

summary 2004-2005 of accounts



This special summary of the council's accounts tells you where the council spent its money in 2004-2005 on services ranging from education to highways and transport.

Please note, these summary accounts relate to the financial year before the council elections in May 2005, and not to the current period under the direction of the newly-elected council.

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What we spent, where the money came from and capital expenditure

What we spent
This table shows the net cost of running council services between April 2004 and March 2005 and where the money came from to finance those costs.

	<i>Net expenditure</i> (£'000)
Education services	79,467
Social services	38,695
Cultural and planning	25,994
Highways and transport	9,158
Fire services	6,825
Housing services	3,912
Corporate services	6,660
Court services	639
	171,350
Additions to balances	3,787
Less: other operating costs and income	(16,725)
	158,412

Where the money came from	
Local council tax payers	56,748
Government revenue support grant	62,658
Business rates	38,984
	158,390

Net revenue deficit for the year	22
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Capital expenditure
Capital expenditure generally represents money invested by the council on buying, upgrading and improving assets such as roads and buildings.

The council and its stakeholders expect to receive a benefit from capital expenditure over a long period of time.
During 2004/2005 we spent money on providing new assets and improving existing assets, as detailed in the following table.
The expenditure was financed from a combination of borrowing supported by the government, grants and receipts from the sale of assets.

	(£'000)
Education services	9,785
Highways and transport	6,920
Social services	1,026
Fire services	74
Housing services	1,434
Coast protection	3,011
Other services	5,362
	27,612

This was financed by	
Increase in long term loans	13,784
Capital grants and contributions	12,665
Income from sale of land and buildings	1,163
	27,612

During 2004-2005, the council...

- Provided a new meals on wheels service.
- Brought 41 empty properties back into use.
- Achieved development and delivery programmes for Ryde, Sandown Bay and West Wight regeneration areas.
- Created a fully operational children's services directorate.
- Reduced the number of burglaries on the Island in partnership with the police.
- Encouraged 200,000 more people to use buses.
- Achieved a combined waste recycling and composting result of 35 per cent of household waste, which is one of the best in the country.

In a typical year, the council...

- Educates 19,060 pupils.
- Supports 110 adults with a learning disability to live at home.
- Supports 930 elderly people in residential/nursing care homes.
- Supports 790 elderly people to live in their own homes.
- Looks after 110 kilometres of coastline, 792 kilometres of roads and pavements, and 827 kilometres of public rights of way
- Looks after 11,750 street lights and 2,250 illuminated traffic signs and street furniture.
- Deals with 1,610 fire incidents and call outs.
- Deals with 80,000 tonnes of household waste.

Balance sheet – what the council owns and what is owed

The balance sheet shows the end of year financial position for the council as a whole. It provides details of the financial value of land, buildings, roads and other assets owned by the council, and the value of borrowings and other amounts owed.

	(£'000)
Capital assets	286,678
Stocks	593
Cash in bank and investments	46,640
Money owed to the council	13,647
Money owed by the council	(24,423)
Long term borrowing	(142,308)
Pensions and other liabilities	(141,456)
	39,371
Total assets less total liabilities	39,371
This was financed by	
Earmarked reserves	31,494
Capital and accounting reserves	5,822
General fund balance	2,055
	39,371
Total reserves and balances	39,371

Capital assets include land and buildings, highways' infrastructure, vehicles plant and equipment, and community assets. The largest part of the balance sheet value is in land and buildings, of which schools represent the highest amount.

Earmarked reserves represent funds held by the council for specific purposes. They include unspent allocations of budget held by schools, as well as money for insurance and risk management and to support future capital investment. Such reserves are held to meet future liabilities or spending commitments, as well as promoting good financial management by allowing a degree of flexibility between years. As part of its 2005/2006 budget, the council plans to spend £7 million on the opening balance to fund service improvements.

General balances are required to provide adequate funds year on year to meet any unforeseen calls on the council's available resources. The council has estimated that the minimum amount necessary to meet such financial risks is £2 million, and the general fund balance has consistently been held at that level for a number of years. The balance is relatively low as a percentage of net operating expenditure when compared with other similar councils, so financial risks need to be predicted and managed effectively to avoid significant calls on that resource.

Cash flow summary and local government pension fund

This summarises the total inflows and outflows of cash arising from transactions with third parties, and includes both revenue and capital transactions.

	(£'000)
Net borrowing on 1 April 2004	(88,829)
Cash in	280,163
Cash out	(291,561)
Net borrowing at 31 March 2005	(100,227)
	(11,398)

whom separate pension arrangements are made. At 31 March 2005 there were 4,570 contributors to the fund and 2,373 pensioners and dependants.

	(£'000)
Opening net assets at 1 April 2004	166,418
Net income received from fund members	223
Net return on investments	20,666
Closing net assets at 31 March 2005	187,307

Net assets statement at 31 March 2005	
Value of investments	182,698
Cash in hand	3,687
Money owed to the fund	1,428
Money owed by the fund	(506)
Total net assets	187,307

Isle of Wight Council local government pension fund
The council is responsible for administering a pension fund covering staff employed by the council and 16 other bodies. The fund includes local authority employees on the Isle of Wight, except teachers and firefighters for

Questionnaire

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