set up for bad and doubtful debts, but are offset against the debtor balance on the balance sheet, rather than being included in the provisions figure.

10.3.9 Contingent Liabilities

Where a potential provision cannot be accurately estimated or an event is not considered sufficiently certain, it has not been included in the accounts but is instead disclosed in the notes as a contingent liability. A contingent liability also occurs where a liability may arise but is dependent upon the outcome of future events before it can be confirmed

10.3.10 Contingent Assets

A contingent asset occurs where a possible asset may arise but is dependent upon the outcome of future events before it can be confirmed. Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts.

10.3.11 Defined Benefit Schemes (Local Government Pension Scheme)

For defined benefit schemes, pension fund assets are accounted for at fair value as follows:

- Quoted and unitised securities - current bid price
- Unquoted securities - professional estimate
- Property - market value.

Pension liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis, using an assessment of the future payments that will be made for retirement benefits earned to date by employees. This assessment includes assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates and projections of projected earnings for current employees.

Liabilities are discounted at the Balance Sheet date using a discount rate that takes into account the duration of the employer's liabilities and the requirements of IAS19. The discount rate chosen is the annualised yield at the 21 year point on the Merrill Lynch AA rated corporate bond curve.

10.3.12 Reserves

The Council sets aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Transfers to and from reserves are shown in the MIRS and not within services. Expenditure is charged to the CIES and not directly to any reserve. Certain reserves are kept to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, financial instruments, retirement, and employee benefits and are not usable resources for the Council

10.4 Policies Affecting the Cash Flow Statement

10.4.1 Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Council's Cash Flow Statement reflects the movements in cash and cash equivalents during the year and is shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand. Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with the Council's own bank. Cash equivalents are deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. This includes Council deposits in other UK bank call accounts and Money Market Funds

10.5 Policies used to account on a Funding Basis

In a number of areas statutory provisions require the Council to account for transactions relating to the General Fund (and subsequently the amount to be raised from Council Tax) differently from the treatment required by IFRS. In each case the adjustment required is offset by a transfer to a specific reserve. The adjustments are shown within the MIRS as Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations.

10.5.1 Depreciation, amortisation, revaluation gains and losses and impairment

Instead of these charges the Council is required to make an annual provision from revenue to contribute towards the reduction in its borrowing requirement (at least 4% of the adjusted Capital Financing Requirement, excluding amounts attributable to HRA). The difference between the two transactions is adjusted with the Capital Adjustment Account.

For the HRA, depreciation is replaced by a contribution to the Major Repairs Reserve.

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10.5.2 Gains and Losses on Sale of Assets

Where sale proceeds are in excess of £10k, the gain or loss on sale or disposal (including finance leases) is removed from the CIES and adjusted with the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve (sale proceeds) and the Capital Adjustment Account (carrying value in the Balance Sheet).

A proportion of receipts relating to HRA disposals is payable to the Government and a corresponding sum is therefore transferred back from the Capital Receipts Reserve to the General Fund.

10.5.3 Capital grants

Capital Grants are reversed out of the General Fund to the Capital Grants Unapplied Account. When the grant is applied to fund capital expenditure, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account.

10.5.4 Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute (REFCUS)

Certain items of expenditure and related grant funding charged to the CIES under IFRS may be treated as capital for funding purposes. A transfer is made between the General Fund and the Capital Adjustment Account reserve for these items.

10.5.5 Employee Benefits

Accruals made for holiday entitlements or leave are reversed out of the General Fund to the Accumulated Absences Account.

10.5.6 Termination Benefits - Pension Enhancements

Pension costs calculated according to IAS 19 are replaced by the actual pension payment for the year. The difference between the two transactions is transferred between the General Fund and the Pensions Reserve

10.5.7 Financial Liabilities

Where premiums and discounts have been charged to the CIES, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund to be spread over future years. The gain or loss is spread over the term that was remaining on the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable when it was repaid. The difference between the two approaches is transferred between the General Fund and the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account.

10.5.8 Loans and Receivables

Statutory provisions allow the General Fund to be charged with the actual interest receivable for the financial year. The adjustment to the CIES for soft loans is therefore removed and adjusted with the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account.

10.5.9 Use of Reserves

The Council may make a charge against the General Fund to set aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. The Council may then also choose to use these reserves to reduce the impact on the General Fund when the expenditure is incurred.

10.6 Accounting Policies not relevant or not material

The accounting policies are reviewed each year to assess whether it is appropriate for individual policies to be included. There are a number of accounting policies that have not been included above, because the statements are not materially affected by their implementation. These policies include:

- Use of capital receipts to fund disposal proceeds
- Intangible Assets – Recognition of website development and other internally generated assets
- Derecognition or impairment of available for sale financial assets, loans and receivables
- Valuation of available for sale financial assets other than at quoted market price
- Restructuring of loan portfolios and treatment of bonds
- Treatment of soft loans
- Changes to accounting policies
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Subsequent revaluation of assets held for sale
- Jointly controlled assets
- Provision for backpay arising from unequal pay claims
- Treatment of foreign currency translations

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PENSION SCHEMES

11.1 Defined Benefit Pension Schemes accounted for as Defined Contribution Schemes

11.1.1 Teachers Pension Scheme

Teachers employed by the Council are members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered by Capita on behalf of the Department for Education. The scheme provides teachers with specified benefits upon their retirement, and the Council contributes towards the costs by making contributions based on a percentage of members' pensionable salaries.

The scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. The scheme is unfunded and the Department for Education uses a notional fund as the basis for calculating the employers' contribution rate paid by local authorities. Valuations of the notional fund are undertaken every four years.

The scheme has in excess of 6,000 participating employers and consequently the Council is not able to identify its share of the underlying financial position and performance of the scheme with sufficient reliability for accounting purposes. For the purposes of this Statement of Accounts, it is therefore accounted for on the same basis as a defined contribution scheme.

In 2014/15, the Council paid £4.278m to the Teachers' Pension Scheme in respect of teachers' retirement benefits, representing 14.1% of pensionable pay. The figures for 2013/14 were £4.988m and 14.1%. There were no contributions remaining payable at the year-end. The employer contribution rate for 2015/16 will be 14.1% for April to August, and then 16.48% from September 2015.

The Council is responsible for the costs of any additional benefits awarded upon early retirement outside of the terms of the Scheme. These costs are accounted for on a defined benefit basis and shown under past service costs/gains in section 11.2.1 below..

The Council is not liable to the scheme for any other entities obligations under the plan.

11.1.2 NHS Pension Scheme

Public Health employees who transferred into the Council from Nottingham City PCT on 01.04.13 are members of the NHS Pension Scheme. The NHS Pension Scheme is administered by NHS Business Services Authority.

The Scheme is an unfunded defined benefit occupational Scheme providing pensions, based on final salary for Council employees, and a career average arrangement for GPs and General Dental Practitioners. The Scheme is not designed to be run in a way that would enable NHS bodies / local authorities to identify their share of the underlying scheme assets and liabilities. Therefore, the scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme: the cost to the Council is taken as equal to the contributions payable to the scheme for the accounting period.

The scheme receives contributions from employers and employees to defray the costs of pensions and other benefits. The costs of the scheme are determined by the

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Government and also the Scheme actuary who performs periodic valuations of the Scheme to determine how much needs to be paid in to provide the benefits paid out. These costs are shared between the NHS employers and the Scheme members.

Following the full actuarial review by the Government Actuary undertaken as at 31 March 2004, and after consideration of changes to the Scheme taking effect from 1 April 2008, the valuation report recommended that employer contributions could continue at the existing rate of 14% of pensionable pay following the introduction of the employee contributions on a tiered scale from 5.0% to 13.3% of their pensionable pay for 2013/14. On advice from the Scheme actuary, Scheme contributions may be varied from time to time to reflect changes in the Schemes liabilities.

In 2014/15 the Council's contribution to the Scheme was £0.134m, representing 14% of pensionable pay (£0.956m). The Councils expected contributions to the Scheme for 2015/16 are 14.3% of member's pensionable pay.

The last published actuarial valuation undertaken for the Scheme was completed for the year ending 31 March 2004. Consequently, a formal actuarial valuation would have been due for the year ending 31 March 2008. However, formal actuarial valuations for unfunded public service schemes were suspended by HM Treasury on value for money grounds while consideration is given to recent changes in public service pensions, and while future scheme terms are developed as part of the reforms to public service pension provision due in 2015. A formal valuation for funding purposes as at 31 March 2012 is currently close to completion and will be used to inform the contribution rates applicable from 1 April 2015.

If the Scheme operates with a surplus of cash outflow, due to income exceeding the payments made, the surplus is returned to HM Treasury during the following financial year. If payments exceed income within a financial year, or the scheme requires funds to maintain a level of cash flow to make payments the balance of the funding required is requested from parliament through the annual Supply Estimates process.

As the Scheme is unfunded liabilities are underwritten by the Exchequer.

The latest assessment of the Scheme is contained within the published annual NHS Pension Scheme (England and Wales) Resource Account which can be viewed on the NHS Pension website.

11.2 Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

11.2.1 Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a defined benefit statutory scheme administered in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2014, is contracted out of the State Second Pension and currently provides benefits based on career average revalued salary and length of service on retirement.

The Administering Authority for the Fund is Nottinghamshire County Council. The Pension Fund Committee oversees the management of the Fund whilst the day to day fund administration is undertaken by a team within the administering authority. Where appropriate some functions are delegated to the Fund's professional advisers.

As Administering Authority to the Fund, Nottinghamshire County Council, after consultation with the Fund Actuary and other relevant parties, is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the Funding Strategy Statement and the Statement of Investment Principles. These should be amended when appropriate based on the Fund's performance and funding.

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Contributions are set every 3 years as a result of the actuarial valuation of the Fund required by the Regulations. The next actuarial valuation of the Fund will be carried out as at 31 March 2016 and will set contributions for the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020. There are no minimum funding requirements in the LGPS but the contributions are generally set to target a funding level of 100% using the actuarial valuation assumptions.

On an Employer's withdrawal from the plan, a cessation valuation will be carried out in accordance with Regulation 64 of the LGPS Regulations 2013 which will determine the termination contribution due by the Employer, on a set of assumptions deemed appropriate by the Fund Actuary.

In general, participating in a defined benefit pension scheme means that the Council is exposed to a number of risks:

Investment risk: The Fund holds investment in asset classes, such as equities, which have volatile market values and while these assets are expected to provide real returns over the long-term, the short-term volatility can cause additional funding to be required if a deficit emerges.

Interest rate risk: The Fund's liabilities are assessed using market yields on high quality corporate bonds to discount the liabilities. As the Fund holds assets such as equities the value of the assets and liabilities may not move in the same way.

Inflation risk: All of the benefits under the Fund are linked to inflation and so deficits may emerge to the extent that the assets are not linked to inflation.

Longevity risk: In the event that the members live longer than assumed a deficit will emerge in the Fund. There are also other demographic risks.

In addition, as many unrelated employers participate in the Nottinghamshire County Council Pension Fund, there is an orphan liability risk where employers leave the Fund but with insufficient assets to cover their pension obligations so that the difference may fall on the remaining employers.

All of the risks above may also benefit the Council e.g. higher than expected investment returns or employers leaving the Fund with excess assets which eventually get inherited by the remaining employers.

Assets and Liabilities in Relation to Post-employment Benefits

The projected pension expenses for the year to 31 March 2016 are as follows:

	LGPS 31 March 2016 £m	Teachers Benefits £m
Service cost	37.640	-
Net interest on the defined liability (asset)	22.297	0.713
Administration expenses	0.163	-
TOTAL	60.100	0.713
Employer Contributions	25.274	-

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Both the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers Benefits liabilities have been assessed by Barnett Waddingham LLP, an independent firm of actuaries, with

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estimates for the County Council Fund being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2013 and using financial assumptions that comply with IAS19.

Valuation Data - Data Sources

In completing the calculations for accounting purposes the actuary have used the following items of data, which they received from Nottinghamshire County Council:

- The results of the valuation as at 31 March 2013 which was carried out for funding purposes;
- Estimated whole fund income and expenditure items for the period to 31 March 2015;
- Fund investment returns for the period to 30 September 2014, and market returns (estimated where necessary) thereafter for the period 31 March 2015.
- Estimated Fund income and expenditure in respect of the employer for the period to 31 March 2015.
- Details of any new early retirements for the period to 31 March 2015 that have been paid out on an unreduced basis, which are not anticipated in the normal employer service cost.

Although some of the data items have been estimated, they are not likely to have a material effect on the results. The actuary is not aware of any material changes or events since the received the data.

Employer Membership Statistics

The table below summarises the membership data, as at 31 March 2013 for members receiving funded benefits, and as at 31 March 2014 for members receiving unfunded benefits:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		
	Number	Salaries / Pensions £m	Average Age
Actives	7,531	131.650	45
Deferred Pensioners	11,002	11.897	45
Pensioners	5,812	26.717	69
Unfunded Pensioners	2,466	2.204	79

The Council also has a share of the responsibility for some of the historic Nottinghamshire County Council liabilities accrued prior to 1 April 1998, and a responsibility for the liabilities of Nottingham City Transport accrued prior to 26 October 1986. The data underlying the pre-1998 Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Transport LGPS liabilities is as follows:

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	Local Government Pension Scheme		
	Number	Salaries / Pensions £m	Average Age
Pre-1998 Nottinghamshire County Council:			
Deferred pensioners	3,905	2.756	53
Pensioners	6,211	21.000	76
Nottingham City Transport:			
Actives	101	2.042	58
Deferred pensioners	63	0.253	55
Pensioners	777	4.740	71

The service cost for the year ending 31 March 2015 is calculated using an estimate of the average total pensionable payroll during the year of £131.652m. The projected service cost for the year ending 31 March 2016 has been calculated assuming the payroll remains at this level over the year.

There were 34 new early LGPS retirements in respect of the year ending 31 March 2015. The total annual pension that came into payment was £0.200m.

Assets

The return on the Fund (on a bid value to bid value basis) for the year to 31 March 2015 is estimated to be 11%.

The LGPS estimated asset allocation for the Council as at 31 March 2015 is as follows:

	Local Government Pension Scheme			
	31 March 2014		31 March 2015	
	£m	%	£m	%
Equities	607.616	73%	637.637	70%
Gilts	66.588	8%	28.262	3%
Other Bonds	41.618	5%	63.838	7%
Property	91.559	11%	105.570	12%
Cash	24.971	3%	43.988	5%
Inflation-linked pooled fund	n/a	n/a	25.231	3%
TOTAL	832.352	100%	904.526	100%

At 31 March 2014 the inflation-linked pooled fund was included within equities

Based on the above, the Council's share of the assets of the Fund is approximately 22%.

Of the Equities allocation above, 48% are UK investments and 52% are overseas investments.

All of the Gilts allocation above is UK fixed interest Gilts.

Of the Other Bonds allocation above, 96% are UK corporates and 4% are overseas corporates.

The Teachers Benefits arrangements have no assets to cover its liabilities.

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Valuation Approach

The full actuarial valuation involved projecting future cash flows to be paid from the Fund and placing a value on them. These cash flows include pensions currently being paid to members of the Fund as well as pensions (and lump sums) that may be payable in future to members of the Fund or their dependants. These pensions are linked to inflation and will normally be payable on retirement for the life of the member or a dependant following a member's death.

It is not possible to assess the accuracy of the estimated value of liabilities as at 31 March 2015 without completing a full valuation. However, the actuary is satisfied that the approach of rolling forward the previous valuation data to 31 March 2015 should not introduce any material distortions in the results provided that the actual experience of the Council and the Fund has been broadly in line with the underlying assumptions, and that the structure of the liabilities is substantially the same as at the latest formal valuation. The actuary has confirmed that there appears to be no evidence that this approach is inappropriate.

The asset share has been calculated by rolling forward the assets allocated to the Council at 31 March 2013 allowing for investment returns (estimated where necessary), contributions paid into, and estimated benefits paid from the fund by and in respect of the Council and its employees.

Valuation Method

As required under IAS19, the projected unit method of valuation has been used to calculate the service cost.

Assumptions

Assumed life expectations and financial assumptions used for the purpose of IAS19 calculations are shown in the table below:

	Local Government		Teachers Benefits	
	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15
Mortality Assumptions (Years):				
Longevity at 65 retiring today:				
Males	22.0	22.1	18.8	22.1
Females	25.1	25.2	22.9	25.2
Longevity at 65 retiring in 20 years:				
Males	24.1	24.2	20.8	24.2
Females	27.4	27.6	24.7	27.6
Financial Assumptions:				
RPI increase	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%
CPI increase	2.7%	2.4%	2.3%	1.8%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.5%	4.2%	n/a	n/a
Rate of increase in pensions	2.7%	2.4%	2.3%	1.8%
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities	4.4%	3.3%	3.4%	2.2%
Estimate in years of duration of liabilities	18	18	8	8

The financial assumptions are set with reference to market conditions at 31 March 2015.

The following assumptions have also been made:

- Members will exchange half of their commutable pension for cash at retirement;
- Members will retire at one retirement age for all tranches of benefit, which will be the pension weighted average tranche retirement age;
- 10% of active members will take up the option under the new LGPS to pay 50% of contributions for 50% of benefits.

Past Service Costs/Gains

Past service costs or gains arise as a result of introduction or withdrawal of, or changes to, member benefits. For example, an award of additional discretionary benefits to a member such as added years would be considered a past service cost. No additional benefits were granted in year.

Curtailments

The cost of curtailments is calculated at the point of exit, with interest applied to the accounting date accounted for separately. Over the year, 34 former Council employees became entitled to unreduced early retirement benefits under the LGPS (19 due to redundancy, 15 due to voluntary redundancy / other grounds). The capitalised cost of the additional benefits relative to those reserved for under IAS19 is calculated at £0.916m.

No employees in the Teachers Scheme were permitted by the Council to take unreduced early retirement that they would not otherwise have been entitled to.

Settlements

As a result of some internal Fund transfers over the year, LGPS liabilities have been settled at a cost different to the accounting reserve. The capitalised gain of this settlement is £9.258m.

There were no liabilities settled at a cost materially different to the accounting reserve during the year under the Teachers Scheme.

Demographics

The demographics used by the actuary are consistent with those used for the most recent fund valuation, which was carried out as at 31 March 2013. The post retirement mortality tables adopted are the S1PA tables with a multiplier of 110% for males and 100% for females. These base tables are then projected using the CMI 2012 Model, allowing for a long-term rate of improvement of 1.5% p.a.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity analysis below focuses on four assumptions – discount rate, salary increases, inflation (which is used to determine pension increases and deferred revaluation) and mortality. For the adjustment to the mortality age rating assumption, it is assumed that a member has the mortality of someone a year older or a year younger, for example, under 1+ year it is assumed that a 40 year actually has the mortality rate of a 41 year old

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	Local Government Pension Scheme			Teachers Benefits		
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adjustment to discount rate:	+0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	+0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%
Present value of total obligation	1,565.103	1,592.727	1,620.866	32.135	32.387	32.642
Projected service cost	36.790	37.640	38.510	-	-	-
Adjustment to long term salary increase:	+0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	-	-	-
Present value of total obligation	1,596.481	1,592.727	1,588.997	-	-	-
Projected service cost	37.658	37.640	37.622	-	-	-
Adjustment to pension increases and deferred revaluation:	+0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	+0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%
Present value of total obligation	1,617.334	1,592.727	1,568.565	32.643	32.387	32.134
Projected service cost	38.499	37.640	36.800	-	-	-
Adjustment to mortality age rating assumption:	+1 Year	None	-1 Year	+1 Year	None	-1 Year
Present value of total obligation	1,535.979	1,592.727	1,650.017	31.193	32.387	33.594
Projected service cost	36.335	37.640	38.958	-	-	-

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ABBREVIATIONS/GLOSSARY

12.1 Abbreviations

BID	-	Business Improvement District
BSF	-	Building Schools for the Future
CIES	-	Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
CFR	-	Capital Financing Requirement
CRCs	-	Carbon Reduction Credits
DSG	-	Dedicated Schools Grant
EMSS	-	East Midlands Shared Services
HRA	-	Housing Revenue Account
IBNR	-	Incurred but not yet Reported
IAS	-	International Accounting Standard
ICES	-	Integrated Community Equipment Services
IFRS	-	International Financial Reporting Standards
ISB	-	Individual Schools Budget
LGPS	-	Local Government Pension Scheme
LIFT	-	Local Improvement Finance Trust
LCC	-	Leicestershire County Council
MIRS	-	Movement in Reserves Statement
MTFO	-	Medium Term Financial Outlook
MTFP	-	Medium Term Financial Plan
NCC	-	Nottingham City Council
NET	-	Nottingham Express Transit
NNDR	-	National Non-Domestic Rates
PFI	-	Private Finance Initiative
PPE	-	Property Plant and Equipment
PWLB	-	Public Works Loan Board
REFCUS-	-	Revenue Expenditure Financed from Capital under Statute
RSG	-	Revenue Support Grant

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Items in **bold** are described further within the glossary.

Accounting Period

The period of time covered by the Council's accounts. Normally twelve months, beginning on 1 April. Also known as the Financial Year.

Accounting Policies

The principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by an organisation that specify how the effects of transactions and other events are to be reflected in its financial statements through recognising, measuring and presenting **assets**, **liabilities**, gains, losses and changes to **reserves**.

Accrual

Income and expenditure are recognised as they are earned or incurred, not as money is received or paid. Accruals are made for **revenue** and **capital expenditure** and income (see **debtors** and **creditors**).

Actuarial gains and losses

The changes in the net pension's **liability** that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation, or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions.

Agency Services

Services that are performed by or for another Council or public body, where the Council responsible for the service reimburses the Council carrying out the work for the cost of that work.

Amortisation

The writing down of an **intangible asset** reflecting its diminution in value as its useful life expires over time.

Assets

Items having measurable value in monetary terms. Assets can be defined as fixed or current. A fixed asset has use and value for more than one year e.g. land, buildings, plant, vehicles and equipment. Current assets can be readily converted into cash.

Audit Commission

Independent body with the responsibility of appointing **external auditors** to local authorities.

Bad (and doubtful) Debts

Debts which may be uneconomical to collect or unrecoverable.

Balance Sheet

A statement of recorded **assets** and **liabilities**, and other balances at the end of an **accounting period**.

Business Rates – see **Non-Domestic Rates**

Capital Adjustment Account

This account contains the balances previously held on the Capital Financing Account, the Fixed Asset Restatement Account and the Government Grants Deferred Account. The movements in year relate to the amount of capital expenditure financed from revenue, grants and capital receipts. It also contains the difference between amounts provided for depreciation and that required to be charged to revenue to repay the principal element of external loans.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on an acquisition or enhancement of fixed **assets**. Enhancement would include increases in value, lengthening the life of the **asset** or increasing the usage of the **asset**.

Capital Financing Requirement

An amount calculated from the value of Fixed Assets less the balances on Capital Adjustment Account and Fixed Asset Restatement Account. The sum represents the “underlying” need to borrow of the Council. The Council is required to make an annual provision of 4% of this amount from revenue resources to meet its debt repayment obligations. This is known as the Minimum Revenue Provision

Capital Receipt

Money received from the disposal of land and other **assets**, and from the repayment of capital grants and loans made by the Council.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash in hand, cash overdrawn and short term investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)

CIPFA is the leading professional accountancy body for public services. It draws up the Accounting Code of Practices and issues professional guidance that is used to compile these accounts. CIPFA advises central government and other bodies on local government and public sector finance matters.

Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting (UK)

Publication produced by **CIPFA** that provides detailed guidance on the proper accounting treatment to be used in the preparation of local authority statement of accounts.

Collection Fund

A separate fund recording the expenditure and income relating to **Council Tax, National Non-Domestic Rates** (collected on behalf of the Central Government) and residual community charge.

Community Assets

Assets that a local authority intends to hold in perpetuity, that have no determinable useful life and that may have restrictions in their disposal. Examples are parks and historical buildings.

Consolidated

Added together with adjustments to avoid double counting of income, expenditure or to avoid exaggeration e.g. debtors

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Contingency

A sum included in the revenue budget to cover unexpected expenditure during the **accounting period**. An example of such an event would be an exceptional price increase not anticipated at the time the budget was constructed.

Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability is defined as either a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the organisation's control or a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because either it is not probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

Contingent Rents

The portion of the lease payments that is not fixed in amount, but is based on the future amount of a factor that changes other than with the passage of time. (E.g. percentage of future sales, amount of future use, future price indices and future market rates of interest.)

Corporate and Democratic Core

Defined elements of support service costs which are not chargeable to services, sub-divided into Democratic Representation and Corporate Management.

Council Tax

A local tax set by local authorities in order to meet their budget requirements. There are eight Council Tax bands (Band A to Band H); the amount of Council Tax each household pays depends on the value of the home.

Council Tax Benefit

Assistance provided by billing authorities to adults on low income, with the objective of helping them to pay their **Council Tax** bills.

Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions

Discounts are available to people who live alone and for homes that are not anyone's main home. **Council Tax** is not charged for certain properties, known as exempt properties, like those only lived in by students.

Creditors

Amounts owed by an authority for works done, goods received or services rendered before the end of an **accounting period**, but for which actual payments had not been made by the end of that accounting period.

Current Service Cost

The increase in present value of a defined benefit pension scheme's **liabilities** expected to arise from employee service in the current financial year.

Debtors

Amounts due to an authority for works done, goods supplied or service rendered before the end of an **accounting period**, but for which actual payments had not been received by the end of that accounting period.

Dedicated Schools Grant

A **specific grant** paid to Local Authorities to fund the cost of running its schools.

Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

A pension or other retirement benefit scheme other than a defined contribution scheme. Usually, the scheme rules define the benefits independently of the contributions payable, and the benefits are not directly related to the investments of the scheme. The scheme may be funded or unfunded.

Depreciation

The theoretical loss in value of an asset due to age, wear and tear, deterioration or obsolescence.

Exceptional Items

Material items which derive from events or transactions that fall within the ordinary activities of the Council and which need to be disclosed separately by virtue of their size or incidence to give fair presentation of the accounts.

External Audit

The auditor is appointed by the **Audit Commission** and is required to verify that all statutory and regulatory requirements have been met during the production of the Council's accounts. There is also a requirement to review the arrangements in place to ensure the economic and effective use of resources.

Fair Value

The fair value of an **asset** is the price at which it could be exchanged in an arms length transaction.

Finance Lease

A lease, which transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a fixed asset to the lessee. The payments usually cover the full cost of the asset together with a return for the cost of finance. Asset held under Finance Leases are recognised on the Balance Sheet as Assets.

Financial Instrument

Any contract giving rise to a financial **asset** in one entity and a financial **liability** or equity instrument in another. Examples include the treasury management activity of the Council, including the borrowing and lending of money and the making of investments.

Fixed Assets

Tangible assets which have value to the Council for more than one year.

Funding Basis

The accounting basis that local authorities are required by statute to follow when setting their Council Tax. This is different to the IFRS basis, which is used to produce the Statement of Accounts.

General Fund

The common name for the account which accumulates balances for all services except the **Housing Revenue Account** and the **Collection Fund**.

Group Financial Statements

Where a Council has an interest in another organisation (e.g. a **subsidiary** organisation) group accounts have to be produced. These accounts report the financial position of the Council and all organisations in which it has an interest.

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Historical Cost

This represents the original cost of acquisition, construction or purchase of a fixed **asset**.

Housing Benefit

Assistance provided by billing authorities to adults on low income, with the objective of helping them to pay their rent. Parts of the cost, including those associated with the running expenses of the scheme, are refunded directly by the Government.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

Sets out the expenditure and income arising from the provision of social housing by the local authority as landlord.

Impairment

A reduction in the value of a fixed **asset**, resulting from financial loss, damage or obsolescence. In order to comply with accounting standards, the Council undertakes annual reviews of its assets to identify any that are impaired.

Infrastructure Assets

Assets held by local authorities which do not normally have a resale value and for which a useful life span cannot easily be assessed. Examples include highways, bridges and drainage facilities.

Intangible Assets

Assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and controlled by the Council through custom or legal rights.

International Financial Reporting Standards

International Financial Reporting Standards are standards and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). Many of the standards forming part of the IFRS were previously known as International Accounting Standards.

Investment Properties

An interest in land and/or buildings which is held for its investment potential.

Joint Ventures

An organisation in which the Council is involved where decisions require the consent of all participants.

Liability

Amounts due to individuals or organisations that will have to be paid at some time in the future. Current liabilities are usually payable within one year of the balance sheet date.

Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

A plan detailing projected expenditure and available resources over a period of more than one year. The Council's MTFP currently covers three years.

Minimum Revenue Provision

The statutory minimum amount that authorities must set aside each year as provision for debt repayment based on 4% of the Capital Financing Requirement

National Non-Domestic Rates

The means by which local businesses contribute to the cost of providing local authority services. All Non-Domestic Rates are paid into a central pool and then divided between all authorities depending on the number of residents each authority has.

Net Revenue Expenditure

This represents the Council's budget requirement and use of **reserves**.

Non-Cancellable Lease

A lease that is cancellable only:

- Upon the occurrence of some remote contingency.
- With the permission on the lessor.
- If the lessee enters into a new lease for the same or an equivalent asset with the same lessor
- Upon payment by the lessee of such an additional amount that, at the inception of the lease, continuation of the lease is reasonably certain.

Non-operational Assets

Assets held by the Council but not actually used in the direct delivery of services, including surplus assets, industrial units and assets used by other organisations in order to provide services on the Council's behalf. See **Operational Assets**.

Operating Leases

A lease where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a fixed **asset** are retained by the lessor. Operating leases do not result in a charge against the local authority's capital resources.

Operational Assets

Assets held by the Council for the purpose of the direct delivery of services for which the Council has either a statutory or discretionary responsibility. See **Non-operational Assets**.

Outturn

Actual income and expenditure in an **accounting period**.

Past Service Cost

The increase in **liabilities** arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years.

PFI Credits

The financial support provided to Local Authorities to part fund **Private Finance Initiative** capital projects.

Post Balance Sheet Events

Those events, both favourable and unfavourable, which occur between the balance sheet date and the date on which the Statement of Accounts is signed by the responsible financial officer.

Precept

The amount of **Council Tax** income County Councils, Police authorities, Parish Councils and Fire authorities (precepting authorities) need to provide their services.

Prior Year Adjustments

These are material adjustments relating to prior year accounts that are reported in subsequent years and arise from changes in accounting policies or from the correction of

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fundamental errors. They do not include normal recurring corrections or adjustments of accounting estimates in prior years.

Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

A long-term contractual public private partnership under which the private sector takes on the risks associated with the delivery of public services in exchange for payments tied to standards of performance.

Provision

An amount set aside to cover a **liability** that will almost certainly occur, but where the amounts or dates on which the cost will arise are uncertain.

Prudential Code

The Prudential Code ensures, within a clear framework, that the capital investment plans of the Council are affordable, prudent and sustainable.

Public Works Loans Board (PWLB)

A Government agency which provides loans, for terms of one year and above, to local authorities. The interest rates applied are only slightly higher than those at which the Government can borrow.

Reserves

A reserve is an amount set aside for a specific purpose in one financial year and carried forward to meet expenditure in future years. A distinction is drawn between reserves and **provisions** which are set up to meet known liabilities.

Residual Value

The net realisable value of an **asset** at the end of its useful life

Revaluation Reserve

This represents the non-distributable increase/decrease in the valuation of fixed **assets**.

Revenue Expenditure

Expenditure on day-to-day running costs such as salaries, heating, printing and stationery and debt charges. Revenue items will either be expended immediately, like salaries, or within one year of purchase.

Revenue Expenditure Funded From Capital under Statute (REFCUS)

This is expenditure that can be deemed capital expenditure under Statute but does not result in an **asset** for the Council (e.g. Housing improvement grants). Such expenditure is written off to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year it is incurred. .

Revenue Support Grant (RSG)

Government financial support to aid local authority services generally. It is based on the Government's assessment of how much an authority needs to spend in order to provide a standard level of service.

Section 106 contributions

These are receipts received by the Council from developers for a specific purpose; they arise as a result of a planning agreement between the Council and developer.

Service Reporting Code of Practice

Published by **CIPFA** the Service Reporting Code of Practice establishes “proper practice” with regard to consistent financial reporting to enhance the comparability of local authority financial information and is given statutory force in England by regulations under the Local Government Act 2011.

Single Entity Financial Statements

The main financial statements for the Council as shown in section 3.

Specific Grant

Government financial support for a specific purpose or service that can not be spent on anything else.

Stocks

Comprise the following categories; goods or other **assets** purchased for resale; consumable stores; raw materials and components purchased for incorporation into products for sale; products and services in intermediate stages of completion; long term contract balances and finished goods.

Subsidiary and Associated Companies

An organisation in which the Council has a participating interest and over which it can exercise significant influence e.g. where the Council controls the majority of voting rights.

Trading Accounts

Services run in a commercial style and environment, providing services that are mainly funded from fees and charges levied on customers.

Trust Funds

Funds administered by a local authority for purposes such as charities, and specific projects and on behalf of minors.

Work in Progress

Work in progress is the value of work undertaken on an unfinished project at the end of the financial year, which has not yet been charged to the revenue account.

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