

Agenda Item No. 9

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE

23rd September 2014

REPORT TITLE: Statement of Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014

Ward(s) affected by this report: All

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Purpose of the report:

The Statement of Accounts sets out the Council's financial position at 31 March 2014 and a summary of its income and expenditure for the year to 31 March 2014. The financial statements are the main method of demonstrating financial accountability and stewardship.

RECOMMENDATION for Mayor approval:

1. That the Committee approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Background

1. The Council's Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 (the Code), which is based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Service Reporting Code of Practice (SERCOP) 2013/14. This is necessary to ensure that the accounts of all Government funded bodies provide comparable and consistent information.
2. Consequently the Accounts are a complex and technical document. The Explanatory Foreword at Pages 1 to 8 of the Statement aims to provide a general guide to the items of interest and highlight some of the more significant matters that have determined the position for the financial year ending 31 March 2014.
3. The External Auditors, Grant Thornton, are now nearing the completion of the audit and expect to be able to issue an unqualified opinion in respect of the financial statements and confirm that they are free from material error. Prior to approving the Accounts, the Auditor requires that the Audit Committee considers the matters raised in his Annual Governance Report for 2013/14.

4. The Audit identified a small number of changes which have been agreed and incorporated into the revised Statement of Accounts attached at Appendix 1.
5. The External Auditor also proposes issuing an unqualified conclusion in respect of the value for money judgement, stating the Council has made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Risk Assessment

6. The statutory accounts need to be formally published within the statutory timescale. This report, together with the Annual Governance Report, forms part of the assurance process.

Consultation and scrutiny input:

a. Internal consultation:

Strategic Directors, Service Directors and the finance team.

b. External consultation:

The draft accounts were available for public inspection

Other options considered:

No other options are considered prudent at the present time.

Public sector equality duties:

There are no proposals in this report which require either a statement as to the relevance of public sector equality duties or an Equalities Impact Assessment.

Environmental checklist / eco impact assessment

Not applicable.

Resource and legal implications:

Finance

a. Financial (revenue) implications – Service Director - Finance:

Set out within the report

b. Financial (capital) implications:

Set out within the report.

c. Legal implications:

Not applicable for this report

d. Land / property implications:

Not required for this report

e. Human resources implications:

Not applicable for this report

Statement of Accounts

Bristol City Council

For the Year Ended 31 March 2014



The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 require the City Council to prepare a set of Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 (the Code) published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

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Explanatory Foreword

Introduction

The Statement of Accounts for Bristol City Council provides a picture of the Council's financial position at 31 March 2014 and a summary of its income and expenditure for the year to 31 March 2014. It is in parts a technical and complex document the format of which sets out to ensure that the accounts of all Government funded bodies provide comparable and consistent information and comply with proper accounting practices. The aim of this forward is to provide a general guide to the items of interest and highlight some of the more significant matters that have determined the position for the financial year ending 31 March 2014.

The Statement of Accounts is made up of a number of statements and notes, the most important of which are:

The Auditors Statement

This is the Independent Auditor's Report to Members on the financial statements and the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

The Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

This sets out the respective responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer and the Council for the accounts.

The Core Financial Statements

- **Movement in Reserves Statement**

This statement (page 13) shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the authority analysed into "useable" (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and "unusable" (i.e. those which represent difference between accounting and funding under statutory provisions). It provides an explanation of the changes and movements between reserve accounts which increase or reduce the resources available to the Council. It shows how the Council's surplus or deficit on the provision of services (Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement page 14) is allocated to the Council's reserves.

- **Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement**

This statement (page 14) shows the income generated and expenditure made by the Council in providing services during 2013/14. The statement also shows how the Council's services are funded through council tax, business rates, government grants and fees and charges made for services.

- **Balance Sheet**

The Balance Sheet (page 15) shows what the Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities). The net assets (assets less liabilities) are matched by the total reserves held by the authority.

- **Cash Flow Statement**

This statement (page 16) shows the inflows and outflows of cash arising from capital and revenue transactions in the year and links the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet movements during the year.

These statements are supported by the council's accounting policies and explanatory notes which provide additional information and explanation as to what makes up the Council's Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 together with supplementary accounting statements:

- **Housing Revenue Account**

This shows (page 91) the Council's expenditure on maintenance, administration and capital financing costs of its housing stock and how these are met by rents, service charges and other income.

- **Collection Fund Statement**

This fund (page 97) shows the income due from council tax and non-domestic rates and the application of the proceeds which are distributed to the Council itself, the Government and major preceptors (fire and police authorities).

The Annual Governance Statement

This Statement of Accounts is accompanied by the Annual Governance Statement. This Statement (Appendix 1) gives a formal assurance that the Council has proper arrangements in place to manage all of its affairs. It summarises the Council's responsibilities in the conduct of its business, the purpose and key elements of the system of internal control and the processes applied in mainstreaming, reviewing and developing the effectiveness of these control systems.

Overview of the financial year 2013/14

Revenue outturn and balances

Performance was monitored against budget on a quarterly basis throughout the year to enable resources to be re-directed toward corporate priorities in a timely manner, should the need arise, whilst remaining within budget. Overall there was an under-spend of £0.3m against budget compared to the broadly balanced forecast reported to Cabinet at the end of Quarter 3. The overall cost of council services per head of population continues to fall whilst customer feedback remains positive, which is perceived as indicating value for money in the provision of council services.

In total, the General Fund balances at 31 March 2014 amounted to £87.7m compared to £91.8m at 31 March 2013, a reduction of £4.1m.

Directorate	2013/14 Budget	2013/14 Actual	2013/14 (Under)/ Overspend
	£m	£m	£m
People	219.0	215.6	-3.4
Place	23.6	22.5	-1.1
Neighbourhoods	71.8	68.8	-3.0
Business Change	21.4	23.6	2.2
City Director	8.8	9.1	0.3
Sub-total	344.6	339.6	-5.0
Other Budgets			
Net Capital Financing Costs	4.2	3.6	-0.6
Corporate Contingencies & Provisions	3.2	0	-3.2
One-off Income and Costs	0.5	9.0	8.5
Total	352.5	352.2	-0.3
Transfers to/(-) from Reserves and Balances	-4.4	-4.1	0.3
Total Net Budget	348.1	348.1	-0.0

The following table reconciles the outturn position reported to Council for management purposes and the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (Page 14) which represents the true economic cost of service provision measured in accordance with international financial reporting standards as applicable to government accounts.

	2013/14 £'m	2012/13 £'m
Council's outturn for the year	352.2	364.9
Revaluations and pension costs charged to services	27.0	102.3
(Surplus)/Deficit on Continuing Operations	379.2	467.2
Other Operating Expenditure	-1.5	0.2
Net Interest received or paid on investments and loans	46.5	45.8
Council Tax, Business Rates and Grant Income	-443.6	-415.6
(Surplus)/Deficit on the Provision of Services	-19.4	97.6
(Surplus)/Deficit on revaluation of non-current assets	3.1	3.0
(Gains) or losses on Pension Fund	-155.3	98.3
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-171.6	198.9

A summary of the most significant year-end variations is provided below:

Overall savings within directorates totalled £5m (or 1.5% of total budget). Savings were achieved as a result of a number of specific management actions:

- Challenging all spending to ensure it was necessary, met corporate priorities and was value for money. This was delivered through the establishment of a number of panels – the People Panel, the Non-Pay Panel and the Capital Programme Board
- Early delivery of savings from existing Change projects, for example Health and Social Care and Children's and Young Peoples Services within the People Directorate
- Capitalisation of costs that should properly be charged to capital, for example spending on the Bottleyard and Temple Quarter within Place Directorate
- Active contract management, for example waste services; and maximising income receipts for example parking services; both within in Neighbourhoods

These savings were partly offset by spending pressures elsewhere, for example ICT licencing costs in Business Change. Spending pressures identified during 2013/14 were taken into account in setting in the 2014/15 budget.

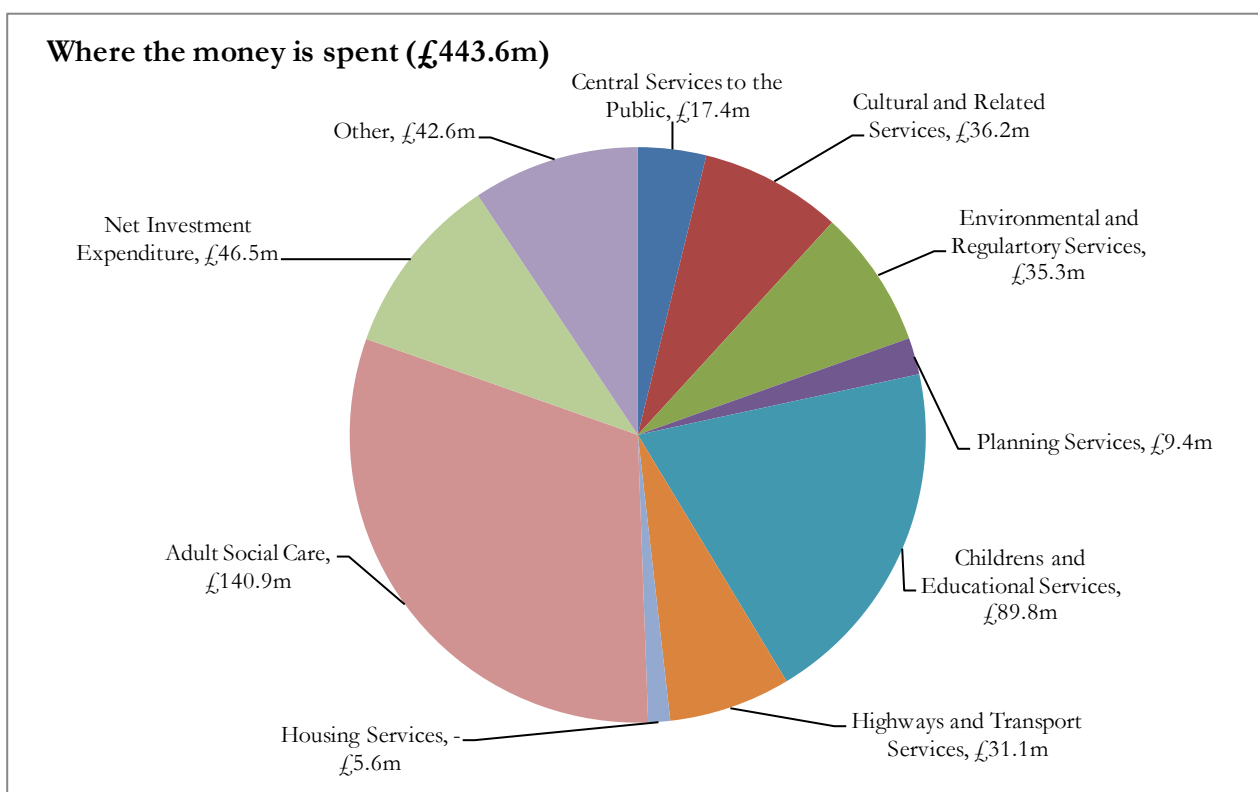
In addition and outside of directorate budgets there were a number of one-off savings and unbudgeted income allocations:

- The original budget approved by Council in February 2013 provide £12.5m for one-off costs associated with the implementation of the Change Programmes (e.g. redundancy costs) and contingencies for unexpected or unmanageable costs (e.g. demand pressures in Adult Social Care). In the event not all these contingencies were required, generating a saving of £3.2m.
- During the year the Council also received a number of one-off Government grants. Examples include compensation for lost business rate income (£1.7m), additional Revenue Support Grant (£0.8m) and New Homes Bonus (£0.7m). These latter two allocations were announced late in the financial year (February/March 2014) and were redistributing funding to Councils that was originally top-sliced from the local government finance settlement.

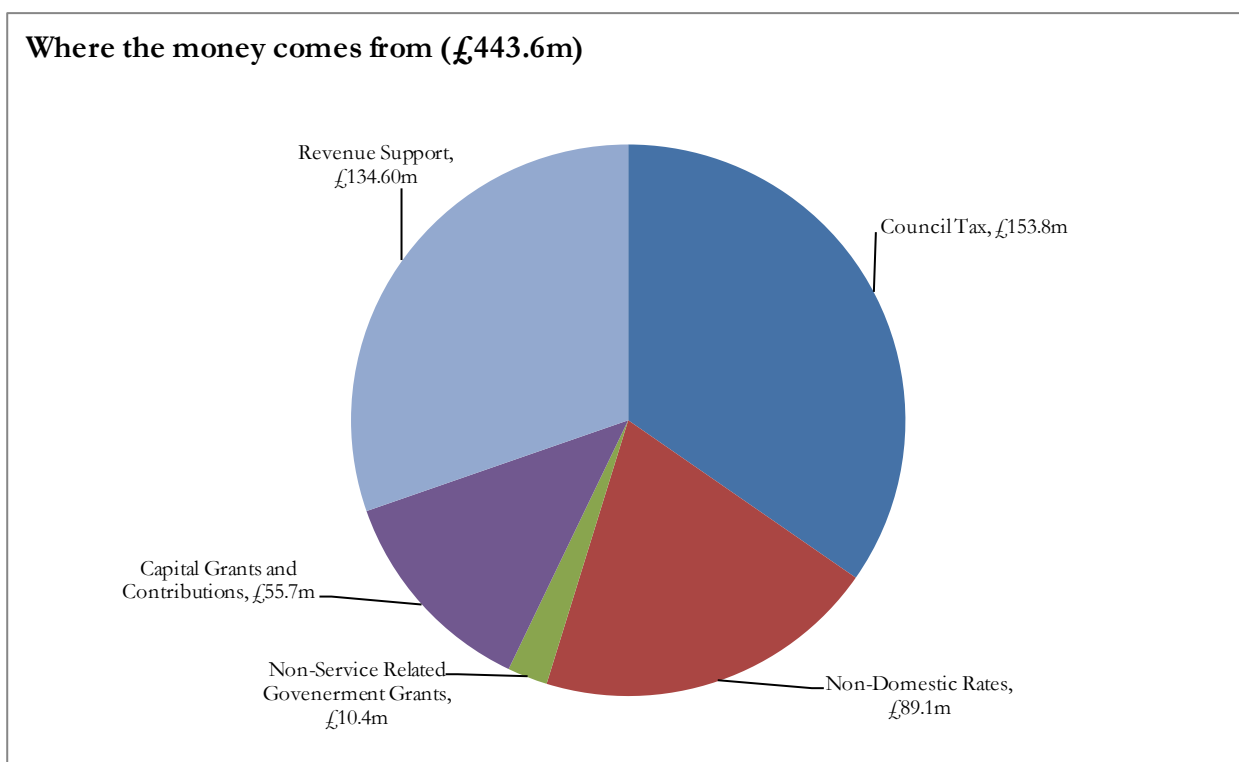
During 2013/14 the Council embarked on an organisational restructure which is expected to result in a reduction in the workforce of 800 full time equivalent posts. In accordance with proper accounting practice the Council is required to make full provision for the estimated cost of the restructure. In addition to the exit costs paid in year, a provision of £14.6m has been established, funded from the savings identified elsewhere.

Where the money was spent

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement shows the gross expenditure and the total cost of services for 2013/14 for the Council.



Where the money came from



The council receives income from many sources but the main ones are Council Tax, Business Rates, Government grants and capital grants as detailed in note 11 to the accounts.

Capital Expenditure

Total capital investment in 2013/14 was £145.6m (£87.2m in 2012/13) compared to a forecast spend of £147.9m at Quarter 3. The major areas of investment were:

- £38m invested in school buildings to provide additional primary places to meet increased demand up to September 2014. For the past few years primary aged pupil numbers have increased by over 1,000 per year
- £23m invested in office accommodation which will achieve significant efficiency savings through a reduction in the number of administrative buildings
- £8m invested in green energy efficient schemes including wind turbines and solar PV panels on domestic and school properties
- £15m invested in transport schemes including 'Metrobus' (BRT), Greater Bristol Bus Network and traffic management and infrastructure
- £31m invested in the Council's housing stock

Outturn expenditure, by directorate, is summarised in the following table with a comparison with the last forecast.

	2013/14 Budget	2013/14 Actual	2013/14 Variance/ Re-profile
	£m	£m	£m
Directorate			
People	50.2	43.2	-7.0
Place	46.5	34.0	-12.5
Neighbourhoods	11.5	7.3	-4.2
City Director	41.2	30.4	-10.8
HRA	38.9	30.7	-8.2
Total spending	188.3	145.6	-42.7
Spending was financed by:			
Grants		97.8	
Major Repairs Allowance		28.7	
Revenue Contributions		11.4	
Capital Receipts		6.8	
Borrowing		0.9	
Total Financing		145.6	

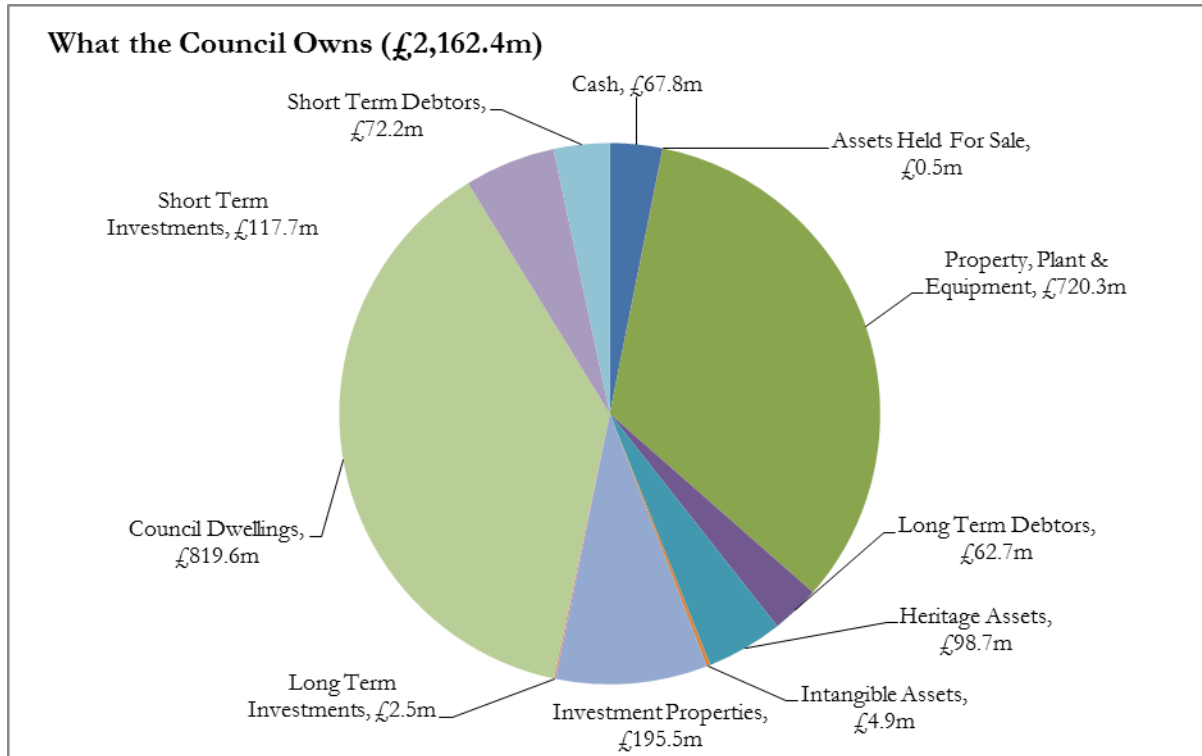
The Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet (page 15) shows the balances held by the Council at the end of the year. The top part of the Balance Sheet shows the value of the Council's assets, how much is owed to the Council and how much the Council owes to others. The bottom half summarises the financing of those assets between usable and unusable (technical accounting) reserves.

The Balance Sheet shows a net worth (assets exceed liabilities) of £783.6m as at 31 March 2014, compared to £612.0m as at 31 March 2013. The increase of £171.6m can largely be attributed to an improvement in the pension funding position of £130.3m (Note 42) and an increase in the value of fixed assets (Note 13) of £68.6m. These movements are further explained below:

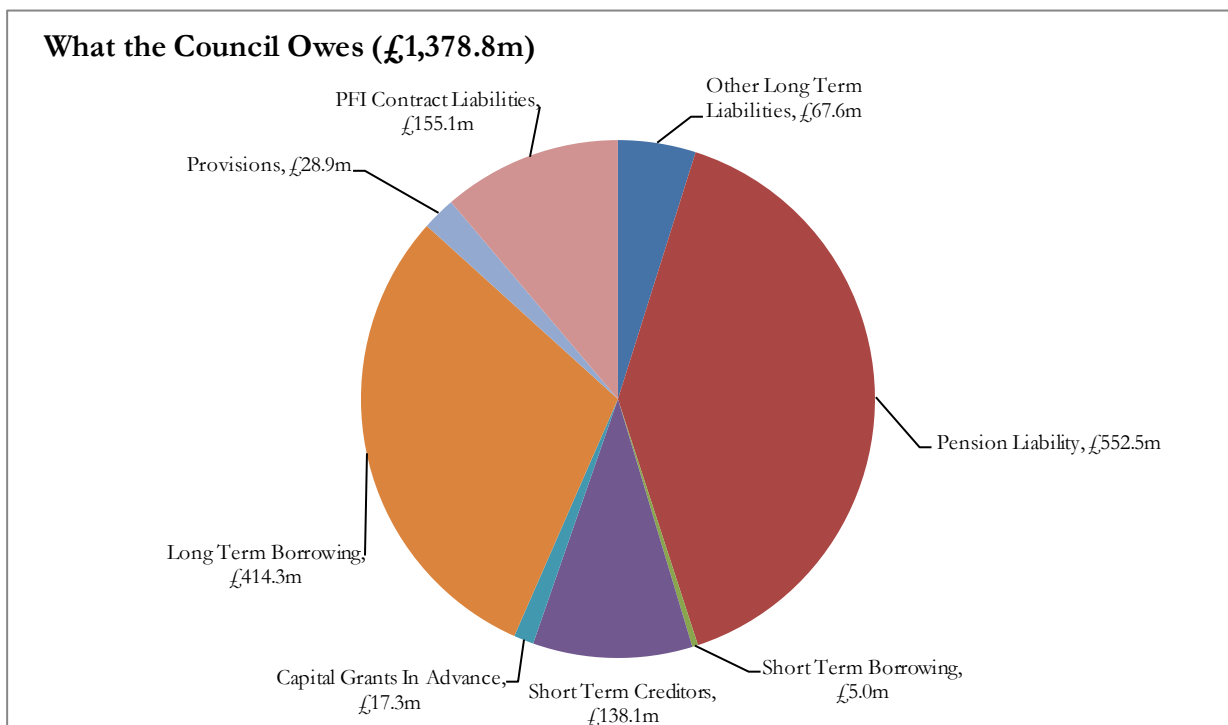
What the Council owns

The chart below summarises the assets held by the council which includes its property. Plant and equipment (detailed in Note 12 of the accounts) together with debtors (money owed to the council) and cash. In total this adds up to £2,162.4m and demonstrates the financial strength of the council.



What the Council Owes

The chart below provides a summary of the amounts owed by the council which are mainly in respect of long term loans and the long term liability to the pension fund together with creditors (money owed by the council to its suppliers) and its PFI contract liabilities in respect of schools and a leisure centre.

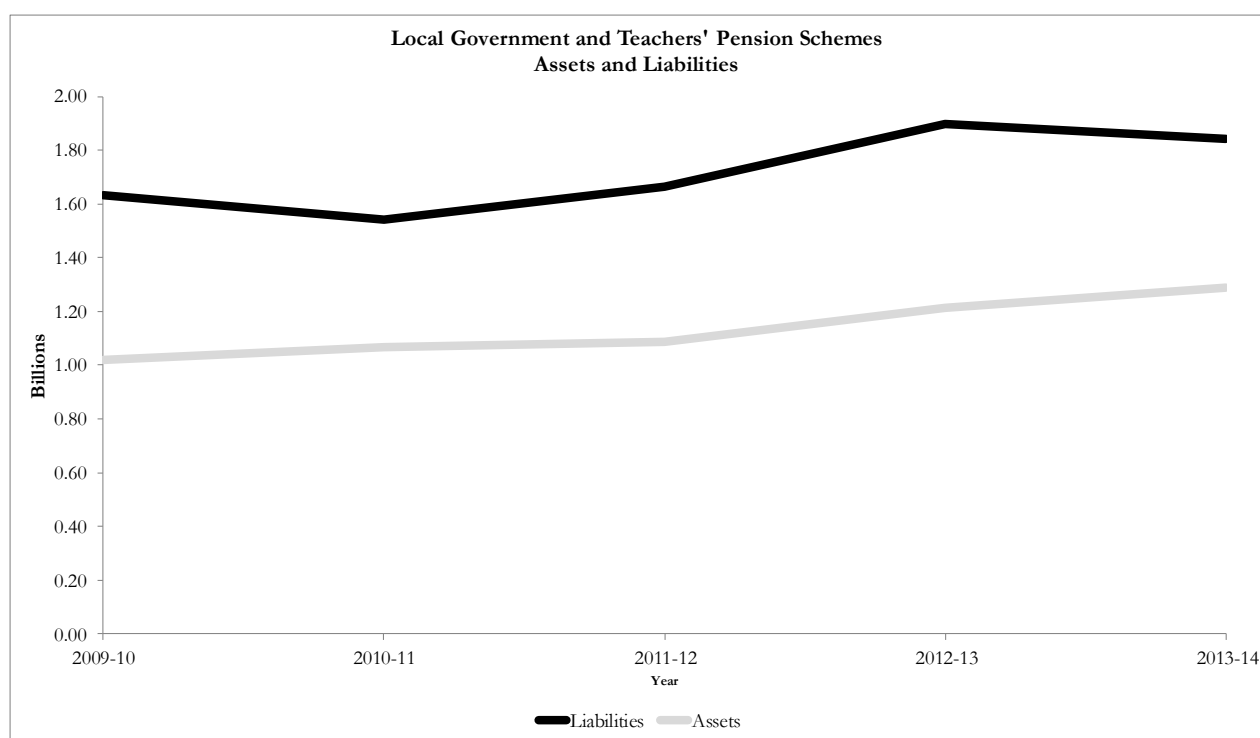


Pensions

The Pension Liability represents the best estimate of the current value of pension benefits that will ultimately have to be funded by the Council. The overall liability for retirement benefits at 31 March 2014 is £552m a decrease of £131m from the end of the previous year (£683k at 31 March 2013). The Pension Fund's actuary has calculated this estimated cost of providing retirement benefits by comparing the current market value of the Council's share of the pension fund assets with the current value of liabilities. This figure will vary each year depending on the actuary's assumptions on how the funds' investments have performed.

The table and graph below show the history of the pension fund deficit in the Local Government and Teachers' Pension Schemes:

	31/03/10 £'m	31/03/11 £'m	31/03/12 £'m	31/03/13 £'m	31/03/14 £'m
Liabilities	(1,633.1)	(1,543.4)	(1,665.7)	(1,897.0)	(1,840.9)
Assets	1,021.6	1,068.9	1,088.8	1,214.2	1,288.5
Surplus / (Deficit) in the scheme	(611.5)	(474.5)	(576.9)	(682.8)	(552.4)



Borrowing and lending

The Council's borrowing strategy is to delay its long term borrowing to support the Capital Programme and use its existing resources as this minimises financing costs and reduces exposure to counterparty risk. Therefore the Council has not undertaken any new borrowing during the year.

Cash surpluses, resulting from grants paid in advance and lower than expected capital spend culminated in an increase in the short term lending position which ended the year at £184m, an increase of £25m over the balance brought forward from the previous year.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The HRA outturn reported an overall surplus of £6.3m (£7.2m in 2012/13) with the HRA Balance increasing from £39.0m to £45.3m. Further details are disclosed from page 91.

Main Changes in accounting requirements 2013/14

The significant change in accounting requirements in 2013/14 was in respect of Business Rate Retention. From 1 April 2013 the regime around the income that local authorities collect from national non-domestic or business rates changed from one where the Council collects purely on behalf of the Government to one where the income is shared between Government, the Council and major precepting bodies (Police and Fire).

This change reflects both a risk and an opportunity for reward to the Council depending on its ability to increase business rate yield in the City. There also remains a significant risk and uncertainty around the number of appeals.

Looking Forward to 2014/15 and beyond

The Council is striving to deliver the outcomes for people place and prosperity that are necessary for it to enhance its reputation as the most liveable city in the UK. At the same time the prolonged period of austerity requires the Council to reduce its operating budget by a further £85m in the three year period from 2014/15 to 2016/17.

The financial strategy to achieve this was set out in the MTFS approved by Council in February 2014, the means by which it will be delivered is the Council's Single Change Programme. The Change Programme is a set of individual projects that work together to form an integrated programme of change. Step 1 is efficiency driven, focused on doing things 'better' through a rationalisation and simplification of how we operate. Step 2 will be outcome driven, focused on 'doing better things' through effective partnership working, optimising use of public assets and better commissioning.

The Council continues to invest millions of pounds each year in the local economy and has ambitious investment plans, including:

- A programme of events to attract visitors and investment to Bristol associated with winning the European Green Capital 2015
- Moving closer to Bristol having its long-awaited 12,000 capacity arena
- Implementation of the Metrobus Scheme and ensuring it will use the most modern low emission vehicles
- Continuing progress on the Temple quarter Enterprise Zone aimed at attracting 17,000 new jobs and much needed housing

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the City Council's accounts can be obtained from Corporate Finance Section, Business Change Directorate, City Hall, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR. Following completion of the audit, the full statement will also be available on the Council's website at www.bristol.gov.uk/budget.

This Statement of Accounts is audited by Grant Thornton UK LLP. The accounts have to be open to public inspection for 20 working days, following which electors have the right to question the auditor about the accounts. The opportunity to inspect the accounts is advertised in the press and on the Council's web site, as is the date when the auditor's report is submitted to the City Council in public session.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Authority's Responsibilities

The Council is required to:

- make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Council that officer is the Chief Finance Officer;
- manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets;
- approve the Statement of Accounts by the 30th September 2014.

The Chief Finance Officer's Responsibilities

The Chief Finance Officer 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 the United Kingdom (the Code).

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Chief Finance Officer has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the local authority Code.

The Chief Finance Officer has also:

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

Certificate of the Chief Finance Officer

I hereby certify that this Statement of Accounts, provides a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of Bristol City Council for the period ending 31 March 2014.

Peter Gillett
Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)
23 September 2014

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

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Movement in Reserves Statement for the year ended 31 March 2014 - restated

	Note	General Fund Balance	Earmarked Reserves	School Reserves	Housing Revenue Account	Housing Revenue Account Reserve	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves (Note 24)	Total Council Reserves
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 31 March 2012 Carried Forward		11,710	74,269	24,172	31,835	1,161	14,721	-	35,742	193,610	617,337	810,947
Movement in Reserves during 2012/13												
Surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services		(121,489)	-	-	23,851	-	-	-	-	(97,638)	-	(97,638)
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(101,320)	(101,320)
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		(121,489)	-	-	23,851	-	-	-	-	(97,638)	(101,320)	(198,958)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	Note 7	126,477	-	-	(15,399)	-	4,207	4,369	7,539	127,193	(127,193)	-
Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves		4,988	-	-	8,452	-	4,207	4,369	7,539	29,555	(228,513)	(198,958)
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves	Note 8	(8,798)	9,605	(2,818)	(1,268)	1,268	-	-	-	(2,011)	2,011	-
Increase/Decrease in 2012/13		(3,810)	9,605	(2,818)	7,184	1,268	4,207	4,369	7,539	27,544	(226,503)	(198,959)
Balance at 31 March 2013 Carried Forward		7,900	83,874	21,354	39,019	2,429	18,928	4,369	43,281	221,154	390,835	611,988
Movement in Reserves during 2013/14												
Surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services		(5,679)	-	-	25,047	-	-	-	-	19,368	-	19,368
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152,271	152,271
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		(5,679)	-	-	25,047	-	-	-	-	19,368	152,271	171,639
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	Note 7	19,799	-	-	(16,887)	-	3,935	947	(42,050)	(34,256)	34,256	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves		14,120	-	-	8,160	-	3,935	947	(42,050)	(14,888)	186,527	171,639
Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	Note 8	(2,020)	(16,170)	18,190	(1,857)	1,857	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2013/14		12,100	(16,170)	18,190	6,303	1,857	3,935	947	(42,050)	(14,888)	186,527	171,639
Balance at 31 March 2014 Carried Forward		20,000	67,704	39,544	45,322	4,286	22,863	5,316	1,231	206,266	577,363	783,629

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31 March 2014

2012/13 Restated			2013/14		
Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
51,405	30,788	20,617	28,981	11,575	17,406
45,274	15,106	30,168	52,421	16,265	36,156
47,474	17,254	30,220	49,547	14,290	35,257
16,555	3,543	13,012	15,303	5,938	9,365
497,781	287,373	210,408	395,469	305,619	89,850
54,438	21,377	33,061	61,207	30,086	31,121
76,927	109,524	(32,597)	82,820	116,229	(33,409)
259,443	236,903	22,540	228,899	201,098	27,801
179,661	50,469	129,192	179,634	38,681	140,953
-	-	-	28,431	26,389	2,042
8,823	-	8,823	26,880	5,910	20,970
150	495	(345)	-	-	-
2,137	10	2,127	1,801	101	1,700
1,240,068	772,842	467,226	1,151,393	772,181	379,212
		192			(1,482)
		45,845			46,488
		(415,625)			(443,586)
		97,638			(19,368)
		2,973			3,049
		98,347			(155,320)
		101,320			(152,271)
		198,958			(171,639)

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

31 March 2013		Note	31 March 2014
£'000			£'000
651,662	Property, plant and equipment	12	720,265
810,975	Council dwellings	12	819,641
129,440	Heritage assets	13	98,705
4,999	Intangible assets	15	4,899
195,899	Investment properties	14	195,478
8,291	Long-term investments	16	2,502
65,370	Long-term debtors	18	62,706
1,866,636	Long-term assets		1,904,196
133,879	Short-term investments	16	117,716
1,279	Inventories	17	1,640
65,887	Short-term debtors	18	70,583
30,574	Cash and Cash Equivalents	19	67,758
2,791	Assets held for sale	20	545
234,410	Current assets		258,242
(15,350)	Short-term borrowing	21	(4,962)
(110,630)	Short-term creditors	22	(138,138)
(4,261)	Provisions	23	(19,136)
(12,568)	Capital grants received in advance	35	(8,104)
(142,809)	Current liabilities		(170,340)
(414,292)	Long-term borrowing	21	(414,292)
(5,109)	Provisions	23	(9,755)
(913,871)	Other long-term liabilities	22	(775,188)
(12,976)	Capital grants received in advance	35	(9,234)
(1,346,248)	Long-term liabilities		(1,208,469)
611,989	Net assets		783,629
221,154	Usable reserves	8	206,266
390,835	Unusable reserves	24	577,363
611,989	Total reserves		783,629

Peter Gillett

Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Date: 23 September 2014

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2014

Restated 2012/2013		2013/2014
<u>£'000</u>	Note	<u>£'000</u>
(97,638)		19,368
246,551	25	102,034
(55,628)	25	(61,904)
93,285		59,498
(130,955)	26	(22,225)
(986)	27	(89)
(38,656)		37,184
69,230		30,574
(38,656)		37,184
30,574	19	67,758

1 Accounting Policies

i General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2013/14 financial year and its position at the year-end of 31 March 2014. It has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 (the Code), which is based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Service Reporting Code of Practice (SERCOP) 2013/14.

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

The Accounting Policies outlined are the specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied in preparing and presenting these financial statements.

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 Council 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 Council.
- Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Council 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 Council.
- 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.
- 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 Taxation Income

Both Retained Business Rates and Council Tax will be recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as accrued income in the line Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income. As a billing authority the difference between the Retained Business Rates and Council Tax included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the amount required by regulation to be credited to the General Fund shall be taken to the Collection Fund Adjustment Account and reported in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Each major preceptors share of the accrued business rates and council tax income will be available from the information that is required to be produced in order to prepare the Collection Fund Statement.

iv 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 or less 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 Council's cash management.

v Exceptional Items

When items of income and expense are material, their nature and amount are 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 Council's financial performance.

vi 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, ie in the current and future years affected by the change and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment.

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 Council'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.

vii Charges to Revenue for Non-Current Assets

Services, support services and trading accounts 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 are no accumulated gains in the Revaluation Reserve against which the losses can be written off.
- amortisation of intangible fixed assets attributable to the service.

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

viii 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 made for the cost of holiday entitlements (or any form of leave e.g. time off in lieu) earned by employees but not taken before the year-end, which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is based on a sample of employees using current salaries. The accrual is charged to the 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 Council 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 Council to the pension fund or pensioner 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.

Post-Employment Benefits

Employees of the Council are members of three separate pension schemes:

- The Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered by Capita Teachers' Pensions on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE).
- The Local Government Pensions Scheme (called the Avon Pension Fund), administered by Bath and North East Somerset Council.
- The National Health Service Scheme, for Public Health employees, administered by the NHS Business Service Authority.

The schemes provide defined benefits to members (retirement lump sums and pensions), earned as employees working for the Council.

However, the arrangements for the teachers' and Public Health schemes mean that liabilities for these benefits cannot ordinarily be identified specifically to the Council. The schemes are therefore accounted for as if they are defined contribution schemes and no liability for future payments of benefits are recognised in the Balance Sheet.

The Children's and Education Services line and the Public Health line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are charged with the employer's contributions payable to Teachers' and NHS Pension schemes in the year.

Amendments to the accounting standard for IAS19 Employee Benefits

Amendments to the accounting standard for IAS19 Employee Benefits have been issued and adopted by the Council for the 2013/14 Statement of Accounts.

Amendments to IAS19 Employee Benefits (June 2011 Amendments) have affected all fiscal years beginning on or after 1st January 2013. The updated standard will necessitate a restatement of the prior year's figures in line with general accounting principles. Therefore, adopting the amended

standard in the Council's 2013/14 Statement of Accounts will require a restatement of figures in the 2012/13 Statement of Accounts.

The new IAS19 differs from the current standard (and from FRS17) in a few key areas;

- Interest on assets (LGPS only): Under the amended IAS19 the "expected return on assets" is replaced with the "interest on assets". This is the interest on assets held at the start of the period and cash-flows occurring during the period, calculated using the discount rate at the start of the year.
- Net interest cost: The pension cost under the amended IAS19 will see the "interest cost and expected return on assets" replaced with the "net interest cost". This will be calculated as interest on pension liabilities (substantially the old interest cost) less the interest on assets.
- Recognition of actuarial gains and losses: The new IAS19 guidance requires that all actuarial gains and losses be recognised in the year of occurrence via Other Comprehensive Income. Therefore the alternative treatments, where recognition of actuarial gains and losses could be deferred (the "corridor approach"), will no longer be available.
Also, actuarial gains and losses on liabilities due to changes in actuarial assumptions need to be split between the effect of changes in financial assumptions and changes in demographic assumptions.
- Terminology changes: The amended IAS19 also includes some minor terminology changes, such as "Remeasurements" replacing "Actuarial gains and losses".

The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Avon Pension Fund is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme:

The liabilities of the Avon Pension Fund attributable to the Council are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method – ie 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 projected earnings for current employees.

- Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using an appropriate discount rate based on the return for high quality corporate bonds.
- The assets of Avon Pension Fund attributable to the Council 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 the following components:

Service cost comprising:

- 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 in liabilities as a result of a scheme amendment or curtailment 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.
- net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset, ie net interest expense for the Council – the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability (asset) that arises from the passage of time charged to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement – this is calculated by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the period to the net defined benefit liability/asset at the beginning of the period – taking into account any

changes in the net defined benefit liability/asset during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments.

Re-measurements comprising:

- return on plan assets – excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability/ asset – charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- 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 – charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- contributions paid to the Avon 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 Council to the pension fund or directly to pensioners in the year, not the amount calculated 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 pensioners 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.

ix 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.

x Financial Instruments

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council 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 Council 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.

Gains and losses on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing are credited and debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year of repurchase/settlement. However, where repurchase has taken place as part of a restructuring of the loan portfolio that involves the modification or exchange of existing instruments, the premium or discount is respectively deducted from or added to the amortised cost of the new or modified loan and the write-down to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is spread over the life of the loan by an adjustment to the effective interest rate.

Where premiums and discounts have been charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund Balance to be spread over future years. The Council has a policy of spreading the gain or loss over the term that was remaining on the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable when it was repaid. The reconciliation of amounts charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net charge 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.

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.

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council 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 Council 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.

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.

Available-for-Sale Assets

Available-for-sale assets are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured and carried at fair value. Where the asset has fixed or determinable payments, 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 amortised cost of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. Where there are no fixed or determinable payments, income (e.g., dividends) is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when it becomes receivable by the Council.

Assets are maintained in the Balance Sheet at fair value. Values are based on the following principles:

- instruments with quoted market prices – the market price.

- other instruments with fixed and determinable payments – discounted cash flow analysis.
- equity shares with no quoted market prices – independent appraisal of company valuations.

Changes in fair value are balanced by an entry in the Available-for-Sale Reserve and the gain/loss is recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Revaluation of Available-for-Sale Financial Assets. The exception is where impairment losses have been incurred – these are debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, along with any net gain or loss for the asset accumulated in the Available-for-Sale Reserve.

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 (fixed or determinable payments) or fair value falls below cost, the asset is written down and a charge made to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. If the asset has fixed or determinable payments, 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. Otherwise, the impairment loss is measured as any shortfall of fair value against the acquisition cost of the instrument (net of any principal repayment and amortisation).

Any gains and losses that arise on the de-recognition of the asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, along with any accumulated gains or losses previously recognised in the Available-for-Sale Reserve.

Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, the instrument is carried at cost (less any impairment losses).

xi Foreign Currency Translation

Where the Council has entered into a transaction denominated in a foreign currency, the transaction is converted into sterling at the exchange rate applicable on the date the transaction was effective. Where amounts in foreign currency are outstanding at the year end, they are reconverted at the spot exchange rate at 31 March. Resulting gains or losses are recognised in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

xii 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 Council when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Council 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 in the form of 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.

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.

Where revenue grants are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, but they remain unapplied, an earmarked reserve is established. This is reversed once the grants are applied.

Where capital grants can be used to fund revenue expenditure under statutory provision both the expenditure and income are matched in the relevant service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year. A transfer in the Movement in Reserves Statement from the General Fund or HRA balances to the Capital Adjustment Account then reverses out both the income and expenditure amounts so that there is no impact on council tax or housing rents.

xiii Heritage Assets

The Council's Heritage Assets are predominantly on display in museum buildings and galleries in the city, held in storage or loaned out to qualifying educational or cultural organisations. The Bristol museums and galleries are home to millions of objects from all over the world which are held to support the primary objective of increasing the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Council's history, local and wider cultural areas through the following

- Art, Eastern art and applied art
- Archaeology, Ethnography and foreign archaeology including Egyptology and Geology
- Natural history, social history, industrial and maritime history

These assets are all valued on a historic cost basis or an annual insurance valuation basis, except for the Antiquarian book stock that is valued by an external valuer every five years.

There is no depreciation charged against the heritage assets because it is estimated that the assets have an extended and indeterminate useful life such that any depreciation charge would be negligible.

For acquisitions, disposals and impairment, the policy outlined in Property, Plant and Equipment is adopted.

Ancient Monuments and Statues

The Council holds numerous ancient monuments and statues, which are not recognised on the Balance Sheet. The Council considers that obtaining valuations for these assets would involve a disproportionate cost in comparison to the benefits to the users of the Council's financial statements. This is because of the diverse nature of the assets held and the lack of comparable market values.

Heritage Assets – General

The carrying amounts of Heritage Assets are reviewed where there is evidence of impairment for Heritage Assets, e.g. where an item has suffered physical deterioration or breakage or where doubts arise as to its authenticity. Any impairment is recognised and measured in accordance with the Council's general policies on impairment.

xiv Intangible Assets

Expenditure on non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are controlled by the Council 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 Council. 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 Council

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 Council'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 Council can be determined by reference to an active market. In practice, no Intangible Asset held by the Council 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 line 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 line 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 (for sale proceeds) the Capital Receipts Reserve.

xv Interests in Companies and Other Entities

If the Council has a material interest in either a subsidiary, associate or joint venture (e.g. jointly controlled entities) it is required to prepare Group Accounts in addition to single entity financial statements. In 2013/14, the Council had no material interests in such bodies (see Note 48).

xvi Inventories and Long Term Contracts

Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value on a First In First Out basis.

Long-term contracts are accounted for on the basis of charging the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services with the value of works and services received under the contract during the financial year.

xvii 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. Valuations are completed as follows:

- the top 250 commercial properties are valued annually.
- 50% of the remaining properties are valued in the current year and 50% in the following year (on a rolling basis).
- current "in year" valuations are also used to adjust any non-valued properties (where appropriate) in order to ensure that properties are held at fair value.

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 Adjustment Account and (for sale proceeds) the Capital Receipts Reserve.

xviii 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 Council 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 Council 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 Council at the end of the lease period).

The Council 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.

Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as an expense of the services benefiting 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 Council as Lessor

Finance Leases

Where the Council 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 Council'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 (ie 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 Council 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.

xix Overheads and Support Services

The costs of overheads and support services are charged to those that benefit from the supply or service in accordance with the costing principles of the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14 (SERCOP). The total absorption costing principle is used – the full cost of overheads and support services are shared between users in proportion to the benefits received, with the exception of:

- Corporate and Democratic Core – costs relating to the Council's status as a multifunctional, democratic organisation.
- Non Distributed Costs – the cost of discretionary benefits awarded to employees retiring early and impairment losses chargeable on Assets Held for Sale.

These two cost categories are defined in SERCOP and accounted for as separate headings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as part of Net Expenditure on Continuing Services.

xx 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

Assets costing individually or collectively less than £20,000 are classed as de-minimis and are not capitalised. The expenditure is charged direct to the appropriate revenue service line.

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 Council 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 (ie 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 Council does not capitalise 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 (ie, it will not lead to a variation in the cash flows of the Council). 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 Council.

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

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

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 with short useful lives or low values (or both), are depreciated historical cost basis is used as a proxy for fair value.

Plant, Property and Equipment 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. Investment assets are revalued on a two year cycle, with the top 250 rack rented and long leased assets being revalued annually. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Exceptionally, gains might be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement where they arise from the reversal of a loss previously charged to a service.

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 gain(s)).
- 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 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 lines 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 (ie, freehold land and certain Community Assets) and assets that are not yet available for use (ie assets under construction).

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- dwellings (excluding HRA) and other buildings – straight-line allocation over the useful life of the property as estimated by the valuer.
- vehicles, plant and equipment – a percentage of the value of each class of assets in the Balance Sheet, as advised by a suitably qualified officer.
- infrastructure, excluding quay walls and lock gates in city docks – straight-line allocation over 25 years.
- infrastructure, quay walls and lock gates in city docks are not depreciated as their economic life is beyond 100 years.

The Council will apply component accounting (ie major components of the asset are depreciated separately over their respective estimated economic lives) to all assets with a book value in excess of £5 million or a category of assets (where components are evident and the impact of component accounting is considered material to the Financial Statements).

During 2013/14, the authority reviewed surface car parking assets and determined where these assets had previously carried a 999 year asset life as land have been revised to apply an asset life of 75 years.

The capital expenditure on Property, Plant and Equipment for –

- mercury abatement at South Bristol and Canford Crematoria has been componentised and is linked to the building assets with an asset life of 20 years.

- lifts at The City Museum and Art Gallery have been componentised and are linked to the building asset with an asset life of 20 years.

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.

HRA dwellings

Depreciation is based on the Major Repairs Allowance (MRA) for self-financing. This is considered to be a suitable proxy for component accounting for HRA dwellings.

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 previous 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 (ie 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 are categorised as capital receipts. A proportion of receipts relating to housing disposals is payable to the Government. The balance of receipts is required to be credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve, and can then only be used for new capital investment or set aside to reduce the Council's underlying need to borrow (the capital financing requirement). 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.

xxi Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Similar Contracts

PFI and similar contracts are agreements to receive services, where the responsibility for making available the Property, Plant and Equipment needed to provide the services passes to the PFI contractor. As the Council is deemed to control the services that are provided under its PFI schemes, and as ownership of the Property, Plant and Equipment will pass to the Council at the end of the contracts for no additional charge, the Council carries the assets used under the contracts on its Balance Sheet as part of Property, Plant and Equipment.

The original recognition of these assets at fair value (based on the cost to purchase the property, plant and equipment) was balanced by the recognition of a liability for amounts due to the scheme operator to pay for the capital investment.

Non-current assets recognised on the Balance Sheet are re-valued and depreciated in the same way as property, plant and equipment owned by the Council.

The amounts payable to the PFI operators each year are analysed into five elements:

- fair value of the services received during the year – debited to the relevant service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- finance cost – an interest charge on the outstanding Balance Sheet liability, debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- contingent rent – increases in the amount to be paid for the property arising during the contract, debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- payment towards liability – applied to write down the Balance Sheet liability towards the PFI operator (the profile of write-downs is calculated using the same principles as for a finance lease).
- lifecycle replacement costs – proportion of the amounts payable is posted to the Balance Sheet as a prepayment and then recognised as additions to Property, Plant and Equipment when the relevant works are eventually carried out.

xxii Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council 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 Council 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 Council 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 Council settles the obligation.

xxiii Reserves

The Council 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.

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 Council – these reserves are explained in the relevant policies.

xxiv 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 Council 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.

xxv Accounting for the Costs of the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Scheme

The Council is required to participate in the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme. The Council is required to purchase and surrender allowances, currently retrospectively, on the basis of emissions, ie carbon dioxide produced as energy is used. As carbon dioxide is emitted (ie as energy is used), a liability and an expense are recognised. The liability will be discharged by surrendering allowances. The liability is measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to meet the obligation, normally at the current market price of the number of allowances required to meet the liability at the reporting date. The cost to the Council is recognised and reported in the costs of the Council's services and is apportioned to services on the basis of energy consumption.

xxvi 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.

2 Accounting Standards That Have Been Issued but Have Not Yet Been Adopted by the Code

The Code of Practice on Local Council Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 (the Code) has introduced several changes in accounting policies which will be required from 1 April 2014. If these had been adopted for the financial year 2013/14 there would be no material changes.

A number of new and revised standards have been issued addressing accounting for consolidation, involvement in joint arrangements and disclosure of involvement in other entities. These include:

- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements
- IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements
- IFRS 12 Disclosures of Involvement with Other Entities
- IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures

The Council is not required to produce Group Accounts in 2013/14, so these changes have no impact on the Statement of Accounts.

- IAS 32 Financial Instruments Presentation – The Code references to amended application guidance when offsetting a financial asset and a financial liability. The gains and losses are separately identified on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and therefore no further disclosure is required.
- IAS 1 Presentation of the Financial Statements – The changes clarifies the disclosure requirements in respect of comparative information of the preceding period. The Statement of

Accounts fully discloses comparative information for the preceding period therefore these changes will not have a material impact on the Statement of Accounts.

Proposed changes in respect of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement have been deferred to the 2015/16 Code.

3 Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in Note 1, the Council has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are as follows:

- There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government. However, the Council has determined that this uncertainty is not yet sufficient to provide an indication that the assets of the Council might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision.
- The Council has a number of different types of schools operating e.g. Community, Foundation, Trust, Church, and Academies etc. Where a school changes status during a financial period the Council reviews the substance of the transaction (e.g. terms of leases, employee status etc) to determine whether the Council retains “control” of the school. If control is retained, the school remains “on Balance Sheet” for the Council, if control is lost the assets are transferred to the new controlling body. The Council has determined that for its Trust, Foundation, Academy and certain Church schools, it no longer has control and therefore these are off Balance Sheet.
- The costs of the Schools PFI Contracts exceed the income received from the Government Grant and School Contributions, leaving the Council with a liability under the PFI Contracts. All PFI Schools, apart from one, have now transferred to Academy status and these assets have been removed from the Council’s balance sheet. Following a review of the costs and benefits, the Council consider the contract not to be onerous as the benefits significantly outweigh the costs
- The Council participates in three pension schemes; The Local Government Pension Scheme, the Teachers' Pension Scheme and the NHS Pension Scheme – see Note 46. The schemes provide defined benefits to members. The arrangements for the Teachers’ and NHS schemes, however, do not allow the liabilities to be easily identified for the Council and therefore these schemes are accounted for as defined contribution schemes, with no liability for future payment of benefits recognised in the Balance Sheet. The liability included in the Council’s Balance Sheet and the adjustments made to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account are based on calculations made by the Pension Fund actuary. The Balance Sheet also includes a liability in respect of the unfunded benefits paid to former teaching staff, arising from early retirement decisions made in previous years. The Council has reviewed the key assumptions used to undertake these calculations and considers them appropriate for inclusion into the financial statements.
- The Council has calculated an Accumulating Compensating Absences Accrual in respect of its employees. The accrual for teachers and schools support staff has been based on a formulae recommended by CIPFA. The accrual for all other staff is based on a sample of employees.
- The Council has an unquoted investment in Bristol Port Council. An internal valuation review in 2010/11 concluded that the asset was not impaired and that the range of potential values was significant and broadly in line with the previous external valuation. The Council has therefore continued to include the value of these shares in the accounts at cost, in line with the recommendations of the Code.

- The Council has to decide whether there is a group relationship between the Council and other entities. The accountants assess each relationship that exists to determine if a group relationship exists using a flowchart based on CIPFA group account guidance. It has been determined that there are no material group relationships that require the production of group accounts for 2013/14.

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 Council about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the Council's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2014 for which there is a risk of adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

- Business Rates – since the introduction of the Business Rates Retention Scheme, effective from 1 April 2013, local authorities are liable for successful appeals against business rates charged to businesses in 2012/13 and earlier years in their proportionate share. Therefore a provision has been recognised for the best estimate of the amount that businesses have been overcharged up to 31 March 2014. The estimate has been calculated using the Valuation Office ratings list of appeals and the analysis of successful appeals to date when providing the estimate of total provision up to and including 31 March 2014.
- Pensions (see Note 3 above). The Council's Pension Fund Actuary advises on the sensitivities of the discount rate used to estimate the pension liability
- Assets are depreciated based on useful lives that are dependent on assumptions about the level of repairs and maintenance that will be incurred in relation to individual assets.
- Provisions. The principal provision made by the Council is to meet certain insurance risks, to supplement arrangements with external insurers. The level of provision is reviewed from time to time against the value of outstanding claims.
- Private Finance Initiative (PFI). The assets and related liabilities have been recognised on the Council's Balance Sheet when made available for use. The liability is written down by way of the finance cost element of the payment to the PFI operator. Although the interest rate applied is an estimate, as long as the contracts remain unchanged, future costs will be certain.

5 Material Items of Income and Expense

For the purposes of this note the Council considers material items to be those greater than £10m.

There are no material items of income and expenditure that are not disclosed elsewhere within the Statement of Accounts.

6 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

This note considers events that occur after the balance sheet date, which concerns conditions that do not exist at the time and are of such materiality that their disclosure is required for the fair presentation of the financial statements. Events after the balance sheet date are reflected to the date the Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by the Service Director – Finance (Section 151 Officer) on 23 September 2014.

7 Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Council in the year, in accordance with proper accounting practice to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Council to meet future capital and revenue expenditure.

2013/14

	General fund balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Gains Unapplied	Total Movement Usable Reserves
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adjustment involving the Capital Adjustment Account:						
Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement						
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(68,469)	(16,616)	-	-	-	(85,085)
Movement in the market value of Investment Properties	(1,798)	(17)	-	-	-	(1,815)
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	(1,054)	(9)	-	-	-	(1,063)
Capital grants and distributions	55,714	-	-	-	-	55,714
Revenue and expenditure funded from capital under statute	(1,781)	-	-	-	-	(1,781)
Amount 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	(2,268)	(5,910)	-	-	-	(8,178)
Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	17,317	-	-	-	-	17,317
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	10,361	1,070	-	-	-	11,431
Adjustments involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:						
Transfer of sale proceeds credited as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	1,582	10,903	(12,485)	-	-	-
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	6,840	-	-	6,840
Contribution from the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance the payments to the Government capital receipts pool	(1,710)	-	1,710	-	-	-
Adjustment Involving the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR):						
Excess depreciation transferred to the MRR	-	4,929	-	(4,929)	-	-
HRA depreciation credited to MRR	-	24,716	-	(24,716)	-	-
Use of the MRR to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	-	28,698	-	28,698
Adjustments involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:						
Capital grants and contributions unapplied credited to CIE	-	-	-	-	(1,231)	(1,231)
Application of grants and contributions to capital financing	-	-	-	-	43,281	43,281
Adjustments involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	177	1,119	-	-	-	1,296
Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve:						
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 42)	(63,657)	(6,817)	-	-	-	(70,474)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	41,992	3,519	-	-	-	45,511
Adjustments involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account:						
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	(3,862)	-	-	-	-	(3,862)
Adjustment involving the Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(2,343)	-	-	-	-	(2,343)
Other Reserve Movements						
Total Adjustment	(19,799)	16,887	(3,935)	(947)	42,050	34,256

2012/13

	General fund balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Gains Unapplied	Total Movement Usable Reserves
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adjustment involving the Capital Adjustment Account:						
Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement						
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(190,663)	(17,147)	-	-	-	(207,810)
Movement in the market value of Investment Properties	(1,528)	249	-	-	-	(1,279)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(259)	(5)	-	-	-	(264)
Capital grants and distributions	49,889	397	-	-	(7,539)	42,747
Revenue and expenditure funded from capital under statute	(1,751)	-	-	-	-	(1,751)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute trf of Grant to Neighbourhoods	(1,443)	-	-	-	-	(1,443)
Amount 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	(5,399)	(6,278)	-	-	-	(11,677)
Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	16,421	-	-	-	-	16,421
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	10,031	922	-	-	-	10,953
Adjustments involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:						
Transfer of sale proceeds credited as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	4,932	9,107	(14,039)	-	-	-
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	8,580	-	-	8,580
Other capital receipts net of allowable deductions	(45)	-	(233)	-	-	(278)
Contribution from the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance the payments to the Government capital receipts pool	(1,486)	-	1,486	-	-	-
Adjustment Involving the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR):						
Excess depreciation transferred to the MRR	-	4,369	-	(4,369)	-	-
HRA depreciation credited to MRR	-	24,865	-	(24,865)	-	-
Use of the MRR to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	-	24,865	-	24,865
HRA Settlement payment to DCLG						
Adjustments involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	177	1,213	-	-	-	1,390
Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve:						
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 42)	(44,674)	(5,678)	-	-	-	(50,352)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	39,484	3,385	-	-	-	42,869
Adjustments involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account:						
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	(1,582)	-	-	-	-	(1,582)
Adjustment involving the Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	1,419	-	-	-	-	1,419
Other Reserve Movements						
Total Adjustment	(126,477)	15,399	(4,206)	(4,369)	(7,539)	(127,272)

8 Usable Reserves

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund and HRA to provide financing for future expenditure plans and the amounts posted back to meet General Fund and HRA expenditure in 2013/14.

	1 April 2012 £'000	Transfers Out £'000	Transfers in £'000	1 April 2013 £'000	Transfers out 2013 £'000	Transfers in 2013 £'000	31 March 2014 £'000
General Fund Balances							
General Fund Reserve	11,710	-3,810	-	7,900	-1,900	-	6,000
Strategic Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	14,000
Total General Fund Reserve	11,710	-3,810	-	7,900	-1,900	14,000	20,000
General Fund Earmarked Reserves							
Capital Reserve	21,727	-67832	75,305	28,600	-10,197	1,543	19,946
Business Change	2,089	-603	9,183	10,669	-14,986	21,023	16,706
Waste Issues	2,153	-96	1,012	3,069	-	-	3,069
Directorate Specific Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
Education PFI Smoothing Fund	983	-	975	1,958	-101	606	2,463
Exempt Accommodation	2,103	-	-	2,103	-	-	2,103
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,747	1,747
Revenue Grants Unapplied	6,329	-6,329	255	255	-	1,366	1,621
Stoke Park Dowry	1,466	-	12	1,478	-	-	1,478
Deferred budget savings	-	-	-	-	-	1,300	1,300
Bristol Green Capital	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Schools Absence Scheme	1,052	-	132	1,184	-	-	1,184
Hengrove PFI Credit Sinking Fund	1,045	-	77	1,122	-	54	1,176
Housing Support	1,000	-	300	1,300	-200	-	1,100
Leisure Contract	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Loans Fund	872	-	-	872	-	-	872
Accommodation Reserve	218	-	248	466	-390	610	686
Energy Management Investment	260	-150	525	635	-	-	635
Events	-	-	-	-	-106	739	633
Other	11,077	-2,260	2,654	11,471	-8,167	481	3,785
Supporting People	6,821	-	-	6,821	-6,821	-	-
Restructuring Costs	2,019	-	-	2,019	-2,019	-	-
Residential Futures	1,413	-29	-	1,384	-1,384	-	-
ICT Replacement Fund	3,480	-3,425	1,241	1,296	-1,296	-	-
Health and Social Care Transformation	1,036	-	100	1,136	-1,136	-	-
Education Standards Fund	1,583	-1,583	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Benefit Issues	970	-	-	970	-970	-	-
Various Regeneration Projects	862	-296	-	566	-566	-	-
Grounds Maintenance	537	-	-	537	-537	-	-
Safer Bristol Legal Fees	319	-	189	508	-508	-	-
PARIS Replacement	500	-	-	500	-500	-	-
Commercial Property Trading Account	455	-	-	455	-455	-	-
Other							
Investment in Port Company	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total	74,269	-82,603	92,208	83,874	-50,339	34,169	67,704
Schools Reserves							
Schools - DSG	9,373	-3,340	4,385	10,418	-10,418	23,615	23,615
School Balances	12,872	-4,944	1,856	9,784	-	1,087	10,871
Other Schools	1,926	-774	-	1,152	-13	489	1,628
School Funding Reform	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Early Years Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	1,430	1,430
Total Schools	24,171	-9,058	6,241	21,354	(10,431)	28,621	39,544
HRA							
HRA General Reserve	31,835	-	7,184	39,019	-	6,303	45,322

Major Repairs Reserve	-	-24,865	29,234	4,369	-28,698	29,645	5,316
HRA Other	1,161	-168	1,436	2,429	-86	1,943	4,286
Total HRA Reserves	32,996	-25,033	37,854	45,817	-28,784	37,891	54,924
Capital Reserves							
Capital Receipts	14,721	-	4,206	18,927	-8,550	12,486	22,863
Capital Grants Unapplied	35,742	-	7,539	43,281	-43,281	1,231	1,231
Total Usable Capital Reserves	50,463	-	11,745	62,208	-51,831	13,717	24,094
TOTAL USABLE RESERVES	193,609	-120,504	148,048	221,153	-143,285	128,398	206,266

Details of the major earmarked reserves are set out below:

RESERVE	PURPOSE
Capital Reserve	The capital reserve is maintained to provide funding for the Council's capital programme. The balance at 31 March is fully committed to the future years' programme.
Business Change Reserve	Invest to save funds set aside to deliver the Council's major Transformational Change Programme to improve services, improve productivity and to reduce costs. The reserve will be used to fund one-off costs and the required investment.
Waste Reserve	This reserve is earmarked to address waste management issues resulting from the requirement to send least waste to landfill and encourage recycling together with associated waste service contracts.
Directorate Reserve	Centrally held operational reserve to respond to directorate specific issues, liabilities and opportunities as they arise.
Education PFI smoothing Reserve	The fund represents the excess of government grant over expenditure to date in respect of the Schools PFI schemes. It is carried forward to meet future years commitments under the PFI contract.
Exempt Accommodation Reserve	Benefit claims re exempt accommodation (de-regulated tenancies) denied and potentially subject to appeal.
Development Fund Reserve	Match funding to progress existing and proposed regeneration schemes.
Revenue Grants Reserve	Reserve to carry forward grants received in advance which are required to fund planned spending in 2014/15.
Stoke Park Dowry	Renovation of an historic, listed wall within Stoke Park and for the on-going upkeep and maintenance of the whole park for future years.
Budget Strategy Reserve	Reserve established to fund the budget savings deferred by Council as part of the 2014/15 Budget setting meeting.
Bristol Green Capital	Bristol is the European Green Capital for 2015. The reserve provides funding for a programme of events to attract visitors and investment to Bristol.
Schools Absence Scheme	Funding from schools to meet the cost of supply cover.
Hengrove PFI Credit Sinking Fund	Sinking fund to equalise the phasing of government grant and expenditure in respect of Hengrove PFI (interest bearing).
Housing Support Reserve	To provide for homelessness issues.
Leisure Reserve	To address leisure issues and measures to minimise/ remove subsidy from leisure contracts
Investment in Port Company	Reflects the Council's shareholding and cannot be used for alternative purposes.

9 Other Operating Expenditure

	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£'000	£'000
Precepts and levies	1,115	1,069
Payments to the Government housing capital receipts pool	1,710	1,486
Losses/(gains) on the disposal of non-current assets	(4,307)	(2,363)
Total	(1,482)	192

10 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

	2013/2014	Re-stated 2012/2013
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable and similar charges	37,125	39,612
Pensions net interest cost	27,311	26,690
Interest receivable and similar income	(9,466)	(12,452)
Income and expenditure in relation to Investment Properties	(10,280)	(9,534)
Changes in fair value of Investment Properties	1,798	1,529
Total	46,488	45,845

11 Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income

	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£'000	£'000
Council tax income	(153,752)	(183,834)
Non-domestic rates	(89,051)	(172,439)
Revenue support grant	(134,643)	(3,343)
Non-service related government grants	(10,426)	(4,597)
Capital grants and contributions	(55,714)	(51,412)
Total	(443,586)	(415,625)

12 Property, Plant and Equipment Movements in 2013/14

The valuations, excluding vehicles, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets and community assets are carried out by Robert Orrett, MRICS, Service Director for Strategic Property. The basis for the valuation of all assets is set out in the statement of accounting policies.

	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Assets under Construction	Surplus Assets	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	PFI Assets included in Property, Plant and Equipment
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation									
At 1 April 2013	835,839	535,598	28,468	112,448	4,529	16,326	18,919	716,288	51,261
Additions	30,735	63,037	4,315	17,181	1,472	21,948	1,837	109,790	-
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	(40,570)	8,651	-	-	(2)	-	129	8,778	-
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	24,250	(44,067)	-	-	(132)	-	-	(44,199)	-
De-recognition – Disposals	(5,770)	-	-	-	-	-	(112)	(112)	-
De-recognition - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets reclassified to/from Held for Sale	(129)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets reclassified to/from Investment Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other movements in cost or valuation	-	18,949	-	-	-	(18,949)	-	-	-
At 31 March 2014	844,355	582,168	32,783	129,629	5,867	19,325	20,773	790,545	51,261
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment									
At 1 April 2013	(24,864)	(40,792)	(10,476)	(10,697)	-	(1,870)	(791)	(64,626)	(1,924)
Depreciation Charge	(24,716)	(14,034)	(3,341)	(3,014)	-	(80)	(301)	(20,770)	(930)
Depreciation written out to Revaluation Reserve on the Provision of Services	24,720	15,191	-	-	-	-	-	15,191	-
Impairment in the Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	-	(43)	(39)	-	-	-	-	(82)	-
De-recognition - Disposals	144	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-
De-recognition - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other movements in Depreciation and Impairment	-	(37)	-	-	-	37	-	-	-
At 31 March 2014	(24,716)	(39,715)	(13,856)	(13,711)	-	(1,913)	(1,085)	(70,280)	(2,854)
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2014	819,639	542,453	18,927	115,918	5,867	17,412	19,688	720,265	48,407
Balance Sheet at 1 April 2013	810,975	494,806	17,992	101,751	4,529	14,456	18,128	651,662	49,337

Property, Plant and Equipment Comparative movements in 2012/13

	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Assets under Construction	Surplus Assets	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	PFI Assets included in Property, Plant and Equipment
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation									
At 1 April 2012	833,258	682,393	24,538	104,252	3,231	11,397	20,386	846,197	121,602
Additions	27,602	33,797	3,930	7,071	556	15,046	-	60,400	-
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	(26,809)	(19,430)	-	-	831	1,995	1,048	(15,556)	(11,787)
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus/deficit on the Provision of Services	7,815	(168,147)	-	-	-	(407)	(930)	(169,484)	(58,554)
De-recognition - Disposals	(5,625)	(131)	-	-	-	-	(2,450)	(2,581)	-
Assets reclassified to/from Held for Sale	(402)	(253)	-	-	-	(3,051)	(106)	(3,410)	-
Assets reclassified to/from Investment Property	-	399	-	-	-	-	-	399	-
Other movements in cost or valuation	-	6,970	-	1,125	(89)	(8,654)	971	323	-
At 31 March 2013	835,839	535,598	28,468	112,448	4,529	16,326	18,919	716,288	51,261
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment									
At 1 April 2012	(27,792)	(38,738)	(7,501)	(7,850)	-	(64)	(2,189)	(56,342)	(3,532)
Depreciation Charge	(24,865)	(15,070)	(2,975)	(2,847)	-	(10)	(398)	(21,300)	(2,465)
Depreciation written out to Revaluation Reserve	27,643	12,915	-	-	-	-	(100)	12,815	4,073
Impairment losses/reversals recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	-	(326)	-	-	-	-	-	(326)	-
Impairment losses/reversals recognised in the Surplus/deficit on the Provision of Service	-	(92)	-	-	-	-	-	(92)	-
De-recognition - disposals	143	131	-	-	-	-	343	474	-
De-recognition - other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other movements in Depreciation and Impairment	7	388	-	-	-	(1,796)	1,553	145	-
At 31 March 2013	(24,864)	(40,792)	(10,476)	(10,697)	-	(1,870)	(791)	(64,626)	(1,924)
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2013	810,975	494,806	17,992	101,751	4,529	14,456	18,128	651,662	49,337

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. The following useful lives and depreciation rates have been used:

- Council Dwellings 16–50 years
- Other Land and Buildings 5–60 years
- Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment – 3 to 8 years
- Infrastructure – 25 years (quay walls and lock gates in City Docks not depreciated as useful life beyond 100 years)

Capital Commitments

At 31 March 2014 the Council had entered into a number of contracts for the construction or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment with outstanding contract commitments of £27.1m (£50.2m at 31 March 2013)

Significant contractual commitments outstanding at 31 March 2014 were as follows:

	£m
Priority Stock – Cladding of Multi-Storey blocks – Rateavon	7.9
Priority Stock – Heating Replacement Programme - Glevum	4.0
Priority Stock – Planned structural repairs - Jewson / Edmunson	4.0
Priority Stock – Kitchens – Lovell Construction	3.2
Priority Stock – Electrical Improvements	1.9
Bristol Workplace Programme – Design Contract – Alec French Partnership	1.4
Avon Primary – SKANSKA	2.0
Bishop Road Primary – Willmott Dixon	1.1
Cabot Primary – Ian Williams Ltd	0.9
May Park Primary – SKANSKA	0.7
	£27.1

Revaluations

The Council carries out a rolling programme that ensures that all Property, Plant and Equipment required to be measured at fair value is revalued at least every five years. All valuations were carried out internally. 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. Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment are valued at historic cost, which is considered to be a suitable proxy for fair value.

The following table shows the effective valuation dates for all Property Plant and Equipment:

	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, etc	Infrastructure	Community Assets	Assets under Construction	Surplus Assets	Total Property, Plant and Equipment
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Carried at historical cost		125,284	32,783	129,629	5,508	3,109	-	296,313
31 March 2014	841,695	66,270				2,970	438	69,678
31 March 2013		21,064	-	-	170	7,513	7,967	36,714
31 March 2012	85	144,211	-	-	-	-	5,673	149,894
31 March 2011	-	16,471	-	-	29	-	373	16,873
31 March 2010	2,575	208,856	-	-	160	5,733	6,322	221,071
Total cost valuation	844,355	582,168	32,783	129,629	5,867	19,325	20,773	790,545

In addition the Council has also instructed its valuers to undertake a review of all assets held in the Other Land and Buildings category to ensure that the carrying value of assets last valued in previous years is not materially different from their fair value. In order to perform this exercise the Other Land and Building category was split into sub categories, e.g. schools, car parks, leisure and

culture etc. The review concluded that the fair value was not materially different from the carrying value at the Balance Sheet date.

School Assets

Details of schools assets included in the Council's Balance Sheet and in the table of movements (as Other Land and Buildings) in Note 12 are as follows:

Type	Number	Net Book Value £m
Community	74	212
Voluntary controlled	5	4
Free School	1	2
Total	80	218

A further 30 schools are not included in the Council's Balance Sheet, these are largely voluntary aided and trust schools, with the Council retaining responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the schools granted trust status.

Since the Balance Sheet date, applications have been approved for 1 school to transfer to Academy status in 2014/15. The value of the associated assets will therefore not be included in the Council's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2015.

13 Heritage Assets

Reconciliation of the carrying value of Heritage Assets held by the Council.

	Art Collection £'000	Ethnography & Foreign Archaeology £'000	Antiquarian Books £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation					
1 April 2013	85,609	35,289	7,050	1,492	129,440
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	(25,242)	(5,493)	-	-	(30,735)
31 March 2014	60,367	29,796	7,050	1,492	98,705
Cost or valuation					
1 April 2012	85,609	35,289	7,050	1,379	129,327
Additions	-	-	-	113	113
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
31 March 2013	85,609	35,289	7,050	1,492	129,440

The above collection of Heritage Assets are predominantly valued on an insurance valuation basis excluding the antiquarian book stock that is valued by an external valuer, and some items classified as "other" are valued at historic cost.

Additions of Heritage Assets

The additions represent the restoration works carried out on Cabot Tower that was built between 1896 and 1898 in commemoration of John Cabot, 400 years after he sailed in the Matthew and landed in what later became Canada.

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revaluations	5,198	8,503	8,914	-	(30,735)
Additions	-	-	241	113	-
Carrying value	111,669	120,172	129,327	129,440	98,705

Heritage Assets: Further Information on the Museum's collections

Loans

The Museum occasionally makes available loan items from its collection to regional and national museums and borrows collections for specific exhibitions. Collections not on display are held in secure storage but access is permitted on an appointment basis.

Preservation

The collections have been under the care of conservators since the 1940s. They specialise in antiquities, paintings, paper and photographs, and preventive conservation and are based at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. Our conservators:

- prepare artefacts for display
- set conservation standards for the refurbishment of permanent exhibitions
- prepare artefacts for loan to other institutions
- check new acquisitions
- assess the condition of objects and work on the installation of temporary exhibitions
- work to improve collections storage
- maintain permanent displays - this includes training staff and cleaning objects.

14 Investment Properties

The following items of income and expense have been accounted for in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£'000	£'000
Rental income from Investment Property	11,945	11,426
Direct operating expenses arising from Investment Property	(1,665)	(1,892)
Net gain	10,280	9,534

There are no restrictions on the Council's ability to realise the value inherent in its Investment Property or on the Council's right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. The Council has no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop Investment Property or to carry out repairs, maintenance or enhancement.

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of Investment Properties over the year:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£'000	£'000
Balance at start of the year	195,899	198,278
Additions – purchases	1,467	677
Disposals	(73)	(1,378)
Net gains/losses from fair value adjustments	(1,815)	(1,279)
Transfers to/from Property, Plant and Equipment	-	(399)
Balance at end of the year	195,478	195,899

15 Intangible Assets

The Council accounts for its software as Intangible Assets, to the extent that the software is not an integral part of a particular IT system (ie accounted for as part of the hardware item of Property, Plant and Equipment). The Intangible Assets include purchased licenses. All software is amortised over five years (this is based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use to the Council). All software is carried at cost (used as a proxy for fair value) given the short life of the asset.

The carrying amount of Intangible Assets is amortised on a straight-line basis. The amortisation of £1.063m charged to revenue in 2013/14 was charged to the central ICT cost centre and the Housing Revenue Account. The charge to central ICT was absorbed as an overhead across all the service headings in the Net Cost of Service. It is not possible to quantify exactly how much of the amortisation is attributable to each service heading. The purchases in 2013/14 relate to acquisition of licences for various services.

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

	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£'000	£'000
Balance at start of the year		
Gross carrying amounts	6,884	2,629
Accumulated amortisation	(1,885)	(1,623)
Net carrying amount at start of year	4,999	1,006
Additions:		
Purchases	963	4,255
Amortisation for the period	(1,063)	(262)
Net carrying amount at the end of year	4,899	4,999
Comprising:		
Gross carrying amounts	7,847	6,884
Accumulated amortisation	(2,948)	(1,885)
Balance at end of the year	4,899	4,999

16 Financial Instruments

Categories of Financial Instruments

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

	Long-Term		Current	
	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Investments				
Loans and receivables	-	5,791	117,716	133,879
Loans and receivables - Port Investment (at cost)	2,502	2,500	-	-
Total investments	2,502	8,291	117,716	133,879
Debtors				
Debtors as per Balance Sheet	62,706	65,370	70,583	65,887
Adjustments for statutory debtors (not qualifying as loans and receivables)	-	-	(17,361)	(25,651)
Total debtors qualifying as loans and receivables	62,706	65,370	53,222	40,236
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	67,758	30,574
Total Financial Assets	65,208	73,661	238,696	204,689
Borrowings				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	414,292	414,292	4,962	15,350
Total borrowings	414,292	414,292	4,962	15,350
Other long-term liabilities				
PFI and finance lease liabilities	161,563	167,882	6,049	5,572
Deferred liability	60,942	62,914	-	-
Retirement benefit provision	552,500	682,857	-	-
Total other long-term liabilities	775,005	913,653	6,049	5,572
Creditors				
Creditors as per Balance Sheet qualifying as financial liabilities at amortised cost	-	-	138,138	110,630
Adjustment to include finance lease and PFI liabilities included within creditors	-	-	(6,049)	(5,572)
Adjusted creditors qualifying as financial liabilities at amortised cost	-	-	132,089	105,058
Total Financial Liabilities	1,189,297	1,327,945	143,100	125,980

Movements

- Investments
 - Investments – Year-on-year investments decreased by 17% due to the increase in Cash and Cash equivalents
 - Cash and Cash Equivalents increased by 21% due to the reduction in short and long term deposits.
 - The increase in investments (£15m) primarily relates to grants received in advance and delays to capital projects.
 - Short-term Borrowing – Year on year short-term borrowing decreased by £10m following a scheduled repayment..
- Retirement benefit provision decreased by 19% year on year as a result of a change in the underlying valuation assumptions applied by the Actuary.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The Council incurred impairment losses on an Icelandic investment, Glitnir (£5m) in 2009/10. The administrator has since repaid 100% of investment, with 79% being received by the Council, while the remainder (Icelandic Kroner) is being held in an escrow account currently earning interest at 4.20% until foreign exchange restrictions are resolved.

Income, Expense, Gains and Losses

The gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for financial instruments are as follows:

	2013/14					2012/13				
	Financial Liabilities	Financial Assets			Total	Financial Liabilities	Financial Assets			Total
	Liabilities measured at Amortised Cost	Loans and Receivables	Available - for-sale assets	Assets and liabilities at fair value CI&ES		Liabilities measured at Amortised Cost	Loans and Receivables	Available- for-sale assets	Assets and liabilities at fair value through CI&ES	
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Interest Expense	(37,633)	-	-	-	(37,633)	(39,612)	-	-	-	(39,612)
Premium on early repayment of debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Losses on De-recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(37,633)	-	-	-	(37,633)	(39,612)	-	-	-	(39,612)
Interest Income	-	9,466	-	-	9,466	-	12,452	-	-	12,452
Total income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	-	9,466	-	-	9,466	-	12,452	-	-	12,452
Gains on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Losses on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/loss for the year	(37,633)	9,466	-	-	(28,167)	(39,612)	12,452	-	-	(27,160)

Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities

Financial liabilities, financial assets represented by loans and receivables and long-term debtors and creditors are carried in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost. Their fair value can be assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining term of the instruments, using the following assumptions:

- The fair values for financial liabilities (PWLB debt and market debt) have been determined by reference to the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) redemption rules and prevailing PWLB redemption rates as at each Balance Sheet date, and include accrued interest. The fair values for non-PWLB debt have also been calculated using the same procedures and interest rates and this provides a suitable approximation for fair value for these instruments.
- Estimated ranges of interest rates at 31 March 2014 of 0.34% to 3.37% for loans from the PWLB, Market and lease arrangement, and 0.38% to 2.63% for other loans receivable, based on new lending rates for equivalent loans at that date.
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised
- Where an instrument will mature in the next 12 months, the carrying amount is assumed to approximate to fair value
- The fair value of trade and other receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed amount.
- The fair values for loans and receivables (money market loans > 1 year) have been determined by reference to prevailing market rates as at the Balance Sheet date. The prevailing market rates have been determined for each long-term money market investment outstanding with reference to the time to maturity.

The fair values calculated are as follows:

Financial Liabilities	31 March 2014		31 March 2013	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial Liabilities	1,332,396	1,550,775	1,433,551	1,582,504

The fair value of the liabilities is higher than the carrying amount because the Council's portfolio of loans includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate payable is higher than the prevailing rates at the Balance Sheet date. This shows a notional future loss (based on economic conditions at 31 March 2014) arising from a commitment to pay interest to lenders above current market rates.

Financial assets	31 March 2014		31 March 2013	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Long-term investments	2,502	2,502	8,291	8,546
Short-term investments	117,716	117,716	133,879	133,879
Debtors qualifying as loans and receivables	46,936	46,936	40,237	40,237
Cash and Cash Equivalents	67,758	67,758	30,574	30,574
Total loans and receivables	234,912	234,912	212,981	213,236
Long term debtors	62,706	64,839	65,370	68,917
Total financial assets	297,618	299,751	278,351	282,153

The fair value of the assets is higher than the carrying amount because the Council's portfolio of investments includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate receivable is higher than the rates available for similar loans at the Balance Sheet date. This shows a notional future gain (based on economic conditions at 31 March 2014) attributable to the commitment to receive interest above current market rates.

17 Inventories

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Balance outstanding at start of the year	1,279	1,577
Purchases	4,602	4,331
Recognised as an expense in the year	(4,241)	(4,629)
Balance outstanding at year-end	1,640	1,279

18 Debtors

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
i Current debtors		
Central government bodies	8,872	14,443
Other local authorities	3,371	4,883
NHS bodies	77	74
Public corporations and trading funds	-	-
Other entities and individuals	58,263	46,487
Total	70,583	65,887

Details of amounts provided as bad debt provisions are included in Note 45.

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
ii Long-term debtors		
Mortgages	261	297
Capital loans (Probation/Fire/LEP)	8,745	10,221
South Gloucestershire Council	545	572
Former county council debt	50,155	52,280
Local Authority Mortgage Scheme	3,000	2,000
Total	62,706	65,370

19 Cash and Cash Equivalents

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up of the following elements:

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Cash held by the Council	712	1,278
Bank current accounts	(9,744)	(17,129)
Short-term deposits with banks / building societies	76,790	46,425
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	67,758	30,574

The Council also manages a number of euro bank accounts on behalf of other partner organisations. The sterling equivalent of the total balances held for and managed on behalf of other partner organisations, and not included within the Council's accounts, at 31 March 2014 was £2,941 (31 March 2013 £3,000).

20 Assets Held for Sale

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Non-current Assets Held for Sale	545	2,791

The movement for the year represents a reclassification from Property, Plant and Equipment (£129k) and disposals (£2,375).

There were no gains or losses recognised in the year in respect of "Assets Held For Sale."

21 Borrowing

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Short-term borrowing		
Deposit loans (repayable at notice - up to 7 days)	257	462
Other short term borrowing (repayable within 1 year):		
– Public Works Loan Board	3,449	13,620
- Banks and other monetary sector	1,235	1,254
– Local bonds and property rent disposals	11	11
– Stocks	10	3
Total	4,962	15,350
Long-term borrowing		
Public Works Loan Board	291,242	291,240
Market debt	123,000	123,000
Stocks	50	52
Total	414,292	414,292

The debt of the Council has remained constant throughout the year as recommended within the 2013/14 Treasury Management Strategy. New borrowing to finance capital expenditure has been suspended to reduce the level of investments thus reducing investment / counterparty risk.

22 Creditors

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Current liabilities		
Central government bodies	15,356	10,115
Other local authorities	3,395	2,148
NHS bodies	1,887	94
Public corporations and trading funds	-	-
PFI contract liabilities	4,794	4,455
Other entities and individuals	112,706	93,818
Total	138,138	110,630
	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Other long-term liabilities		
PFI contract liabilities (see Note 43)	155,100	159,893
Retirement benefit obligations (see Note 46)	552,500	682,857
Deferred liabilities	67,405	70,901
Deferred capital receipts	183	220
Total	775,188	913,871

Deferred liabilities are amounts which, by arrangement, are payable beyond the next year, at some point in the future or are to be paid off by an annual sum over a period. As at the 31 March 2014 the liability in the Council's Balance Sheet of £67.4m (2012: £70.9m) comprised of former county council loan debt of £52.2m (2012: £54.4m), £8.5m (2012: £8.5m) in respect of a loan for the Hengrove Park development, and £6.5m embedded lease liability for the waste contract (2012: £8.0m). The PFI contract liabilities as at 31 March 2014 includes £155.1m long-term PFI liability (2012: £159.9m).

Deferred capital receipts are amounts derived from sales of assets, which will be received in instalments over agreed periods of time. They arise from mortgages on the sale of council houses, which form part of mortgages under long term debtors.

23 Provisions

	Balance at 1 April 2013 £'000	Additional provisions made in 2013/14 £'000	Amounts used in 2013/14 £'000	Balance at 31 March 2014 £'000	Due < 1 year £'000	Due > 1 year £'000
Severance costs	1,729	16,006	3,039	14,696	14,696	-
Insurance fund	4,832	1,814	2,522	4,124	2,953	1,171
NDR Provision for appeals	-	6,900	-	6,900	-	6,900
Other	2,809	377	15	3,171	1,487	1,684
	9,370	25,097	5,576	28,891	19,136	9,755
Due < 1 year	4,261			19,136		
Due > 1 year	5,109			9,755		
	9,370			28,891		

The Insurance Fund covers certain risks arising from fire, employer's liability and public liability, supplementing the Council's arrangement with external insurers, together with other risks. The provision for severance costs covers future exit costs arising from the Council's restructure proposals. The NDR provision has been created to allow for the cost of future appeals. All other provisions are individually not material.

24 Unusable Reserves

31 March 2013 £'000		31 March 2014 £'000
179,587	Revaluation Reserve	170,308
917,433	Capital Adjustment Account	987,791
(10,934)	Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	(9,638)
(682,857)	Pensions Reserve	(552,500)
334	Collection Fund Adjustment Account	(3,528)
(12,727)	Accumulated Absences Account	(15,070)
<u>390,836</u>		<u>577,363</u>

Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Council 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 gains are realised.

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

2012/13 £'000		2013/14	
		£'000	£'000
189,423	Balance at 1 April		179,587
20,821	Upward revaluation of assets	27,946	
(23,793)	Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(30,995)	
186,451	Surplus or deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services		(3,049)
(4,507)	Difference between fair value and historical cost depreciation		(5,037)
(2,357)	Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped		(1,193)
(6,864)	Amount written off to the Capital Adjustment Account		(6,230)
<u>179,587</u>	Balance at 31 March		<u>170,308</u>

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 amortisation 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 Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and gains recognised on donated assets that have yet to be consumed by the Council. 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 7 provides details of the source of all the transactions posted to the Account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve.

2012/13		2013/14	
£'000		£'000	£'000
1,029,729	Balance at 1 April		917,433
	Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:		
(42,417)	Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(40,451)	
(160,269)	Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	(39,597)	
(264)	Amortisation of Intangible Assets	(1,063)	
(1,751)	Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute	(1,781)	
(9,802)	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	(6,985)	(89,877)
815,226			827,556
(2)	Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve		-
815,224	Net written out amount of the cost of non-current assets consumed in the year		827,556
	Capital financing applied in the year:		
8,580	Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	6,840	
24,865	Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	28,698	
40,907	Capital grants and contributions credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement that have been applied to capital financing	97,764	
16,421	Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	17,317	
12,715	Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	11,431	162,050
918,712			989,606
(1,279)	Movements in the market value of Investment Properties debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		(1,815)
917,433	Balance at 31 March		987,791

Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

The Financial Instruments Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for income and expenses relating to certain financial instruments and for bearing losses or benefiting from gains per statutory provisions. The Council uses the account to manage premiums paid on the early redemption of loans.

Premiums are debited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when they are incurred, but reversed out of the General Fund balance to the account in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Over time, the expense is posted back to the General Fund balance in accordance with statutory arrangements for spreading the burden on council tax. In the Council's case, this period is the unexpired term that was outstanding on the loans when they were redeemed. As a result, the balance on the Account at 31 March 2014 will be charged to the General Fund over the next 47 years.

2012/13 £'000		2013/14	
		£'000	£'000
12,325	Balance at 1 April		10,934
-	Premiums incurred in the year and charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-	
(1,391)	Proportion of premiums incurred in previous financial years to be charged against the General Fund Balance in accordance with statutory requirements	(1,296)	
(1,391)	Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		(1,296)
<u>10,934</u>	Balance at 31 March		<u>9,638</u>

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 Council 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 Council makes employer's contributions to the pension fund 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 Council 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.

Re-stated 2012/13 £'000		2013/14 £'000
577,027	Balance at 1 April	682,857
98,347	Remeasurements on pensions assets and liabilities	(155,320)
50,352	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	70,470
(42,869)	Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	(45,507)
<u>682,857</u>	Balance at 31 March	<u>552,500</u>

Collection Fund Adjustment Account

The Collection Fund Adjustment Account manages the differences arising from the recognition of council tax and non-domestic rates income in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as it falls due from council taxpayers and business rate payers, compared with the statutory arrangements for paying across amounts to the General Fund from the Collection Fund.

2012/13 £'000		2013/14 £'000
1,916	Balance at 1 April	334
(1,582)	Amount by which council tax and non-domestic rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from council tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(3,862)
334	Balance at 31 March	(3,528)

Accumulated Absences Account

The Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31 March. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund balance be neutralised by transfers to or from the account.

2012/13 £'000		2013/14	
		£'000	£'000
14,380	Balance at 1 April		12,727
(14,380)	Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	(12,727)	
12,727	Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	15,070	
(1,653)	Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		2,343
12,727	Balance at 31 March		15,070

25 Cash Flow Statement

The cash flows for operating activities include the following significant items:

2012/13 £'000		2013/14 £'000
(12,452)	Interest received	(11,119)
39,612	Interest paid	37,306
(1,702)	Dividends received	(1,050)

The deficit on the provision of services has been adjusted for the following non-cash movements:

2012/13 £'000		2013/14 £'000
209,089	Depreciation, impairment and downward revaluations	85,085
264	Amortisation	1,063
(180)	Increase/(decrease) in impairment for bad debt	-
(26,691)	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	20,267
(2,471)	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(9,109)
298	(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(361)
7,483	Movement in pension liability	(24,963)
	Contributions to/(from) Provisions	19,521
52,497	Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit On the provision of services	10,531
246,551	Net cash flows from non-cash movements	102,034

Adjust for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing or financing activities:

2012/13		2013/14
<u>£'000</u>		<u>£'000</u>
(42,747)	Capital grants credited to surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(55,714)
-	- Net adjustment from the sale of short and long term investments	5,000
1,391	Premiums or discounts on the repayment of financial liabilities	1,296
(14,272)	Proceeds from the sale of Property Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	(12,486)
<u>(55,628)</u>		<u>(61,904)</u>

26 Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

2012/13		2013/14
<u>£'000</u>		<u>£'000</u>
(93,047)	Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	(142,951)
(6,006)	Other payments/(receipts) for investing activities	92,422
14,272	Proceeds from the sale of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	12,486
(46,174)	Increase in/(proceeds from) short-term and long-term investments	15,818
<u>(130,955)</u>	Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(22,225)</u>

27 Cash flow Statement - Financing Activities

2012/13		2013/14
<u>£'000</u>		<u>£'000</u>
0	Cash receipts of short- and long-term borrowing	(181)
0	Other receipts from financing activities	-
(862)	Cash payments for the reduction of the outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases and on-Balance Sheet PFI contracts	-
(124)	Repayments of short- and long-term borrowing	(10,207)
0	Other payments/(receipts) in respect of financing activities	10,299
<u>(986)</u>	Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(89)</u>

28 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions

The analysis of income and expenditure by service on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is that specified by the Service Reporting Code of Practice. However, decisions about resource allocation are taken by the Council's Cabinet on the basis of the Council's financial management arrangements (i.e. by reports analysed across directorates). These reports are prepared on a different basis from the accounting policies used in the financial statements. In particular:

- no charges are made in relation to capital expenditure (whereas depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses in excess of the balance on the Revaluation Reserve and amortisations are charged to services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement)
- the cost of retirement benefits is based on cash flows (payment of employer's pensions contributions) rather than current service cost of benefits accrued in the year.

The income and expenditure of the Council's directorates which is reflected in the final outturn report to Cabinet for the year is as follows:

Directorate income and expenditure 2013/14	City Director	Neighbourhoods	Housing Revenue Account	Organisational Development	People (CYPS)	People (HSC)	Public Health	Regeneration	Total Net Cost
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fees, charges and other service income	(494)	30,648	116,716	12,156	61,844	38,373	25,829	47,360	332,432
Government grants	5,960	5,967	-	195,451	241,852	798	-	2,154	452,182
Total Income	5,467	36,615	116,716	207,607	303,696	39,171	25,829	49,514	784,614
Employee expenses	9,156	40,416	25,689	51,177	185,144	44,932	5,855	31,293	393,662
Other service expenses	5,057	50,836	39,020	164,421	163,710	131,559	20,253	25,825	600,681
Support Services Recharges	1,065	24,021	13,150	17,849	10,596	7,679	594	10,074	85,028
Total Expenditure	15,278	115,273	77,859	233,447	359,450	184,170	26,702	67,192	1,079,371
Net Expenditure	9,811	78,658	(38,857)	25,840	55,754	144,999	873	17,678	294,756

Directorate income and expenditure 2012/13	Children and Young People's Services £'000	Corporate Services £'000	Health and Social Care £'000	Neighbourhoods & City Development £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Total Net Cost £'000
Fees, charges and other service income	26,427	114,218	53,640	106,151	112,609	413,045
Government grants	256,610	236,372	17,798	14,566	-	525,346
Total income	283,037	350,590	71,437	120,717	112,609	938,390
Employee expenses	195,408	66,733	43,682	59,024	25,247	390,094
Other service expenses	143,276	277,034	134,785	162,891	45,594	763,580
Support service recharges	14,506	28,293	20,916	15,266	9,332	88,313
Total Expenditure	353,190	372,060	199,384	237,181	80,173	1,241,988
Net Expenditure	70,153	21,470	127,947	116,464	(32,436)	303,598

Reconciliation to Subjective Analysis

2013/14	Directorate Analysis £'000	Other costs not in Analysis £'000	Amount not reported to management for decision making £'000	Amounts not included in I&E £'000	Cost of Services £'000	Corporate Amounts £'000	Total £'000
Fees, charges and other service income	331,945	-	-	(11,945)	320,000	11,945	331,945
Interest and investment income	488	-	(488)	-	-	9,466	9,466
Income from council tax	-	-	-	-	-	153,752	153,752
Government grant	452,182	-	-	-	452,182	289,834	742,016
Total income	784,615	-	(488)	(11,945)	772,182	464,997	1,237,179
Employee expenses	393,662	-	(4)	-	393,658	-	393,658
Other service expenses	600,681	-	-	(1,665)	599,016	1,665	600,681
Support service recharges	85,028	-	-	-	85,028	-	85,028
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	-	-	86,149	-	86,149	-	86,149
Interest payments	-	-	(12,457)	-	(12,457)	64,436	51,979
Capital expenditure charged to revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfer to reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Precepts and levies	-	-	-	-	-	1,115	1,115
Payment to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	-	-	-	-	-	1,710	1,710
Pension liability - change in scheme provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	-	-	-	-	-	(4,307)	(4,307)
Changes in fair value of investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	1,798	1,798
Total Expenditure	1,079,371	-	73,688	(1,665)	1,151,394	66,417	1,217,811
Deficit/(surplus) on the Provision of Services	294,756	-	74,176	10,280	379,212	(398,580)	(19,368)

2012/13	Directorate Analysis	Other costs not in Analysis	Amounts not reported to management for decision making	Amounts not included in I&E	Cost of Services	Corporate Amounts	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fees, charges and other service income	413,045	209	495	(11,426)	402,323	11,426	413,749
Interest and investment income	-	-	(556)	-	(556)	73,781	73,225
Income from council tax	-	-	-	-	-	183,834	183,834
Government grant	525,346	-	(7,517)	-	517,829	231,791	749,620
Total income	938,391	209	(7,578)	(11,426)	919,596	500,832	1,420,428
Employee expenses	390,094	3,522	(18,572)	-	375,044	-	375,044
Other service expenses	763,580	-	(21,231)	-	742,349	-	742,349
Support service recharges	88,313	-	-	(1,892)	86,421	1,892	88,313
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	-	-	208,848	-	208,848	-	208,848
Interest payments	-	-	(14,867)	-	(14,867)	120,029	112,764
Capital expenditure charged to revenue	-	-	(9,241)	-	(9,241)	-	(9,241)
Net transfer to reserves	-	-	(1,732)	-	(1,732)	-	(1,732)
Precepts and levies	-	-	-	-	-	1,069	1,069
Payment to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	-	-	-	-	-	1,486	1,486
Pension liability - change in scheme provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	-	-	-	-	-	(2,363)	(2,363)
Changes in fair value of investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	1,529	1,529
Total Expenditure	1,241,987	3,522	143,205	(1,892)	1,386,822	131,244	1,518,066
Deficit on the Provision of Services	303,596	3,313	150,783	9,534	467,226	(369,588)	97,638

29 Agency Services

The Council provides financial services to Avon Fire and Rescue Authority.

30 Pooled Budgets

Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 allows partnership arrangements between National Health Service bodies, local authorities and other agencies in order to improve and co-ordinate services. Each partner makes a contribution to a 'pooled' budget, with the aim of focussing services and activities for a client group. Funds contributed are those normally used for the services represented in the pooled budget and allow the organisations involved to act in a more cohesive way. The Council was a partner in the following pooled arrangements:

Aids and Equipment service

The agreement between the Council and Bristol Primary Care Trust provides for the Council to act as the lead in the commissioning of services from the approved contractor. Total spend and funding was as follows:

	2013/14		2012/13	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Funding provided to the pooled budget:				
Primary Care Trust	1,088		804	
Bristol City Council	995		815	
Total funding into the pooled budget		2,083		1,619
Expenditure met from the pooled budget		2,083		1,619

Pooled Carers Budget

Bristol City Council and Bristol CCG have a pooled budget to provide support and services to, and improve the health and wellbeing of, people providing unpaid care and support for a family member or friend. The budget provides for an Integrated Carers team, the provision of personal budgets and short breaks for carers, and services and provision in furtherance of the Bristol Joint Carers Strategy.

	2013/14		2012/13	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Funding provided to the pooled budget:				
Primary Care Trust	1,276		682	
Bristol City Council	556		512	
Total funding into the pooled budget		1,832		1,194
Expenditure met from the pooled budget		1,832		1,194

Drugs Action

The Council established a partnership agreement with the NHS Bristol, the Probation Service and other partners using powers under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 to pool funds and create a single budget. The budget is used to commission Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services for Adults and Substance Misuse Services for Young People. Details of the contributions and expenditure in the year are set out below:

	2013/14		2012/13	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Funding provided to the pooled budget:				
Balance Brought Forward	1,792		1,824	
NHS Bristol PCT (BCC from 13/14)	-		9,953	
Bristol City Council	11,496		2,717	
Home Office Drug Intervention Programme	653		742	
Other Bodies	107		300	
		14,048		15,536
Expenditure met from the pooled budget				
Drug and alcohol services for adults	11,588		12,833	
Substance Misuse Services for Young People	422		911	
		12,010		13,744
Net underspend carried forward		2,038		1,792

31 Members' Allowances

The Council paid the following amounts to members of the Council during the year.

	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Basic allowance	807	799
Special responsibility allowances	281	308
Travelling and subsistence allowance	2	2
Dependant Carers Allowance	4	5
Co-optees basic allowance	6	8
Total	1,100	1,122

In addition to the above, the elected Mayor is paid an annual allowance of £66,395.

32 Officers' Remuneration

The remuneration paid to the Council's senior employees during the year was as follows:

		Salary, Fees and Allowances	Compensation for Loss of Office	Pension Contribution	Total
		£	£	£	£
City Director					
N Yates	2013/14	137,364	-	26,178	163,542
	2012/13	-	-	-	-
Interim Chief Executive					
G. Sims	2013/14	2,917	-	555	3,472
	2013/14	143,534	-	25,836	169,370
	2012/13				
Strategic Directors -					
Business Change – formerly	2013/14	141,340	-	4,150	145,490
Corporate Services	2012/13	137,455	-	17,736	155,191
People	2013/14	31,109	-	4,953	36,062
	2012/13	240,936	-	43,369	284,305
Neighbourhoods and City	2013/14	118,082	-	22,459	140,541
Development	2012/13	91,886	-	16,539	108,425
Public Health	2013/14	103,501	-	13,346	116,847
Statutory Officers-					
Chief Financial (S151) Officer	2013/14	40,621	52,000	7,682	100,303
	2012/13	89,070	-	16,057	105,127
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	2013/14	81,098		15,425	96,523
	2012/13	79,527	39,200	72,126	190,853

Notes re 2013/14 costs

1. The Interim Chief Executive left during the year and the role was replaced by that of City Director.
2. The Chief Financial (S151) Officer left during the year and was replaced by an external Interim Director.
3. The Strategic Director for People was appointed in January 2014. Prior to this, the role was filled by Interim Directors.
4. The Corporate Services directorate was renamed Business Change during the year. The Strategic Director left during the year and was replaced. The costs shown are for the total of both officers.
5. The Interim Strategic Director for Health and Social Care (now People) became the Strategic Director Neighbourhoods during the year. The costs shown against Neighbourhoods include amounts paid in the previous role.
6. Public Health responsibility was transferred to local authorities at the beginning of the year.

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

Remuneration band	2013/14 Number of employees		2012/13 Number of employees	
	Schools	Non-Schools	Schools	Non-Schools
£50,000 - £54,999	36	63	39	81
£55,000 - £59,999	27	13	40	23
£60,000 - £64,999	21	8	17	10
£65,000 - £69,999	8	8	12	10
£70,000 - £74,999	4	1	5	9
£75,000 - £79,999	3	4	4	6
£80,000 - £84,999	1	6	2	3
£85,000 - 89,999	1	7	1	6
£90,000 - £94,999	1	3	2	1
£95,000 - £99,999	-	-	1	-
£100,000 - £104,999	-	1	-	-
£105,000 - £109,999	-	4	-	2
£110,000 - £114,999	-	-	-	-
£115,000 - £119,999	-	2	-	-
£120,000 - £124,999	-	-	-	-
£125,000 - £129,999	-	-	-	-
£130,000 - £134,999	-	-	-	-
£135,000 - £139,999	-	1	-	-
£140,000 - £144,999	-	-	-	-
£145,000 - £149,999	-	-	-	-
£150,000 - £154,999	-	-	-	-
£155,000 - £159,999	-	-	-	-
Totals	102	121	123	151

Numbers are reducing due to implementation of Change Programmes to achieve budget savings. The number of school staff has also reduced as schools have moved to Academy status.

33 External Audit Costs

The Council 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 Council's external auditors:

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Fees payable to Grant Thornton with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor for the year	271	271
Fees payable to Grant Thornton for the certification of grant claims and returns for the year	19	39
Fees payable in respect of other services provided by Grant Thornton during the year – legal claims etc.	0	20
Total	290	330

34 Dedicated Schools Grant

The Council's expenditure on schools is funded primarily by grant money provided by the Department for Education (DfE), Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Once allocated to a local authority an element is recouped by the DfE to fund academy schools in the council's area. The DSG is ring-fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the schools' budget as defined in the School Finance (England) Regulations 2012. The schools' budget includes elements for a range of educational services provided on a Council wide basis and for the Individual Schools Budget (ISB), which is divided into a budget share for each school. Details of the deployment of DSG receivable are shown in the following table:

2012/13			2013/14			
Central Expenditure	ISB	Total	Notes	Central Expenditure	ISB	Total
		262,923				277,453
		(60,436)	1			(88,909)
		202,487				188,544
		12,773				13,848
		(3,430)	2			(11,769)
44,708	167,122	211,830	3	41,751	148,872	190,623
(5,831)	5,831	-		-	-	-
38,877	172,953	211,830		41,751	148,872	190,623
(28,459)	-	(28,459)		(25,251)	-	(25,251)
-	(172,953)	(172,953)		-	(150,097)	(150,097)
10,418	-	10,418	4	16,500	(1,225)	15,275
		13,848	5			27,044

1. The academy recoupment in 2012/13 comprised 13 academies open at the start of the year plus 25 schools that converted in year. The academy recoupment in 2013/14 comprised 38 academies open at the start of the year plus 3 schools that converted in year
2. Included carry forward agreed in advance is £4.3m of underspend re 2012/13 and £7.4m of funding from 2013/14 schools block funding that was unable to be distributed to schools in 2013/14 due to regulations. This has been discussed with the schools' forum and has been added to schools funding in 2014/15
3. The central expenditure limit was agreed by the schools' forum in April 2012.
4. Included in the carry forward of budget distributed but not spent at year end is £1m for underspends on growth fund and de-delegated budgets which, under regulations, must be carried forward for the same purposes in 2014/15
5. The total carried forward comprises the carry forward agreed in advance (note 2 above) plus the carry forward of unspent budget distributed. Use of these underspends will be agreed by schools forum within the regulations controlling spend of the DSG

35 Grant Income

The Council credited the following grants and contributions to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2013/14:

Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income:

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Capital grants and contributions (see below)	55,714	51,144
Revenue support grant	134,643	3,343
Non service related government grants	10,426	4,597
Total	200,783	59,084

Capital grants and contributions

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Government grants:		
Regeneration	18,974	7,649
CYPS	29,057	31,098
HSC	2,253	1,087
Corporate	-	4,396
Neighbourhoods	2,771	-
Section 106	1,850	1,823
Other	809	5,091
Balance at 31 March	55,714	51,144

Credited to Services

	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Dedicated Schools Grant	189,011	201,598
Housing Benefit (rent allowances/council tax benefit) subsidy	187,248	228,504
Homelessness Grant	-	1,182
Local Welfare Provision	1,866	-
Early Intervention Grant	-	19,787
Pupil Premium	8,255	7,196
Housing Benefit Administration Subsidy	3,790	4,344
Growth Hub	1,121	-
PFI Special Grant	20,057	20,057
Museums, Libraries and Archives Council	-	-
Youth Justice Board	766	896
Better Bus Area Fund	2,512	-
Education Services Grant	4,528	-
Troubled Families	2,917	-
Learning Difficulties and Health Reform Grant	-	17,543
Skills Fund	-	1,146
Sustainable Transport Bid	-	2,510
Local Sustainable Transport Fund West (LSTF)	-	1,165
Arts Council England	1,645	1,686
Learning Communities	1,828	1,690
Sixth Form Funding	4,515	5,157
Miscellaneous	6,134	9,496
Total	436,193	523,957

The Council has received a number of grants, contributions and donations that have yet to be recognised as income as they have conditions attached to them that could require the monies or property to be returned to the giver. The balances at the year-end are as follows:

	31 March 2014	31 March 2013
	£'000	£'000
Capital Grants Received in Advance		
Government grants	5,026	8,242
Section 106 contributions	12,312	17,302
Total	17,338	25,544
Due < 1 year	8,104	12,568
Due > 1 year	9,234	12,976
Revenue grants (within creditors)		
CYPS	79	1,394
Health and Social Care	129	-
Neighbourhoods and City Development Place	-	841
Corporate Services	100	-
	4,555	122
	4,863	2,357

36 Related Parties

The Council is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Council or to be controlled or influenced by the Council. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the Council might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the Council.

	2013/14		2012/13	
	Payment/ (Receipts) £'000	Amount owed to /(from) £'000	Payment/ (Receipts) £'000	Amount owed to /(from) £'000
Central Government Grants				
Department of Communities and Local Government	(225,921)	-	(184,302)	-
Education Funding Agency	(225,223)	(1,189)	(251,255)	(2,572)
Department of Works and Pensions - Housing Benefit	(191,038)	(2,025)	(230,328)	2,521
Department of Education	(4,627)	(411)	-	-
Young People's Learning Agency			(7,445)	43
Department for Transport	(1,510)	5,165	(1,657)	(2,806)
Precepts				
Avon and Somerset Police Authority	19,005	-	23,035	-
Avon Fire Authority	7,241	-	8,605	-
Bristol Primary Care Trust				
The Council receives net funding as a contribution toward the cost of adult care services and pooled budget arrangements	(464)	(2,874)	(17,543)	-
Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust				
The Council makes payments in respect of mental health care particularly around drug and alcohol dependency	3,068		34	-
Pension Payments				
Avon Pension Fund - administered by B&NES Council	42,491	-	34,299	-
Teachers' Pension Agency	7,816	-	9,875	-
Bristol Port Company				
In respect of dividends actually received by the Council and included in the Income and Expenditure Account	(791)	-	(1,702)	-
Bovis Homes				
In respect of a development agreement for the provision of local authority dwellings	-	(1,575)	-	(814)
Other Local Authorities				
Neighbouring local authorities in respect of certain services including:				
South Gloucestershire Council in respect of cross boundary services including bus services/concessionary fare travel arrangements	8,520	293	(2,690)	-
B&NES Council in respect of waste and coroner/mortuary services	1,699	-	1,965	-
North Somerset Council in respect of waste, traffic and coroner/mortuary services	(1,322)	(82)	2,001	-
The Voluntary Sector				
Numerous voluntary/community organisations receive funding from the Council, total paid in year	22,190	237	17,260	12

Council members and Strategic Directors have been asked to provide information regarding related party transactions. From the information received, it is believed that there have not been any significant transactions involving these counterparties during the year.

37 Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

The total amount of capital expenditure incurred in the year is shown in the table below (including the value of assets acquired under finance leases and PFI/PP contracts), 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 Council, the expenditure results in an increase in the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), a measure of the capital expenditure incurred historically by the Council that has yet to be financed. Movements on the CFR are also analysed below.

	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	700,742	708,433
Capital investment		
Property, Plant and Equipment	140,525	88,002
Investment Properties	1,467	677
Heritage Assets	-	113
Intangible Assets	959	4,255
Long Term Debtors	1,000	1,000
Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	1,781	1,751
Sources of finance		
Capital receipts	(6,840)	(8,580)
Government grants and other contributions	(97,763)	(40,907)
Sums set aside from revenue:		
• Direct revenue contributions	(40,129)	(37,581)
• MRP – City Council Debt	(10,685)	(9,933)
• MRP – Contribution from Unitaries re Ex-County Debt	(2,177)	(2,506)
• MRP - Write down of PFI Liability	(4,455)	(3,982)
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	684,425	700,742
Explanation of movements in year		
Less Minimum Revenue Provision	(17,317)	(16,422)
Increase in underlying need to borrowing (unsupported by government financial assistance)	1,000	8,731
Increase in Capital Financing Requirement	(16,317)	(7,691)

38 Leases

Council as Lessee

Finance Leases

The Council has acquired vehicles for operational purposes under finance leases. The assets acquired under these leases are carried as Property, Plant and Equipment in the Balance Sheet at the following net amounts:

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	6,920	8,970
	6,920	8,970

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

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Finance lease liabilities (net present value of minimum lease payments):		
• current	1,255	1,386
• non-current	5,842	7,097
	7,097	8,483
Finance costs payable in future years	3,041	4,136
Minimum lease payments	10,138	12,619

The minimum lease payments will be payable over the following periods

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than one year	2,212	2,481	1,255	1,386
Later than one year and not later than five years	7,926	8,848	5,842	6,007
Later than five years	-	1,290	-	1,090
	10,138	12,619	7,097	8,483

Operating Leases

The Council has acquired property, vehicles and equipment by entering into operating leases. The future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable leases in future years are:

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than one year	588	26
Later than one year and not later than five years	885	1,466
Later than five years	-	-
	1,473	1,492

Council as Lessor

Operating Leases

The Council leases out property within the commercial trading estate under operating leases for the following purposes:

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

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

	31 March 2014 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than one year	11,545	11,512
Later than one year and not later than five years	40,880	40,958
Later than five years	825,694	837,485
	878,119	889,955

The minimum lease payments receivable at 31 March 2014 and 2013 are based on the current rents receivable at the respective Balance Sheet dates. They do not include estimates of future rents reviews or contingent rents.

39 Private Finance Initiatives and Similar Contracts

Schools PFI Phase 1A

On 31st March 2004 the Council entered into a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract with Bristol Schools Limited. The contract provided for the design, construction and financing of four new secondary schools, Bedminster Down, Henbury School, Orchard School and Oasis Brightstowe Academy. All four schools were constructed and are operational. Bristol Schools Limited will maintain and operate the facilities for twenty-six years from the date the first school became operational.

A capital contribution of £5.346m was made to the first phase of the project by way of a cash payment. This was in respect of the provision of leisure facilities and of the retention of part of the site of Henbury School by the Council, for subsequent disposal.

Schools PFI Phase 1B and 1C, Building Schools for the Future

During 2006/07 the Council entered into a PFI contract with Bristol PFI Limited to design, build, finance and operate four additional schools in Bristol. A Local Education Partnership (LEP) was also created to manage the supply chain and deliver the four schools. The partnership is between Skanska Education Partnerships (80%), Partnership for Schools (10%) and Bristol City Council (10%). The schools are Brislington Enterprise College, Bristol Brunel Academy, Bristol Metropolitan Academy and Bridge Learning Campus. Bristol PFI Limited will maintain and operate the facilities for twenty-seven years from the date the first school became operational.

A capital contribution of £9.569m was made to the project by way of a cash payment. This was used towards the cost of the Bridge Learning Campus and provision of leisure facilities at Bristol Brunel Academy.

Hengrove Leisure Centre

In April 2010 the Council entered into a PFI contract with Bristol Active Limited to design, build, finance and operate a new leisure centre, and associated car park, in Hengrove. The centre opened in February 2012 and Bristol Active Limited will operate and maintain the facility until 2037.

The assets and associated liability have been included on the Council's Balance Sheet in accordance with IFRS.

A capital contribution of £7.161m was made to the project by way of a cash payment. This was used to fund the capital works for the Car Park and as a contribution towards the capital works of the Leisure Centre.

Property, Plant and Equipment

The PFI assets, and related liabilities, have been recognised on the Council's balance sheet when made available for use. Movements in their value over the year are detailed in the analysis of the movements on the Property, Plant and Equipment balance in Note 12. The assets will be transferred back to the Council at the end of the contracts for nil consideration.

Locally managed schools transferring to Academy status are granted a 125 year peppercorn lease and, in response to CIPFA guidance, are de-recognised from the Council's accounts as control of these assets is transferred to the Academy.

Payments are made to the PFI contractors as monthly "unitary payments". The estimated payments the Council will make under the contracts are shown below.

These payments are commitments and can vary subject to indexation, reductions for performance and availability failures, and possible future variations to the scheme.

The funding of the unitary payment for the School PFI schemes will come from the individual schools budget, the overall schools budget and a special government grant. The Hengrove Leisure unitary payment will be funded by the special government grant, with the balance provided from Sports Services budgets. PFI payments are accounted for in the year in which the service was provided and are allocated to repayment of the liability, finance cost, service charge and other costs (lifecycle cost and contingent rents).

Schools PFI Phase 1A

As at 31st March 2014 payments totalling £83m (£73m in 2012/13) have been made to the PFI contractor. The future estimated payments the Council will make under the contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
2014/15	2,713	1,243	5,420	199	9,575
2015/16 to 2018/19	11,547	6,015	20,101	341	38,004
2019/20 to 2023/24	16,134	10,837	20,496	880	48,347
2024/25 to 2028/29	18,255	16,837	12,859	2,070	50,021
2029/30 to 2031/32	9,513	11,148	2,325	742	23,728
Total	58,163	46,080	61,201	4,232	169,675

Over the life of the PFI project, the Council will receive government grant of £134.8m.

Schools PFI Phase 1B and 1C, Building Schools for the Future

As at 31st March 2014 payments totalling £92m (£75m in 2012/13) have been made to the PFI contractor. The future estimated payments the Council will make under this contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
2014/15	4,653	2,764	7,382	2,669	17,468
2015/16 to 2018/19	19,587	11,817	27,371	13,505	72,279
2019/20 to 2023/24	27,583	19,681	28,350	20,502	96,116
2024/25 to 2028/29	31,815	23,203	20,422	27,373	102,813
2029/30 to 2033/34	36,649	35,639	9,844	27,664	109,796
2034/35	3,097	2,755	212	2,874	8,938
Total	123,384	95,859	93,581	94,587	407,411

Over the life of the PFI project, the Council will receive government grant of £326.3m.

Hengrove Leisure PFI

As at 31st March 2014 payments totalling £7.8m (£3.7m in 2012/13) have been made to the PFI Contractor. The future estimated payments the Council will have to make under the Contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
2014/15	308	786	1,865	466	3,425
2015/16 to 2018/19	1,277	2,886	6,681	3,012	13,856
2019/20 to 2023/24	1,785	3,144	6,672	6,102	17,703
2024/25 to 2028/29	1,979	3,174	5,231	7,797	18,181
2029/30 to 2033/34	2,274	4,457	3,273	8,718	18,722
2034/35 to 2036/37	1,407	3,509	735	5,596	11,247
Total	9,030	17,956	24,457	31,691	83,134

Over the life of the PFI project, the Council will receive government grant of £69.6m.

The unitary payments have been calculated to compensate the contractor for the fair value of the services they provide, the capital expenditure incurred, and the interest payable on financing the capital expenditure. The Hengrove Leisure PFI contains a significant amount of third party income, this is income received directly by the PFI Contractor from the users of the facility. The payment for services has been shown net of this estimated income, as the unitary payments have been reduced to reflect the operator's right to this income. The outstanding liability due to the contractor for reimbursement of capital expenditure is as follows:

	Schools		Hengrove Leisure	
	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance outstanding at the start of year	145,724	149,255	18,624	19,075
Movement in year	(3,785)	(3,531)	(668)	(451)
Balance outstanding at year end	141,939	145,724	17,956	18,624

Total balance outstanding at year end 2012/13 £164,348

Total balance outstanding at year end 2013/14 £159,895

40 Impairment Losses

During 2013/14, the Council recognised £82k (2013: £92k) impairment losses relating to properties (excluding changes in market value) within the Income and Expenditure Account relating to numerous assets.

41 Exit Packages

The numbers of exit packages relating to council employees during 2013/14, with total cost per band and the total cost of compulsory and other redundancies are set out in the table below. The numbers and costs include packages agreed at the end of the year but not paid. Costs include the costs of early payment of pension in the cases of early retirement.

Exit package cost band	Number of compulsory redundancies		Number of other departures		Total number of exit packages by cost band		Total cost of exit packages in each band	
	2013/14 No.	2012/13 No.	2013/14 No.	2012/13 No.	2013/14 No.	2012/13 No.	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
£0 - £20,000	29	25	574	134	603	159	9,510	1,437
£20,001 - £40,000	1	25	413	46	414	71	11,394	2,092
£40,001 - £60,000	2	3	58	17	60	20	2,672	960
£60,001 - £80,000	-	2	17	9	17	11	1,153	750
£80,001 - £100,000	-	-	11	1	11	1	970	88
£100,001 - £150,000	-	1	3	4	3	5	390	548
£150,001 - £200,000	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-
Total	32	56	1,076	211	1,108	267	26,089	5,875

42 Pensions

a Participation in Pension Schemes

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

The Council participates in three pension schemes:

The Local Government Pension Scheme - all staff, with the exception of teachers, are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The scheme is administered by Bath and North East Somerset Council and is called the Avon Pension Fund. The Fund provides members with benefits related to length of service and final salary. It is a 'defined benefit' scheme. In 2013/14 the Council paid an employer's contribution rate of 19% (18% in 2012/13), resulting in total payments of service deficit, as assessed by the Fund Actuary. The Actuary carries out a full valuation of the Fund every three years in accordance with government regulations. The last valuation of the Fund was undertaken at 31 March 2013, the next full valuation is therefore due at March 2016. If the valuation indicates that there are insufficient assets to meet future liabilities, employer contribution rates are increased to make up the shortfall. As indicated above, the Council paid a contribution rate of 19% from 1 April 2013, representing 11.8% in respect of future service and 7.2% to meet the deficit recovery element.

The Teachers' Pension Scheme - The rate of contribution for 2013/14 was 19%, resulting in a total payment of £7.82m (£9.88m in 2012/13) to the Teachers' Pension Agency. In addition, the Council made payments totalling £2.3m (£2.3m in 2012/13) in respect of pensions and added years where the early retirement of teachers was agreed. The Council also met its share of the residual liability for former Avon County Council employees, amounting to £2.12m in 2013/14 (£2.12m in 2012/13). The estimated liability for unfunded payments has been calculated by the actuary and is included in the Balance Sheet.

The National Health Service Pension Scheme – In 2013/14 a total payment of £0.49m was made to the NHS Pension Scheme, following the transfer of public health responsibilities from primary care trusts.

b Transactions relating to retirement benefits

Employer contributions paid in the year have been charged to service revenue accounts, prior to the adjustments required under the accounting standard, IAS19. The adjustments included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account to comply with IAS19 are offset by appropriations from the Pensions Reserve to the General Fund in the Movement in Reserves Statement, so that there is no effect on the overall amount met from government grant and local tax payers.

The principal assessments made by the Fund actuary, in so far as these affect the Income and Expenditure Account are set out in the following table:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers' Unfunded Pensions	
	2013/14 £'000	Re-stated 2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Income and Expenditure Account				
Net cost of services				
Current service cost	42,491	35,139	-	-
Past service gains/curtailment costs/Settlements	(59)	(12,174)	-	-
Administration expense	731	697	-	-
Financing and Investment Income				
Expenditure				
Net interest cost	24,685	23,718	2,626	2,972
Total post-employment benefits charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	67,848	47,380	2,626	2,972
Other Post-employment Benefits charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement				
Remeasurements (assets/liabilities)	(151,463)	90,504	(3,857)	7,843
Movement in Reserves Statement				
Reversal of net charges made for retirement benefits in accordance with IAS19	(67,848)	(47,380)	(2,626)	(2,972)
Actual amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year:				
Employer's contributions payable to scheme	41,070	38,430	4,441	4,439

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Income and Expenditure Account has also been adjusted in 2013/14 to reflect the current service cost and an appropriate share of the net interest cost. The latter item has been apportioned to the HRA on the basis of pensionable pay.

c Assets and Liabilities in relation to Retirement Benefits

Reconciliation of present value of the scheme liabilities:

	Funded liabilities: Local Government Pension Scheme		Unfunded liabilities: Teachers' Unfunded Pensions	
	2013/14 £'000	Re-stated 2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
1 April	1,823,780	1,598,886	73,200	66,824
Current service cost	42,491	35,139	-	-
Interest on pension liabilities	75,454	76,605	2,626	2,972
Contributions by scheme participants	12,113	12,226	-	-
Remeasurement (liabilities)				
Experience (gain)/loss	(2,781)		-	
(Gain)/loss on financial assumptions	(105,649)	182,545	(3,968)	7,843
(Gain)/loss on demographic assumptions	(8,000)		111	
Benefits paid	(63,622)	(63,773)	(4,441)	(4,439)
Past service grants, curtailment costs and settlements	(420)	(17,848)	-	-
31 March	1,773,366	1,823,780	67,528	73,200

Reconciliation of fair value of the Local Government Pension Scheme assets:

	2013/14 £'000	Re-stated 2012/13 £'000
1 April	1,214,232	1,088,805
Interest on plan assets	50,769	52,887
Remeasurement (assets)	35,033	92,041
Administration expense	(731)	(697)
Settlements	(361)	(5,687)
Employer contributions	41,066	38,430
Contributions by scheme participants	12,113	12,226
Benefits paid	(63,622)	(63,773)
31 March	1,288,499	1,214,232

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the Balance Sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

The actual return on plan assets in the year was £82.454m (2012/13 re-stated: £144.929m).

Scheme History – Pension Assets and Liabilities Recognised in the Balance Sheet:

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000	2011/12 £'000	2010/11 £'000
Present value of liabilities:				
Local Government Pension Scheme	(1,773,366)	(1,823,780)	(1,598,886)	(1,479,217)
Teachers' unfunded liabilities	(67,528)	(73,200)	(66,824)	(64,200)
Fair value of assets in the Local Government Pension Scheme	1,288,499	1,214,232	1,088,805	1,068,907
Surplus/(deficit) in the scheme:				
Local Government Pension Scheme	(484,867)	(609,548)	(510,081)	(410,310)
Teachers' unfunded liabilities	(67,528)	(73,200)	(66,824)	(64,200)
Total	(552,395)	(682,748)	(576,905)	(474,510)

The total liabilities shown in the Balance Sheet comprise the above (£552,395k) together with a small amount in respect of pre-1974 liabilities (£105k). Information regarding the increase in the liabilities over March 2014 is set out in the Explanatory Foreword.

The liabilities show the underlying commitments that the Council has in the long run to pay retirement benefits. The total liability of £552m (2012/13: £683m) impacts on the net worth of the Council as recorded in the Balance Sheet (£784m).

Statutory arrangements for funding the deficit limit the adverse impact on the Council's financial position: the purpose of the triennial valuation of the fund by the scheme actuary is to determine the increase in employer contributions necessary to make good any deficit over the remaining working life of employees. Notwithstanding this, the scale of pension fund deficits being reported by Local Authorities is likely to result in a further review of the Local Government Pension Scheme with the aim of making this more affordable in the future and thus reducing the burden on taxpayers.

Finance is only required to be raised to cover the unfunded teachers' pensions when the pensions are actually paid.

The total contributions expected to be made to the Local Government Pension Scheme by the Council in the year to 31 March 2015 are £39.619m.

d Basis for Estimating Assets and Liabilities

Liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels, etc. The Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities have been assessed by William M. Mercer the independent actuary to the Avon Fund, estimates being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2013.

The main financial assumptions used in the calculations are:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers	
	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
	%	%	%	%
Mortality assumptions:				
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners:				
Men	23.3	22.9	23.3	22.9
Women	25.8	25.9	25.8	25.9
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners:				
Men	25.7	25.2	-	-
Women	28.7	28.2	-	-
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.7
Rate of inflation - CPI	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Rate of increase in salaries	3.9	3.9	-	-
Rate of increase in pensions	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4

The actuary has provided a sensitivity analysis for each significant actuarial assumption as at the end of the reporting period. The table below shows how the defined benefit obligation would have been affected by changes in the relevant actuarial assumption that were reasonably possible at the 31 March 2014.

	Central	Sensitivity 1 +0.1% p.a discount rate	Sensitivity 2 +0.1% p.a inflation	Sensitivity 3 +0.1% p.a pay growth	Sensitivity 4 1 year increase in life expectancy
Local Government Pension Scheme	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Liabilities	1,773,366	1,741,974	1,805,324	1,780,210	1,806,784
Assets	(1,288,499)	(1,288,499)	(1,288,499)	(1,288,499)	(1,288,499)
Deficit/(Surplus)	484,867	453,475	516,825	491,711	518,285
Projected service cost for next year	38,342	37,151	39,581	38,342	39,171
Projected net interest cost for next year	20,463	19,515	21,934	20,829	21,999
Teachers' Unfunded Pension Scheme					
Liabilities	67,528	66,888	68,175	-	69,268
Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Deficit/(Surplus)	67,528	66,888	68,175	-	69,268
Projected service cost for next year	-	-	-	-	-
Projected net interest cost for next year	2,808	2,845	2,836	-	2,883

The following information disaggregates the fair value of the plan assets into classes that distinguish the nature and risks of those assets, subdividing each class of plan asset into those that have a quoted market price in an active market and those that do not:

Asset Category	Sub-Category	Quoted (Y/N)	31 st March 2014 £'000	31 st March 2013 £'000
Equities	UK Quoted	Y	214,955	234,984
	UK Futures	Y	4,883	6,584
	Global Quoted	Y	179,499	283,941
	North America	Y	67,079	63,055
	North America	N	2,286	4,222
	Japan	Y	29,878	29,746
	Europe excl UK	Y	77,581	65,844
	Pacific Rim excl Japan	Y	31,467	34,355
	Emerging Markets	Y	120,828	61,351
	Sub-total equities		728,456	784,082
Bonds	UK Government Fixed	Y	36,272	42,914
	UK Government Gilt Futures	Y	5,503	5,694
	UK Government Indexed	Y	73,667	81,762
	Overseas Government Fixed	Y	28,909	31,566
	Sterling Corporate Bonds	Y	103,894	74,945
		Sub-total bonds		248,245
Property	UK Property Funds	Y	57,702	49,034
	Overseas Property Funds	Y	41,193	37,066
		Sub-total property	98,895	86,100
Alternatives	Hedge Funds	Y	63,282	85,635
	Diversified Growth Funds	Y	121,797	0
		Sub-total alternatives	185,079	85,635
Cash and equivalents	Cash Accounts	Y	22,399	21,728
	Net Current Assets	N	5,425	-194
		Sub-total cash	27,824	21,534
Total Assets			1,288,499	1,214,232

Governance and Risk Management

The liability associated with the Council's pension arrangements is material to the Council, as is the cash funding required. The details in relation to each arrangement, including the relevant provisions for governance and risk management, are set out below.

Avon Pension Fund:

Nature of Fund

The Fund targets a pension paid throughout life. The amount of pension depends on how long employees are active members of the scheme and their salary when they leave the scheme (a "final salary" scheme) for service up to 31 March 2014 and on a revalued average salary (a "career average" scheme) for service from 1 April 2014 onwards.

Governance

As administering authority, Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES), has legal responsibility for the pension fund as set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations. B&NES delegates its responsibility for administering the Fund to the Avon Pension Fund Committee, which is the formal decision making body for the Fund. The Avon Pension Fund Committee is responsible for the investment, funding, administration and communication strategies. It also monitors the performance of the fund, and approves and monitors compliance of statutory statements and policies required under the Regulations. The Committee is supported by an Investment Panel which considers the investment strategy and investment performance in greater depth.

Funding the liabilities

Regulations governing the Fund require actuarial valuations to be carried out every three years. Contributions for each employer are set having regard to their individual circumstances. The Regulations require the contributions to be set with a view to targeting the Fund's solvency, and the detailed provisions are set out in the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2013, which showed a shortfall of assets against liabilities of £0.48 billion as at that date, equivalent to a funding level of 72%. The fund's employers are paying additional contributions over a period of up to 27 years in order to meet the shortfall.

The weighted average duration of the Council's defined benefit obligation is 18 years, measured on the actuarial assumptions used for IAS19 purposes.

Risks and Investment strategy

The Avon Pension Fund does not have an explicit asset and liability matching strategy. The primary objective of its investment strategy is to generate positive real investment return above the rate of inflation for a given level of risk to meet the liabilities as they fall due over time. When setting the investment strategy, the expected volatility of the assets relative to the value placed on the liabilities was measured and taken into account. The aim of the strategy and management structure is to minimise the risk of a reduction in the value of the assets and maximise the opportunity for asset gains across the Fund.

To achieve its investment objective the Fund invests across a diverse range of assets such as equities, bonds, property and other alternative investments, and uses a number of investment managers. The risk management process identifies and mitigates the risks arising from the Fund's investment strategy and policies which are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions.

As a result of its investment strategy, the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks including market risk (market price, interest rate and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Market Price / Interest rate / Currency risk

Market risk is the risk of loss from fluctuations in market prices, interest rates or currencies, to which the Fund is exposed across its investments portfolio. The objective of the investment strategy is to manage and control market risk within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. Volatility in market risk is managed through diversification across asset class and investment managers.

The Fund has a high allocation to equities and therefore the fluctuation in equity prices is the largest market risk within the portfolio. The maturity profile of the Fund and strong underlying covenant underpins the allocation to equities which are expected to deliver higher returns over the long term.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument or transaction will fail to meet an obligation and cause the Fund to incur a financial loss. As the market values of investments reflect an assessment of creditworthiness in their pricing, the risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the carrying value of the assets and liabilities.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The investment strategy and cash management policy ensure that the pension fund has adequate cash to meet its working requirements. The Fund has immediate access to its cash holdings and a substantial portion of the Fund's investments consist of readily realisable securities, in particular equities and fixed income investments. The main liabilities of the Fund are the benefits payable as they fall due over a long period and the investment strategy reflects the long term nature of these liabilities.

Other risks

Actions taken by the Government, or changes to European legislation, could result in stronger local funding standards, which could materially affect the Council's cash flow.

There is a risk that changes in the assumptions (e.g. life expectancy, price inflation, discount rate) could increase the defined benefit obligation and/or the liabilities for actuarial valuation purposes. Other assumptions used to value the defined benefit obligation are also uncertain, although their effect is less material. The sensitivity analysis above indicates the change in the defined benefit obligation for changes in the key assumptions.

Amendments, curtailments and settlements

The provisions of the Fund were amended with effect from 1 April 2014. As explained above, for service up to 31 March 2014, benefits were based on salaries when members leave the scheme, whereas for service after that date, benefits are based on career average salary. Further details of the changes are available from the Council.

Curtailments shown in the accounting figures relate to the cost of providing retirement benefits for members who retire early, to the extent that provision has not already been made for the relevant defined benefit obligations.

Settlements shown in the accounting figures relate to the admission of new employers into the Fund, and who take on part of the authority's assets and liabilities as a result of employing members who have accrued benefits with the authority.

Schemes for Teachers and Public Health Workers:**Nature of Funds**

The Funds target a pension paid throughout life. The amount of pension depends on how long employees are active members of the scheme and their salary when they leave the scheme (a "final salary" scheme) for service up to 31 March 2015 and on a revalued average salary (a "career average" scheme) for service from 1 April 2015 onwards.

Governance

These arrangements are managed centrally by government departments/agencies, and there is no material involvement for the Council.

Funding the liabilities

Contributions to the arrangements are set by the Government, having taken advice from the Government Actuary. Again, the Council has no material involvement in this process. The exception to this is the additional pensions to retired teachers which were awarded at the point of retirement, and for which the Council is responsible. The weighted average duration of these particular liabilities is 10 years, measured on the actuarial assumptions used for IAS19 purposes.

Investment Risks

There are no investment risks in relation to these arrangements, given their unfunded nature. The greatest single risk is that the government could change the funding standards relating to them, which could increase the Council's contributions to them.

Other risks

There is a risk that changes in the assumptions (e.g. life expectancy, price inflation, discount rate) could increase the defined benefit obligation. Other assumptions used to value the defined benefit obligation are also uncertain, although their effect is less material. The sensitivity analysis above indicates the change in the defined benefit obligation for changes in the key assumptions.

The methods used to carry out the sensitivity analyses presented above for the material assumptions are the same as those the authority has used previously. The calculations alter the relevant assumption by the amount specified, whilst assuming that all other variables remain the same. This approach is not necessarily realistic, since some assumptions are related: for example, if the scenario is to show the effect if inflation is higher than expected, it might be reasonable to expect that nominal yields on corporate bonds will increase also. However, it enables the reader to isolate one effect from another.

e History of experience gains and losses

The approach to calculating the IAS19 figures in between full actuarial valuations every three years is approximate in nature. At each valuation, the position is re-assessed, with the assets and liabilities being fully recalculated. Following each full actuarial valuation an adjustment is made to the assets and liabilities to bring the previously estimated IAS19 figures into line with the more accurately calculated ones. Examples of events which this would cover are mortality and other demographic experience being different from the IAS19 assumptions. The experience gains/(losses) on assets and liabilities is shown as part of Remeasurements.

The experience adjustments arising on scheme assets and liabilities expressed as a percentage of assets and liabilities at the Balance Sheet date are as follows:

Local Government Pension Scheme

	Re-stated			
	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
	%	%	%	%
Experience gains/(losses) on assets	2.7	7.6	(3.8)	(1.5)
Experience gains/(losses) on liabilities	(0.2)	-	-	5.8

Teachers' Pension Scheme

	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
	%	%	%	%
Experience gains/(losses) on assets	-	-	-	-
Experience gains/(losses) on liabilities	-	-	-	(4.3)

43 Contingent Liabilities

Since the introduction of the Business Rates Retention Scheme on 1 April 2013, Local Authorities are liable for their proportionate share of the cost incurred due to refunds made to rate payers following successful appeals. A provision has been included in the accounts based on the estimated liability arising from business rates appeals outstanding at 31 March 2014, however, it is expected that further appeals will be made by businesses in future years that will have an impact on 2013/14 and previous years. The amount of these probable future payments cannot be estimated reliably at this point in time.

44 Group Accounts

Local Authorities with material interests in subsidiary and associated companies are required to prepare summarised group accounts (revenue account and Balance Sheet). This entails consolidating the accounts of the companies concerned with those of the Local Authority itself, at a summarised level.

However, if the activities of such companies are not significant in relation to the overall operational activities of the Council, the requirement to produce group accounts is not necessary

The following companies have been identified as being subsidiaries, as follows:

- Bristol Buildings Preservation Trust
- Destination Bristol

The City Council has no obligation to meet any accumulated deficits of these companies should they arise. In overall terms, the assets and liabilities of these companies are not material to the accounts and have therefore been excluded from the City Council's financial statements.

45 Nature and Extent of Risks Arising from Financial Instruments

The Council'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 Council.
- Liquidity risk – the possibility that the Council might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments.
- Re-financing risk – the possibility that the Council might be requiring to renew a financial instrument on maturity at disadvantageous interest rates or terms.
- Market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Council as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and money market movements.

The Council'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 treasury team, under policies approved by the Council in the annual treasury management strategy, and compliance with the CIPFA Prudential Code of Practice, the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice, and Investment Guidance that is issued under the Local Government Act 2003. 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. These are required to be reported and approved at or before the Council's annual Council Tax setting budget or before the start of the year to which they relate. These items are reported with the annual treasury management strategy that outlines the detailed approach to managing risk in relation to the Council's financial instrument exposure. Actual performance is also reported annually to Members.

The annual treasury management strategy which incorporates the prudential indicators was approved by Council on 26 February 2013 and is available on the Council website.

Credit risk

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

This risk is minimised through the Annual Investment Strategy, which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit criteria, in accordance with Fitch, Standard and Poor's and Moody's Credit Ratings Services. The Annual Investment Strategy also imposes a maximum sum to be invested with a financial institution located within each category.

Details of the Investment Strategy can be found on the Council's website. The key areas of the Investment Strategy are that the minimum criteria for investment counterparties include:

- Credit ratings of Short Term of F1, Long Term A, Support C and Individual 3 (Fitch or equivalent rating), with the lowest available rating being applied to the criteria;
- UK institutions provided with support from the UK Government;
- Building societies with assets in excess of £250m.

The Council's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its investments in banks and building societies will vary according to credit ratings assigned by the three main credit rating agencies and

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.

The following analysis summarises the Council's potential maximum exposure to credit risk on financial assets, based on experience of default and un-collectability over the last five financial years, adjusted to reflect current market conditions.

	Amount at 31 March 2013	Historical experience of default	Historical experience adjusted for market conditions at 31 March 2014	Expected maximum exposure to default and uncollectability at 31 March 2014	Estimated maximum exposure at 31 March 2013
	£'000	%	%	£'000	£'000
	A	B	C	(A x C)	
Long term investments					
AA rated counterparties	-	0.02%	0.02%	-	-
A rated counterparties	-	0.09%	0.09%	-	5
Bristol Port Company	2,502	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	2,502			-	5
Short term investments					
AAA rated counterparties	-	-	-	-	-
AA rated counterparties	10,021	0.02%	0.02%	-	-
A rated counterparties	92,521	0.09%	0.09%	82	119
BBB rated counterparties	14,077	0.21%	0.21%	30	-
D rated counterparties	1,097	43.00%	43.00%	472	673
Sub-total	117,716			584	792
Cash & cash equivalent					
AAA rated counterparties	59,508	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
AA rated counterparties	-	0.02%	0.02%	-	-
A rated counterparties	8,020	0.09%	0.09%	7	13
BBB rated counterparties	230	0.21%	0.21%	-	-
Sub-total	67,758			7	13
Trade debtors (classed as loans and receivables)	46,936	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
Long-term debtors	62,706	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
Total Financial assets as loans and receivables	297,618			591	810

The BBB rated counterparties in the above table represent deposits and investments with the part nationalised banking group, Royal Bank of Scotland.

The D rated counterparty in the above table is reference to the Glitnir Icelandic bank deposit held by the Council. In October 2008, the Icelandic banking sector defaulted on its obligations with Council deposit of £5m at that time. The Council anticipate a full recovery, and has received distributions of 79% with the remaining held in an Icelandic escrow account until foreign exchange restrictions are resolved.

No credit limits were exceeded during the reporting period (apart from the Icelandic deposits) and the Council does not expect any losses from non-performance by any of its counterparties in relation to deposits.

The Council's deposits are placed either directly with the counterparty (bank, building society or money market fund) or indirectly with the counterparty via London money market brokers. At 31 March 2014, with the exception of the deposit held with Icelandic banks, the Council's long-term

and short-term investments, and cash and cash equivalents were deposited with UK counterparties in accordance with the approved treasury management strategy.

The Council does not generally allow credit for its trade debtors. Including amounts due from government departments and other Local Authorities, the Council's net debtors shown in the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014 comprise:

Debtor analysis	Gross debtor at 31 March 2014	Bad debt provision at 31 March 2014	Net debtor at 31 March 2014	Net debtor at 31 March 2013
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Local tax payers	11,850	(5,605)	6,245	4,779
Housing rents	8,947	(6,703)	2,244	6,429
Other - sundry debtors	74,712	(24,938)	49,774	35,280
Total other entities and Individuals	95,509	(37,246)	58,263	46,488
Central Government bodies	8,872	-	8,872	14,443
Other local authorities	3,371	-	3,371	4,883
NHS bodies	77	-	77	74
Public corporations and trading funds	-	-	-	-
Total debtors	107,829	(37,246)	70,583	65,888
Balance sheet debtors	107,829	(37,246)	70,583	65,888
Adjust for statutory debtors				
Local taxpayers	(11,850)	5,605	(6,245)	(4,779)
Housing rents	(8,947)	6,703	(2,244)	(6,429)
Central Government bodies	(8,872)	-	(8,872)	(14,443)
Total statutory debtors (not qualifying as loans and receivables under IFRS)	(29,669)	12,308	(17,361)	25,651
Debtors qualifying as loans and receivables	78,160	(24,938)	53,222	40,237

Liquidity risk

The Council has a comprehensive cash flow management system that seeks to ensure that cash is available as needed. If unexpected movements happen, the Council has ready access to borrowings from the money markets to cover day-to-day cash flow requirements, and whilst the Public Works Loans Board provides access to longer term funds, it also acts as lender of last resort to Councils. There is no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments. The Council sets limits on the proportion of its fixed rate borrowing during specified periods.

The maturity analysis of financial assets is as follows:

	31 March 2014	31 March 2013
	£'000	£'000
Less than one year	232,410	204,689
Between one and two years	-	-
Between two and three years	-	5,790
More than three years	65,208	67,872
Total financial assets	297,618	278,351

Refinancing and Maturity Risk

The Council maintains a significant debt and investment portfolio. Whilst the cash flow procedures above are considered against the refinancing risk procedures, longer-term risk to the Council relates to the exposure to replacing financial instruments as they mature. This risk relates to both the maturing of longer-term financial liabilities and longer-term financial assets.

The approved treasury indicator limits for the maturity structure of debt and the limits on investments placed for greater than one year in duration are the key parameters used to address this risk. The Council approved treasury and investment strategies address the main risks and the central treasury team address the operational risks within the approved parameters. This includes:

- Monitoring the maturity profile of financial liabilities and amending the profile through either new borrowing or the rescheduling of the existing debt; and
- Monitoring the maturity profile of investments to ensure sufficient liquidity is available for the Council's day-to-day cash flow needs, and monitoring the spread of longer-term investments provides stability of maturities and returns in relation to the longer-term cash flow needs.

The maturity profile of the Council's debt portfolio is shown in the table below.

Maturity Period	Actual 31 March 2014	Actual 31 March 2013
	£'000	£'000
Less than 12 months	4,962	15,350
1 - 2 years	-	-
2 - 5 years	3,000	3,000
5 - 10 years	15,000	15,000
10 - 15 years	54,000	49,000
15 - 20 years	-	5,000
20 - 25 years	25,000	20,000
25 - 30 years	15,000	15,000
30 - 35 years	24,800	25,000
35 - 40 years	21,000	19,800
40 - 45 years	110,500	116,500
45 - 50 years	115,992	115,992
50 - 55 years	10,000	10,000
55 - 60 years	-	-
60 - 65 years	10,000	-
65 - 70 years	10,000	20,000
Total debt	419,254	429,642

The above maturity debt analysis can be analysed further in accordance with the Council's approved minimum and maximum prudential indicators for maturity structure of borrowings:

Period	Approved minimum Limit	Approved Maximum Limit	31 March 2014		31 March 2013	
	%	%	£'000	%	£'000	%
< 12 months	-	20	4,962	1	15,350	4
1 - 2 years	-	20	-	-	-	-
2 - 5 years	-	40	3,000	1	3,000	1
5 - 10 years	-	40	15,000	3	15,000	3
> 10 years	25	100	396,292	95	396,292	92
Total			419,254	100	429,642	100

The above table confirms that the Council's debt portfolio is well within the limits approved by Council members.

Market risk

Interest rate risk

The Council 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 Council. For instance, a rise in interest rates would have the following effects.

- Borrowing at variable rates - the interest rate 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.

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

The Council has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. Policy is to aim to keep a maximum of 30% of its borrowings in variable rate loans. During periods of falling interest rates, and where economic circumstances make it favourable, fixed rate loans will be repaid early to limit exposure to losses. The risk of loss is ameliorated by the fact that a proportion of government grant payable on financing costs will normally move with prevailing interest rates and provide compensation for a proportion of any higher costs.

The treasury management team has an active strategy for assessing interest rate exposure that feeds into the setting of the annual budget and which is used to update the budget quarterly during the year. This allows any adverse changes to be accommodated. The analysis will also advise whether new borrowing taken out is fixed or variable.

At 31 March 2014, if interest rates had been 1% higher with all other variables held constant, the financial effect would be:

	<u>£'000</u>
Increase in interest payable on variable rate borrowings	-
Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	(2,639)
Increase in government grant receivable for financing costs	-
Impact on Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(2,639)
Share of overall impact debited to the HRA	541
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate investment assets	-
Impact on Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate borrowings/liabilities (no impact on the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure)	88,500

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

Price risk

The Council does not generally invest in equity shares but does have a shareholding to the value of £2.5m in the Bristol Port Company as at 31st March 2014. Whilst this holding is generally illiquid, the Council is exposed to losses arising from movements in prices of these shares.

As the shareholding has arisen in the acquisition of specific interests, the Council is not in a position to limit its exposure to price movements by diversifying its portfolio. Instead it only acquires shareholdings in return for “open book” arrangements with the company concerned so that the Council can monitor factors that might cause a fall in the value of specific holdings.

These shares are classified as Loans and receivables at amortised cost.

Foreign exchange risk

During 2013/14 the Council received monies denominated in foreign currencies relating to the settlement of the Icelandic deposits and receipt European grant. Payments were received in a variety of currencies and converted to Sterling.

The Council also has foreign exchange exposure to Icelandic Krona resulting from an element of the settlement being held in an escrow account. The Council is unable to exchange this holding to sterling due to the current foreign exchange restrictions placed on the trading of Icelandic krona by the Icelandic Authorities.

Icelandic Bank Investments

Investment held in Icelandic Banks - The Council has one outstanding investment with Glitnir (£5m principal) bank, which is subject to a recovery process.

The administrator paid out 100% of the claim with 79% being received by the Council, whilst the remainder (in Icelandic kroner-ISK) is being held in an escrow account with a high credit quality Scandinavian bank and is accruing interest at a market rate. At present the Council is unable to repatriate these funds due to the foreign exchange restrictions being imposed by the Icelandic authorities under Icelandic law.

The Balance Sheet valuation of these assets at 31 March 2014 is £1.1m.

Information regarding the repatriation of these funds is uncertain and has therefore been classified as short-term investments.

HRA Income and Expenditure Statement

The HRA reflects a statutory obligation to account separately for council housing provision. The HRA Income and Expenditure Statement shows the major elements of HRA expenditure and how they are met from rents, subsidy and other income. The account does not reflect all of the transactions required by statute to be charged or credited to the HRA for the year. The movement on the HRA Statement gives details of the additional transactions, which are required by statute.

	Note	31 March 2014 Net £'000	31 March 2013 Net £'000
Expenditure			
Repairs and maintenance		29,626	23,798
Supervision and management		21,943	22,453
Special services		12,302	12,367
Rent, rates, taxes and other charges		827	764
HRA negative subsidy payable	3	-	(468)
Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	5	16,642	16,639
Debt management		86	64
Debt write offs and movement in the allowance for bad debts		1,339	964
Total expenditure		82,765	76,581
Income			
Dwelling rents	2	(107,587)	(101,551)
Non-dwelling rents		(963)	(1,028)
Charges for services and facilities		(7,494)	(6,934)
Contributions towards expenditure		(130)	(11)
Total income		(116,174)	(109,524)
Net cost of HRA services as included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		(33,409)	(32,943)
Net cost of HRA services		(33,409)	(32,943)
(Gain)/loss on sale of HRA non-current assets		(4,993)	(2,218)
Interest payable and similar charges		11,338	11,366
HRA interest and investment income		(488)	(556)
Pensions interest costs and expected return on assets		2,505	1,555
Other capital grants and contributions		-	(1,523)
(Surplus)/Deficit for the year on HRA services		(25,047)	(24,319)

Statement of movement on the HRA Balance

	Note	31 March 2014 Net £'000	31 March 2013 Net £'000
HRA balance brought forward		(39,019)	(31,835)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year on the HRA Income and Expenditure Account		(25,047)	(24,319)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under statute		16,887	15,867
HRA settlement payment to DCLG			-
Increase/(decrease) before reserve transfers		(8,160)	(8,452)
Transfer from/to reserves		1,857	1,268
Net increase/(decrease) on HRA balance		(6,303)	(7,184)
HRA balance carried forward	11	(45,322)	(39,019)

Note to the statement of movement on the HRA Balance

	Note	31 March 2014 Net £'000	31 March 2013 Net £'000
Items included in the HRA Income and Expenditure Account but excluded from the movement on HRA Balance for the year			
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	5	9	5
Depreciation and impairment of fixed assets	5	16,633	16,634
Accumulated compensating absences reserve			-
Fair value movements on investment properties			-
Net charges made for retirement benefits in accordance with IAS19	6	6,817	4,864
Other capital receipts net of allowable deductions		-	-
Capital grants and other contributions		-	(397)
Net (gain)/loss on disposal of assets		(4,993)	(2,218)
		18,466	18,888
Items not included in the HRA Income and Expenditure Account but included in the movement on HRA Balance for the year			
Capital expenditure funded by the HRA	7	(1,070)	(922)
Employer's contributions payable to the Avon Pension Fund and retirement benefits payable direct to pensioners	6	(3,519)	(3,385)
Transfer to Major Repairs Reserve	8	(4,929)	(4,369)
HRA depreciation to Major Repairs Reserve	8	(24,716)	(24,865)
Amortisation of premiums		(1,119)	(1,213)
		(35,353)	(34,754)
Net additional amount required by statute to be debited or credited to the HRA Balance for the year		(16,887)	(15,866)

Notes to the Housing Revenue Account

1 Dwelling numbers as at 31 March 2013

	31 March 2014	31 March 2013
Houses		
1 Bedroom	10	9
2 Bedrooms	2,195	2,198
3 Bedrooms	9,344	9,423
4 or more Bedrooms	400	403
Total Houses	11,949	12,033
Bungalows		
1 Bedroom	352	350
2 Bedrooms	698	693
3 Bedrooms	26	28
4 or more Bedrooms	1	-
Total Bungalows	1,077	1,071
Flats		
1 Bedroom	6,556	6,529
2 Bedrooms	7,775	7,748
3 Bedrooms	444	448
4 or more Bedrooms	18	18
Total Flats	14,793	14,743
Hostels (dwelling equivalent)	7	7
Total Dwellings held at 31 March 2013	27,826	27,854

2 Rent and Rent Arrears

The total value of dwelling rents in 2013/14, gross of voids, is £107.5m (£101.5m in 2012/13). The amount of rent arrears including recoverable housing benefit, water charges, defect charges, etc, total £8.5m (£8.1 in 2012/13).

As at 31 March	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Former tenants	2,771	3,024
Current tenants	5,759	5,113
	8,530	8,137
Balance Sheet Provision		
Former tenants	2,771	3,024
Current tenants	3,933	3,504
	6,704	6,528

Vacant Possession

The vacant possession value of dwellings as at 1st April 2014 was £2.644bn (£2.616bn in 2012/13). The value of dwellings in the balance sheet (excluding dwellings leased to Registered Social Landlords) was £0.82bn (£0.81bn in 2012/13), a difference of £1.82bn (£1.805bn in 2012/13). This difference reflects the economic cost of providing council housing at less than market rent.

3 Subsidy

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Management and maintenance	-	-
Capital financing	-	-
Rents	-	-
Housing subsidy - adjustment re previous years	-	-
Interest on receipts – Prior year adjustment	-	63
Housing subsidy	-	63
Major repairs allowance	-	-
Total HRA subsidy	-	63

4 Sums Directed by the Secretary of State to be Debited or Credited to the HRA

In 2013/14 there were no sums approved by the Secretary of State to be debited to the HRA in relation to the transfer of rent rebates from the HRA to the General Fund.

5 Depreciation and impairment

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Depreciation		
Operation - Dwellings	24,715	24,865
- Other, including leased	286	293
	25,001	25,158
- Intangible fixed assets	9	5
Total depreciation	25,010	25,163
Impairment	17	77
Reversal of impairment losses	(8,385)	(8,601)
Total depreciation and impairment	16,642	16,639

Impairment

Revaluation gains of £8.4m have been credited to the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services (2012/13 Impairment £8.6m). This is because the revaluation gains either relate to Investment properties for which gains or losses due to revaluations must be recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services in accordance with IFRS accounting standards, or because the revaluation gains reverse revaluation decreases or impairment losses previously charged to the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. The overall increase in asset values is mainly attributable to dwellings, which has shown a mixture of increases and decreases in value.

6 HRA Share of Contributions to/from Pension Reserve

For 2013/14, the HRA has been attributed with a share of the interest cost, net of the expected return on pension assets, as calculated by the actuary to the pension fund. This share has been calculated using the proportion of HRA pensionable pay to the total of that for the Council. The net cost of services shown in the HRA statement also includes the current service cost as required by IAS 19. This is reduced by an appropriation of £3.298m (2012/13 £1.479m) from the Pensions Reserve. Further information regarding the accounting for pensions is included in the Notes to the Consolidated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet.

7 Capital Expenditure and financing

Total expenditure during the year and its financing was as follows:

Expenditure	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Dwellings	30,618	27,402
Other Land and Buildings	117	200
	30,735	27,602
Financing	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Loans		
Usable capital receipts	967	1,647
Revenue contributions to capital	1,070	922
Major Repairs Reserve	28,698	24,866
Capital Grants	-	-
Other	-	167
	30,735	27,602

Capital receipts

Capital receipts received during the year from disposals of land, houses and other property within the HRA was £10.9m (£9.1m in 2012/13). The receipts are summarised as follows:

	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Receipts unapplied brought forward - 1 April	6,109	1,902
Right to Buy sales	7,900	5,460
Mortgage repayments	36	52
Repayment of Right to Buy discount	-	16
Disposal of Land and Buildings	2,967	3,654
Bovis Homes Income	-	158
	17,012	11,242
Allowable reductions		-
Repaid to DCLG	(1,710)	(1,486)
Capital receipts applied	(1,687)	(1,647)
Receipts used to finance to General Fund capital	(1,280)	(2,000)
Capital receipts unapplied carried forward - 31 March	12,336	6,109

8 Major Repairs Reserve

	2013/14	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
Balance brought forward - 1 April	(4,369)	-
Capital expenditure (dwellings)	28,698	24,865
Major Repairs Allowance set aside in year	(24,716)	(29,234)
Excess depreciation credited to Statement of Movement on HRA Balance	(4,929)	-
Balance carried forward - 31 March	(5,316)	(4,369)

9 Balance Sheet Value of Land and Houses, etc

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Dwellings	819,641	810,975
Land	2,092	1,374
Other assets	20,058	20,413
	841,791	832,762

10 Asset Split

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Operational - dwellings	819,641	810,975
Operational - other land and buildings	17,468	13,218
Non-operational	4,682	8,569
	841,791	832,762

11 Reserves and Provisions

The details of reserves and provisions held within the HRA (excluding those already shown in Note 8 above) are summarised as follows:

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Reserves		
HRA balance	45,322	39,019
Other reserves		
Furniture Packs	547	434
CCTV	353	226
Energy efficiency	1,769	1,769
Other	1,617	-
Sub-total other reserves	4,286	2,429
Total reserves	49,608	41,448
Provisions		
Carbon commitment costs	7	7
Rent deposits	76	74
Total provisions	83	81

Collection Fund

The Collection Fund - Income and Expenditure Account

31 March 2013	Note			31 March 2014
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
		Business Rates	Council Tax	Total
Income				
217,348	Council Tax	-	187,613	187,613
192,392	Non-Domestic Rates	208,940	-	208,940
409,740		208,940	187,613	396,553
Expenditure				
Apportionment of Previous Year Surplus/(Deficit)				
1,861	Bristol City Council	-	(656)	(656)
233	Avon & Somerset Police Authority	-	(82)	(82)
84	Avon Fire Authority	-	(31)	(31)
2,178		-	(769)	(769)
Precepts, Demands and Shares				
191,672	Central Government (in 2012/13 relates to National Pool)	99,521	-	99,521
183,555	Bristol City Council	97,530	154,408	251,938
23,035	Avon and Somerset Police Authority	-	19,005	19,005
8,605	Avon Fire Authority	1,990	7,241	9,231
406,867		199,041	180,654	379,695
Charges to Collection Fund				
1,724	Write offs of uncollectable amounts	1,817	1,987	3,804
104	Increase/ (Decrease) in Bad Debt provision	743	514	1,257
720	Costs of Collection Allowance	721	-	721
2,548		3,281	2,501	5,782
Other				
-	Provision for Appeals/ Back-dated Appeals	14,082	-	14,082
-	Amounts disregarded in respect of Renewable energy schemes	-	-	-
-		14,082	-	14,082
(1,853)	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(7,464)	5,227	(2,237)
2,243	Surplus/(Deficit) as at 1 April	-	390	390
390	Surplus/(Deficit) as at 31 March	(7,464)	5,617	(1,847)

Notes to the Collection Fund Income and Expenditure Account

1 General

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

2 Council Tax

Council tax income derives from charges raised according to the value of residential properties, which have been classified into 8 valuation bands based upon 1 April 1991 values for this specific purpose. Individual charges are calculated by estimating the amount of income required to be taken from the Collection Fund by the City Council, the Avon and Somerset Police Authority and the Avon Fire Authority for the forthcoming year and dividing this by the council tax base of 113,099 for 2013/14 (137,089 for 2012/13). This represents the total number of properties in each band adjusted by a proportion to convert the number to a Band D equivalent and adjusted for discounts and the estimated collection rate. This basic amount of Council Tax for a Band D property of £1,597.30 for 2013/14 (£1,569.75 for 2012/13) is multiplied by the proportion specified for the particular band to give an individual amount due.

The income of £226.639m for 2013/14 (£217.348m for 2012/13) is receivable from the following sources:

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Total Council Tax income	226,639	217,348
Council Tax benefits	-	(39,911)
Council Tax Support	(39,026)	-
Billed to Council Tax payers	187,613	177,437

Calculation of the Council Tax Base used in setting the 2013/14 Council Tax:

	BANDS									Total
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
No of properties	-	48,289	71,116	37,448	17,091	9,268	4,657	2,806	327	191,002
Exemptions and disabled relief	34	-1,585	-1,831	-1,488	-1,118	-851	-198	-72	-44	-7,153
Less discounts	-2	-7,167	-6,474	-2,948	-1,225	-557	-228	-127	-23	-18,751
Total equivalent dwellings	32	39,537	62,811	33,012	14,749	7,861	4,231	2,607	260	165,098
Ratio	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	2	-
Band D equivalents	18	26,358	48,853	29,344	14,749	9,607	6,111	4,345	520	139,904
Add changes re: Additional properties										400
Increase in Student Exemptions										-1,350
Ctax Reform adjustments										1,590
Council Tax Support										-26,498
Reduction in Discounts on Second Homes										775
Rate of Collection 98.5%										-1,722
Council Tax Base										113,099

3 National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

NNDR is organised on a national basis. Every non-domestic property has a rateable value, which is determined by the Valuation Office Agency and reviewed on a 5 yearly basis. The last revaluation date was 1 April 2008 and the new revaluations came into effect on 1 April 2010. The next valuation is due in 2017.

Each year the Government specifies an amount known as the non-domestic rating multiplier and (subject to the effects of transitional arrangements) local businesses pay rates calculated by multiplying their rateable value by that multiplier. A second multiplier known as the small business non-domestic rating multiplier was introduced from 1 April 2005 and this multiplier is applicable to those businesses that qualify for small business relief.

In 2013/14 the non-domestic rating multiplier was 47.1p (45.8p in 2012/13) and the small business non-domestic rating multiplier was 46.2p (45.0p in 2012/13).

In 2013/14 the Regulations concerning NNDR changed such that the City Council is now responsible not only for collection of rates due from the ratepayers in its area but also for redistribution of the sums paid according to the following percentages: Central Government: 50%; Bristol City Council: 49%; Avon Fire Authority: 1%.

The NNDR income after reliefs and provisions of £206.768m for 2013/14 (£192.392m for 2012/13) was based on an average rateable value for the City Council's area of £532.942 for the year. The total rateable value at 31 March 2013 was £535.163m (£530.720m at 31 March 2012).

4 Collection Fund surpluses/(deficits)

In accordance with regulations, Collection Fund (deficits)/surpluses are due to be collected/distributed in the financial year following the one in which they arise. Details of the distribution of previous year's Collection Fund (deficits)/surpluses are as follows:

	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Council Tax		
Bristol City Council	(656)	1,861
Avon and Somerset Police	(82)	233
Avon Fire Authority	(31)	84
Balance at 31 March	(769)	2,178
	2013/14 £'000	2012/13 £'000
NNDR		
Bristol City Council (no values until 14/15)	-	-
DCLG (no values until 14/15)	-	-
Avon Fire Authority (no values until 14/15)	-	-
Balance at 31 March	-	-

In determining the level of Council Tax for 2014/15 the Council estimated in January that there would be a surplus of £3.613m on the Collection Fund relating to Council Tax for 2013/14. This amount will be distributed during 2014/15 and the £0.845m excess between the estimated surplus on Council Tax and the actual surplus of £4.458m will be distributed in 2015/16.

There was no estimated deficit on NNDR for the Collection Fund in 2013/14 as it was the first year of the new regulations so the whole of the actual deficit on NNDR in 2013/14, £7,464k, will be collected in 2015/16.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ACCOUNTING PERIOD - This is the length of time covered by the accounts. This is normally a period of twelve months commencing on 1 April. The end of the accounting period is the Balance Sheet date.

ACCRUALS - The accruals basis of accounting ensures that income and expenditure is reflected in the financial statements in the accounting period that they were earned or incurred, not as any cash is received or paid.

ACTUARY - One who makes calculations for pensions and insurance purposes.

ACTUARIAL GAINS AND LOSSES - For a defined benefit pensions scheme, the changes in actuarial deficits or surpluses that arise because:

- Events have not coincided with the actuarial assumptions made for the last valuation; or
- The actuarial assumptions have changed

ASSET - An asset is something that the Council owns that has a monetary value. Assets are either current or long term.

- A current asset is one that will be used by the end of the next financial year (e.g. stock, debtors)
- A long term (fixed) asset provides the Council with benefits for a period of more than one year (e.g. property, plant and equipment).

BALANCE SHEET - The Balance Sheet is a financial statement summarising the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the financial year.

BUDGET - A budget is a statement that sets out the Council's service delivery plans and capital expenditure in monetary terms.

CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT - This is the money set aside in the Council's accounts for capital spending and to repay loans.

CAPITAL CHARGES - This is a charge made to the Council's service revenue accounts to reflect the cost of utilising fixed assets in the provision of services.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - Expenditure on the acquisition of a fixed asset that will be used to provide services beyond the current accounting period.

CAPITAL FINANCING - This describes the various sources of money used to pay for capital expenditure. Capital expenditure can be funded from external sources, such as borrowing, capital grants and by contributions from the internal sources, such as capital receipts and reserves.

CAPITAL RECEIPT - A capital receipt is the income that results from the sale of land, buildings and other capital assets. A specified portion of this may be used to fund new capital expenditure. The balance must be set-aside and may only be used for paying off debt, not for funding new revenue services.

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 or less from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

COLLECTION FUND - A separate fund recording the income and expenditure relating to Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates.

COMMUNITY ASSETS - This is land and property the Council intends to own forever. These generally have no determinable useful life and there are often restrictions regarding their disposal. Examples of community assets include parks and historic buildings.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - A possible liability relating to future expenditure at the Balance Sheet date, depending on the outcome of future uncertain events.

CREDITORS - Amounts owed by the Council to others for goods and services that have been supplied but not yet paid for by the end of financial year.

CURRENT ASSETS - Items that can be readily converted into cash.

CURRENT LIABILITIES - Items that are due to be paid immediately or in the short term.

DEBTOR - Amounts owed to the Council for goods and services, where the income has not been received at the end of the financial year.

DEPRECIATION - This is a charge made to the revenue account each year, which reflects the loss in value of an asset due to age, wear and tear, deterioration or obsolescence.

EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE (POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS) - Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, favourable or unfavourable, that occur between the Balance Sheet date and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue.

FINANCE LEASE - A lease that transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a fixed asset to the lessee (the Council) from the lessor.

FIXED ASSETS - These are assets that yield benefits to the Council and the services it provides for a period of more than one year.

GENERAL FUND - The account that summarises the cost of providing Council services (excluding the Housing Revenue Account).

GOVERNMENT GRANTS - Grants made by the Government towards either revenue or capital expenditure to help with the cost of providing services and capital projects. Some of these grants have restrictions on how they may be used whilst others are general purpose.

HERITAGE ASSET - An asset with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held or maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture. Examples of Heritage Assets are historical buildings, civic regalia and museum and gallery collections.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) - A statutory account maintained separately from the General Fund for the recording of income and expenditure relating to the provision of council housing.

IMPAIRMENT - The reduction in value of an asset in the Balance Sheet owing to a change in the market value. This can be as a result of market fluctuations, physical damage or obsolescence.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - This is the Council's main revenue account. It summarises the income received from Council Tax and business rates, grants and fees and charges along with the associated expenditure on services provided.

INTANGIBLE ASSETS - These are fixed assets on the Balance Sheet such as software licences that don't have physical form but still have value.

LEASING - Method of financing the acquisition of capital assets, usually in the form of operating or financing leases.

LIABILITIES - Amounts the Council either owes or anticipates owing to others, whether they are due for immediate payment or not.

MAJOR REPAIRS RESERVE (MRR) - This reserve is for capital expenditure on HRA assets

MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) - The minimum amount that the Council must charge to revenue account to provide for the repayment of debt.

NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE (NDR) - A flat rate in the pound set by Government and levied on businesses in the City. The money is collected by the Council then pooled and redistributed by the Government to local authorities based on the resident population.

NON-OPERATIONAL ASSETS - These are fixed assets owned by the Council that it does not directly occupy or use in the delivery of services. Examples include investment properties or assets that are surplus to requirements.

OPERATING LEASE - This is a lease where the effective ownership of the asset remains with the lessor.

OPERATIONAL ASSETS - These are fixed assets owned by the Council and used in the direct delivery of services.

PRECEPT - Demands made on the Collection Fund by other local authorities (Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Fire Authority) for the services they provide.

PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT - A material adjustment applicable to prior years arising from changes in accounting policies or from the correction of fundamental errors.

PROVISIONS - Amounts set aside to meet liabilities or losses which are likely or certain to be incurred but where the amount due or the timing of the payment remains uncertain.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD (PWLBB) - A Government body that lends money to local authorities for periods in excess of one year, often at preferential interest rates.

RELATED PARTIES - Two or more parties are related parties when at any time during the financial period:

- one party has direct or indirect control of the other party
- the parties are subject to common control from the same source
- one party has influence over the financial and operational policies of the other party to the extent that the other party might be inhibited from pursuing its own interests; or
- the parties, in entering a transaction, are subject to influence from the same source to such an extent that one of the parties to the transaction has subordinated its own interests. Examples of related parties include central government, other local authorities and other bodies precepting or levying demands on the Council Tax, its members and its chief officers.

RESERVES - An amount set aside for a specific purpose in one financial year and carried forward to meet expenditure in future years. A distinction is drawn between reserves and provisions (see above), which are set up to meet known liabilities.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE - Spending on day to day items including salaries and wages and other running costs associated with the provision of services.

REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT (RSG) - The main grant paid to a local authority by Central Government to help fund the cost of its services.

TRUST FUNDS - Funds administered by the Authority for such purposes as prizes, charities and specific projects.

WORK IN PROGRESS - The value of work(s) that have been completed or are partially complete at the end of the accounting period that should be included in the financial statements.