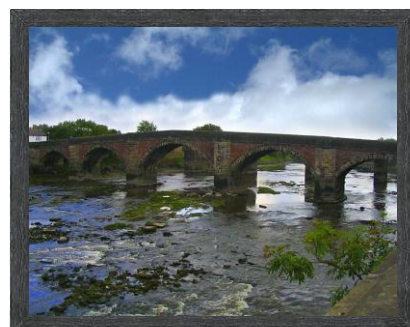


South Ribble Borough Council

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2013

**M. Nuttall BA (Hons) CPFA
Chief Executive**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH RIBBLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Foreword by the Chief executive

INTRODUCTION

As Chief Executive and the Section 151 Officer of the Council, I have the statutory responsibility for the proper administration of the Authority's financial affairs, and I am required to confirm that the Council's systems can be relied upon to produce an accurate statement of accounts.

A statement of assurance (The Annual Governance Statement) was reported to the Authority's Governance Committee on 26 June 2013.

This Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2012/13 (The Code), which is based on International Financial reporting Standards, and the Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (SERCOP).

ACCOUNTING CHANGES

No accounting changes have had a material impact on this statement.

CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The core financial statements consist of the following:-

Page 12 **Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts** – This summarises the responsibilities of the Council and the Chief Finance Officer in relation to the Statement of Accounts.

Page 13 **Movement in Reserves Statement** – Levels of reserves, and movements therein, are indicators of the financial strength of the organisation. This statement distinguishes usable from unusable reserves. The distinction is explained in the Balance Sheet comment below.

The Movement in Reserves Statement shows the surplus or deficit arising in the year on the Provision of Service. This is the true economic cost of providing the authority's services (as detailed in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement). For the purposes of council tax setting, however, a series of statutory adjustments are then made, resulting in a line entitled "Net Increase/Decrease before transfers to Earmarked Reserves." The final line shows any such discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves.

Page 14 **Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement** – This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

This statement incorporates gains and losses which would have been shown in previous years in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses. The final line in the statement, "Total Comprehensive Income", reconciles to the movements in the year in Total Reserves of the Authority, as shown in the Balance Sheet.

- Page 15 **The Balance Sheet** – this shows the value of the assets and liabilities recognised by the authority. The total of these, the Net Assets, is matched by the authority’s reserves, as shown in the lower part of the Balance Sheet.
Reserves are categorised into “Usable”, i.e. available to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation, and “Unusable”. The latter includes the Revaluation Reserve (holding unrealised gains in property values), and other reserves holding amounts arising from differences between the accounting basis used in compiling the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and statutory basis prescribed for taxation purposes.
- Page 16 **Cash Flow Statement** – this shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period. It shows how cash and cash equivalents are generated and used by classifying cash flows into operating, investment and financing activities.
- Page 17 **Notes to the Main Financial Statements** – these add to and interpret the individual statements.
- Page 60 **Collection Fund Statement** – this is an agents statement that reflects the statutory obligation for billing authorities to record transactions relating to the collection of Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates, and their distribution to precepting authorities, the Government, and the Council itself.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE IN 2012/13

Reporting Cycle

The Council's 2012/13 revenue budget, capital programme, Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), and Treasury Strategy were approved by the Council on 29 February 2012. Thereafter, monitoring reports were submitted at quarterly intervals to the Executive Cabinet. The reports are available on the Council's web site.

The monitoring reports set out the Revenue Account's anticipated out-turn against the budget and also reported progress in achieving the planned budget efficiencies. With regard to the Capital Account, progress on individual capital schemes was reported along with the relevant changes in the programme.

Actual Spend Compared to the Budget

The Movement in Reserves Statement (page 13) shows a surplus, after adjustments, of £0.721m for the year compared against a revised budget which assumed a £0.242m surplus. The main reasons for this increased surplus of £0.479m are:

- One off item received in the year in respect of VAT claim.
- Reduced employee related costs.
- Underspends occurring in a number of revenue service non-employee related budget heads that are under review as part of the Council's on-going budget efficiency programme.
- Significantly more Planning fee income than anticipated Planning.

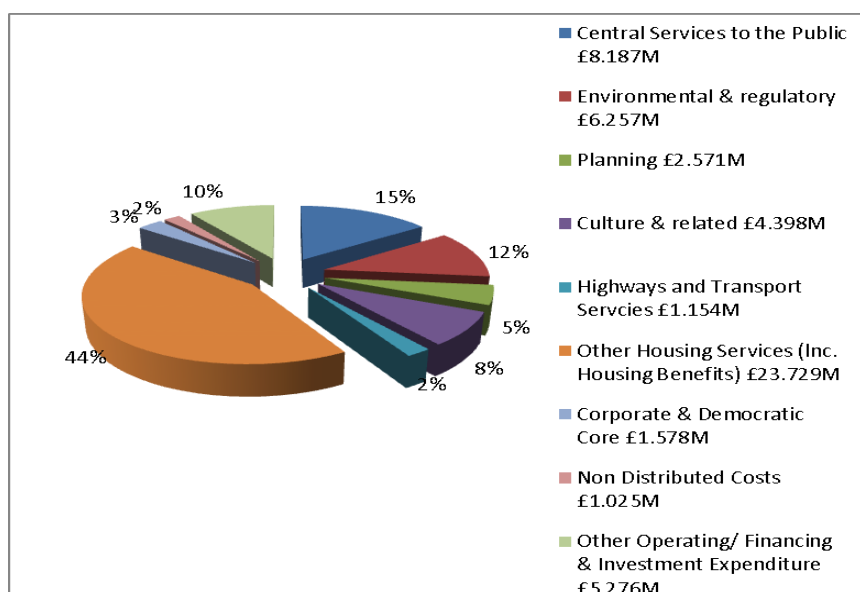
The Year End Financial Position

The core financial statements contained herein evidence the positive financial standing of the Council as at 31 March 2013 indicating the underlying financial strength of the Council. It can be seen that the authority is performing well within the current financial climate, for example:-

- Reserves are available to build financial resilience against significant funding reduction to protect front line services.
- The Balance shows that the net assets position of £21.7 million is are matched by the reserves held.

Where the money was spent

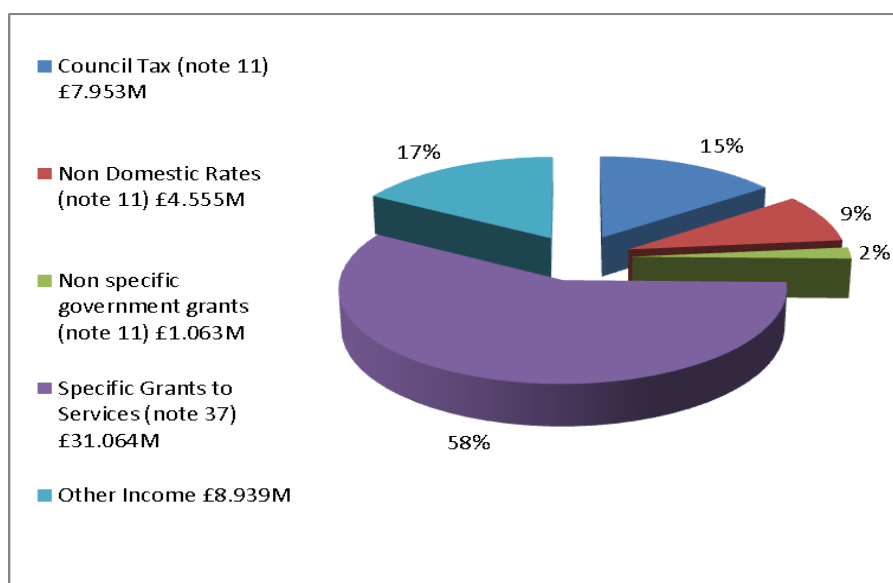
The Gross Expenditure for the Council is detailed in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. In 2012/13 it consisted of the following:-



Where the money came from

The Gross Income for the Council is detailed in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. It consists of the following:-

- Council Tax.
- Non Domestic Rates from Businesses.
- Non specific government grants, including Revenue Support Grant.
- Grants Specific to Services, for example, Housing Benefits.
- Other income.



Treasury Management

The treasury operations of the Council are conducted in accordance with its annual Treasury Strategy. This document identifies the investment and borrowing policies of the Council over a three year period specifying, amongst other things: (1) the criteria for investment counterparties (2) the maximum duration (3) the amount, of investments. It also sets out the need for borrowings.

Treasury operations are of a modest nature. The key facts for 2012/13 were:

- Investments are of a short term nature, the maximum period being one year.
- During the year investments peaked at £23m, averaged £16.4m per day, and together with cash, amounted to £12.4m at the year end. The return on investments achieved was 1.17%.
- The Council has no external borrowings but it does owe £1.4m under a finance lease arrangement for leisure buildings.
- In determining council tax charges authorities have to make a specific provision for the financing of capital expenditure (this replaces a charge for depreciation). The outstanding amount for which provision has to be made is known as the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). During the year the CFR increased from £5.5m to £6.3m (Note 39 gives details). This will generate a charge to Council Tax in future years.

Note 46 to the Statement provides more details of treasury operations and the management of risk. It also reports on the on-going recovery of impaired debt in Icelandic banks.

Capital Spend and Financing Summary

The Council's Capital Programme includes income and expenditure on items such as the buying or selling of land and property, building new property and the improvement of our existing property. This section of the forward will include the following:-

- Show where capital expenditure has been incurred.
- Explain how this expenditure has been financed.

Capital Expenditure in 2012/13

Service	Actual Capital Expenditure £'000
Playgrounds, Recreation Areas & Open Spaces	311
Housing Grants	324
Asset Management	561
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment	982
Information Technology and Communications	218
Regeneration	88
Land acquisition	551
Leisure centre assets	534
Community grants	39
Total Capital Expenditure	3,608

Capital Financing in 2012/13

Financing	Actual Capital Financing £'000
Deferred Purchase (Leisure Partnership)	534
Government Grants	363
Developers' Contributions	209
Fund Balances and Reserves	773
Capital receipts	566
Revenue Contributions	18
Borrowing	982
External Contributions	163
Total Capital Financing	3,608

Reserves and Balances Summary

The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) sets out the general fund balance for the Authority with consideration given to the budgetary pressures and subsequent financial risks the Council is exposed to over the short, medium and long term.

In the short term the Council may encounter unplanned/unforeseen expenditure or losses in year, therefore, the general fund balance is required to protect the Authority's financial standing. In the medium term, and particularly during this period of Local Government funding reductions, the current budget contains substantial efficiency and additional income targets to cover the budget deficit and reach a balanced budget position. As any underachievement of budget savings target or subsequent one-off transitional costs need to be funded by the Council, it is important to maintain reserves at appropriate levels to mitigate risk.

Also with regard to medium term financial planning, core funding received from Central Government has entered into a new era of uncertainty into the foreseeable future. This clearly has a detrimental impact on our ability to accurately forecast the totality of the budget pressures facing the Council. The 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) only released funding data for 2011/12 and 2012/13, but we now know figures for 2013/14 and 2014/15. Therefore the MTFS, a key document which sets us on a course to achieve a balanced budget, contains assumptions and estimates in respect of a number of high value income and funding streams. The next Government CSR is on the horizon with further funding reductions already reported without any supporting detail allowing the Council to assess its impact accurately. For any further funding reductions that are published, but that are not already included in the current estimates and therefore budget for, then the General Reserve will be called upon to protect the Council from having to make immediate and reactionary changes to its service provision in order to deliver a balanced budget. The ability to call on reserves in this way enables due consideration to be applied to decision making so the Council is able to achieve a reduction in costs whilst mitigating risk to the delivery of front line services.

With regard to reserves set aside for a specific purpose, there is an opportunity for the Authority to make prudent additional reserves to protect itself by covering immediate fluctuations in funding, such as the possible significant reduction in the commercial tax base in the borough, and exposure to VAT liabilities both of which can occur in year with little notice. To this end, transfers have been made to a Business Rates Retention Reserve and a VAT Liability Reserve in the sums of £150k and £105k respectively.

After taking into account all of the above, the General Fund Balances as at 31 March 2013 stands at £4.891m. This is reflected in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Pension Fund Liability

The pension fund deficit has increased from £26.4m to £31.6m. This figure is the actuary's assessment of the present value of the liabilities to be met by the fund over a long period less its current assets and anticipated future receipts. Note 43c shows that the deficit year on year is volatile, nevertheless, the trend is upwards and the increase this year has happened despite the strong rise in equity values which resulted in gains exceeding those expected. This being more than offset by the effect of a decline in the rate used to discount those future liabilities. Changes in the pension fund were announced in 2011/12 that should restrict future liabilities, but these will not affect past liabilities.

The statutory provisions require that the deficit be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees. These contributions are reviewed every three years as part of the comprehensive actuarial review of the pension fund. The next review will become effective in 2014, and was flagged in the Medium Term Financial Strategy as being a factor that had the potential to significantly affect the budget forecasts in future years.

Looking Ahead – The Overall Financial Position of the Authority

As above, local authorities are experiencing notable change and uncertainty with regard to its core funding including significant reductions in funding and budgetary challenges as a result of the Government's 2012 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and new annually variable funding regimes. The MTFS for the period 2013/14 to 2016/17 currently forecasts the following budget gap:-

Year	Budget Gap £000	Cumulative Budget Gap £000
2013/14	0	0
2014/15	1,799	1,799
2015/16	698	2,497
2016/17	194	2,691

The Authority has a successful proven track record in identifying future financial risks and subsequent budget pressures and delivering sustainable efficiency savings to address budgetary shortfalls. In this respect the Council's MTFS sets out a realistic but challenging efficiency savings plan which seeks to balance the budget position whilst also minimising the impact on frontline services.

Uncertainty is now a permanent feature of the Local Government core funding regime for a number of reasons:

- The 2012 CSR contained significant funding reductions that need to be addressed.
- The basis on which the total pot of grant funding is distributed between Councils has changed.
- A change to the funding Local Government receives via Business Rates Retention which makes up a significant proportion of the Council's overall funding. Since 1st April 2013 Business Rates are retained locally as opposed to being collected centrally and re-distributed to Councils. As this new funding method is still in its infancy the impact of this change on the Council's budget over the medium term remains largely unknown and will depend on the growth in the tax base for businesses in the South Ribble area from year to year.
- Annually variable data is now used each year to determine high value grants. For example, the New Homes Bonus grant based on number of new homes built.

All of the above exacerbates uncertainty and has a detrimental effect on the ability of the Council to forecast its budget requirement and undertake accurate medium term financial planning. Also, annual variable factors within the core funding system have the potential to increase the budget deficit without much notice and therefore serve to increase the need to maintain a level of general balances to mitigate the resulting financial risks.

Income Recovery

Note 18 analyses debtors by type, and note 46 further analyses the risk of default by debtors included within financial instruments. The following table shows the in year collection rates of local taxes. Successful recovery action continues in subsequent years.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Council Tax	97.6%	97.5%	97.6%
Business Rates (NNDR)	97.8%	97.2%	97.8%

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

This statement defines the responsibilities of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer in respect of the Council's financial affairs.

The Council's Responsibilities

The Council shall:

- ◆ make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Council, that officer is the Chief Financial Officer.
- ◆ manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- ◆ approve the statement of accounts.

The Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2012/13 (the Code)

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, He has:

- ◆ Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- ◆ Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ Complied with the local authority Code

He has also:

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

Further Information

Because of statutory requirements, this Statement of Accounts deals mainly with the financial aspects of the Council's activities. Further details of services provided by the various departments of the Council are to be found on the Council's Performance Out-turn Report.

Further information about the accounts is available from the Shared Financial Services Team, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, Lancashire, PR25 1DH

I certify that the Statement of Accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at the 31 March 2013 and its Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2013.

M Nuttall BA (Hons) CPFA
Chief Financial Officer
Date 25 September 2013

I confirm that these Statements of Account were approved by Governance Committee on 25 September 2013.

Councillor Warren Bennett
Chair, Governance Committee

Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movements in the year on the different reserves held by the Council, analysed between those that are “usable” (available to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation), and other reserves.

The line “surplus on provision of service” shows the true economic cost of providing the authority’s services, as detailed in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. For the purposes of council tax setting however, a series of statutory adjustments are then made. These adjustments are shown in total below, and are also detailed in note 7.

	General Fund £'000	Earmarked Reserves £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants & Contributions £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves Note 24 £'000	Total Reserves £'000
Balance 31 March 2011	(4,048)	(7,472)	(2,280)	(2,641)	(16,441)	(13,825)	(30,266)
<u>Movement in 2011/12</u>							
(Surplus)/deficit on provision of service	432	0	0	0	432	0	432
Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	3,039	3,039
Total Comprehensive Income & expenditure	432	0	0	0	432	3,039	3,471
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis (note 7)	(917)	0	(133)	(323)	(1,373)	1,373	0
Net change before transfers to/(from) earmarked reserves	(485)	0	(133)	(323)	(941)	4,412	3,471
Transfers to/(from) earmarked reserves	363	(403)	0	40	0	0	0
(Increase)/Decrease in year	(122)	(403)	(133)	(283)	(941)	4,412	3,471
Balance 31 March 2012	(4,170)	(7,875)	(2,413)	(2,924)	(17,382)	(9,413)	(26,795)
<u>Movement in 2012/13</u>							
(Surplus)/deficit on provision of service	601	0	0	0	601	0	601
Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	4,474	4,474
Total Comprehensive Income & expenditure	601	0	0	0	601	4,474	5,075
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulation (note 7)	(1,941)	0	510	224	(1,207)	1,207	0
Net change before transfers to/(from) earmarked reserves	(1,340)	0	510	224	(606)	5,681	5,075
Transfers to/(from) earmarked reserves	619	(645)	0	26	0	0	0
(Increase)/Decrease in year	(721)	(645)	510	250	(606)	5,681	5,075
Balance 31 March 2013	(4,891)	(8,520)	(1,903)	(2,674)	(17,988)	(3,732)	(21,720)

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. This is not the amount to be funded from taxation, since authorities raise taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations. The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement

2011/12				2012/13		
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
8,424	(7,202)	1,222	Central services to the public	8,187	(7,110)	1,077
6,289	(1,944)	4,345	Environmental & Regulatory Services	6,257	(1,912)	4,345
2,513	(936)	1,577	Planning Services	2,571	(1,212)	1,359
4,224	(674)	3,550	Culture & Related Services	4,398	(755)	3,643
1,132	(861)	271	Highways and transport services.	1,154	(993)	161
22,694	(21,335)	1,359	Other housing services	23,729	(22,660)	1,069
1,668	(245)	1,423	Corporate and democratic core	1,578	(199)	1,379
1,164	(730)	434	Non distributed costs	1,025	(618)	407
48,108	(33,927)	14,181	Cost of Services.	48,899	(35,459)	13,440
361	0	361	Other operating expenditure (note 9)	229	0	229
5,161	(4,919)	242	Financing and investment income and expenditure (note 10)	5,047	(4,544)	503
0	0	0	(Surplus) or deficit of discontinued operations	0	0	0
0	(14,352)	(14,352)	Taxation and non-specific grant income (note 11)	0	(13,571)	(13,571)
		432	(Surplus)/deficit on provision of services			601
		(1,990)	(Surplus)/deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets			(79)
		5,029	Actuarial (gains)/losses on pension assets and liabilities			4,553
		3,039	Other Comprehensive (Income) and Expenditure			4,474
		3,471	Total Comprehensive (Income) and Expenditure			5,075

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the authority. It shows the net assets of the authority which are matched by the reserves held. Reserves are reported in two categories. 'Usable Reserves' includes reserves available to provide services and other reserves which may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt. 'Unusable Reserves' fall into two categories. The first consists of the Revaluation Reserve which holds unrealised gains and losses in asset values. The second category holds amounts resulting from the "adjustments between the accounting basis and the funding basis", as shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

31 March 2012 £'000		Notes	31 March 2013 £'000
29,264	Property, Plant & Equipment	12	29,278
0	Heritage Assets		0
12,015	Investment Property	13	12,391
325	Intangible Assets	14	299
0	Long Term Investments		0
84	Long Term Debtors		85
41,688	Long Term Assets		42,053
6,153	Short Term Investments		7,586
0	Assets Held for Sale	20	0
127	Inventories	16	122
3,781	Short Term Debtors	18	4,615
5,875	Cash and Cash Equivalents	19	4,802
15,936	Current Assets		17,125
0	Bank overdraft		0
0	Short Term Borrowing		0
(3,086)	Short Term Creditors	21	(4,303)
0	Provisions	22	0
0	Liabilities in Disposal Groups		0
(3,086)	Current Liabilities		(4,303)
0	Long Term Creditors		0
0	Provisions		0
0	Long Term Borrowing		0
(1,230)	Other Long Term Liabilities		(1,448)
(26,429)	Net Pension Liability	43c	(31,623)
0	Donated Assets Account		0
(84)	Grant Receipts in Advance - Capital	37	(84)
0	Grants Receipts in Advance - Revenue		0
(27,743)	Long Term Liabilities		(33,155)
26,795	Net Assets		21,720
(17,382)	Usable Reserves	Page 13	(17,988)
(9,413)	Unusable Reserves	24	(3,732)
(26,795)	Total Reserves		(21,720)

The unaudited accounts were issued on 26/06/2013, and the audited accounts were authorised for issue on 25/09/2013.

Cash Flow Statement

This shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period. It shows how cash and cash equivalents are generated and used by classifying cash flows into operating, investment and financing activities.

2011/12 £'000		2012/13 £'000
(432)	Net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services	(601)
2,955	Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non cash movements	2,818
(1,046)	Adjustments for items reported separately on the cash flow statement	(477)
1,477	Net cash flows from Operating Activities (Note 25)	1,740
1,034	Investing Activities (Note 26)	(3,711)
(569)	Financing Activities (Note 27)	898
1,942	Net increase or (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,073)
3,933	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	5,875
5,875	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period (note 19)	4,802

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Principles

The Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2012/13 (the Code). These notes explain the policies used to ensure the Council's financial position is fairly presented.

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

The Income and Costs of the Council are accounted for in the period to which they relate, regardless of when the cash is paid or received. In particular:

- Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the Authority transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Authority.
- Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Authority can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Authority.
- Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed – where there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet.
- 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of cash in hand and deposits repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash Equivalents consist of investments which mature in less than three months. In the Cash Flow Statement cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand.

Longer term investments are not reclassified if the outstanding period falls below three months at the date of account.

Charges to Revenue for Non-Current Assets

Services, support services and trading accounts are debited with depreciation charges, revaluation and impairment losses in excess of accumulated revaluation gains, and amortisation charges in respect of intangible assets.

The Authority is not required to raise council tax to meet these charges. Instead it has to make an annual contribution from revenue towards the reduction in its overall borrowing requirement. This is achieved by means of an adjustment between the General Fund balance and the Capital Adjustment Account (in the Movement in Reserves Statement).

Contingent Assets and Liabilities

These are assets and liabilities arising from past events the existence of which will only be confirmed by future events not wholly within the Council's control. They are disclosed in notes to the accounts. See notes 44 and 45.

Exceptional Items

When items of income or expense are material, their nature and amount is disclosed separately, either on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, or in the notes to the accounts, depending on their significance.

Employee Benefits

Benefits payable during employment

These are charges to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Service. The charge includes an accrual for any untaken leave and holiday entitlement. This accrual does not affect council tax since it is reversed by transfer from the General Fund Balance to the Accumulating Compensated Absences Account (in the Movement in Reserves Statement).

Termination benefits

These are amounts payable as a result of a decision to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date, or a decision to accept voluntary redundancy. The costs are recognised when the Council commits itself to terminate the employment of an officer or group of officers, or makes an offer to encourage voluntary redundancy. The charge is made to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

Post Employment Benefits

Employees are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme which provides defined benefits to members. Full details of transactions are given in Note 43. The following notes explain the methodology

- The liabilities of the fund attributable to the Authority are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method – i.e. an assessment of the future payments that will be made in relation to retirement benefits earned to date by employees, based on assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates etc. and projections of earnings for current employees.
- Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate of 4.9% (based on the indicative rate of return on high quality corporate bonds)
- The assets of the fund attributable to the Authority are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value:
 - quoted securities – current bid price
 - unquoted securities – professional estimate
 - unitised securities – current bid price
 - property – market value
- The change in net pension liability is analysed into seven components:

Current service cost	The increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year. This is allocated in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement to the services for which employees worked.
Past service cost	The increase in liabilities arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years. These are charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account as part of Non Distributed Costs.

Interest cost	The expected increase in the present value of liabilities during the year as they move one year closer to being paid. This is charged to Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account within the Financing & Investment Income and Expenditure line.
Expected return on assets	The annual investment return on the fund assets attributable to the Authority, based on an average of the expected long term return. This is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account
Gains or losses on settlements and curtailments	The result of actions to relieve the Authority of liabilities, or events that reduce the expected future service or accrual of benefits of employees. These are charged to Non Distributed Costs within the comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account.
Actuarial gains and losses	changes in the net pension liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions. These are debited to the Pension Reserve
Contributions paid to the pension fund	cash paid as employer's contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities. These are not accounted for as an expense

Statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable to the pension fund, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. This is achieved by transfers between the Pensions Reserve and the General Fund to remove the actuarial debits and credits and replace them with amounts actually paid and those accrued at the year end. The negative balance on the Pension Reserve thus measures the beneficial impact to the General Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows rather than as benefits are earned by employees.

Discretionary Benefits

The Authority also has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities thus arising are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pension Scheme

Events after the Balance Sheet date

Where an event occurs after the Balance Sheet date and it provides evidence of conditions that existed at the Balance Sheet date, the amounts recognised in the Statement of Accounts is adjusted.

Where an event that occurs after the Balance Sheet date is indicative of conditions that arose after the Balance Sheet date, the amounts recognised in the Statement of Accounts are not adjusted. The "non adjusting event", and an estimate of the financial effect, is however disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Financial Liabilities

Borrowings are initially measured at fair value and carried at their amortised cost. The annual charge to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement (CI&E) is based on the carrying amount multiplied by the effective rate of interest. The amount presented in the balance sheet is the outstanding principal payable plus interest accrued at 31 March.

Gains or losses on premature redemption are charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement unless they are the result of a restructure in which case they are added to the amortised cost and charged over the life of the modified loan. However, Regulations require discounts to be amortised over the shorter of the life of the original loan or ten years. Greater discretion applies to premia, they can be amortised over the life of the original or replacement

loan, or a shorter period. A transfer is done from the General Fund Balance to the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account to give effect to these regulations.

Financial Assets

Loans and receivables

These are initially measured at fair value and carried at amortised cost. The annual credit to the Financing and Investment income line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is based on the carrying amount multiplied by the effective rate of interest. The amount presented in the balance sheet is the outstanding principal receivable plus interest accrued at 31 March.

Where assets are identified as impaired because of a likelihood from a past event that payments will not be received, 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. 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.

Government Grants and Other Contributions

Government grants and other contributions for both revenue and capital purposes are accounted for on an accruals basis and recognised in the accounts when the conditions for their receipt have been complied with. If compliance has not been achieved, cash received is held on the Balance Sheet as a Long Term Creditor.

The postings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure account relating to capital grants and contributions are reversed out of the General Fund balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. If the monies have not been used they are credited to the Grants Unapplied Reserve. If they have been applied to fund capital expenditure they are credited to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Heritage Assets

Heritage assets are assets held principally for their contribution to culture and knowledge. The Council has only a small collection of items displayed at its museum. Their value is nominal and has not been included in the Statement of Accounts.

Intangible assets

Expenditure on assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and controlled by the Council (e.g. software licences), is capitalised at cost if it will bring benefits to the Council for more than one financial year. Internally generated assets are capitalised where it is demonstrable that the Council will generate future economic benefits.

The cost is amortised over the economic life to reflect the pattern of consumption. The charge is made to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The postings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are reversed from the General Fund balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and charged to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Inventories and long term contracts

Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Long term contracts are accounted for on the basis of charging the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services with the value of the works and services received under the contract during the financial year.

Investment Properties

Investment properties are those held solely to earn rentals or for capital appreciation. They are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value. They are not depreciated but are re-valued annually. 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. Gains and losses on revaluation and disposal are not permitted by statute to impact on the council tax. A reversal is therefore done between the General Fund Balance and the Capital Adjustment Account (or, in the case of sale proceeds exceeding £10,000 to the Capital Receipts Reserve).

Income and expenditure from investment properties are charged to the Financing and Investment income line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Leasing

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

If the lease covers both land and buildings, then the land and building elements are considered separately for classification.

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

The Authority as lessee

Finance leases

An asset held under a finance lease is recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the inception of the lease (or the present value of the minimum lease payments, if lower). The asset is matched by a liability, being the obligation to the lessor. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred. Lease payments are split between a finance charge, charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, and the principal element, applied to write down the lease liability. Assets held under a finance lease will be subject to depreciation and revaluation in the same way as any other asset.

Operating leases

Rentals are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as an expense of the service benefitting from the asset.

The Authority as lessor

Finance leases

Where the Authority grants a finance lease over an asset, it is written out of the Balance Sheet and charged to the "gain or loss on disposals" line in Other Operating Expenses in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The Authority's net investment in the lease is credited to the same line, matched by a Long Term Debtor in the balance Sheet. Lease rental receipts are split between finance income (credited to the Financing and Investment Income line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement), and the principal element applied to write down the Long Term Debtor.

Operating leases

Where the Authority grant an operating lease over an asset it remains on the Balance Sheet, and the income is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

See note 40.

Non-Current Assets Held for Sale

Accounting treatment is detailed in the Property Plant and Equipment, Disposal and Non Current assets Held for Sale, policy.

Overheads

The Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP) requires that all Central Support and Administrative costs, with the exception of those mentioned below, be allocated to services.

The exceptions are:

- The costs of Democratic Representation and Management.
- A narrow range of costs defined as Corporate management.
- Non Distributed costs. These consist of certain costs relating to retirement benefits (past service, curtailment and settlement costs), and costs associated with unused IT facilities and surplus assets.

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

Changes in estimates are accounted for prospectively, i.e. in the current and future years affected by the change, and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment. Changes in accounting policies are only made when required by proper accounting practice or if the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions on the Council's financial performance. Where a change is made it is applied retrospectively by adjusting opening balances and comparative amounts from prior periods. Material errors will also require a prior period adjustment.

Property Plant and Equipment (PPE)

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation, or enhancement of fixed assets is capitalised on an accruals basis in the accounts provided it exceeds the 'de minimis' threshold of £5,000 and provides benefits to the Council for a period of more than one year. Assets are initially held at cost and then re-valued. Valuations are provided by qualified Valuers, are on the basis recommended by CIPFA, and accord with the Statement of Asset Valuation Principles and Guidance Notes issued by the RICS. Property assets are re-valued, at a minimum, every 5 years.

Measurement

PPE is accounted for in accordance with IAS 16. As adapted for the public sector this provides that:

- Infrastructure, Community Assets, Assets under Construction, and equipment, are measured at historical cost. Some Land & Buildings are measured at historical cost for initial recognition but only until revaluation, or where the amount relates to an asset for which fair value cannot be reliably measured for which historic cost is used as a proxy for fair value.
- All other assets are measured at fair value. In respect of specialised assets, if there is an absence of market based evidence of value, fair value will be assessed using the depreciated replacement cost approach.

A gain on revaluation is credited to the Revaluation Reserve unless it reverses a previous loss charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, in which case the gain shall be credited to that account. A fall in value will be charged firstly against any balance held in the Revaluation Reserve. If this is insufficient or non existent, the charge is made to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Depreciation

Non current assets held for sale are not depreciated.

Other property is depreciated over its useful life on a straight line basis. Depreciation is based on the closing value of assets. Components are separately depreciated if

- The total value of the host asset (excluding land) exceeds £500k and
- The value of the component exceeds 20% of the asset value (excluding land)

Depreciation periods are as follows:

	years
Property (excluding components separately identified)	5-70
Property components - mechanical	25
Portable office facilities	10-15
Vehicles	3-10
IT equipment	3-5
Other equipment	5-15

Revaluation gains are also depreciated by transfer of the difference between the current valuation depreciation charge and the historic cost depreciation charge, from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Impairment

All assets are reviewed annually for impairment. Impairment losses are charged against revaluations held in the Revaluation Reserve. If these are inadequate the loss is charged to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the reversal, up to the amount of the original loss adjusted for depreciation, is credited to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Disposal 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 continuing use, it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale and shown within current assets. The asset is re-valued immediately and carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. If assets subsequently fail to meet the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale, they revert to their Non Current Asset classification, and are re-valued at their original value adjusted for any depreciation, impairment or revaluation that would have applied.

On disposal the carrying amount of an asset 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 exceeding £10,000 from disposal are credited to the same line. Any revaluation gains accumulated in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Capital Charges and Council Tax

The postings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in respect of depreciation, impairment, disposal and revaluation are reversed in the Movement in Reserves Statement to avoid impacting on council tax. Capital Receipts exceeding £10,000 are reversed to the Capital Receipts Reserve. Other reversals are to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council an obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits, but where the timing is uncertain. Provisions are charged to the appropriate revenue account, Expenditure, when incurred, is charged direct to the provision.

Reserves

Reserves are created by appropriating amounts from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When expenditure to be financed from the reserve is incurred, it is charged to the relevant service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, and the reserve is appropriated back into the General Fund Balance through the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Revenue Expenditure Funded From Capital Under Statute

Expenditure incurred during the year that may be capitalised under statutory provision but 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.

If the Authority has determined to use capital resources to meet the cost (as opposed to funding from revenue) a transfer is done in the Movement in Reserves Statement, from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account, so that there is no impact on the council tax.

Value Added Tax

VAT is included in the accounts only to the extent that it is irrecoverable.

2 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED

Changes in the following accounting standards have not been included in this statement:

- IAS 1 presentation of Financial Statements (other comprehensive income)
- IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (transfer of financial assets).
- IAS 12 Income Taxes (deferred tax)
- IAS 19 Employee Benefits
- IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement

None of these standards is expected to have a material effect on the Statement of Accounts

3 CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There are none to report.

4 ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND OTHER MAJOR SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The Statement of Accounts contains figures estimated on the basis of historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. The following table notes items for which there is a significant risk of material future adjustment:

Item	Uncertainty	Effect if actual results differ
Pensions liability	The estimated liabilities depend on a number of complex judgements. These include future retirement ages, mortality rates, salary increases, returns on investments and discount rates. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide advice on these assumptions.	The accounts show a pension liability of £31.6m. The effect of changes in the assumptions are: - additional year of life £1.8m - 0.1% salary inflation £1.5m - 0.1% on discount rate (£1.4m) Every 3 years the fund is comprehensively re-valued and the Council's contributions reassessed.
Debtors	The most significant debtor issue for the Council is its responsibility for collecting £91m in business rates and council tax. It is however acting solely as agent of the government (for business rates) and mainly as agent (for major preceptors) for council tax. The major recovery risk resulting from shortfalls in collection falls to these bodies. Major changes in local	Any additional impairment will be a charge to the Income & expenditure account.

	government finance in 2013/14 will change this relationship and increase the risk, and the potential costs, falling to authorities. Various notes present debtor information. Note 46 shows that financial instrument debtors total £2.1m against which a bad debt provision of £0.5m has been made. The figures include Housing benefit debtors of £852k (i.e. recovery of overpayments). Changes in the administration of benefits are pending which may affect recovery in future years. The provision made for these debts, 50%, reflects this.	
Asset valuations	Note 12 shows that fixed assets valued at £28m are carried at either fair value or depreciated replacement cost value. The valuations have been carried out by qualified valuers in accordance with RICS Guidance	The values are only estimates and thus could over or understate the actual values realisable if sale actually occurred.

5 MATERIAL ITEMS OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

All material items have been disclosed in the statement or in the notes to the accounts.

6 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

The Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by the Chief Financial Officer on 25th September 2013. Subsequent events are not reflected in the financial statements or in the notes.

As at 31st March there were a significant number of unresolved appeals against Business Rate valuations. Up to 31st March any reduction would have been the liability of the Government for whom the Council acted in an agency capacity. From 1 April 2013 however, under the arrangements for Local retention of Business Rates, the Council becomes liable for 40% of these unresolved appeals (other shares are Central Government 50%, Lancashire County Council 9%, and Fire Service 1%). These accounts include nothing in respect of this liability, and until the appeal is decided it is impossible to value it with any certainty. However, for the purposes of preparing the 2013/14 budget, a cost to the Council of £0.4m was assumed.

7 ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER REGULATIONS

The surplus or deficit on the provision of service is subject to adjustment in order to calculate the amount to be met from taxation. This statement details those adjustments and agrees to the Movement in Reserves Statement.

	2012/13			
	General Fund Balance £'000	Capital Receipts Account £'000	Capital Grants £'000	Total Unusable Reserves £'000
<u>Adjustments involving the Capital Adjustment Account (CAA)</u>				
<u>Reversal of debits and credits to CI&E</u>				
Charges for depreciation of non current assets	(2,018)			2,018
Charges for impairment of non current assets	(570)			570
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment				
Movements in the market value of Investment Property	(91)			91
Amortisation of intangible assets	(218)			218
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(374)			374
Non-current assets charged to CI&E on disposal	(46)			46
<u>Insertion of items not posted to the CI&E</u>				
Statutory & voluntary provision for the repayment of debt	687			(687)
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund Balance	937			(937)
<u>Adjustments primarily involving Capital Grants Unapplied</u>				
Capital grants and contributions unapplied credited to CI&E	359		(359)	
Grants applied to fund capital expenditure transferred to CAA			583	(583)
<u>Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve</u>				
Capital receipts credited to CI&E on non current asset disposals	55	(55)		
Capital receipts used to finance new capital expenditure		566		(566)
Capital receipts credited to CI&E to finance the payment to the Government's capital receipt pool	(1)	1		
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts		(2)		2
<u>Adjustments involving Financial Instruments Adjustment A/c</u>				
Difference between finance costs in CI&E and those chargeable in accordance with statutory regulation	(2)			2
<u>Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve</u>				
Reversal of pension charges made in the CI&E	(2,117)			2,117
Employer's contributions and payments made to pensioners	1,475			(1,475)
<u>Adjustments involving the Collection Fund Adjustment A/c</u>				
Difference between credit to CI&E and precepted amount	(18)			18
<u>Adjustments involving the Accumulated Absences A/c</u>				
Difference between remuneration charged to the CI&E and that chargeable per statutory requirement	1			(1)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(1,941)	510	224	1,207

2011/12 Comparative figures	2011/12			
	General Fund Balance £'000	Capital Receipts Account £'000	Capital Grants £'000	Total Unusable Reserves £'000
<u>Adjustments involving the Capital Adjustment Account (CAA)</u>				
<u>Reversal of debits and credits to CI&E</u>				
Charges for depreciation of non current assets	(1,700)			1,700
Charges for impairment of non current assets	(524)			524
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment				
Movements in the market value of Investment Property	92			(92)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(102)			102
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(348)			348
Non-current assets charged to CI&E on disposal	(330)			330
<u>Insertion of items not posted to the CI&E</u>				
Statutory & voluntary provision for the repayment of debt	670			(670)
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund Balance	771			(771)
<u>Adjustments primarily involving Capital Grants Unapplied</u>				
Capital grants and contributions unapplied credited to CI&E	834		(834)	
Grants applied to fund capital expenditure transferred to CAA			511	(511)
<u>Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve</u>				
Capital receipts credited to CI&E on non current asset disposals	213	(213)		
Capital receipts used to finance new capital expenditure		80		(80)
Capital receipts credited to CI&E to finance the payment to the Government's capital receipt pool	(1)	1		
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts		(1)		1
<u>Adjustments involving Financial Instruments Adjustment A/c</u>				
Difference between finance costs in CI&E and those chargeable in accordance with statutory regulation	(3)			3
<u>Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve</u>				
Reversal of pension charges made in the CI&E	(1,885)			1,885
Employer's contributions and payments made to pensioners	1,575			(1,575)
<u>Adjustments involving the Collection Fund Adjustment A/c</u>				
Difference between credit to CI&E and precepted amount	(54)			54
<u>Adjustments involving the Accumulated Absences A/c</u>				
Difference between remuneration charged to the CI&E and that chargeable per statutory requirement	(125)			125
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(917)	(133)	(323)	(1,373)

8 TRANSFERS TO/FROM EARMARKED RESERVES

	Balance 31 March 2011 £'000	Transfers In £'000	Out £'000	Balance 31 March 2012 £'000	Transfers In £'000	Out £'000	Balance 31 March 2013 £'000
My Neighbourhoods	(14)			(14)	(28)	3	(39)
Asset Management	(2,203)	(500)	667	(2,036)	(500)	552	(1,984)
Borough Council Elections	(120)	(30)	106	(44)	(30)		(74)
Housing Needs Survey	(13)	(8)		(21)	(50)		(71)
ICT Strategy Reserve	(1,469)	(300)	54	(1,715)	(300)	218	(1,797)
Local Development Framework	(232)	(40)	40	(232)			(232)
Performance Reward Grant	(181)	(169)	43	(307)		46	(261)
Public Open Space Funds	(1,889)	(96)	155	(1,830)	(96)	155	(1,771)
Organisation Restructure Costs	(523)	(237)	237	(523)			(523)
Vehicle and Plant replacement	(112)			(112)			(112)
Leisure sites repair and maintenance	(161)	(36)		(197)	(45)		(242)
Icelandic impairment		(120)		(120)			(120)
Business Rates Retention				0	(150)		(150)
VAT Reserve	0	0	0	0	(105)	0	(105)
Other Earmarked Reserves	(555)	(297)	128	(724)	(465)	150	(1,039)
Total	(7,472)	(1,833)	1,430	(7,875)	(1,769)	1,124	(8,520)

9 OTHER OPERATING EXPENDITURE

2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
241 Parish council precepts	237
1 Payments to the Governments Capital Receipt Pool	1
119 (Gains) and losses on the disposal of non current assets	(9)
361 Total	229

10 FINANCING AND INVESTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
(59) Interest payable and similar charges	126
618 Pensions interest cost net of expected return on pension assets	889
(325) Interest receivable and similar income	(396)
(92) Income and Expenditure in relation to investment properties and changes in their fair value	91
100 Losses or (surplus) on trading accounts (note 30)	(207)
0 Other investment income	0
242 Total	503

11 TAXATION AND NON SPECIFIC GRANT INCOMES

2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
(7,776) Council tax income	(7,953)
(4,115) Non domestic rates	(4,555)
(1,627) Non ring fenced government grants	(674)
(834) Capital grants and contributions	(389)
(14,352) Total	(13,571)

12 PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Other land & Buildings £'000	Vehicles Plant Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infra- structure £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Total £'000
<u>Cost or valuation</u>						
At 1 April 2012	29,109	9,578	0	28	0	38,715
Additions	1,128	1,356				2,484
Revaluations recognised in the Revaluation Reserve (RR)	61					61
Revaluations recognised in CI&E	(923)					(923)
De-recognition - disposals	(14)	(1,006)				(1,020)
De-recognition - other						
Assets reclassified	51					51
Other movements						
At 31 March 2013	29,412	9,928		28		39,368
<u>Depreciation and Impairment</u>						
At 1 April 2012	(4,238)	(5,213)	0	0	0	(9,451)
Depreciation charge	(806)	(1,212)				(2,018)
Depreciation written out of RR	18					18
Depreciation written out of CI&E	353					353
Impairment losses recognised in RR						
Impairment losses recognised in CI&E						
De-recognition - disposals	1	1,007				1,008
De-recognition - other						
Other movements						
At 31 March 2013	(4,672)	(5,418)	0	0	0	(10,090)
<u>Net Book Value</u>						
At 31 March 2013	24,740	4,510	0	28	0	29,278

Comparative movements in 2011/12	Other land & Buildings £'000	Vehicles Plant Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infra-structure £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Total £'000
<u>Cost or valuation</u>						
At 1 April 2011	28,505	10,797	0	17	0	39,319
Additions	759	408				1,167
Revaluations recognised in the Revaluation Reserve (RR)	649			11		660
Revaluations recognised in CI&E	(579)					(579)
De-recognition - disposals		(1,627)				(1,627)
De-recognition - other						
Assets reclassified	(225)					(225)
Other movements						
At 31 March 2012	29,109	9,578		28		38,715
<u>Depreciation and Impairment</u>						
At 1 April 2011	(5,034)	(5,730)	0	0	0	(10,764)
Depreciation charge	(590)	(1,110)				(1,700)
Depreciation written out of RR	1,330					1,330
Depreciation written out of CI&E	56					56
Impairment losses recognised in RR						
Impairment losses recognised in CI&E						
De-recognition - disposals		1,627				1,627
De-recognition - other						
Other movements						
At 31 March 2012	(4,238)	(5,213)	0	0	0	(9,451)
<u>Net Book Value</u>						
At 31 March 2012	24,871	4,365	0	28	0	29,264

Fixed Assets Valuations

During 2012/13 the valuations were carried out by K.J. Property Consultancy and the Council's Estates Surveyor R. Handscombe FRICS. The basis of valuation is set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

	Other land & Buildings £'000	Vehicles Plant Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infra-structure £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Total £'000
Carried at historical cost	1,258	9,928	0	0	0	11,186
Valued at fair value as at:						
31 March 2013	2,487	0	0	0	0	2,487
31 March 2012	3,271	0	0	28	0	3,299
31 March 2011	20,677	0	0	0	0	20,677
31 March 2010	289	0	0	0	0	289
31 March 2009	1,430	0	0	0	0	1,430
Total cost or valuation	29,412	9,928	0	28	0	39,368

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Details of rental income and operational expenditure are given in note 30.

There are no restrictions on the Authority's ability to realise the value inherent in its investment property or its right to receipt of income or the proceeds of disposal. The assets are comprehensively re-valued every five years, and annually reviewed for any indications that changes in yields or void levels warrant a review of fair values.

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

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Fair Value 1 April	11,698	12,015
Additions – Subsequent expenditure	0	552
Disposals	0	(34)
Net gains/(losses) from fair value adjustments	92	(91)
Transfers (to)/from Property Plant and Equipment	225	(51)
Other changes	0	0
TOTAL	12,015	12,391

14 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

All software is given a finite useful life, based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use to the Authority. The following periods have been used in amortising the Authority's significant intangible assets.

Asset Description	Amortisation Period
Benefit fraud case system	5 years
Document management System	5 years
IT work programme	5 years
Customer Contact Centre	5 years
Revenues and Benefits System	5 years
Financial System	5 years

Amortisation is on a straight line basis. In 2012/13 the amortisation charge of £0.218m was charged principally to IT £0.126m, Revenues/Cashiers £0.020m and Finance £0.021m. These cost centres are absorbed as overheads across all services. It is not possible therefore to simply indicate the amount charged to each heading in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account.

The movements on Intangible Asset balances during the year are as follows:-

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Cost at start of year	724	708
Derecognised in year	(70)	0
Additions in year	54	192
Gross cost at end of year	708	900
Accumulated amortisation at start of year	(351)	(383)
Derecognised in year	70	0
Amortised in year	(102)	(218)
Accumulated amortisation	(383)	(601)
Net Carrying amount at the year end	325	299

There are no significant contractual commitments, and no individual intangible assets the amortisation of which is materially significant to the Council.

15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

15a Categories of Financial Instrument

The following categories of Financial Instruments are carried in the Balance Sheet:-

	Long Term		Current	
	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
<u>Investments</u>				
Loans and receivables	0	0	6,153	7,586
<u>Debtors</u>				
Loans and receivables	84	85	1,558	1,558
<u>Borrowings</u>				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	0	0	0	0
<u>Other Long Term Liabilities</u>				
Finance lease liabilities	(1,230)	(1,448)	0	0
<u>Creditors</u>				
Financial liabilities carried at contract amount	0	0	(2,081)	(2,355)

There has been no reclassification of assets and no pledges of collateral have been made in the periods reported in these statements.

15b Income, Expense, Gains and Losses

The amounts charged in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account are as follows:-

	2011/12			2012/13		
	Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost £'000	Financial Assets Loans & Receivables £'000	Total £'000	Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost £'000	Financial Assets Loans & Receivables £'000	Total £'000
Interest expenses	22	0	22	126	0	126
Impairment	0	(81)	(81)	0	(112)	(112)
Total Expense	22	(81)	(59)	126	(112)	14
Interest income	0	(325)	(325)	0	(194)	(194)
Interest income accrued on impaired assets	0	0	0	0	(90)	(90)
Total income	0	(325)	(325)	0	(284)	(284)
Net (gain)/loss for the year			(384)			(270)

15c 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:

- any borrowings or investments with a remaining life exceeding twelve months are discounted at the rates applying to equivalent transactions at the Balance Sheet date.
- where an instrument will mature in the next twelve months, 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 of long term financial assets and liabilities are as follows:-

	31 March 2012		31 March 2013	
	Carrying Amount £'000	Fair Value £'000	Carrying Amount £'000	Fair Value £'000
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>				
Finance Lease	(1,230)	(1,230)	(1,448)	(1,448)

	31 March 2012		31 March 2013	
	Carrying Amount £'000	Fair Value £'000	Carrying Amount £'000	Fair Value £'000
<u>Financial Assets</u>				
Long Term Debtors	84	84	85	85

16 INVENTORIES

	2011/12			2012/13		
	Consumable stores £'000	Maintenance materials £'000	Total £'000	Consumable stores £'000	Maintenance materials £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 April	117	35	152	95	32	127
Purchases	572	206	778	584	270	854
Issued in year	(584)	(206)	(790)	(594)	(270)	(864)
Written off in year	(10)	(3)	(13)	5	0	5
Balance at year end	95	32	127	90	32	122

17 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

The Council is not involved as a contractor in any construction contracts.

18 SHORT TERM DEBTORS

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Central government bodies	694	1,487
Other local authorities	1,455	1,725
NHS bodies	0	1
Public corporations and trading funds	0	0
Other entities and individuals	2,257	2,121
Net carrying amount at the year end	4,406	5,334
Less provision for bad debts	(625)	(719)
TOTAL DEBTORS	3,781	4,615

The bad debt provision has been made against debtors classified as "other entities and individuals".

19 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Cash held by the Authority	(64)	126
Bank current and call accounts	4,937	3,647
Short term deposits	1,002	1,029
Total cash and cash equivalents	5,875	4,802

20 ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

There were no assets categorised as, or movements relating to, 'Assets Held for Sale' during the current or previous financial year.

21 SHORT TERM CREDITORS

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Central government bodies	(541)	(1,611)
Other local authorities	(478)	(386)
NHS bodies	(20)	(1)
Public corporations and trading funds	0	0
Other entities and individuals	(2,047)	(2,305)
Net carrying amount at the year end	(3,086)	(4,303)

22 PROVISIONS

There are no provisions at 31 March 2012 or at 31 March 2013.

23 USABLE RESERVES

Movements in the Authority's usable reserves are detailed in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

24 UNUSABLE RESERVES

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Revaluation Reserve	(3,233)	(3,263)
Capital Adjustment Account	(32,907)	(32,412)
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	(18)	(16)
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	(24)	(22)
Pensions Reserve	26,429	31,624
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	58	76
Accumulated Absences Account	282	281
Total Unusable Reserves	(9,413)	(3,732)

24a Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve holds the gains arising from increases in the valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment. The balance is reduced by any subsequent reductions in value, by impairment, by depreciation, and by disposal. The reserve holds only gains accumulated since 1 April 2007. Gains prior to that date were consolidated in the Capital Adjustment Account.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	(1,292)	(3,233)
Upward revaluation of assets	(1,990)	(79)
Downward revaluation & impairment not charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account	0	0
Difference between fair value and historic cost depreciation	49	49
Accumulated gains on assets de-recognised	0	0
Balance at 31 March	(3,233)	(3,263)

24b Capital Adjustment Account

This account contains the following:-

- Sums set aside to finance capital expenditure.
- Accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties.
- Revaluation gains on Property, Plant and Equipment accumulating prior to 1 April 2007.
- The difference between the charges required by accounting practice for the amortisation of assets (depreciation and impairment) and the de-recognition of assets, and the capital charges required by statute.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	(33,738)	(32,907)
<u>Adj. between accounting and regulatory funding bases (see note 7)</u>		
Items relating to capital charges		
Charges for depreciation of non current assets	1,700	2,018
Charges for impairment of non current assets	524	570
Amortisation of intangible assets	102	218
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	348	374
Net cost disposal of assets	330	46
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties	(92)	91
Capital financing applied in the year		
Capital receipts used to finance new capital expenditure	(80)	(566)
Capital expenditure charged to the General Fund Balance	(771)	(937)
Statutory & voluntary provision for the repayment of debt	(670)	(687)
Grants used in the year to fund capital expenditure	(511)	(583)
<u>Adjustments with the Revaluation Reserve (see note 24a)</u>		
Downward revaluation & impairment not charged to CI&E	0	0
Difference between fair value and historic cost depreciation	(49)	(49)
Balance at 31 March	(32,907)	(32,412)

24c Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

This account contains postings arising from the difference between the requirements of accounting practice and statute in respect of certain financial instruments.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	(21)	(18)
Premia on early debt redemption – amortisation deferred as per statutory requirement	(5)	(5)
Discounts on early debt redemption – amortisation deferred as per statutory requirement	8	7
Balance at 31 March	(18)	(16)

24d Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve

This account shows the sums recognised on the disposal of non-current assets but for which cash settlement has yet to take place

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	(25)	(24)
Transfer to Capital Receipts Reserve on receipt of cash	1	2
Balance at 31 March	(24)	(22)

24e Pensions Reserve

This account contains postings arising from the difference between the requirements of accounting practice and statute in respect of pensions. The costs of benefits are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account when they are earned rather than when they are paid. Statutory arrangements however require that benefits be financed only when the Authority makes contributions to the pension fund. The debit balance on the Pension Reserve therefore shows that benefits earned by employees exceeds the payments made by the authority to fund them. Statutory arrangements require that adequate funding will ultimately be set aside.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	21,090	26,429
Actuarial losses/(gains) on pension assets and liabilities.	5,029	4,553
Reversal of charges posted to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account.	1,885	2,117
Employers contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year.	(1,575)	(1,475)
Balance at 31 March	26,429	31,624

24f Collection Fund Adjustment Account

Council tax income is recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure as it becomes due from individual payers of the charge. Statute requires however that the Council recognises the estimated amount determined when the council tax charge for the year was fixed. The difference is shown in this account.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	4	58
Council tax income credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure account in excess of statutory amount.	54	18
Balance at 31 March	58	76

24g Accumulated Absences Account

The cost of compensated absences (e.g. leave entitlement) not taken by employees during the year of account, is charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account. Statutory arrangements require however that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from this account.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Balance at 1 April	157	282
Reduction in provision transferred to General Fund Balance	125	(1)
Balance at 31 March	282	281

25 CASH FLOW STATEMENT – OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Interest received	296	333
Interest paid	(71)	(126)
Net	225	207

26 CASH FLOW STATEMENT – INVESTING ACTIVITIES

The following items have been included within investing activities in the cash flow statement:

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Purchase of property, plant & equipment, investment property & intangible assets.	(1,164)	(2,847)
Purchase of short and long term investments.	(16,400)	(21,779)
Proceeds from the sale of assets.	184	117
Proceeds from short and long term investments.	17,558	20,406
Other receipts relating to investing activity (government grants)	856	392
Total cash flows from investing activities	1,034	(3,711)

27 CASH FLOW STATEMENT – FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The following have been included within financing activities in the cash flow statement:

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Cash paid to reduce lease liabilities.	(530)	(322)
Repayments of borrowings.	0	0
Change in indebtedness relating to NNDR (due from Government) and Council Tax (due from Preceptors).	(39)	1,220
Total cash flows from financing activities	(569)	898

28 AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION DECISIONS (SEGMENTS)

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 Authority on the basis of budget reports analysed across directorates. These reports are prepared on a different basis from the accounting policies used in the financial statements. In particular:

- They exclude capital charges (depreciation, impairment and revaluation losses)
- Retirement benefits are included on the basis of cash flows rather than current service costs
- Expenditure on some support services is budgeted for centrally

The income and expenditure of the Authority's principal directorates recorded in the budget reports for the year is as follows:

2012/2013 DIRECTORATE INCOME & EXPENDITURE	Chief Executives £'000	Corporate Governance £'000	Customer Contact & Business Improvement £'000	Planning & Housing £'000	Regeneration & Healthy Communities £'000	Shared Services £'000	Neighbour- hoods £'000	Total Directorate £'000
Fees & Charges & Other Service Income	(5)	(344)	(295)	(2,266)	(954)	(855)	(2,991)	(7,710)
Government Grants			(29,280)	(186)				(29,466)
Total Income	(5)	(344)	(29,575)	(2,452)	(954)	(855)	(2,991)	(37,176)
Employee Expenses	471	890	2,059	1,498	1,690	732	2,376	9,716
Other Service Expense.	62	211	29,103	1,306	1,154	1,009	4,513	37,358
Expenditure	533	1,101	31,162	2,804	2,844	1,741	6,889	47,074
Net Expenditure	528	757	1,587	352	1,890	886	3,898	9,898

2011/2012 DIRECTORATE INCOME & EXPENDITURE (Restated)	Chief Executives £'000	Corporate Governance £'000	Customer Contact & Business Improvement £'000	Planning & Housing £'000	Regeneration & Healthy Communities £'000	Shared Financial Services £'000	Neighbour- hoods £'000	Total Directorate £'000
Fees & Charges & Other Service Income	(12)	(321)	(359)	(1,917)	(1,143)	(733)	(2,845)	(7,330)
Government Grants		(81)	(27,971)	(66)		(40)	(10)	(28,168)
Total Income	(12)	(402)	(28,330)	(1,983)	(1,143)	(773)	(2,855)	(35,498)
Employee Expenses	513	925	2,136	1,567	1,939	972	2,422	10,474
Other Service Expense	73	407	28,128	1,289	1,351	981	4,377	36,606
Expenditure	586	1,332	30,264	2,856	3,290	1,953	6,799	47,080
Net Expenditure	574	930	1,934	873	2,147	1,180	3,944	11,582

2011/12 comparative figures restated for consistency due to minor organisational restructures and changes in categorisation

RECONCILIATION OF DIRECTORATE INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO COST OF SERVICES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2011/2012 £'000	2012/2013 £'000
Net Expenditure in Directorate Analysis	11,582	9,898
Net Expenditure of services and support services not included in the Analysis	0	0
Amounts in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement not reported to management in the Analysis	2,316	3,014
	13,898	12,912
Amounts included in the Analysis not included in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement	283	528
Cost of Services in Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement	14,181	13,440

RECONCILIATION TO SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS 2012/2013	Director Analysis £'000	Services & Support Services not in Analysis £'000	Amounts not reported to management for decision making £'000	Amounts not included in I & E £'000	Allocation of Recharges £'000	Cost of Services £'000	Corporate Amounts £'000	Total £'000
Fees, charges & other service income.	(7,710)			1,717	(13,340)	(19,333)	(1,659)	(20,992)
Interest and investment income.							(3,275)	(3,275)
Income from council tax.							(7,953)	(7,953)
Government grants and contributions.	(29,466)					(29,466)	(5,229)	(34,695)
Total Income	(37,176)	0	0	1,717	(13,340)	(48,799)	(18,116)	(66,915)
Employee expenses.	9,716		(291)	(198)		9,227	198	9,425
Other service expenses.	37,358			(991)		36,367	865	37,232
Support Service recharges.					13,340	13,340		13,340
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment.			3,305			3,305		3,305
Interest Payments.							3,985	3,985
Precepts & Levies.							237	237
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool.							1	1
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets.							(9)	(9)
Total Expenditure	47,074	0	3,014	(1,198)	13,340	62,239	5,277	67,516
Surplus or deficit on the provision of services	9,898	0	3,014	528	0	13,440	(12,839)	601

RECONCILIATION TO SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS 2011/2012 (Restated)	Director Analysis £'000	Services & Support Services not in Analysis £'000	Amounts not reported to management for decision making £'000	Amounts not included in I & E £'000	Allocation of Recharge s £'000	Cost of Services £'000	Corporate Amounts £'000	Total £'000
Fees, charges & other service income.	(7,330)			1,576	(13,797)	(19,551)	(2,085)	(21,636)
Interest and investment income.							(3,761)	(3,761)
Income from council tax.							(7,776)	(7,776)
Government grants and contributions.	(28,168)					(28,168)	(5,742)	(33,910)
Total Income	(35,498)	0	0	1,576	(13,797)	(47,719)	(19,364)	(67,083)
Employee expenses.	10,474		(300)	(271)		9,903	271	10,174
Other service expenses.	36,606			(1,022)		35,584	1,080	36,664
Support Service recharges.					13,797	13,797		13,797
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment.			2,616			2,616		2,616
Interest Payments.							3,903	3,903
Precepts & Levies.							241	241
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool.							1	1
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets.							119	119
Total Expenditure	47,080	0	2,316	(1,293)	13,797	61,900	5,615	67,515
Surplus or deficit on the provision of services	11,582	0	2,316	283	0	14,181	(13,749)	432

2011/12 comparative figures restated for consistency due to minor organisational restructures and changes in categorisation

29 ACQUIRED AND DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

There were no operations acquired or discontinued during the year.

30 TRADING OPERATIONS

The Authority runs two trading operations.

The first, the Catering Service, provides catering both to the Council for its own operations, and also for private functions run at Council premises. 44% of its income is derived from the first of these, and 56% from the second.

The second concerns the management of investment property. The Council has an investment portfolio consisting of 28 industrial units, 43 other properties (shops, offices and residential), 23 plots of leased land, and a small number of other plots used for agriculture and car parking etc.

The performance of these two operations is set out below:

	Catering £'000	Investment Properties £'000	Total £'000
<u>2011/12</u>			
Turnover	(351)	(865)	(1,216)
Direct costs	387	324	711
Overheads	250	227	477
capital charges	0	128	128
Net (surplus) or deficit	286	(186)	100
<u>2012/13</u>			
Turnover	(301)	(969)	(1,270)
Direct costs	304	301	605
Overheads	207	217	424
capital charges	0	34	34
Net (surplus) or deficit	210	(417)	(207)

31 AGENCY SERVICES

The Council acts as agent for central government in the collection of national non domestic rates, and as agent for major preceptors in the collection of council tax. Further details are given in the notes to the collection fund.

32 ROAD CHARGING SCHEMES UNDER THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000

The Council does not operate a road charging or workplace charging scheme.

33 POOLED BUDGETS

The Council has no material pooled budget arrangements.

34 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The Council paid the following amounts to its members during the year:

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Allowances	166	168
Expenses	0	0
Total	166	168

35 OFFICERS REMUNERATION

As required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations, in the following table those senior employees whose salary exceeds £50,000 in the year are identified.

Post Title	Salary £	Expense Allowances £	Sub Total £	Pensions Contributions £	Total Remuneration £
2012/2013 Remuneration					
Chief Executive	103,308	1,239	104,547	20,013	124,560
Director of Planning and Housing	63,953	1,239	65,192	12,977	78,169
Director of Neighbourhoods	63,928	1,239	65,167	12,977	78,144
Director of Business Transformation	63,928	1,239	65,167	12,977	78,144
Director of Corporate Governance	63,928	1,239	65,167	12,977	78,144
Director of Regeneration and Healthy Communities	63,928	1,239	65,167	12,977	78,144
Head of Shared Assurance	50,352	944	51,296	10,222	61,518

The comparative information for the preceding year is as follows:-

Post Title	Salary	Expense Allowances	Sub Total	Pensions Contributions	Total Remuneration
£	£	£	£	£	£
2011/2012 Remuneration					
Chief Executive	101,631	1,239	102,870	19,651	122,521
Director of Planning and Housing	63,070	1,239	64,309	12,162	76,471
Director of Neighbourhoods	63,013	1,239	64,252	12,162	76,414
Director of Business Transformation	63,013	1,239	64,252	12,162	76,414
Director of Corporate Governance	63,013	1,239	64,252	12,162	76,414
Director of Regeneration and Healthy Communities	63,013	1,239	64,252	12,162	76,414

Authorities are also required to disclose the number of other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration, excluding pension contributions. There were no such employees in 2011/12 and one employee in 2012/13.

Remuneration band	2011/2012 Number of employees	2012/2013 Number of employees
£50,000 - £54,999	-	1
£55,000 - £59,999	-	-
£60,000 - £64,999	-	-

The following table gives details of employee exit packages in the current and preceding years.

Packages banded by cost	Number of compulsory redundancies		Number of other agreed departures		Total number of exit packages		Total cost of exit packages	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
£0 -£20,000	1	0	12	2	13	2	108,496	19,162
£20,001 - £40,000	0	0	1	0	1	0	25,081	0
£40,001 - £60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£60,001 - £80,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£80,001 - £100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£100,000 - £150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	13	2	14	2	133,577	19,162

36 EXTERNAL AUDIT COSTS

The Authority has incurred the following costs relating to external audit:

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Fees for statutory inspection and audit	88	50
Fees for the certification of grant claims and returns	24	21
Total	112	71

37 GRANT INCOME

The Authority credited the following grants, contributions and donations to the Comprehensive Income and expenditure Statement.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
<u>Credited to Taxation and Non Specific</u>		
National non domestic rates	(4,115)	(4,555)
Revenue support grant	(1,272)	(92)
Grants – New Homes Bonus	(165)	(334)
Grants & Contributions - Other	(834)	(447)
Grants – Council Tax freeze	(190)	(190)
Total	(6,576)	(5,618)
<u>Credited to Services</u>		
Grants – benefits related	(27,850)	(29,156)
Grants – Performance Reward	(169)	0
Grants & Contributions – other	(985)	(885)
Contribution – County Council waste recycling	(968)	(1,023)
Total	(29,972)	(31,064)

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

Contributions	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Various contributions	84	84
Total	84	84

38 RELATED PARTIES

In accordance with FRS8, the financial statements must disclose material transactions with related parties, to draw attention to the possible extent to which the Council might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the council.

◆ **Central Government**

Central government has effective control over the operations of the council as it provides the statutory framework within which it operates and the majority of its funding in the form of grants.

◆ **Members of the Council**

Councillors have direct control over the council's financial and operating policies. Elected members are required to complete a Notice of Registerable Interests and notify the council of any changes within 28 days. Declarations of interests in meetings, including the personal interest of partners, relatives or friends, are also recorded in the minutes of the meeting and in a register, both of which are open to public inspection.

The Council has representation on various voluntary bodies. During 2012/13, the Council paid grants totalling £21k (£21k– 2011/12) to some of these organisations.

Note 34 refers to the allowances paid to members. A detailed breakdown of these figures can be found in the Council's newspaper – Forward, which is distributed to all residents.

◆ **Officers**

If appropriate, Directors complete a voluntary declaration of transactions involving related parties. The declarations made during the year revealed no material transactions.

◆ **Partnerships, Companies and Trusts**

Financial & Assurance Shared Services Partnership – In January 2009 this partnership was established under an Administrative Collaboration Agreement entered into by South Ribble and Chorley Borough Councils. This provides for the provision of accountancy, exchequer, treasury management, procurement and assurance services across the administrative areas of the two Councils. A Shared Services Joint Committee has been established to discharge the Chorley and South Ribble Councils' functions of providing these services.

In 2012/13 gross expenditure of £1.927m (2011/12 £1.989m) was incurred on the shared services which was fully funded by recharges to the two Councils.

◆ **Progress Housing**

The Council has representation on the Board of Progress Housing, for whom it provides vehicle and grounds maintenance services. It received £0.155m (2011/12 £0.159m) for these services.

◆ **Simple Investment**

In 2005/06 the Council's leisure centre operation transferred to South Ribble Community Leisure Limited (SRCLL), which is a company with charitable objectives. The Council pay SRCLL a Leisure Services Fee (LSF) for the running of its leisure centres. The contract with SRCLL is for a period of 15 years and 10 months which commenced on 1 June 2005.

Name of Undertaking	South Ribble Community Leisure Limited
Type of Organisation	Limited liability.
Nature of Business	Provision and Development of leisure facilities in South Ribble
SRBC share holding	14.2%
Grant Paid in the Year	£19,053
Leisure Services Fee	£356,962

39 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCING

The total capital expenditure in the year is shown below, together with the resources that have been used to finance it.

The statement incorporates details of the movements in the Capital financing Requirement. This is a measure of the capital expenditure historically incurred by the Authority that has yet to be financed. This will be discharged by future charges to the revenue account.

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	5,919	5,456
Capital investment		
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,167	3,036
Intangible Assets	54	191
Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	348	374
Sources of finance		
Capital Receipts	(80)	(566)
Government Grants and Other Contributions	(511)	(583)
Sums set aside from revenue		
Earmarked Reserves	(721)	(773)
Revenue Financing	(50)	(164)
Minimum Revenue provision	(415)	(420)
Voluntary Revenue Provision	(255)	(267)
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	5,456	6,284
Explanation of movements in year		
Assets financed by prudential borrowing	155	982
Assets acquired under deferred purchase arrangement	52	533
Provision made for debt repayment	(670)	(687)
Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Financing Requirement	(463)	828

40 LEASES

40a Authority as lessee

Finance leases

The Council has acquired vehicles under finance leases. The assets are carried as Property Plant and Equipment in the Balance Sheet at the net amounts shown in the following table. There are no renewal or purchase options, no escalation clauses, and no material restrictions.

In addition works have been done to leisure centres owned by the Authority, under a deferred purchase arrangement. It is not possible to state the Balance Sheet value of those works. The expenditure incurred, net of repayments made, is shown in the table below:

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	11	0
Works to Leisure Centres	1,218	1,435

The Authority is committed to making minimum payments under these leases to discharge the outstanding liability plus finance costs that will accrue while the liability remains outstanding. Minimum lease payments due in respect of the plant and vehicles are as follows:-

	31 March 2012 Vehicles etc £'000	31 March 2013 Vehicles etc £'000
Finance lease liabilities (net present value of minimum lease payments)		
Current liabilities	0	6
Long term liabilities	12	6
Finance costs payable in future years	8	2
Minimum lease payments	20	14

The agreement covering the leisure centres commits the lessor to invest £4.819m in their refurbishment in the years 2005/06 to 2020/21. As at 31/3/2013 £3.726m had been spent (£3.192m to 31/3/2012). The minimum payments under the lease total £6.638m. £3.484m is still to be paid, of which £436k is due in 2013/14 (as it was in 2012/13).

The minimum lease payments for plant and vehicles will be payable over the following periods:-

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than 1 year.	7	7	0	6
Later than 1 yr, not later than 5.	13	7	12	6
Later than 5 years.	0	0	0	0
	20	14	12	12

The minimum lease payments in respect of the completed works to leisure centres are shown below. These minimum payments are different to the £3.484m still to be paid and identified above. This is because £3.484m is the amount still to be paid under the terms of the contract and takes into account capital expenditure yet to be incurred, whereas the minimum payments below relate to the actual capital expenditure incurred to date.

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than 1 year.	436	436	316	316
Later than 1 yr, less than 5.	936	1,162	902	1,119
Later than 5 years.	0	0	0	0
	1,372	1,598	1,218	1,435

Operating leases

The Authority operates vehicles under operating leases. None of the assets are sublet. The future minimum payments due are as follows:-

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than 1 year	0	0
Later than 1 yr, not later than 5	0	0
Later than 5 years	0	0
Minimum lease payments	0	0

The operating lease rentals charged in the Comprehensive Income and expenditure statement during the year were as follows:-

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Minimum lease payments	14	0
Other payments	0	0
Total	14	0

40b Authority as lessor

Finance Leases

The Council has leased one property for 125 years. In the following table the gross investment in the lease is reconciled to the present value of the minimum lease payments:

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Finance lease debtor (present value of minimum lease payments)	20	20
Unearned finance income	95	94
Total	115	114

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

	Gross Investment in the Lease		Minimum lease payments	
	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than 1 yr.	1	1	1	1
Later than 1 yr, not more than 5.	4	4	4	4
Later than 5 years.	110	109	110	109
Total	115	114	115	114

No contingent rents were receivable in the years of account.

Operating leases

The Council lets certain offices and industrial units. The future minimum lease payments receivable are:

	31 March 2012 £'000	31 March 2013 £'000
Not later than one year	785	765
Later than one and not later than five years	2,030	1,535
Later than five years	15,616	16,084
Total	18,431	18,384

41 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Impairment loss recognised in cost of service	0	0
Impairment loss taken to the Revaluation Reserve	0	0
Total	0	0
Material individual impairments	0	0

42 TERMINATION BENEFITS

The Authority terminated the contracts of two employees in 2012/13 incurring liabilities of £0.019 million (£0.134 million in 2011/12). See note 35 for the number of exit packages and total cost.

43 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers and other employees, the Authority offers retirement benefits through the Local Government Pension Scheme. This scheme is administered by Lancashire County Council and is a funded, defined benefit scheme, meaning that the authority and employees pay contributions calculated at a level intended to balance the pension liabilities with investment assets.

43a Transactions relating to retirement benefits

The Council recognises the cost of retirement benefits in the revenue account in the Cost of Services, when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are actually paid as pensions. However, the charge required to be made against council tax is based on the cash payable to the fund during the year. An adjustment is therefore made to the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The following table shows the transactions made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in reserves Statement during the year:

	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000
Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement		
Cost of Services		
Current service cost	1,150	1,184
Past service cost	50	44
Settlement and curtailment	67	0
Financing and investment Income and Expenditure		
Interest costs	3,961	3,768
Expected return on scheme assets	(3,343)	(2,879)
Total post employment benefit charged to the (Surplus)/Deficit on the Provision of Service	1,885	2,117
Other post employment benefit charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement		
Actuarial gains and losses	5,029	4,553
Total post employment benefit charged to the Comprehensive Income & expenditure Statement	6,914	6,670
Movement in Reserves Statement		
Reversal of net charges made to the (Surplus)/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(1,885)	(2,117)
Actual employers contributions paid to the Fund	1,576	1,475

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the 31 March 2013 is £28.375m.

43b Assets and liabilities in relation to retirement benefits

Reconciliation of present value of the scheme liabilities.

	Funded liabilities	
	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2011/12	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
1 April	(73,199)	(77,438)
Current service cost	(1,150)	(1,184)
Interest cost	(3,961)	(3,768)
Contributions by scheme participants	(420)	(400)
Actuarial gains and (losses)	(2,526)	(9,355)
Benefits paid	3,935	2,646
Curtailment	(67)	0
Past service costs	(50)	(44)
31 March	(77,438)	(89,543)

Reconciliation of fair value of the scheme assets.

	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2011/12	2012/13
	£'000	£'000
1 April	52,109	51,001
Expected return on plan assets	3,343	2,879
Actuarial gains & (losses)	(2,503)	4,802
Employer contributions	1,567	1,521
Contributions by scheme participants	420	400
Benefits paid	(3,935)	(2,646)
31 March	51,001	57,957

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 at the Balance Sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term real rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

The actual gain on scheme assets in the year was £7.682m.

43c Scheme history

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Present value of liabilities	(58,433)	(79,205)	(73,199)	(77,438)	(89,543)
Fair value of assets	37,802	49,162	52,109	51,001	57,957
Surplus/(deficit) in the scheme	(20,631)	(30,043)	(21,090)	(26,437)	(31,586)

The deficit in the Balance Sheet at 31 March 2013 is £37k more than that shown above, this being the difference between the estimated and actual employers pension contributions.

The liabilities show the underlying commitments that the authority has in the long term to pay post employment (retirement) benefits. The total liability of £31.6m has a substantial impact on the net worth of the authority as recorded in the balance sheet.

Statutory arrangements for funding the deficit mean that the financial position of the authority remains healthy. The deficit on the Local Government Scheme will be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees, as assessed by the scheme actuary.

The total contributions expected to be made to the Local Government Pension Scheme by the Council in the year to 31 March 2014 is £1.546m.

43d Basis for estimating assets and liabilities

Liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels etc. The liabilities have been assessed by Mercers, an independent firm of actuaries, and estimates for the County Council Fund are based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2010.

The main assumptions used in their calculations have been:

	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2011/12	2012/13
Long term expected rate of return on assets in the scheme		
Equity investments	7.0%	7.0%
Government bonds	3.1%	2.8%
Other bonds	4.1%	3.9%
Property	6.0%	5.7%
Cash/liquidity	0.5%	0.5%
Other	7.0%	7.0%
Mortality assumptions		
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners		
Men	21.70	22.10
Women	24.30	24.80
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners		
Men	23.10	23.90
Women	25.90	26.70
Rate of inflation (CPI)	2.50%	2.4%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.50%	4.4%
Rate of increase in pensions	2.50%	2.4%
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities	4.90%	4.2%
Take up option to convert pension into lump sum	50%	50%

43e Analysis of scheme assets

	Proportion of total Assets 31/03/12 %	Proportion of total Assets 31/03/13 %
Equity investments	58.0	62.0
Government Bonds	5.0	7.9
Other Bonds	15.0	17.2
Property	10.0	9.3
Cash/liquidity	5.0	3.5
Other assets	7.0	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0

43f History of experience gains and losses

The actuarial gains identified as movements on the Pensions Reserve in 2012/13 can be analysed into the following categories, measured as a percentage of assets or liabilities at 31 March in each year.

	2008/09 %	2009/10 %	2010/11 %	2011/12 %	2012/13 %
Experience gains and (losses) on assets	(34.6)	20.2	1.2	(4.9)	8.3
Experience gains and (losses) on liabilities	0	0	6.6	0	0

43g Prepaid or accrued pension contributions

An amount of £0.133m is included in the creditors section of the Balance Sheet. This represents accrued pension contributions as at 31 March 2013. These were paid to the Lancashire County Pension Fund in April 2013.

44 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A group of Property Search Companies are seeking to claim refunds of fees paid to the Council to access land charges data. Proceedings have not yet been issued. The Council has been informed that the value of those claims at present is £0.201m plus interest and costs. The claimants have also intimated that they may bring a claim against all English and Welsh local authorities for alleged anti-competitive behaviour. It is not clear what the value of any such claim would be as against the Council. It is possible that additional claimants may come forward to submit claims for refunds, but none have been intimated at present.

45 CONTINGENT ASSETS

The Council has submitted claims to HMRC regarding VAT overpaid over many years in relation to income at leisure centres and income from trade waste collections. In respect of leisure income, this amounts to £0.052m plus interest along with a claim for compound interest relating to a claim settled in 2009/10. In respect of trade waste income, the claim amounts to £0.649m plus interest. The outcome of these claims is still to be determined by HRMC.

46 NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Key risks

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

- Credit risk – that other parties might fail to pay amounts due to the Council.
- Liquidity risk – that the Authority might not have liquid funds available to make payments when due.
- Market risk – the possibility of financial loss arising from movements in interest rates.

Overall procedures for managing risk

In managing investment risk the Council works within the legal framework set out in the Local Government Act 2003 and associated regulations. This requires compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice, the Prudential Code, and investment guidance issued through the Act. A key requirement is that the council should annually consider its Treasury Management Strategy which incorporates the following:-

Prudential indicators specifying detailing:

1. Maximum and minimum exposure to fixed and variable rates;
2. Limits on the maturity structure of the debt portfolio;
3. Limits on total borrowing.

An Investment Strategy specifying:

1. The use that should be made of credit ratings and other indicators to determine the financial standing of counterparties;
2. The use of sovereign ratings to limit investments to specific countries;
3. The maximum amounts that might be deposited with any institution;
4. The lengths of time for which deposits can be made.

Credit risk

This exists in relation to debtors, and investments made as a result of the Council's treasury operations. The following paragraphs provide information on the risk attached to each of these.

Impaired Bank Loans

The impaired bank deposits are those made with the following Icelandic banks which went into liquidation in October 2008:

Bank	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Amount claimed	Interest Rate	Impairment Suffered	Reversal of Previous Impairment	Repaid to 31/3/2013	Carrying value 31/3/2013
Landsbanki	26/06/07	22/06/09	£3.37m	6.65%	£1.195m	£0.191m	£1.587m	£1.322m
Heritable	22/07/08	23/01/08	£1.01m	5.85%	£0.298m	£0.062m	£0.782m	£0.102m
Heritable	23/09/08	21/11/08	£1.00m	6.00%	£0.297m	£0.061m	£0.775m	£0.101m

The amounts originally invested were; Landsbanki £3m and Heritable £1m and £1m. Interest continues to accrue on the carrying amounts at the original interest rates (value at 31/03/13 Landsbanki £0.913m and Heritable £0.121m and £0.112m). The current situation regarding recovery is as follows:-

Landsbanki

It is expected that the majority of the amount claimed will be recovered subject to a possible small exchange rate loss for which a reserve has been earmarked. The carrying value is based on assumed future repayments in the years to 2019, discounted at the original interest rate.

Heritable Bank

Heritable is a UK registered bank under English law which went into administration on 7 October 2008. Recovery of 88% has been assumed. As at 31 March 2013 77% has been repaid.

Other Bank Loans

The Council's Investment Strategy restricts investments to a narrow range of counterparties. At 31 March 2013 it had short term deposits totalling £6.061m with three different institutions. There was no evidence to suggest a risk that any deposits might be irrecoverable.

Sundry Debtors

The sundry debtors (note 15a) are analysed by age and risk in the following table.

	Gross £'000	Default risk £'000	Net £'000
Not yet past due date	195	0	195
Up to three months past due date	664	(8)	656
Three to six months past due date	104	(24)	80
Six months to one year past due date	251	(65)	186
Beyond one year	896	(455)	441
Total	2,110	(552)	1,558

The default risk has fully been provided for. No collateral is held as security.

Liquidity risk

The authority has ready access to borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board and the money markets. There is therefore no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments.

The Council manages its liquidity position through the risk management procedures outlined above as well as through cash flow management procedures required by the Council.

Market risk

Interest rate risk – The Council has limited exposure to interest rate movements on its borrowings and investments. Borrowings and short term investments are not carried at fair value on the balance sheet, so nominal gains and losses on fixed rate borrowings and investments do not impact on the Income and Expenditure Account or the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses.

To mitigate risk the Treasury Strategy reviews interest rate forecasts and fixes prudential indicators for fixed and variable interest rate exposure.

If all interest rates had been 1% higher (with all other variables held constant) the financial effect would have been

	£'000
Gain - Increase in interest payable on variable rate borrowings	0
Gain - Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	(164)
Gain - Impact on Income and Expenditure Account	(164)
Loss - Decrease in fair value of fixed rate investments (no impact on Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)	0
Gain - Decrease in fair value of fixed rate borrowing (no impact in I&E Account or STRGL)	0

Price risk – The Council has no exposure to this risk.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Council has exposure to the risk of currency movements on the repayments it receives on its Landsbanki loan. £1.3m is still outstanding of which roughly 70% is expected to be paid in foreign currency (mainly euros and dollars along with a small amount of Icelandic Krona).

47 HERITAGE ASSETS – FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS

Heritage assets are of nominal value only and are not included in this Statement

48 TRUST FUNDS

The Council does not act as sole trustee.

Collection Fund

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

2011/12 £'000		2012/13	
		£'000	£'000
	<u>Income</u>		
50,814	Income from Council Tax		51,112
6,102	Transfers from General Fund		
0	Council Tax Benefits	6,077	
6,102	Transitional Relief	0	
32,033	Income Collectable from Business Ratepayers		6,077
88,949			34,508
	<u>Expenditure</u>		91,697
	Precepts and Demands		
41,379	Lancashire County Council	41,346	
7,831	South Ribble Borough Council	8,011	
5,461	Lancashire Police Authority	5,593	
2,376	Combined Fire Authority	2,374	
57,047	Distribution of Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit)		57,324
(9)	Lancashire County Council	(208)	
(2)	South Ribble Borough Council	(39)	
(1)	Lancashire Police Authority	(27)	
(1)	Combined Fire Authority	(12)	
(13)			(286)
0	Adjustment to previous years Community Charge	0	
	Business rates		
31,908	Payment to National Pool	34,384	
125	Cost of Collection Allowance	124	
32,033	Bad and doubtful debts/appeals		34,508
177	Write offs	65	
95	Provisions	211	
272			276
89,339			91,822
(390)	Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(125)
33	Surplus/(deficit) at 1 April		33
54	Transfer to/(from) Collection Fund Adjustment Account		18
336	Net transfer to Major Precept Debtor		107
33	Surplus/(deficit) at 31 March		33

The surplus of £33k which is carried forward on the Collection Fund at 31 March 2013 is a surplus of Community Charge income available to the Council.

1. ACCOUNTING FOR COUNCIL TAX

The amount of Council Tax to be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for both billing authorities and major preceptors is their share of the accrued income. However, statute requires that the amount to be credited to the General Fund should be the authority's precept or demand for the year plus its share of the previous years Collection Fund surplus or deficit. The difference between this regulatory charge and the accrued income is taken to the Collection Fund Adjustment Account, as revealed in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Since the collection of Council tax is an agency arrangement, debtor and creditor balances belong proportionately to the billing authority and the major preceptors. This results in a debtor/creditor position between the billing authority and each major preceptor.

2. COUNCIL TAX DETAILS OF CHARGE

For the purpose of calculating Council Tax residential properties are classified into eight valuation bands. Each valuation band is proportionate to the central Band D property. This enables calculation of the total tax base. The Council Tax Base for 2012/13 was calculated as follows: -

Band	No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Equivalent dwellings	Proportion of Band D Charge	Band D Equivalent
A (disabled)	0	15	5:9	8
A	9,795	8,083	6:9	5,389
B	12,538	10,995	7:9	8,552
C	11,775	10,544	8:9	9,373
D	7,390	6,778	9:9	6,778
E	3,822	3,570	11:9	4,364
F	1,496	1,411	13:9	2,038
G	486	447	15:9	747
H	27	19	18:9	38
Total	47,329	41,862		37,287
Less Re-banding Adjustments				(10)
Less adjustments for anticipated changes to the base and losses on collection				0
Addition for reduced discount on second homes				28
Band D Equivalent Number of Properties				37,305

Individual charges are calculated by estimating the amount of income required to be taken from the Collection Fund by the precepting authorities for the forthcoming year and dividing this by the council tax base. This results in a basic Band D charge (excluding Parish Precepts) of £1,530.26 for 2012/13 and £1,521.52 for 2011/12). The other valuation bands are proportionate to this. The full list of charges is as follows: -

Band	Proportion of Band D Charge	Council Tax Levied Excluding Parish Precepts	
		2011/12 £	2012/13 £
A	0.67	1,014.34	1,020.17
B	0.78	1,183.41	1,190.20
C	0.89	1,352.47	1,360.24
D	1.00	1,521.52	1,530.26
E	1.22	1,859.63	1,870.32
F	1.44	2,197.76	2,210.38
G	1.67	2,535.86	2,550.43
H	2.00	3,043.04	3,060.52

3. ACCOUNTING FOR BUSINESS RATES

With effect from 2009/10 accounting arrangements for NNDR have reflected the fact that it is in substance an agency arrangement, the Council being the agent of the Government in the collection of the charge. Consequently:

1. NNDR income does not belong to the billing authority and is not included in it's I&E account.
2. NNDR debtor and creditor balances with taxpayers are not recognised in the authority's balance sheet.
3. Cash collected belongs to the Government and any amounts over or under paid are recognised in the balance sheet as a Government debtor or creditor.

4. NNDR DETAILS OF CHARGE

Business Rates are organised on a national basis. In 2005/2006 the Government introduced a Small Business Rate Relief Scheme. This results in there being two multipliers – one for small businesses at 45.0p in 2012/13 and one for larger businesses at 45.8p. The Council is responsible for collecting rates due from the ratepayers in its areas but pays the proceeds into a Business Rates pool administered by the Government. The Government redistributes the sums paid into the pool back to local authorities' General Funds on the basis of a fixed amount per head of population.

The rateable value for the Council's area at the end of the financial year 2012/13 was £86.4 million (£86.1 million in 2011/12).

5. SIGNIFICANT PRECEPTORS

The authorities who make a significant precept on the Collection Fund are:

	2012/13 £000
Lancashire County Council	41,346
Lancashire Police Authority	5,593
Combined Fire Authority	2,734