

East Hampshire District Council STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS



2016 - 2017

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Introduction to East Hampshire District Council

The Statutory Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA). It therefore aims to provide information to the public, including electors and residents of East Hampshire, Council Members, partners and other stakeholders of East Hampshire District Council.

The Statutory Accounts aims to provide:

- An understanding of the overarching financial position of the Council
- Confidence that the public funds entrusted to the Council have been accounted for appropriately
- Assurance that the financial position of the Council is robust.

Structure of the Narrative Statement

The Narrative Statement is structured into:

- Key facts about East Hampshire District Council
- Section 151 Officer's Statement
- Performance against Business Plans & Council Strategy
- Financial Performance
- Budget / MTFS 2017/18
- Explanations of Financial Statements

Key facts about East Hampshire District Council

East Hampshire District Council is responsible for services such as rubbish collection and recycling, council tax collection, leisure services, planning and housing. Policies and strategies are developed and determined by our 44 councillors. The Council employs 305 full time equivalent staff and serves a population of 120,135.

Our ambition is to improve people's lives by providing excellent public services that represent good value for money and meet our communities' needs. The grants we receive from central government are shrinking, our aim is to remove our reliance on those grants by 2019-20.

Our operational priorities that will help us deliver our corporate strategy mission are; financial sustainability, economic growth, environmental sustainability, public service excellence and creativity and innovation.

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Overall Financial Position

The revenue outturn position for the year was in surplus by £283,800 before carry forwards of £172,000 and £111,800 after carry forwards. This is a real achievement against almost £1.6m of Budget challenge that was set at the beginning of the year, the challenge being largely offset through income growth and operational efficiencies.

The Council's overall financial position remains sustainable with adequate levels of reserves. There are robust processes in place for budget setting and forecasting, and the Council has in place a Medium Term Financial Strategy that is both understood and owned by the business managers. There are sound systems in place to ensure that financial performance is understood and that cash is collected, that debtor balances are minimised and all funding streams are exploited.

The Council entered into a partnership with five other authorities during the year to transfer services to Capita which will largely become operational during the next financial year. In the year ahead it is important that the transfer of the service is smooth and that the value and anticipated savings against the contract are monitored and achieved. During the year the Council also entered in to an innovative Leisure agreement with SLM who will provide three state of the art leisure centres to the district and generate future income streams for the Council.

The Council remains committed to a strategy of revenue growth and commercialisation and there has been real progress during the year financially and operationally in delivering against the strategy with new income streams against both the public and private sector, in the sale of planning service to Hart £490,000 and commercial property income against the acquisition of an Iceland property of £110,000.

2017/18 Onwards

There remains continued uncertainty against future Central Government funding for local authorities along with known funding reductions which have been captured through the Medium Term Financial Strategy. These future funding shortfalls have placed pressure upon the Council's finances which have been mitigated against with revenue growth through New Business to both the public and private sector and increased income against Commercial property.

The inclusion of service income targets, new business sales, property investment income and savings achieved through service transformation that have been captured in the budget are both innovative and challenging. There is a risk that, should these targets not be achieved, the Council will need to draw on its reserves during 2017/18, although this is not anticipated. The Council has sufficient reserves to mitigate this risk in 2017/18 but use of reserves would not be sustainable in the medium term.

It will be necessary to closely monitor the achievement of income challenges during the course of 2017/18 and the potential impact on the General Fund Balance during future years as these matters become clearer.

Craig Smith

(Section 151 Officer)

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Performance against Council Strategy

Financial sustainability

In order to continue providing our services for our most vulnerable residents and improving the lives of all our residents we are committed to being financially sustainable. During 2016- 2017 we reduced our share Council Tax by 2% without any service reduction. We have also committed to further reductions in Council Tax over the coming years. We have continued to invest in property, the most recent acquisition being the Iceland store on Alton High Street. Since 2013, six commercial properties have been purchased at a cost of £12.5 million, generating rental income of around £850,000 per year, representing a considerably better return than cash. The Council property portfolio was valued at £23.4 million on 31 March 2017. In addition to property income we have begun receiving income from our consultancy services. Council departments have been marketing their services to other authorities and local organisations to bring in extra income. Our Planning Service, Community Team, Communications, Neighbourhood Planning and regeneration team, RegenCo have brought in £429,000 net income during 2016-17. In addition our company, East Hampshire Commercial Services Ltd has been providing litter enforcement services and growing its client base with new litter enforcement clients secured for 2017-18

Economic growth

During 2016-17 we continued to work towards the goals set out in our business strategy with the aim of becoming the most business friendly council in the UK. Through the Invest for Growth initiative, grant funding from the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership is being used to develop new business premises at the former OSU site in Liphook, with rental income to be re-invested in local economic development initiatives. The scheme received full planning permission in September 2016 and following procurement a contractor was secured to begin work on the site in April 2017. The Get East Hants Working Apprenticeship grants scheme continues to go from strength to strength. The scheme which provides funding towards wages, training and transport costs has supported over 40 young people into work since its inception in 2013. The EHDC business start-up scheme continues to attract applications from a wide range of new businesses. As well as a £500 grant, eligible businesses benefit from free business advice. 36 new businesses have been helped in 2016/17

Environmental sustainability

2016-17 saw the second full year since launch of the EHDC Energy Strategy. Achievements during the year including the growth of our electric vehicle charging points, with a contract in place to deliver charge points using EHDC brand across the district and continued engagement with the community (Petersfield Community Energy group) on energy matters. Our COSY scheme saw over £1m additional funding received from DECC/BEIS to support the retrofit programme. Over 15,000 households were engaged in the scheme with over 300 households supported and retrofitted. A new COSY scheme will be launched in 2017. Going forward we have also been looking at alternative fuel sources and solar energy on our buildings.

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Public Service Excellence

We are committed to developing and supporting our staff. Our senior management team have been realigned in order to deliver our priorities with the organisation now grouped into three interlinking directorates. We continued to develop a modern and effective employment package for our staff and undertook a talent management matrix exercise during the year. We have continued our quarterly You're a Star staff awards and our annual staff awards took place in November 2016, recognising individual and team achievements. We also held a Leadership Conference for our current and future leaders, took part in a 360 degree feedback pilot and have developed our Fit for Future plan. Our Councillors have also been involved in a Councillor Development pilot, on track for successful Councillor Charter status accreditation.

The council continued to deliver community events. The tenth Butserfest was held in September 2016 and was the most successful ever. We continued with a variety of other community activities, there was the successful delivery of our Auto Solo events, Rural Areas Play Project (RAPP) and Get Activ8'd. Our RAPP and Get Activ8'd programme can now be booked online through our new customer relationship manager (CRM) tool. In addition, a significant number of grants were awarded during the year, £179,000 was awarded in Councillor grants and £157,000 in Cabinet grants, supporting a number of communities facilities and groups across the district.

Creativity and Innovation

East Hampshire District Council is an exciting and vibrant place to work. The Council provides community leadership and is at the cutting edge of innovation and practice. Innovations taken forward during 2016-17 include the growth of our new trading company, East Hampshire Commercial Services Ltd. Our new EHDC website, designed to make priority services easy to find has continued to grow with an 11% increase in web traffic. As part of the website and our personalisation agenda our new CRM portal, My East Hampshire, continues to grow with over 700 customers registered on the portal. The portal allows for customers and residents to book on RAPP and Get Activ8'd events and register FOIs or complaints. The portal will also offer pre-planning application booking services and phase 2 will see additional services added.

Regeneration

Our involvement in the regeneration of Whitehill & Bordon continued throughout 2016-17, transforming public sector land into thriving communities with new homes, jobs and facilities. During the year work began on the relief road, with the northern section being completed. 100 new homes at the Quebec site were officially launched as well as the launch of 500 new homes at the Louisberg barracks with residents moving in during Summer 2017. Work has continued on the Future Skills Centre and Business Enterprise Centre which will open in Summer 2017 and deliver jobs to the area. The town will be the blueprint for how other communities across the county can become healthier and more vibrant. The expertise built up by the team has enabled the Council to provide consultancy services to other regeneration schemes.

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Financial performance and capital summary

2016/17 Revenue Outturn

For the 2016/17 financial year, the Council agreed its budget for net revenue spending on General Fund services at £14.394m.

Net revenue spending is financed in part by Government Grant and retained business rates, with the remainder being raised through council tax, use of reserves and interest on external investments. The Council Tax charge for Council services was reduced in 2016/17 from £137.30 for band D properties in 2015/16 to £134.55 in 2016/17. The table below compares the final outturn with the original budget. The basis for these figures is the Council's internal management accounts.

SERVICE	BUDGET £000'S	OUTTURN £000'S	VAR TO BUDGT
Head of Neighbourhood Support	721.6	145.1	576.5
Head of Planning (EH)	739.7	532.1	207.7
Head of Customer Services	1,922.1	1,168.1	754.0
Head of Housing	532.9	424.5	108.4
OPERATIONS	3,916.4	2,269.8	1,646.6
Head of Finance	572.2	1,214.5	-642.3
Head of Organisational Development	1,125.9	979.4	146.5
Head of Communications & Community Engagement	1,990.3	2,054.3	-64.0
Head of Legal	236.8	281.8	-45.0
Head of Programmes Redesign & Quality	2,464.6	2,544.4	-79.8
Executive	757.8	758.0	-0.2
GOVERNANCE	7,147.5	7,832.4	-684.8
Head of Commercial Ventures	-87.8	188.5	-276.3
Head of Environmental Services	3,170.1	3,195.1	-25.1
Whitehill & Bordon	728.1	682.5	45.6
Head of Development	834.1	465.1	369.0
Building Maintenance/ Estates and Fac	567.1	453.4	113.7
Regenco	-357.0	-78.7	-278.3
Investment Income & Expenditure	-1,523.9	-1,836.7	312.8
COMMERCIAL	3,330.7	3,069.1	261.5
CONTRIBUTION (favourable) or adverse	14,394.6	13,171.3	1,223.3
Other Operating Income & Expenditure	475.0	759.0	-284.0
Movement in Reserves	-2,365.8	-1,559.4	-806.4
Movement in Reserves (CERA)	-4,894.2	-1,174.4	-3,719.8
CERA	4,894.2	1,174.4	3,719.8
TOTAL MOVEMENT IN RESERVES AND OTHER	-1,890.8	-800.3	-1,090.4
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	12,503.9	12,371.0	132.9
Council Tax & BRRS	-7,620.7	-7,845.3	224.7
General Grants	-4,883.2	-4,809.4	-73.8
FUNDING	-12,503.9	-12,654.7	150.9
(SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	0.0	-283.8	283.8

The reported surplus of £283,800 included underspends of £172,000 within the Communications and Organisational Development services. It is expected that this variance will be carried forward into 2017/18. The table below provides commentary on the main variances.

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The table below summarises the main reasons for the surplus generated in 2016/17:

Service head	Key Variances
Head of Neighbourhood Support	Favourable variance on car parking income of £248,000, and employment costs favourable to budget by £460,000. Supplies and service costs are £157k adverse to budget due to increased animal welfare costs, car parks maintenance costs.
Head of Planning (EH)	Favourable variance of £261,000 due to overachievement of Income, and £66,000 reduced employee costs against vacancies. Offset by adverse variances of £114,000 for consultancy and contract costs.
Head of Customer Services	Significant favourable variance of +£225k against Third party costs due to housing Benefit overpayment recovery and debt provisioning. Remaining favourable variances due to project slippage costs which are offset by a reduction in reserve movements.
Head of Housing	Favourable income variance due to a one off grant received in year.
Head of Finance	Adverse variance is due to reduced interest income on cash deposits, which is offset by increased investment property income, to increased temporary staff costs and to an increase in the Bad Debt provision following a review of outstanding debts.
Head of Organisational Development	Favourable variance on employee costs of £162,000
Head of Communications & Community Engagement	Adverse variances through Supplies and services costs were offset by favourable Movement through reserves.
Head of Legal	Adverse variance due to higher than budgeted Employee costs.
Head of Programmes Redesign & Quality	Adverse variances through Supplies and services costs
Head of Commercial Ventures	Adverse variance arises because income projected has been treated as a capital receipt rather than a revenue income.
Head of Development	Favourable variances due to project slippage costs which are offset by a reduction in reserve movements.
Building Maintenance/ Estates and Fac	Favourable variance is due to Building Control fee income (£94,000) due to demand greater than budgeted, plus a favourable variance of £21,000 on Estates rental income
Regenco	Adverse -£278k -due to actual costs associated with Income at 18% Margin against a budgeted margin of 100%
Investment Income & Expenditure	Favourable variance due to high occupancy levels in all properties, and the purchase of additional properties in 2016/17.

At the end of the year, the Council's General Fund Balance stood at £3.678m. This reserve is held to provide financial stability to the Council, and enable it to meet unexpected demands.

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Capital Spending and Receipts

Capital expenditure is defined as expenditure which generates an asset that has a useful life of more than one year. The main items of capital expenditure are detailed in the table below.

	Budget £'000	Actuals £'000	Carry Forward
Housing			
Disabled Facilities Mandatory	969	543	426
Disabled Facilities (Discretionary)	63	-	63
PUSH4 Safer Homes	41	-	41
Home Safety Grant	31	-	31
Home Improvement Loan	146	-	146
Total	1,250	543	707
Operational Land & Buildings			
Leisure Centres - Landlord Works	60	-	60
Total	60	-	60
Investment Property			
Property Investments	1,707	1,712	-
Housing Equity Share	-	120	-
Property Development (OSU Site)	620	154	466
Total	2,327	1,986	466
Vehicles and Equipment			
Vehicle Fleet Replacement	96	33	63
Play Park Refurbishment	48	42	-
Car Park Meters	109	133	-
Personalisation	377	354	23
R&B Scanners	11	11	-
Cemeteries Database	25	28	-
Finance System Development	115	43	72
Total	781	644	158
Other Capital Expenditure			
Merchistoun Hall Redevelopment	97	-	97
Southern Parishes Sports Centre	250	200	7
Alton Station Forecourt	140	47	7
Developers Contributions	-	1,824	-
Total	487	2,071	111

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The Capital programme for 2016/17 was funded as follows:

Capital Funding 2016-17	Budget £'000	Actuals £'000	Carry Forward
Borrowing	-	-	-
Capital Receipts	1,708	44	981
Cash	1,707	1,712	-
Grants & Contributions	1,206	740	426
Release of Developers Contributions	-	1,991	-
Contribution from Earmarked Reserves	284	757	95
Total Capital Funding	4,905	5,244	1,502

Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration

The Council has been awarded significant funding towards the regeneration of Whitehill and Bordon, following the withdrawal of the Army from the town in 2015. The table below outlines the funding and expenditure since the original project plan was agreed by Council on 24th February 2010.

	Capital £000	Revenue £000	Total £000
Initial Grant award Department of Environment and Climate Change Funding	(8,186)	(3,709)	(11,895)
Homes and Communities Agency	(311)	-	(311)
Louisburg Barracks Capacity Funding	(960)	(60)	(1,020)
Linking Environment and Farming Fund	-	(661)	(661)
Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Fund	-	(33)	(33)
Green Deal Funding	-	(14)	(14)
Green Deal Funding	-	(12)	(12)
EHDC Funding 2010-2015/16	-	(3,241)	(3,241)
EHDC 2016/17	-	(667)	(667)
Green Deal Funding Grant	(2,945)	-	(2,945)
Large scale sites resource grant	(562)	-	(562)
Quebec Developer Contribution	(725)	-	(725)
DECC HEAT Networks Grant	(137)	-	(137)
NHS England	-	(250)	(250)
Total Funding	(13,826)	(8,647)	(22,473)
Capital Expenditure 2009-2015	8,561	-	8,561
Capital Expenditure 2015/16	2,121	-	2,121
Capital Expenditure 2016/17	1,075	-	1,075
Revenue Expenditure 2009-2015	-	5,609	5,609
Revenue Expenditure 2015/16	-	1,662	1,662
Revenue Expenditure 2016/17	-	767	767
Remaining Funding	(2,069)	(609)	(2,678)

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Business Rates Retention Scheme

The principle behind the scheme is that local authorities retain a share of Business Rates collected from their local businesses. Authorities retain a share of growth in the business base, giving councils incentive to invest in local infrastructure.

The government announced the continuation of a number of Business Rate reliefs throughout 2016/17. The impact of these reliefs was to reduce collectible business rates, and this has been offset by cash grants paid to the Council.

The surplus or deficit on business rates will be redistributed between the Government, East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, and Hampshire Fire and Rescue during 2017/18. The budget calculations for 2017/18 take into account this redistribution.

The table below demonstrates how the Council estimated its collectable business rates, how this is split between the participating authorities, the split of the 2016/17 deficit, and the impact on the General Fund in 2017/18, compared to actual performance in the year.

	Budget £'000	Outturn £'000
Business Rates Yield		
Base Yield	29,995	28,333
Provision for backdated appeals	-	(550)
Bad Debts	(200)	(211)
Mandatory & Discretionary reliefs		
Adjustment for provision for bad debt	(175)	(90)
Transitional protection payment	-	(703)
Business Rates Yield	29,620	26,779
Distribution		
Central Government (50%)	14,810	14,810
Hampshire County Council (9%)	2,666	2,666
Hampshire Fire (1%)	296	296
East Hampshire District Council baseline (40%)	11,848	11,848
Total Distribution	29,620	29,620
Reallocation of prior year balance – EHDC	(637)	(637)
Reallocation of prior year balance – Other	(956)	(956)
Total Expenditure	28,027	28,027
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit B/Fwd	(1,593)	1,334
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit in year	1,593	1,248
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit C/fwd	-	2,582
Allocation of (Surplus)/Deficit in 2017/18		
Government Share (50%)	-	525
EHDC Share (40%)	-	420
Hampshire CC Share (9%)	-	95
Hampshire Fire (1%)	-	11
Total	-	1,051
East Hampshire District Council		
Retained Business Rates Calculation		
	Budget	Actual
	£'000	£'000
East Hampshire District Council baseline	(11,847)	(11,847)
Tariff paid to Central Government	9,841	9,841
Levy/ safety net paid to/by Central Government	405	181
Total 2016/17 business rates income	(1,601)	(1,825)
Payment of prior year's estimated surplus / (-) deficit	637	637
Retained Business Rates	(964)	(1,188)

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Medium Term Financial Strategy

The Council agreed its Medium Term Financial Strategy as part of its budget setting process for 2017/18. The summary projections demonstrate the Council's ambitions for maintaining council tax at current levels and generating income.

	Medium Term Projections				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Sales - fees and charges	(8.627)	(8.808)	(9.042)	(9.250)	(9.440)
Sales - commercial enterprises	(1.165)	(1.693)	(2.529)	(3.192)	(3.951)
Income - specific grants	(0.529)	(0.448)	(0.367)	(0.289)	(0.212)
Income – CIL Contributions	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)	(1.200)
Investment Income & Expenditure	(2.605)	(5.588)	(7.566)	(9.508)	(11.462)
Total Service income	(14.126)	(17.737)	(20.704)	(23.439)	(26.265)
Employees	13.820	13.816	14.505	14.559	14.744
Supplies and services	6.740	5.847	5.634	5.908	6.044
Contract costs	4.682	5.107	4.954	4.906	5.054
Agency/Third party costs (net)	(0.142)	(0.142)	(0.142)	(0.142)	(0.142)
Capital costs	0.618	0.618	0.618	0.618	0.618
Total Service costs	25.718	25.246	25.569	25.849	26.318
Contribution / (Surplus) / deficit	11.592	7.509	4.865	2.410	0.053
Other Operating Income & Expenditure	0.860	0.914	0.971	1.033	1.097
Movements in reserves – grants & Contributions	1.200	1.200	1.200	1.200	1.200
Movement in specific Reserves	(0.875)	(0.050)	(0.050)	(0.050)	(0.050)
Movements in Statutory reserves	(0.620)	(0.618)	(0.618)	(0.618)	(0.618)
Other costs & movement in Reserves	0.565	1.446	1.503	1.565	1.629
Total net expenditure	12.157	8.955	6.368	3.975	1.682
Council Tax	(6.411)	(6.274)	(6.306)	(6.337)	(6.363)
Council Tax prior year Deficit	0.015	-	-	-	-
Retained Business Rates	(1.953)	(2.103)	(1.983)	(3.865)	(4.002)
Retained Business Rates prior year Deficit	0.044	-	-	-	-
General Grants					
Revenue Support Grant	(0.258)	-	-	-	-
New Homes Bonus	(2.844)	(2.212)	(1.884)	-	-
s31Grants	(0.750)	(0.612)	(0.634)	-	-
Total Funding	(12.157)	(11.201)	(10.807)	(10.202)	(10.365)
(Surplus) / Deficit	-	(2.246)	(4.439)	(6.227)	(8.683)

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Explanation of Core Statements

The Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom.

The purpose of the published Statement of Accounts is to give electors, local taxpayers, Councillors and other interested parties clear information about the Council's finances. The statements inform readers of the cost of services provided by the Council in the year 2016/17, how services were paid for and the Council's assets and liabilities at the year end date of 31st March 2017.

The following key statements are included:

The Movements in Reserves Statement (page 34-35)

The Movements in Reserves Statement reconciles the balance on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the movement on the Council's reserves, both usable and unusable.

The Expenditure & Funding Analysis (page 36-37)

The Expenditure & Funding Analysis is designed to show how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources, including Government Grants, Council Tax and Business Rates, by local authorities, in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by authorities in accordance with generally accepted accounting practises. It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Council's Directorates and Service Heads. Income and expenditure, accounted for under generally accepted accounting practises is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement (page 38)

This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation. Authorities raise taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations; this may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The Balance Sheet (page 39)

The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities of the Council.

The Cash Flow Statement (page 40)

The Cash Flow Statement reconciles the movement in cash and cash equivalents to the surplus or deficit on the Provision of Services within the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements (including pensions disclosures) (pages 41-98)

The Collection Fund (pages 99-101)

This account records all transactions relating to Council Tax and Business Rates. The Council draws its share of Council Tax and Business Rates from the Fund. More information on Council Tax and Retained Business Rates can be found in the Review of the Year.



Annual Governance Statement

2016/17

**East
Hampshire**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Improving People's Lives

Introduction

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Millard) and Chief Executive (Sandy Hopkins) both recognise the importance of having good systems in place to manage and deliver services to the residents of East Hampshire. Each year the Council is required to produce an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which describes how its corporate governance arrangements have been working.

This AGS is in respect of 2016/17. The council also publishes an annual report which provides further information on the opportunities and challenges faced by the Council.



What is corporate governance?

Corporate governance generally refers to the processes by which organisations are directed, controlled, led and held to account.

The Council's governance framework aims to ensure that in conducting its business it:

- *operates in a lawful, open, inclusive and honest manner*
- *makes sure that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively*
- *has effective arrangements for the management of risk*
- *secures continuous improvements in the way that it operates.*

This statement is consistent with the principles of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) and Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) Framework Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Guidance Notes for English Authorities 2016. This statement explains how East Hampshire District Council has met the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, which requires all relevant bodies to prepare an Annual Governance Statement.



The purpose of the governance framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, culture and values, by which the Council directs and controls its activities, and how it leads, engages with and accounts to the community it serves. The framework brings together an underlying set of legislative requirements, good practice principles and management processes and enables the Council to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost-effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to an acceptable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the Council's aims and objectives, but it seeks to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify, prioritise and manage the risks to the achievement of the Council's aims and objectives.

The governance framework addresses the way the Council is controlled and managed, both strategically and operationally, and how it will deliver its services. The Framework recognises that the Council's business is focussed upon its corporate priorities and seeks to facilitate delivery to our local communities of the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

The structures and processes, risk management and other internal control systems, such as standards of conduct, form part of this Framework, which is about managing the barriers to achieving the Council's objectives. Members and senior officers are responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of the Council's affairs and the stewardship of the resources at its disposal. This task is managed by the Executive Board which comprises the Chief Executive, Executive Directors, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer. The Council has designed systems and processes to regulate, monitor and control its activities in order to achieve its vision and objectives.

How do we know it is working

The annual process that we use to maintain and review the effectiveness of our governance arrangements include a wide input.

Procedures, rules and internal management processes

- Delivery of Corporate Plan priorities
- Services are delivered economically, efficiently & effectively
- Management of risk
- Financial planning and performance
- Effectiveness of internal controls
- Community engagement & public accountability
- Shared service governance
- Project management & project delivery
- Procurement processes
- Roles & responsibilities of Members & Officers
- Standards of conduct & behaviour
- Training and development of Members & Officers
- Compliance with laws & regulations, internal policies & procedures

Sources that provide assurance

- Constitution (incl. statutory officers, scheme of delegation, financial management and procurement rules)
- Council, Cabinet, Committees and Panels
- Corporate and service plans
- Joint Human Resources Committee
- Strategic Management Board
- Project management methodology
- Financial and Performance Monitoring Suite
- Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Complaints system
- Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer
- HR policies & procedures
- Whistleblowing & other countering fraud arrangements
- Staff and Member training
- Codes of conduct
- Corporate Management Team

Ongoing assessment of our effectiveness

- Regular performance and financial reporting
- Annual financial report
- External audit reports
- Internal audit reports
- Officer governance groups
- Customer feedback
- Council's democratic arrangements including scrutiny reviews and the audit committee
- Staff surveys
- Community consultations

Areas identified for improvement

- Information Governance
- Continued development of effective governance and reporting arrangements for shared services
- Code of Corporate Governance
- Demonstrating compliance with GDPR

How we apply the governance framework

The Council aims to achieve effective corporate governance and the way in which the Council meets the principles of good governance is outlined below:

1. Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law

There are codes of conduct in place for all Councillors and Officers which were reviewed and updated during 2016/17. The Council has appointed independent persons to investigate any allegations of misconduct, and the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee receives regular reports from the Monitoring Officer on complaints regarding Councillors.

The Council's Constitution contains the standing orders, scheme of delegation, financial regulations and contracts procedure rules. The Constitution also contains the policies for anti-fraud and corruption, anti-bribery and whistleblowing. The Constitution was reviewed in 2016/17.

All Council employees have clear conditions of employment, and roles and responsibilities are set out in job descriptions.

There is a requirement for Councillors to make a Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests within 28 days of taking office and to notify the Council of any changes to the interests made in this declaration within a specified time period.

Councillors must also disclose interests which are not registered but which are relevant to matters to be discussed at a meeting of the authority. Councillors are barred from participating in any discussion in, or vote on, the matter in relation to which the member has a disclosable pecuniary interest. There is an up-to-date register of gifts and hospitality and minutes show declarations of interest were sought and appropriate declarations made.

The Council has in place a complaints procedure including weekly reminders to relevant managers responsible. The Council has a shared Monitoring Officer with Havant Borough Council and as a member of the Executive Board he is kept apprised on the Council's projects and actions and is ultimately responsible for legal compliance.

Statutory officer roles are the Chief Executive, as Head of Paid Service, the S151 Officer, who carries overall responsibility for the Council's financial administration and is a member of the Executive Board, and the Monitoring Officer, who is to ensure that the Council, its officers and elected Councillors, maintain the highest standards of conduct in all they do. All three roles are shared with Havant Borough Council.

2. Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement

The Council has laid out its purpose, direction, vision and objectives in its Council Strategy which can be obtained either on the Council's website or from the Council's offices.

The Council Strategy is comprehensively reviewed regularly, and is underpinned by the key themes of: Financial Sustainability; Economic Growth; Public Service Excellence; Environmental Sustainability; and Creativity and Innovation. Business plans are prepared to support the Corporate Strategy.

The Council is committed to transparency and an open culture and publicises information in line with the publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act. In addition we subscribe to the Government's transparency agenda and publish information such as remuneration for senior management, and information on items of expenditure over £500.

The Council's democratic function is responsible for ensuring agendas and key decisions are published with regard to the statutory legal requirements. They are also responsible for supporting the scrutiny function of the Council and publishing a corporate calendar of dates annually.

The Council carried out a residents' survey in 2016 and results shared with Service Heads to inform their services to residents. In addition to the publication of the residents' magazine, called 'Partners', the Council has a Facebook page and Twitter feed which is actively promoted and used. There is a central email database which is used by Service Heads to actively engage with stakeholders.

The Council has a waste collection partnership with Winchester City Council which is governed by the Joint Environmental Services Committee, and consists of Councillors from both Councils. The Committee is responsible for the procurement and efficient management of waste and recycling collections, street cleaning, public convenience cleansing, grounds maintenance and associated services facilities for the treatment and

disposal of residual waste. East Hampshire District Council acts as the administering authority for the contract, and costs are apportioned between the two councils according to the volume of work undertaken.

3. Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits

The Council takes an annual approach to business planning, allowing a close link between business and financial planning. The Financial Strategy is reviewed annually and forms the basis of the annual budgeting process. The Council's operational services are divided into Directorates. Business plans for each directorate are agreed annually and identify objectives and targets for all services. The Directorate Key Performance Indicators are monitored corporately. Monthly financial forecasts are submitted to the Executive Board and quarterly to Councillors alongside the Performance Indicator information.

The Council's budget report contains a summary of the budget that has been set for East Hampshire District Council for 2016/17, as approved by the Council on the 25th February 2016. It shows on what service areas money is spent, and how this expenditure is funded. Also within this document is information showing the forecast financial position over the next three years, taking into account changes in government funding, other income and spending.

The Council engages with Community Forums and has a Parish Charter which sets out how we will work with Parish/Town Councils across the District. The Council works closely with the South Downs National Park Authority and the 40 town and parish councils.

The Council uses evidence based on insight to inform decision making and uses the data available to understand residents and local businesses better. The Council is committed to consulting with and engaging with residents and local businesses in the planning and delivery of services to meet the needs of the Community.

4. Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes

Public Accountability is the way in which the Council engages with local stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability. The Council Strategy is formulated following the results of a survey which seeks feedback from the public, Councillors, staff and other key stakeholders. The Council has a Medium Term Financial Framework which is available on the Council's website, which is used to align resources to key priorities. The Council has report templates to ensure authors cover all the requirements to enable a decision to be made; they include options appraisal, cost and risk analysis in addition to key signatories such as legal and finance and must include the portfolio holder.

All decision making meetings are held in public and decisions made by Cabinet members and officers are published with regard to the statutory legal requirements, although some items are considered as exempt under the Access to Information Act. Minutes of all Council meetings are made available to the public, and members of the public have the opportunity to contribute to Council meetings. The Council has a complaints and feedback system, which records and monitors customer comments, complaints and requests for information.

In January 2017 the Council held staff training on Social Value Engine Tool and has been used in two service areas on a trial basis with a view to developing further for all service areas. Reporting on the use of the tool will be used going forwards.

5. Developing the Council's[†] capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it

The Council has a joint management team with Havant Borough Council. This management team is made up of the Chief Executive, three Executive Directors and the Heads of Services, most of which are shared with Havant Borough Council. The Waste Collection service is provided in partnership with Winchester City Council. The costs of all shared management posts are shared between the Councils.

The Council has a performance management framework, this includes induction and performance appraisal processes for all employees. Training programmes are identified for officers as part of the performance appraisal process. This information is fed into the Corporate Training Programme. Mandatory e-learning for staff on data protection and fraud awareness, safeguarding and equalities and diversities has been undertaken.

Following the District Council Elections, all Councillors are required to undertake a comprehensive and compulsory training programme. This includes Planning training, Code of Conduct training and Licensing training. Councillors are not allowed to sit on the Planning or Licensing Committees until such training has been undertaken. The training programme ensures that they have an understanding of the procedures and protocols of the Council. In addition to the compulsory training, a series of other courses and events are also offered. Under the Councillor Development Programme, during the course of a Councillor's four year term of office, regular skills audits are undertaken to identify any new skills requirements or refresher training requirements.

[†] Referred to as Entity in the CIPFA/SOLACE guidance notes

6. Managing the risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management

The Council ensures that the roles and responsibilities for decision making and governance arrangements are defined and allocated, so that there is clear accountability for decisions made and actions taken. The Council does this by appointing a Leader and a Cabinet, which allocates specific executive responsibilities.

There are also a number of committees appointed to discharge regulatory and scrutiny functions. Each committee has clear terms of reference setting out roles and responsibilities. All leadership roles, the roles of key officers and the Council's Scheme of Delegation are set out within the Council Constitution.

The Cabinet operates within the policy framework set by Full Council, and makes key decisions. All Cabinet meetings are held in public, with the exception of exempt items under the Access to Information Act. All decision records are publicly available, and the Forward Plan is published on the Council website. Decisions made by Cabinet can be called in for review by the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

Decisions can also be made by officers under delegated powers and reported to Councillors in line with the Council Constitution. Authority to make decisions is given in the Scheme of Delegation and by specific agreement by Cabinet or Council. Risk is considered and recorded as part of the business planning process. The Council has a wide range of performance indicators, which are used to measure progress against the Council's priorities. Performance indicators are reported quarterly to the Executive Board and informally to the Cabinet. Performance indicators clearly link individual services to the corporate objectives and include details of national and local performance indicators and risk. Individual performance plans link to directorate business plans and the Corporate Strategy.

The Council utilises the LG Inform tool which allows for benchmarking and data sharing against other local authorities across the country.

The Council has in place a number of policies and procedures to ensure decisions made are robust. These are included in the Finance and Contracts Procedure rules in the Constitution. Compliance with these policies is the responsibility of all officers.

7. Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit to deliver effective accountability

The Council produces an annual report which can be found on the Council's website.

The report not only shows the council's successes of the last financial year, but highlights the direction of travel for our future. The Council publishes the Statement of Accounts annually within the statutory timescales. Accounting Statements incorporate the full requirements of best practice guidance.

The Council has a Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee to provide assurance to the Council on the effectiveness of Internal Audit and the robustness of the Council's Annual Accounts. As part of this review the Committee has not recently taken on a direct role in risk management whilst risk management arrangements were being reviewed, and this will now become part of the work programme for 2017/18.

Full Council is responsible for agreeing new policies and amendments to existing policies. It also sets out the policy and budget framework, and approves the annual budget. Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee approves the Statement of Accounts.

The Council is subject to independent external audit currently by Ernst & Young. The External Audit plan outlines the work undertaken and the timing of external audit reports. The Council supplements this work with an internal audit team. The Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee undertake the core functions of an audit committee.

The Council has appointed the Head of Finance as the Section 151 Officer with the statutory responsibility for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. The Internal Audit function has an annual audit plan based on a risk analysis carried out by the auditors each spring. This minimises the risk of fraud and error, and provides management with assurance that policies and procedures are robust.

Review of effectiveness

The Council has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by:

- The Council's Internal Audit is provided by the Southern Internal Audit Partnership which is hosted by Hampshire County Council. An audit plan, based on a full risk evaluation, is approved annually. Progress against the audit plan is reported quarterly to the Governance, Audit & Scrutiny Committee. Any outstanding high risk actions are addressed as a matter of priority
- The Council's External Audit is provided by Ernst & Young LLP. The role of External Audit is to ensure that the Council's Accounts are free from material error, to provide a value for money conclusion and to certify key grant claims.
- The Council has in place regular reporting arrangements on the financial affairs of the Council. The budget for 2016/17 was agreed by Full Council in February 2016 and financial performance reported on a quarterly basis to Members.
- The Performance Management Framework has operated effectively during the year. Monitoring information on key areas of performance has been provided by the Corporate Programme Office for review and action.
- The Council's Monitoring Officer has a legal responsibility to look into matters of potential unlawfulness within the Council. In 2016/17 the Monitoring Officer continued his review of the efficiency and effectiveness of all arrangements relating to Council and Committee meetings, working groups, and the required officer support.

- The Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee has monitored standards of conduct of Members and advised the Council on probity issues. Entries made in the Register of Members' Interests were reviewed by the Monitoring Officer.
- In accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting for 2016/17, East Hampshire District Council's financial management arrangements conform to the governance requirements of the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the CFO in Local Government (2016).
- During 2016/17 the Council's Constitution has undergone a review and was approved at the start of the 2017/18 municipal year. The purpose of the review was to ensure that it:
 - remained up to date (with legislation and case law) and fit for purpose
 - allowed decision making to be carried out effectively and in an efficient and timely manner
 - provided greater clarity on the roles of Officers and Members, and
 - was easier to understand and so become more accessible to the public.

The Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee review that the elements of the governance framework are in place and effective, to ensure compliance with the principles. They also reviewed the system of internal audit and concluded it was effective and remained a key source of assurance for the Council in 2016/17.

The Council's Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for monitoring, scrutinising and holding the decision makers to account. It meets five times per year as the Council's official audit committee. The committee ensures that the Internal and External Audit reports it receives are robust. In addition the Committee's scrutiny function provides the Council with a mechanism to challenge decision makers and hold them to account. The Development Policy and Affordable Housing Panel is responsible for advising on Council Policy.

The Southern Internal Audit Partnership delivered 20 review areas over the course of the year ending 31 March 2017 including all carry forward reviews. The Chief Internal Auditor's opinion of East Hampshire's framework of governance, risk management and management control is 'Adequate' and audit testing has demonstrated controls to be working in practice. During 2017/18 a separate Risk Management Group will be established to carry out a full review of the Corporate and Operational Risk Registers.

In September 2016 the Council's external auditor (Ernst & Young LLP) provided the Council with an unqualified opinion on the Council's accounts within their Audit Results Report. Ernst & Young LLP also provided an unqualified opinion of the Council's arrangements to secure Value for Money.

Responsible Finance Officer

The Head of Finance is the Responsible Financial Officer and is a member of the Executive Board. They are responsible for delivering and overseeing the financial management arrangements of the Council. East Hampshire District Council shares a Head of Finance with Havant Borough Council. The Head of Finance reports to an Executive Director and has direct access to the Chief Executive through regular executive meetings.



Last year's key improvement areas

In the 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement, three key issues were identified. Below are the issues and the action taken during 2016/17.

Improvement area	Issue of concern	Action taken
IT systems	Implementation of desktop upgrades to enable greater flexibility of working	DMS Strategy was approved in 2015 allowing for new/replacement DMS systems on a business case basis during 2016/17 informed through an independent review of corporate wide document management requirements completed in Quarter 4. Alongside this, a digital framework was developed in 2016/17 and approved in October 2016 which now forms the foundation of service transformation plans. Priorities in 2017 are the transformation of regulatory services; customer services and insight driven service design through improved understanding of customer need.
Financial climate	Review of financial assumptions behind medium term financial planning; monitoring government policy and taking account of Universal Credit and Revenue and Support Grant and New Homes Bonus and the pledge to be grant free.	Medium Term Financial Planning; a number of initiatives introduced including zero based budgeting, robust finance challenge by the cabinet to each service head.
Succession planning	Talent matrix and training for all line managers in 2016/17 and will feature in 2016/17 appraisals.	Training was undertaken and a talent matrix for all staff completed enabling a snapshot of talent as reported by line managers. This helps to identify the risks to the organisation of losing key talent and the risks to service delivery of underperforming members of staff. All this information enables the OD function in conjunction with managers to define further development interventions and ensure robust performance management processes are in place. The talent management processes also provide a platform for managers to talk to staff about their performance, their potential and their career aspirations.

Shared services

In 2016 the Council agreed to work (through its partnership with **Havant Borough Council**) with **Hart District Council, Mendip District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council** and **Vale of White Horse District Council** to secure better value for money services for residents through shared contracts. Whilst no issues arose for inclusion in the 2015/16 AGS during the period 2016 a number of issues were identified with regard to governance. A review took place and a new governance structure has been put in place to mitigate the issues.

This is a key project for the Council and the Councils will manage the contracts through a new joint monitoring team, which will see staff from across the organisations working together. Locally, programme governance is through a Steering Group established to oversee the delivery of the contract, comprising members of the Executive team. A Director and Head of Service have specific responsibility for programme delivery. There is a comprehensive audit programme in place during pre and post service transfer.

The first phase of this programme will become operational in October 2017, and involves shared services for ICT, Finance and HR. Staff employed within these service areas will be transferred to the appropriate employer and will be managed by them.



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Identified key improvement areas

The Council is generally satisfied with the effectiveness of corporate governance arrangements and internal control. As part of its continuing efforts to improve governance arrangements the following issues, as highlighted in this Statement, have been identified for improvement in 2017/18.

Issue of concern	Key improvement	Lead officer	Action required and progress
Preparation for General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)	The Council needs to ensure it can demonstrate compliance for GDPR by May 2018	Head of Customer Services / Governance and Information Manager	Ready for delivery by May 2018
As a result of an internal audit on the Information Governance Function the audit report was deemed 'Limited Assurance'	A number of actions were identified including staff training and a review of key policies	Head of Customer Services / Governance and Information Manager	The action plan spans 2016/17 through to 2018/19. Action taken to date include mandatory staff training and policy review
As a result of an internal audit on the Regeneration Consultancy Services the audit report was deemed 'Limited Assurance'	A number of actions were identified including ensuring roles, responsibilities and contractual arrangements are clearly defined and supported by policies and procedures	Head of Development	The management action plan contains a number of actions, many of which have been completed, and the latest action date is September 2017
The Council's Code of Corporate Governance needs to be reviewed in line with the new principles	A review of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance to be undertaken to ensure that it describes the Council's governance framework and the arrangements through which this is delivered	Head of Customer Services / Governance and Information Manager	Delivery by March 2018
Six Councils	The Council's shared service arrangements are still developing and the project is strategically important – both in terms of improving service outcomes and the delivery of financial savings	Head of Strategic Commissioning	Continued development of post implementation governance and reporting arrangements for shared services will remain for 2017/18.

Opinion

It is our opinion that corporate governance, along with supporting controls and procedures, is strong. We propose over the coming year to take steps to address the above matters to further enhance our corporate governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and we will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review.

Signed



Sandy Hopkins
Chief Executive
East Hampshire District Council
Dated 22nd August 2017

Signed



Councillor Richard Millard
Leader of the Council
East Hampshire District Council
Dated 22nd August 2017

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Council's Responsibilities:

The Council is required to:

- make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this authority, that officer is the Head of Finance & Assets (Section 151 Officer).
- manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- approve the Statement of Accounts.

Responsibilities of the Section 151 Officer:

The Head of Finance & Assets is 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 Great Britain (the Code of Practice).

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the S151 Officer has selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently, made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent and complied with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom.

The Section 151 Officer also:

- has kept proper accounting records which were up to date.
- has taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that the Statement of Accounts presents a true and fair view the financial position of the Authority and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Signed:



Craig Smith
Interim S151 Officer

Date: 8th June 2017

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Certification of the Audited Statement of Accounts:

I confirm that the Statement of Accounts have been audited and, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations (amendment) 2015, I certify that the Audited Statement of Accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Signed:



Andy Radford
Interim S151 Officer

Date: 25th September 2017

Certificate of approval by the Council:

I confirm that the Audited Statement of Accounts were approved at the Governance, Audit & Scrutiny Committee meeting of East Hampshire District Council on 25th September 2017.

Signed:



Cllr Anthony Williams FCA
Chairman
Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 25th September 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Opinion on the Authority's financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of East Hampshire District Council for the year ended 31 March 2017 under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The financial statements comprise the:

- Movement in Reserves Statement,
- Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement,
- Balance Sheet,
- Cash Flow Statement,
- Notes 1 to 41 to the Council Accounts, and the Expenditure and Funding Analysis
- Collection Fund and the related notes 1 to 3

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17.

This report is made solely to the members of East Hampshire District Council, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and for no other purpose, as set out in paragraph 43 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Authority and the Authority's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Section 151 Officer and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Section 151 Officer Responsibilities set out on pages 29-30, the Section 151 Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts, which includes the financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17, and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Authority's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Section 151 Officer; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Statement of Accounts 2016/17 to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of East Hampshire District Council as at 31 March 2017 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17.

Opinion on other matters

In our opinion, the information given in the Statement of Accounts 2016/17 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we report by exception

We report to you if:

- in our opinion the annual governance statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information forthcoming from the audit or our knowledge of the Council;
- we issue a report in the public interest under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- we make written recommendations to the audited body under Section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- we make an application to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- we issue an advisory notice under Section 29 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; or
- we make an application for judicial review under Section 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

We have nothing to report in these respects

Conclusion on East Hampshire District Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

Authority's responsibilities

The Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance, and to review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

Auditor's responsibilities

We are required under Section 20(1)(c) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) requires us to report to you our conclusion relating to proper arrangements.

We report if significant matters have come to our attention which prevent us from concluding that the Authority has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether all aspects of the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Scope of the review of arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

We have undertaken our review in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance on the specified criterion issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) in November 2016, as to whether East Hampshire District Council had proper arrangements to ensure it took properly informed decisions and deployed resources to achieve planned and sustainable outcomes for taxpayers and local people. The Comptroller and Auditor General determined this criterion as that necessary for us to consider under the Code of Audit Practice in satisfying ourselves whether East Hampshire District Council put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2017.

We planned our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. Based on our risk assessment, we undertook such work as we considered necessary to form a view on whether, in all significant respects, East Hampshire District Council had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Conclusion

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance issued by the C&AG in November 2016, we are satisfied that, in all significant respects, East Hampshire District Council put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts of East Hampshire District Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office.



Andrew Brittain (senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Appointed Auditor
Southampton
28 September 2017

The maintenance and integrity of the East Hampshire District Council web site is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the web site.
Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

The Movement in Reserves Statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the authority, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other unusable reserves. The surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services line shows the true economic cost of providing the authority's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance for council tax setting purposes. The net increase / decrease before transfers to earmarked reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves undertaken by the council.

	General Fund Balance (Note 20) £'000	Earmarked Reserves (Notes 7 and 20) £'000	Usable Capital Receipts (Note 20) £'000	Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied (Notes 20 and 29) £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves (Note 21) £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000
Balance as at 31st March 2016	(3,851)	(12,027)	(4,973)	(10,113)	(30,964)	2,593	(28,371)
Surplus (-) / Deficit on Provision of Services	2,218	-	-	-	2,218		2,218
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	2,790	2,790
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	2,218	-	-	-	2,218	2,790	5,008
Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations (Note 6)	(1,319)		(511)	(277)	(2,107)	2,107	-
Net Increase (-) / Decrease before Transfer to Earmarked Reserves	899	-	(511)	(277)	111	4,897	5,008
Contributions to / (-) from earmarked reserves (Note 7)	(726)	1,483	-	-	757	(757)	-
Increase (-) / Decrease in year	173	1,483	(511)	(277)	868	4,140	5,008
Balance as at 31st March 2017	(3,678)	(10,544)	(5,484)	(10,390)	(30,096)	6,733	(23,363)

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

Comparative Movement in Reserves Statement for 2015/16:

	General Fund Balance (Note 20) £'000	Earmarked Reserves (Notes 7 and 20) £'000	Usable Capital Receipts (Note 20) £'000	Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied (Notes 20 and 29) £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves (Note 21) £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000
Balance as at 31st March 2015	(6,692)	(9,473)	(4,481)	(11,033)	(31,679)	5,130	(26,549)
Surplus (-) / Deficit on Provision of Services	5,293	-	-	-	5,293		5,293
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	(7,115)	(7,115)
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	5,293	-	-	-	5,293	(7,115)	(1,822)
Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations (Note 6)	(5,359)		(492)	920	(4,931)	4,931	-
Net Increase (-) / Decrease before Transfer to Earmarked Reserves	(66)	-	(492)	920	362	(2,184)	(1,822)
Contributions to / (-) from earmarked reserves (Note 7)	2,907	(2,554)	-	-	353	(353)	-
Increase (-) / Decrease in year	2,841	(2,554)	(492)	920	715	(2,537)	(1,822)
Balance as at 31st March 2016	(3,851)	(12,027)	(4,973)	(10,113)	(30,964)	2,593	(28,371)

EXPENDITURE & FUNDING ANALYSIS

The Expenditure and Funding Analysis is a note to the Financial Statements, however, it is positioned here as it provides a link from the figures reported in the Narrative Statement to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

2015/16				2016/17		
Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund	Adjustment between the Funding and Accounting basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement		Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund	Adjustment between the Funding and Accounting basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement
£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
			Operations Directorate			
(98)	958	860	Head of Neighbourhood Support	145	166	311
854	(1,709)	(855)	Head of Planning	532	(1,073)	(541)
1,326	123	1,449	Head of Customer Services	1,168	140	1,308
417	25	442	Head of Housing	425	20	445
2,499	(603)	1,896	Total Operations Directorate	2,270	(747)	1,523
			Strategy & Governance Directorate			
650	367	1,017	Head of Finance & Property	1,215	211	1,426
1,069	10	1,079	Head of Organisational Development	979	17	996
1,730	2,025	3,755	Head of Communications & Community Engagement	2,055	440	2,495
303	11	314	Head of Legal	282	18	300
2,131	84	2,215	Head of Programmes Redesign & Quality	2,544	68	2,612
646	66	712	Executive	758	39	797
6,529	2,563	9,092	Total Strategy & Governance Directorate	7,833	793	8,626
			Commercial Directorate			
159	13	172	Head of Commercial Ventures	189	14	203
3,189	(243)	2,946	Head of Environmental Services	3,195	(168)	3,027
698	3,571	4,269	Project Director -Whitehill &Bordon	682	1,330	2,012
486	(4)	482	Head of Development	465	(439)	26
304	(15)	289	Building Maintenance, Estates and Facilities	453	(69)	384
-	-	-	Regenco	(79)	-	(79)
(721)	721	-	Investment Income & Expenditure	(1,837)	1,837	-
4,115	4,043	8,158	Total Commercial Directorate	3,068	2,505	5,573
13,143	6,003	19,146	Total Service Manager Spend	13,171	2,551	15,722
(10,138)	(10,830)	(20,968)	Other Operating Income & Expenditure	(10,721)	7	(10,714)
3,005	(4,827)	(1,822)	Total net expenditure	2,450	2,558	5,008

EXPENDITURE & FUNDING ANALYSIS

The Expenditure & Funding Analysis is designed to show how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources, including Government Grants, Council Tax and Business Rates, by local authorities, in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by authorities in accordance with generally accepted accounting practises. It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Council's Directorates and Service Heads. Income and expenditure, accounted for under generally accepted accounting practises is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The starting point for the production of the Expenditure and Funding Analysis is the internal Management reporting on outturn, as presented to the Council's management team and Cabinet. Fuller disclosure of this report, including explanations of variances to budget, is provided in the Narrative Statement at the start of this document. The table below reconciles the Net expenditure to the reported surplus and the balance on the General Fund. A reconciliation of adjustments between the internally reported outturn and the statutory net expenditure shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is provided at Note 6

Reconciliation of Net expenditure chargeable to the General Fund to the reported surplus for 2016/17:

2015/16 £'000		2016/17 £'000
3,005	Net expenditure per EFA	2,450
(4,384)	Transfer to unusable and usable reserves	(2,734)
(1,379)	Reported Surplus (-) / Deficit	(284)

Reconciliation of the reported surplus (-) / deficit to the General Fund balance

2015/16 £'000		2016/17 £'000
6,692	Opening General Fund balance	3,851
1,379	Surplus reported to Management	284
-	Budgeted draw on the General Fund	(457)
(4,220)	Transfers to other reserves	-
3,851	Surplus (-) / Deficit reported to Management	3,678

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

2015/16				2016/17		
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
			Operations Directorate			
4,088	(3,228)	860	Head of Neighbourhood Support	3,752	(3,441)	311
3,306	(4,161)	(855)	Head of Planning	4,520	(5,061)	(541)
26,614	(25,165)	1,449	Head of Customer Services	25,929	(24,621)	1,308
494	(52)	442	Head of Housing	574	(129)	445
34,502	(32,606)	1,896	Total Operations Directorate	34,775	(33,252)	1,523
			Strategy & Governance Directorate			
1,026	(9)	1,017	Head of Finance & Property	1,432	(6)	1,426
1,077	2	1,079	Head of Organisational Development	997	(1)	996
3,801	(46)	3,755	Head of Communications & Community Engagement	2,652	(157)	2,495
377	(63)	314	Head of Legal	358	(58)	300
2,707	(492)	2,215	Head of Programmes Redesign & Quality	2,967	(355)	2,612
712	-	712	Executive	797	-	797
9,700	(608)	9,092	Total Strategy & Governance Directorate	9,203	(577)	8,626
			Commercial Directorate			
172	-	172	Head of Commercial Ventures	212	(9)	203
3,955	(1,009)	2,946	Head of Environmental Services	4,164	(1,137)	3,027
4,693	(424)	4,269	Project Director – Whitehill & Bordon	2,655	(643)	2,012
527	(45)	482	Head of Development	522	(496)	26
831	(542)	289	Building Maintenance, Estates and Facilities	926	(542)	384
-	-	-	Regenco	350	(429)	(79)
10,178	(2,020)	8,158	Total Commercial Directorate	8,829	(3,256)	5,573
54,380	(35,234)	19,146	Total Cost of Services	52,807	(37,085)	15,722
3,238	(585)	2,653	Other Operating Income & Expenditure (Note 8)	3,372	(555)	2,817
4,155	(4,765)	(610)	Financing & Investment Income & Expenditure (Note 9)	4,407	(5,309)	(902)
-	(15,896)	(15,896)	Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income (Note 10)	-	(15,419)	(15,419)
61,773	(56,480)	5,293	Surplus (-) / Deficit for the Provision of Services	60,586	(58,368)	2,218
-	(3,525)	(3,525)	Surplus (-) / Deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment Assets (Note 11)	-	-	-
-	(3,590)	(3,590)	Remeasurement of the net defined benefit Liability/Asset (Note 36)	2,790	-	2,790
-	(7,115)	(7,115)	Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure	2,790	-	2,790
61,773	(63,595)	(1,822)	Total Comprehensive Income & Expenditure	63,376	(58,368)	5,008

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by East Hampshire District Council. The net assets of the authority (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the authority. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category of reserves is usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the authority may use to provide services, 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). The second category of reserves is those that the authority is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold; and the reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

31st March 2016 £'000		31st March 2017 £'000
22,538	Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 11)	22,141
-	Assets Under Construction	-
21,610	Investment Property (Note 12)	23,459
263	Intangible Fixed Assets (Note 13)	583
10,153	Long Term Investments (Notes 14 and 38)	5,066
52	Long-Term Debtors (Notes 14 and 16)	860
54,616	Total Long-Term Assets	52,109
10,030	Short Term Investments (Note 14)	5,044
8,075	Short Term Debtors (Note 16)	5,626
7,452	Cash & Cash Equivalents (Note 14, 17)	26,878
25,557	Total Current Assets	37,548
(460)	Bank Overdraft (Note 17)	(604)
(255)	Short Term Provisions (Note 19)	(247)
(7,165)	Short Term Creditors (Note 18)	(8,516)
(7,880)	Total Current Liabilities	(9,367)
(223)	Long Term Creditors (Note 18)	(254)
-	Long Term Borrowing (Note 14)	(8,997)
(5,723)	Long Term Finance Lease (Note 18)	(5,480)
(986)	Provisions (Note 19)	(1,196)
(36,780)	Liability related to defined benefit pension scheme (Note 36)	(40,790)
(210)	Capital Grants and Contributions Received in Advance (Note 29)	(210)
(43,922)	Total Long Term Liabilities	(56,927)
28,371	NET ASSETS	23,363
30,964	Usable Reserves (Note 20)	30,096
(2,593)	Unusable Financial Reserves (Note 21)	(6,733)
28,371	TOTAL RESERVES	23,363

I certify that this Statement of Accounts provides a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2017 and its Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the year then ended. These financial statements replace the unaudited statements authorised for issue on 31st May 2017.


 Andy Radford
 Interim S151 Officer

Date 25th September 2017

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the authority during the reporting period. The statement shows how the authority generates and uses cash and cash equivalents 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 the operations of the authority are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the authority. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources which are intended to contribute to the authority's 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) to the authority.

2015/16 £'000	Cashflow Statement	2016/17 £'000
(5,293)	Net Surplus / Deficit (-) on the provision of Services	(2,218)
1,744	Adjustments to net surplus / deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements	5,321
(585)	Adjustments for items included in the net surplus / deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	(555)
(4,134)	Net Cash flows from operating activities (Note 22)	2,548
(32)	Cash flows from investing activities (Note 23)	7,976
(232)	Cash flows from financing activities (Note 24)	8,759
(4,398)	Net increase / (-) decrease in cash and cash equivalents	19,283
11,390	Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the reporting period (Note 17)	6,992
6,992	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period (Note 17)	26,274

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

i. General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Authority's transactions for the 2016/17 financial year and its position at the year-end of 31 March 2017. The Authority is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, as amended in 2015, which require it to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17 and the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2016/17, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and statutory guidance issued under section 12 of the 2003 Act.

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

ii. Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

- Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the Authority transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Authority.
- Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Authority can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Authority.
- Supplies are recorded as expenditure when 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. Inventories below £10,000 are considered immaterial and are expensed.
- Expenses in relation to services received (including services provided by employees) are recorded as expenditure when the services are received rather than when payments are made.
- Interest receivable on investments and payable on borrowings is accounted for respectively as income and expenditure on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract.
- Where revenue and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Where debts may not be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected.

iii. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are investments that mature in three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Authority's cash management.

iv. Prior Period Adjustments, Changes in Accounting Policies and Estimates and Errors

Prior period adjustments may arise as a result of a change in accounting policies or to correct a material error. Changes in accounting estimates are accounted for prospectively, i.e. in the current and future years affected by the change and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment.

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Changes in accounting policies are only made when required by proper accounting practices or the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions, other events and conditions on the Authority's financial position or financial performance. Where a change is made, it is applied retrospectively (unless stated otherwise) by adjusting opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period as if the new policy had always been applied.

Material errors discovered in prior period figures are corrected retrospectively by amending opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period.

v. Charges to Revenue for Non-Current Assets

Services and support services are debited with the following amounts to record the cost of holding fixed assets during the year:

- depreciation attributable to the assets used by the relevant service
- revaluation and impairment losses on assets used by the service where there is no accumulated gain in the Revaluation Reserve against which the losses can be written off
- amortisation of intangible fixed assets attributable to the service.

The Authority is not required to raise council tax to fund depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses or amortisations. However, it is required to make an annual contribution from revenue towards the reduction in its overall borrowing requirement equal to an amount calculated on a prudent basis determined by the authority in accordance with statutory guidance (England and Wales). Depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses and amortisations are therefore replaced by the contribution in the General Fund Balance [MRP], by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement for the difference between the two.

vi. Employee Benefits

Benefits Payable During Employment

Short-term employee benefits are those due to be settled within 12 months of the year-end. They include such benefits as wages and salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits for current employees and are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees render service to the Authority. An accrual is estimated for the cost of holiday entitlements earned by employees but not taken before the year-end which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is charged to Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services, but then reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement so that holiday benefits are charged to revenue in the financial year in which the holiday absence occurs.

Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Authority to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date or an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy and are charged on an accruals basis to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when the Authority is demonstrably committed to the termination of the employment of an officer or group of officers or making an offer to encourage voluntary redundancy. Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Authority to the pension fund in the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, appropriations are required to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for pension enhancement termination benefits and replace them with debits for the cash paid to the pension fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end.

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Post Employment Benefits

Employees of the Authority can be members of the Local Government Pension Scheme, administered by Hampshire County Council. The scheme provides defined benefits to members (retirement lump sums and pensions), earned as employees work for the authority.

The liabilities of the Hampshire County Council pension fund attributable to the authority are included in the balance sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method – i.e. an assessment of the future payments that will be made in relation to retirement benefits earned to date by employees, based on assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates, etc, and projections of earnings for current employees.

Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices using a discount rate based on the indicative rate of return on AA corporate bonds.

The assets of the pension fund attributable to the Authority are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value:

- quoted securities – current bid price
- unquoted securities – professional estimate
- unitised securities – current bid price
- property – market value

The change in the net pensions liability is analysed into seven components:

- current service cost – the increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year – allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the services for which the employees worked
- past service cost – the increase or decrease in liabilities arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years – debited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs
- interest cost – the expected increase in the present value of liabilities during the year as they move one year closer to being paid – debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
- expected return on assets – the annual investment return on the fund assets attributable to the Authority, based on an average of the expected long-term return – credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
- gains or losses on settlements and curtailments – the result of actions to relieve the Authority of liabilities or events that reduce the expected future service or accrual of benefits of employees – debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs
- actuarial gains and losses – changes in the net pensions liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions – debited to the Pensions Reserve
- contributions paid to the Hampshire County Council pension fund – cash paid as employer's contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities; not accounted for as an expense.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Authority to the pension fund in the year, not the amount calculated

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according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, this means that there are appropriations to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for retirement benefits and replace them with debits for the cash paid to the pension fund and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end. The negative balance that arises on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact to the General Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows rather than as benefits are earned by employees.

Discretionary Benefits

The Authority 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 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.

vii. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period – the Statement of Accounts is adjusted to reflect such events
- those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period – the Statement of Accounts is not adjusted to reflect such events, but where a category of events would have a material effect, disclosure is made in the notes of the nature of the events and their estimated financial effect.

Events taking place after the date of authorisation for issue are not reflected in the Statement of Accounts.

viii. Financial Instruments

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Authority becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and are carried at their amortised cost. Annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments over the life of the instrument to the amount at which it was originally recognised.

For most of the borrowings that the Authority has, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal repayable (plus accrued interest); and interest charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable for the year according to the loan agreement.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified into two types:

- loans and receivables – assets that have fixed or determinable payments but are not quoted in an active market
- available-for-sale assets – assets that have a quoted market price and/or do not have fixed or determinable payments.

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Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Authority becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value. They are subsequently measured at their amortised cost. Annual credits to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest receivable are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. For most of the loans that the Authority has made, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal receivable (plus accrued interest) and interest credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount receivable for the year in the loan agreement.

However, the Authority has made a number of loans to voluntary organisations at less than market rates, and offers employees an interest free loan to purchase a car (soft loans). When soft loans are made, under Accounting Standards a loss is recorded in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (debited to the appropriate service) for the present value of the interest that will be foregone over the life of the instrument, resulting in a lower amortised cost than the outstanding principal. Interest is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement at a marginally higher effective rate of interest than the rate receivable from the voluntary organisations, with the difference serving to increase the amortised cost of the loan in the Balance Sheet. Statutory provisions require that the impact of soft loans on the General Fund Balance is the interest receivable for the financial year – the reconciliation of amounts debited and credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net gain required against the General Fund Balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement. However, these soft loans are not material to the Authority's accounts and consequently the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal receivable and the interest credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount receivable for the year in the loan agreement.

Where assets are identified as impaired because of a likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under the contract will not be made, the asset is written down and a charge made to the relevant service (for receivables specific to that service) or the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

Any gains and losses that arise on the de-recognition of an asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

ix. Government Grants and Contributions

Whether paid on account, by instalments or in arrears, government grants and third party contributions and donations are recognised as due to the Authority when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Authority will comply with the conditions attached to the payments, and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due to the Council are not credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement until conditions attached to the grant or contribution have been satisfied. Conditions are stipulations that specify that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset acquired using the grant or contribution are required to be consumed by the recipient as specified, or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

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Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors. When conditions are satisfied, the grant or contribution is credited to the relevant service line (attributable revenue grants and contributions) or Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income (non-ring fenced revenue grants and all capital grants) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where capital grants are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is posted to the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve. Where it has been applied, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

Non-ring fenced government grants are general grants allocated by central government directly to local authorities as additional revenue funding. These grants are credited to Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The authority has elected to charge a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The levy will be charged on new builds (chargeable developments for the authority) with appropriate planning consent. The Council charges for and collects the levy, which is a planning charge. The income from the levy will be used to fund a number of infrastructure projects (these include transport, flood defences and schools) to support the development of the area. CIL is received without outstanding conditions; it is therefore recognised at the commencement date of the chargeable development in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in accordance with the accounting policy for government grants and contributions set out above. CIL charges will be largely used to fund capital expenditure. However, a small proportion of the charges may be used to fund revenue expenditure.

x. Heritage Assets

Heritage assets are defined as those assets that are held specifically to increase the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Authority's history and local area. Heritage Assets are recognised and measured (including the treatment of revaluation gains and losses) in accordance with the Authority's accounting policies on property, plant and equipment. However, some of the measurement rules may be relaxed in relation to heritage assets, where no reliable market value is available. The Authority currently has no asset meeting the definition of a heritage asset.

xi. Intangible Assets

Expenditure on non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are controlled by the Authority as a result of past events (e.g. software licences) is capitalised when it is expected that future economic benefits or service potential will flow from the intangible asset to the Authority.

Internally generated assets are capitalised where it is demonstrable that the project is technically feasible and is intended to be completed (with adequate resources being available) and the Authority will be able to generate future economic benefits or deliver service potential by being able to sell or use the asset. Expenditure is capitalised where it can be measured reliably as attributable to the asset and is restricted to that incurred during the development phase (research expenditure cannot be capitalised). Expenditure on the development of websites is not capitalised if the website is solely or primarily intended to promote or advertise the Authority's goods or services.

Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Amounts are only revalued where the fair value of the assets held by the Authority can be determined by reference to an active market. In practice, no intangible asset held by the Authority meets this criterion, and they are therefore carried at amortised cost. The depreciable amount of an intangible asset is amortised over its useful life to the relevant service lines in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. An asset is tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the asset might be impaired – any losses recognised are posted to the relevant service

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lines in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or abandonment of an intangible asset is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where expenditure on intangible assets qualifies as capital expenditure for statutory purposes, amortisation, impairment losses and disposal gains and losses are not permitted to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and the Capital Receipts Reserve.

xii. Inventories

Stocks and stores held in the Council's depot and Tourist Information Centre stock at the year end are included in the balance sheet at the latest purchase price. Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

xiii. Investment Property

Investment properties are those that are used solely to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. The definition is not met if the property is used in any way to facilitate the delivery of services or production of goods or is held for sale.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value, based on the amount at which the asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable parties at arm's-length. Properties are not depreciated but are revalued annually according to market conditions at the year-end. Gains and losses on revaluation are posted to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The same treatment is applied to gains and losses on disposal.

Rentals received in relation to investment properties are credited to the Financing and Investment Income line and result in a gain for the General Fund Balance. However, revaluation and disposal gains and losses are not permitted by statutory arrangements to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

xiv. Interests in Companies and Other Entities

Local authorities are required to consider all their interests and to prepare a full set of group financial statements where they have material interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. In order to assess whether the Council has interests relevant to group accounts, consideration has been given to involvement with companies, partnerships, voluntary organisations and other public bodies to determine whether:

- the authority has a formal interest in a body which gives it access to economic benefits or service potential and that the body is an identifiable entity carrying on a trade or business of its own.
- the interest constitutes control over the majority of equity capital or voting rights or over rights to appoint the majority of the governing body or the interest involves it exercising, or having the right to exercise, dominant influence over the entity, such that the entity is classified as a subsidiary of the authority.
- if the authority does not have control, whether its interest involves it being able to exercise a significant influence over the entity without support from other participants, such that the entity is classified as an associate of the authority.

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- if the authority does not have control, whether its interest allows it to direct the operating and financial policies in conjunction and with the consent of the other participants in the entity, such that the entity is classified as a joint venture for the authority.

Consideration has been given to the relationship with all potential entities and the following disclosures have been made:-

- interests in other entities as shown in Note 31 to the Core Financial Statements

The relationship with the body disclosed is not material and therefore there is no entity where the Council's interest is such that it would give rise to the requirement to prepare group accounts.

This position will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

xv. Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases where the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the property, plant or equipment 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.

Arrangements that do not have the legal status of a lease but convey a right to use an asset in return for payment are accounted for under this policy where fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of specific assets.

The Authority as Lessee

Finance Leases

Property, plant and equipment held under finance leases is recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease's inception (or the present value of the minimum lease payments, if lower). The asset recognised is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor. Initial direct costs of the Authority are added to the carrying amount of the asset. Premiums paid on entry into a lease are applied to writing down the lease liability. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

- a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property, plant or equipment – applied to write down the lease liability, and
- a finance charge (debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement).

Property, Plant and Equipment recognised under finance leases is accounted for using the policies applied generally to such assets, subject to depreciation being charged over the lease term if this is shorter than the asset's estimated useful life (where ownership of the asset does not transfer to the authority at the end of the lease period).

The Authority is not required to raise council tax to cover depreciation or revaluation and impairment losses arising on leased assets. Instead, a prudent annual contribution is made from revenue funds towards the deemed capital investment in accordance with statutory requirements. Depreciation and revaluation and impairment losses are therefore substituted by a revenue contribution in the General Fund Balance, by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement for the difference between the two.

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Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as an expense of the services benefitting from use of the leased property, plant or equipment. Charges are made on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease, even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a rent-free period at the commencement of the lease).

The Authority as Lessor

Finance Leases

Where the Authority grants a finance lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the relevant asset is written out of the Balance Sheet as a disposal. At the commencement of the lease, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. A gain, representing the Authority's net investment in the lease, is credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal), matched by a lease (long-term debtor) asset in the Balance Sheet.

Lease rentals receivable are apportioned between:

- a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property – applied to write down the lease debtor (together with any premiums received), and
- finance income (credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement).

The gain credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on disposal is not permitted by statute to increase the General Fund Balance and is required to be treated as a capital receipt. Where a premium has been received, this is posted out of the General Fund Balance to the Capital Receipts Reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the amount due in relation to the lease asset is to be settled by the payment of rentals in future financial years, this is posted out of the General Fund Balance to the Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When the future rentals are received, the element for the capital receipt for the disposal of the asset is used to write down the lease debtor. At this point, the deferred capital receipts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

The written-off value of disposals is not a charge against council tax, as the cost of fixed assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are therefore appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Operating Leases

Where the Authority grants 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 Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Credits are made on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease, even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a premium paid at the commencement of the lease). Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging the lease are added to the carrying amount of the relevant asset and charged as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as rental income.

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xvi. Property, Plant and Equipment

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes and that are expected to be used during more than one financial year are classified as Property, Plant and Equipment.

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is capitalised on an accruals basis, provided that it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Authority and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential (i.e. repairs and maintenance) is charged as an expense when it is incurred.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- the purchase price
- any costs attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management

The Authority does not capitalise expenditure below a de minimis of £15,000, or borrowing costs incurred whilst assets are under construction.

The cost of assets acquired other than by purchase is deemed to be its fair value, unless the acquisition does not have commercial substance (i.e. it will not lead to a variation in the cash flows of the Authority). In the latter case, where an asset is acquired via an exchange, the cost of the acquisition is the carrying amount of the asset given up by the Authority.

Donated assets are measured initially at fair value. The difference between fair value and any consideration paid is credited to the Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, unless the donation has been made conditionally. Until conditions are satisfied, the gain is held in the Donated Assets Account. Where gains are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Assets are then carried in the Balance Sheet using the following measurement bases:

- infrastructure, community assets and assets under construction – depreciated historical cost
- all other assets – fair value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value – EUV).

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Where there is no market-based evidence of fair value because of the specialist nature of an asset, depreciated replacement cost (DRC) is used as an estimate of fair value.

Where non-property assets that have short useful lives or low values (or both), depreciated historical cost basis is used as a proxy for fair value.

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, but as a minimum every five years. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Where decreases in value are identified, they are accounted for by:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains)
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

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.

Impairment

Assets are assessed at each year-end as to whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and, where this is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognised for the shortfall.

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for by:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains)
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where an impairment loss is reversed subsequently, the reversal is credited to the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. An exception is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life (i.e. freehold land) and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e. assets under construction).

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- dwellings and other 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 assessed useful life of the asset concerned (life between 3 and 20 years) as advised by a suitably qualified officer

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- infrastructure – straight-line allocation over assessed useful life of the type of asset (life between 10 and 50 years) as advised by a suitably qualified officer

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

Revaluation gains are also depreciated, with an amount equal to the difference between current value depreciation charged on assets and the depreciation that would have been chargeable based on their historical cost being transferred each year from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Disposals and Non-current 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. The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Where there is a subsequent decrease to fair value less costs to sell, the loss is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Gains in fair value are recognised only up to the amount of any previously losses recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

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, 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.

Assets that are to be abandoned or scrapped are not reclassified as Assets Held for Sale.

When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal). Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for a disposal in excess of £10,000 are categorised as capital receipts. Receipts are required to be credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve, and can then only be used for new capital investment. Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The written-off value of disposals is not a charge against council tax, as the cost of fixed assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

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xvii. Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Authority a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. For instance, the Authority may be involved in a court case that could eventually result in the making of a settlement or the payment of compensation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the appropriate service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year that the authority becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year – where it becomes less than probable that a transfer of economic benefits will now be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made), 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 (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 authority settles the obligation.

Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability arises where an event has taken place that gives the authority a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the authority. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts.

Contingent Assets

A contingent asset arises where an event has taken place that gives the authority a possible asset whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the authority.

Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefits or service potential.

xviii. Reserves

The Authority sets aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by appropriating amounts out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When expenditure to be financed from a reserve is incurred, it is charged to the appropriate service in that year to score against the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The reserve is then appropriated back into the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement so that there is no net charge against council tax for the expenditure.

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Certain reserves are kept to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, financial instruments, retirement and employee benefits and do not represent usable resources for the Authority – these reserves are explained in Note 21.

xix. Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

Expenditure incurred during the year that may be capitalised under statutory provisions but that does not result in the creation of a non-current asset has been charged as expenditure to the relevant service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year. Where the Authority has determined to meet the cost of this expenditure from existing capital resources or by borrowing, a transfer in the Movement in Reserves Statement from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account then reverses out the amounts charged so that there is no impact on the level of council tax.

xx. VAT

VAT payable is included as an expense only to the extent that it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income.

xxi. Exceptional Items

When items of income and expense are material, their nature and amount is disclosed separately, either on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement or in the notes to the accounts, depending on how significant the items are to an understanding of the Authority's financial performance.

2. Accounting Standards that have been issued but have not yet been adopted

There have been two changes to accounting policy that have not yet been adopted, relating to the reporting of pension fund scheme transaction costs, and reporting of investment concentration. However, none of the changes have a material impact on the Statement of Accounts.

3. Critical Judgements in applying accounting policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in Note 1, the Authority 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:

Future funding for local government – Consultation is underway on changes to the Business Rates Retention Scheme, which will ultimately replace existing government grants, creating uncertainty over future levels of funding. There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government. However the Authority has determined that this uncertainty is not sufficient to provide an indication that the assets of the Authority might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision.

Asset reclassifications – the Council has made judgements on whether assets are classified as Investment Property or Property, Plant and Equipment. These judgements are based on the main reason that the council is holding the asset. If the asset is used in the delivery of services or is occupied by third parties who are subsidised by the council they are deemed to be Property, Plant and Equipment assets. If there is no subsidy and/or full market rent is being charged this would indicate that the asset is an Investment Property. The classification determines the valuation method to be used.

Lease classifications – the Council has made judgements on whether its lease arrangements are operating leases or finance leases. These judgements are based on a series of tests designed to assess whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee. The accounting treatment for operating and finance leases is significantly different and could have a significant effect on the accounts.

Contractual arrangements – the Council has made judgements on whether its contractual arrangements contain embedded leases (i.e. arrangements that are not legally leases but take the form of payments in return for the use of specific assets). The procurement and control of waste, streetcare and grounds maintenance vehicles have been identified as embedded leases.

Providing for potential liabilities – the Council has made judgements about the likelihood of pending liabilities and whether a provision should be made or whether there is a contingent liability. The judgements are based on the degree of certainty around the results of pending legal actions.

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4. Assumptions made about the future and other major sources of estimation uncertainty

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Authority about the future or regarding other uncertainties. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, due to this uncertainty, there is a risk that actual results could vary from the assumptions made.

The items in the authority's balance sheet at 31 March 2017 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming year are as follows.

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if results differ from assumptions
Pension Liability	Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on several complex judgements, including the discount rate used, the rate of salary increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns from pension fund assets. A firm of actuaries is engaged by the pension fund administrator to provide expert advice.	Further information on the impact of changes to assumptions can be found at note 36.
Property, Plant and Equipment	When calculating the fair value of assets, assumptions are made around useful lives, level of repairs, and the impact of the current economic climate. Changes in these assumptions may result in a material change to the depreciation charges applied.	If the useful life of assets is reduced, depreciation increases and the carrying amount of the asset falls.
Doubtful Debts Allowance	The authority has sundry debts of £1.656m (£4.329m 2015/16), and for overpaid housing benefits of £1.831m (£1.768m in 2015/16). The Authority has made allowance for doubtful debt on a sliding scale dependent on the age of debt.	If collection rates were to deteriorate or improve, a 5% change would require an adjustment to the bad debt provision of £74,000 (£59,000 2015/16)
Business Rates appeal provision	The Authority is liable for 40% of all for refunds to business ratepayers who successfully appeal against the rateable value of their properties. The estimate is based on the latest list of outstanding rating list proposals provided by the Valuation Office.	The Council has provided £2,455,000 for appeals within the Collection Fund, of which the Authority's share is £982,000. A 5% change in provision would require an adjustment of £123,000.

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5. Segmental Reporting

The Expenditure & Funding analysis provides financial information on each of the Council's reporting segments. However, adjustments are made to the reported position to comply with statutory accounting requirements. A reconciliation of adjustments is provided below.

	Adjustments relating to Grants & Contributions £'000	Adjustments relating to Pension Fund Accounting £'000	Adjustments relating to revaluation, depreciation and disposal of properties £'000	Adjustments relating to the Collection Fund £'000	Adjustments relating to Finance Leases £'000	Revenue Expenditure Funded by Capital Under Statute £'000	Realignment of internal reporting to statutory reporting £'000	Grand Total £'000
Operations Directorate								
Head of Neighbourhood Support	(543)	131	35			543		166
Head of Planning	(3,070)	126				1,871		(1,073)
Head of Customer Services		124	16					140
Head of Housing		20						20
Total Operations Directorate	(3,613)	401	51	-	-	2,414	-	(747)
Strategy & Governance Directorate								
Head of Finance & Property		38	54		16		103	211
Head of Organisational Development		17						17
Head of Communications & Community Development		49	191			200		440
Head of Legal		18						18
Head of Programmes Redesign & Quality Executive & 5C's		49	19					68
		39						39
Total Strategy & Governance Directorate	-	210	264	-	16	200	103	793
Commercial Directorate								
Head of Commercial Ventures		14						14
Head of Environmental		39	38		(245)			(168)
Project Director - Regenco		48	(16)				1,298	1,330
Head of Development	(450)	11						(439)
Building Maintenance, Estates & Facilities Regenco		36	36				(141)	(69)
Investment Property Income & Expenditure			(138)		(8)		1,983	1,837
Total Commercial Directorate	(450)	148	(80)	-	(253)	-	3,140	2,505
Total Cost of Services	(4,063)	759	235	-	(237)	2,614	3,243	2,551
Other Operating I&E								
Other Operating Income & Expenditure		460	(555)	36			(3,118)	(3,177)
Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure		2,790						2,790
Total Other Operating Income & Expenditure	-	3,250	(555)	36	-	-	(3,118)	(387)
GRAND TOTAL	(4,063)	4,009	(320)	36	(237)	2,614	125	2,164

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Income received against each operating segment is disclosed below:

	Income from Services	
	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Operations Directorate		
Head of Neighbourhood Support	(3,228)	(3,441)
Head of Planning	(4,161)	(5,061)
Head of Customer Services	(25,165)	(24,621)
Head of Housing	(52)	(129)
Total Operations Directorate	(32,606)	(33,252)
Strategy & Governance Directorate		
Head of Finance & Property	(9)	(6)
Head of Organisational Development	2	(1)
Head of Communications & Community Engagement	(46)	(157)
Head of Legal	(63)	(58)
Head of Programmes Redesign & Quality	(492)	(355)
Executive and 5 Councils	-	-
Total Strategy & Governance Directorate	(608)	(577)
Commercial Directorate		
Head of Commercial Ventures	-	(9)
Head of Environmental Services	(1,009)	(1,137)
Project Director - Regenco (Whitehill & Bordon)	(424)	(643)
Head of Development	(45)	(496)
Building Maintenance, Estates and Facilities	(542)	(542)
Regenco	-	(429)
Total Commercial Directorate	(2,020)	(3,256)
Total income analysed on a segmental basis	(35,234)	(37,085)

The Council's income and expenditure can be analysed as follows:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Expenditure / Income type		
Employee benefits and other staff costs	8,328	15,847
Direct Expenditure	45,176	35,563
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	926	993
Interest payments	21	16
Precepts & Levies	3,061	3,193
Gain (-) / loss on disposal of assets	(585)	(555)
Total Expenditure	56,927	55,057
Fees, Charges and Other service income	(35,234)	(37,085)
Interest & Investment income	(504)	(335)
Income from Council Tax and Business Rates	(10,722)	(10,610)
Government Grants & Contributions	(5,174)	(4,809)
Total Income	(51,634)	(52,839)
Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	5,293	2,218

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6. Adjustments between the accounting basis and funding basis under regulations

This note details the adjustment that are made, in accordance with proper accounting practice, to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Authority in the year to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions in 2016/17:

	General Fund £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Usable Capital Receipts £'000	Movement in unusable Reserves £'000
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account (Note 21)				
Charges for Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(890)	-	-	890
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties	138	-	-	(138)
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	(103)	-	-	103
Capital Grants & Contributions applied	697	-	-	(697)
Revenue Expenditure Financed by Capital Under Statute	(2,614)	-	-	2,614
Revenue Contributions to Capital Expenditure	238	-	-	(238)
Adjustments primarily involving Capital Grants Unapplied (Note 20)				
Capital Grants & Contributions unapplied credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account	3,991	(3,991)	-	-
Application of grants to capital financing transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	(1,682)	3,714		(2,032)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve (Note 20)				
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited as part of the gain or loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement	555	-	(555)	-
Use of the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	44	(44)
Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve (Note 21)				
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account	(3,050)	-	-	3,050
Employers' Pension Contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	1,830	-	-	(1,830)
Adjustments primarily involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account (Note 21)				
Amount by which council tax income credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement is different from Council Tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(150)	-	-	150
Amount by which business rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement is different from business rates income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(279)	-	-	279
Total adjustments between funded and statutory basis	(1,319)	(277)	(511)	2,107

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The comparative adjustments made between accounting basis and funding basis in 2015/16 are as follows:

	General Fund £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Usable Capital Receipts £'000	Movement in unusable Reserves £'000
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account (Note 21)				
Charges for Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(842)	-	-	842
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	(2,692)	-	-	2,692
Impairment Losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	(84)	-	-	84
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties	615	-	-	(615)
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	(53)	-	-	53
Revenue Expenditure Financed by Capital Under Statute	(1,398)	-	-	1,398
Revenue Contributions to Capital Expenditure	251	-	-	(251)
Adjustments primarily involving Capital Grants Unapplied (Note 20)				
Capital Grants & Contributions unapplied credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account	2,866	(2,866)	-	-
Application of grants to capital financing transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	(2,388)	3,786	-	(1,398)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve (Note 20)				
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited as part of the gain or loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement	585	-	(585)	-
Use of the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	93	(93)
Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve (Note 21)				
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account	(3,000)	-	-	3,000
Employers' Pension Contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	1,670	-	-	(1,670)
Adjustments primarily involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account (Note 21)				
Amount by which council tax income credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement is different from Council Tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	111	-	-	(111)
Amount by which business rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement is different from business rates income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(1,000)	-	-	1,000
Total adjustments between funded and statutory basis	(5,359)	920	(492)	4,931

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7. Transfers to/from earmarked reserves

The Authority holds a number of specific reserves for the purpose of supporting investment in services and Capital expenditure. This note sets out the total contributions to and from specific reserves during the year. More information on the use of reserves can be found in the Explanatory Foreword, and a summary of total usable reserves can be found at Note 20.

	Opening Balance 1st April 2016 £'000	Capital Contribution £'000	Contribution to General Fund £'000	Contribution from General Fund £'000	Closing Balance 31st March 2017 £'000
Right to Buy Reserve	715	-	-	-	715
Priorities & Initiatives Reserve	465	-	(174)	-	291
Transformation Reserve	5,459	(397)	(427)	-	4,635
Repairs & Maintenance Reserve	1,148	(160)	(424)	230	794
Income & Cost Risk Reserve	2,326	(200)	-	224	2,350
Revenue Grants & Contributions Reserve	875	-	(290)	6	591
Service Project Support	867	-	(134)	-	733
Financial Sustainability Reserve	172	-	-	263	435
Total Earmarked Reserves	12,027	(757)	(1,449)	723	10,544

8. Other Operating Expenditure

Other Operating Income and Expenditure, as shown in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account, is made up of the following items.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Parish Council Precepts	3,061	3,193
Parish Council Support Grants	177	179
Total Other Operating Expenditure	3,238	3,372
Gains (-) / Losses on disposal of assets	(585)	(555)
Total Other Operating Income	(585)	(555)
Total Other Operating Expenditure	2,653	2,817

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9. Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure, as shown in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account, is made up of the following items:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Pensions Interest Expenditure	3,260	3,370
Property Investment Expenditure	837	984
Cash Investment Expenditure	58	53
Total Financing and Investment Expenditure	4,155	4,407
Pensions Interest Income	(2,040)	(2,150)
Property Investment Income	(1,606)	(2,686)
Change in the fair value of investment properties	(615)	(138)
Cash Investment Income	(504)	(335)
Total Financing and Investment Income	(4,765)	(5,309)
Total Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure	(610)	(902)

10. Taxation and non-specific grant income

Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income, as shown in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account, is detailed in the table below. Specific revenue grants received have been credited to the relevant service line in the Net Cost of Services. Specific grants are disclosed at Note 29, and Council Tax and Business Rates income are disclosed at note 3 to the Collection Fund.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Revenue Support Grant	(1,390)	(731)
New Homes Bonus	(2,651)	(3,344)
Other Non Specific general grants	(1,009)	(734)
Council Tax Income	(9,561)	(9,736)
Collection Fund Surplus (-) / Deficit - Council Tax	(129)	36
Business Rates retention income	(1,763)	(1,826)
Collection Fund Surplus (-) / Deficit - Business Rates retention	731	916
Capital Grants & Contributions	(124)	0
Total Taxation & Non Specific Grant Income	(15,896)	(15,419)

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11. Property, plant and equipment

The table below analyses the movements in property, plant and equipment for the year. Further information on additions and enhancements to fixed assets can be found at note 32.

	Land & Buildings £'000	Vehicles Plant & Equipment £'000	Assets Held for Sale £'000	Total Property, Plant & Equipment £'000
Gross Cost / Valuation				
As at 1st April 2016	20,732	5,536	-	26,268
Additions	274	220	-	494
Gross Cost / Valuation as at 31st March 2017	21,006	5,756	-	26,762
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment				
As at 1st April 2016	(1,178)	(2,552)	-	(3,730)
Depreciation Charge	(359)	(532)	-	(891)
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairments at 31st March 2017	(1,537)	(3,084)	-	(4,621)
Net Book Value 31/03/2017	19,469	2,672	-	22,141
Net Book Value 31/03/2016	19,554	2,984	-	22,538

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Movements in 2015/16:

	Land & Buildings £'000	Vehicles Plant & Equipment £'000	Assets Held for Sale £'000	Total Property, Plant & Equipment £'000
Gross Cost / Valuation				
As at 1st April 2015	19,618	5,818	-	25,436
Additions	482	145	-	627
Revaluation increases recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	4,085	1,170	-	5,255
Revaluation decreases recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	(281)	-	-	(281)
Revaluation decreases recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(869)	-	-	(869)
Impairments recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	(1,810)	(1,597)	-	(3,407)
Impairments recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(546)	-	-	(546)
Write-downs	(87)	-	-	(87)
Reclassification of Fixed Assets	140	-	-	140
Gross Cost / Valuation as at 31st March 2016	20,732	5,536	-	26,268
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment				
As at 1st April 2015	(1,179)	(2,392)	-	(3,571)
Depreciation Charge	(360)	(482)	-	(842)
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Depreciation written out to the Revaluation Reserve	361	-	-	361
Depreciation written out to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	-	322	-	322
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairments at 31st March 2016	(1,178)	(2,552)	-	(3,730)
Net Book Value 31/03/2016	19,554	2,984	-	22,538
Net Book Value 31/03/2015	18,439	3,426	-	21,865

There was no PFI asset included in Property, Plant and Equipment in 2015/16 or 2016/17.

Depreciation:

The following useful lives and depreciation rates have been used in the calculation of depreciation:

- Buildings - 30 to 50 years
- Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment - 1 to 10 years

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Capital Commitments:

There were no capital commitments outstanding as at 31 March 2017.

Effects of changes in estimates:

The Authority's Accounting Policy requires the componentisation of properties valued at over £5,000,000. The purpose of componentisation is to identify the value of plant, equipment and engineering services within a building and depreciate these separately. Reconsideration of the useful lives and fair value of each component is required when an asset is subject to enhancement expenditure.

Revaluations:

The Authority carries out a rolling programme that ensures all Property, Plant and Equipment required to be measured to fair value is revalued at least every five years. All valuations are carried out externally by the independent valuers, Vail Williams LLP. Valuations of land and buildings were carried out in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and the accounting policies set out in Note 1 (xvii). Valuation of vehicles, plant and equipment are based on current prices, where there is an active market, historic cost or list prices adjusted for the condition of the asset.

The following assumptions are made when undertaking valuations:

- That there are no adverse covenants, possessory titles, leases or other matters unless specifically stated
- That no latent, or patent, defect exists within the asset unless specifically stated.
- That all properties have a lawful use for the existing purpose under current law
- That all details of leases, rental income and other factual matters provided to the valuer are assumed to be correct.

	Land & Buildings £'000	Vehicles Plant & Equipment £'000	Total Property, Plant & Equipment £'000
Carried at Historic Cost	106	298	404
Valued at fair value as at			
31st March 2017	-	-	-
31st March 2016	6,231	(1,597)	4,634
31st March 2015	3,291	-	3,291
31st March 2014	-	-	-
31st March 2013	3,105	988	4,093
Total Net Cost / Valuation	12,733	(311)	12,422

Heritage Assets

Heritage assets are defined as assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The council does not hold any assets that meet the definition of a heritage asset.

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12. Investment Properties

The following items of income and expenditure have been accounted for in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Investment property income forms part of the Council's Investment Income & Expenditure, which is detailed in note 9.

	Investment Properties 2015/16 £'000	Investment Properties 2016/17 £'000
Balance at 1st April	13,730	21,610
Additions:		
Purchase of investment property	7,405	1,711
Transfer to (-) / from Property, Plant and Equipment	(140)	-
Net Gain/(loss) on fair value adjustments	615	138
Balance at 31st March	21,610	23,459

There is no restriction on the Authority's ability to realise the value inherent in its investment property or on the Authority's right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. The Authority has no contractual obligation to purchase, construct, develop or enhance investment property. The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties over the year:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Rental Income from Investment property	(1,606)	(2,686)
Direct Operating Expenditure arising from investment property	837	984
Total direct income and expenditure	(769)	(1,702)
Net Revaluation gains (-) / losses on investment property	(615)	(138)
Total gain (-) / loss on investment properties	(1,384)	(1,840)

13. Intangible Assets

The Authority accounts for its 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 Property, Plant and Equipment. The intangible assets include purchased licences but not internally generated software. All software is given a finite useful life, based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use to the Authority. The useful lives assigned to the major software suites used by the Authority will be up to 10 years.

The carrying value of intangible assets is cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment loss. The cost is amortised on a straight-line basis and was absorbed as an overhead across all the service headings in the Net Expenditure of Services.

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The movement on Intangible Asset balances during the year is as follows:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Balance at 1st April:		
Gross Carrying Amounts	159	316
Accumulated Amortisation	-	(53)
Net Carrying Amount at start of year	159	263
Purchases	157	423
Amortisation for the period	(53)	(103)
Impairment	-	-
Net carrying amount at 31st March:	263	583

There are two items of capitalised software that are individually material to the financial statements. These are the Council's Financial information System (Civica), with a net book value of £162,000, and the Customer Relationships Management system, with a Net Book Value of £395,000.

14. Financial Instruments

The following categories of financial instruments are carried in the Balance Sheet:

	Current 2015/16 £'000	Long Term 2015/16 £'000	Current 2016/17 £'000	Long Term 2016/17 £'000
Investments				
Cash Equivalents	6,992	-	26,274	-
Loans and Receivables	10,030	10,153	5,044	5,066
Total Investments	17,022	10,153	31,318	5,066
Debtors				
Loans and Receivables	3,865	-	2,183	-
Financial Assets carried at contracted amounts	-	52	-	860
Total Debtors	3,865	52	2,183	860
Total Financial Assets	20,887	10,205	33,501	5,926
Other Long Term Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowing	-	-	-	(8,997)
Finance Lease Liabilities	(238)	(5,723)	(243)	(5,480)
Total Other Long Term Liabilities	(238)	(5,723)	(243)	(14,477)
Trade Creditors				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at contracted amounts	(4,882)	(223)	(6,373)	(254)
Total Trade Creditors	(4,882)	(223)	(6,373)	(254)
Total Financial Liabilities	(5,120)	(5,946)	(6,616)	(14,731)

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Material soft loans

The authority makes loans for car purchases, cycle purchases and rail season tickets. The Council has also issued eco fit loans for retrofitting insulation to homes. None of these loans are considered material for the purposes of this note.

The gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in relation to financial instruments are made up as follows.

	2015/16	2016/17
	Financial Assets - Loans and Receivables £'000	Financial Assets - Loans and Receivables £'000
Interest expenditure	21	16
Fee Expenditure	37	37
Total Expense	58	53
Interest income (Cash)	(422)	(259)
Interest income (Accrued)	(82)	(76)
Total Income	(504)	(335)
Net Gain / Loss (-) for the year	(446)	(282)

Financial assets and liabilities, represented by loans and receivables and long term debtors and creditors are carried in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost which is not materially different from their fair value.

	31st March 2016		31st March 2017	
	Carrying Amount £'000	Fair Value £'000	Carrying Amount £'000	Fair Value £'000
Financial Assets				
Cash Equivalents	6,992	6,992	23,726	23,726
Deposits exceeding 1 year	10,153	10,153	5,066	5,066
Deposits under 1 year	10,030	10,030	7,591	7,591
Total value	27,175	27,175	36,383	36,383

15. Inventories

The Council did not hold stock of a material value at 31st March 2017.

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16. Debtors

Long term debtors are amounts owed to the Authority that are due after 12 months or more. Current debtors are amounts due to the authority during the next financial year.

	Balance 31st March 2016 £'000	Balance 31st March 2017 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,930	1,805
Government departments	578	-
HM Revenue and Customs (Value Added Tax)	455	432
Other Local Authorities	-	16
Collection Fund - EHDC	514	782
Collection Fund balance due from precepting authorities	-	169
Debtors for services	4,239	2,327
Housing Benefit Debtors	1,768	1,831
Debtors due within one year	9,484	7,362
Doubtful debts allowance		
General Fund	(1,186)	(1,476)
Collection Fund	(223)	(260)
Total Debtors due within 1 year	8,075	5,626
Community Infrastructure Levy Debtor	-	594
Amounts owed to East Hampshire Commercial Services	-	32
Employee Car Loans	52	79
Other long term debtors	-	155
Total Long Term Debtors	52	860

17. Cash and cash equivalents

The Authority defines cash equivalents as any financial instrument that can be immediately converted into a known amount of cash, without incurring penalty. The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up of the following elements:

	Balance 1st April 2016 £'000	Movement in year £'000	Balance 31st March 2017 £'000
Cash in Hand and Bank Balance	15	(16)	(1)
Investments repayable within three months	7,437	19,442	26,879
Total Cash Equivalents	7,452	19,426	26,878
Bank Overdraft	(460)	(144)	(604)
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,992	19,282	26,274

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18. Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the Authority.

	Balance 31st March 2016 £'000	Balance 31st March 2017 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and income in advance	2,929	2,511
Government departments	-	1,804
Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs (Income Tax)	233	280
Other Local Authorities	1,304	1,205
Collection Fund - EHDC	554	961
Council Tax balance due from precepting authorities	701	-
Business rates balance due from Govt and precepting authorities	790	939
Creditors for goods and services	416	573
Short Term Finance Lease Capital Liability	238	243
Total Creditors payable within 1 Year	7,165	8,516
Amounts falling due over one year		
Deferred liabilities	223	254
Finance Lease - Long Term Liabilities (Note 33)	5,723	5,480
Total Creditors payable after 1 year	5,946	5,734

19. Provisions

Provisions at 31 March 2017 represent amounts set aside for the purpose of providing for liabilities, which are likely or certain to be incurred but are uncertain as to the amount or the date on which they will arise.

	Developer contribution inflation £'000	Municipal Mutual Insurance £'000	Damage Deposits £'000	Business Rates Appeals Provision £'000	Total £'000
Balance as at 1st April 2016	246	130	104	761	1,241
Additional Provisions	-	-	-	727	727
Amounts used	(9)	(9)	-	(507)	(525)
Unused amounts reversed	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31st March 2017	237	121	104	981	1,443
Under one year	247	-	-	-	247
One year and over	-	111	104	981	1,196
Balance as at 31 March 2017	247	111	104	981	1,443

Business Rates Appeals Provision

Businesses in the East Hampshire District Council area are entitled to appeal against the rating valuation of their property. The Council bears 40% of the cost of business rates appeals. The provision is created on the basis of known appeals that have yet to be settled.

Municipal Mutual Insurance

Municipal Mutual Insurance (MMI) was a local authority owned mutual providing insurance to the Council which ceased business in 1992. However, MMI is still liable for certain insurance claims which, if not covered by MMI's remaining assets, will be apportioned between the member authorities. A Supreme Court ruling in March 2012 gave certainty that MMI will incur full liability for Mesothelioma claims, significantly increasing the likelihood that costs will be incurred by the Council. The latest estimate of potential liability is £130,000 and a provision has been created to ensure the council can meet this liability.

Damage Deposits

In order to meet statutory obligations for reducing homelessness, the Council will guarantee damage deposits on behalf of tenants moving into privately rented accommodation where certain criteria are met. The Council holds provision against damage deposits in order to undertake that guarantee.

Developer Contributions

The Council holds developer contributions which, as part of the original agreements, the Council applies inflationary increases to ensure that the value of the contribution does not diminish over time. This provision has been created to provide for inflation costs.

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20. Usable reserves

Movements in usable reserves are detailed in the Movement in Reserves Statement, Note 7 for specific reserves and note 29 for capital grants & contributions.

Reserve	Description	Balance 1st April 2016 £'000	Net Movement £'000	Balance 31st March 2017 £'000	Note
Usable Capital Receipts	Capital Receipts from fixed asset sales, available for future capital expenditure.	4,973	511	5,484	MIRS
General Fund	Resources available to meet future service costs.	3,851	(173)	3,678	MIRS
Earmarked Reserves	Specific reserves created to meet future liabilities.	12,027	(1,483)	10,544	MIRS, Note 6
Capital Grants and Contributions unapplied	Grants and contributions received but not yet spent, where no restrictions exist or where restrictions have been met.	10,113	277	10,390	MIRS, Note 29
Total Usable Reserves		30,964	(868)	30,096	

21. Unusable reserves

Unusable reserves represent reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses, (for example, where amounts would only become available to provide services if 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'. The table below summarises the Authority's unusable reserves.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Revaluation Reserve	10,646	10,444
Capital Adjustment Account	24,016	24,518
Pension Reserve	(36,780)	(40,790)
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	(392)	(821)
Accumulated Absences Account	(83)	(84)
Total Unusable Reserves	(2,593)	(6,733)

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Revaluation reserve:

The revaluation reserve contains the gains made by the Authority arising from increases in the value of its property, plant and equipment. 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 gain is 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 of the Capital Adjustment Account.

	31 March 2016		31 March 2017	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance outstanding at start of year		7,382		10,646
Upward revaluation of assets	5,619		-	
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(2,094)		-	
Surplus or deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services		3,525		-
Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped		-		-
Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation		(261)		(202)
Balance outstanding at end of year		10,646		10,444

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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 as depreciation, impairment losses and amortisations are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (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 Authority 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 Authority.

The account also contains revaluation gains accumulated on Property, Plant and Equipment before 1 April 2007, the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains. Note 6 provides details of the source of all the transactions posted to the account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Balance as at 1st April	26,114	24,016
Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		
Charges for depreciation of non current assets	(842)	(890)
Charges for impairment of non current assets	(84)	-
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	(2,692)	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	(53)	(103)
Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute	(1,398)	(2,614)
Amounts of non current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-	-
Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	261	202
Net written out amount of the cost of non current assets consumed in the year.	(4,808)	(3,405)
Capital Financing applied in the year		
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new Capital Expenditure	93	44
Capital grants and contributions credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement that have been applied to capital financing	1,398	2,730
Application of revenue and reserve funding to capital financing	604	995
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties credited or debited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	615	138
Total Capital Financing applied	2,710	3,907
Balance as at 31st March	24,016	24,518

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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. The Authority accounts for post employment benefits in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement 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 the Authority makes employer's contributions 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 Authority has 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. Further information on the Council's pension scheme can be found at Note 36.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Balance as at 1st April	(39,040)	(36,780)
Actuarial gains or losses on the pension assets or liabilities	3,590	(2,790)
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	(3,000)	(3,050)
Employers' pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	1,670	1,830
Balance as at 31st March	(36,780)	(40,790)

Collection Fund Adjustment Account

The Collection Fund Adjustment Account manages the differences arising from the recognition of Council Tax income in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as it falls due from council tax payers compared with the statutory arrangements for paying across amounts to the General Fund from the Collection Fund. The balance on the account represents East Hampshire District Council's share of the Collection Fund deficit carried forward.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Balance as at 1st April	497	(392)
Amount by which Council Tax income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from Council Tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	111	(150)
Amount by which Business Rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from Business rates income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(1,000)	(279)
Balance as at 31st March	(392)	(821)

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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, such as annual leave entitlements carried forward at 31 March. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the account.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Balance as at 1st April	(83)	(83)
Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	83	83
Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	(83)	(84)
Balance as at 31st March	(83)	(84)

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22. Net cash flow from operating activities

The cash flows for operating activities, shown in the cashflow statement, include the following items:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Net Surplus / (-) Deficit on the Provision of Services	(5,293)	(2,218)
Adjustments to net surplus / deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements		
Depreciation and amortisation of fixed assets	895	993
Impairment and downward revaluations	2,776	-
Increase / (-) Decrease in short term creditors	292	1,351
Increase / (-) Decrease in long term creditors	10	31
Increase (-) / Decrease in short term debtors	(3,562)	2,449
Increase (-) / Decrease in long term debtors	(31)	(808)
Increase (-) / Decrease in stock	-	-
Difference between pension contributions paid and amounts recognised in the income statement	1,330	1,220
Increase / (-) Decrease in provisions	684	202
Movements in value of investment properties	615	138
Other non cash adjustments	(88)	(65)
Collection Fund adjustments	-	(428)
Revenue Contributions to Capital	251	238
Movement Capital grants applied	(1,398)	
Capital grants & contributions in advance	(30)	-
Total non-cash adjustments	1,744	5,321
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus / deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities		
Profit (-) / Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(585)	(555)
Total Operating Activities	(4,134)	2,548

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23. Net cash flow from investing activities

The cashflows for investing activities, shown in the Cash Flow Statement, include the following items:

	2015/16	2016/17
	£'000	£'000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(8,189)	(2,631)
Net Purchase (-) / Disposal of short term and long term investments	7,572	10,052
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	585	555
Net cash flows from investing activities	(32)	7,976

24. Net cash flow from financing activities

The cashflows for financing activities, shown in the Cashflow Statement, include the following items:

	2015/16	2016/17
	£'000	£'000
Cash receipts of short and long term borrowing	-	8,997
Cash payments for the reduction of the outstanding liabilities relating to Finance Leases	(232)	(238)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(232)	8,759

25. Agency services

Agency Services are services that the authority provides on behalf of another organisation. The Authority acts as an agent for the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates as an agent for major precepting bodies and Central Government. Income and Expenditure relating to these arrangements are disclosed within the Collection Fund outturn. The Authority acts as an agent for the South Downs National Park for certain planning services. The Authority also acts as an agent on behalf of Central Government for the payment of Housing Benefit. The cost of providing Housing Benefit is met from subsidy paid by Government.

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26. Members' Allowances

Members Allowances consist of a Basic Allowance for all Councillors of £4,500 and a Special Responsibility allowance, dependent on the Councillor's role in the authority. The Authority paid the following amounts to members of the council during the year.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Basic Allowances	197	227
Special Responsibility Allowances	85	111
Expenses	11	12
Total	293	350

27. Officers' Remuneration

The remuneration paid to the Authority's senior employees is disclosed in the table below. A senior employee is defined as an officer who earns a salary of more than £150,000 per annum, or is the designated head of the paid service, or is a statutory chief officer, or is any person having responsibility for the strategic management of the council, to the extent that the officer has power to direct or control the major activities of the council, in particular activities involving the expenditure of money, whether solely or collectively with other officers.

Post Holder information	Year	Salary, fees and allowances £	Payments for loss of employment £	Employers' pension contributions £	Net cost to Havant Borough Council £	Net cost to East Hampshire District Council £
Chief Executive	2016/17	130,066		17,039	73,553	73,553
	2015/16	130,066	-	17,019	73,542	73,542
Executive Director - Commercial	2016/17	101,609		13,311	57,460	57,460
	2015/16	99,663	-	12,818	56,240	56,240
Executive Director - Governance	2016/17	103,722		13,257	58,490	58,490
	2015/16	98,298	-	12,639	55,469	55,469
Executive Director - Operations (Agency fee June to October, employed from November 2016)	2016/17	149,318		6,004	77,661	77,661
	2015/16	-	-	-	-	-
Project Director - Whitehill & Bordon (to December 2016)	2016/17	55,977		6,924		62,901
	2015/16	91,373	-	12,045	-	103,418
Executive Head (Environmental Services)	2016/17	-		-	-	-
	2015/16	71,536	-	9,371	40,454	40,454
Executive Head (Community)	2016/17	-		-	-	-
	2015/16	71,536	-	9,371	40,454	40,454
Executive Head (Economy & Planning)	2016/17	-		-	-	-
	2015/16	71,536	-	9,371	40,454	40,454
Executive Head (Governance and Logistics)	2016/17	-		-	-	-
	2015/16	71,536	-	9,371	40,454	40,454
Total cost of senior officers - 2016/17					267,163	330,065
Total cost of senior officers - 2015/16					347,067	450,485

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The contribution rate for pensions is 13.1% of pensionable pay plus an additional monetary amount relating to all scheme members of £554,600 in 2016/17 (£509,700 in 2015/16). East Hampshire District Council shares its senior employees with Havant Borough Council.

The Authority's other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions) were paid the following amounts:

Salary band	Number of Employees 2015/16		Number of Employees 2016/17	
	Including redundancy	Excluding redundancy	Including redundancy	Excluding redundancy
£115,000 to £120,000	1	-	-	-
£100,000 to £110,000	-	-	1	-
£80,000 to £85,000	-	-	2	2
£75,000 to £80,000	1	1	1	1
£65,000 to £70,000	-	-	2	2
£60,000 to £65,000	4	5	3	3
£55,000 to £60,000	12	12	6	7
£50,000 to £55,000	5	5	7	7

The numbers of exit packages with total cost per band are set out in the table below. Further information on exit packages is given at Note 35.

Cost band	Number of compulsory redundancies		Number of other departures agreed		Total cost of exit packages £	
	2015/16	2016/17	2015/16	2016/17	2015/16	2016/17
£0 - £20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
£20,001 - £40,000	1	-	-	-	2,693	-
£40,001 - £60,000	1	1	-	-	58,270	50,532
Total	2	1	-	-	60,963	50,532

East Hampshire District Council received £25,266 from Havant Borough Council as a contribution to the redundancy costs of officers employed by East Hampshire District Council resulting from restructuring in 2015/2016 (£29,135 for 2015/2016). No contributions were paid to Havant Borough Council in respect of redundancy in 2016/2017 and 2015/16.

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28. External audit costs

The Authority has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the Statement of Accounts, certification of grant claims and statutory inspections and to non-audit services provided by the Authority's external auditors:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Fees payable to Ernst & Young with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed Auditor	45	45
Fees payable to Ernst & Young for the certification of grant claims and returns	9	12
Fees payable in respect of other services provided by the appointed Auditor	-	5
Total	54	62

29. Grant Income

The Authority credited the following grants, subsidies and contributions to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2016/17. This note expands on the information given at note 10.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Credited to Services		
Council Tax Support Scheme Subsidy	71	80
Department for Environment and Climate Change HEAT Network	-	67
European Election Settlement grant	91	136
Enterprise M3 OSU site contribution	-	450
Fraud & Error Reduction Incentive scheme	12	-
Housing Benefits Subsidy	23,705	23,354
Housing Benefits Subsidy New Burdens	-	9
Housing Benefits Subsidy - Discretionary Housing payments	88	96
Housing Benefit Administration Grant	327	261
Housing Benefit Rent Rebate Subsidy	14	24
Implementing Electronic Electoral Registration funding	-	22
Land Charges compensation grant	99	-
Local Authority Data Sharing and Real Time Information grant	21	13
Neighbourhood Planning Grants	45	(20)
Non Domestic Rates Cost of Collection Subsidy	152	152
Right to Move funding grant	3	-
Single Fraud Investigation Service	6	2
Universal Credit	-	18
Welfare Reform Grant	45	34
Total	24,679	24,698

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The Authority also credited the following general grants and contributions to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as outlined in note 10:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Credited to taxation and non specific grant income		
Additional Burdens Grant - Business Rates 2% cap	-	29
Additional Burdens Grant - Council Tax Support Scheme	17	-
Additional Burdens Grant - Empty New Builds Relief		6
Additional Burdens Grant - Letting Agents	-	1
Additional Burdens Grant - Medium Property Transitional Relief	-	3
Additional Burdens Grant - Publicity Business Rates	-	2
Additional Burdens Grant - Property Searches	-	7
Additional Burdens Grant - Reoccupation Relief	6	-
Additional Burdens grant - Repair & Renew Administration	1	-
Additional Burdens grant - Retail Relief	332	-
Additional Burdens Grant - Second Property Relief	14	11
Additional Burdens Grant - Self Build Regulations	-	6
Additional Burdens Grant - Small Business Rates Relief scheme	535	561
Additional Burdens Grant - Smoke and Fire Alarms	1	-
Additional Burdens Grant - Transparency	8	8
Business Rates Transitional Relief	7	-
Council Tax Freeze Grant	69	-
Council Tax Family Annex Grant	18	-
Letting Agents T&R Scheme	1	-
New Homes Bonus Grant	2,645	3,341
New Homes Bonus redistribution Grant	6	4
Revenue Support Grant	1,390	734
Revenue Support Transition Grant	-	96
Total General Grants	5,050	4,809
Capital Grants & Contributions		
Housing Capacity Grant	124	-
Total Capital Grants & Contributions	124	-

The Authority has received a number of contributions that have yet to be recognised as income as they have conditions attached to them that may require the monies or property to be returned to the contributors. These are referred to as Capital Grants and Contributions in Advance. The Authority also holds grants, contributions and donations that have been recognised as income but have not yet been applied to expenditure. These are known as capital grants & contributions unapplied. The table below outlines the movements in such grants.

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	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied		
Disabled Facilities Grant	90	90
Department for Environment and Climate Change Grant	26	26
Department for Environment and Climate Change HEAT Network	-	66
Low Carbon Challenge Retrofitting recycled fund	111	168
Whitehill and Bordon Eco Town Grant	449	435
Homes and Communities Association Contribution to Quebec Barracks Refurbishment	128	128
Developers' Contributions with no restrictions outstanding	7,451	7,873
CIL Contributions	-	656
Partnership for Urban South East Hampshire housing loans contribution	41	(2)
IER Funding	93	93
Green Deal Funding Grant	1,600	317
Housing Capacity Grant	124	-
OSU Contribution	-	297
NHS England	-	243
Total Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied	10,113	10,390
Capital Grants and Contributions in advance		
Developers' Contributions with restrictions outstanding	105	105
Low Carbon Challenge Retrofitting contributions	105	105
Total Capital Grants and Contributions in advance	210	210

30. Related Parties

The Authority 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 Authority.

Central Government

Central government has significant influence over the general operations of the Authority – it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Authority operates, provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Authority has with other parties (e.g. council tax bills, housing benefits). Grants received from government departments are detailed in Note 29.

Members

Members of the council have direct control over the council's financial and operating policies. The total of members' allowances paid in 2016/17 is shown in Note 26. During 2016/17, no works or services were commissioned from companies in which Members had an interest. No grants were awarded to organisations in which Members were on the governing body (2015/16 £11,000). The relevant members did not take part in any discussion or decision relating to the grants. The Register of Members Interests are available for public inspection.

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Officers

There was no known material related party transaction with officers for 2016/17 or for 2015/16.

A Joint Management structure is established with Havant Borough Council. Details of the transactions with Havant Borough Council can be found in Note 27 Officers' remuneration.

Entities controlled or Significantly influenced by the Authority

The Council has direct control over its trading companies, East Hampshire Trading Services Ltd (EHTS) and East Hampshire Commercial Services Ltd (EHCS). Gill Kneller (Commercial Director) is named as a director on both companies, and Abe Ezekiel (Service Head for Legal) is named as a director for EHCS, due to their representation of Council interests through the Management Boards of the companies.

31. Interests in other entities

The Council must consider all of its interests in entities and prepare a full set of group accounts where they have material interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. The following actions are carried out:

- Determine whether the Council has any form of interest in an entity
- Assess the nature of the relationship with the Council
- Determine the grounds of materiality whether group accounts should be prepared.

Having considered the accounting requirements and the Council's involvement with all companies and organisations, Group Accounts have not been prepared.

East Hampshire Trading Services LTD and East Hampshire Commercial Services Ltd

The Council has a controlling interest in the two Local Authority Trading Companies, which provide enforcement and consultancy services. Group Accounts have not been prepared on the grounds of materiality. However, the following information is disclosed to aid understanding of the nature of the relationship of the arrangement.

- a) The registered names of the companies are East Hampshire Trading Services Ltd (EHTS) and East Hampshire Commercial Services Ltd (EHCS)
- b) The principal activities of the two companies are primarily enforcement work (EHCS) and consultancy work (EHTS)
- c) The immediate and ultimate parent undertaking is East Hampshire District Council
- d) The Council holds 100% ownership of the company
- e) Payments made to EHCS and EHTS relate to the provision of a loan
- f) Details of financial performance are set out below.

EHCS Ltd Income & Expenditure

	EHCS Ltd £
Gross revenue	34,131
Cost of Sales	(44,778)
Gross Loss	(10,647)
Administration Expenses	(13,107)
Operating Loss	(23,754)
Financing Costs	(1,120)
Loss for the Financial Year	(24,874)

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EHCS Ltd Balance Sheet

	EHCS Ltd £
Non Current Assets	19,747
Inventories	-
Trade Receivables	15,117
Cash	6,984
Total Current Assets	22,101
Total Assets	41,848
Current Liabilities	(34,355)
Long Term Liabilities	(32,367)
Total Liabilities	(66,722)
Net Assets	(24,874)
Retained Earnings	(24,874)

EHTS Ltd Income & Expenditure

	EHTS Ltd £
Gross revenue	32,677
Cost of Sales	(29,815)
Gross Profit	2,862
Administration Expenses	(2,404)
Operating Profit	458
Financing Costs	(458)
Loss for the Financial Year	-

EHTS Ltd Balance Sheet

	EHTS Ltd £
Non Current Assets	-
Trade Receivables	3,638
Cash	2,897
Total Current Assets	6,535
Total Assets	6,535
Current Liabilities	(6,535)
Total Liabilities	(6,535)
Net Assets	-
Retained Earnings	-

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32. Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

The total amount of capital expenditure incurred in the year is shown in the table below together with the resources that have been used to finance it. Where capital expenditure is to be financed in future years by charges to revenue as assets are used by the Authority, the expenditure results in an increase in the Prudential Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), a measure of the capital expenditure incurred historically by the Authority that has yet to be financed.

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	1,239	7,492
Total Capital Expenditure		
Property, Plant and Equipment	627	493
Investment Properties	7,405	1,713
Intangible Assets	157	425
Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital under Statute	1,398	2,614
Total to finance from capital resources	9,587	5,245
Method of Finance		
Usable Capital Receipts	(93)	(44)
Specific Capital Grants	(553)	(740)
Capital Contributions	(845)	(1,991)
Sums set aside from Revenue	(604)	(995)
	(2,095)	(3,770)
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	8,731	8,967
Explanation of Movements in Year		
Increase in Capital Financing Requirement	7,724	1,475
Finance Lease capital repayment	(232)	-
Increase in Capital Financing Requirement	7,492	1,475

33. Leases

Authority as Lessee

The Authority may enter into lease arrangements to obtain assets used to provide services as an alternative to purchasing. Additionally, the Authority also leases out assets, for example, to community organisations. Lease arrangements may be finance or operating leases. The purpose of this note is to disclose the nature and extent of the Authority's leasing obligations.

Lease Classifications

Leases are classified either as finance leases or operating leases. A finance lease is an arrangement where substantially all of the risks and rewards that are incidental to ownership of the asset, transfer from the lessor to the lessee. Leases that do not transfer substantially all of the risk and rewards are classified as operating leases. Where an arrangement includes both land and buildings, the land and buildings element are considered separately for classification and leases of land are generally considered to be operating leases.

Authority as Lessee: Finance Leases

The Authority entered into a lease with Liverpool Victoria in the late 1970s. Under the arrangement, the Authority leased land at Woolmer Way, Bordon to Liverpool Victoria, who built industrial units on the site and leased the land and buildings back to the Authority. The lease has subsequently transferred to the current lessor, K. S Hampshire. The buildings element of this lease is considered to be a Finance Lease under International Financial Reporting Standards adopted in 2010/11.

The Authority has jointly procured the provision of Environmental Services with Winchester City Council. The contract arrangements include an embedded lease within the contract for the provision of vehicles, specifically refuse freighters for the collection of refuse and recycling, and vehicles used in the provision of grass cutting and street maintenance. The embedded leases have been classified as finance leases.

The assets acquired under these leases are carried as Investment Properties and Plant & Equipment in the Balance Sheet (notes 11 and 12) at the following net amounts:

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Investment Property	-	-
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	607	607
Total	607	607

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

	31st March 2016	31st March 2017
	£'000	£'000
Current Liability (including finance costs)	550	550
Long Term Liability	5,722	5,479
Finance Costs payable in future years	2,978	2,844
Total Minimum Lease payments	9,250	8,873

The minimum lease payments will be payable over the following periods. The minimum lease payments do not include rents that are contingent on events taking place over time (such as periodic rent reviews).

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31/03/16	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/17
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Up to 1 year	376	376	230	243
1 year to 5 years	1,269	1,023	632	399
Over 5 years	7,605	7,474	5,091	5,082
Total	9,250	8,873	5,953	5,724

The Authority sublets individual units held under the investment property finance lease. The total minimum lease payments receivable under non cancellable subleases was £1.86m at 31st March 2017 (£2.7m at 31st March 2016).

Authority as Lessee: Operating Leases

The authority has also acquired a number of assets under operating lease arrangements. Examples include buildings and equipment. Future minimum lease payments of £28,000 are due under non cancellable leases. No assets were subleased.

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Minimum Lease Payments under non cancellable leases:

	31st March 2016 £'000	31st March 2017 £'000
Up to 1 year	21	11
1 year to 5 years	25	15
Over 5 years	3	2
Total	49	28

Authority as Lessor: Finance Leases

The Authority does not lease any of its assets under a finance lease arrangement.

Authority as Lessor: Operating Leases

The Authority leases land and property under operating leases for the following purposes:

- For the provision of community services including sports facilities, community centres and village halls.
- For economic development purposes, to provide affordable retail accommodation for local business.
- To provide allotment space for local residents.

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

	31st March 2016 £'000	31st March 2017 £'000
Up to 1 year	696	648
1 year to 5 years	2,595	2,968
Over 5 years	8,092	7,536
Total	11,383	11,152

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34. Impairment losses

No impairment losses were identified in 2016/17. The valuations for 2015/16 resulted in a significant reduction in the net book value of Alton Sports Centre as the asset is approaching the end of its life.

35. Termination Benefits

The Authority terminated the contract of one employee in 2016/17, incurring liabilities of £50,532 (two employees totalling £60,963 in 2015/16), in the form of compensation for loss of office. No enhancements to pension benefits were paid in 2016/17 or 2015/16.

36. Defined benefit pension schemes

The disclosures below relate to the funded liabilities within the Hampshire County Council Pension Fund (the "Fund"), which is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme (the "LGPS"). The LGPS is a funded defined benefit plan, with benefits earned up to 31st March 2014 being linked to final salary. Benefits after 31st March 2014 are based on a Career Average Revalued Earnings scheme. Details of the benefits earned over the period covered by this disclosure are set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendments) Regulations 2014. The funded nature of the LGPS requires East Hampshire District Council and its employees to pay contributions into the Fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pension liabilities with investment assets. Information on the framework for calculating contributions is set out in LGPS regulations 2013 and the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement. The last actuarial valuation was at 31st March 2016 and the contributions to be paid until 31st March 2020 resulting from that valuation are set out in the Fund's Rates and Adjustment Certificate. The Fund Administering Authority, Hampshire County Council, is responsible for governance of the Fund.

The assets allocated to East Hampshire District Council in the Fund are notional and assumed to be invested in line with the investments of the Fund for the purposes of calculating the return to be applied to those notional assets over the Accounting period. The Fund is large and holds a significant proportion of its assets in liquid investments. As a consequence there will be no significant restriction on realising assets if a large payment is required to be paid from the Fund in relation to employer's liabilities. The assets are invested in a diversified spread of investments and the approximate split of assets for the fund as a whole is shown in the disclosures. The administering Authority may invest a small proportion of the Fund's assets in the assets of some of the employers participating in the Fund if it forms part of their balanced investment strategy

Financial Assumptions	31st March 2015	31st March 2016	31st March 2017
Discount rate	3.2% pa	3.4% pa	2.6% pa
RPI Inflation	2.9% pa	2.9% pa	3.1% pa
CPI Inflation	1.8% pa	1.8% pa	2.0% pa
Pension Increases	1.8% pa	1.8% pa	2.0% pa
Pension Accounts revaluation rate	1.8% pa	1.8% pa	2.0% pa
Rate of general increase of salaries	3.3% pa	3.3% pa	3.5% pa

The mortality assumptions are based on the recent actual mortality experience of members within the fund and allow for expected future mortality improvements.

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Post Retirement Mortality	31st March 2016	31st March 2017
Male		
Member aged 65 at accounting date	24.6	24.0
Member aged 45 at accounting date	26.7	26.0
Female		
Member aged 65 at accounting date	26.4	27.0
Member aged 45 at accounting date	28.7	29.3

Expected Return on Assets

The approximate split of assets for the Fund as a whole (based on data supplied by the Fund Administering Authority) is shown in the table below.

	Asset split as at 31/3/2016 (%)	Asset split as at 31/3/2017		
		Quoted	Unquoted	Total
		(%)	(%)	(%)
Equities	56.3	56.8	3.5	60.3
Property	8.2	0.5	6.0	6.5
Government Bonds	25.7	25.0	0.2	25.2
Corporate Bonds	2.1	1.4	0.0	1.4
Cash	4.7	3.4	0.0	3.4
Other**	3.0	0.0	3.2	3.2
Total	100.0	87.1	12.9	100.0

Reconciliation of funded status to the Balance Sheet

	Value as at 31st March 2015		Value as at 31st March 2016		Value as at 31st March 2017	
	Funded £m	Unfunded £m	Funded £m	Unfunded £m	Funded £m	Unfunded £m
Fair value of assets	64.44	-	63.91	-	77.75	-
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(100.19)	(3.29)	(97.62)	(3.07)	(115.48)	(3.06)
Funded status	(35.75)	(3.29)	(33.71)	(3.07)	(37.73)	(3.06)
Impact of minimum funding requirement / asset ceiling	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asset / (liability) recognised on the balance sheet	(35.75)	(3.29)	(33.71)	(3.07)	(37.73)	(3.06)

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Breakdown of amounts recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and Other Comprehensive Income:

	Period Ending 31st March 2016 £m		Period Ending 31st March 2017 £m	
	Funded	Unfunded	Funded	Unfunded
Operating Costs				
Current Service Cost (including allowance for cost of collection of £0.02m)	1.78	-	1.83	-
Past Service Costs (including curtailments)	-	-	-	-
Financing Costs				
Interest on net defined benefit liability / (asset)	1.12	0.10	1.12	0.10
Pension expense recognised in Income & Expenditure	2.90	0.10	2.95	0.10
Remeasurements in Other Comprehensive Income				
Return on plan assets (in excess of) / below that recognised in net interest	1.12	-	(13.22)	-
Actuarial (gains) / losses due to changes in financial assumptions	(3.53)	(0.06)	19.35	0.25
Actuarial (gains) / losses due to changes in demographic assumptions	-	-	(1.34)	(0.07)
Actuarial (gains) / losses due to liability experience	(1.06)	(0.06)	(2.08)	(0.10)
Total amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income	(3.47)	(0.12)	2.71	0.08
Total amount recognised	(0.57)	(0.02)	5.66	0.18

Changes to the Present Value of defined benefit obligation during the accounting period

This table reconciles the movement in the overall pension liability for the year.

	Period Ending 31st March 2016 £m		Period Ending 31st March 2017 £m	
	Funded	Unfunded	Funded	Unfunded
Opening defined benefit obligation	100.19	3.29	97.62	3.07
Current service cost	1.78	-	1.83	-
Interest expense on defined benefit obligation	3.16	0.10	3.27	0.10
Contributions by Participants	0.53	-	0.61	-
Actuarial Gains (-) / Losses - financial assumptions	(3.53)	(0.06)	19.35	0.25
Actuarial Gains (-) / Losses - demographic assumptions	-	-	(1.34)	(0.07)
Actuarial Gains (-) / Losses - experience	(1.06)	(0.06)	(2.08)	(0.10)
Net Benefits Paid out	(3.45)	(0.20)	(3.78)	(0.19)
Closing defined benefit obligations	97.62	3.07	115.48	3.06

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Changes to the Fair Value of Assets during the Accounting Period

This table reconciles the movement in the fair value of pension assets for the year.

	Period Ending 31st March 2016 £m		Period Ending 31st March 2017 £m	
	Funded	Unfunded	Funded	Unfunded
Opening Fair Value of Assets	64.44	-	63.91	-
Expected return on Assets	2.04	-	2.15	-
Actuarial Gains / (-) Losses on assets	(1.12)	-	13.22	-
Contributions by the Employer	1.47	0.20	1.64	0.19
Contributions by Participants	0.53	-	0.61	-
Net Benefits Paid out*	(3.45)	(0.20)	(3.78)	(0.19)
Closing Present Value of Liabilities	63.91	-	77.75	-

* Consists of net cash flow out of the fund in respect of the employer, excluding contributions and any death in service lump sums paid, and including an approximate allowance for the expected cost of death in service lump sums.

Actual Return on Assets

This table shows the total return on pension fund assets. This includes the impact of any changes in assumptions made by the actuary

	Period Ending 31st March 2016 £m	Period Ending 31st March 2017 £m
Interest income on Assets	2.04	2.15
Actuarial Gains / (-) Losses	(1.12)	13.22
Actual Return on Assets	0.92	15.37

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sensitivity Analysis

The results shown in the Accounts are sensitive to the assumptions used. The approximate impact of changing the key assumptions on the present value of the funded defined benefit obligation as at 31st March 2017 and the projected service cost for the year ending 31st March 2018 is set out below. In each case, the only assumption mentioned is altered; all other assumptions remain the same. Sensitivity on unfunded benefits are excluded on grounds of materiality.

Funded LGPS Benefits	+0.1% pa	Base Figure	-0.1% pa
Discount rate assumptions			
Present value of total obligation (£m)	113.40	115.48	117.60
% change in present value of total obligation	-1.80%		1.80%
Projected service costs (£m)	2.46	2.54	2.62
Approximate % change in service cost	-3.20%		3.30%
Rate of general increases in salaries			
Present value of total obligation (£m)	115.84	115.48	115.12
% change in present value of total obligation	0.30%		-0.30%
Projected service costs (£m)	2.54	2.54	2.54
Approximate % change in service cost	0.00%		0.00%
Rate of general increases in pensions in payment			
Present value of total obligation (£m)	117.23	115.48	113.76
% change in present value of total obligation	1.50%		-1.50%
Projected service costs (£m)	2.62	2.54	2.54
Approximate % change in service cost	3.30%		-3.20%
Post retirement mortality assumptions			
	+1 Year	Base Figure	-1 Year
Present value of total obligation (£m)	118.83	115.48	112.14
% change in present value of total obligation	2.90%		-2.90%
Projected service costs (£m)	2.63	2.54	2.45
Approximate % change in service cost	3.60%		-3.60%

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Estimated Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in 2017/18

Estimates of charges to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account in future periods are based on assumptions in place as at 31st March 2018.

	2017/18	
	Funded £m	Unfunded £m
Projected Service Cost	2.54	-
Past Service Costs	-	-
Net interest on the net defined liability / (asset)	0.96	0.08
Total	3.50	0.08

Pension costs in future periods

The pension costs shown in the next accounting period's accounts will be different to that shown above. Although it is not possible to give a reliable indication of the impact, the figures shown are subject to change. Reasons why the pension cost may change include:

1. Actual increase in payroll being different to that used in the calculations. The projected payroll figure of £8.26m (£7.37m in 2015/16) has been estimated from the implied payroll over the accounting period. A difference in payroll will particularly affect current service costs.
2. Past service costs may not be zero. (These costs result from benefit augmentations or early retirements before age 60 or on the grounds of efficiency).
3. Curtailment / settlement events may occur (for example, outsourcing, redundancy exercises, or bulk transfers)
4. Actual cash flows over the next accounting period may differ from those assumed.

37. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

At 31 March 2017 the authority has the following material contingent liabilities:

The Council has made an estimate of known Business Rates appeals (note 19 refers). However, the Council has based its estimate on known appeals as at 31st March 2017. The Council is unable to make a reliable estimate of potential appeals, but recognises that there is a risk to the Council arising from future appeals, particularly following the 2017 revaluation.

There were no contingent assets.

38. Nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments

The Authority's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks:

- credit risk – the possibility that other parties might fail to pay amounts due to the Authority
- liquidity risk – the possibility that the Authority might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments
- market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Authority as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and stock market movements.

The Authority's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the resources available to fund services. Risk management is carried out by a central finance team, under policies approved by the council in the annual treasury management strategy. The Council provides 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.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the authority's customers.

This risk is minimised through the Treasury Management Strategy, which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit criteria, as laid down within the Strategy. The Strategy also imposes a maximum sum to be invested with any given financial institution for periods in excess of 12 months.

The Authority also receives income from Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit overpayments. These are statutory debts, and while every effort is made to collect this income, the Council cannot choose who its counterparties are.

The Authority's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its investments in banks and building societies of £5m 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. Risks relating to recoverability applies to all of the Authority's deposits, but there was no evidence at the 31 March 2017 that this was likely to crystallise. The Council has experienced no loss arising from defaults on its investments during the last five years.

The Council does not generally allow credit for customers; if it does so the customers are assessed, taking into account their financial position, past experience and other factors wherever possible.

No credit limit was exceeded during the reporting period. The Council's debt profile was as follows:

Age	2015/16 Total £'000	2016/17 Total £'000
0-30 Days	2,044	803
31-60 Days	1,212	60
43-90 Days	75	2
91-180 Days	79	103
Over 180 Days	919	688
Grand Total	4,329	1,656

Liquidity Risk

The Council has a comprehensive cash flow management system that seeks to ensure that cash is available when needed. If unexpected movements happen, the Authority has ready access to borrowing from the money markets, other local authorities, or the Public Works Loan Board. There is no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments.

The Authority has taken out long term borrowing during 2016/17. However, the risk associated with this borrowing is that the Authority is bound to repay at potentially unfavourable interest rates, and this risk is minimised through careful cash flow management. The Authority sets limits on the proportion of borrowing and the maturity profile of that borrowing.

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. Consequently there is minimal liquidity risk exposure for the Council.

Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

The Authority is exposed to risk in terms of its exposure to interest rate movements on its borrowings and investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the authority. 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 liabilities 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.

The Council has long term loans and therefore nominal gains and losses on fixed rate borrowings would 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, if applicable, 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 that have a quoted market price will be reflected in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

The Authority has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The policy is to aim to keep a maximum of 65% of its investments in variable rate deposits. Due to the nature of the investments held at 31 March 2017, the authority was not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

Equity Price Risk

The Authority does not invest in equity shares, and thus has no exposure to equity price risk.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Authority has no financial asset or liability denominated in a foreign currency and thus has no exposure to loss arising from movements in exchange rates.

39. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

The Statement of Accounts was approved by the Responsible Finance Officer on 8 June 2017, and this is the date up to which events after the balance sheet date have been considered for inclusion in the Accounts.

No post balance sheet events have been identified.

40. Authorisation of the statement of accounts

The Statement of Accounts was authorised by the Responsible Finance Officer on 25th September 2017, and replaces the unaudited Draft Statement of Accounts issued by the Responsible Finance Officer on 8 June 2017.

COLLECTION FUND

The Collection Fund (England) 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.

2015/16		2016/17	2016/17	2016/17
Total		Business	Council	Total
£000	<u>Income</u>	Rates	Tax	£000
		£000	£000	£000
(70,174)	Income from Council Tax	-	(72,938)	(72,938)
(28,286)	Income collectable from Business Ratepayers	(29,038)	-	(29,038)
(98,460)		(29,038)	(72,938)	(101,976)
	<u>Expenditure</u>			
69,063	Precepts paid to Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire Authority, County and District Councils	-	73,066	73,066
801	Distribution of previous year's estimated surplus	(1,593)	824	(769)
28,818	Business rates payable to central govt and Major Preceptors	29,620	-	29,620
1,399	Provision for Business rates appeals	1,100	-	1,100
31	Interest due on refunds	-	-	-
(513)	Transitional Relief due to/from (-) Central Government	704	-	704
152	Costs of collection	153	-	153
354	Net contribution to Bad Debt Provision	302	177	479
100,105		30,286	74,067	104,353
	<u>Movement on Fund Balance</u>			
(1,384)	Surplus (-) / Deficit brought forward	1,334	(1,073)	261
1,645	Surplus (-) / Deficit for the year	1,248	1,129	2,377
261	Surplus (-) / Deficit carried forward	2,582	56	2,638

NOTES TO THE COLLECTION FUND

1. Calculation of the council tax base

Council Tax is calculated by reference to the valuation band appropriate to each chargeable dwelling; the total yield being determined by what is known as the band D equivalent. The average band D charge in 2016/2017 was £1,502.56. The Council Tax base was as follows:-

Property Value	Tax Band	Dwellings	Band D Equivalents	Weighting
Disabled Relief	AR		1.81	5/9
Up to £40,000	A	2,860	963.31	6/9
Over £40,000 & up to £52,000	B	5,557	2,758.67	7/9
Over £52,000 & up to £68,000	C	12,148	8,810.92	8/9
Over £68,000 & up to £88,000	D	10,452	9,394.86	1
Over £88,000 & up to £120,000	E	8,567	9,864.86	11/9
Over £120,000 & up to £160,000	F	6,079	8,373.52	13/9
Over £160,000 & up to £320,000	G	4,589	7,356.52	15/9
Over £320,000	H	640	1,183.88	18/9
		50,892	48,708.35	

2. Non-Domestic Rateable Value and Rate Multiplier

The total non-domestic rateable value at the 31 March 2017 was £74,678,059 (£75,919,539 at 31 March 2016). The national non-domestic rate multiplier for the year was 49.7p (49.3p at 31 March 2016) and 48.4p for small businesses (48.0p at 31 March 2016).

3. Precepts and Demands on the Collection Fund

Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police Authority, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service and East Hampshire District Council precept upon the collection fund. The amounts of these precepts, together with the distribution of surpluses or recovery of deficits as at the end of the financial year, were:-

2015/16		-----2016/17-----		
Total £'000	Council tax	Precept / Demand £'000	Share of Deficit/ Surplus £'000	Total £'000
49,225	Hampshire County Council	52,483	586	53,069
7,478	Hampshire Police Authority	7,803	89	7,892
2,912	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service	3,044	35	3,079
9,579	East Hampshire District Council	9,736	114	9,850
69,194		73,066	824	73,890

NOTES TO THE COLLECTION FUND

2015/16		-----2016/17-----		
Total £'000	Business Rates	Precept / Demand £'000	Share of Deficit/ surplus £'000	Total £'000
14,744	Central Government	14,810	(797)	14,013
2,654	Hampshire County Council	2,666	(143)	2,523
295	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service	296	(16)	280
11,795	East Hampshire District Council	11,848	(637)	11,211
<u>29,488</u>		<u>29,620</u>	<u>(1,593)</u>	<u>28,027</u>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Accrual

This concept means that income and expenditure is accounted for as it is earned or incurred, not as the money is received or paid (cash basis).

Asset

A tangible or intangible item, that is of value to the Authority. Tangible assets include land and buildings, plant and machinery, vehicles, fixtures and fittings. Intangible assets include computer software licenses and in house software development.

Actuarial Gains & Losses (Pensions)

Over reporting period, these consist of:

- Experience gains and losses are the effects of differences between previous assumptions made when calculating overall pension liability, and what has actually occurred, and
- The effects of changes in actuarial assumptions such as salary inflation and life expectancy on the pension liability.

Billing Authority

The Council responsible for collecting Council Tax from residents. East Hampshire District Council is a billing authority.

Business Rates Retention Scheme

A government funding scheme launched in 2013/14 which allows the Council to retain a share of the Business Rates collected in the Borough.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on the acquisition or construction of assets, or expenditure that enhances an existing asset that has a long-term value to the authority, particularly land and buildings.

Capital Adjustment Account (CAA)

An accounting reserve which forms part of the capital accounting system and is not available for use. It represents amounts that have been set aside from revenue resources or capital receipts to finance expenditure on fixed assets or for the repayment of external loans.

Capital Programme

The authority's plan of capital projects and spending over future years. Included in this category is the purchase or enhancement of land and buildings, vehicle purchases and other major items of equipment.

Capital Receipts

Income from the sale of land or buildings which can be used to finance new capital expenditure, or to repay outstanding debt on assets originally financed through loans.

Carrying Amount

The cost or value of an asset, less depreciation incurred against that asset.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash relates to the Council's bank balance or overdraft, petty cash and change floats as at 31st March. Cash equivalents relate to cash deposits that are readily convertible into cash at any given time, for example, balances held in the Council's overnight investment account.

Central Services to the Public

This covers services to the public that are often provided by central departments and includes Local Tax Collection, Elections, Emergency Planning, and Local Land Charges.

CIPFA

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Collection Fund

Income and expenditure relating to the collection and distribution of Council Tax and National Non Domestic Rates.

Community Assets

Assets that the Council intend to hold in perpetuity for the benefit of the Community, that have no determinable useful life and that may have restrictions on their disposal. East Hampshire District Council's community assets relate mainly to open spaces.

Contingent Assets and Liabilities

A liability that, at the balance sheet date, can be anticipated to arise if a particular event occurs. A typical example is a court case pending against the Council, the outcome of which is uncertain, but if the judgement were to be awarded against the Council, could result in a financial cost being incurred (liability) or an award of income to the council (asset).

Creditors

A creditor is an organisation, body or individual from whom the Council has purchased goods or services but the payment for which has not yet been made.

Current Service Cost

The present value of pension benefits accrued to employees in the period of account.

Curtailement

Curtailements show the cost of the early payment of pension benefits if any employee has been made redundant in the previous financial year.

Debtors

Organisations, bodies or individuals who have received goods or services from the Council for which the payment has not yet been received.

Deferred Credit

This is income that has been received before the period or periods to which it relates. Deferred income is shown in the Balance Sheet.

Deficit

A deficit arises where expenditure exceeds income. A deficit can be financed by reserves.

Depreciation

An annual charge made in the Council's revenue account reflecting the reduction in value of an asset caused by the day to day operation of that asset.

Expected Rate of Return on Assets (Pensions)

The expected increase in the value of pension fund assets, based on valuations and long-term expected returns as at the start of the accounting period.

Existing Use Value

This is a method of valuing property that achieves a valuation based on the current use of the asset.

Fair Value

A methodology used to determine the value of Council assets. For land and buildings it is the amount that would be paid for an asset in its existing use or, where this is not available, the cost of replacing the asset in its existing use.

Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another. Financial Instruments include trade debtors and trade creditors, and treasury management transactions, for example, cash deposits, swaps, and embedded derivatives.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

General Fund

The main revenue fund of the Council which contains the income and expenditure of all services provided by the District Council. The General Fund Balance represents the Council's minimum reserve balance to cover emergency expenditure.

Gross Book Value (GBV)

The GBV of a fixed asset is the value of the asset before depreciation has been applied.

Historic Cost

The historic cost of an asset is deemed to be the carrying amount of an asset as at 1 April 2007 (the date the revaluation reserve was created) or at the date of acquisition, whichever date is the later, and adjusted for subsequent depreciation or impairment (if applicable).

IFRS

International Financial Reporting Standards

Impairment Loss

A significant decline in the value of an asset that is specific to that asset which is caused through deterioration rather than a reduction in market value of the asset.

Interest Cost (Pensions)

Increase in present value of pension benefit obligations, which arise because the benefits are one year closer to payment.

Market Value

The Market Value of an asset is the value that could be achieved if the asset were offered for sale with no restrictions that could affect its value.

National Non-Domestic Rates (NDR)

Tax charged on the rateable value of non-domestic properties (business properties). The rate of tax is set by the Government. The proceeds are pooled nationally and are redistributed on the basis of a fixed amount per head of population.

Net Book Value

The value of an asset, less the depreciation that has been applied to the asset since its purchase or revaluation.

Current Replacement Cost

The cost of replacing an asset, reduced to reflect obsolescence. This cost is often used to value assets where market values or existing use values are not available.

Net Realisable Value

The existing use value of an asset, less any additional costs likely to be incurred to bring the asset into use.

Non-Current Assets

Tangible and intangible assets that yield benefits to the authority for a period of more than one year, for example, land and buildings.

Past Service Cost

The increase in the present value of pension benefits for employee service before the year of account, which result in the current period from the introduction of, or changes to, post-employment benefits. Past service cost may either be positive (where benefits are introduced or improved) or negative (where existing benefits are reduced).

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Precept

The levy (demand) made by the County Council, Parish and Town Councils, on the District Council's Collection Fund for their net expenditure requirements.

Present value of defined benefit obligation

The value, in today's money, of expected future payments required to settle the pension obligation resulting from employee service.

Provisions

Amounts set aside to meet liabilities or losses which are likely to occur, or certain to occur in the future, but where the exact amounts and/or dates are uncertain.

Reserves

Amounts set aside to meet planned future capital or revenue expenditure, particularly projects.

Revenue Expenditure

Day to day income and expenditure, relating to the provision of the Council's services.

Revaluation Reserve

An unusable reserve, that represents the amount by which the Council's assets have been revalued since April 2007.

Revenue Support Grant (RSG)

A general government grant in support of local authority expenditure. The grant is calculated by Central Government and is based on the relative needs of the district.

Settlement (Pension)

Settlement occurs when the council enters into a transaction that eliminates all further obligation for part or all of the benefits provided under a defined benefit pension, for example, when a lump-sum cash payment is made to, or on behalf of, participants in exchange for their rights to receive specified post-employment benefits.

Surplus

A surplus occurs where income exceeds expenditure. In some cases, a surplus will be transferred to an appropriate reserve.



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