

Statement of Accounts

2014/15



City and County of Swansea ● Dinas a Sir Abertawe

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INTRODUCTION



The City and County of Swansea is located on the South Wales Coast and is one of twenty two current unitary local authorities providing local government services in Wales.

The area of the Authority includes the Gower peninsula, designated as Britain's first area of outstanding natural beauty.

Approximately 240,300 people live within the boundaries of the Authority of which:

- 41,500 are aged under 16
- 52,400 are of pensionable age
- 21,300 are aged 75 years and over



The County has a mixed agricultural and industrial economy. The City sits at the mouth of the River Tawe, from which its Welsh name, Abertawe, derives.

This Statement of Accounts is one of a number of publications, which include the revenue and capital budgets, produced to comply with the law and designed to provide information about the Authority's financial affairs.

Copies of these accounts can be obtained from:
The Head of Finance and Delivery
City and County of Swansea
Civic Centre
Swansea
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EXPLANATORY FOREWORD

The main elements of this Statement of Accounts comprise:-

- * The Movement in Reserves Statement which shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Authority, analysed into ‘usable reserves’ (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other reserves.
- * The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, which shows the income from, and spending on, Authority services for the year. It also shows how much money we get from the Welsh Government, business ratepayers and Council taxpayers together with the net deficit / surplus for the year.
- * The Balance Sheet, showing a snapshot of the Authority’s financial position at the 31st March 2015.
- * The Cash Flow Statement, which shows transactions for the year on a cash basis rather than on an accruals basis.
- * The notes to the accounts, incorporating the main accounting policies which show the basis on which we have prepared the accounts and the accounting principles the Authority has adopted. The notes also offer further analysis of items appearing in the main financial statements.
- * The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Income and Expenditure Statement, which shows income from, and spending on, Council housing for the year. This account is stated separately as required by statute although the overall results are incorporated into the Authority’s Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- * The Group Accounts, which show the consolidated accounts of the Authority and its group companies.
- * The Pension Fund accounts, which show all contributions received and benefits paid for the year together with a snapshot of the financial position of the fund at the year end.
- * The Certificate and Statement of Responsibilities of the Head of Finance and Delivery who is the responsible officer for the production of the statement.
- * The Annual Governance Statement, which gives an indication of the arrangements for and effectiveness of internal control procedures within the Authority.
- * The auditor’s opinion and certificate relating to the Statement of Accounts.

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We incur two main types of expenditure – revenue expenditure and capital expenditure.

Revenue expenditure covers spending on the day to day costs of our services such as staff salaries and wages, maintenance of buildings and general supplies and equipment. This expenditure is paid for by the income we receive from Council taxpayers, business ratepayers, the fees and charges made for certain services, and by the grants we receive from Government.

Capital expenditure covers spending on assets such as roads, redevelopment and the major renovation of buildings. These assets will provide benefits to the community for several years and the expenditure is largely financed by borrowing, capital grants and the sale of fixed assets. Amounts borrowed for capital purposes are repaid in part each year as part of our revenue expenditure.

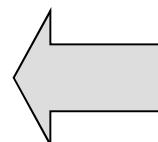
During 2014/15 the Authority made use of a capitalisation directive totalling £10.1 million which allows the Authority to treat as capital expenditure sums incurred in setting equal pay claims which would otherwise been charged directly to revenue.

Sources of borrowing utilised include the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and capital markets. The PWLB is a Government agency which provides longer-term loans to local authorities.

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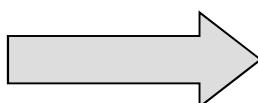
Revenue spending in 2014/2015

	£'m	%
Revenue support grant	241.8	33
Non domestic rates	76.4	10
Council tax (including Reduction Scheme)	95.0	13
Other income (rents, fees and charges, specific grants)	324.3	44
	737.5	100



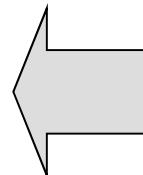
**Where our
money
comes from**

**What we spend it
on**



	£'m	%
Employees	321.3	45
Capital charges	33.0	4
Running costs	346.1	47
Precepts/Levies	29.3	4
Reserve transfers	7.8	0
	737.5	100

	£'m	%
Education & Children's Services	285.9	39
Adult Social Services	101.1	14
Highways/transport	43.1	6
Culture & related services	42.6	6
Environmental and regulatory services	34.7	5
Planning services	20.4	3
Housing	169.7	23
Precepts/levies	29.3	4
Reserve transfers	7.8	0
Other	2.9	0
	737.5	100



**And the
services it
provides**

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Authority services

The revenue outturn position of the Authority for 2014/15 resulted in a decrease in expenditure on services of £1.6m compared to adjusted budget. In addition, the revenue outturn position reflects a further £4.073m of one off expenditure on an invest to save basis, that was met from the Authority's contingency fund primarily to fund early retirement and voluntary redundancy costs as the Authority seeks to reduce its operating costs and adjust to reducing grant levels.

The net underspend on Services reflects forecast and known pressures within both Social Services and Education budgets which have been reflected in 2015/16 budget proposals.

Other budget variations

Other budget savings during the year arose from reductions in capital repayments and interest charges (£0.340m) and increased income from Council Tax (£1.192m), together with income derived from interest on tax refunds previously granted totalling £1.7m.

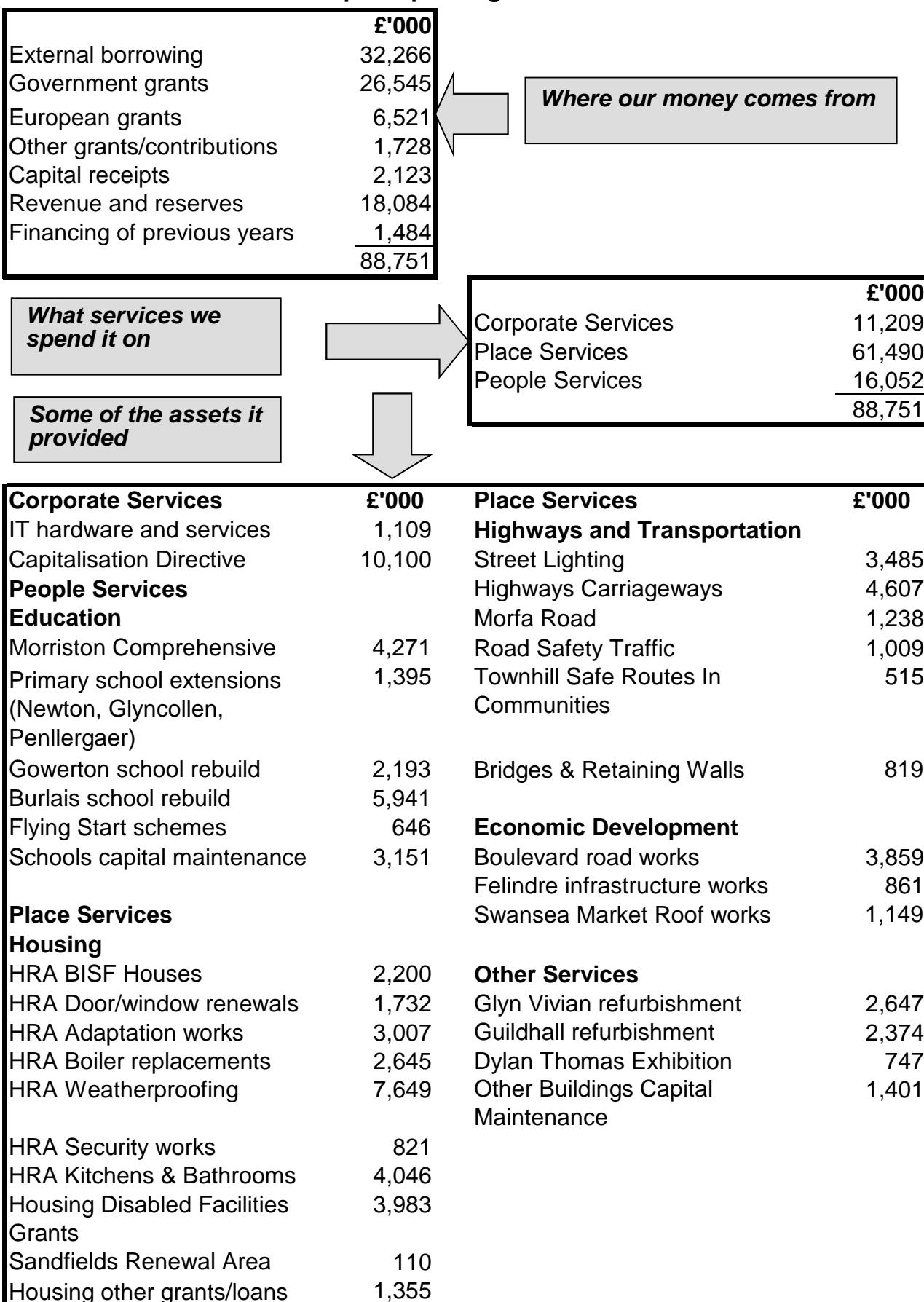
Housing Revenue Account

The Housing Revenue Account of the Authority is a ring fenced account dealing exclusively with income and expenditure arising from the Authority's housing stock. For 2014/15 there was a net increase in HRA reserves at year end of £3.168m (2013/14 net increase £0.009m).

Details of the annual Revenue, Capital and HRA outturn reports can be found on the agenda of the Council's Cabinet for the meeting on 16th July 2015.

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Capital spending in 2014/15



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The Authority maintains a number of provisions and reserves. Provisions are disclosed in Note 20 on pages 81 and 82. The information regarding reserves are disclosed in the Movement in Reserves Statement on pages 12 to 15 and Note 7 on page 60.

Provisions are amounts included in the accounts as liabilities where there has been a past event which is likely to result in a financial liability but where there is uncertainty over timing and the precise value of the liability that has been incurred. It is therefore the Authority's best estimate of the financial liability as at 31st March 2015.

The Council holds Earmarked Reserves for specific purposes, together with a level of General Reserves which are available to support overall Council expenditure. However, due to the nature, size and complexity of the Council's operations, and in particular the potential for short term volatility in terms of elements of income and expenditure, it is prudent to maintain a level of General Reserves sufficient to meet anticipated and known financial risks.

At the end of the year, the Authority's revenue reserve balances amounted to £83.947m (2013/14 £82.108m), reflecting an increased level of schools delegated reserves (+ £2.479m) plus increases in other minor areas.

International Accounting Standard 19 Employee Benefits (IAS 19)

The Accounts comply with the requirements of the above standard in that they reflect in the revenue accounts the current year cost of pension provision to employees as advised by the Authority's actuary. The Statements also contain, within the Balance Sheet, the actuary's assessment of the Authority's share of the Pension Fund liability as at 31st March 2015 and the reserve needed to fund that liability.

The pension fund liability that is disclosed within the Balance Sheet is the total projected deficit that exists over the expected life of the fund. This deficit will change on an annual basis dependent on the performance of investments and the actuarial assumptions that are made in terms of current pensioners, deferred pensioners and current employees.

The fund is subject to a 3 yearly actuarial valuation which assesses the then state of the pension fund and advises the various admitted bodies on the appropriate rate of employers contributions that needs to be made in order to restore the fund to a balanced position over a period of time. The contribution rate used in 2014/15 relates to the valuation undertaken on 31st March 2013.

The Local Government Pension Scheme is a statutory scheme and, as such, benefits accruing under the scheme can only be changed by legislation. The Department for Communities and Local Government legislated for a new scheme which commenced in April 2014 which was designed to have a material and beneficial effect on the projected cost of the scheme over future years.

Group Accounts

The 2014/15 Statement contains Group Accounts which show the consolidated position of the City & County of Swansea and its subsidiary/related companies.

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Changes in the form and content of the Statement

The Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15. The code is published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

The Statement also complies with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

Financial outlook for the Authority.

On 24th February 2015 the Authority approved a medium term financial plan which highlighted potential revenue shortfalls rising from £35.094m in 2016/17 to £85.090m in 2018/19.

That report also contained a range of potential service specific savings options including cumulative reductions in management, supervision and administrative employee costs, assets, third party spend, income and charging together with the potential remodelling of service delivery across some areas of the Authority's activities.

Notwithstanding the information contained within the medium term financial plan, it is clear that the financial outlook for the Authority in terms of Central Government funding and support for both Revenue and Capital expenditure is likely to significantly reduce in the short/medium term in line with the UK Government austerity measures.

Whilst the precise details of funding available for 2016/17 and beyond have not been announced current indications are that an overall reduction in support of circa 30% is quite feasible. The Authority is already undertaking initial work to plan for such reductions.

The Authority continues to face a challenging agenda following the introduction of an equal pay compliant pay and grading structure from 1st April 2014, development of regional partnership arrangements in line with Welsh Government policy, and compliance with any legislative and other changes including planned Local Authority reorganisation.

On 17th June 2015 the Minister for Public Services announced the Welsh Government's preference for the future configuration of Local Government in Wales. In Swansea's case, this would be a ministerial preference for a combined Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

At this stage it is too early to form any view as to the potential impact of these proposals, nor what any final outcome may eventually be, but is clearly of significance for the Authority as a whole.

Further information

You can get more information about the accounts from the Head of Finance and Delivery, City and County of Swansea, Civic Centre, Swansea, SA1 3SN.

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

This Statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Authority, analysed into ‘usable reserves’ (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and unusable reserves.

The Surplus or (Deficit) on the Provision of Services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Authority’s services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account for council tax setting and dwellings rent setting purposes.

The Net Increase / Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance and Housing Revenue Account Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves undertaken by the Authority.

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

2013/14

Balance at 31 March 2013

Movement in reserves during 2013/14

(Deficit) on the provision of services

Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (Note 6)

Net Decrease/Increase before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves

Transfers from / to Earmarked Reserves (Note 7)

Increase/Decrease in 2013/14

Balance at 31 March 2014 carried forward

	General Fund Balance £'000	Earmarked General Fund Reserves £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000
Balance at 31 March 2013	13,155	52,022	13,958	10,763	25,163	115,061	45,102	160,163
Movement in reserves during 2013/14								
(Deficit) on the provision of services	-23,625	0	-730	0	0	-24,355	0	-24,355
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	240,665	240,665
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-23,625	0	-730	0	0	-24,355	240,665	216,310
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (Note 6)	26,942	0	1,088	1,044	-3,182	25,892	-25,892	0
Net Decrease/Increase before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	3,317	0	358	1,044	-3,182	1,537	214,773	216,310
Transfers from / to Earmarked Reserves (Note 7)	-3,317	2,964	-349	702	0	0	0	0
Increase/Decrease in 2013/14	0	2,964	9	1,746	-3,182	1,537	214,773	216,310
Balance at 31 March 2014 carried forward	13,155	54,986	13,967	12,509	21,981	116,598	259,875	376,473

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

2014/15

Balance at 31 March 2014 brought forward

Movement in reserves during 2014/15

(Deficit) on the provision of services

Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

**Total Comprehensive Income and
Expenditure**

Adjustments between accounting
basis & funding basis under
regulations (Note 6)

**Net Decrease/Increase before
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves**

Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves (Note 7)

Decrease/Increase in Year

Balance at 31 March 2015 carried forward

General Fund Balance £'000	Earmarked General Fund Reserves £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000
13,155	54,986	13,967	12,509	21,981	116,598	259,875	376,473
-44,659	0	-339	0	0	-44,998	0	-44,998
0	0	0	0	0	0	66,740	66,740
-44,659	0	-339	0	0	-44,998	66,740	21,742
43,330	0	3,443	490	-1,016	46,247	-46,247	0
-1,329	0	3,104	490	-1,016	1,249	20,493	21,742
534	-534	64	-64	0	0	0	0
-795	-534	3,168	426	-1,016	1,249	20,493	21,742
12,360	54,452	17,135	12,935	20,965	117,847	280,368	398,215

GROUP MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

2013/14	General Fund Balance £'000	Earmarked General Fund Reserves £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000	Authority's Share of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures £'000	Total Group Reserves £'000
	13,155	52,022	13,958	10,763	25,163	115,061	45,102	160,163	5,330	165,493
Balance at 31 March 2013 carried forward										
Movement in reserves during 2013/14										
Surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services	-23,625	0	-730	0	0	-24,355	0	-24,355	4,244	-20,111
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	240,665	240,665	0	0	240,665
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-23,625	0	-730	0	0	-24,355	240,665	216,310	4,244	220,554
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	26,942	0	1,088	1,044	-3,182	25,892	-25,892	0	0	0
Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	3,317	0	358	1,044	-3,182	1,537	214,773	216,310	4,244	220,554
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	-3,317	2,964	-349	702	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decrease/increase in 2013/14	0	2,964	9	1,746	-3,182	1,537	214,773	216,310	4,244	220,554
Balance at 31 March 2014 carried forward	13,155	54,986	13,967	12,509	21,981	116,598	259,875	376,473	9,574	386,047

GROUP MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

	General Fund Balance £'000	Earmarked General Fund Reserves £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000	Authority's Share of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures £'000	Total Group Reserves £'000
2014/15										
Balance at 31 March 2014 brought forward	13,155	54,986	13,967	12,509	21,981	116,598	259,875	376,473	9,574	386,047
Movement in reserves during 2014/15										
Deficit on the provision of services	-44,659	0	-339	0	0	-44,998	0	-44,998	-34	-45,032
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	66,740	66,740	0	66,740
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-44,659	0	-339	0	0	-44,998	66,740	21,742	-34	21,708
Adjustments between group accounts & authority accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-23	-23
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	43,330	0	3,443	490	-1,016	46,247	-46,247	0	0	0
Net Decrease/Increase before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	-1,329	0	3,104	490	-1,016	1,249	20,493	21,742	-57	21,685
Transfers from/to Earmarked Reserves	534	-534	64	-64	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decrease/Increase in Year	-795	-534	3,168	426	-1,016	1,249	20,493	21,742	-57	21,685
Balance at 31 March 2015 carried forward	12,360	54,452	17,135	12,935	20,965	117,847	280,368	398,215	9,517	407,732

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

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

2013/14			2014/15		
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
7,659	-3,867	3,792	Central services to the public	7,972	-3,348
39,580	-13,701	25,879	Cultural and related services	42,588	-13,718
280,751	-52,790	227,961	Education and children's services	285,886	-54,547
49,624	-28,794	20,830	Highways and transport services	43,133	-25,095
57,643	-51,930	5,713	Local authority housing (HRA)	58,324	-53,922
111,845	-103,569	8,276	Other housing services	111,424	-103,727
98,651	-25,344	73,307	Adult social care	101,144	-26,966
35,279	-13,299	21,980	Environmental and regulatory services	34,726	-13,337
23,853	-11,735	12,118	Planning services	20,433	-11,813
23,129	-7,170	15,959	Corporate and democratic core	35,179	-13,887
11,822	-2,243	9,579	Non distributed costs - other	20,530	-2,497
739,836	-314,442	425,394	Cost of Services	761,339	-322,857
					438,482

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Gross Expenditure	2013/14		2014/15		
	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
25,105	0	25,105	Other operating expenditure (Note 8)	28,122	0
78,095	-47,104	30,991	Financing and investment income and expenditure (Note 9)	71,527	-47,375
0	-457,135	-457,135	Taxation and non-specific grant income (Note 10)	0	-445,758
24,355 (Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services					44,998
			-67,305 (Surplus) or deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets (Note 21)		-138,630
			-173,360 Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability / (asset) (Note 21)		71,890
-240,665 Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure					-66,740
-216,310 Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure					-21,742

GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

Gross Expenditure £'000	2013/14		2014/15		
	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000	Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
7,659	-3,867	3,792	Central services to the public	7,972	-3,348
39,580	-13,701	25,879	Cultural and related services	42,588	-13,718
280,751	-52,790	227,961	Education and children's services	285,886	-54,547
49,624	-28,794	20,830	Highways and transport services	43,133	-25,095
57,643	-51,930	5,713	Local authority housing (HRA)	58,324	-53,922
111,845	-103,569	8,276	Other housing services	111,424	-103,727
98,651	-25,344	73,307	Adult social care	101,144	-26,966
33,880	-16,223	17,657	Environmental and regulatory services	34,737	-13,337
23,853	-11,735	12,118	Planning services	20,433	-11,813
23,129	-7,170	15,959	Corporate and democratic core	35,179	-13,887
11,822	-2,243	9,579	Non distributed costs - other	20,530	-2,497
738,437	-317,366	421,071	Cost of Services	761,350	-322,857
25,105	0	25,105	Other operating expenditure	28,122	0
78,095	-47,104	30,991	Financing and investment income and expenditure	71,527	-47,375
					24,152

GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

2013/14			2014/15		
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
0	-457,135	-457,135	Taxation and non-specific grant income	0	-445,758
					-445,758
		20,032 (Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services			45,009
79	Share of the surplus or deficit on the provision of services by associates and joint ventures				78
0	Tax expenses of subsidiaries				-55
		20,111 Group (Surplus)/ Deficit			45,032
		-67,305 (Surplus) or deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets			-138,630
		-173,360 Actuarial losses / gains on pension assets / liabilities			71,890
		-240,665 Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			-66,740
		-220,554 Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			-21,708

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Authority. The net assets of the Authority (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Authority. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category of reserves are usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the Authority may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve that may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt). The second category of reserves are those that the Authority is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold; and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

31 March		31 March
2014		Notes
£'000		2015
	Property, Plant & Equipment	11
131,718	Council Dwellings	173,471
558,666	Other Land and Buildings	631,649
12,956	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	11,879
229,390	Infrastructure Assets	241,903
11,324	Community Assets	10,936
6,173	Surplus Assets	7,964
28,983	Assets under Construction	16,196
979,210		1,093,998
26,127	Heritage Assets	12 27,969
122,163	Investment Properties	13 128,242
1,188	Intangible Assets	14 938
74	Long Term Investments	15 74
1,741	Long Term Debtors	15 5,648
1,130,503	Long Term Assets	1,256,869
36,178	Short Term Investments	15 26,427
767	Assets Held for Sale	18 5,124
1,965	Inventories	2,178
58,217	Short Term Debtors	16 59,809
64,727	Cash and Cash Equivalents	17 40,318
161,854	Current Assets	133,856
-12,367	Short Term Borrowing	15 -8,593
-62,710	Short Term Creditors	19 -62,599
-29,912	Provisions	20 -23,859
-104,989	Current Liabilities	-95,051

BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2014 £'000	Notes	31 March 2015 £'000
-3,589 Long Term Creditors	15	-3,041
-14,418 Provisions	20	-12,515
-312,188 Long Term Borrowing	15	-309,013
-480,700 Other Long Term Liabilities	38	-569,890
0 Grants Receipt in Advance - Capital	30	-3,000
-810,895 Long Term Liabilities		-897,459
 376,473 Net Assets		 398,215
 Usable Reserves		
13,155 Balances - General Fund		12,360
13,967 Balances - Housing Revenue Account	7	17,135
12,509 Capital Receipts Reserve		12,935
21,981 Capital Grants Unapplied Account		20,965
54,986 Earmarked Reserves	7	54,452
116,598		117,847
 Unusable Reserves		
223,832 Revaluation Reserve	21	349,847
-480,700 Pensions Reserve		-569,890
525,447 Capital Adjustment Account		510,679
-1,434 Financial Instrument Adjustment Account		-1,537
-7,270 Accumulated Absences Account		-8,731
259,875		280,368
 376,473 Total Reserves		 398,215

GROUP BALANCE SHEET

31 March	2014	£'000	Notes	31 March	2015	£'000
Property, Plant & Equipment						
131,718 Council dwellings			11	173,471		
558,666 Other land and buildings				631,649		
12,956 Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment				11,879		
229,390 Infrastructure assets				241,903		
11,324 Community assets				10,936		
6,173 Surplus assets				7,964		
<u>28,983 Assets under construction</u>				<u>16,196</u>		
979,210				1,093,998		
26,127 Heritage Assets			12	27,969		
122,163 Investment Property			13	128,242		
1,188 Intangible Assets			14	938		
74 Long Term Investments			15	74		
9,574 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures				9,496		
<u>1,741 Long Term Debtors</u>			15	<u>5,648</u>		
1,140,077 Long Term Assets				1,266,365		
36,178 Short Term Investments			15	26,427		
767 Assets Held for Sale			18	5,124		
1,965 Inventories				2,178		
58,217 Short Term Debtors			16	59,809		
<u>64,727 Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>			17	<u>40,329</u>		
161,854 Current Assets				133,867		
-12,367 Short Term Borrowing			15	-8,593		
-62,710 Short Term Creditors			19	-62,589		
-29,912 Provisions			20	-23,859		
-104,989 Current Liabilities				-95,041		
-3,589 Long Term Creditors			15	-3,041		
-14,418 Provisions			20	-12,515		
-312,188 Long Term Borrowing			15	-309,013		
-480,700 Other Long Term Liabilities			38	-569,890		
0 Grants - Receipts in Advance - Capital			30	-3,000		
-810,895 Long Term Liabilities				-897,459		
386,047 Net Assets				407,732		

GROUP BALANCE SHEET

31 March		31 March
2014	Notes	2015
£'000		£'000
Usable Reserves		
22,729 Balances - General Fund		21,877
13,967 Balances - Housing Revenue Account	7	17,135
12,509 Capital Receipts Reserve		12,935
21,981 Capital Grants Unapplied Account		20,965
54,986 Earmarked Reserves	7	54,452
126,172		127,364
Unusable Reserves		
223,832 Revaluation Reserve	21	349,847
-480,700 Pensions Reserve		-569,890
525,447 Capital Adjustment Account		510,679
-1,434 Financial Instrument Adjustment Account		-1,537
-7,270 Accumulated Absences Account		-8,731
259,875		280,368
386,047 Total Reserves		407,732

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
-24,355	Net (deficit) on the provision of services	-44,998
85,424	Adjustments to net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services for non-cash movements (note 22)	85,549
-38,201	Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities (note 22)	-33,778
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22,868	Net cash flows from operating activities	6,773
21,680	Investing activities (note 23)	-24,233
-7,234	Financing activities (note 24)	-6,949
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37,314	Net (decrease) or increase in cash and cash equivalents	-24,409
27,413	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	64,727
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64,727	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period (note 17)	40,318
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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

<u>2013/14</u> £'000	<u>2014/15</u> £'000
-20,032 Net surplus / (deficit) on the provision of services	-45,009
Adjustments to net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services 80,162 for non-cash movements (note 22)	85,516
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and finance activities (note -38,201 22)	-33,778
0 Tax expenses of subsidiaries	55
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21,929 Net cash flows from operating activities	6,784
21,680 Investing activities (note 23)	-24,233
-7,234 Financing activities (note 24)	-6,949
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36,375 Net increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-24,398
28,352 Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the operating period	64,727
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the operating period	<hr/>
<u>64,727 (note 17)</u>	<u>40,329</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

i. General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Authority's transactions for the 2014/15 financial year and its position at the year-end of 31st March 2015.

The Authority is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014. These regulations require the Accounts to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices.

These practices are set out in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 (the Code) and the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2014/15, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The Accounts have been prepared on a historical cost basis, with the exception of certain categories of non-current assets that are measured at current value, and financial instruments which are now carried within the balance sheet at fair value as defined by the Code.

The Group Accounts consolidate the City and County of Swansea's accounts with the accounts of companies in which the Authority has an interest and are considered to be part of our group.

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2014/15 requires that Group Accounting Statements have to be prepared, consolidating the accounts of the parent and any subsidiary, associate or joint undertakings. An assessment of the activities and interests of City and County of Swansea has been undertaken, which has determined that City and County of Swansea Group consists of the Local Authority as the parent, and the following companies:

Swansea City Waste Disposal Limited (SCWDC)	Subsidiary
Wales National Pool Swansea (WNPS)	Joint Venture
National Waterfront Museum Swansea (NWMS)	Joint Venture
Swansea Stadium Management Company Limited (SSMC)	Associate
Bay Leisure Limited	Associate

Notes have been provided to the Group Accounting Statements only where the disclosure for the Group differs from that required for the Local Authority due to the combination of the accounts of the various entities.

IAS 19 requires that entries are included in the Group Balance Sheet for the Group's share of assets and liabilities of the Local Authority Pension Scheme.

The Accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

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ii. Accruals of Income and Expenditure

The Accounts are maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the Code. This means that sums due to or from the Authority, where the supply or service was provided or received during the year, are included in the Accounts whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid in the year.

Accruals are made in respect of grants claimed or claimable for Revenue and Capital purposes. Some grant claims are finalised after the Accounts have been completed and in this case the grant is accrued on the basis of the best estimate available, and any differences are accounted for in the following year.

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 in the main on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument.

Where revenue and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Where debts may not be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected.

iii. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash or cash equivalents will be any cash investment which is held for short-term cash flow purposes which can be readily realised without a significant change in value.

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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

iv. Exceptional Items

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

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

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

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

Material errors discovered in prior period figures are corrected retrospectively by amending opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period. There were no material errors to report in 2014/15.

As part of a review of Property, Plant and Equipment changes in assumptions have been made regarding the remaining useful lives of most operational assets that were subject to revaluation during 2014/15.

Where appropriate, consideration has been given to the estimated useful life of individual asset components (primarily electrical, mechanical, and fabric); revenue charges for depreciation reflect the differing useful lives of asset components for all other land and building assets revalued during 2014/15.

vi. Charges to Revenue for Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

vii. Employee Benefits

Benefits Payable During Employment

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

Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Authority to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date, or an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy. Costs relating to termination benefits are charged on an accruals basis to the relevant Cost of Service lines in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement only when the Authority is demonstrably committed to the termination of the employment of an officer, or group of officers, or making an offer to encourage voluntary redundancy.

Post Employment Benefits

Employees of the Authority are members of two separate pension schemes:

- The Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered by CAPITA on behalf of the Department for Education.
- The Local Government Pensions Scheme, administered by the City and County of Swansea.

Both schemes provide defined benefits to members (retirement lump sums and pensions), earned by employees during their period of employment with the Authority.

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However, the arrangements for the teachers' scheme means that liabilities for these benefits cannot ordinarily be identified specifically to the Authority. The scheme is therefore accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme and no liability for future payments of benefits is recognised in the Balance Sheet. The Children's and Education Service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is charged with the employer's contributions payable to the Teachers' Pensions in the year.

The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Local Government Pension Scheme is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme:

- The liabilities of the City and County of Swansea pension fund attributable to the Authority are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method - i.e. an assessment of the future payments that will be made in relation to retirement benefits earned to date by employees, based on assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates, etc, and projections of earnings for current employees.
- Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate based on the indicative rate of return on high quality corporate bonds as required by IAS 19.
- The assets of the City and County of Swansea pension fund attributable to the Authority are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value:
 - quoted securities - current bid price
 - unquoted securities - industry accepted techniques
 - unitised securities - current bid price
 - property - market value.

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

- Service cost comprising:
 - current service cost - the increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year - allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the services for which the employees worked.
 - past service cost - the increase in liabilities as a result of a scheme amendment or curtailment whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years - debited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs.
 - net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset), i.e. net interest expense for the Authority - the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability (asset) that arises from the passage of time charged to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement - this is calculated by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the period to the net defined benefit liability (asset) at the beginning of the period - taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments.

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- Remeasurements comprising:
 - the return on plan assets - excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) - charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
 - actuarial gains and losses - changes in the net pensions liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions - charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- contributions paid to the City and County of Swansea pension fund - cash paid as employer's contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities; not accounted for as an expense.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Authority to the pension fund or directly to pensioners in the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, this means that there are transfers to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for retirement benefits and replace them with debits for the cash paid to the Pension Fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end. The negative balance that arises on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact to the General Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows rather than as benefits are earned by employees.

Discretionary Benefits

The Authority also has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff (including teachers) are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pension Scheme. No such discretionary powers were used during the year.

viii. Events After the Balance Sheet Date

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

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

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

ix. Financial Instruments

Financial Liabilities

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

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

Gains and losses on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing are credited and debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year of repurchase/settlement. However, where repurchase has taken place as part of a restructuring of the loan portfolio that involves the modification or exchange of existing instruments, the premium or discount is respectively deducted from or added to the amortised cost of the new or modified loan and the write-down to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is spread over the life of the loan by an adjustment to the effective interest rate. This accounting treatment is dependent upon the exchange meeting strict conditions i.e. the exchange of loan instruments and the settlement of any fees or costs incurred must take place on the same day.

Where premiums and discounts have been charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund Balance to be spread over future years. The Authority has a policy of spreading the gain or loss over the term that was remaining on the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable when it was repaid. The reconciliation of amounts charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net charge required against the General Fund Balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified into four types:

- loans and receivables - assets that have fixed or determinable payments but are not quoted in an active market,

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- available-for-sale assets - assets that have a quoted market price and/or do not have fixed or determinable payments,
- fair value through Profit and Loss,
- unquoted equity instrument where no reliable fair value can be determined therefore valued at cost.

Loan and Receivables

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

However, the Authority has made loans to voluntary organisations at less than market rates (soft loans). When soft loans are made, a loss is recorded in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (debited to the appropriate service) for the present value of the interest that will be foregone over the life of the instrument, resulting in a lower amortised cost than the outstanding principal. Interest is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement at a marginally higher effective rate of interest than the rate receivable from the voluntary organisations, with the difference serving to increase the amortised cost of the loan in the Balance Sheet.

Statutory provisions require that the impact of soft loans on the General Fund Balance is the interest receivable for the financial year - the reconciliation of amounts debited and credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net gain required against the General Fund Balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Where assets are identified as impaired because of a likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under the contract will not be made, the asset is written down and a charge made to the relevant service (for receivables specific to that service) or the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Where due to the age of the debt the original service is not identifiable the debt is written off against the Corporate and Democratic Core 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.

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

x. Government Grants and Contributions

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

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

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

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

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

xi. Business Improvement Districts

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

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xii. Heritage Assets

Heritage assets are assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

All the Authority's Heritage Assets are held and maintained principally for the contribution to local knowledge and culture, with historical, artistic or environmental associations that make their preservation for future generations important. The Authority's Heritage Assets held are mainly donated to the Authority by individuals or other organisations and are principally located within the Authority's Museum Services.

Subject to specific requirements, Heritage Assets are accounted for in accordance with the Authority's policies of Property, Plant and Equipment (including the treatment of revaluation gains and losses).

The Authority does not normally purchase fixed assets of a heritage nature; all assets disclosed have been donated into the Authority's possession. All assets are open to access by members of the public, with no restrictions other than those resulting from the normal operational limitations of venues (opening and closing times, and public safety).

Management of these assets is undertaken by designated specialists and other personnel employed by the Authority. These personnel are responsible for the maintenance of all historical records relating to the assets the Authority is in possession of, access to which can be granted through local arrangement. Any preservation works required, either enhancing or non-enhancing in nature, will be undertaken through the Authority's main capital program, with minor works undertaken ad-hoc per the standard Authority internal systems for revenue expenditure.

No heritage assets disposals are actively undertaken by the Authority. Under such circumstance that asset disposal is required, it shall be undertaken in accordance with the Authority's standard asset disposal procedures.

Heritage Assets are measured in the balance sheet at valuation rather than fair value, reflecting the fact that the exchange of heritage assets is uncommon. Valuations may be made by any method that is appropriate and relevant. The Authority's assets are mostly valued at insurance valuation and replacement cost (based on construction methods and materials used).

In some cases it may not be practicable to establish a valuation therefore the asset will be carried at historic cost.

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Depreciation is not required on heritage assets which have indefinite lives. Impairment reviews will only be carried out where there is reported physical deterioration or new doubts as to the authenticity of a heritage asset.

Heritage Assets recognised in the balance sheet are listed in Note 12 to the Accounts.

Where information on the cost or value is not available, and the cost of obtaining the information outweighs the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset is not recognised on the balance sheet (however, these items are disclosed in Note 45 to the Accounts).

The Authority is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the

- Heritage Land, Buildings and Infrastructure
- Art & Museums
- Memorials
- Civic Regalia
- Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings
- Transport
- Other (e.g. Items not held in Museums).

xiii. Intangible Assets

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

Intangible assets are measured initially at cost and subsequently carried at cost less amortisation charged on a straight line basis. Amounts are only revalued where the fair value of the assets held by the Authority can be determined by reference to an active market. In practice, no intangible asset held by the Authority meets this criterion, and they are therefore carried at cost less amortisation. The depreciable amount of an intangible asset is amortised over its useful life in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. An asset is tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the asset might be impaired - any losses recognised are posted to the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or abandonment of an intangible asset is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where expenditure on intangible assets qualifies as capital expenditure for statutory purposes, amortisation, impairment losses and disposal gains and losses are not permitted to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account and (for any sale proceeds greater than £10,000) the Capital Receipts Reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

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xiv. Interests in Companies and Other Entities

The Authority has material interests in companies and other entities that have the nature of subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities and require it to prepare group accounts. In the Authority's own single-entity accounts, the interests in companies and other entities are recorded as financial assets at cost, less any provision for losses.

xv. Inventories and Long Term Contracts

Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at current cost. The effect of this policy (as opposed to recording values at the lower of actual cost or net realisable value) is not considered material.

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

xvi. Investment Property

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

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value, based on the amount at which the asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable parties at arm's-length. Investment properties are not depreciated and from 2012/13 the method of valuation has been based on a Beacon approach, revalued annually according to market conditions at the year-end. Beacon assets have been selected from a range of categories within Investment Properties, for the remaining assets held in Investment Properties, an index was applied using the average percentage change in the Beacon assets per category in order to produce an intermediate valuation for reflection within the Statement of Accounts. Gains and losses on revaluation are posted to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The same treatment is applied to gains and losses on disposal.

Rentals received in relation to investment properties are credited to the Financing and Investment Income line and result in a gain for the General Fund Balance. However, revaluation and disposal gains and losses are not permitted by statutory arrangements to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and (for any sale proceeds greater than £10,000) the Capital Receipts Reserve.

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xvii. Jointly Controlled Operations and Jointly Controlled Assets

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

Jointly controlled assets are items of property, plant or equipment that are jointly controlled by the Authority and other venturers, with the assets being used to obtain benefits for the venturers. The joint venture does not involve the establishment of a separate entity. The Authority accounts for only its share of the jointly controlled assets, the liabilities and expenses that it incurs on its own behalf or jointly with others in respect of its interest in the joint venture and income that it earns from the venture.

xviii. Leases

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

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

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

The Authority as Lessee

Finance Leases

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

Lease payments are apportioned between:

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

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

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

Operating Leases

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

The Authority as Lessor

Finance Leases

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

Lease rentals receivable are apportioned between:

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

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

When the future rentals are received, the element for the capital receipt for the disposal of the asset is used to write down the lease debtor. At this point, the deferred capital receipts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

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

Operating Leases

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

Most leases granted by the Authority as lessor relate to commercial properties.

xix. Overheads and Support Services

The costs of overheads and support services are charged to those that benefit from the supply or service in accordance with the costing principles of the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice 2014/15 (SeRCOP). The total absorption costing principle is used - the full cost of overheads and support services are shared between users in proportion to the benefits received, with the exception of:

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

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

xx. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Recognition

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

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

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

The Authority does not capitalise borrowing costs incurred whilst assets are under construction.

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

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

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

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

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

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, but as a minimum every five years. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Exceptionally, gains might be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement where they arise from the reversal of a loss previously charged to a service.

Where decreases in value are identified, they are accounted for as follows:

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

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

Impairment

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

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for as follows:

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

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

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Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their estimated useful lives. No change is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life (i.e. freehold land and certain Community Assets) and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e. assets under construction).

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- traditional dwellings - straight-line allocation over the estimated useful life of the property (80 years),
- non traditional dwellings - straight-line allocation over the estimated useful life of the property (30 years),
- other buildings - straight-line allocation over the estimated useful life of the property and its significant components (5 to 60 years),
- vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment - straight line allocation over the estimated useful life of the asset (2 to 10 years),
- infrastructure / community assets - straight-line allocation over the estimated useful life of the asset (20 to 40 years),
- surplus assets - per original allocated estimated useful life from original categorisation unless indication of amendments required to this assessment is apparent.

Each accounting period the estimated useful life assigned to individual assets is assessed. Where there is evidence to indicate the departure from a standard useful life the asset's estimated useful life will be amended.

Component Accounting

In recognition that single assets may have a number of different components each having a different estimated useful life, two factors are taken into account to determine whether a separate valuation of components is to be recognised in the accounts in order to provide an accurate figure for depreciation of the Authority's other land and building assets revalued since 1st April 2010.

1. Suitability of assets.

For the 2014-15 Statement of Accounts, the Authority deemed assets revalued during the year to be of a suitable significant nature. Asset valuation therefore reflected assessment of component apportionment and respective remaining estimated useful economic life.

2. Difference in rate of depreciation compared to the overall asset.

Only those elements that normally depreciate at a significantly different rate from the non land element as a whole, will be identified for componentisation.

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Assets that fall below the de-minimis levels and tests above are disregarded for componentisation on the basis that any adjustment to depreciation charges would not result in a material mis-statement in the accounts.

Where assets are material and to be reviewed for significant components, the Authority has adopted the following level of apportionment for the non-land element of assets as:

- Building Fabric - 79%
- Mechanical - 13%
- Electrical - 8%

This apportionment will be reviewed annually.

Professional judgement will be used in establishing materiality levels; the significance of components and apportionment applied, useful lives, depreciation methods and apportioning asset values over recognised components.

This asset componentisation assessment exercise will be repeated annually following the Authority's revaluation programme at which point the revaluation takes into account the value and condition of the assets, relevant components and also de-recognition where relevant.

Where there is a major refurbishment of an asset, a new valuation will be sought in the year of completion and a reassessment of the useful life.

Indexation

All assets held in the Other Land and Buildings category were revalued during 2014/15 in preparation for a Beacon valuation approach in 2015/16 and future years, therefore consideration of indexation as an intermediate valuation was not required.

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Disposals and Non-Current Assets Held for Sale

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use, it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale. The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Subsequently where fair value less costs to sell falls below the carrying amount, the difference is posted as a loss to Other Operating Expenditure in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services. Where fair value less costs to sell rises above the carrying amount, a revaluation gain is recognised, but only to the extent that impairment or revaluation losses have been charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the past that have not previously been reversed. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale, they are reclassified back to non-current assets and valued at the lower of their carrying amount before they were classified as held for sale; adjusted for depreciation, amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale, and their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell.

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

Amounts received for a disposal in excess of £10,000 are categorised as capital receipts. Such receipts are required to be credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve, and can then only be used for new capital investment or set aside to reduce the Authority's underlying need to borrow (the capital financing requirement). Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

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

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xxi. Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions

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

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

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provisions carried in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year - where it becomes less than probable that a transfer of economic benefits will now be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made), the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service.

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

Provision for Back Pay Arising from Unequal Pay Claims

The Authority implemented an equal pay compliant pay and grading structure from 1st April 2014.

During 2014/15 the Council settled unequal pay claims totalling £23.428m (including composite payments to HMRC). This was part funded from existing provisions and part through a Capitalisation Directive of £10.1m awarded for 2014/15.

The Council retains a provision as at 31st March 2015 to cover:

- Remaining unequal pay claims.
- Backpay for those staff whose basic pay increased as a result of Single Status implementation.

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Contingent Liabilities

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

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

Contingent Assets

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

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

xxii. Reserves

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

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

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xxiii. Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

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

xxiv. VAT

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

The Authority undertakes an annual review of its de-minimus VAT position under s33 of the VAT Act 1993 as required by HMRC. For the year ended 31st March 2015 the Authority believes that it will be below the de-minimus level in respect of exempt related input tax and hence will be entitled to recovery of input tax in full.

xxv. Carbon Reducation Commitment Allowances

The Authority is required to participate in the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme. This scheme is currently in the initial year of its second phase, which ends on 31st March 2019. The Authority is required to purchase allowances, either prospectively or retrospectively, and surrender them on the basis of emissions, i.e. carbon dioxide produced as energy is used. As carbon dioxide is emitted (i.e. as energy is used), a liability and an expense are recognised. The liability will be discharged by surrendering allowances. This liability is measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to meet the obligation, normally at the current market price of the number of allowances required to meet the liability at the reporting date. The cost to the Authority is recognised and reported in the costs of the Authority's services and is apportioned to services on the basis of energy consumption.

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

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 (the Code) has introduced accounting policy changes in relation to the following:

- IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011 - 2013 Cycle
- IFRIC 21 Levies

The implementation of the Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle represents a change in accounting policy so the Authority may be required to publish a third Balance Sheet for the beginning of the earliest comparative period where the changes adopted in the Authority and Group Accounts are material.

IFRS 13 is not a change in accounting policy so it will not require a third Balance Sheet. It is unlikely that IFRIC 21 will require the publication of a third Balance Sheet as this is unlikely to have a material impact on the 2015/16 statement of accounts.

3. Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in note 1, the Authority has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events.

The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are:-

- The medium term financial plan approved by the Authority on 24th February 2015 detailed significant ongoing forecast revenue funding shortfalls over the medium term. Current indications are that there will be significant reductions in Revenue and Capital support from Central Government from 2015/16 onwards. Whilst the Authority will consider future spending plans in line with projected funding announcements there is no indication at present that any of the assets of the Authority may be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce the level of service provision.

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- The Authority implemented an equality compliant pay and grading structure for its employees from 1st April 2014. At the same time, the Authority continues to face a significant number of claims from past and existing employees based on equal pay grounds. In determining the extent of the provision to be set aside the Authority has made assumptions regarding the number of potential claimants and the potential value of their respective claims. The Authority is confident that it has sufficient resource to meet the liabilities arising from equal pay issues.
- The Government has announced fundamental changes in respect of the provision of public sector pensions. On 9th March 2012, the Government confirmed details for the new Teachers Pension Scheme to be introduced in 2015, with changes to employee contribution rates from April 2012. Changes to employer contribution rates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme take effect from September 2015. Employer rates increase from 14.1% to 16.48%. A re-modelled Local Government Pension scheme was introduced from 1st April 2014 but there is no indication that the finances of the Authority will be adversely affected by any of the changes.
- In line with accounting standards the Authority has made a significant provision in respect of final remedial work and future maintenance/monitoring of its major waste disposal site at Tir John. Assumptions regarding remediation and aftercare costs have been based on legal requirements to monitor the site for a period of 60 years following closure and have been calculated taking into account commitments currently within the Councils Capital Programme.
- The Authority has undertaken a fundamental review in 2012/13 of its Schools portfolio with a view to both rationalising and significantly improving the quality of school premises available across the City and County (21st Century Schools Programme). In the light of this scheme and the outline timescale for implementation, the useful lives of some school buildings have been re-evaluated and considerably reduced from that previously used. The effect of this is to accelerate residual depreciation affecting both the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the net book value as shown on the Balance Sheet. As the Schools Programme progresses there is likely to be further re-evaluations and adjustments. No adjustments took place in 2014/15.

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

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Authority about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the Authority's Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming year are as follows:-

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Item	Uncertainties	Effect if actual results differ from assumptions
Property, Plant and Equipment	<p>Assets are depreciated over useful lives that are dependant upon assumptions over the specific life expectancy of those assets. As stated in note 3 a review has been undertaken of a significant number of school buildings and in particular the impact of the Councils strategic 21st Century Schools Programme plan for asset replacement.</p> <p>In addition revised useful lives have been applied to a number of assets revalued in 2014/15 in line with professional judgement.</p>	<p>To the extent that useful lives have been determined inappropriately the result could be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In the event of a further reduction in useful lives there would be an additional charge to revenue and a reduction in the carrying value of the asset. b) In the event that useful lives have been underestimated this would result in a substantially reduced revenue charge and an increase in the carrying value of such assets as and when the useful life is deemed to be extended. <p>In any event the effect of depreciation is reversed out of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to have nil effect on the Council taxpayer.</p>
Provisions	<p>The Authority has set aside specific provisions to meet the cost of known equal pay claims and potential costs e.g. outstanding legal claims, grievances and back pay, arising from the introduction of an equality compliant pay and grading structure. The provision is based on the Authority's best estimate of the likely costs of settling the liability.</p> <p>In addition as previously mentioned, the Authority has made a significant capital provision for the future remediation and maintenance of major land refuse disposal sites. Uncertainty arises because of the 60 year timescale for liability on this issue.</p>	<p>The Authority has also set aside reserves to mitigate against any potential additional costs e.g. outstanding legal claims, grievances and back pay, arising in future years from equal pay implementation. The Authority would seek to make good any shortfall in the provision by use of these reserves and / or by applying for capitalisation directions from the Welsh Government.</p> <p>Any shortfall in future years will have to be funded via the capital programme.</p>

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Item	Uncertainties	Effect if actual results differ from Assumptions
Pension liabilities	<p>The Authority's share of the Local Government pension fund liability as at 31st March 2015 is £569.89m. However, the fund is subject to a triennial valuation which at present reviews the level of employers contributions in order to ensure the long term sustainability of the fund. Changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme introduced on 1st April 2014 were designed to ensure the long term affordability of the scheme.</p>	<p>The Pension Fund is designed to be sustainable over the long term and it is unlikely that there will be any significant short term impact on the Authority's finances arising from any assumptions currently made or decisions that are likely in the coming financial year.</p>
Insurance Provisions and Reserves	<p>The Authority has set aside provisions to meet contractual excess amounts from known and existing insurance claims. In deciding the level of provision to make in respect of ongoing claims, the Authority has taken advice from its legal advisers and or its contracted loss adjusters. The Authority also maintains an insurance reserve which is used to meet the cost of future unforeseen events based on previous experience.</p>	<p>Should the sums set aside prove insufficient to meet these payments there would be an immediate revenue effect in the year that the available sums were exhausted. Equally, the Authority regularly reviews the level of both provisions and reserves with a view to releasing funds back to revenue if appropriate.</p>

5. Material items of income and expense

- a) The Authority has reviewed the mechanism by which it has provided for liabilities arising from both equal pay claims and any potential back pay arising from the current job evaluation exercise. In doing so it has determined that there is now a higher level of assurance in respect of liabilities and that, at the Balance Sheet date, it is appropriate to:-

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- Reflect the current estimate of liability by way of provision within the Accounts.
- Fund the increase in provision by way of a £8.234m transfer from reserves previously earmarked for this purpose.

6. Adjustments Between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis Under Regulations

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

The following sets out a description of the reserves that the adjustments are made against.

General Fund Balance

The General Fund is the statutory fund into which all the receipts of an Authority are required to be paid and out of which all liabilities of the Authority are to be met, except to the extent that statutory rules might provide otherwise. These rules can also specify the financial year in which liabilities and payments should impact on the General Fund Balance, which is not necessarily in accordance with proper accounting practice. The General Fund Balance therefore summarises the resources that the Council is statutorily empowered to spend on its services or on capital investment (or the deficit of resources that the Council is required to recover) at the end of the financial year.

Housing Revenue Account Balance

The Housing Revenue Account Balance reflects the statutory obligation to maintain a revenue account for local authority council housing provision in accordance with Part VI of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. It contains the balance of income and expenditure as defined by the 1989 Act that is available to fund future expenditure in connection with the Council's landlord function or (where in deficit) that is required to be recovered from tenants in future years.

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Capital Receipts Reserve

The Capital Receipts Reserve holds the proceeds from the disposal of land or other assets, which are restricted by statute from being used other than to fund new capital expenditure or to be set aside to finance historical capital expenditure. The balance on the reserve shows the resources that have yet to be applied for these purposes at the year-end.

Capital Grants Unapplied

The Capital Grants Unapplied Account (Reserve) holds the grants and contributions received towards capital projects for which the Council has met the conditions that would otherwise require repayment of the monies but which have yet to be applied to meet expenditure. The balance is restricted by grant terms as to the capital expenditure against which it can be applied and / or the financial year in which this can take place.

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	Usable Reserves					
	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Movement in Unusable Reserves	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:						
Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	49,774	26,999	0	0	-76,773	
Revaluation losses on Property Plant and Equipment	11,538	-18	0	0	-11,520	
Movement in the fair value of Investment Properties	-8,362	404	0	0	7,958	
Amortisation of intangible assets	488	0	0	0	-488	
Capital grants and contributions applied	-25,664	-9,130	0	0	34,794	

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	Usable Reserves					
	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Movement in Unusable Reserves	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	15,892	0	0	0	-15,892	
Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	-14,423	-1,328	0	0	15,751	
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	-3,450	-14,634	0	0	18,084	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:						
Capital grants and contributions unapplied credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-24,648	-9,130	0	33,778	0	
Application of grants to capital financing transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	25,664	9,130	0	-34,794	0	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:						
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited as part of the loss/gain on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-1,183	0	4,160	0	-2,977	
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	0	0	-1,566	0	1,566	
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	0	0	-2,103	0	2,103	

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	Usable Reserves					
	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Movement in Unusable Reserves	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Adjustment primarily involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	-17	110	0	0	-93	
Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve:						
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 21)	55,386	2,524	0	0	-57,910	
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	-39,152	-1,458	0	0	40,610	
Adjustment primarily involving the Accumulated Absences Account:						
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	1,487	-26	0	0	-1,461	
Total Adjustments	43,330	3,443	491	-1,016	-46,248	

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	Usable Reserves					
	General Fund Balance £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Movement in Unusable Reserves £'000	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:						
Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	47,413	26,989	0	0	-74,402	
Revaluation losses on Property Plant and Equipment	129	-725	0	0	596	
Movement in the fair value of Investment Properties	-7,747	-470	0	0	8,217	
Amortisation of intangible assets	507	0	0	0	-507	
Capital grants and contributions applied	-31,856	-9,507	0	0	41,363	
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	10,299	0	0	0	-10,299	
Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	-13,961	-1,380	0	0	15,341	
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	-4,621	-15,931	0	0	20,552	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:						
Capital grants and contributions unapplied credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-29,081	-9,100	0	38,181	0	

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	Usable Reserves					
	General Fund Balance £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Movement in Unusable Reserves £'000	
Application of grants to capital financing transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	31,856	9,507	0	-41,363	0	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:						
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited as part of the gain on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-2,446	0	6,198	0	-3,752	
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	0	0	-1,237	0	1,237	
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	0	0	-3,917	0	3,917	
Adjustment primarily involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	18	93	0	0	-111	

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	Usable Reserves					
	General Fund Balance £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Capital Grants Unapplied £'000	Movement in Unusable Reserves £'000	
Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve:						
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 21)	63,960	3,070	0	0	-67,030	
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	-37,122	-1,448	0	0	38,570	
Adjustment primarily involving the Accumulated Absences Account:						
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	-407	-10	0	0	417	
Total Adjustments	26,941	1,088	1,044	-3,182	-25,891	

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7. Transfers To / From Earmarked Reserves

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund and HRA balances in earmarked reserves to provide financing for future expenditure plans and the amounts posted back from earmarked reserves to meet General Fund and HRA expenditure in 2015/16.

	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund:								
Balances held by schools under the scheme of delegation	6,499	0	777	7,276	0	2,479	9,755	
Primary School Sickness Scheme Reserve	637	-637	512	512	-512	450	450	
Capital financing charges reserve	1,708	0	0	1,708	-1,708	0	0	
Other equalisation reserves	812	0	0	812	-812	0	0	
Information technology reserves	823	-184	112	751	-174	0	577	
Contingency reserve	0	0	117	117	-117	0	0	
Development reserves	4,116	-352	681	4,445	-725	555	4,275	
Insurance reserves	18,819	-1,480	253	17,592	-5,035	2,218	14,775	
Restructuring Costs reserve	0	0	0	0	0	7,851	7,851	
Other earmarked revenue reserves	13,508	-1,238	4,806	17,076	-11,754	7,544	12,866	
Revenue reserve earmarked to fund future capital expenditure	5,100	-1,443	1,040	4,697	-794	0	3,903	
Total	52,022	-5,334	8,298	54,986	-21,631	21,097	54,452	
HRA:								
Housing Revenue Account	13,958	0	9	13,967	0	3,168	17,135	

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8. Other Operating Expenditure

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
847 Community Council precepts	868
15,865 South Wales Police Authority precept	16,820
11,592 Levies and Contributions	11,617
-3,199 Gains/losses on the disposals of non-current assets	-1,183
25,105	28,122

9. Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

2013/14			2014/15		
Gross	Gross	Net Exp	Gross	Gross	Net Exp
Exp	Income		Exp	Income	
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
		Interest payable and similar			
17,872	0	17,872 charges		17,200	0
				17,200	
		Net interest on the net			
59,670	-33,190	26,480 defined benefit liability (asset)	53,560	-33,810	19,750
		Interest receivable and similar			
0	-412	-412 income		0	-265
				-265	
		Income and expenditure in			
		relation to investment			
		properties and changes in			
553	-13,502	-12,949 their fair value	767	-13,300	-12,533
78,095	-47,104	30,991	71,527	-47,375	24,152

The income generated from investment properties during the year amounted to £5.342m (2013/14 £5.285m) and changes to the fair value of investment properties amounted to £7.958m (2013/14 £8.217m).

10. Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
-88,905 Council tax income (note 41)	-94,976
-74,941 Non domestic rates (note 42)	-76,436
-254,557 Non-ringfenced government grants	-241,789
-38,732 Capital grants and contributions	-32,557
-457,135	-445,758

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11. Property, Plant and Equipment

Movement on Balances

Movements in 2014/15:

	Council Dwellings £'000	Other Land and Buildings £'000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infrastructure Assets £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £'000
Cost or valuation								
At 1 April 2014	133,984	618,368	34,416	338,710	15,989	6,402	28,983	1,176,852
additions (Cap Exp)	24,582	13,786	2,870	17,545	79	0	12,808	71,670
additions (Other)	0	181	298	0	0	30	0	509
revaluation increases / (decreases) recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	43,969	11,591	0	0	80	184	0	55,824
revaluation increases / (decreases) recognised in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	24	-13,605	-36	0	0	540	0	-13,077
impairment losses recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	0	-355	0	0	0	0	0	-355
impairment losses recognised in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	-24,582	-11,111	-6	-250	-79	0	0	-36,028
derecognition - disposals assets reclassified to Held for Sale	0	0	-316	0	0	0	0	-316
	-1,924	-4,604	-192	0	-80	0	0	-6,800

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Movements in 2014/15 (continued):

	Council Dwellings £'000	Other Land and Buildings £'000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infrastructure Assets £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £'000
reclassifications								
Cap Ex WIP	0	20,991	0	4,604	0	0	-25,595	0
other reclassifications	9	537	0	0	0	917	0	1,463
other movements in cost or valuation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2015	176,062	635,779	37,034	360,609	15,989	8,073	16,196	1,249,742
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment								
At 1 April 2014	-2,266	-59,702	-21,460	-109,320	-4,665	-229	0	-197,642
depreciation charge	-2,385	-24,147	-4,187	-9,386	-388	-190	0	-40,683
depreciation written out to the Revaluation Reserve	2,060	76,664	3	0	0	313	0	79,040
depreciation written out to the Surplus / Deficit on the provision of services	0	2,814	11	0	0	0	0	2,825
derecognition - disposals	0	0	316	0	0	0	0	316
other movements in depreciation and impairment	0	241	162	0	0	-3	0	400
At 31 March 2015	-2,591	-4,130	-25,155	-118,706	-5,053	-109	0	-155,744

Net Book Value

at 31 March 2014	131,718	558,666	12,956	229,390	11,324	6,173	28,983	979,210
at 31 March 2015	173,471	631,649	11,879	241,903	10,936	7,964	16,196	1,093,998

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Comparative Movements in 2013/14:

	Council Dwellings £'000	Other Land and Buildings £'000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infrastructure Assets £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £'000
Cost or valuation								
At 1 April 2013	114,593	582,711	30,357	321,470	15,989	7,464	12,099	1,084,683
additions(Cap Exp)	24,981	9,618	4,513	15,470	0	0	19,434	74,016
additions(Other)	0	0	719	0	0	0	0	719
revaluation increases recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	20,276	37,057	-419	0	0	-287	0	56,627
revaluation increases / (decreases) recognised in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	541	0	0	0	0	-73	0	468
impairment losses/reversals recognised in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	-24,981	-10,077	0	-132	0	0	0	-35,190
Derecognition - Disposals	0	0	-586	-189	0	0	0	-775
assets reclassified to Held for Sale	-1,583	-295	-74	0	0	-540	0	-2,492
reclassifications Cap Ex WIP	0	459	0	2,091	0	0	-2,550	0

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Comparative Movements in 2013/14 (continued):

	Council Dwellings £'000	Other Land and Buildings £'000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £'000	Infrastructure Assets £'000	Community Assets £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £'000
other reclassifications	0	275	-94	0	0	-162	0	19
other movements in cost or valuation	157	-1,380	0	0	0	0	0	-1,223
At 31 March 2014	133,984	618,368	34,416	338,710	15,989	6,402	28,983	1,176,852
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment								
At 1 April 2013	-1,941	-44,113	-18,920	-100,576	-4,276	-170	0	-169,996
depreciation charge	-1,970	-22,409	-3,685	-8,744	-389	-187	0	-37,384
depreciation written out to the Revaluation Reserve	1,624	6,796	419	0	0	128	0	8,967
derecognition - Disposals	0	0	586	0	0	0	0	586
other movements in depreciation and impairment	21	24	140	0	0	0	0	185
At 31 March 2014	-2,266	-59,702	-21,460	-109,320	-4,665	-229	0	-197,642

Net Book Value

at 31 March 2014	131,718	558,666	12,956	229,390	11,324	6,173	28,983	979,210
at 1 April 2013	112,652	538,598	11,437	220,894	11,713	7,294	12,099	914,687

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Capital Commitments

As at 31 March 2015 the Authority has entered into a number of contracts for the construction or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment in 2015/16 and future years budgeted to cost £37.414m. Similar commitments at 31 March 2014 were £19.256m. The major commitments are:

- Gowerton new school £2.599m
- Burlais new school £0.843m
- Glyn Vivian Refurbishment £2.606m
- Boulevard Final Phase £0.84m
- Swansea Market Roof £1.035m
- HRA Highrise flats, Matthew Street £9.338m
- HRA Highrise flats, Clyne & Jeffreys Court £20.153m

Revaluations

All operational land and buildings were revalued in the year, the valuations were carried out internally (except for Tir John Landfill site which was valued by the Valuation Office Agency). Valuations of land and buildings were carried out in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The valuation dates for 2014/15 were 30th June 2014, 30th September 2014, 31st December 2014 and 31st March 2015.

12. Heritage Assets

Reconciliation of the Carrying Value of Heritage Assets Held by the Authority.

	Heritage Land, Buildings & Infrastructure £'000	Art & Museums £'000	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings £'000	Other £'000	Total Assets £'000
Cost or Valuation					
At 1st April 2013	2,467	18,885	3,179	1,565	26,096
Additions	22	0	0	0	22
Revaluations	0	9	0	0	9
At 31st March 2014	2,489	18,894	3,179	1,565	26,127

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	Heritage Land, Buildings & Infrastructure	Art & Museums	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	Other	Total Assets
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or Valuation					
At 1st April 2014	2,489	18,894	3,179	1,565	26,127
Additions (Cap Exp)	63	0	0	0	63
Additions (Other)	993	0	0	0	993
Revaluations	656	187	0	0	843
Recognised in the Surplus/ Deficit on the provision of services	-57	0	0	0	-57
At 31st March 2015	4,144	19,081	3,179	1,565	27,969

Heritage Assets included above :-

Heritage Land, Buildings and Infrastructure

Asset	Valuation method	Date	(C) / (V)
Oystermouth Castle	Capital program works	2005/2009/2013/ 2014/2015 & Reclass from CA	(C)
Swiss Cottage in Singleton Park	Authority's internal RICS valuer	March 2015	(V)
Slip Bridge Deck on the Promenade	Capital program	2005/2009/2014	(C)
Canteen Building at former Yorkshire Imperial	Authority's internal RICS valuer	March 2012	(V)
Mushgrove Engine House and adjacent chimney stack	Authority's internal RICS valuer	March 2012	(V)
Land & Ruin of Morris Castle at Cnappwyd, Morriston	Authority's internal RICS valuer	December 2012	(V)
Morfa Bridge - off Normandy Road, Landore	Authority's internal highways engineer	April 2014	(V)
Morydd Street Bridge	Authority's internal highways engineer	April 2014	(V)
Roman Bridge, Mumbles Rd, Blackpill	Authority's internal highways engineer	April 2014	(V)
Hafod Bridge	Authority's internal highways engineer	April 2014	(V)
Glyneithrym Uchaf Bridge	Authority's internal highways engineer	April 2014	(V)
The Folly, Saunders Way - Between 87-97	Authority's internal RICS valuer	March 2015	(V)

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Art & Museums

Asset	Valuation method	Date	(C) / (V)
Exhibitions within Swansea Museum Services	Gwenllian Ashley	2012	(V)
	Peter David	2012	(V)
	Bonhams	2010	(V)
	Helen Hallesy	2008	(V)
	Mayberry Antiques	2008	(V)
	Sotheby's	2006	(V)
Brangwyn Hall Panels	Sotheby's	March 2012	(V)
Other Sculptures, Busts and Paintings	Bonhams	January 2012	(V)

Other

Asset	Valuation method	Date	(C) / (V)
Guildhall general building fixtures and fittings	A Grist	February 2012	(V)
Guildhall Lord Mayors & Committee Room Civic Furniture	A Grist	February 2012	(V)
Guildhall Civic Lighting	Polesco	March 2012	(V)
Brangwyn Hall Organ	Clevedon Organs	March 2012	(V)
Cenotaph including surrounding walls	Capital program works	2005	(C)
Monument to the Air Defence of Swansea 1939-1945	Claims Connection	March 2012	(V)
Lord Mayors Chain	Bonhams	March 2009	(V)
Lord Mayors - other Civic Regalia	Sotheby's	March 2007	(V)
Olga - Sailing Barge	Richard Ayers	March 2012	(V)
Helwick - Light ship	Authority's internal museums valuer	March 2011	(V)
Canning - Tug Boat	Authority's internal museums valuer	March 2011	(V)
West Glamorgan Archives: Major deposited collections	Bernard Quaritch Ltd	January 2013	(V)
West Glamorgan Archives: Owned Collections	Authority's internal County Archivist	March 2013	(V)
Silverware	Bonhams	January 2012	(V)
Clocks	Bonhams	January 2012	(V)
Glassware	Bonhams	January 2012	(V)

(C) - Asset valued at Cost, (V) Expert valuation of asset for insurance purposes.

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Additions of Heritage Assets 2014/15	2014/15 £'000	2013/14 £'000
Oystermouth Castle enhancement	5	22
Morfa Bridge - off Normandy Road, Landore (CADW REF: 11699 and 81960)	388	0
Morydd Street Bridge	130	0
Footbridge over Clyne River (known as Roman Bridge)		
Mumbles Rd Blackpill)	65	0
Hafod Bridge (CADW Ref: 11686)	329	0
Glyneithrym Uchaf Bridge (CADW Ref: 81058)	72	0
The Folly, Saunders Way - Between 87 - 97 (The Belverdere)	10	0
Scott's Pitt Stonework Repair*	31	0
Swiss Cottage, Singleton Park*	26	0
	1,056	22

* Non enhancing expenditure removed and recognised in the Surplus / Deficit on provision of services.

13. Investment Properties

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

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
5,285 Rental income from investment property	5,342
-553 Direct operating expenses arising from investment property	-767
4,732 Net gain	4,575

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

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

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
114,202 Balance at start of the year	122,163
Additions:	
533 - Purchases	221
162 - Construction (Current)	3
-837 Disposals	-637
8,217 Net gains/losses from fair value adjustments	7,958
0 Transfers to/from Property, Plant and Equipment	-1,463
-114 Other changes	-3
122,163 Balance at end of the year	128,242

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14. Intangible Assets

The Authority accounts for its software as intangible assets, to the extent that the software is not an integral part of a particular IT system and accounted for as part of the hardware item of Property, Plant and Equipment.

All software is given a finite useful life, based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use to the Authority. The useful lives assigned to the major software suites used by the Authority are:

Purchased Licences		Other IT software	
Windows Licences	4 years	Payroll Development	5 years
Paris Software	5 years		
Oracle Licences	10 years		

The carrying amount of intangible assets is amortised on a straight-line basis. The amortisation of £488K was charged to revenue in 2014/15.

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

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
Balance at start of year:		
4,430	- Gross carrying amounts	4,515
-2,820	- Accumulated amortisation	-3,327
1,610	Net carrying amount at start of year	1,188
Additions:		
103	- Purchases during year	238
-507	Amortisation for the period	-488
-18	Other changes	0
1,188	Net carrying amount at end of year	938
Comprising:		
4,515	- Gross carrying amounts	4,753
-3,327	- Accumulated amortisation	-3,815
1,188		938

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15. Financial Instruments

The notes on financial instruments on the following pages are the requirement of the code. IFRS requires for the restatement of nominal amounts for loans and investments to include for example the spread cost of premium / discounts and using equivalent interest rates instead of actual stepped interest rates in the case of 'amortised cost' and also the restatement of the nominal values of the loans and investments if they were to be refinanced in the market at 31st March 2015 in the 'fair value' disclosure.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

TABLE 1 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT BALANCES

	Long-Term		Short-Term		Total	
	31st March 2015	31st March 2014	31st March 2015	31st March 2014	31st March 2015	31st March 2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Borrowings						
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	309,013	312,188	8,593	12,367	317,606	324,555
Total included in Borrowings	309,013	312,188	8,593	12,367	317,606	324,555
Creditors						
Financial liabilities carried at contract amount	3,041	3,589	56,054	55,921	59,095	59,510
Total included in Creditors	3,041	3,589	56,054	55,921	59,095	59,510
Investments						
Loans and receivables	24	24	26,427	34,065	26,451	34,089
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	0	0	0	2,105	0	2,105
Unquoted equity investment at cost	50	50	0	0	50	50
Total Investments	74	74	26,427	36,170	26,501	36,244
Debtors						
Loans and receivables	4,021	767	0	0	4,021	767
Financial assets carried at contract amount	1,627	974	57,465	55,692	59,092	56,666
Total Debtors	5,648	1,741	57,465	55,692	63,113	57,433

Note - Lender Option / Borrower Option Loans (LOBO's) of £58m (2013/14 £40m) have been included in long term borrowing but have an option date in the next 12 months.

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The Authority owns £5,030,000 of ordinary shares in Swansea City Waste Disposal Company Limited. These are not reflected in the Authority's assets as they are considered to be of zero value.

The Authority holds a one third shareholding (£50,000 'A' shares) in the Swansea Stadium Management Company Limited, a joint venture between the Authority, Swansea City Association Football Club Limited (The) and Ospreys Rugby Limited. The purpose of the company is to run the Liberty Stadium, a purpose built stadium for major sporting events in Swansea. Under the terms of the joint venture agreement between the parties, the nature of the Authority's shareholding is such that it has an ultimate casting vote on any resolution relating to:-

- a) The removal from office of any director,
- b) The use of the Stadium (or any part of it) for purposes not permitted by the Head Lease.
- c) A matter which, if implemented or omitted to be done, would in the proper opinion of the 'A' shareholder be likely to result in either:-
 - Material prejudice to the trading and / or financial position or prospects of the company or
 - A breach of law by the company.

The nature of the joint venture agreement restricts the potential for the sale of shares and the value at which they must be offered and as such it is not possible to place a value on the shareholding other than the initial investment value.

INCOME, EXPENSE, GAINS AND LOSSES

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

TABLE 2 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS GAINS/LOSSES

2014/15	Financial Liabilities		Financial Assets		
	Liabilities measured at amortised cost	£'000	Loans and receivables	Fair value through profit or loss	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interest expense	-17,132		0	0	-17,132
Losses on Derecognition	0		0	-3	-3
Reductions in Fair Value	0		0	-19	-19
Fee Expense	0		0	-40	-40
Total Expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	-17,132		0	-62	-17,194

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2014/15	Financial Liabilities		Financial Assets	
	Liabilities measured at amortised cost £'000	Loans and receivables £'000	Fair value through profit or loss £'000	Total £'000
Interest income	0	437	34	471
Gains on Derecognition	0	0	0	0
Total Income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	0	437	34	471
Net (gain)/loss for the year	-17,132	437	-28	-16,723

2013/14 Comparative Table	Financial Liabilities		Financial Assets	
	Liabilities measured at amortised cost £'000	Loans and receivables £'000	Fair value through profit or loss £'000	Total £'000
Interest expense	-17,814	0	0	-17,814
Losses on Derecognition	0	0	-247	-247
Reductions in Fair Value	0	0	-20	-20
Fee Expense	0	0	-25	-25
Total Expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	-17,814	0	-292	-18,106
Interest income	0	562	261	823
Gains on Derecognition	0	0	4	4
Total Income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	0	562	265	827
Net (gain)/loss for the year	-17,814	562	-27	-17,279

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FAIR VALUES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CARRIED AT AMORTISED COST

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:

Methods and Assumptions in valuation technique

The fair value of an instrument is determined by calculating the net present value of future cash flows, which provides an estimate of the value of payments in the future in today's terms.

The discount rate used in the Net Present Value calculation is the rate applicable in the market on the date of valuation for an instrument with the same structure, terms and remaining duration. For debt, this will be the new borrowing rate since premature repayment rates include a margin which represents the lender's profit as a result of rescheduling the loan; this is not included in the fair value calculation since any motivation other than securing a fair price should be ignored.

The rates quoted in this valuation were obtained by our treasury management consultants from the market on 31st March 2015, using bid prices where applicable.

The calculations are made with the following assumptions:

- Estimated ranges of interest rates at 31 March 2015 of 1.11% to 3.13% for loans from the PWLB and 0.36% to 3.66% for other loans receivable and payable, based on new lending rates for equivalent loans at that date.
- We have used interpolation techniques between available rates where the exact maturity period was not available.
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised.
- We have calculated fair values for all instruments in the portfolio, but only disclose those which are materially different from the carrying value.
- The fair value of trade and other receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed.
- The fair values are calculated as follows:

TABLE 3 – FAIR VALUE OF LIABILITIES CARRIED AT AMORTISED COST

	31st March 2015		31st March 2014	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial liabilities	317,606	449,904	324,555	372,888
Creditors	59,095	59,095	59,510	59,510

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Fair value is sometimes more than the carrying amount because the Authority's portfolio of loans includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate payable is lower than the rates available for similar loans at the Balance Sheet date. The commitment to pay interest below current market rates reduces the amount that the Authority would have to pay if the lender requested or agreed to early repayment of the loans.

TABLE 4 – FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS CARRIED AT AMORTISED COST

	31st March 2015		31st March 2014	
	Carrying		Carrying	
	amount	Fair value	amount	Fair value
Loans and receivables	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Debtors	30,472	30,485	34,856	34,063
	59,092	59,092	56,666	55,724

The fair value is higher than the carrying amount because the Authority's portfolio of investments includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate receivable is higher than the rates available for similar loans at the Balance Sheet date. This shows a notional future loss (based on economic conditions at 31 March 2015) attributable to the commitment to receive interest below current market rates.

Short-term debtors and creditors are carried at cost as this is a fair approximation of their fair value.

NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

The Authority's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the resources available to fund services. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury team, under policies approved by the Council in the Annual Treasury Management Strategy. The Council provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as covering specific areas, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and the investment of surplus cash.

1. Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from deposits with banks, building societies and other local authorities as well as credit exposures to the Authority's customers.

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The risk is managed through the Annual Investment Strategy which outlines the minimum credit criteria required for the Authority to make an investment which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit criteria. The Annual Investment Strategy also imposes a maximum sum to be invested with a financial institution within each category.

The full details of the credit criteria are outlined in the previously published Treasury Management Strategy report available on the Council's website.

The Authority's maximum exposure to credit risk to financial institutions of £64m cannot be assessed generally as risks are specific to each institution. The risk of irrecoverability applies to all investments, however there was no evidence at 31/3/15 that this was likely to crystallise.

The following analysis summarises the Authority's potential maximum exposure to credit risk, based on past experience and current market conditions. The Authority considers for impairment all of its financial instruments annually. No credit limits were exceeded during the financial year and the Authority expects full repayment on the due date of deposits placed with its counterparties.

TABLE 5 – CREDIT RISK (A)

	Amounts at 31 March 2015	Historical experience of default 31 March 2015	Historical	Estimated	Estimated maximum exposure to default and uncollectability 31 March 2015	Estimated maximum exposure 31 March 2014
			experience adjusted for market conditions as at 31 March 2015	maximum exposure to uncollectability at 31 March 2015		
	£'000	%	%	£'000		
Bonds and other securities	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Customers	63,113	10.24%	9.58%	6,045	5,884	
Total	63,113	0.00	0.00	6,045	5,884	

The Authority does not generally allow credit for customers such that £11.4m of the £63.1m balance is past its due date for payment. The amount can be analysed as follows

	31-Mar-15	31-Mar-14
less than 3 months	6,733	5,964
3 to 6 months	1,258	59
6 months to 1 year	1,219	1,098
more than 1 year	2,182	2,421
	11,392	9,542

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2. Liquidity Risk

The Authority has a cashflow management system to ensure cash is available when needed. If unexpected movements happen, the Authority has ready access to the money markets and the PWLB. There is no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments. The risk may be bound to replenish a proportion of its borrowings at times of unfavourable interest rates. The Authority sets limits on the proportion of its fixed borrowing during specific periods and seeks to ensure an even maturity profile through a combination of planning when to take new loans and where economic when to make early repayments.

The maturity structure of financial liabilities at nominal value is as follows (liability figure per Table 1 includes accrued interest on PWLB and LOBOs of £5,376k (prior year £5,523k)):

TABLE 6 – LIQUIDITY RISK

On 31 March 2014	Loans outstanding	On 31 March 2015
£'000		£'000
63,972	Less than 1 year	60,492
6,778	Between 1 and 2 years	3,327
9,289	Between 2 and 5 years	9,004
	3 Between 5 and 10 years	2
298,500	More than 10 years	298,500
378,542	Total	371,325

In the more than 10 years category there are £58m (31 March 2014 £40m) of LOBOs which have a call date in the next 12 months.

3. Market Risk

Interest rate risk

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

- borrowings at variable rates- the interest expense charged to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services will rise
- borrowings at fixed rates- the fair value of the liabilities borrowings will fall
- investments at variable rates - the interest income credited to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services will rise
- investments at fixed rates - the fair value of the assets will fall

Borrowings are not carried at fair value, so nominal gains and losses on fixed rate borrowings would not impact on the surplus or deficit on the Provision of Services or other comprehensive income and expenditure. However changes in interest payable and receivable on variable rate borrowings and investments will be posted to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services and affect the general fund balance.

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The Authority has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The policy is to have up to a maximum of 40% of its borrowings in variable rate loans. During periods of falling interest rates, and where economic circumstances make it favourable, fixed rate loans will be repaid early to limit exposure to losses. The risk of loss is ameliorated by the fact that a proportion of government grant payable on financing costs will normally move with prevailing interest rates or the Authority's cost of borrowing and provide compensation for a proportion of any higher costs.

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

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

TABLE 7 – INTEREST RATE RISK

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Increase in interest payable on variable rate borrowings	400	580
Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	0	0
Increase in government grant receivable for financing costs	0	0
Impact on Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	400	580
Share of overall impact debited to the Housing Revenue Account	72	97
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate investment assets	54	73
Impact on Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	54	73
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate borrowing liabilities (no impact on the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or other comprehensive I&E)	52,702	72,840

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Authority has no financial assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and thus has no exposure to loss arising from movements in exchange rates.

Price Risk

The Authority does not generally invest in equity shares but does have an equity shareholding of £50k in the stadium management company where its holding has been valued at cost as no reliable fair value can be obtained.

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Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

31/03/2014		31/03/2015
	£'000	£'000
-1,321 Balance brought forward		-1,434
164 PWLB Premia amortisation		119
-285 PWLB Discounts amortisation		-222
10 LOBO equivalent interest rate amortisation		10
-2 Notional advances right to buy sales		-10
-1,434 Published Balance as at 31st March		-1,537

Analysis of Borrowing

31/03/2014	Sources of borrowing	31/03/2015
	£'000	£'000
212,981 Public Works Loan Board		209,792
99,207 Money market		99,221
312,188 Total borrowing greater than one year		309,013
1 Stock issues		1
11,233 Public Works Loans Board		6,952
406 Money market		392
4 Local bonds & internal mortgages		4
723 Temporary loans		1,244
12,367 Total borrowing less than one year		8,593
324,555		317,606

Maturity dates for the repayment of loans

31/03/2014		31/03/2015
	£'000	£'000
723 Temporary loans up to 1 year		1,244
Long term debt maturing within:-		
11,238 1 year		6,957
3,189 1 - 2 years		286
9,289 2 – 5 years		9,004
3 5 -10 years		2
300,113 Over 10 years		300,113
324,555		317,606

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16. Short Term Debtors

31st March		31st March
2014		2015
£'000		£'000
33,798	Central government bodies	35,936
4,778	Other local authorities	2,095
2,730	NHS bodies	2,965
73	Public corporations and trading funds	0
15,548	Other entities and individuals	17,313
1,290	Payments In Advance	1,500
58,217	Total	59,809

17. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Authority	Group	Authority	Group
31st March	31st March	31st March	31st March
2014	2014	2015	2015
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
131	131 Cash held by the Authority	249	249
64,596	64,596 Bank current accounts	40,069	40,080
64,727	64,727 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	40,318	40,329

18. Assets Held for Sale

All of the assets held for sale have been classified as current assets.

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
1,269	Balance outstanding at start of year	767
-198	Revaluation gains/losses	-6
	Assets classified as held for sale:	
2,606	- Property, Plant and Equipment	6,800
-2,910	Assets sold	-2,437
767	Balance outstanding at year end	5,124

19. Creditors

Authority	Group	Authority	Group
31st March	31st March	31st March	31st March
2014	2014	2015	2015
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
10,804	10,804 Central government bodies	9,450	9,450
5,168	5,168 Other local authorities	4,880	4,880
676	676 NHS bodies	3,164	3,164
542	542 Public corporations and trading funds	22	22
37,977	37,977 Other entities and individuals	38,551	38,551
7,543	7,543 Receipts In Advance	6,532	6,522
62,710	62,710 Total	62,599	62,589

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20. Provisions

Short - term

	£'000	Outstanding Legal Cases	Injury and Damage Compensation Claims	Employee Benefits	Other Provisions	£'000	Total
Balance at 1 April 2014	0	3,726	24,456	1,730	29,912		
Additional provisions made in 2014/15	141	1,066	8,234	934	10,375		
Amounts used in 2014/15	-9	-4,147	-13,471	-1,925	-19,552		
Unused amounts reversed in 2014/15	0	-14	0	-121	-135		
Transfer from long term to short term	183	2,453	0	623	3,259		
Balance at 31 March 2015	315	3,084	19,219	1,241	23,859		

Long - term

	£'000	Outstanding Legal Cases	Injury and Damage Compensation Claims	Employee Benefits	Other Provisions	£'000	Total
Balance at 1 April 2014	215	4,983	14	9,206	14,418		
Additional provisions made in 2014/15	150	1,238	0		1,388		
Amounts used in 2014/15	0	0	0		0	0	
Unused amounts reversed in 2014/15	-31	0	0		0	-31	
Transfer from long term to short term	-184	-2,453	0	-623	-3,260		
Balance at 31 March 2015	150	3,768	14	8,583	12,515		

Outstanding Legal Cases

The Authority has incurred legal costs in defending its position across a number of issues and will seek to defray those costs against third parties if appropriate. To the extent that this is considered unlikely this provision is intended to quantify and provide for the expected extent of irrecoverable costs.

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Injury and Damage Compensation Claims

This is in respect of excess charges and uninsured costs on all known outstanding insurance claims made against the Authority in respect of all injury and compensation claims outstanding at the Balance Sheet date.

Employee Benefits

This is in respect of the potential costs of settling all reasonably expected equal pay compensation claims as they exist at the Balance Sheet date on the basis that following the implementation of an equal pay compliant pay structure a significant element of the potential liability will be settled by way of compensation payment rather than as backpay. It is envisaged the majority of this will be settled within 1 year.

Other Provisions

These amounts are to cover a variety of potential liabilities including land compensation claims following compulsory purchase, potential sums arising out of grant reclams and obsolete stock. Other provisions include a significant capital provision (£7.143m) for the future remediation and maintenance of major land refuse disposal sites. Of the £7.143m, £4.360m is likely to be settled with the next ten years and the remaining £2.783m over the next forty years.

21. Unusable Reserves

31st March		31st March
2014		2015
£'000		£'000
223,832	Revaluation Reserve	349,847
525,447	Capital Adjustment Account	510,679
-1,434	Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	-1,537
-480,700	Pensions Reserve	-569,890
-7,270	Accumulated Absences Account	-8,731
259,875	Total Unusable Reserves	280,368

Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Authority arising from increases in the value of its Property, Plant and Equipment. The balance is reduced when assets with accumulated gains are:

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

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

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2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
167,061 Balance at 1st April	223,832
Upward revaluation of assets -	
60,580 Cost	93,447
7,809 Depreciation	68,404
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services -	
-2,270 Cost	-35,223
1,159 Depreciation	<u>11,949</u>
Surplus or deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	
<u>67,278</u>	<u>138,577</u>
Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation	
-8,953 cost depreciation	-10,826
-1,554 Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped	<u>-1,736</u>
-10,507 Amount written off to the Capital Adjustment Account	<u>-12,562</u>
<u>223,832 Balance at 31st March</u>	<u>349,847</u>

Capital Adjustment Account

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

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

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2013/14

£'000

512,649 Balance at 1st April

2014/15

£'000

525,447

Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:

Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	-74,402	-76,773
596 Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment		-11,520
-507 Amortisation of intangible assets		-488
-10,299 Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute		-15,892
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-3,724	-2,913
<u>-88,336</u>		<u>-107,586</u>
<u>10,507</u> Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve		<u>12,562</u>
Net written out amount of the cost of non-current assets consumed in the year	-77,829	-95,024
Capital financing applied in the year:		
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	5,154	3,669
Capital grants and contributions credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement that have been applied to capital financing	41,363	34,794
Statutory provision for the financing of the capital investment charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	15,341	15,751
Capital expenditure charged against the HRA and General Fund balances	20,552	18,084
<u>82,410</u>		<u>72,298</u>

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2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and	
8,217 Expenditure Statement	7,958
525,447 Balance at 31st March	510,679

Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

The Financial Instruments Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for income and expenses relating to certain financial instruments and for bearing losses or benefiting from gains per statutory provisions.

2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
-1,321 Balance at 1st April	-1,434
Premiums incurred in the year and charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	
Proportion of premiums incurred in previous financial years to be charged against the General Fund Balance in accordance with statutory requirements	-103
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	0
-1,434 Balance at 31st March	-1,537

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Pensions Reserve

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

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
-625,600 Balance at 1st April	-480,700
174,850 Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability/(asset)	-71,890
-1,490 Net increase in assets & liabilities from disposals / acquisitions	0
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	
-63,640 in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-53,550
-3,390 Past service cost adjustment	-4,360
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to 38,570 pensioners payable in the year	40,610
-480,700 Balance at 31st March	-569,890

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Accumulated Absences Account

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

2013/14		2014/15
	£'000	£'000
-7,687 Balance at 1st April		-7,270
Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the 7,687 end of the preceding year		7,270
-7,270 Amounts accrued at the end of the current year		-8,731
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		-1,461
-7,270 Balance at 31st March		-8,731

22. Cash Flow Statement - Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

2013/14		2014/15
	£'000	£'000
412 Interest received		265
-17,872 Interest paid		-17,200
-17,460		-16,935

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

Authority	Group	Authority	Group
2013/14	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
74,402	74,402 Depreciation	88,293	88,293
-8,813	-8,813 Impairment and downward revaluations	-7,958	-7,958
507	507 Amortisation	488	488
8,342	6,067 Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,341	2,128
-6,709	-5,402 Increase in debtors	-5,499	-5,499
212	220 (Increase)/decrease in inventories	-213	-213
28,460	27,061 Movement in pension liability	17,300	17,300

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Authority	Group		Authority	Group
2013/14	2013/14		2014/15	2014/15
£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
		Carrying amount of non-current assets and non-current assets held for sale, sold or de-recognised		
-3,724	-3,724	Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services	-2,913	-2,913
-7,253	-10,156		-6,290	-6,110
85,424	80,162		85,549	85,516

The surplus or deficit on the provision of services has been adjusted for the following items that are investing and financing activities:

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
Any other items for which the cash effects are investing or financing cash flows	
-38,201	-33,778
-38,201	-33,778

23. Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
-75,216 Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	-71,922
-580,589 Purchase of long and short term investments	-687,452
6,198 Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	4,160
628,135 Proceeds from short-term and long-term investments	697,203
43,152 Other receipts from investing activities	33,778
21,680 Net cash flows from investing activities	-24,233

24. Cash Flow Statement - Financing Activities

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
0 Cash receipts of short and long-term borrowing	3,337
-7,234 Repayments of short and long-term borrowing	-10,286
-7,234 Net cash flows from financing activities	-6,949

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25. Amounts Reported For Resource Allocation Decisions

The analysis of income and expenditure by service on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is that specified by the Service Reporting Code of Practice. However, decisions about resource allocation are taken by the Authority's Cabinet 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:

- No charges are made in relation to capital expenditure (whereas depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses in excess of the balance on the Revaluation Reserve are charged to services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement). Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute (REFCUS) is also charged to services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- Gains or losses on the disposal of non-current assets are not charged. They are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- The cost of retirement benefits is based on cash flows (payment of employer's pensions contributions) rather than current service cost of benefits accrued in the year (IAS19).
- No accruals are charged for employee benefits. Employee benefits accruals are charged to services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- Expenditure on some support services is budgeted for centrally and not charged to directorates.

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

	Director of Place £'000	Director of Corporate Services £'000	Director of People - Education £'000	Director of People - Social Services £'000	Director of People - Poverty & Prevention £'000	Housing Revenue Account £'000	Total £'000
Directorate Income and Expenditure							
2014/15							
Employee expenses	68,098	28,609	150,947	48,237	8,491	9,627	314,009
Premises	18,653	191	10,059	1,119	582	13,432	44,036
Transport	15,706	102	8,784	1,838	161	231	26,822
Supplies & Services	44,924	13,396	25,293	22,531	1,860	1,467	109,471
Other Costs	3,956	109,219	14,550	74,570	6,820	6,612	215,727
Total Expenditure	151,337	151,517	209,633	148,295	17,914	31,369	710,065
Fees, charges & other service income	-76,326	-3,260	-19,884	-23,955	-349	-53,436	-177,210
Government grants	-19,715	-101,301	-28,773	-19,871	-12,921	0	-182,581
Total Income	-96,041	-104,561	-48,657	-43,826	-13,270	-53,436	-359,791
Net Expenditure	55,296	46,956	160,976	104,469	4,644	-22,067	350,274

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	£'000	Director of Place	£'000	Director of Corporate Services	£'000	Director of People - Education	£'000	Director of People - Social Services	£'000	Director of People & Poverty & Prevention	£'000	Housing Revenue Account	£'000	Total
Directorate Income and Expenditure														
2013/14 Comparative Figures														
Employee expenses	67,095	28,829	155,318	47,973	7,801	9,454	316,470							
Premises	20,125	204	8,219	1,507	476	12,774	43,305							
Transport	16,897	147	8,846	2,215	173	271	28,549							
Supplies & Services	125,203	13,242	30,587	24,426	1,761	1,798	197,017							
Other Costs	-76,173	102,533	9,241	72,968	5,629	7,385	121,583							
Total Expenditure	153,147	144,955	212,211	149,089	15,840	31,682	706,924							
Fees, charges & other service income	-58,709	-4,167	-19,310	-24,872	-376	-51,444	-158,878							
Government grants	-36,405	-93,605	-29,488	-17,907	-12,030	-485	-189,920							
Total Income	-95,114	-97,772	-48,798	-42,779	-12,406	-51,929	-348,798							
Net Expenditure	58,033	47,183	163,413	106,310	3,434	-20,247	358,126							

Reconciliation of Directorate Income and Expenditure to Cost of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This reconciliation shows how the figures in the analysis of directorate income and expenditure relate to the amounts included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Net expenditure in the Directorate Analysis	358,126	350,274
Amounts in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement not reported to management in the Analysis	99,958	123,008
	<u>458,084</u>	<u>473,282</u>
Amounts included in the Analysis not included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-32,690	-34,800
Cost of Services in Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	425,394	438,482

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Reconciliation to Subjective Analysis

This reconciliation shows how the figures in the analysis of directorate income and expenditure relate to a subjective analysis of the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	Directorate Analysis £'000	Amounts not reported to management for decision making £'000	Amounts not included in I & E £'000	Cost of Services £'000	Corporate Amounts £'000	Total £'000
2014/15						
Fees, charges & other service income	-177,210	36,934	0	-140,276	-47,110	-187,386
Interest and investment income	0	0	0	0	-265	-265
Income from council tax	0	0	0	0	-94,976	-94,976
Government grants and contributions	-182,581	0	0	-182,581	-350,782	-533,363
Total Income	-359,791	36,934	0	-322,857	-493,133	-815,990
Employee expenses	314,009	42,044	-34,800	321,253	15	321,268
Premises	44,036	0	0	44,036	750	44,786
Transport	26,822	0	0	26,822	0	26,822
Supplies & Services	109,471	0	0	109,471	2	109,473
Other Costs	215,727	-44,158	0	171,569	53,560	225,129
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	0	88,188	0	88,188	0	88,188
Interest Payments	0	0	0	0	17,200	17,200
Precepts & Levies	0	0	0	0	29,305	29,305
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	-1,183	-1,183
Total Expenditure	710,065	86,074	-34,800	761,339	99,649	860,988
Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	350,274	123,008	-34,800	438,482	-393,484	44,998

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Directorate Analysis	Amounts not reported to management for decision making	Amounts not included in I & E	Cost of Services	Corporate Amounts	Total
2013/14 Comparative Figures						
Fees, charges & other service income	-158,878	33,645	0	-125,233	-46,695	-171,928
Interest and investment income	0	0	0	0	-412	-412
Income from council tax	0	0	0	0	-88,905	-88,905
Government grants and contributions	-189,920	714	0	-189,206	-368,230	-557,436
Total Income	-348,798	34,359	0	-314,439	-504,242	-818,681
Employee expenses	316,470	34,253	-32,690	318,033	15	318,048
Premises	43,305	0	0	43,305	527	43,832
Transport	28,549	0	0	28,549	0	28,549
Supplies & Services	197,017	0	0	197,017	11	197,028
Other Costs	121,583	-42,648	0	78,935	59,674	138,609
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	0	73,994	0	73,994	0	73,994
Interest Payments	0	0	0	0	17,872	17,872
Precepts & Levies	0	0	0	0	28,304	28,304
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	-3,200	-3,200
Total Expenditure	706,924	65,599	-32,690	739,833	103,203	843,036
Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	358,126	99,958	-32,690	425,394	-401,039	24,355

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26. Trading Operations

In accordance with the Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP) which has been issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) the Authority undertakes a number of activities which are defined as trading activities within the meaning of the Code.

All the Authority's trading operations are an integral part of one of the Authority's services to the public and are incorporated into the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

2014/15

	Turnover £'000	Expenditure £'000	Surplus/- Deficit £'000
Car Parks	4,143	2,331	1,812
Grand Theatre	3,061	4,917	-1,856
Indoor Market	1,081	402	679
Catering	6,267	6,351	-84
Trade Waste	2,581	2,084	497
Swansea Marina	1,054	1,132	-78
	18,187	17,217	970

2013/14

	Turnover £'000	Expenditure £'000	Surplus/- Deficit £'000
Car Parks	3,849	2,804	1,045
Grand Theatre	3,324	4,942	-1,618
Indoor Market	1,107	784	323
Catering	5,880	6,124	-244
Trade Waste	2,422	1,525	897
Swansea Marina	1,117	1,257	-140
	17,699	17,436	263

The Authority provides and operates over fifty car parks. These include both multi-storey and surface car parks, mainly in the city centre and on the coast, and some serve specific destinations. The customers are mainly individual shoppers, workers, visitors, and leisure venue users. Prices are set to cover costs and are not designed to generate a profit.

The Authority provides and operates the Grand Theatre in the city centre. It forms a central part of the City's cultural service, and stages a wide variety of performances throughout the year, both for local and regional residents and visitors. The Theatre's customers are mainly individual theatre goers although the venue is also hired out to groups. Ticket prices are set at market rates in conjunction with the companies providing shows, although this requires a significant subsidy from the Authority.

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The Authority provides Swansea Indoor Market, and manages and lets the stalls which currently number about one hundred. The stalls can be let on both a permanent long term and casual basis. Rents are set at commercial market rates, and as well as providing a unique and historic shopping facility, the market generates a significant surplus which helps to fund other council services.

The Catering Service is responsible for the provision of school meals in all schools within the City and County of Swansea, except two secondaries who have arranged their own caterers. The service also provides some in-house catering facilities at some Council facilities but this activity is incidental to the overall operation. The service is fully traded and expected to break even. The operation delivers the Authority's statutory duty to make a school meal provision at each school.

The Authority operates a waste and recycling collection service to about two thousand businesses throughout the area. It also collects and disposes of refuse from the Authority's own buildings and services. Prices are set at commercial rates and the operation generates a significant surplus which helps to fund the Authority's other waste services.

The Authority provides and operates the Swansea Marina which forms a central part of the City's redeveloped and award winning Maritime Quarter. It has over five hundred berths available for both short and long term hire, and provides a full marina service. Prices are set at commercial market rates with the aim of covering the direct costs of operating the service.

27. Members' Allowances

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

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
1,253 Allowances	1,271
3 Expenses	16
<u>1,256 Total</u>	<u>1,287</u>

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28. Officers' Remuneration

(a) The following tables set out the remuneration for Senior Officers whose salary is less than £150,000 but equal to or more than £60,000 per year.

Table 1 - 2014/15

	Remuneration (including Fees & Allowances)		Compensation for loss of office	Total remuneration excluding pension contributions	Pension contributions (22.4%)	Total remuneration including pension contributions	
	£	£				£	£
Chief Executive	140,000	0	0	140,000	0	0	140,000
Director Place	110,000	0	0	110,000	24,640	24,640	134,640
Corporate Director Environment (a)	1,222	0	58,375	59,597	274	274	59,871
Director Corporate Services	110,000	0	0	110,000	24,640	24,640	134,640
Director People	97,500	0	0	97,500	21,840	21,840	119,340
Chief Operating Officer	85,506	0	0	85,506	19,040	19,040	104,546
Chief Social Services Officer	92,500	0	0	92,500	20,720	20,720	113,220
Chief Education Officer (b)	69,932	0	0	69,932	15,665	15,665	85,597
Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement	80,352	0	0	80,352	17,920	17,920	98,272
Director Culture, Sport/Leisure & Tourism (c)	40,000	0	67,882	107,882	8,960	8,960	116,842
Head of Education Inclusion	80,000	27	0	80,027	17,920	17,920	97,947
Head of Child and Family Services	80,000	0	0	80,000	17,920	17,920	97,920
Head of Education Planning and Resources	70,000	27	0	70,027	15,680	15,680	85,707
Head of Housing & Public Protection	82,500	0	0	82,500	18,480	18,480	100,980
Head of Economic Regeneration & Planning	80,000	0	0	80,000	17,920	17,920	97,920
Head of Communications & Customer Engagement	65,000	0	0	65,000	14,560	14,560	79,560
Balance c/f	1,284,512	54	126,257	1,410,823	256,179	256,179	1,667,002

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Table 1 - 2014/15 continued

Post title	Remuneration (including Fees * Expense & Allowances)		Compensation for loss of office	Total remuneration excluding pension contributions	Pension contributions (22.4%)	Total remuneration including pension contributions
	£	£				
Balance b/f	1,284,512	54	126,257	1,410,823	256,179	1,667,002
Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development	65,190	0	0	65,190	14,560	79,750
Head of Finance and Delivery	72,922	0	0	72,922	16,240	89,162
Head of Poverty & Prevention	57,500	0	0	57,500	12,880	70,380
Head of Waste Management	77,500	0	0	77,500	17,360	94,860
Interim Head of Delivery & Information (f)	20,833	0	36,777	57,610	4,667	62,277
Head of Adult Services	67,500	0	0	67,500	15,120	82,620
Interim Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development	57,500	0	0	57,500	12,880	70,380
Head of Cultural Services (d)	42,903	0	0	42,903	9,610	52,513
Head of Education Improvement (e)	43,750	0	0	43,750	9,800	53,550
Head of Information & Business Change (g)	47,049	0	0	47,049	10,539	57,588
Chief Education Officer (h)	3,871	0	0	3,871	867	4,738
Head of Highways and Transportation (i)	55,040	0	0	55,040	12,329	67,369
Total	1,896,070	54	163,034	2,059,158	393,031	2,452,189

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* The expense allowance represents an allowance for telephone costs.
No bonus payments or benefit in kind payments were made to the Officers detailed in these notes.

- (a) The Corporate Director Environment left the Authority on 4th April 2014.
- (b) The Chief Education Officer left on 4th January 2015.
- (c) The Head of Culture, Sport/Leisure & Tourism retired on 30th September 2014.
- (d) The Head of Cultural Services commenced on 21st August 2014.
- (e) The Head of Education Improvement commenced on 1st September 2014. This is a joint post with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council as part of the ERW academic regional consortium.
- (f) The Interim Head of Delivery & Information retired on 31st July 2014.
- (g) The Head of Information & Business Change commenced on 30th June 2014.
- (h) The Chief Education Officer commenced on 16th March 2015.
- (i) The Head of Highways and Transportation commenced on 7th July 2014.

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The following tables set out the remuneration for Senior Officers whose salary is less than £150,000 but equal to or more than £60,000 per year.

Table 1 - 2013/14

<i>The posts in bold italics reflect transitional arrangements and departure costs and amounted to £680,747 in 2013/14.</i>	Remuneration (including Fees & Allowances)	* Expense Allowances	Compensation for loss of office	Total remuneration excluding pension contributions	Pension contributions (22.4%)	Total remuneration including pension contributions
				£	£	£
Chief Executive	140,000	0	0	140,000	20,907	160,907
Director Place	110,000	0	0	110,000	24,640	134,640
Corporate Director Environment	110,000	159	0	110,159	24,640	134,799
<i>Interim Corporate Director Education (a)</i>	<i>71,250</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>98,843</i>	<i>170,093</i>	<i>20,041</i>	<i>190,134</i>
Corporate Director Social Services (b)	27,500	0	0	27,500	0	27,500
Director Corporate Services (c)	88,917	0	0	88,917	19,917	108,834
Director People (d)	52,778	0	0	52,778	11,822	64,600
Chief Operating Officer (g)	69,363	133	0	69,496	15,426	84,922
Chief Social Services Officer (h)	67,500	0	0	67,500	15,120	82,620
Chief Education Officer (i)	21,290	0	0	21,290	4,769	26,059
Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement	80,440	0	0	80,440	17,920	98,360
Head of Culture, Sport/Leisure & Tourism	80,000	159	0	80,159	17,920	98,079
Head of Finance (e)	23,000	40	817	23,857	5,611	29,467
Head of Corporate Building and Property Services (f)	13,333	27	0	13,360	2,987	16,347
Head of Education Inclusion	80,000	159	0	80,159	17,920	98,079
Head of Delivery & Information (t)	54,931	106	75,429	130,466	11,670	142,135
Head of Child and Family Services	80,453	0	0	80,453	18,021	98,474
Head of Education Planning and Resources	70,000	159	0	70,159	15,680	85,839
Balance c/f	1,240,755	942	175,089	1,416,786	265,011	1,681,796

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Table 1 - 2013/14 continued

Post title	Remuneration (including Fees * Expense & Allowances)		Compensation for loss of office	Total remuneration excluding pension contributions	Pension contributions (22.4%)	Total remuneration including pension contributions
	£	£				
Balance b/f	1,240,755	942	175,089	1,416,786	265,011	1,681,796
<i>Head of Street Scene (j)</i>	25,833	0	62,959	88,792	5,787	94,579
<i>Head of Public Protection (k)</i>	53,822	106	68,431	122,359	12,074	134,433
Head of Highways & Transportation (u)	71,458	0	0	71,458	16,007	87,465
Head of Housing & Public Protection	77,500	159	0	77,659	17,360	95,019
Head of Adult Services (p)	19,861	0	0	19,861	4,449	24,310
Head of Economic Regeneration & Planning	77,500	159	0	77,659	17,360	95,019
Head of Communications & Consultation	60,000	159	0	60,159	13,440	73,599
Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development (r)	60,138	0	0	60,138	13,440	73,578
Head of Financial Services (l)	49,073	0	0	49,073	10,946	60,019
Head of Poverty & Prevention (m)	37,110	0	0	37,110	8,313	45,423
Head of Waste Management (n)	37,708	0	0	37,708	8,447	46,155
<i>Interim Head of Delivery & Information (o)</i>	25,366	0	0	25,366	5,682	31,048
Head of Adult Services (q)	49,242	0	0	49,242	11,030	60,273
<i>Interim Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development (s)</i>	18,333	0	0	18,333	4,107	22,440
Total	1,903,701	1,526	306,478	2,211,705	413,452	2,625,157

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* The expense allowance represents an allowance for telephone costs.

No bonus payments or benefit in kind payments were made to the Officers detailed in these notes.

- (a) The Interim Corporate Director Education left the Authority on 31st December 2013.
- (b) The Corporate Director Social Services left on 30th June 2013.
- (c) The Director Corporate Services commenced on 10th June 2013.
- (d) The Director People commenced on 11th September 2013.
- (e) The Head of Finance retired on 30th June 2013.
- (f) The Head of Corporate Building & Property Services is the Chief Operating Officer since 15th May 2013. The Head of Corporate Building & Property Services post has been vacant since 15th May 2013.
- (g) The Chief Operating Officer commenced on 15th May 2013.
- (h) The Chief Social Services Officer commenced on 17th June 2013.
- (i) The Chief Education Officer commenced on 6th January 2014.
- (j) The Head of Street Scene retired on 31st July 2013.
- (k) The Head of Public Protection retired on 30th November 2013.
- (l) The Head of Financial Services commenced on 1st July 2013.
- (m) The Head of Poverty & Prevention commenced on 29th July 2013.
- (n) The Head of Waste Management commenced on 30th September 2013.
- (o) The Interim Head of Delivery & Information commenced on 21st October 2013.
- (p) The Head of Adult Services is the Chief Social Services Officer since 17th June 2013.
- (q) The Head of Adult Services commenced on 24th June 2013.
- (r) The Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development was seconded on the budget savings programme on 18th November 2013.
- (s) The Interim Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development commenced on 18th November 2013.
- (t) The Head of Delivery and Information left the Authority on 22nd November 2013.
- (u) The Head of Highways & Transportation left the Authority on 2nd March 2014.

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(b) The number of employees (excluding Senior Officers) whose remuneration (excluding employer's pension contributions) was £60,000 or more, in bands of £5,000, were:

2013/14	2014/15
Number of employees	Number of employees
34	33
9	11
6	4
5	6
3	2
3	4
1	1
0	1
2	1
1	0
0	1
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64	Total
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The numbers shown relate to Authority employees which include teaching staff. Senior Officers' remunerations are shown in the tables on pages 95 to 100.

The Authority is required to disclose the organisation's pay multiple. This is the ratio between the highest paid employee and the median earnings across the organisation. In 2014/15 the remuneration of the Chief Executive was £140k (2013/14 £140k). This was 6.6 times (2013/14 6.8 times) the median remuneration of the organisation, which was £21,321 (2013/14 £20,698).

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

2013/14

Exit package cost band (including special payments)	Number of Compulsory Redundancies	Number of other departures agreed	Total number	
			of exit packages by cost band	Total cost of exit packages in each band £'000
£0 - £20,000	7	110	117	959
£20,001 - £40,000	0	40	40	1,218
£40,001 - £60,000	0	15	15	728
£60,001 - £80,000	0	10	10	675
£80,001 - £100,000	0	3	3	259
£100,000 - £150,000	0	4	4	532
Total	7	182	189	4,371

2014/15

Exit package cost band (including special payments)	Number of Compulsory Redundancies	Number of other departures agreed	Total number	
			of exit packages by cost band	Total cost of exit packages in each band £'000
£0 - £20,000	7	156	163	1,408
£20,001 - £40,000	2	49	51	1,423
£40,001 - £60,000	0	26	26	1,293
£60,001 - £80,000	0	16	16	1,123
£80,001 - £100,000	1	5	6	518
£100,000 - £150,000	0	5	5	562
Total	10	257	267	6,327

The average payback period against all early retirement / voluntary redundancy packages agreed for 2014/15 is just over 1 year.

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29. External Audit Costs

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

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
262 Fees payable to auditors appointed by the Auditor General for Wales with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor	262
147 Fees payable to auditors appointed by the Auditor General for Wales in respect of statutory inspection	104
144 Fees payable to auditors appointed by the Auditor General for Wales for the certification of grant claims and returns by the appointed auditor	101
25 Fees payable in respect of any other services provided by the appointed auditor	8
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578	475

30. Grant Income

The Authority credited the following grants, contributions and donations to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2013/14 and 2014/15:

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income	
88,905 Council Tax Income	94,976
74,941 Non Domestic Rates	76,436
254,557 Revenue Support Grant	241,789
10,972 School Building Improvement Grant	6,363
1,095 Regional Transport Programme Grant	1,400
9,100 Housing MRA Grant	9,130
6,363 WEFO Convergence Grant	6,168
797 Strategic Regeneration Area Grant	0
0 Lottery	689
3,801 General Capital Grant	3,832
838 CESP Energy Efficiency	0
1,130 Learning In Digital Wales	0
1,754 Houses into Homes	0
0 Intermediate Care Fund	338
2,882 Other Grants and Contributions	4,637
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457,135	445,758

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2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Credited to Services	
2,117 School Effectiveness Grant	1,802
51,933 Rent allowance subsidy	52,677
35,119 Rent rebate subsidy	34,897
39 Cymorth - Social Services	0
3,421 Families First	3,459
827 Learning Pathways	459
13,955 Supporting people	14,613
6,072 Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills	5,657
2,335 Outcome agreement grant	2,325
5,730 COASTAL	2,048
4,867 Sustainable Waste Management	4,769
1,878 Housing Benefit Administration	1,278
6,242 Concessionary fares	6,064
4,484 Training and Enterprise Council Contract	3,831
1,539 Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant	1,466
7,333 Foundation Phase	7,200
4,541 Flying Start	5,476
16 Regional Transport Programme Grant	17
138 WEFO Convergence Grant	474
20 Strategic Regeneration Area Grant	0
761 School Building Improvement Grant	0
0 Vibrant and Viable Places	256
0 Sandfields Renewal Area	110
2,755 Pupil Deprivation Grant	5,571
1,473 Convergence RES	718
2,781 Communities First	3,029
16,546 South West Wales Integrated Transport (SWITCH)	0
1,074 Rural Development Plan	1,003
0 Bus Services Support Grant (BSSG)	5,097
0 Western Bay Intermediate Care Fund	7,454
1,181 Western Bay Regional Collaboration Grant	1,616
10,758 Other Grants	9,487
189,935	182,853
2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Long-Term Liabilities	
0 Vibrant & Viable Places Grant	3,000
0	3,000

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31. Related Parties

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

a) Central Government

The Authority receives significant funding from the Welsh Government. Details of the sums received in respect of Revenue Support Grant and redistributed Non Domestic Rates are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, with details of other grant income being shown in note 30 to the Accounts.

b) Charitable and Voluntary Bodies

The Authority appoints members to represent it on numerous charitable and voluntary bodies which operate primarily within the City and County of Swansea, as well as to a number of national bodies where it is deemed in the Authority's interest to be represented. Any transactions with these bodies are not significant.

c) Other Bodies

The Authority has appointed members and officers to a number of outside organisations which include the following:-

Arts Council of Wales
Coleg Harlech
Community Health Council J.C.C.
Cymdeithas Caer Las
Gower Commoners Association
Industrial Common Ownership Financial Fund
Mid and West Wales Fire Authority
South West Wales Tourism Partnership Limited
National Waterfront Museum (Swansea) Limited
South Wales Police Authority
Swansea Bay Port Health Authority
University of Wales Swansea – Court of Governors
University of Wales Swansea - Council
Welsh Joint Education Committee

A full listing can be obtained from the Finance department, Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, SA1 3SN and on the Authority's website (www.swansea.gov.uk/councillors).

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In respect of the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority and the Swansea Bay Port Health Authority, amounts are paid by the Authority in respect of levies and precepts to these bodies. The Section 151 Officer of the Council also acts as the Clerk and Treasurer of the Swansea Bay Port Health Authority.

Levies / Contributions paid to the two bodies were:-

Mid and West Wales Fire Authority:-	£11.524m (2013/14: £11.503m)
Swansea Bay Port Health Authority:-	£0.094m (2013/14: £0.089m)

The Authority is responsible for the collection of Council Taxes on behalf of the South Wales Police Authority. The total collected and paid over to the South Wales Police Authority for 2014/15 was £16.820m (2013/14 £15.865m).

d) Subsidiary, Associates and Joint Ventures

The Authority has an interest in seven companies, details of which are shown below:-

Swansea City Waste Disposal Company Limited (SCWD Co Ltd.) - Subsidiary

The Swansea City Waste Disposal Company Limited ("the Company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Authority. On 31st July 2013 the assets, liabilities and balances transferred from the company to the Authority. The Authority owns the total issued share capital of the company comprising of 4,879,000 ordinary shares of £1. The activities of the Company involved the management of the baling plant, civic amenity sites and the central land disposal site at Tir John.

In January 2013 the Authority made a decision to undertake future waste disposal operations in-house rather than through the Company. This was formally undertaken with effect from 31st July 2013 and as of that date all Assets, Liabilities and Balances of the Company were transferred to the City and County of Swansea. The Swansea City Waste Disposal Company has ceased trading and is a dormant company.

During 2014/15 the Swansea City Waste Disposal Company Limited issued 150,000 ordinary shares of £1 each.

The net liabilities of Swansea Waste Disposal Company Limited as at 30th September 2014 were £18k.

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The National Waterfront Museum Swansea - Joint Venture

The National Waterfront Museum Swansea ("the Company") is limited by guarantee and is a registered charitable trust (charity number 1090512). The Company has seven directors, of which three are appointed by the City and County of Swansea, three by the National Museums and Galleries of Wales, with the seventh director being an independent chairman.

The purpose of the Company was to develop the National Industrial and Maritime Museum at Swansea which opened in Spring 2006. The Company derives its funds from several sources, including the Welsh Government, the National Museums and Galleries of Wales, the former Welsh Development Agency and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

During the 2002/03 financial year the Authority granted a lease to the Company of a substantial portion of the site on which the new museum has been developed. The lease was granted at a peppercorn rental and constitutes the Authority's commitment to the scheme.

The museum has been leased to the National Museums and Galleries of Wales at a peppercorn rent by the Company. Due to the nature of the Company and its constitution there will be no direct beneficial interest arising to the Authority from its activities.

A contribution of £2,275 was made in 2014/15 and 2013/14 to National Waterfront Museum Swansea towards 50% of the governance costs of the charitable company. There was a creditor of £3,460 outstanding as at 31st March 2015 (2013/14 zero) . The charitable company is deemed to be influenced significantly by the Authority through its representation on the Board of Trustees.

The net assets of the National Waterfront Museum Swansea at 31st March 2015 are £18,990,636 (2014 £19,147,639).

Copies of the accounts of the Company are available from the National Waterfront Museum Swansea Project Office, Queens Buildings, Cambrian Place, Swansea SA1 1TW.

The Wales National Pool (Swansea) - Joint Venture

The Wales National Pool (Swansea) ("the Company") is a company limited by guarantee. The purpose of the company is to operate the Wales National 50 Metre Pool which is located in Swansea.

The City and County of Swansea was responsible for the construction of the pool complex, with the bulk of funding being supplied by the National Lottery Sports Foundation. The pool has been constructed on land owned by the University of Wales, Swansea.

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The pool complex is leased to the company at a peppercorn rent. Due to the nature of the facility, which is unlikely to show profitability, the development is not thought to have a high commercial value.

The pool complex was opened in April 2003. Details of the Authority's transactions with the Company during the year are as follows:-

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
299	Funding provided by the Authority towards operating costs of the pool	316
105	Sum paid for the free use of the pool by schools and other bodies	103
-765	Recharges of wages, salaries and other costs to the Company	-776

The Company has seven directors, of which three are appointed by the City and County of Swansea, three by the University of Wales (Swansea), with the seventh director being an independent chairman.

By agreement with the University of Wales Swansea, the Authority funds 50 per cent of the operational deficit that the Company makes during its financial year which operates from 1st August to 31st July. There are no other guarantees in place that could increase the Authority's liability in respect of the operations of the Company.

There were no material outstanding debtors and creditors at 31st March 2015.

The net assets of Wales National Pool (Swansea) Limited at 31st March 2015 are zero (2014 zero).

Copies of the accounts of the Company are available from the University of Wales Swansea, Finance Department, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP.

Swansea Stadium Management Company Limited (SSMC Limited) - Associate

In March 2005, the City and County of Swansea purchased shares to the value of £50,000 in Swansea Stadium Management Company Limited, a company formed to operationally run the Liberty Stadium in Swansea. The stadium is a circa - 20,000 seater stadium, and is the home to Swansea City Association Football Club (The) Limited and Ospreys Rugby Limited. The stadium also has a number of banqueting and hospitality suites which can also be used for activities outside of sporting events.

The Council incurred £107k of expenditure in respect of the Swansea Stadium Management Company Limited in 2014/15 (2013/14: £104k). These sums were reimbursed by SSMC Ltd.

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The outstanding debtors and creditors at 31st March 2015 were £33k and £0 (2014 £79k and £0).

The stadium was constructed by the City and County of Swansea, and is leased to SSMC Limited on a 50 year lease. The shareholding represents a one-third holding in the company with the other shares held by the above organisations equally. The constitution of the company is such that although all shareholders have an equal vote in operational issues, for matters deemed to be of a significant nature the City and County of Swansea may veto any decisions made by the Board, including the appointment of senior officers and the commissioning of events to be held at the stadium. The terms of a supplementary agreement entered into with the joint shareholders of the Company exempts the Authority from contributing to any past or future losses of the Company.

The Company has been loss making during 2014/15 and 2013/14. On the basis that the Authority is exempt from contributing to such losses, the company's results have not been consolidated into the Group Accounts.

Accounts for the company can be obtained from the company secretary, SSMC Limited, Liberty Stadium, Swansea, SA1 2FA.

Swansea Bay Futures Limited

This company is currently dormant and the funding for the Company has ceased from 1st April 2011.

Bay Leisure Limited - Associate

The Company was incorporated on 6th August 2007. The principal activity of the Company is to manage and operate the main Leisure Centre within the Authority's area – the 'LC'.

The company is a trust limited by guarantee, and, as such, the Authority has no direct shareholding or financial interest in the Company. The Company is treated as an associate within the group structure of the Authority. There has been no consolidation for Bay Leisure Limited due to the immateriality of the Company's results.

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In terms of overall control, the Company has a Board consisting of eleven directors of which the Authority is able to nominate two.

The LC was constructed by the City and County of Swansea and remains classified as an operational asset within the Authority's accounts.

The LC is leased to Bay Leisure Limited for a period of ten years with the Company being responsible for all operational matters including day to day maintenance and repairs. As owner of the building the Authority is responsible for major repair/replacement/refurbishment items and, as such, is making an annual contribution to an earmarked reserve for future expenditure in this area.

In terms of future funding, the Authority is under an obligation to consider an annual funding request from the Company to provide sufficient funding by way of a management agreement to fund any operating deficit evidenced by the Company's business plan. Due consideration will be given to such requests taking into account any balances or reserves that the Company may hold.

Funding set aside in the Authority's revenue budget for 2014/15 amounts to £0.617m (2013/14 £0.667m) which reflects the management fee payable to the company.

The net assets of Bay Leisure Limited at 31st March 2015 are £474,384 (2014 £312,380).

Copies of the accounts of the Company are available from the LC, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, SA1 3ST.

e) Other Organisations

Members of the Authority have direct control over the Authority's financial and operating policies.

During 2013/14 and 2014/15 there were no payments made to any organisations which constitute a Related Party in relation to any Members of the Council.

f) Duties imposed on Council Directors

It is important to note that where Councillors are appointed to act as Directors of Companies or as Board Members of Statutory Agencies then they must, when carrying out such appointments, seek to act in the best interests of the Company / Statutory Body when acting in that official capacity.

g) Pension Fund

The City and County of Swansea acts as administering Authority for the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund (formerly the West Glamorgan Pension Fund). The accounts of the Pension Fund are included as part of these accounts.

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Transactions between the Authority and the Pension Fund mainly comprise the payment to the Pension Fund of employee and employer payroll superannuation deductions, together with payments in respect of enhanced pensions granted by Former Authorities.

The Pension Fund currently has 32 scheduled and admitted bodies. Management of the Pension Scheme Investment Fund is undertaken by a committee. The committee is advised by two independent advisors.

32. Group Accounts

The following are the dates of relevant company accounts used for consolidation:

- Swansea City Waste Disposal Company Limited - Annual report for the year ending 30th September 2014,
- National Waterfront Museum Swansea - Draft Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2015,
- Wales National Pool Swansea - Report and financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2014.

In the opinion of the Authority the use of the above information is likely to adequately reflect the extent and nature of group income and expenditure and assets and liabilities that exist as at 31st March 2015 and the use of current information would not be significant in relation to the group position as stated.

In accordance with IFRS 5 "Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations", all Group activities were classified as 'Continuing' during the year. There were no material acquisitions or discontinuations of services as defined by the Standard.

The total net assets of the Group can be analysed according to the relevant entity to which they relate, as follows:

<u>31st March</u>		<u>31st March</u>
<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
<u>£'000</u>		<u>£'000</u>
857,173	City and County of Swansea (Parent)	968,105
0	Swansea City Waste Disposal Company Limited (Subsidiary)	21
9,574	National Waterfront Museum Swansea (Joint Venture)	9,496
0	Net Assets Employed (exc. Pension Fund)	977,622
-480,700	Net Group Pension Fund Liabilities	-569,890
0	Net Assets Employed	407,732

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The City and County of Swansea (the Parent company) does not believe that it will receive a material benefit in the form of income or dividends from the related companies, and does not expect to make any contributions over and above the normal budgeted requirement. Since the related companies are limited by guarantee, any losses to the Authority will be limited to the value of the guarantee in each entity.

33. Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

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

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
378,679 Opening Capital Financing Requirement	380,702
Capital investment	

74,735 Property, Plant and Equipment	71,670
22 Heritage Assets	63
695 Investment Properties	3
103 Intangible Assets	238
10,299 Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	15,892

Sources of finance

-3,917 Capital receipts	-2,103
-1,237 Capital receipts - set aside	-1,566
-41,363 Government grants and other contributions	-37,794
-623 Swansea City Waste Disposal Company transfer	0
-20 Donation	0
-778 Other additions / omissions relating to prior years	0
Sums set aside from revenue:	
-20,552 Direct revenue contributions	-18,084
-15,341 MRP/loans fund principal	-15,751
380,702 Closing Capital Financing Requirement	393,270

Explanation of movements in year

716 Increase in underlying need to borrowing	11,012
1,307 Assets acquired under finance leases	52
0 Other movements in year	1,504
2,023 Increase/(decrease) in Capital Financing Requirement	12,568

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34. Leases

Authority as Lessee

Finance Leases

The assets acquired under finance leases are carried as Property, Plant and Equipment in the Balance Sheet at the following net amounts:

	31 March 2015	31 March 2014
	£'000	£'000
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	2,472	3,457

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

	31 March 2015	31 March 2014
	£'000	£'000
Finance lease liabilities (net present value of minimum lease payments) :		
- current	606	989
- non-current	1,085	1,611
Finance costs payable in future years	111	151
Minimum lease payments	<u>1,802</u>	<u>2,751</u>

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

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Not later than one year	642	1,000	606	989
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,073	1,469	933	1,378
Later than five years	87	282	152	233
	<u>1,802</u>	<u>2,751</u>	<u>1,691</u>	<u>2,600</u>

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Operating Leases

The Authority has acquired IT equipment and telecommunications by entering into operating leases.

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

	31 March 2015 £'000	31 March 2014 £'000
Not later than one year	207	56
Later than one year and not later than five years	450	24
Later than five years	0	4
	657	84

The operating lease charge for the year was £207,429.08 (2013/14 £83,839.17).

35. Impairment Losses

During 2014/15 the Authority has recognised impairment charges of £36.09m (2013/14 £36.57m) within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Of this, £35.65m was attributable to non enhancing expenditure and the balance of £0.44m was due to an organisational change at a Childrens' Home Development Site.

The non enhancing capital expenditure was split between many schemes, some of which applied to individual assets and some to asset groups. In 2014/15 the majority of the charge was for improvements to the Authority's Council Dwellings. This resulted in a charge of £24.582m (2013/14 £24.981m) to the Housing Revenue Account.

36. Termination Benefits

During 2014/15 the Authority incurred significant expenditure in terms of redundancy costs paid to leavers together with costs incurred in compensation payments to the Local Government Pension Fund in respect of early access pension costs.

In particular on 17th November 2011, in order to meet significant budget savings required for the financial year 2011/12 and onwards, the Cabinet authorised officers to seek expressions of interest for voluntary redundancy and/or early retirement from within selected employee groups of the Authority in accordance with the Authority's agreed ER/VR policy. The offer remains extant on a rolling basis.

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Costs were incurred relating to redundancy payments and early access to pension costs totalling £6.327m (2013/14 £4.371m) for the year.

These costs include provision for costs for a limited number of employees whose service will be terminated in 2015/16 but who had been offered - and accepted - severance terms as at 31st March 2015.

All costs relating to termination benefits have been included as part of service definitions within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The above costs include both teaching and non teaching staff.

37. Pension Schemes Accounted For As Defined Contribution Schemes

Teachers employed by the Authority are members of the Teachers' Pensions Scheme, administered by Capita Teachers' Pensions on behalf of the Department for Education. The Scheme provides teachers with specified benefits upon their retirement, and the Authority contributes towards the costs by making contributions based on a percentage of members' pensionable salaries.

The scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. The scheme is unfunded and the Department for Education uses a notional fund as a basis for calculating the employers' contribution rate paid by local authorities. Valuations of the notional fund are undertaken every four years.

The scheme has in excess of 3,700 participating employers and consequently the Authority is not able to identify its share of the underlying financial position and performance of the scheme with sufficient reliability for accounting purposes. For the purposes of this Statement of Accounts, it is therefore accounted for on the same basis as a defined contribution scheme. As a proportion of the total contributions into the Teachers' Pension Scheme during the year ending 31st March 2015, the Authority's own contributions equate to approximately 0.2%.

In 2014/15 the Authority paid £10.45m to Teachers' Pensions in respect of teachers' retirement benefits, representing 14.1% of pensionable pay. The figures for 2013/14 were £10.45m and 14.1%. The March 2015 contributions of £867,344 were paid on the 7th April 2015. The contributions due to be paid in the next financial year are estimated to be £11.45m as a result of the part year implementation of a higher 16.48% employer rate.

The Authority is responsible for the costs of any additional benefits awarded upon early retirement outside of the terms of the teachers' scheme. These costs are accounted for on a defined benefit basis and detailed in Note 38.

The Authority is not liable to the scheme for any other entities obligations under the plan.

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38. Defined Benefit Pension Schemes

Participation in Pension Schemes

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

The Authority participates in two post-employment schemes:

- The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), administered locally by the City and County of Swansea - this is a funded defined benefit final salary scheme, meaning that the Authority and employees pay contributions into a fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pensions liabilities with investment assets.
- Arrangements for the award of discretionary post-retirement benefits upon early retirement - this is an unfunded defined benefit arrangement, under which liabilities are recognised when awards are made. However, there are no investment assets built up to meet these pension liabilities, and cash has to be generated to meet actual pension payments as they eventually fall due.

The City and County of Swansea pension scheme is operated under the regulatory framework for the Local Government Pension Scheme and the governance of the scheme is the responsibility of the pensions committee of the City and County of Swansea. Policy is determined in accordance with the Pensions Fund Regulations. The investment managers of the fund are appointed by the committee and the committee consist of the Head of Finance and Delivery, Council members and independent investment advisers.

The principal risks to the Authority of the scheme are the longevity assumptions, statutory changes to the scheme, structural changes to the scheme (i.e. large-scale withdrawals from the scheme), changes to inflation, bond yields and the performance of the equity investments held by the scheme. These are mitigated to a certain extent by the statutory requirements to charge to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account the amounts required by statute as described in the accounting policies note.

Discretionary Post-retirement Benefits

Discretionary post-retirement benefits on early retirement are an unfunded defined benefit arrangement, under which liabilities are recognised when awards are made. There are no plan assets built up to meet these pension liabilities.

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Transactions Relating to Post-employment Benefits

We recognise the cost of retirement benefits in the reported cost of services when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge we are required to make against council tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post-employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year:

	Local Government Discretionary Benefits			
	Pension Scheme		Arrangements	
	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14
	£m	£m	£m	£m

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

Cost of Services:

Service cost comprising:

- current service cost	33.80	37.16	0.00	0.00
- past service costs	2.66	2.28	1.70	1.11

Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

- Net interest expense	15.86	22.77	3.89	3.71
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Total Post Employment Benefits

Charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services

	52.32	62.21	5.59	4.82
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Other Post Employment Benefits

Charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability comprising:

- Return on plan assets	-47.85	15.13	0	0.00
- Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in demographic assumptions	0	-9.55	0	3.64
- Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in financial assumptions	121.83	-103.76	8.04	-5.38
- Other	-6.11	-79.54	-4.02	4.61
Total Post Employment Benefits Charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	120.19	-115.51	9.61	7.69

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	Local Government Pension Scheme		Discretionary Benefits Arrangements	
	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Movement in Reserves Statement				
- reversal of net charges made to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services for post employment benefits in accordance with the Code	-52.32	-62.21	-5.59	-4.82
Actual amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year:				
- employers' contributions payable to the scheme	34.8	32.69		
- retirement benefits payable to pensioners			5.81	5.88

Pension Assets and Liabilities Recognised in the Balance Sheet

The amount included in the Balance Sheet arising from the Authority's obligation in respect of its defined benefit plans is as follows:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Discretionary Benefits Arrangements	
	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Present value of the defined benefit obligation				
	1,346.19	1,164.89	98.56	94.76
Fair value of plan assets	874.87	778.96	0.00	0.00
Net liability arising from defined benefit obligation				
	-471.32	-385.93	-98.56	-94.76

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Reconciliation of the Movements in the Fair Value of Scheme (Plan) Assets

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Discretionary Benefits Arrangements	
	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14
	£m	£m	£m	£m
	778.96	746.50	0.00	0.00
Opening fair value of scheme assets	778.96	746.50	0.00	0.00
Interest income	33.81	33.19	0.00	0.00
Remeasurement gain/(loss):				
- The return on plan assets, excluding the amount included in the net interest expense	47.85	-15.13	0.00	0.00
Contributions from employer	34.80	32.69	5.81	5.88
Contributions from employees into the scheme	9.11	8.65	0.00	0.00
Benefits paid	-29.66	-29.28	-5.81	-5.88
Net increase in assets from disposals/acquisitions	0.00	2.34	0.00	0.00
Closing fair value of scheme assets	874.87	778.96	0.00	0.00

Reconciliation of Present Value of the Scheme Liabilities (Defined Benefit Obligation)

	Funded Liabilities:		Unfunded Liabilities:	
	Local Government Pension Scheme		Discretionary Benefits Arrangements	
	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Opening Balance at 1st April	1,164.89	1,279.18	94.77	92.92
Current service cost	33.80	37.16	0.00	0.00
Interest cost	49.67	55.96	3.89	3.71
Contributions from scheme participants	9.11	8.65	0.00	0.00
Remeasurement (gains) and losses:				
- Actuarial gains/losses arising from changes in demographic assumptions	0.00	-9.55	0.00	3.64
- Actuarial gains/losses arising from changes in financial assumptions	121.83	-103.76	8.04	-5.38
- Other	-6.11	-79.54	-4.02	4.61
Past service cost	2.66	2.28	1.70	1.11
Benefits paid	-29.66	-29.28	-5.81	-5.88
Net increase in liabilities from disposals/acquisitions	0.00	3.79	0.00	0.04
Closing balance at 31st March	1,346.19	1,164.89	98.57	94.77

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Local Government Pension Scheme assets comprised:

	Fair value of scheme assets	
	2014/15	2013/14
	£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents	22,512	29,232
Equity instruments:		
By industry type		
- Consumer	196,897	129,288
- Manufacturing	105,964	128,835
- Energy and utilities	79,608	85,560
- Financial institutions	171,333	138,123
- Health and care	78,544	78,042
- Information technology	48,178	45,322
- Telecommunications services	<u>34,711</u>	<u>22,080</u>
	715,235	627,250
Pooled Equity Investment Vehicles		
- UK	136,200	139,125
- Overseas	<u>249,329</u>	<u>207,937</u>
	385,529	347,062
Property	<u>75,400</u>	<u>68,723</u>
	75,400	68,723
Fixed Interest:		
- Fixed Interest	184,168	181,471
- Index-Linked	<u>26,518</u>	<u>20,720</u>
Sub-total private equity	<u>210,686</u>	<u>202,191</u>
Hedge Funds	51,522	49,060
Private Equity	29,079	25,284
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	15,426	15,529
Cash Funds	18,128	13,866
Other Investment Balances - Dividends Due	2,527	2,063
Net Current Assets	11,662	4,382
Total assets	<u>1,537,706</u>	<u>1,384,642</u>

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	Fair value of scheme assets	
	2014/15	2013/14
	£'000	£'000
Equity instruments:		
By company size		
- Large capitalisation	525,243	384,133
- Small capitalisation	189,992	243,117
Sub-total equity instruments	<hr/> 715,235	<hr/> 627,250

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. Both the Local Government Pension Scheme and discretionary benefits liabilities have been assessed by AON Hewitt Limited, an independent firm of actuaries, estimates for the Fund being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31st March 2013.

The significant assumptions used by the Actuary have been:

	Local Government		Discretionary Benefits	
	Pension Scheme	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15

Mortality assumptions:

Longevity at 65 for current pensioners: (years)				
- Men	22.6	22.5	22.6	22.5
- Women	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.0
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners: (years)				
- Men	24.8	24.7		
- Women	27.4	27.3		
Rate of inflation %	1.8	2.4	1.8	2.2
Rate of increase in salaries %	3.3	3.9		
Rate of increase in pensions %	1.8	2.4	1.8	2.2
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities %	3.2	4.3	3.1	4.2

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The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the table on the previous page. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period and assumes for each change that the assumption analysed changes while all the other assumptions remain constant. The assumptions in longevity, for example, assume that life expectancy increases or decreases for men and women. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be interrelated. The estimations in the sensitivity analysis have followed the accounting policies for the scheme, i.e. on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method. The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis below did not change from those used in the previous period.

	Impact on the Defined Benefit Obligation in the Scheme	
	Increase in Assumption	Decrease in Assumption
	£m	£m
Longevity (increase or decrease in 1 year)	1,382.14	-1,310.27
Rate of increase in salaries (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	1,354.63	-1,337.86
Rate of increase in pensions (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	1,363.87	-1,328.75
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	1,320.72	-1,372.15

Asset and Liability Matching (ALM) Strategy

The pensions committee of the City and County of Swansea has agreed to an asset and liability matching strategy (ALM) that matches, to the extent possible, the types of assets invested to the liabilities in the defined benefit obligation. The fund has matched assets to the pensions' obligations by investing in long-term fixed interest securities and index linked gilt edged investment with maturities that match the benefits payments as they fall due. This is balanced with a need to maintain the liquidity of the fund to ensure that it is able to make current payments.

As is required by the pensions and investment regulations the suitability of various types of investment has been considered, as has the need to diversify investments to reduce the risk of being invested in too narrow a range. A large proportion of the assets relate to equities (73.9% of scheme assets) and bonds (13.8%). These percentages are materially the same as the comparative year. The scheme also invests in properties as a part of the diversification of the scheme's investments. There is a limited use of derivatives to manage the bond risk for the shorter-term instruments. The ALM strategy is monitored annually or more frequently if necessary.

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Impact on the Authority's Cash Flows

The objectives of the scheme are to keep employers' contributions at as constant a rate as possible. The Authority has agreed a strategy with the scheme's actuary to achieve a funding level of 100% over the next 25 years. Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis. The next triennial valuation is due to be completed as at 31st March 2016.

The scheme will need to take account of the national changes to the scheme under the Public Pensions Services Act 2013. Under the Act, the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales and the other main existing public service schemes may not provide benefits in relation to service after 31st March 2014. The Act provides for scheme regulations to be made within a common framework, to establish new career average revalued earnings schemes to pay pensions and other benefits to certain public servants.

The Authority expects to pay £33.26m contributions to the scheme in 2015/16.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation for scheme members is 19.1 years (2013/14 19.1 years).

39. Contingent Liabilities

The Authority has identified a number of contingent future liabilities arising from current and past activities.

Nature of Liability	Potential Financial Effect £'000	Comment	Timing
Personal Social Services	Unknown	Relates to potential abuse claims relating to children cared for in previous authorities. Recent legislation has extended the period in which claims can be made beyond the initial period of six years during which a persons life could be said to be affected by abuse and, as such, the potential for such claims is greater than in the past. The Authority is not currently aware of any major claims.	Unknown

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Nature of Liability	Potential Financial Effect £'000	Comment	Timing
Infrastructure and retaining walls	Unknown	<p>There are potential claims regarding infrastructure and retaining walls which may be taken against the Authority - such claims will be rigorously defended through the Authority's insurers and any successful claims will be met from future capital or revenue funding.</p>	Unknown
Financial Guarantees	Unknown	<p>The Authority has in place funding agreements in respect of operating losses/management fees with regard to the following operational companies:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bay Leisure Limited (Leisure centre), - Wales National Pool Swansea. <p>To date any contributions made to these companies have fallen within the annual revenue budget provision.</p> <p>With respect to Bay Leisure Limited (Swansea Leisure Centre) there is an obligation to consider annual funding requests but no contractual liability to fund deficits.</p> <p>In both instances the Authority makes what it considers to be a reasonable annual budget provision to meet its obligations based on business plans from both organisations and past funding experience, and, as such, any further liability would be limited to sums in excess of the normal budget provision.</p>	Unknown
Equal pay and Equal Value claims	Unknown	<p>During 2008/2009 and 2009/10, in common with 2015/16 many other local authorities, the Authority made payments to certain staff in full settlement of potential equal pay claims. However, a number of claims remained unsettled and a considerable number of additional claims were subsequently received. The Authority has settled the majority of the liabilities by the 31st March 2015 but there are still some costs yet to be incurred. In respect of known future liabilities the Authority has made what it considers to be adequate revenue provision within the Accounts to cater for the estimated value of such liabilities.</p>	2015/16

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Nature of Liability	Potential Financial Effect £'000	Comment	Timing
		There is a potential for further (as yet unknown) claims in respect of equal pay claims and in respect of equal value claims which are not provided for in these accounts.	
Job Evaluation	Unknown	The Authority has now implemented a pay and 2015/16 grading review designed primarily to comply with equal pay legislation. There is an appeals mechanism and the final costs of implementation will not be known until the appeals processes have been exhausted. The Authority believes it has made reasonable provision through the creation of provisions and changes to revenue budgets to meet the increased costs of implementation.	
Retention or Clawback on Grant and Contract Claims	Unknown	The Council undertakes a range of activities under Unknown which payment is made specifically on evidenced performance over an extended period. Full receipt is not guaranteed until the end of the grant or contract period. There is potential risk that grant clawback may arise if not all grant terms and conditions are fulfilled.	

40. Contingent Assets

The Authority has identified a number of contingent assets based on past and ongoing challenge of VAT liability.

<u>Nature of Contingent asset</u>	<u>Potential financial effect £'000</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Timing</u>
Royal Mail	Unknown	The Authority is lodging a claim against Royal Mail at the High Court for VAT on postage previously paid and for compound interest.	Unknown

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<u>Nature of Contingent asset</u>	<u>Potential financial effect £'000</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Timing</u>
HMRC car parking	8,000	This relates to an ongoing claim against HMRC in respect of output tax declared on off street car park income. The outcome is dependant on a current lead case (Isle of Wight).	Unknown
HMRC Compound Interest	Not known but previously settled 'Fleming' claims which were in excess of £1,000	The Authority has submitted a claim relating to subject to simple interest. It is the Authority's contention that interest should have been accrued on a compound basis.	Unknown

41. Council Tax

Council Tax income derives from charges raised according to the value of residential properties, which have been grouped into nine valuation bands using 1st April 2003 values for this specific purpose. Charges are calculated by taking the amount of Income required for the Council, police authorities and community councils for the forthcoming year and dividing the amount by the Council Tax base.

The Council Tax base is the number of properties in each band adjusted by a multiplier to convert the number to band 'D' equivalent and adjusted for discounts. The base was 88,367 in 2014/2015 (87,519 in 2013/2014).

The basic amount for a band 'D' property is £1,270.32 (£1,209.84 for 2013/14) is multiplied by the proportion specified for the particular band to give the individual amounts due.

Council Tax bills are based on multipliers for bands A to I. The following table shows the multiplier applicable to each band together with the equivalent number of Band 'D' properties within each band. In addition there is one lower band (A*) designed to offer the appropriate discount in respect of disabled dwellings where legislation allows a reduction in banding to that one below the band in which the property is actually valued.

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The band 'D' numbers shown have been adjusted for an assumed collection rate of 97.5% (97.0% in 2013/14) to arrive at the Council Tax base for the year.

Band	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Multiplier	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	21/9
Band 'D'	11	8,871	18,158	17,844	13,713	13,169	10,142	5,710	2,034	981
Number										

Analysis of the net proceeds from Council Tax:

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
108,945 Council tax collectable	114,846
-881 Less:- Provision for non payment of Council tax	-531
-19,159 Less:- Council Tax Support Scheme	-19,339
 88,905 Net proceeds from Council Tax	 94,976

Application of Council Tax proceeds:

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
105,884 City & County of Swansea precept	112,255
 847 Community Council precept	 868
106,731 Council Tax requirement	113,123
-19,159 Less:- Council Tax Support Scheme	-19,339
 1,333 Transfer to reserves	 1,192
 88,905 Net application of proceeds	 94,976

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42. National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

NNDR is organised on a national basis. The Welsh Government specifies an amount of the rate per pound of rateable value which for 2014/15 was 0.473p (0.464p in 2013/14) and, subject to the effects of transitional arrangements, local businesses pay rates calculated by multiplying their rateable value by that amount. The Council is responsible for collecting rates due from ratepayers in its area but pays the proceeds into the NNDR Pool administered by the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government redistributes the sums payable back to local authorities on the basis of a fixed amount per head of population.

The NNDR income (after reliefs and provisions) of £68.271m for 2014/15 (£67.788m for 2013/14) was based on a rateable value at year end of £190.229m (£192.790m 2013/14).

The £68.271m represents the NNDR income collected by the Council and paid into the NNDR Pool that is administered by the Welsh Government. The £76.436m disclosed in Note 10 (Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income) is the receipt the Council received back from the Welsh Government.

Analysis of the proceeds from non domestic rates:

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
69,459	Non – domestic rates due	69,956
-337	Council fund contribution to rate relief	-347
<u>69,122</u>		<u>69,609</u>
-463	Less: cost of collection	-462
-853	Provision for bad debts	-829
-18	Interest due on overpayments	-47
<u>67,788</u>	NNDR due to pool	<u>68,271</u>
 <u>74,941</u>	 Net receipt from pool	 <u>76,436</u>

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43. Jointly Controlled Operations

A joint arrangement is defined as "a contractual arrangement under which the participants engaged in joint activities that do not create an entity because it would not be carrying on a trade or business of its own. A contractual arrangement where all significant matters of operating and financial policy are predetermined does not create an entity because the policies are those of its participants, not of a separate entity".

The CIPFA Code states that where such joint arrangements exist, each participant should account directly for its share of the assets, liabilities, income, expenditure and cash flows held within or arising from the arrangements.

The Authority works in partnership with many other Local Authorities in the joint provision of services. Traditionally one Authority acts as lead in these arrangements and will incur all expenditure for the service with the other Authorities making a contribution for a calculated or negotiated share of the costs. Where contributions in cash during the year are less than or exceed the final amount due a debtor / creditor is kept in the lead Authority's books to add / deduct from the next year's contribution.

44. Heritage Assets: Five Year Summary of Transactions

	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Cost of acquisition of heritage assets					
Heritage Land, Buildings & Infrastructure	0	2,014	228	22	1,056
Art & Museums	0	0	323	0	0
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	500	0	0
Total Cost of purchases	0	2,014	1,051	22	1,056
Revaluation of assets in the period					
Heritage Land, Buildings & Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	656
Art & Museums	0	0	-180	9	187
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	-180	9	843
Impairment recognised in the period					
Heritage Land, Buildings & Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	-57
Art & Museums	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	-57

There have been no heritage assets acquired by donation in the last five years.
No assets have been transferred from other categories in the last five years.

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45. Heritage Assets: Further Information

Heritage Assets considered but not recognised in the Balance Sheet as value/cost information is unavailable.

Heritage Land, Buildings and Infrastructure

- Hafod Copperworks including :-

Boundary Wall of former Hafod Copper Works
Chimney West of Vivian Engine House
Copper slag abutment to former waste tip tramroad
Pier to former waste tip tramroad and adjoining
Morfa Quay
Hafod Lime Kiln
Vivian Engine House
Laboratory Building
White Rock archaeological remains

- Gun Embankment x 2 (Mumbles Lighthouse)
- The Ivy Tower, Clyne Woods
- Viewing Tower, Clyne Gardens
- Italian Bridge Clyne Gardens
- Japanese Bridge
- Mumbles Battery
- Former Mumbles Railway Electricity Sub-Station
- Former Glynn Vivian Locamotive Shed
- Gazebo Clyne Gardens
- Magazine on north west side of Mumbles Lighthouse
- Fountain in Botanical Gardens
- Prince's Fountain
- Veranda House
- Scotts Pit, Llansamlet

Art & Museums

- Dylan Thomas Exhibition
- Mansion House Contents
- Historic photographs (Swansea Museum)
- Other collections (Swansea Museum)
- Swansea Museum, Collections Centre Landore or the Tramway Centre
- Plinth and Statue of J H Vivian
- Statue of William Thomas

Memorials

- Mumbles Gardens Memorials
- Treboeth Community Centre memorial
- Gower Memorial opposite Kingshead PH
- Memorial Fountain to Henry Evans Charles
- South African war memorial, Mumbles Road
- War Memorial, Parc Briallu

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- Swansea Jack memorial
- War Memorial in Danygraig Park, St Thomas
- War Memorial in Morriston Park
- War Memorial Carmarthen Road

Transport

- 8 Boats
- 1 Dinghy Boat
- 1 Lifeboat

Other

- Iron Bollard on East side of River Tawe
- Iron Bollard on West bank of River Tawe (CADW Ref 11599 & 11600)
- The Guildhall Flag Staff
- Libraries - Celtic Collection (old Welsh Language collection elements predate National Library of Wales collections)
- Libraries - Defrett Francis Collection (Victorian benefactor of early library)
- Libraries - Old General Reference Collection (Founding collection circa 1870's)
- Libraries - Special Fiction Collection (rebound fiction collection 1920 - 1950)

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

The HRA Income and Expenditure Statement shows the economic cost in the year of providing housing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from rents and government grants. Authorities charge rents to cover expenditure in accordance with the legislative framework; this may be different from the accounting cost. The increase or decrease in the year, on the basis on which rents are raised, is shown in the Movement on the Housing Revenue Account Statement.

<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	
<u>£'000</u>	<u>Note</u> <u>£'000</u> <u>£'000</u>	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
11,053	Repairs and maintenance	11,847
13,294	Supervision and management	12,726
553	Rent, rates, taxes and other charges	552
5,854	Negative HRA subsidy payable	5,843
26,264	Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	6 26,981
38	Debt management costs	48
587	Movement in the allowance for bad debts	327
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57,643	Total Expenditure	58,324
<u>Income</u>		
-48,232	Dwelling rents	-50,119
-122	Non-dwelling rents	-115
-2,676	Charges for services and facilities	-2,658
-900	Contributions towards expenditure	-1,030
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-51,930	Total Income	-53,922

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

<u>2013/14</u> <u>£'000</u>	<u>2014/15</u> <u>£'000</u>
5,713 Net cost of HRA services as included in the whole authority Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	4,402
701 HRA services' share of Corporate and Democratic Core	670
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6,414 Net Cost for HRA Services	5,072
 HRA share of the Operating Income and Expenditure included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:	
3,369 Interest payable and similar charges	3,062
-53 Interest and investment income	-57
1,324 Net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset)	988
-9,100 Capital grants and contributions receivable	-9,130
-754 Gain on sale of HRA non-current assets	0
-470 Income and expenditure in relation to investment properties and changes in their fair value	404
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-5,684	-4,733
 730 Surplus(-)/deficit for the year on HRA services	339
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MOVEMENT ON THE HRA BALANCE

<u>2013/14</u>		<u>2014/15</u>
	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>
13,958	Balance on the HRA at the end of the previous year	13,967
-730	Surplus or (deficit) for the year on the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement	-339
1,088	Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under statute	3,443
<hr/> 358		<hr/> 3,104
	Net increase before transfers to or from reserves	
-349	Transfers from / to reserves	64
<hr/> 9		<hr/> 3,168
<hr/> 13,967	Increase or (decrease) in year on the HRA Balance on the HRA at the end of the current year	<hr/> 17,135

Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under statute

Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:

Reversal of items debited or credited to the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement:

26,989	Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	26,999
-470	Movement in the market value of Investment Properties	404
-725	Revaluations losses	-18

Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:

-1,380	Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	-1,328
-15,931	Capital expenditure charged against the HRA balance	-14,634

Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account -

-9,100	Capital grants and contributions receivable	-9,130
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Adjustments primarily involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account -

93	Amount by which finance costs charged to the HRA Income and Expenditure Account are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	110
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MOVEMENT ON THE HRA BALANCE

2013/14
£'000

2014/15
£'000

Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve -

3,070 Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement	2,524
-1,448 Employers pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	-1,458

Adjustments primarily involving the Accumulated Absences Account -

-10 Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	-26
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1,088 Total Adjustments

3,443

NOTES TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

1. Housing Stock

As at 31st March 2015 the Authority owned a total of 13,512 properties, made up of different types of dwelling including detached houses, semi-detached houses, bungalows, low level flats, high rise accommodation and sheltered accommodation.

The change in stock numbers can be summarised as follows:

31/03/2014		31/03/2015
Units		Units
13,590	Stock at 1 st April	13,555
-35	Sales	-43
13,555	Stock at 31st March	13,512

2. Rent arrears and provisions for bad debts

Rent arrears

31/03/2014		31/03/2015
£'000		£'000
1,276	Current tenants	1,308
525	Former tenants	542
1,801		1,850

Former tenants arrears written off during 2014/15 totalled £0.365m (2013/14 £0.282m). A bad debts provision has been made in the accounts in respect of potentially uncollectable rent arrears. The value of the provision at 31st March 2015 is £1.067m (31st March 2014 £1.105m).

Provision for bad debts

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
-950	Provisions as at 1st April	-1,105
282	Arrears written off during year	365
-437	Increase in provision required	-327
-1,105	Provisions as at 31st March	-1,067

NOTES TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

3. Capital expenditure

During 2014/15 £24.582m (2013/14 £24.981m) was spent on Council Housing.

This was financed as follows:-

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
9,100	Grants – Major Repairs Allowance	9,130
307	Capital Contributions	0
15,574	Revenue and Balances	15,452
24,981		24,582

The capital expenditure was incurred on HRA assets as follows:

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
24,981	Council dwellings	24,582

The Major Repairs Allowance was used in full in 2014/15 and 2013/14.

The Capital Expenditure on Council Housing did not increase the value of the Council properties and has been impaired during the year. This is as a result of the specific valuation method employed.

4. Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute (REFCUS)

Capital expenditure, which does not result in a non-current asset to the Authority (e.g. housing renovation grants), is classified as revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute.

No revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute was charged to the Housing Revenue Account in 2014/15 and 2013/14.

5. Capital receipts during the year

Capital receipts received during the year in respect of the sale of HRA properties amounted to £2.20m (£2.67m 2013/14). Of this £1.56m (£1.237m 2013/14) was set aside for the repayment of debt and £88k (£52k 2013/14) was used to defray costs.

NOTES TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

The following is a summary of the Capital Receipts Reserve as it applies to the Housing Revenue Account:-

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
6,080	Opening balance 1 st April	7,461
2,670	Receipts during the year	2,202
-1,237	Less set asides	-1,566
-52	Less other costs	-88
<u>7,461</u>	Balance available as at 31st March	<u>8,009</u>

Capital receipts were as follows:

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
1,693	Council Houses	2,142
968	Land	60
9	Other	0
<u>2,670</u>		<u>2,202</u>

6. Depreciation charges and impairment

The total charge for depreciation and impairment made to the HRA for 2014/15 amounted to £26.981m (2013/14 £26.264m) and is analysed as follows:-

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
	Depreciation on operational assets	
1,970	- dwellings	2,385
38	- other property	32
	Impairment	
24,981	- dwellings	24,582
	Revaluation Losses	
-725	- dwellings	-6
0	- other property	-12
<u>26,264</u>	Total	<u>26,981</u>

NOTES TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

Although depreciation is shown as a charge in calculating a surplus or deficit on the Housing Revenue Account, it does not represent the statutory amount that should be charged to the HRA in respect of capital charges. To this extent the charge is removed and replaced by a statutory calculation of interest and principal charges (the 'Item 8 determination') in arriving at the sum to be debited/credited to the Housing Revenue Account for the year.

During 2014/15 the Authority has recognised impairment charges of £24,582k within the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement attributable to non enhancing capital expenditure.

7. IAS 19 – Accounting for pension costs.

Supervision and management costs shown within the income and expenditure account includes a sum of £2.524m (2013/14 £3.070m) which is the cost calculated by the Authority's actuary as being the employers contribution required to meet the current year pension costs of HRA employees. This does not represent a statutory charge to HRA balances and is reversed out and replaced by the actual employers superannuation payments made before the final transfer to/from Housing Revenue Account balances is calculated.

8. Reserve Transfer

Reserve Transfer 2013/14 -£349k

A transfer of £353k was made from the general capital reserves to fund work completed in previous years but not charged.

A transfer of £52k was made from the capital receipts reserve to fund the cost of work administering the Right to Buy Scheme.

A transfer of £754k was made to the capital receipts reserve to transfer profit on sale of HRA land.

Reserve Transfer 2014/15 £64k

A transfer of £64k was made from the capital receipts reserve to fund the cost of work administering the Right to Buy Scheme.

ASSET STRUCTURE

Major fixed assets held by the Authority at 31st March 2015.

Number 31/03/2014		Number 31/03/2015
Corporate Building & Property Services		
1	• Heol y Gors Depot	1
1	• Penlan Storage Depot	1
1	• Linden Avenue Depot	1
1	• Criccieth Place Depot	1
1	• Enterprise Park	1
10	• Industrial/Warehousing Sites	9
1	• Civic Centre (Swansea)	1
1	• Civic Centre (Penllergaer)	1
1	• Guildhall	1
1,298	• Residential Freeholds	1,272
1	• St David's Shopping Centre	1
1	• The Quadrant Shopping Centre	1
1	• West Cross Bunker	1
Culture & Tourism		
4	• Leisure Centres	4
1	• LC	1
43	• Pavilions/Changing Rooms	38
3	• Sports Centres	3
1	• Blackpill Lido	1
1	• St Helens Ground	1
1	• Tennis Centre	1
1	• Plantasia	1
1	• Botanic Gardens	1
1	• Grand Theatre	1
1	• Brangwyn Hall	1
1	• Dylan Thomas Centre	1
1	• Patti Pavilion	1
78	• Parks & Open Spaces (497 Hectares)	78
970	• Foreshore (hectares)	970
84	• Children's Playgrounds	85
1	• Caravan Parks	1
1	• Tourist Information Centres	1
1	• Stadium	1
1	• Bowls Hall	1
4	• Museums	4
1	• Art Gallery	1
31	• Community Centres	31
10	• Senior Citizen Pavilions	10
1	• Discovery Centre - Brynmill	1

ASSET STRUCTURE

Number 31/03/2014		Number 31/03/2015
1	• Ty Blodau - Botanics	1
1	• Adizone	1
1	• Country Park - Clyne	1
11	• Skateparks	13
16	• Multi Use Games Areas	16
1	• Promenade Fitness Trail	1
4	• Parks Fitness Trails - Parc Llewellyn, Coedbach, Coed Gwilym & Fendrod Lake	5
1	• Oystermouth Castle	1
16	• Allotments	16
9	• BMX Tracks	8
17	• Libraries	17
1	• Watersports Centre	1
1	• Knab Rock Watersports Centre	1
6	• Course Angling Lakes	6
2	• Crazy Golf	2
1	• Blackpill Pitch & Putt	1
 Education		
75	• Primary/Junior/Infants/Nursery School (excluding Church Schools)	75
13	• Secondary Schools (excluding Church Schools)	13
6	• Special Schools/Referral Units	6
3	• Community Education	3
3	• Residential Activity Centres	3
5	• Youth Clubs	4
2	• Youth Information Service (Info Nation and Canoldre)	1
2	• Family Centres	2
10	• Flying Start Settings (not shared use with school)	13
3	• Other (Closed Former Schools & Educ. Centres)	5
 Housing and Community Regeneration		
13,555	• Council Dwellings	13,512
9	• Area Housing Offices	9
 Marketing Communications & Scrutiny		
1	• Mansion House	1

ASSET STRUCTURE

Number 31/03/2014		Number 31/03/2015
	Public Protection	
7	• Cemeteries	7
1	• Crematorium	1
5	• Cemetery Lodges/Chapel of Rest	5
1	• Designated New Cemetery (not yet operational)	1
	Regeneration & Planning	
1	• Garth Farm	1
1	• Bishopwood Centre	1
6	• Local Nature Reserves	6
1	• Swansea Mobility Hire	1
1	• City Centre Offices	0
1	• Market	1
	Shared Premises (Streetscene / Waste Management)	
1	• Depot (Pipehouse Wharf)	1
	Social Services	
10	• Residential & Respite Facilities	8
1	• Residential & Respite Facilities (Vacant)	2
16	• Day & Social Centres/Activities	17
3	• Residential & Day Centres/Activities (combined on same site)	3
6	• Offices/Resource Centres (1 x vacant)	6
5	• Other major assets	5
	Streetscene	
102	• Principal Roads - A Roads (Kilometres)	102
230	• Non Principal Roads - B & C Roads (Kilometres)	230
770	• Non Classified Roads (Kilometres)	772
1	• Depot (Clydach)	1
	Transportation	
60	• Car Parks	61
1	• Swansea Bus Station (Quadrant)	1
1	• Marina	1
1	• Barrage	1
34,726	• Highway Bridges (Square metres of deck area)	34,663
18	• Highway Retaining Walls (Kilometres)	13
	Waste Management	
5	• Amenity Sites	5
1	• Landfill Sites	1
1	• MRF (Baling Plant Llansamlet)	1
1	• Depot (Clydach) Pontardawe Road	1

CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA PENSION FUND

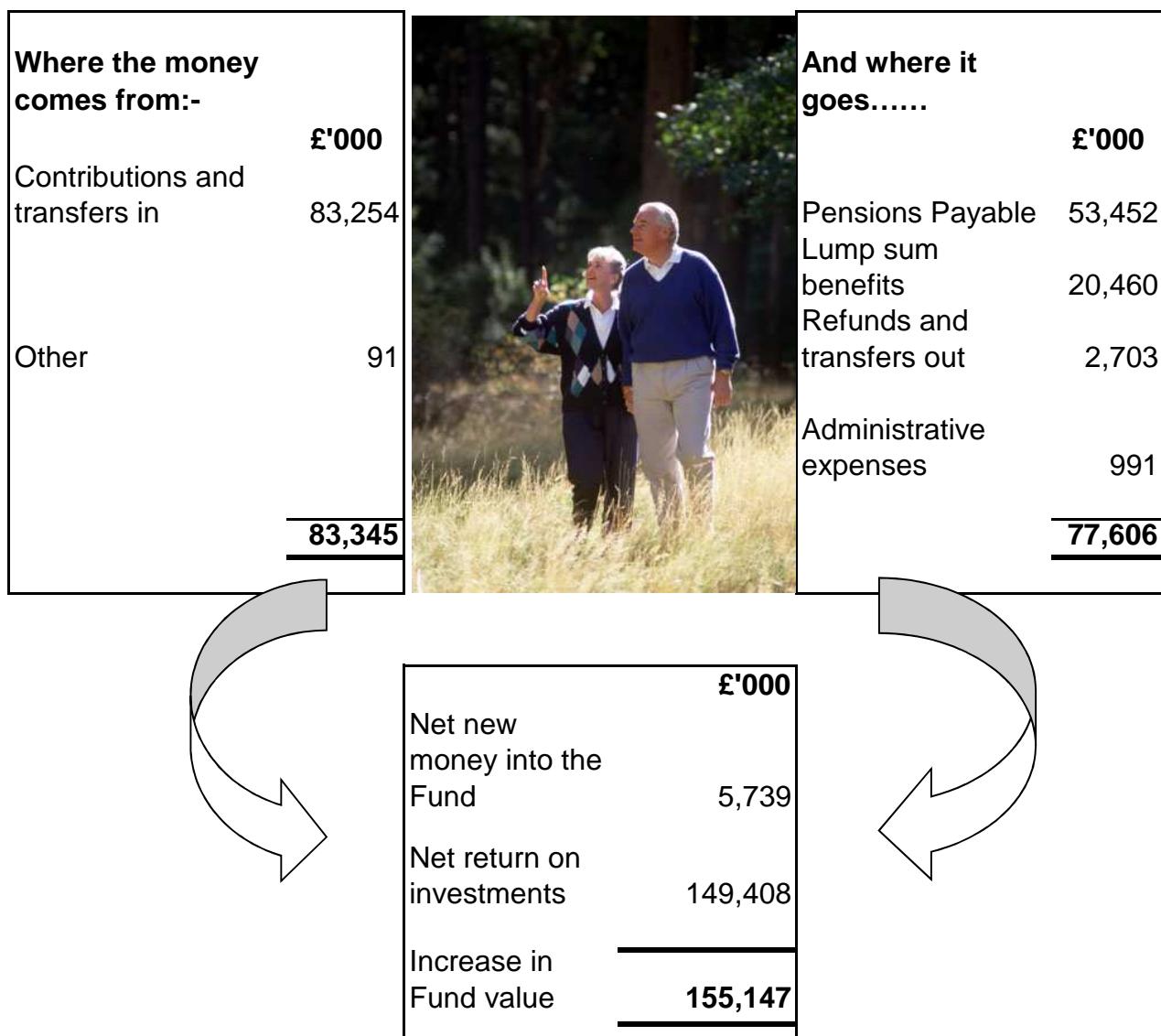
1. Introduction

The City & County of Swansea Pension Fund is administered by the City & County of Swansea. However it is a separate statutory fund and its assets and liabilities, income and expenditure are not consolidated into the accounts of the Authority. That is, the Pensions Fund's assets and liabilities are distinct.

The summarised accounts of the Pension Fund shown here comprise three main elements:-

- The Fund Account which shows income and expenditure of the fund during the year, split between payments to/contributions from members and transactions relating to fund investments.
- The Net Assets Statement which gives a snapshot of the financial position of the fund as at 31st March 2015.
- The Notes to The Financial Statements which are designed to provide further explanation of some of the figures in the statement and to give a further understanding of the nature of the fund.

2 Summary of transactions for the year



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Section 151 Officer's Certificate

I hereby certify that the statement of accounts on pages 143 to 180 present fairly the position of the Pension Fund at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Morris

24/9/15

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Fund Account For The Year Ended 31st March

2013/14		2014/15	
£'000 Contributions and benefits	Notes	£'000	£'000
Contributions receivable :			
58,554	Employers contribution	3	63,647
16,133	Members contribution	3	16,859
12,705 Transfers in		4	2,748
110 Other income		5	91
87,502			83,345
Benefits payable :			
-49,588	Pensions payable	6	-53,452
-17,206	Lump sum benefits	6	-20,460
-66,794			-73,912
Payments to and on account of leavers :			
-11	Refunds of contributions	7	-116
-3,125	Transfers out	7	-2,587
-3,136			-2,703
-1,022 Administrative expenses		8	-991
16,550	Net additions from dealing with members		5,739
Returns on investments			
24,456 Investment income		9	24,444
77,463 Change in market value of investments		12	132,522
-11,426 Investment management expenses		8	-7,558
90,493	Net returns on investments		149,408
107,043	Net increase in the fund during the year		155,147
1,277,599 Opening Net Assets of the Fund			1,384,642
1,384,642 Closing Net Assets of the Fund			1,539,789

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Net Assets Statement As At 31 March

**31st March
2014**

**31st March
2015**

£'000

Notes

£'000

Investments at market value:

1,335,099 Investment Assets	11	1,484,960
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13,866 Cash Funds	12	18,128
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29,232 Cash Deposits	12	22,512
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2,063 Other Investment Balances - Dividends Due	12	2,527
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1,380,260 Sub Total		1,528,127
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15,097 Current Assets	16	18,591
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-10,715 Current Liabilities	16	-6,929
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<u>1,384,642 Net assets</u>		<u>1,539,789</u>
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The financial statements on pages 143 to 176 summarise the transactions of the Fund and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Pension Fund Committee. The financial statements do not take account of liabilities and other benefits which fall due after the period end. The actuarial position of the Fund, which does take account of such liabilities, is dealt with in the Statement of the Actuary in the Annual Report of the Pension Fund and a summary is included in Note 18 of this statement, and these accounts should be read in conjunction with this information.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements summarise the fund's transactions for the 2014/15 financial year and its position at year-end 31 March 2015. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15* which is based upon International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as amended for the UK public sector.

The financial statements do not take account of liabilities and other benefits which fall due after the period end.

2. Accounting Policies

The following principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently (except as noted below), have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements:

(a) Contributions

Normal contributions, both from the employees and from the employer, are accounted for on an accruals basis in the month employee contributions are deducted from the payroll.

under which they are paid, or in the absence of such an agreement, when received. Under current rules, employers can exercise discretion to give access to a person's pension rights early (other than for ill health). Where this is done, the additional pension costs arising are recharged to the relevant employer and do not fall as a cost to the fund. Under local agreements some Employers have exercised the right to make these repayments over three years incurring the relevant interest costs. As a result total income is recognised in the Fund Account with amounts outstanding from Employers within debtors.

Other Contributions relate to additional pension contributions paid in order to purchase additional pension benefits.

(b) Benefits

Where members can choose whether to take their benefits as a full pension or as a lump sum with reduced pension, retirement benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the later of the date of retirement and the date the option is exercised.

Other benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the date of retirement, death or leaving the fund as appropriate.

(c) Transfers to and from other Schemes

Transfer values represent the capital sums either receivable in respect of members from other pension schemes of previous employers or payable to the pension schemes of new employers for members who have left the fund. They are accounted for on a cash basis, or where Trustees have agreed to accept the liability in advance of receipt of funds, on an accruals basis from the date of the agreement.

(d) Investments

- i) The net assets statement includes all assets and liabilities of the fund at the 31st March.

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2. Accounting Policies (continued)

- ii) Listed investments are included at the quoted bid price as at 31st March.
- iii) Investments held in pooled investment vehicles are valued at the closing bid price at 31st March if both bid and offer price are published; or, if single priced, at the closing single price. In the case of pooled investment vehicles that are accumulation funds, change in market value also includes income which is reinvested in the fund, net of applicable withholding tax.
- iv) Unquoted securities are valued by the relevant investment managers based on the Fund's share of the net assets or a single price advised by the Fund Manager, in accordance with generally accepted guidelines.
- v) Unit trusts are valued at the Managers' bid prices at 31st March.
- vi) Accrued interest is excluded from the market value of fixed interest securities but is included in accrued investment income.
- viii) Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sales proceeds.
- ix) Investments held in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling values at the relevant rate ruling as at 31st March.
- x) Property Funds/Unit Trusts are valued at the bid market price, which is based upon regular independent valuation of the underlying property holdings of the Fund/Unit Trust.

e) Financial Instruments

Pension Fund assets have been assessed as fair value through profit and loss in line with IAS19.

f) Cash and Cash Funds

Cash comprises cash in hand and cash deposits. Cash funds are highly liquid investments held with Investment Managers.

g) Investment Income

Investment income and interest received are accounted for on an accruals basis. When an investment is valued ex dividend, the dividend is included in the Fund account. Distributions from pooled investment vehicles are automatically reinvested in the relevant fund.

h) Other

Other expenses, assets and liabilities are accounted for on an accruals basis.

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3. Analysis of Contributions

Total Contributions	Total Contributions
2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
<u>Administering Authority</u>	<u>44,048</u>
<u>41,711</u> City & County of Swansea	<u>44,048</u>
<u>Admitted Bodies</u>	
11 Babtie	0
235 Celtic Community Leisure	397
13 Colin Laver Heating Limited	12
20 Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council	20
100 Wales National Pool	109
89 Capgemini	77
2,027 NPT Homes	2,427
7 Phoenix Trust	1
<u>1,182</u> Grwp Gwalia	<u>1,320</u>
<u>3,684 Total Admitted Bodies</u>	<u>4,363</u>
<u>Scheduled Bodies</u>	
6 Cilybebyll Community Council	7
25 Coedffranc Community Council	17
1,637 Gower College	1,696
1,639 NPTC Group	1,764
74 Neath Town Council	66
24,490 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	26,901
21 Margam Joint Crematorium Committee	26
6 Pelenna Community Council	5
14 Pontardawe Town Council	15
34 Swansea Bay Port Health Authority	40
26 Swansea City Waste Disposal Company	0
<u>1,320</u> University of Wales Trinity St Davids	<u>1,558</u>
<u>29,292 Total Scheduled Bodies</u>	<u>32,095</u>
<u>74,687 Total Contributions Receivable</u>	<u>80,506</u>

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3. Analysis of Contributions (continued)

Total Employer/Employee contributions comprise of:

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
Employers		
55,436	Normal	58,258
9	Other	4
<u>3,109</u>	Early Access	<u>5,385</u>
<u>58,554</u>	Total	<u>63,647</u>
Employees		
16,105	Normal	16,824
28	Other	35
<u>16,133</u>	Total	<u>16,859</u>
<u>74,687</u>	Total Contributions Receivable	<u>80,506</u>

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4. Transfers In

Transfers in comprise of:

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
8,900	Group transfers from other schemes *	1,060
3,805	Individual transfers from other schemes	1,688
<u>12,705</u>	Total	<u>2,748</u>

* Group Transfers from other schemes is in respect of Coleg Powys, who have merged with Neath Port Talbot College (a scheduled body within this Scheme) with effect from 1st August 2013, to form Neath Port Talbot College Group. The total estimated figure of £9.96m, is as a result of a review of the valuation by the Actuary for the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund in March 2015.

5. Other Income

Other income comprise of:

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
89	Bank Interest	82
21	Early Access - Interest	9
<u>110</u>	Total	<u>91</u>

6. Benefits Payable

By category

2013/14		2014/15
£'000		£'000
49,588	Pensions	53,452
15,349	Commutation and lump sum retirement benefits	19,106
1,857	Lump sum death benefits	1,354
<u>66,794</u>	Total	<u>73,912</u>

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7. Payments to and on account of leavers

Transfers out and refunds comprise of:

2013/14		2014/15	
	£'000		£'000
11	Refunds to members leaving service		116
3,125	Individual transfers to other schemes		2,587
<u>3,136</u>	Total		<u>2,703</u>

8. Administrative and Investment Management Expenses

All administrative and investment management expenses are borne by the Fund:

2013/14		2014/15	
	£'000		£'000
Administrative Expenses			
659	Support Services & Employee Costs		661
45	Actuarial Fees		10
43	Advisors Fees		43
58	External Audit Fees		48
25	Performance Monitoring Services Fees		26
23	Printing & Publications		24
166	Other		175
3	Pension Fund Committee		4
<u>1,022</u>			<u>991</u>
Investment Management Expenses			
4,378	Management Fees		5,769
6,915	Performance Fees		1,668
133	Custody Fees		121
<u>11,426</u>			<u>7,558</u>
<u>12,448</u>	Total		<u>8,549</u>

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9. Investment Income

2013/14	2014/15
£'000	£'000
13,433 U.K. Equities	11,736
6,619 Overseas Equities	7,695
3,055 Managed Fund - Fixed Interest	3,528
1,006 Pooled Investment vehicles - Property Fund	1,434
341 Pooled Investment vehicles - Private Equity	48
2 Interest	3
24,456 Total	24,444

The assets under management by Legal and General are managed wholly in a pooled investment vehicle. The pooled investment vehicles are a combination of equity, bond and money market unit funds which operate on an 'accumulation' basis, i.e. all dividends and investment income are automatically reinvested back into their relevant funds and not distributed as investment income. Therefore, the fund value and change in market value on these funds will reflect both capital appreciation / depreciation plus reinvested investment income.

10. Taxation

a) United Kingdom

The Fund is exempt from Income Tax on interest and dividends and from Capital Gains Tax but now has to bear the UK tax on other income. The fund is reimbursed V.A.T. by H.M. Revenue and Customs and the accounts are shown exclusive of V.A.T.

b) Overseas

The majority of investment income from overseas suffers a withholding tax in the country of origin.

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11. Investment Assets

	31st March 2014			31st March 2015		
	UK £'000	Overseas £'000	Total £'000	UK £'000	Overseas £'000	Total £'000
Equities						
Quoted	324,568	313,060	637,628	363,504	359,488	722,992
Pooled investment vehicles						
Managed Funds:						
Quoted:						
Equity	0	13,467	13,467	0	14,424	14,424
Fixed Interest	0	117,200	117,200	0	111,608	111,608
Unquoted:						
Equity	128,747	194,470	323,217	128,442	234,906	363,348
Fixed Interest	52,409	11,862	64,271	57,746	14,814	72,560
Index-linked	20,720	0	20,720	26,518	0	26,518
Property Unit Trust	6,107	0	6,107	5,661	0	5,661
Property Fund	31,056	31,560	62,616	35,184	34,555	69,739
Hedge Fund	0	49,060	49,060	0	51,522	51,522
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	0	15,529	15,529	0	15,426	15,426
Private Equity	0	25,284	25,284	0	31,162	31,162
Total pooled investment vehicles	239,039	458,432	697,471	253,551	508,417	761,968
Total equities and pooled investment vehicles	563,607	771,492	1,335,099	617,055	867,905	1,484,960

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11. Investment Assets (continued)

An analysis of investment assets based on the class of investment is shown below :

31st March 2014 £'000	Investment assets	31st March 2015 £'000
181,471	Fixed interest	184,168
20,720	Index linked securities	26,518
453,315	U.K. equities	491,946
520,997	Overseas Equities	608,818
68,723	Property	75,400
49,060	Hedge Funds	51,522
25,284	Private Equity	31,162
15,529	Global Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA)	15,426
<u>1,335,099</u>	Total investment assets	<u>1,484,960</u>

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12. Reconciliation of movements in investments

	Value at 31st March 2014	Purchases £'000	Sales £'000	Change in Market Value £'000	Value at 31st March 2015
					£'000
Equities					
Aberdeen	99,347	13,608	-12,444	8,663	109,174
JPM	225,307	206,478	-202,529	39,489	268,745
Schroders	326,441	69,081	-56,342	20,317	359,497
L&G	323,217	10,656	-13,780	43,255	363,348
	974,312	299,823	-285,095	111,724	1,100,764
Property					
UK					
Schroders	37,163	1,108	-1,928	4,502	40,845
Partners	19,080	5,010	-2,821	2,130	23,399
Invesco	12,480	0	-519	-805	11,156
	68,723	6,118	-5,268	5,827	75,400
Fixed Interest					
Fixed Interest					
L&G	64,271	3,160	-3,155	8,284	72,560
Goldman	117,200	3,529	0	-9,121	111,608
	181,471	6,689	-3,155	-837	184,168
Index-Linked					
L&G	20,720	2,580	-625	3,843	26,518
	20,720	2,580	-625	3,843	26,518
Hedge Funds					
BlackRock	25,684	0	-370	1,316	26,630
Fauchier	23,376	0	-380	1,896	24,892
	49,060	0	-750	3,212	51,522
Private Equity					
HarbourVest	25,284	8,950	-11,665	8,593	31,162
	25,284	8,950	-11,665	8,593	31,162
Allocation					
BlackRock	15,529	0	-167	64	15,426
	15,529	0	-167	64	15,426
Cash funds					
L&G	13,830	4,872	-3,708	95	15,089
Schroders	36	3,360	-358	1	3,039
	13,866	8,232	-4,066	96	18,128
Total					
	1,348,965	332,392	-310,791	132,522	1,503,088
Cash					
	29,232				22,512
Other Investment Balances -					
Dividends Due					2,527
TOTAL					132,522
	1,380,260				1,528,127

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12. Reconciliation of movements in investments (continued)

Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchase and sales proceeds. Identifiable transaction costs incurred in the year relating to segregated investments amounted to £233k (2013/14: £388k). Costs are also incurred by the Fund in relation to transactions in pooled investment vehicles. Such costs are taken into account in calculating the bid/offer spread of these investments and are not separately identifiable.

13. Concentration of Investments

The following investments represented 5% or more of the Fund's net assets at 31st March 2015:

	Value as at the 31st March 2014	Proportion of Net Asset	Value as at the 31st March 2015	Proportion of Net Asset
	£'000	%	£'000	%
L&G UK Equity Index	128,747	9.3	128,442	8.4
Goldman Sachs Global Libor Plus II	117,200	8.5	111,608	7.3
L&G North America Equity Index	76,747	5.5	96,721	6.3

14. Realised Profit on the Sale of Investments

2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
15,280 U.K. Equities	12,266
27,909 Overseas Equities	20,755
0 Property Fund	906
3 Cash Fund	0
<u>43,192 Net Profit</u>	<u>33,927</u>

15. Fixed Interest and Index Linked Investments

The fixed interest and index-linked investments are comprised of:

31st March 2014	31st March 2015
£'000	£'000
115,086 UK Public Sector	121,764
87,105 Other	88,922
<u>202,191</u>	<u>210,686</u>

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16. Current Assets and Liabilities

The amounts shown in the statement of Net Assets are comprised of:

31st March 2014	£'000	31st March 2015	£'000
Current Assets			
613 Contributions - Employees	654		
2,011 Contributions - Employers	2,167		
2,120 Early Access Contributions Debtor	4,168		
9,232 Transfer Values	10,349		
1,121 Other	1,253		
15,097	18,591		
Current Liabilities			
-4,321 Investment Management Expenses	-956		
-3,873 Commutation and lump sum retirement benefits	-3,428		
-688 Lump sum death benefits	-436		
-895 Transfers to Other Schemes	-530		
-538 Payroll Deductions - Tax	-577		
0 SLA Recharge	-620		
-400 Other	-382		
-10,715	-6,929		
4,382 Net	11,662		

Analysed as:

31st March 2014	£'000	31st March 2015	£'000
Current Assets			
774 Central Government Bodies	1,386		
13,655 Other Local Authorities	16,105		
2 Public Corporations & Trading Funds	0		
666 Other Entities and Individuals	1,100		
15,097	18,591		
Current Liabilities			
-38 Central Government Bodies	-33		
-2,677 Other Local Authorities	-1,209		
-8,000 Other Entities and Individuals	-5,687		
-10,715	-6,929		
4,382 Net	11,662		

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16. Current Assets & Liabilities (continued)

Early Access Debtor

	Instalment Due 2015/16 £'000	Instalment Due 2016/17 £'000	Instalment Due 2017/18 £'000	Instalment Due 2018/19 £'000	Total £'000
Early Access Principal Debtor	3,665	241	241	21	4,168
Early Access Interest Debtor	17	19	19	2	57
Total (Gross)	3,682	260	260	23	4,225

17. Capital and Contractual Commitments

As at 31st March 2015 the Scheme was committed to providing funding to appointed managers investing in unquoted securities. These commitments amounted to £38.7m (2013/14 : £40.3m).

18. Statement of the Actuary for the year ended 31 March 2015

Introduction

The Scheme Regulations require that a full actuarial valuation is carried out every third year. The purpose of this is to establish that the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund (the Fund) is able to meet its liabilities to past and present contributors and to review employer contribution rates. The last full actuarial investigation into the financial position of the Fund was completed as at 31 March 2013 by Aon Hewitt Limited, in accordance with Regulation 36 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008.

Actuarial Position

1. The valuation as at 31 March 2013 showed that the funding ratio of the Fund had increased since the previous valuation with the market value of the Fund's assets at that date (of £1,227.6M) covering 81% of the liabilities allowing, in the case of current contributors to the Fund, for future increases in pensionable pay.
2. The valuation also showed that the aggregate level of contributions required to be paid by participating employers with effect from 1 April 2014 was:
 - 16.2% of pensionable pay. This was the rate calculated as being sufficient, together with contributions paid by members, to meet the liabilities arising in respect of service after the valuation date.

Plus

- 5.7% of pensionable pay to restore the assets to 100% of the liabilities in respect of service prior to the valuation date over a recovery period of 25 years from 1 April 2014, if the membership remains broadly stable and pay increases are in line with the rate assumed at the valuation of 3.9% p.a.
- 3. In practice, each individual employer's position is assessed separately and contributions are set out in Aon Hewitt Limited's report dated 31 March 2014 (the "actuarial valuation report"). In addition to the contributions shown above, payments to cover additional liabilities arising from early retirements (other than ill-health retirements) will be made to the Fund by the employers.
- 4. The funding plan adopted in assessing the contributions for each individual employer was in accordance with the Funding Strategy Statement in force at the time. The approach adopted, and the recovery period used for each employer, is set out in the actuarial valuation report.
- 5. The valuation was carried out using the projected unit actuarial method for most employers and the main actuarial assumptions used for assessing the funding target and the contribution rates were as follows.

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18. Statement of the Actuary for the year ended 31 March 2015 (continued)

Discount rate for periods in service

Scheduled and subsumption bodies	5.6% a year
Orphan bodies	5.2% p.a

Discount rate for periods after leaving service

Scheduled and subsumption bodies	5.6%p.a.
Orphan bodies	3.9%p.a.
Rate of pay increases	3.9% p.a.
Rate of increases to pension accounts	2.4% p.a.
Rate of increase in pensions in payment (in excess of Guaranteed Minimum Pension)	2.4% p.a.

The assets were valued at market value.

Further details of the assumptions adopted for the valuation were set out in the actuarial valuation report.

6. The valuation results summarised above are based on the financial position and market levels at the valuation date, 31 March 2013. As such the results do not make allowance for changes which have occurred subsequent to the valuation date.

7. The formal actuarial valuation report and the Rates and Adjustments Certificate setting out the employer contribution rates for the period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2017 were signed on 31 March 2014. Contribution rates will be reviewed at the next actuarial valuation of the Fund due as at 31 March 2016 in accordance with Regulation 62 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.

8. This Statement has been prepared by the current Actuary to the Fund, AON Hewitt Limited, for inclusion in the accounts of the Fund. It provides a summary of the results of their actuarial valuation which was carried out as at 31 March 2013. The valuation provides a snapshot of the funding position at the valuation date and is used to assess the future level of contributions required.

This Statement must not be considered without reference to the formal actuarial valuation details fully the context and limitations of the actuarial valuation.

Aon Hewitt Limited does not accept any responsibility or liability to any party other than our client, the City and County of Swansea, the Administering Authority of the Fund, in respect of this Statement.

9. The report on the actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2013 is available from the Fund's following address:

<http://www.swanseapensionfund.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/01Swansea-valuation-report-310313.pdf>

Aon Hewitt Limited
June 2015

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18. Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits - Statement of the Actuary for the year ended 31 March 2015 (continued)

Definitions

Admission Body

An employer admitted to the Fund under an admission agreement.

Orphan Body

This is an admission body or other employer whose participation in the Fund may cease at some future point in time, after which it is expected that the Administering Authority will have no access to future contributions in respect of the employer's liabilities in the Fund once any liability on cessation has been paid.

Scheduled Body

Employers which participate in the Fund under Schedule 2 of the Administration Regulations.

Subsumption and subsumption body

When an admission body or other employer ceases participation in the Fund, so that it has no employees contributing to the Fund and once any contribution on cessation as required by the regulations has been paid, the Fund will normally be unable to obtain further contributions from that employer (eg if future investment returns are less than assumed). It is however possible for another long term employer in the Fund (generally a scheduled body) to agree to be a source of future funding should any funding shortfalls emerge on the original employer's liabilities. The long term employer effectively subsumes the assets and liabilities of the ceasing employer into its own assets and liabilities. In this document this is known as subsumption. In this document the admission body or other employer being subsumed is referred to as a subsumption body and its liabilities are known as subsumed liabilities.

Certificate of the Actuary Regarding the Contributions Payable by the Employing Authorities in 2014/15

In accordance with Regulation 36 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (the "Administration Regulations"), we certify that contributions should be paid by Employers at the following rates for the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2017.

- i) A common rate of 16.2% of Pensionable Pay.
- ii) Individual adjustments which, when added to or subtracted from the common rate, produce the following Employer contribution rates:

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18. Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits - Statement of the Actuary for the year ended 31 March 2015 (continued)

Employer	Year Commencing 1 April		
	2014 % Pensionable Pay	2015 % Pensionable Pay	2016 % Pensionable Pay
Scheduled bodies			
City & County of Swansea	22.4	22.4	22.4
Neath Port Talbot County Borough	22.5	23.0	24.0
Pontardawe Town Council	19.7	19.7	19.7
Cilybebyll Community Council	20.5	20.5	20.5
Pelenna Community Council	21.9	23.6	25.3
Swansea Bay Port Health Authority	22.4	22.4	22.4
Neath Port Talbot Homes	16.2	16.2	16.2
Grwp Gwalia Cyf	20.4	20.4	20.4
Colin Laver Heating Limited	19.7	19.7	19.7
Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council	27.2	30.8	34.3
Celtic Community Leisure	11.1	11.1	11.1
Wales National Pool	14.5	14.5	14.5
Cap Gemini	18.7	18.7	18.7

Employer	Contribution rate 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2017 % Pensionable Pay	Additional monetary amount Year commencing 1 April		
		2014 £	2015 £	2016 £
Scheduled bodies				
Margam Joint Crematorium Committee	19.2	4,600	4,800	5,000
Coedffranc Community Council	19.2	3,700	3,850	4,000
Neath Town Council	19.2	15,100	15,700	16,300
Gower College	15.4	164,400	170,800	177,500
NPTC Group	14.7	151,900	157,800	164,000
Admission bodies				
Trinity St Davids	22.4	225,000	450,000	481,000

The contributions shown above represent the minimum contributions to be paid by each Employer. Employers may choose to pay additional contributions from time to time subject to the Administering Authority's agreement.

Where payments due from an Employer are expressed as monetary amounts, the amounts payable by that Employer should be adjusted to take account of any amounts payable, in respect of surplus or shortfall to which those monetary payments relate, by new employers created after the valuation date which have been credited with proportions of the assets and liabilities of the relevant Employer. Any adjustment should be as advised by the Fund Actuary.

Additional contributions may be required in respect of any additional liabilities that arise under the provisions of Regulations 30, 31, 35 and 38 of the 2013 Regulations, payable over a period of up to three years and Employers will be notified of such contributions separately by the Administering Authority.

The contributions rates for the City & County of Swansea and for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council have been set as a percentage of pay. However, minimum monetary contribution amounts for these employers have been agreed with the Administering Authority and if the contributions actually received fall below this minimum level additional payments will be required.

Contribution rates for Employers commencing participation in the Fund after 31 March 2013 will be advised separately.

19. Related party transactions

£661k (£659k 2013/14) was paid to the City & County of Swansea for the recharge of Administration, I.T., Finance and Legal Services during the year.

Contributions received from admitted and scheduled bodies as detailed on page 149.

The City & County of Swansea acts as administering Authority for the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund (formerly the West Glamorgan Pension Fund).

Transactions between the Authority and the Pension Fund mainly comprise the payment to the Pension Fund of employee and employer payroll superannuation deductions, together with payments in respect of enhanced pensions granted by Former Authorities.

The Pension Fund currently has 32 scheduled and admitted bodies. Management of the Pension Scheme Investment Fund is undertaken by a panel. The panel is advised by two independent advisors.

Governance

There are 7 councillor members of the pension committee who are active members in the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund. The benefit entitlement for the Councillors is accrued under the same principles that apply to all other members of the Fund.

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20. Additional Voluntary Contributions

Some members of the Fund pay voluntary contributions to the fund's AVC providers, The Prudential, to buy extra pension benefits when they retire. These contributions are invested in a wide range of assets to provide a return on the money invested. Some members also still invest and have funds invested with the legacy AVC providers, Equitable Life and Aegon.

The Pension Fund accounts do not include the assets held by The Prudential, Equitable Life or Aegon. AVCs are not included in the accounts in accordance with section 4(2)(b) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/3093) but are disclosed as a note only.

AVC Provider	Value of Funds at 1st April 2014 £'000	Purchases at Cost (Contributions In/Out) £'000	Sale Proceeds £'000	Change in Market Value £'000	Value of Funds at 31st March 2015 £'000
Prudential	2,738	1,504	-1,172	142	3,212
Aegon	1,440	54	-112	61	1,443
Equitable Life	373	2	-43	15	347
Totals	4,551	1,560	-1,327	218	5,002

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21. Membership

The Pension Fund covers City & County of Swansea employees (except for teachers, for whom separate pension arrangements apply), and other bodies included in the schedule.

Detailed national regulations govern the rates of contribution by employees and employers, as well as benefits payable. At 31st March 2015 there were 16,285 contributors, 11,261 pensioners and 9,801 deferred pensioners.

Membership statistics	31st March				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Contributors	14,524	14,179	14,586	15,576	16,285
Pensioners	9,600	10,027	10,432	10,833	11,261
Deferred Pensioners	7,614	8,204	8,815	9,663	9,801
Total	31,738	32,410	33,833	36,072	37,347

See Appendix 1 for current year analysis

22. Fair Value of Investments

Financial Instruments

The Fund invests mainly through pooled vehicles with the exception of three segregated equity mandates. The managers of these pooled vehicles invest in a variety of financial instruments including bank deposits, quoted equity instruments, fixed interest securities, direct property holdings and unlisted equity and also monitor credit and counterparty risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

Financial Instruments - Gains & Losses

Gains and losses on financial instruments have been disclosed within note 9, 12 and 14 of the pension fund accounts.

Fair Value – Hierarchy

The fair value hierarchy introduced as part of the new accounting Code under IFRS7 requires categorisation of assets based upon 3 levels of asset valuation inputs -

- Level 1 - quoted prices for similar instruments.
- Level 2 - directly observable market inputs other than Level 1 inputs.
- Level 3 - inputs not based on observable market data.

The table on the following page shows the position of the Fund's assets at 31st March 2014 and 2015 based upon this hierarchy:

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22. Fair Value of Investments (continued)

FAIR VALUE - HIERARCHY

	31 March 2014			31 March 2015		
	Market Value £'000	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Market Value £'000	Level 1 £'000
Equities						
UK Equities	324,568	324,568	-	-	363,504	-
Overseas Equities	313,060	313,060	-	-	359,488	-
Pooled Investment Vehicles						
Fixed-Interest Funds	117,200	-	117,200	-	111,608	-
UK Equity	128,747	-	128,747	-	128,442	-
Overseas Equity	207,937	-	207,937	-	249,330	-
Fixed Interest	64,271	-	64,271	-	72,560	-
Index-linked	20,720	-	20,720	-	26,518	-
Property Unit Trust	6,107	-	6,107	-	3,039	-
Property Fund	62,616	-	31,056	31,560	72,361	37,806
Hedge Fund	49,060	-	-	49,060	51,522	-
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	15,529	-	-	15,529	15,426	15,426
Private Equity	25,284	-	-	25,284	31,162	31,162
Cash	43,098	43,098	-	-	40,640	40,640
Other Investment Balances - Dividends Due	2,063	2,063	-	-	2,527	2,527
Total	1,380,260	682,789	576,038	121,433	1,528,127	766,159
						629,303
						132,665

23. INVESTMENT RISKS

As demonstrated above, the Fund maintains positions indirectly via its investment managers in a variety of financial instruments including bank deposits, quoted equity instruments, fixed interest securities, direct property holdings, unlisted equity products, commodity futures and other derivatives. This exposes the Fund to a variety of financial risks including credit and counterparty risk, liquidity risk, market risk and exchange rate risk.

Procedures for Managing Risk

The principal powers to invest are contained in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 and require an Administering Authority to invest any pension fund money that is not needed immediately to make payments from the Pension Fund. These regulations require the Pension Fund to formulate a policy for the investment of its fund money. The Administering Authority's overall risk management procedures focus on the unpredictability of financial markets and implementing restrictions to minimise these risks. The Pension Fund annually reviews its Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) and corresponding Funding Strategy Statement (FSS), which set out the Pension Fund's policy on matters such as the type of investments to be held, balance between types of investments, investment restrictions and the way risk is managed.

The Fund continues to review its structure. A key element in this review process is the consideration of risk and for many years now the Fund has pursued a policy of lowering risk by diversifying investments across asset classes, investment regions and fund managers. Furthermore, alternative assets are subject to their own diversification requirements and some examples are given below.

- Private equity - by stage, geography and vintage where funds of funds are not used
- Property - by type, risk profile, geography and vintage (on closed ended funds)
- Hedge funds – multi-strategy and or funds of funds

Manager Risk

The Fund is also well diversified by managers with no single active manager managing more than 25% of Fund assets. On appointment, fund managers are delegated the power to make such purchases and sales as they deem appropriate under the mandate concerned. Each mandate has a benchmark or target to outperform or achieve, usually on the basis of 3-year rolling periods. An update, at least quarterly, is required from each manager and regular meetings are held with managers to discuss their mandates and their performance on them. There are slightly different arrangements for some of the alternative assets. Some private equity and property investment is fund, rather than manager-specific, with specific funds identified by the investment sub group after careful due diligence. These commitments tend to be smaller in nature than main asset class investments but again regular performance reports are received and such investments are reviewed with managers at least once a year.

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23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. As noted above almost all the Fund's investments are through pooled vehicles and a number of these are involved in derivative trades of various sorts including futures, swaps and options. Whilst the Fund is not a direct counterparty to such trades and so has no direct credit risk, clearly all derivative transactions incorporate a degree of risk and the value of the pooled vehicle, and hence the Fund's holding, could be impacted negatively by failure of one of the vehicle's counterparties. However, part of the operational due diligence carried out on potential manager appointees concerns itself with the quality of that manager's risk processes around counterparties and seeks to establish assurance that these are such as to minimise exposure to credit risk.

There has been no historical experience of default on the investments held by the Pension Fund.

Within the Fund, the areas of focus in terms of credit risk are bonds and some of the alternative asset categories.

- The Fund's active fixed-interest bond portfolio £111,608k is managed (by Goldman Sachs) on an unconstrained basis and has a significant exposure to credit, emerging market debt and loans. At 31st March 2015, the Fund's exposure to non-investment grade paper was 16.1% of the actively managed fixed income portfolio.
- On private equity the Fund's investments are almost entirely in the equity of the companies concerned. The Fund's private equity investments of £31,162K are managed by Harbourvest in a fund of funds portfolio.

On hedge fund of funds and multi-strategy vehicles, underlying managers have in place a broad range of derivatives. The Fund's exposure to hedge funds through its managers at 31st March 2015 is set out below with their relative exposure to credit risk.

	March 2015 £'000	Credit Exposure
Permal	24,892	18.5%
Blackrock	26,630	22.4%

Liquidity Risk

The Pension Fund has its own bank accounts. At its simplest, liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations when they fall due, especially pension payments to its members. At a strategic level the Administering Authority, together with its consulting actuary, reviews the position of the Fund triennially to ensure that all its obligations can be suitably covered.

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23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

Ongoing cash flow planning in respect of contributions, benefit payments, investment income and capital calls/distributions is also essential. This is in place with the Fund's position updated regularly.

Specifically on investments, the Fund holds through its managers a mixture of liquid, semi-liquid and illiquid assets. Whilst the Fund's investment managers have substantial discretionary powers regarding their individual portfolios and the management of their cash positions, they hold within their pooled vehicles a large value of very liquid securities, such as equities and bonds quoted on major stock exchanges, which can easily be realised. Traditional equities and bonds now comprise 83% of the Fund's value and, whilst there will be some slightly less liquid elements within this figure (emerging market equities and debt for example), the funds investing in these securities offer monthly trading at least – often weekly or fortnightly.

On alternative assets the position is more mixed. Most are subject to their own liquidity terms or, in the case of property, redemption rules. Closed-ended funds such as most private equity vehicles and some property funds are effectively illiquid for the specific period (usually 10 years), although they can be sold on the secondary market, usually at a discount.

The table below analyses the value of the Fund's investments at 31st March 2015 by liquidity profile.

	Amounts at 31st March	Amounts at 31st March			
		Within 1 month	1-3 months	4-12 months	> 1 Year
	2015 £000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Equities					
UK Equities	363,504	363,504	0	0	0
Overseas Equities	359,488	359,488	0	0	0
Pooled Investment Vehicles					
Fixed-Interest Funds	111,608	111,608	0	0	0
UK Equity	128,442	128,442	0	0	0
Overseas Equity	249,330	249,330	0	0	0
Fixed Interest	72,560	72,560	0	0	0
Index-linked	26,518	26,518	0	0	0
Property Unit Trust	3,039	0	0	3,039	0
Property Fund	72,361	0	0	37,806	34,555
Hedge Fund	51,522	0	0	51,522	0
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	15,426	0	0	15,426	0
Private Equity	31,162	0	0	0	31,162
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions	40,640	40,640	0	0	0
Other Investment Balances - Dividends Due	2,527	2,527	0	0	0
Total	1,528,127	1,354,617	0	107,793	65,717

23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

It should be noted that different quoted investments are subject to different settlement rules but all payments/receipts are usually due within 7 days of the transaction (buy/sell) date. Because the Fund uses some pooled vehicles for quoted investments these are often subject to daily, weekly, 2-weekly or monthly trading dates. All such investments have been designated "within 1 month" for the purposes of liquidity analysis. Open-ended property funds are subject to redemption rules set by their management boards. Many have quarterly redemptions but these can be held back in difficult markets so as not to force sales and disadvantage continuing investors. For liquidity analysis purposes, a conservative approach has been applied and all such investments have been designated "within 4-12 months".

Closed-ended funds have been designated illiquid for the purposes of liquidity analysis. However, these closed-ended vehicles have a very different cash flow pattern to traditional investments since the monies committed are only drawn down as the underlying investments are made (usually over a period of 5 years) and distributions are returned as soon as underlying investments are exited (often as early as year 4). In terms of cash flow, therefore, the net cash flow for such a vehicle usually only reaches a maximum of about 60-70% of the amount committed and cumulative distributions usually exceed cumulative draw downs well before the end of the specified period, as these vehicles regularly return 1½ to 2½ times the money invested. At the same time, it has been the Fund's practice to invest monies on a regular annual basis so the vintage year of active vehicles ranges from 2000 to 2013.

This means that, whilst all these monies have been designated closed-ended and thereby illiquid on the basis of their usual "10-year life", many are closer to maturity than implied by this broad designation. As can be seen from the table, even using the conservative basis outlined above, around 88% of the portfolio is realisable within 1 month and 96% is realisable within 12 months.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial institution will fluctuate because of changes in market price. The Fund is exposed to the risk of financial loss from a change in the value of its investments and the consequential danger that its assets will fail to deliver returns in line with the anticipated returns underpinning the valuation of its liabilities over the long term.

- The risks associated with volatility in the performance of the asset class itself (beta);
- The risks associated with the ability of managers, where allowed, to move away from index weights and to generate alpha, thereby offsetting beta risks by exceeding market performance.

The table on the following page sets out an analysis of the Fund's market risk positions at 31 March 2015 by showing the percentage invested in each asset class and through each manager within each main asset class, the index used as a benchmark and the target set for managers against this benchmark.

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23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Fund Manager		Benchmark	Performance target
		Passive	Active		
UK Equities	34% +/- 5%	14% L&G	20% Schroders	FTSE allshare	+3% p.a. over rolling 3 year
Overseas Equities	34% +/- 5%	13% L&G	21% JP Morgan & Aberdeen Aberdeen	MSCI World all share (ex UK) MSCI Frontier Markets Index	+3% p.a. over rolling 3 year +% p.a. over rolling 3 year
Global Fixed Interest	15% +/- 5%	6% L&G	9% Goldman Sachs	Libor	LIBOR +3%
Property	5% +/- 5%	-	5% Schroders, Partners & Invesco	IPD UK Pooled Property Fund Index	+ 1% p.a. over rolling 3 year. 8% absolute return
Hedge Funds	5% +/- 5%	-	5% Blackrock & Permal (formerly Fauchier)	LIBOR	+4%
Private Equity	3% +/- 5%	-	3% Harbourvest	FTSE allshare	+3% p.a. over 3 year rolling
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	2% +/- 5%	-	2% BGI/Blackrock	LIBOR	+4% over 3 yr rolling
Cash	2% +/- 5%	-	2% In house and cash flows of fund managers	7day LIBID	=
TOTAL	100%	33%	67%		

The risks associated with volatility in market values are managed mainly through a policy of broad asset diversification. The Fund sets restrictions on the type of investment it can hold through investment limits, in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009. The Fund also adopts a specific strategic benchmark (details can be found in the Fund's SIP summarised above) and the weightings of the various asset classes within the benchmark form the basis for asset allocation within the Fund. Under normal conditions there is quarterly rebalancing to this strategic benchmark within fixed tolerances. This allocation, determined through the Fund's asset allocation, is designed to diversify and minimise risk. Market risk is also managed through manager diversification – constructing a diversified portfolio across multiple investment managers. On a daily basis, managers will manage risk in line with the benchmarks, targets and risk parameters set for the mandate, as well as their own policies and processes. The Fund itself monitors managers on a regular basis (at least quarterly) on all these aspects.

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23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

Price Risk

Price Risk represents the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or foreign exchange risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all such instruments in the market.

The fund is exposed to share and derivative price risk. This arises from investments held by the fund for which the future price is uncertain. All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. Except for shares sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. Possible losses from shares sold short is unlimited.

Following analysis of historical data and expected investment return movement during the financial year, and in consultation with the fund's investment advisors, the council has determined that the following movements in market price risk are reasonably possible. Had the market price of the fund investments increased/decreased in line with the potential market movements, the change in the net assets available to pay benefits in the market price as at 31 March 2015 would have been as follows:

Price Risk

Asset Type	Value (£)	% Change	Value on Increase	Value on Decrease
UK Equities	491,946	10.52%	543,699	440,193
Overseas Equities	608,818	9.35%	665,742	551,894
Bonds & Index-Linked	210,686	2.67%	216,311	205,061
Cash	40,640	0.01%	40,644	40,636
Property	75,400	3.00%	77,662	73,138
Alternatives	98,110	4.06%	102,093	94,127
Other Investment Balances	2,527	0.00%	2,527	2,527
Total Assets	1,528,127	6.64%	1,629,595	1,426,659

The % change for Total Assets includes the impact of correlation across asset classes

and as at 31st March 2014 :

Price Risk

Asset Type	Value (£)	% Change	Value on Increase	Value on Decrease
UK Equities	453,315	12.59%	510,387	396,243
Overseas Equities	520,997	12.13%	584,194	457,800
Bonds & Index-Linked	202,191	2.47%	207,185	197,197
Cash	43,098	0.02%	43,107	43,089
Property	68,723	2.61%	70,517	66,929
Alternatives	89,873	3.00%	92,569	87,177
Other Investment Balances	2,063	0.00%	2,063	2,063
Total Assets	1,380,260	8.35%	1,495,512	1,265,008

The % change for Total Assets includes the impact of correlation across asset classes

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23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

Currency Risk

Currency risk represents the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The fund is exposed to currency risk on financial instruments that are denominated in any currency other than the functional currency of the fund (£UK). The fund holds both monetary and non-monetary assets denominated in currencies other than £UK.

In consultation with the fund's investment advisors, the council has determined that the following movements in currencies are reasonably possible. The following represents a sensitivity analysis associated with foreign exchange movements as at 31 March 2015:

Currency	Value (£'000)	% Change	Value on Increase	Value on Decrease
Australian Dollar	4,585	8.87	4,992	4,178
Brazilian Real	4,706	11.69	5,256	4,156
Canadian Dollar	10,030	6.65	10,697	9,363
Chinese Renminbi Yuan	10,870	7.91	11,730	10,010
Danish Krone	1,608	6.19	1,707	1,509
EURO	93,099	6.15	98,824	87,374
Hong Kong Dollar	7,953	7.74	8,569	7,337
Indian Rupee	5,092	10.78	5,641	4,543
Indonesian Rupiah	2,688	11.65	3,001	2,375
Israeli Shekel	832	7.35	893	771
Japanese Yen	55,482	11.02	61,599	49,365
Mexican Peso	2,717	9.42	2,973	2,461
Norwegian Krone	640	8.64	695	585
Peruvian New Sol	798	6.97	854	742
Singapore Dollar	4,864	5.89	5,151	4,577
South African Rand	1,899	10.72	2,103	1,695
South Korean Won	6,927	6.62	7,385	6,469
Swedish Krona	7,672	7.30	8,232	7,112
Swiss Franc	21,024	9.34	22,988	19,060
Taiwan Dollar	5,201	6.62	5,545	4,857
Thai Baht	674	8.08	728	620
Turkish Lira	586	9.85	644	528
US Dollar	196,965	7.78	212,292	181,638
North America Basket	96,721	7.41	103,891	89,551
Europe ex UK Basket	53,891	5.66	56,939	50,843
Asia Pacific ex Japan Basket	22,034	6.44	23,453	20,615
Emerging Basket	52,894	6.80	56,489	49,299
Total Currency *	672,452	5.81	711,488	633,416

* The % change for Total Currency includes the impact of correlation across the underlying currencies

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23. INVESTMENT RISKS (continued)

and as at 31 March 2014:

Currency Risk (by currency)					
Currency		% Change	Value on Increase	Value on Decrease	
Australian Dollar	5,099	9.80%	5,599	4,599	
Brazilian Real	8,090	12.69%	9,117	7,063	
Canadian Dollar	9,422	6.04%	9,991	8,853	
Danish Krone	1,415	6.26%	1,504	1,326	
EURO	89,647	6.31%	95,304	83,990	
Hong Kong Dollar	6,029	7.98%	6,510	5,548	
Indian Rupee	5,766	10.84%	6,391	5,141	
Indonesian Rupiah	2,094	11.05%	2,325	1,863	
Israeli Shekel	628	6.94%	672	584	
Japanese Yen	36,631	11.54%	40,858	32,404	
Mexican Peso	2,357	10.03%	2,593	2,121	
Norwegian Krone	745	8.79%	810	680	
Singapore Dollar	3,181	5.71%	3,363	2,999	
South African Rand	2,236	11.31%	2,489	1,983	
South Korean Won	6,251	6.56%	6,661	5,841	
Swedish Krona	6,347	7.03%	6,793	5,901	
Swiss Franc	27,523	7.42%	29,565	25,481	
Taiwan Dollar	4,873	5.63%	5,147	4,599	
US Dollar	162,996	8.07%	176,150	149,842	
Other	7,091	5.21%	7,460	6,722	
North America Basket	76,747	7.61%	82,587	70,907	
Europe ex UK Basket	50,213	6.01%	53,231	47,195	
Asia Pacific ex Japan Basket	18,817	6.11%	19,967	17,667	
Emerging Basket	43,402	6.37%	46,167	40,637	
Total Currency*	577,600	5.13%	607,210	547,990	

*The % change for Total Currency includes the impact of correlation across the underlying currencies

Interest Rate Risk

The Fund invests in financial assets for the primary purpose of obtaining a return on investments. These investments are subject to interest rate risks, which represents the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Actuary, as part of their triennial valuation and dictated by the Funding Strategy Statement, will only anticipate long-term return on a relatively prudent basis to reduce risk of under-performing. Progress is analysed at three yearly valuations for all employers.

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24. Further Information

Further information about the fund can be found in Appendices 2 to 4. Information can also be obtained from the Chief Treasury & Technical Officer, Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN or on www.swanseapensionfund.org.uk.

25. Financial Position

The accounts outlined within the statement represent the financial position of the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund at 31st March 2015.

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Appendix 1

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYING BODIES AND CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2014 TO 31ST MARCH 2015

Administering Authority	Contributors	Pensioners	Deferred Benefits	Employer Contribution Rate (% of Pensionable Pay) plus additional annual monetary amount
	Number @ 31/03/15	Number @ 31/03/15	Number @ 31/03/15	
City & County of Swansea	8,650	4,721	4,235	22.4%
Scheduled Bodies				
Neath Port Talbot County Borough	5,327	3,187	4,011	22.5%
Briton Ferry Town Council	0	1	1	-
Cilybebyll Community Council	7	0	1	20.5%
Clydach Community Council	0	0	1	-
	2	3	1	19.2% (+ £3,700)
Gower College	453	199	376	15.4% (+ £164,400)
Lliw Valley BC	0	253	27	-
Margam Joint Crematorium Committee	5	13	5	19.2% (+ £4,600)
NPTC Group	553	191	314	14.7% (+ £151,900)
Neath Port Talbot Waste Management Co. Ltd.	0	1	0	-
Neath Town Council	13	15	7	19.2% (+ £15,100)
Pelenna Community Council	2	1	3	21.9%
Pontardawe Town Council	5	1	0	19.7%
Swansea Bay Port Health Authority	2	10	1	22.4%
Swansea City Waste Disposal Company	0	18	3	-
University of Wales Trinity St Davids	234	116	187	22.4% (+ £225,000)
West Glamorgan County Council	0	2,321	308	-
West Glamorgan Magistrates Courts	0	37	19	-
West Glamorgan Probation Service	0	56	9	-
West Glamorgan Valuation Panel	0	5	0	-
Admitted Bodies				
BABTIE	0	3	12	-
Celtic Community Leisure	298	28	117	11.1%
Colin Laver Heating Limited	2	0	2	19.7%
Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council	2	0	1	27.2%
The Careers Business	0	4	11	-
Wales National Pool	54	3	39	14.5%
West Wales Arts Association	0	2	0	-
Capgemini	11	1	4	18.7%
NPT Homes	435	33	54	16.2%
Phoenix Trust	0	1	4	-
Grwp Gwalia	230	37	48	20.4%
Total	16,285	11,261	9,801	

Legislative Changes in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) during 2014/15

The Communities and Local Government Department (CLG) issued the following key Statutory Instruments, which were effective during 2014/15 :

S12013-2356 - The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013. These Regulations set up a new legal regime for the LGPS and are effective from 1 April 2014.

S12014-525 - The Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014. These Regulations provide for the transition of existing LGPS members, as at 31 March 2014, into the new Scheme and are effective from 1 April 2014.

S12014-1146 - The Local Government Pension Scheme (Offender Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 which were effective from 1 June 2014, were made to facilitate the continued membership of the LGPS for probation staff, following restructure. Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMF) was appointed as the appropriate administering authority for all current and former staff involved in the provision of probation services. The City & County of Swansea Pension Funds does not contain any active members in the Probation Service due to a previous restructure, however it is currently working with GMF to ensure the smooth transfer of a pensioner and deferred records.

S12015-57 - The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015 were effective in part from 20 February 2015 with the remainder effective from 1 April 2015. The regulations provide new governance arrangements for the Secretary of State to establish a national scheme advisory board and for administering authorities to establish local pension boards.

S12015-755 - The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2015. The regulations were laid before Parliament on 19 March 2015 and are effective from 11 April 2015. They amend the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014, to provide clarity or improvement.

Investment Fund Management

The investment of the Fund is the responsibility of the Pension Fund Committee. The Committee as at 31st March 2015 comprised of :

- 7 Council Members (one member from Neath Port Talbot CBC representing other scheme members) advised by:
- Section 151 Officer
- Chief Treasury & Technical Officer
- 2 Independent Advisers.

The Committee, after taking account of the views of the independent advisers and appointed actuary to the Fund, is responsible for determining broad investment strategy and policy, with appointed professional fund managers undertaking the operational management of the assets.

The fund has implemented a fully diversified investment approach with a view to reducing the volatility of investment returns, whilst maintaining above benchmark growth. The fund employs the services of specialist managers to outperform in each asset class invested in.

The investment managers are:

- Global Equities - JP Morgan Asset Management, L&G and Aberdeen Asset Management
- Global Bonds - Goldman Sachs Asset Management and L&G
- Fund of Hedge Funds - BlackRock and Fauchier Partners
- Fund of Private Equity Funds - Harbourvest
- Property - Invesco
- Fund of Property Funds - Partners Group and Schroders Investment Management
- Global Tactical Asset Allocation (GTAA) - BlackRock (ex BGI)

Other Fund Documents

The City & County of Swansea Pension Fund is required by regulation to formulate a number of regulatory documents outlining its policy. Copies of the :

- Statement of Investment Principles
- Governance Statement
- Funding Strategy Statement
- Communication Policy

are available on request from the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund website
<http://www.swanseapensionfund.org.uk/>

HEAD OF FINANCE AND DELIVERY CERTIFICATE & STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

I hereby certify that the statement of accounts on pages 3 to 142 presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2015.

 24/9/15

The Authority's Responsibilities

The Authority is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Authority, that officer is the Chief Financial Officer, namely the Head of Finance and Delivery;
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets; and
- 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 CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

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

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

The Chief Financial Officer has also:

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

Date of Authorisation for Issue

The 2014/15 Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue on 24th September 2015 by Mike Hawes, Head of Finance and Delivery who is the Section 151 Officer of the Council. This is the date up to which events after the Balance Sheet date have been considered.

The 2014/15 Statement of Accounts was formally approved by Council on 24th September 2015.

Chairman



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Date 24-09-15

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of City and County of Swansea

I have audited the accounting statements and related notes of:

- The City and County of Swansea;
- The City and County of Swansea Group; and
- The City and County of Swansea Pension Fund

for the year ended 31 March 2015 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

The City and County of Swansea's accounting statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Movement on the Housing Revenue Account Statement and the Housing Revenue Account Income and Expenditure Statement.

The City and County of Swansea's Group accounting statements comprise the Group Movement in Reserves Statement, the Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Group Balance Sheet and the Group Cash Flow Statement.

The City and County of Swansea Pension Funds' accounting statements comprise the Fund Account and the Net Assets Statement.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014-15 based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Respective responsibilities of the responsible financial officer and the Auditor General for Wales

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts set out on page 181, the responsible financial officer is responsible for the preparation of the statement of accounts, including the City and County of Swansea's Group accounting statements and the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund's accounting statements, which gives a true and fair view.

My responsibility is to audit the accounting statements and related notes in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounting statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounting statements and related notes sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounting statements and related notes are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the City and County of Swansea's, the City and County of Swansea's Group and the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the responsible financial officer and the overall presentation of the accounting statements and related notes.

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In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Explanatory Foreword to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounting statements and related notes and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the accounting statements of the City and County of Swansea

In my opinion the accounting statements and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the City and County of Swansea as at 31 March 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014-15.

Opinion on the accounting statements of the City and County of Swansea Group

In my opinion the accounting statements and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the City and County of Swansea Group as at 31 March 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014-15.

Opinion on the accounting statements of the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund

In my opinion, the pension fund accounts and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 2015 and of the amount and disposition of the fund's assets and liabilities as at that date; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014-15.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion, the information contained in the Explanatory Foreword is consistent with the accounting statements and related notes.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters, which I report to you, if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the accounting statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit;

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- the Annual Governance Statement contains material misstatements of fact or is inconsistent with other information I am aware of from my audit.

Certificate of completion of audit

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts of the City and County of Swansea in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

For and on behalf of
Huw Vaughan Thomas
Auditor General for Wales
24 Cathedral Road
Cardiff CF11 9LJ

29 September 2015

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1. Scope of Responsibility

- 1.1 The City and County of Swansea is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Authority also has a duty under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 1.2 In discharging this overall responsibility, the City and County of Swansea is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.
- 1.3 The City and County of Swansea has approved and adopted a Code of Corporate Governance, which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government'. A copy of the Code is on our website at <http://www.swansea.gov.uk/corporategovernance>. This statement explains how the Authority has complied with the Code.

2. The Purpose of the Governance Framework

- 2.1 The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the Authority is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Authority to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate services and value for money.
- 2.2 The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Authority's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood and potential impact of those risks being realised and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.
- 2.3 The governance framework has been in place at the City and County of Swansea throughout the year ended 31 March 2015 and up to the date of approval of the Statement of Accounts

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3. The Governance Framework

- 3.1 The CIPFA/SOLACE governance framework identifies the following 6 fundamental principles of corporate governance
- Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area
 - Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles
 - Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour
 - Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk
 - Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective
 - Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability
- 3.2 Council approved its Code of Corporate Governance on 19th June 2008 based on the 6 principles outlined above.
- 3.3 The key elements of the policies, systems and procedures that comprise the governance framework in the Council are shown below and linked to the 6 fundamental principles
- 3.4 Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area**
- The **Council** is made up of 72 councillors who are democratically accountable to residents and have an overriding duty to the whole community. Council decides overall policies and sets the annual budget as well as receiving reports from Scrutiny Boards, Cabinet Members and Officers.
 - The Council is required, under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, to put in place a system to publish a **Councillors Annual Report** in relation to their activities. A template report has been agreed by the Democratic Services Committee and all reports submitted by Councillors are published on the Council's website.
 - The forward looking **Corporate Plan** is produced under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and describes the Council's vision, priorities, values, principles and delivery. For each priority the Corporate Plan will identify
 - Why it is a priority?
 - What needs improving?
 - What we are going to do?

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- What difference our actions will make?
- How we will measure progress?
- An **Annual Performance Review** is undertaken which provides a review of the progress made by the Council in meeting the priorities, actions and targets as set out in the Corporate Plan.
- The Wales Audit Office undertakes a **Corporate Assessment** of the Council on a 4 yearly basis as well as an annual programme of improvement studies and an audit of the Council's approach to improvement planning and reporting.
- The Council publishes a **Single Integrated Plan** which is developed by the Local Service Board following a Single Needs Assessment and Consultation Exercise.
- A **Code of Corporate Governance** based on the CIPFA/SOLACE governance framework has been adopted by the Council.
- A **Business Planning Process** exists which aims to more clearly align previously disparate budget and planning processes, such as equalities, sustainability, risk and workforce planning into a 4 year planning cycle with an annual review. Each Head of Service must produce a Business Plan and an e-learning tool and Business Planning Toolkit is available to ensure consistency across the Council.
- A **Medium Term Financial Plan** is approved by Council each year which details the major funding assumptions for the period and proposes a strategy to maintain a balanced budget.

3.5 Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles

- A **Council Constitution** exists which sets out the framework and rules governing the Council's business described in 16 Articles. The Constitution also includes a Scheme of Delegation and a number of Rules of Procedure, Codes and Protocols as well as the Councillors' Allowances Scheme.
- A **Constitution Working Group** exists to review all aspects of the Council Constitution and to make appropriate recommendations for change.
- Separate **Codes of Conduct** exist in the Council Constitution for **Members and Officers** which describe the high standard of conduct expected of them. There is also a **Member/Officer Protocol** which guides the relationship between them to ensure the smooth running of the Council.
- The **Chief Executive**, as Head of the Paid Service, leads the Council's officers and chairs the Executive Board
- A new **Corporate Management Structure** was put in place during 2013/14 to deliver thematic and cross cutting working across the Council and across partnerships. The Executive Board, Directors'

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Group and Leadership Group were established from 01/09/13 with specific roles and project portfolios.

- The Head of Finance and Delivery is designated the Council's **S151 Officer** and is responsible for ensuring that appropriate advice is given on all financial matters, for keeping proper financial records and accounts and for maintaining an effective system of internal financial control.
- The Council's financial management arrangements during 2014/15 complied with the governance requirements of the **CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (2010)**.
- An **Audit Committee** exists to review and scrutinise the Council's financial affairs, review and assess the risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements, oversee the internal and external audit arrangements and review the financial statements. Council adopted new terms of reference for the Audit Committee on 17/06/14 which are in line with the CIPFA model terms of reference for Audit Committees. The Audit Committee provides an annual report to Council which identifies the assurance it has gained over control, risk management and governance
- The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement has been designated as the Council's **Monitoring Officer** and is responsible for investigating and reporting on any allegations of contraventions to any laws, policies, procedures, regulations or maladministration and breaches of the Council's Constitution
- The Council is the Administering Authority for the **City and County of Swansea Pension Fund** and is responsible for all issues relating to the governance of the Pension Fund. This role is exercised by the **Pension Fund Committee**.
- Council established a **Local Pension Board** on 03/03/15 in line with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015. The role of the Board is to assist the Administering Authority in its role of scheme manager.

3.6 Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour

- The Council has defined its **Values** as People Focus, Working Together and Innovation. A detailed description of each value and what it means to the Council is available on the Intranet.
- The **Standards Committee** made up of 4 councillors and 5 independent members promotes and maintains high standards of conduct by Councillors, assists Councillors to observe their Code of Conduct, monitors the operation of the Code and deals with breaches of

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- the Code of Conduct referred to them by the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales
- The **Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy** applies to all councillors and employees. It outlines the Council's commitment to preventing, discouraging, detecting and investigating fraud and corruption whether attempted on the Council or from within the Council. The Policy is available on the Council's internet and intranet websites.
- A **Corporate Complaints Policy** based on the Welsh Government Model for complaints handling is in place and can be accessed through the Council's website. The policy governs the investigation of complaints from members of the public including complaints about service provision. A Corporate Complaints Annual Report is presented to Cabinet each year.
- A **Whistle Blowing Policy** exists which encourages and enables employees to raise serious concerns without fear of harassment or victimisation. The Policy is available to all staff in the online Employee Handbook.
- The **Internal Audit Section** operates in accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve the Council's operations. It helps the Council accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes. A Corporate Fraud Team has been established under the Internal Audit Section with effect from 01/06/15 for an initial 2 year period. The Team is responsible for investigating all suspected cases of fraud, corruption and bribery across the Council.
- The Council has developed its **Information Management and Governance** arrangements with the aim of ensuring that information is managed as a corporate asset in a way that is efficient, effective, accessible, secure and compliant. An Information Management and ICT Strategy exists as well as a clear system of governance which includes specific roles and responsibilities for the Executive Board, Information Management and Technology Board, ICT Board, Information Management Board and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Working Groups.
- Progress has also been made on the **Security and Sharing of Information**. An Information Asset Register has been created that identifies all the Council's systems that hold information. Details of each system include the owner, business requirement, sharing protocols, licence renewal dates, access restrictions and associated risks. The Council has also improved communication and trained staff with regards to the importance of securing information and the process of reporting actual or suspected data breaches. The Council is part of the Government Connected Secure Extranet (GCSx) that encrypts emails that hold certain data and transmits them through a secure connection

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ensuring the information is only shared with the intended recipient. The Council has also signed up to the Welsh Accord and is now listed on the WASPI website as a participating organisation for sharing information. All information risks are identified and managed via the risk register.

3.7 Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk

- The **Decision Making** process is clearly set out in the Constitution along with the scheme of delegation and the terms of reference of Cabinet, Committees, Scrutiny Boards, Panels, Forums and Groups.
- The **Cabinet** (as Executive) is responsible for most day to day decisions and acts in line with the Council's overall policies and budget. Cabinet member portfolios were changed during 2014/15 following the election of a new Leader.
- A **Challenge Panel** consisting of 12 members considers any Cabinet decisions which have been 'called in' if the Presiding Member of the Council accepts that the call in is valid. The criteria used by the Presiding Member to decide on validity are tightly set and the Presiding Member receives appropriate advice from officers. The Challenge Panel considers whether the decision is a well founded and appropriate decision of Cabinet.
- All reports to Council and Cabinet must include paragraphs detailing the **Financial, Legal and Equality and Engagement Implications** of the report.
- The **Scrutiny Programme Committee** is responsible for developing the Council's Scrutiny Work Programme via a single workplan, holding Cabinet Members to account and providing challenge on specific themes. The Committee will set up informal **Scrutiny Panels and Working Groups** to undertake the detailed work of scrutiny and will appoint **Scrutiny Conveners** to chair the various Scrutiny Panels.
- The role of Scrutiny is to improve the performance of services, to provide an effective challenge to the Executive and to engage non-executive members in the development of policies, strategies and plans. A **Scrutiny Work Planning Conference** is held each year to choose topics for review and a **Scrutiny Annual Report** is presented to Council. The Annual Report is used to highlight the work carried out by scrutiny, show how scrutiny has made a difference and support continuous improvement for the scrutiny function.
- A **Corporate Risk Policy** is in place which describes how risk management is implemented in the Council to support the realisation of strategic objectives. A **Risk Management Framework** also exists which aims to help managers and members at all levels to apply risk management principles consistently across their areas of responsibility.

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- Corporate, Directorate and Service **Risk Registers** are in place to capture risks that could affect the Council's business. Risk Management is subject to regular review by the Audit Committee.

3.8 Develop the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective

- An e-learning **Corporate Induction Course** has been developed for all new employees. A wide range of training is also available to staff via the Learning Pool and directly delivered courses.
- Councillors are encouraged to complete a Training Needs Analysis which is used to develop a detailed **Councillors Training Programme** delivered on an annual basis. A review of the annual training programme is presented to the Democratic Services Committee.
- Regular **Cabinet and Executive Board Away Days** are held where thematic issues are discussed such as Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future, One Swansea Plan and poverty and prevention.
- An **Employee Performance Management Policy** exists and is available to all staff in the online Employee Handbook. The policy establishes a process which contributes to the effective management of individuals and teams in order to achieve high levels of organisational performance.
- Monthly **One to One meetings** are held involving the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chief Executive, Corporate Directors, Chief Officers, Heads of Service and 3rd tier staff as part of the performance management process.
- Each Corporate Director holds a monthly **Performance and Financial Monitoring** meeting where Chief Officers and Heads of Service report on progress in terms of continuous improvement and budgets
- The Council Constitution includes **Financial Procedure Rules** which govern the financial management of the Council.
- Financial Procedure Rules are supplemented by detailed **Accounting Instructions** which aid sound financial administration by setting out the principal controls and procedures to be followed by all departments for a range of functions. From time to time the Accounting Instructions are reviewed and ad hoc instructions may also be issued such as the current spending restrictions.
- The Council Constitution includes **Contract Procedure Rules** which govern the purchasing of goods and services and the letting of contracts with the aim of obtaining the best use of resources and value for money.

3.9 Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability

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- A **Consultation and Engagement Strategy** exists to ensure effective consultation and engagement with residents and partner organisations.
 - The Swansea Voices Panel has been replaced by **Residents Telephone Surveys** of 200 residents. The surveys are undertaken every 2 months and cover topics such as the Council's reputation and performance in key areas. Consultation has also taken place on the annual budget and *Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future* as well as service specific consultation run directly by services. There is also a ward representative role for each councillor.
 - The **Swansea Leader** newspaper is published every 2 months and delivered to every household in the area informing people about the Council's work and the progress it is making. An electronic version of the Swansea Leader is available on the Council's website.
 - A wealth of **Information for Stakeholders** is available on the Council website including agendas, which are published in advance of meetings and minutes of all Council, Cabinet, Committee and Scrutiny Board meetings. Citizens can attend meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees and Scrutiny Boards except where confidential or exempt information is likely to be disclosed and the meeting is therefore held in private. The Council website was re-launched in 2014/15 with the aim of being task orientated, easier to navigate and more concise.
 - Citizens also have the right to ask questions and time is set aside at each Council and Cabinet meeting for **Public Questions**.
 - **Financial Monitoring Reports** which monitor the revenue and capital budgets are produced on a quarterly basis and reported to Cabinet.
 - **Performance Monitoring Reports** are produced for Cabinet on a quarterly basis and an **Annual Performance Report** is also presented which allows performance to be reviewed and to inform executive decisions on resource allocation. The annual report also identifies any corrective action required to manage and improve performance and efficiency in delivering national and local priorities.
- 3.10 The Council's Annual Statement of Accounts identify that the Council has an interest in the companies shown below. The Annual General Meeting of the Council appoints councillors to sit on the Boards of the companies. The number of councillors appointed is shown against each company
- Swansea City Waste Disposal Co. Ltd (1 councillor)
 - Wales National Pool Swansea Ltd (3 councillors)
 - National Waterfront Museum Swansea Ltd (3 councillors)
 - Swansea Stadium Management Co. Ltd (2 councillors)
 - Bay Leisure Ltd (2 councillors)

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- 3.11 A number of methods are in place to monitor the activities and performance of the companies including councillor/officer steering groups, strategic and operational meetings and management groups.
- 3.12 A Business and Partnership Unit exists in Cultural Services to monitor the activities of externally funded partner providers and an Annual Report on Leisure Partnerships is presented to Council each year.

4. Review of Effectiveness

- 4.1 The City and County of Swansea has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the executive managers within the Authority who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the Chief Auditor's annual report, and also by comments made by the external auditor and other review agencies and inspectorates.
- 4.2 The processes for maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the governance framework within the Council include the following broad headings.

4.3 Internal Control Self-Assessment

- Each Head of Service has provided a signed **Senior Management Assurance Statement** for 2014/15 which provides assurance over the internal control, risk management and governance framework for their area of responsibility.

4.4 Internal Sources of Assurance

The following provide assurance based, partly, on reports covering 2013/14 as the reports for 2014/15 are not yet available. The 2014/15 reports will be reflected in the next Annual Governance Statement.

- The **Annual Performance Review 2013/14** was approved by Cabinet on 23/09/14. The report also included the Council's response to the proposals for improvement made by the Wales Audit Office in its Annual Improvement Report 2014.
- The **Standards Committee** met on 8 occasions during 2014/15 and the **Standards Committee Annual Report 2013/14** was presented to Council on 04/11/14.
- The **Corporate Complaints Policy** was in place throughout 2014/15 and the **Complaints Annual Report 2013/14** was presented to Cabinet

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on 23/09/14. The Annual Report highlighted a number of service improvements which had been introduced as a result of compliant investigations.

The following provides assurance based on reports covering 2014/15

- The forward looking **Corporate Plan 2015-17** '*Delivering for Swansea*' produced in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 was adopted by Council on 24/02/15. The Plan describes the Council's vision, 5 key priorities and 3 clear values.
- The One Swansea Plan and Delivery Framework 2014 '*Place, People, Challenges and Change*' was adopted by Council on 15/07/14 as the **Single Integrated Plan**. The Plan is the overarching strategic plan for Swansea and is closely aligned with the Corporate Plan. The Delivery Framework shows how the Plan will make a difference and helps to monitor, focus and coordinate activity.
- The **Audit Committee** met on 10 occasions during 2014/15 and followed a structured workplan which covered all areas of the Committee's responsibilities. The Committee includes a lay member as required by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. The lay member is also the Chair of the Committee. The Committee received the Internal Audit Annual Report 2013/14 as well as quarterly Internal Audit Monitoring Reports for 2014/15 showing progress against the Annual Internal Audit Plan.
- The **Audit Committee Annual Report 2014/15** was presented to Council on 27/08/15 and outlined the assurance the Committee had gained over control, risk management and governance from various sources over the course of 2014/15.
- The **Internal Audit Annual Report 2014/15** was reported to the Audit Committee on 18/08/15 and included the Chief Auditor's opinion that based on the audit reviews undertaken in 2014/15, Internal Audit can give reasonable assurance that the systems of internal control were operating adequately and effectively and that no significant weaknesses were identified.
- The **Scrutiny Programme Committee and Panels** met throughout 2014/15 and were supported by the Scrutiny Support Unit. The **Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15** was presented to Council on 23/07/15. The report highlighted the work carried out by Scrutiny, showed how Scrutiny had made a difference and supported continuous improvement for the Scrutiny function. The report also identified 6 improvement outcomes that will be addressed in 2015/16.
- The annual **Scrutiny Work Planning Conference 2015/16** was held on 08/06/15 and a report on the **Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16** was agreed by the Scrutiny Programme Committee on 13/07/15.
- The **Constitution Working Group** met once during 2014/15 to agree the suitability of the prospective Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor.

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- The **Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 – 2018/19** was approved by Council on 24/02/15. The Plan outlined the significant shortfall in funding faced by the Council over the period and the strategy to be adopted to address the shortfall.
- The **Corporate Risk Management Policy and Framework** has operated throughout 2014/15 and the Head of Finance and Delivery presented an annual review of Risk Management to the Audit Committee on 09/04/15.
- Each Corporate Director held monthly **Performance and Financial Monitoring** meetings where Chief Officers and Heads of Service reported on progress in terms of continuous improvement and budgets.
- Quarterly **Performance Monitoring Reports** were presented to Cabinet during 2014/15 and an **Annual Performance Monitoring Report 2014/15** was approved by Cabinet on 16/07/15.
- Quarterly **Financial Monitoring Reports** were presented to Cabinet throughout 2014/15. A **Mid Term Budget Statement** was also presented to Cabinet on 21/10/14 which set out the latest position with regard to the 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Budgets together with an initial assessment of the 2015/16 Revenue and Capital funding positions and an updated Medium Term Financial Plan.
- All reports presented to Cabinet and Council during 2014/15 had been reviewed by Finance, Legal and Access to Services staff and included the appropriate paragraphs detailing the **Financial, Legal and Equality and Engagement Implications** of the report.
- The **Pension Fund Committee** met on 6 occasions during 2014/15 and dealt with all issues relating to the governance of the Pension Fund.

4.5 External Sources of Assurance

- The Wales Audit Office undertook a **Corporate Assessment** of the Council in November 2014. The assessment sought to answer the question '*is the Council capable of delivering its priorities and improved outcome for citizens?*' The assessment report was presented to Council on 23/07/15 and concluded that '*the Council can demonstrate improvement across a range of key services and has developed a clear framework for managing future challenges*'. The report made the following proposals for improvement which will be addressed by the Council.
 - Implement planned changes to the reporting arrangements for the key corporate priorities and identify a smaller number of outcomes intended to ensure delivery of the Council's new priorities.
 - Ensure records of delegated decisions made by officers are accurately recorded.
 - Increase the pace of implementation of improvements to performance reporting arrangements to provide a balanced

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range of readily accessible information that assists decision making.

- Ensure service business plans consistently incorporate workforce and asset management requirements as expected in corporate guidance.
- The Council invited the WLGA to facilitate a **Peer Review** in September 2014. The Peer Review had 3 key areas of focus i.e. Delivery, Change and Governance which were felt to be critical to organisational development and delivery in challenging times. The Peer Review identified both areas of strength and areas for improvement and made 20 recommendations in its report. The Council has prepared an action plan to address the recommendations which was approved by Cabinet on 14/04/15
- The Appointed Auditor's **Annual Audit Letter** was sent to the Leader on 28/11/14 and presented to the Audit Committee on 15/01/15. The letter stated that '*The Council complied with its responsibilities relating to financial reporting and use of resources*'. The letter also stated that an unqualified audit opinion had been issued on the accounting statements confirming that they present a true and fair view of the Council's, Group's and Pension Fund's financial position and transactions.
- The **Wales Audit Office's Report of Deficiencies in Internal Controls 2013/14** was presented to the Audit Committee on 27/11/14. The report stated that no significant deficiencies in internal control had been identified. However, 19 recommendations were made regarding deficiencies identified although none were considered to be a significant risk. The report also identified that all 15 recommendations made in relation to 2012/13 had been implemented.
- PwC on behalf of the Wales Audit Office presented the **Audit of Accounting Statements – Report to Those Charged with Governance** for 2013/14 to Cabinet on 23/09/14. The report highlighted any significant issues to those charged with governance that needed to be considered prior to the approval of the financial statements.
- The Council is subject to **Statutory External Inspections** by various bodies including Wales Audit Office, ESTYN and CSSIW. ESTYN visited 20 educational establishments during 2014/15 with inspection reports being provided to the Governing Body. Work continued to implement the recommendations arising from ESTYN's Inspection Report 2013/14 and a report to Cabinet on 14/04/15 showed that good progress had been made implementing 2 recommendations but only limited progress on 3 recommendations. The report highlighted the further work that would be carried out to address the recommendations where only limited progress had been made. The CSSIW Performance Evaluation Report 2013/14 for Swansea concluded that '*The Council is making significant progress with its plans for transformational change within adult and children's services and has gained strong political and*

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corporate support for the changes being undertaken.' The report goes on to say '*there are strategic business plans in place for both adult and children's services which align to the council's single integrated plan.'*

- 4.6 The Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 08/05/14 appointed the required number of councillors to sit on the Boards of the companies included in the Council's Statement of Accounts. A number of changes were made to the Council's representatives on the various Boards at the Council meetings held on 30/09/14, 02/12/14 and 03/03/15.
- 4.7 The Annual Report on Leisure Partnerships for 2014/15 is due to be presented to Council in October 2015. The report will review the Wales National Pool Swansea, National Waterfront Museum Swansea, Liberty Stadium and the LC in detail and provide information on the monitoring arrangements in place.
- 4.8 We have been advised on the implications of the result of the review of the effectiveness of the governance framework and that the arrangements continue to be regarded as fit for purpose in accordance with the governance framework. The areas already addressed and those to be specifically addressed with new actions planned are outlined below.

5 Significant Governance Issues

- 5.1 The following table shows the significant governance issues which were identified during the review of effectiveness undertaken when preparing the Annual Governance Statement 2013/14 and the action taken during the year to address the issues

Issue	Proposed Action	Action Taken
Develop a rationalised set of priorities for the Council.	Develop a Corporate Plan with a reduced set of corporate priorities and performance indicators focussing on what matters to Swansea.	A rationalised set of priorities were included in the Corporate Plan 2015-17 <i>Delivering for Swansea</i> . The 5 priorities are <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding vulnerable people• Improving pupil attainment• Creating a vibrant and viable City and economy• Tackling poverty• Building sustainable communities

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Issue	Proposed Action	Action Taken
	Publish an annual review of performance where the Council sets out its view of its performance delivering its improvement priorities in a more accessible way e.g. case studies highlighting actual improvements.	The Annual Review of Performance 2013/14 was written in a way that was accessible to the general public, complied with statutory guidance and addressed the previous proposals for improvement made by the Wales Audit Office
Review of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance	The Code of Corporate Governance was approved by Council in June 2008 and it is proposed to review and update the Code.	Review postponed pending outcome of Corporate Governance Review being undertaken by Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement.

- 5.2 The following table identifies issues which have been raised during the review of effectiveness and the proposed action to be taken during 2015/16 to address the issues

Issue	Proposed Action
WLGA Peer Review Governance Issues – Corporate Governance Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal briefing of Cabinet members with emphasis on proactively engaging them in decisions rather than briefing them too late in the decision making process. 2. Clarify the role of Cabinet Advisory Committees in the Constitution. 3. Ensure that scrutiny is closely orientated towards the Council's top priorities. 	The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement is to undertake a 'whole system' review of how we make decisions, to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member decision making, including Cabinet Member delegation, briefings, role of CACs and impact of scrutiny • Officer decision making, including the requirement to consult • Legal, EIA, audit, HR etc. considerations • Programme management, including boards The review is focussed on the options available to allow the Council to move to a more agile, business like and quicker

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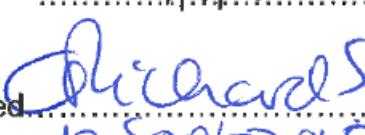
Issue	Proposed Action
4. Consider reducing the time that Cabinet has to respond to scrutiny recommendations	<p>approach to governance both at Member and Officer level.</p> <p>There are many aspects of the processes that reinforce an old, risk averse approach. A set of principles need to be agreed that underpin future decision making processes</p> <p>This review will pick up a wide range of specific actions, as well as current actions to clarify roles and responsibilities. Further work is likely to pick up wider aspects of corporate governance.</p>
WLGA Peer Review Governance Issues – Local Service Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LSB could develop a small number of priorities which partners commit resources to and tackle on a task and finish or rolling basis. 2. Communicate the role, purpose and activities of LSB to members looking to involve them in the work of the LSB including ward projects and local engagement or consultation. 	<p>‘Reinvent’ the Local Service Board or a ‘city partnership’ with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A smaller number of delivery focused priorities • A more radical approach to joint working and pooling of staff and resources • Greater engagement of Members in local projects <p>The Single Swansea Plan (SSP) has agreed priorities but there is a need to refocus efforts on delivery. The SSP is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>The opportunities around community budgets are significant, but will be subject to a willingness by all partners to give up some sovereignty and to work differently to achieve better outcomes.</p>

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- 5.3 We propose over the coming year to take steps to address the above matters to further enhance our governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review

Signed 
Date 17/9/15

Chief Executive

Signed 
Date 17 Sept 2015

Deputy Leader

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

We appreciate that the Statement of Accounts as presented contains a number of technical terms which may be unfamiliar to the lay reader. Wherever possible we have sought to minimise the use of technical terms but in some instances this has not been possible. The following section attempts to explain the meaning of some of those technical terms that are used in the Statements.

Accrual

Sums due to the Authority or payable to external organisations in the financial year irrespective of whether the cash has been received or paid.

Actuary

An actuary is a person who works out insurance and pension premiums, taking into account factors such as life expectancy.

Agency Services

Agency services are services provided for us by an outside organisation.

Amortised Cost

Amortised costs are used to spread the financial impact of depreciation or using an equivalent interest rate or the effect of a premium or discount over a number of years on the income and expenditure account.

Associate

An associate is an entity other than a subsidiary or joint venture in which the reporting authority has a participating interest and over whose operating and financial policies the reporting authority is able to exercise significant influence.

Audit

An audit is an independent examination of our activities.

Balance Sheet

This is a statement of our assets and liabilities at the date of the balance sheet.

Budget

A budget is a spending plan, usually for the following financial year.

Capital Adjustment Account

This Account represents timing differences between the amount of the historical cost of fixed assets that has been consumed by depreciation, impairment and disposals, and the amount that has been set aside to finance capital expenditure.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure is spending on fixed assets. These are assets which will be used for several years to provide services such as buildings, equipment and vehicles.

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Capital Receipts

Capital receipts are proceeds from the sale of fixed assets such as land or buildings.

Cash Equivalents

Cash Equivalents refer to short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash flow Statement

This is a statement that summarises the movement in cash during the year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

This balance sheet combines the assets, liabilities and other balances of all our departments, at our year end date.

Corporate and Democratic Costs

The corporate and democratic core comprises all activities which local authorities engage in specifically because they are elected, multi-purpose authorities. The costs of these activities are thus over and above those which would be incurred by a series of independent, single-purpose, nominated bodies managing the same services. There is therefore no logical basis for apportioning these costs to services.

Credit Risk

This is the risk of loss due to a debtors inability to make interest or principal repayments on a loan /investment.

Creditor

A creditor is someone we owed money to at the date of the balance sheet for work done, goods received or services rendered.

Current Assets

These are short-term assets which are available for us to use in the following accounting year.

Current Liabilities

These are short-term liabilities which are due for payment by us in the following accounting year.

Debtor

A debtor is someone who owed money to us at the date of the balance sheet.

Depreciation

Depreciation is the theoretical loss in value of assets, which we record, in our annual accounts.

Direct Labour Organisation or Direct Service Organisation (DLO or DSO)

This is our own organisation. It consists of workers we directly employ (including supervisory staff), accommodation, equipment and so on, used to carry out specified tasks for us.

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Earmarked Reserves

These are reserves we have set aside for a specific purpose.

Financial Year

This is the accounting period. For local authorities it starts on 1st April and finishes on 31st March in the following year.

Finance Leases

When we use finance leases, we take on most of the risks (and rewards) of owning the assets.

Fixed Asset

These are long-term assets we use (usually for more than one year).

Gilt Edged Stocks

These are investments in government or local authority stocks. They are regarded as risk-free.

Government Grants

Assistance by government and inter-government agencies and similar bodies, whether local, national or international, in form of cash or transfers of assets to an Authority in return for past or future compliance with certain conditions relating to the activities of the Authority.

Housing Revenue Account

This account contains all our housing income and spending.

Investments

A long-term investment is an investment that is intended to be held for use on a continuing basis in the activities of the Authority. Investments should be so classified only where an intention to hold the investment for the long term can clearly be demonstrated or where there are restrictions as to the investor's ability to dispose of the investment.

Joint Venture

A joint venture is an entity in which the reporting authority has an interest on a long-term basis and is jointly controlled by the reporting authority and one or more other entities under a contractual or other binding arrangement.

Leasing

This is a method of financing capital expenditure by paying the owner to use property or equipment for a number of years.

Liability

A liability is an amount payable at some time in the future.

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Liquidity Risk

This is the risk that investments cannot be readily turned into cash or realised because there is no ready market for the instrument or there are restrictive clauses in the agreement.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

This is the amount we have to set aside to repay loans.

National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

The NNDR, or Business Rate, is the charge occupiers of business premises pay to finance part of local authority spending. The NNDR is set by Government and is a percentage of the rateable values. The percentage is the same throughout Wales. The total collected is split between individual authorities in proportion to their adult populations.

Net Realisable Value

The selling price of the asset, reduced by the relevant cost of selling it.

Non Distributable Costs

These are costs that relate to past activity costs, such as the cost of redundant assets or information technology, or past service pension that cannot be allocated to services.

Operating leases

These are leases where risks (and rewards) of ownership of the asset remain with the owner.

Precepts

This is the amount we pay to a non-billing authority (for example a community council) so that it can cover its expenses (after allowing for its income).

Provision

A provision is an amount we set aside in our accounts for expected liabilities which we cannot measure accurately.

Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)

This is a Government agency which provides longer-term loans to local authorities. It charges interest rates only slightly higher than those at which Government itself can borrow.

Related party transactions

These are the transfer of assets or liabilities or the performance of services by, to or for a related party no matter whether a charge is made.

Reserves

These are sums set aside to meet future expenditure. They may be earmarked to fund specific expenditure or be held as general reserves to fund non specific future expenditure.

Revaluation Reserve

This reserve represents the difference between the revalued amount of fixed assets in the Balance Sheet and their depreciated historical cost.

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Revenue account

This is an account which records our day-to-day spending and income on items such as salaries and wages, running costs of services and the financing of capital expenditure.

Scheduled organisation

An organisation whose employees have an automatic right to be members of a pension fund.

Securities

These are investments such as stocks, share and bonds.

Stocks

Stocks are raw materials we purchased for day to day use. The value of those items we had not used at the date of the balance sheet is shown in current assets in the balance sheet.

Subsidiary

An entity is a subsidiary of the reporting authority if:

- the authority is able to exercise control over the operating and financial policies of the entity, and
- the authority is able to gain benefits from the entity or is exposed to the risk of potential arising from this control.

Temporary Borrowing or Investment

This is money we borrowed or invested for an initial period of less than one year.

Transfer value

This is the value of payments made between funds when contributors leave service with one employer and decide to take the value of their pension contributions to their new employer's fund.

Trust Funds

Trust funds hold an individual's or organisation's money on their behalf. Trustees administer the money for the owners.

Unit Trusts

These are investment companies which accept money from many different investors. The money is pooled and used to buy investments.

Venture Capital Units

These are investments we have made in businesses where there is a higher risk but where rewards are also likely to be higher, if the businesses are successful.

Work in Progress

Work in progress is the value of work done on an unfinished project at the date of the balance sheet and which has not yet been recharged to the appropriate revenue account.