

# Statement of Accounts 2018/19

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# **NARRATIVE REPORT**

Bolsover District Council covers an area of 62 square miles with a population of 75,800 people. It operates alongside Derbyshire County Council in providing local authority services to our residents. District Council services provided include: planning; housing; street cleansing; environmental health; leisure; economic development; elections and benefits. The Council has just under 500 employees. This report outlines how the District Council has served our community during the 2018/19 financial year, covering both our service delivery and financial performance. Whilst the main emphasis is on the previous financial year (2018/19), the report also considers the ability of the Council to continue to provide sustainable services which meet local needs, and outlines how we work in partnership to enhance the prosperity of the communities we serve. With respect to our service delivery, a key partnership is the Strategic Alliance with North East Derbyshire District Council which commenced in April 2011 leading to progressively greater integration of service delivery between the two authorities.

This report is intended to provide a short summary of the Council's activities. Further information is available via the Council's website, or in other formats by request.

#### The Council's Performance and Outcomes for Local Residents

The emphasis of the Statement of Accounts which follow this narrative report is upon the financial performance of the Council. Our financial performance however, needs to be considered in conjunction with our ability as a Council to provide a sustainable comprehensive range of value for money services that meet both our statutory obligations and the needs of our area. This narrative seeks to outline some of the services and projects which the Council has delivered during the course of 2018/19, linking these to our strategic objectives and plans for the future.

The Council's vision for the district is to enhance and improve the wealth profile, well-being and quality of life for the communities of Bolsover District.

The Council has four strategic aims designed to deliver this vision through priorities that cover the life of the Corporate Plan (2015-2019). In order to better understand how the Council has performed during the course of the current financial year, the table below sets out headline progress against the Council's agreed Strategic Aims and Priorities. This is the last year of the Corporate Plan 2015-19 and excellent progress has been made against this plan with most targets being achieved. Some of the targets will roll over into 2019/20 and this period will be used to develop our new corporate plan following local elections. The successful achievement of the Council's agreed priorities and targets is key to ensuring effective service delivery to local residents, whilst providing a sustainable future for the Council itself as an organisation. The Council prepares detailed reports concerning the performance against the Corporate Plan on a quarterly basis.

A summary of progress against the Corporate Plan is provided below:

Strategic aim / * Priorities	Progress against key targets						
Unlocking our growth potential							
	Business growth (as measured by gross NNDR) has						
	* increased by £5,217,083 over the corporate plan						
	period.						

* Supporting enterprise	The Council is using a range of approaches to ensure effective partnership with the private sector. During the corporate plan period over 142 businesses have been engaged with and supported. 22 businesses have been awarded a grant from the Bolsover Business Growth Fund, creating 25.4 full-time equivalent jobs to date. 68.82 full-time equivalent jobs have been created through LEADER funding.
Strategic aim / * Priorities	Progress against key targets
Unlocking development potential	The Council continues to work with partners to bring  * forward priority employment sites at Markham Vale, Shirebrook and the former Coalite site.
* Enabling housing growth	88 council properties have been built during the corporate plan period. Over the same period the * Council received £991,206 in New Homes Bonus grant.  In 2018/19 100% of major planning applications were * completed within the statutory timeframe.
Providing our customers with excellent services	
Increasing customer confidence and satisfaction  * with our services	Customer satisfaction levels are good across a range of Council services with scores over 80% for Contact  * Centres and Leisure Services. The Customer Service Excellence standard has been retained following a successful annual inspection April 2018.
Improving customer contact and access to  * information	The Council provides 4 contact centres, supported by telephony and internet access to services. The webchat facility continues to be popular and online transactions continue to grow. Bolsover TV has been launched which provides information in an innovative way and encourages investment in the district.
* Promoting equality and diversity	A new single equality scheme for the period 2019-2023 has been produced and an evaluation document published for the 2015-2019 scheme. The *Council has produced Transgender guidance for its staff in leisure services and continues to promote reporting of hate incidents.
Supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people	During 2018/19 the Council received 232 approaches from people seeking assistance of which 156 (67%) were prevented from becoming homeless. Processing times for new Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claims were quicker than the target. Very good levels of satisfaction continue to be recorded for parenting and domestic violence support given to clients.

Providing good quality council housing where  * people choose to live	55 council properties have been built during 2018/19 as part of the Council's b@home scheme. This * brings the total to 88 during the corporate plan period. 300 disability adaptations have been made to the housing stock.
Supporting our communities to be healthier, safer,	
Improving health and well-being by contributing to  the delivery of Healthy Bolsover priorities	The referral team has seen 764 clients at a number of different locations including Go Active @ The Arc,  * Shirebrook Leisure Centre and Welbeck Road Doctors Surgery.  9,223 hours of positive activity through community
* Increasing participation in sport and leisure activities	based culture and leisure engagement per year. Over
Strategic aim / * Priorities	Progress against key targets
Working with partners to reduce crime and anti- * social behaviour (ASB)	In 2018/19 we supported a total of 13 events with partners. We continue to deliver our Building  * Resilience programme with partners and are performing well against all strands of activity.
* Increasing recycling	We are predicting a recycling and composting rate of 40% for 2018/19 (Target 49% by March 2019).
Developing attractive neighbourhoods	Four town centre action plans have been developed.
Ensuring a high standard of environmental  * maintenance and cleanliness	97.5% of streets surveyed for litter cleanliness and 99.5% of streets surveyed for dog fouling, achieved   * their required targets. In addition 15 initiatives were undertaken targeting dog fouling, littering or fly tipping.
Transforming our organisation	
* Supporting and engaging with employees	* We have launched a new transformation programme which employees form an integral part of.  The Council has modernised its asset base over the last 5 years and is minimising costs by securing high
* Making the best use of our assets	* Council has made very good progress in converting the use of its garage sites with 38 sites in various stages of conversion.  The Council has appropriate Governance
* Demonstrating good governance	The Council has appropriate Governance  * /management arrangements in place to ensure accountability and value for money. In 2017/18 the Derbyshire Business Rates pool, of
Ensuring financial sustainability and increasing  * revenue streams	which we are a member, was successful in its 100%  * Business Rates pilot bid for 2018/19. This ensures more business rates income is retained locally.
Transforming services through the use of technology	In 2018/19 a total of 2,350 online transactions were carried out with 1,556 residents now having online accounts. Webchat continues to be popular and the Council has recently launched Bolsover TV to provide information, promote the district and encourage investment.

- \* Actively engaging with partners to benefit our community
- Maximising opportunities with North East

  \* Derbyshire District Council through the Strategic

Alliance

- The Council actively engages with the private sector, other public agencies and local groups in order to optimise the impact of partner activity on our local community.
- The Council continues to work in partnership to secure cost effective services through the Strategic Alliance.

While the above table is invariably a 'snapshot' which cannot fully cover the range of Council activities and outcomes, I take the view that it is consistent with a conclusion that during 2018/19 the Council provided a wide range of value for money services to local residents. It is particularly pleasing to note that we have made continued progress in addressing both our Economic Growth and Transformation agendas and in progressing the aims of our Corporate Plan. These actions are key to developing income streams to support Council services, to helping secure the wider economic prosperity of the District, to providing cost effective and efficient services and to offering residents a range of accessible customer focussed services. Alongside its responsibility for the direct provision of a range of services the District Council recognises the role of a wide range of other organisations in promoting the well being of our community. Accordingly it works with a range of partners to ensure that residents benefit from good services from a wide range of public sector providers. Our performance management arrangements mean we are well placed to identify and address areas of concern before they escalate into matters which could undermine service delivery.

On the basis of successful progress against the Corporate Plan, I am of the view that the Council can continue to successfully deliver against its Strategic Aims and Priorities over 2019/20 when a new plan will be developed and published. It is particularly pleasing to note that the Council has over the past year, made good progress in delivering a number of key projects. These include working with partners to progress the regeneration of the former Coalite works, a key site adjacent to the M1 Motorway. Attendances at our Go!Active leisure facility at Clowne have exceeded targets. We work closely with both the D2N2 and Sheffield City Region and have good partnership working with both the private sector and other public agencies. With respect to our housing service, we have now completed 88 properties, with a further 15 planned. We have also achieved our targets for optimising business growth (as measured by gross NNDR) and new homes bonus grant, and created over 90 full-time equivalent jobs through our Business Growth Fund and support for LEADER approach.

As part of the Performance Management Framework we systematically collect details of complaints and compliments. This information allows us to address any specific issues that have arisen and also to better understand where services are in need of improvement. We have in place a formal Customer Service Code of Practice and Standards and have been accredited for Customer Service Excellence for a number of years. On the basis of the information collected by the Council, our services including housing, the contact centres and leisure, receive good satisfaction ratings.

The longer term sustainability of both our service delivery and the Council's financial position are protected by Corporate, Service and Financial Plans which cover a four year period. These are supported by a Risk Management Framework which identifies and mitigates the Strategic and Operational risks which could hinder or prevent our plans being achieved. Although the Council can do much to manage the risks it faces, it does need to be recognised that some of the major Strategic Risks are only partially within its direct influence. Key Strategic Risks include:

- The requirement to adapt to legislative change which may require an enhanced range of services, may reduce the financial resources available to the Council, or may impact on our ability to provide services which meet local needs.
- In common with the wider public sector we are required to manage the ongoing impact of the austerity agenda. These pressures need to be carefully managed to mitigate the impact on service provision, to ensure we balance the budget and to maintain effective governance and internal control arrangements.
- Our ability to attract and retain the staff required to operate an effective Council.

- The direct or indirect impact of wider factors such as economic recession upon local communities, the loss of a major employer, or an Emergency Plan / Business continuity / Cyber Crime issue.
- The implementation of Brexit continues to create uncertainties concerning national economic conditions, legislative change and whether European Union funding streams will be replaced.
- HS2 will have a significant impact on the visual amenity of the district, disruption to businesses, home owners and communities without considerable environmental mitigation measures.

To facilitate the effective identification of risk there is an embedded culture of risk management in place across the Council. This will help mitigate the threat that those risks which materialise will prevent the achievement of Strategic Aims / Priorities or Key Targets.

#### **Financial Performance**

#### **General Fund**

The Council's main revenue account is known as the General Fund which includes the cost of all services with the exception of Council Housing. The General Fund budget is supported by the council tax which for 2018/19 was increased by 2.99%. This resulted in a Band D Council Tax charge of £171.17 in respect of services provided by Bolsover District Council.

During the year the Council continued with its focus on achieving economic growth and business transformation as the most appropriate mechanisms for securing the financial savings required by the austerity agenda, whilst protecting the level of services delivered to local residents. In particular:

- Efficiencies generated by the Council during the year through robust financial management have helped offset the impact of continued reductions in Government funding.
- The Business Rates retention scheme and the membership of the Derbyshire Business Rates Pool has secured additional income from being part of the Derbyshire Business Rates Pilot for 2018/19. This was for one year only and future income remains subject to fluctuation and brings with it a higher level of risk.
- The Council's new Transformation Plan was launched with the vision of the Transformation Plan to be a self-sustaining Council, delivering excellent services to the community, when and how they want them. A Transformation Governance Group was established to manage, monitor and review ideas being generated.
- As part of the Transformation Plan, departments have continued to review how they deliver services, reengineering processes and procedures in order to generate efficiency savings.
- Further joint working arrangements have been agreed between Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council often in response to opportunities arising from the vacancy management process.
- A vacancy management process has been maintained throughout the year accompanied by careful management of all non-employee costs.

A combination of the above actions and effective budget monitoring, endorsed by both Elected Members and employees, has enabled savings to be identified and secured, whilst protecting both services to the public and our internal control arrangements. By the close of the financial year the Council had increased the contribution to the Transformation Reserve by £1.804m. Although this represents a significant financial gain it does need to be recognised that much of the benefit arose from 'one off' savings, rather than from a reduction in the underlying level of expenditure. However, this enhancement in the level of balances is a major achievement given that the Council is facing a savings target of £4.4m in the period to March 2023.

As detailed below, the net cost of services outturn position of £7.866m was £1.320m lower than the budget forecast:

	Current Budget	Outturn	Variance
	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
	£000	£000	£000
People Directorate	5,913	4,913	(1,000)
Place Directorate	3,273	2,953	(320)
Net Cost of Services	9,186	7,866	(1,320)

The actual net cost of services shown above links to the net expenditure chargeable to the General Fund Balance in the Expenditure and Funding Analysis Note. The Expenditure and Funding Analysis Note provides a link between the funding basis that is reported for management decision making and the statutory accounting basis as reported in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The accounts that follow this Narrative Report provide further detail concerning the Council's financial performance during the previous financial year. With respect to financial balances the key thing to note is that General Fund balances remain at an amount of £2m which is a realistic level. These are supplemented by a further amount of £7.517m held in the Transformation Reserve. While much of this reserve is already committed to new projects, both the committed sums together with the unallocated balance are available to support initiatives which secure a reduction in the Council's underlying level of revenue expenditure. This level of balances puts the Council in a good position to fund Transformation Plan projects, which deliver income growth or cost savings, both of which will be necessary to meet the savings target of £4.4m identified over the period of the current Medium Term Financial Plan.

## The Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The Housing Revenue Account is a legally separate account which ring-fences the income from council house rents. Rental income is then used to meet the costs of managing and maintaining the Council's housing stock, including the significant burden of debt (current balance £87.562m) which was assigned to the Council as part of the localisation of the HRA in March 2012. The Council continues to operate in accordance with the Government rent criteria which required an average decrease in rents to our tenants of 1% for 2018/19.

During 2018/19 the HRA cost of service was £0.385m below the approved budget. The slightly more than budgeted surplus of £0.071m was transferred into the HRA balances at the year end leaving the HRA balance as at 31 March 2019 one of £2m. In addition the Council transferred £0.314m into the HRA New Build Reserve. The HRA has other capital balances totalling £18.921m much of which are committed to funding schemes within the currently approved Capital Programme. This is considered a realistic level of balances in view of the risks facing the HRA.

	Current Budget	Outturn	Variance
	2018/19 £000	2018/19 £000	2018/19 £000
Housing Revenue Account	10,608	10,223	(385)
Net Cost of Services	10,608	10,223	(385)

# Capital expenditure and resources

The Council has invested £16.579m on capital schemes in the year. This covers expenditure in relation to the Housing Revenue Account (£13.862m), private sector housing improvement works (£0.529m) and General Fund Capital Expenditure (£2.188m).

The main capital schemes delivered in 2018/19 by the Council were:

- New Council House building under the B@home Programme £5.449m
- Continuation of the New Bolsover Regeneration programme £5.084m.
- Investment in improving the Council's housing stock of £2.878m
- Private Sector Disabled Facilities Grants of £0.529m
- Investment in new technology and software £0.542m
- Loan to Dragonfly £1.174m

The capital programme was fully funded in the year utilising prudential borrowing (£4.022m), grants and other contributions (£3.076m) major repairs allowance (£7.183m), reserves and revenue contributions (£0.825m), and usable capital receipts from asset sales (£1.473m).

## **Treasury Management**

At 31 March 2019, the Council had a total capital financing requirement (Council debt) of £115.790m. This is a net increase in the year of £3.343m. This reflects prudential borrowing undertaken in the year, offset by debt repayment. The Council's debt is funded from the Public Works Loan Board (P.W.L.B.), with no new loans raised during the year and no principal repayment made to the PWLB. The Council has a general policy of not utilising leased assets to fund capital purchases. During the year the Council continued to operate within the limits agreed in its Treasury Management Strategy.

#### **Assets**

The last full valuation was undertaken as at 1st April 2018, however, an annual desk top review by the Council of all the assets it holds is undertaken to ensure that the figures appearing in the accounts are up to date. This exercise ensures that the Statement of Accounts reflects the correct valuation of all the assets held by the Council. Adjustments are made within the Accounts to reflect these changes in asset values, but these accounting adjustments have no impact on the charges to our Council Tax payers or our housing tenants.

During 2018/19, the Council continued with the refurbishment of Bolsover Model Village to reflect its heritage status and to provide houses which meet the decent homes standard on a mixed tenure estate. A further 58 new properties have been constructed as part of the B@Home Programme at a cost of £5.449m. The properties are in Bolsover, Pinxton, Shirebrook and South Normanton.

During the year the Council sold 42 houses under the Right to Buy legislation.

#### **Reserves and Balances**

The Council holds usable reserves and balances totalling £42.489m. These include general reserves of £4m (General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances outlined earlier). Additionally, the Council has £4.357m that relates to unapplied revenue and capital grants, earmarked general fund revenue reserves of £13.518m, earmarked HRA reserves of £14.093m, capital receipts reserve of £1.250m and £5.271m major repairs reserve at 31 March 2019.

### **Collection Fund**

**Business Rates** 

In 2018/19, £27.795m of Business Rates income was received. The one year Business Rates Pilot means after taking account of appropriate charges to the collection fund, the balance is apportioned between BDC (50%), Derbyshire County Council (49%) and Derbyshire Fire Authority (1%). During the year £25.720m was paid on account to the above parties with £0.354m being paid from the collection fund for previous years' surplus's. The Business Rates Pilot means at 31 March 2019 there is a net deficit of £0.253m. This is a surplus from the Pilot of £3.396 and the Council's share of this is £1.698m. The balance of the pool brought forward is a deficit of £3.648, the Council's share of this is £1.459m. Both of these amounts will be settled with the various parties in 2019/20 and 2020/21. The Council's net share is a surplus of £0.239m.

#### Council Tax

In 2018/19 £39.463m of Council Tax income was raised. After taking account of appropriate charges to the collection fund, the balance £39.208m is shared between the precepting authorities. During the year £39.501m was precepted on the collection fund which has left a deficit in the year of £0.293m. The in year deficit was offset by a small surplus b/fwd, leaving a deficit balance on the fund at 31 March 2019 of £0.253m. This deficit will be reclaimed from the precepting authorities during 2019/20 and 2020/21. This Council's share of the deficit is £0.040m.

#### **Pension Fund Reserve**

The Council's position with regard to the pension fund administered on its behalf by Derbyshire County Council is that liabilities have increased by £16.515m with an increase in the fair value of assets of £5.002m. The net movement is an increase in the liability of the fund of £11.513m. The pension liability of the Council is £51.366m at 31 March 2019.

## **Management Arrangements**

The Strategic Alliance Management Team restructure was completed in February 2018 which reduced the number of directorates the Council operates with, from three to two. Management reporting for decision making during 2017/18 was on the three directorates basis so it was agreed to produce the statement of accounts on the three directorates basis.

From April 2018 management reporting has been on two directorates and the statement of accounts has been produced on this basis. For comparative purposes it has been necessary during 2018/19 to restate the figures for 2017/18 from three directorates to two. No changes to figures were made only the split between directorates changed.

The restated figures are shown in: the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement; the Expenditure and Funding Analysis note; Note 7 the note to the Expenditure and Funding Analysis and Note 1 Accounting Policies ad) segmental analysis.

As from 1 April 2019, the post of Head of Finance and Resources at the Council is vacant. The Council has designated the Chief Accountant to be the Section 151 officer on a temporary basis until the role is filled on a permanent basis.

With respect to the role of Chief Financial Officer the revised arrangements remain fully compliant with good practice as set out in CIPFA's Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (2016). The Council's Chief Accountant is professionally qualified, is a full member of the Senior Management Team and is supported by appropriately qualified and experienced staff.

#### **Outlook**

In line with good practice the Council plans its finances over the Medium Term (five years). The Council regularly reviews its spending plans in the light of changing priorities, external factors and projected financial forecasts to ensure that they remain robust and sustainable over the longer term. The Council is mindful that the continued austerity programme together with legislative changes and changes due to Brexit, may have a significant impact upon its financial position in 2019/20 and future years.

While the Council faces significant financial challenges over the next five years, we have a good track record of delivering efficiencies, an experienced and well qualified management team, robust governance arrangements and a workforce committed to delivering good quality services. These key assets together with a combination of economic growth, service transformation, supported by a reasonable level of financial reserves to fund investment in service reconfiguration mean that the Council is well placed to meet these challenges. These are key factors which support my view that the Council can continue to perform effectively, whilst ensuring that it maintains a balanced budget.

# General Fund

When setting its budget in February 2019, the Council had a surplus of £0.083m for the next financial year but a shortfall of £0.975m in respect of 2020/21, £1.560m for 2021/22 rising to an estimated shortfall of £2.2m by 2022/23 at the end of the current planning period. As the first step to balancing its budget for future years the Council agreed to a Council Tax increase of 2.99%, generating additional revenue of £0.112m. A range of other potential savings have been identified and the Transformation Governance Group are currently in the process of developing the identified options. Officers do not anticipate any significant issues in resolving the budget shortfall in respect of the current financial year, however it is crucial that the savings target is met by underlying reductions in the level of expenditure. The detailed plans include the following:

- Seek to secure the increased income associated with increases in the number of homes and business premises operating in the District.
- Continued participation in the Derbyshire Business Rates Pool that will see all Derbyshire authorities benefit from growth within the County without having to passport part of this increase in income to the Government. This will enable the Council to retain a higher proportion of its Business Rates.
- The Council embarked on a Transformation Programme (A programme for change) in April 2018. The plan focusses on three key areas; income generation, cost reduction and service re-design. The financial target for the plan is to achieve annual revenue savings/efficiencies of £1m by the end of 2020/21. By the end of 2019/20, with the savings and efficiencies already made along with those projects in the pipeline identified to date, the Council anticipates savings/efficiencies achieved to have reached £0.4m.
- The Council has a well established Transformation Agenda and further secondments and joint working arrangements through the Strategic Alliance will continue to be explored to secure further efficiencies.
- Continue with vacancy management arrangements to ensure that appropriate use is made of 'natural wastage' as a means to ensure the necessary level of financial savings.

## **Housing Revenue Account**

The Council continues to operate its HRA within the context of a 30 year business plan which shows the Council's housing operation to be sustainable over that period. The Council is working to ensure that its properties continue to meet the Decent Homes standard and provide affordable accommodation with a secure tenure which meets the housing needs of local residents. As part of this programme the Council is seeking both to maintain a high standard of housing services, whilst investing in maintaining and refurbishing existing stock.

#### Capital Programme

With respect to the Capital Programme, the key schemes will include the loan to the Joint Venture - Dragonfly. With regard to the HRA, it is anticipated that in 2019/20 £2.6m will be spent on the B@Home Programme of new build Council housing. It is planned to spend a further £5.598m on upgrading and refurbishing Council properties during 2019/20.

#### Summary

While 2018/19 has seen a continued impact from both the austerity agenda and legislative change, there is a clear awareness throughout the Council of the issues that local government is facing. A strong and effective culture of financial and performance management across the authority is in place which it is anticipated will enable us to deliver both a balanced budget together with a reduction in the underlying level of expenditure whilst maintaining standards of service. We will continue to work to ensure that this progress is maintained in 2019/20 and future years against the background of a continued challenging financial environment for local government. As a Council we are determined to work with and to meet the needs and expectations of local residents, our tenants and our key partners.

Finally, we realise the value of closing our accounts promptly to provide up to date financial information on which to base our future plans. It needs, however, to be recognised that preparing these accounts becomes increasingly complex every year as the requirements of good accounting practice continue to grow more stringent. The staff involved in this process, deserve credit for ensuring that these financial statements have been produced in a timely and professional manner. The Council has successfully prepared its accounts for audit by 17 May 2019 in line with the statutory deadline. Early closure provides the finance team with the opportunity to move on more quickly from accounts closure to work with colleagues to address the need to maintain service levels, promote economic growth and manage transformation to ensure our future financial sustainability.

Theresa Fletcher
Chief Accountant

# Introduction to the Statements

The accounting statements that follow detail the Council's performance and have been prepared under the 2018/19 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. The accounts are separated into various sections and these can be summarised as follows:

- The Movement in Reserves Statement this statement shows the movement from the start of the year to the end on the different reserves held by the Council, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other 'unusable reserves'. The Statement shows how the movements in year of the Council's reserves are broken down between gains and losses incurred in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and the statutory adjustments required to return to the amounts chargeable to council tax or rents for the year. The Net Increase/Decrease line shows the statutory General Fund Balance and Housing Revenue Account Balance movements in the year following those adjustments.
- The Expenditure and Funding Analysis (this is not a primary statement). This shows council tax and rent payers how the funding available to the Council (government grants, rents, council tax and business rates) for the year has been used in providing services in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by authorities in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Council's directorates. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement this 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 or rents. Authorities raise taxation and rents to cover expenditure in accordance with statutory requirements; this may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in both the Expenditure and Funding Analysis and the Movement in Reserves Statement.
- The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Council. The net assets of the Council (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Council. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category of reserves are usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the Council may use to fund 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 Council is not able to use to fund 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 of Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

- The Cash Flow Statement (Indirect Method) shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Council during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Council 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 Council are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the Council. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources which are intended to contribute to the Council'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 Council.
- 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 regulations; this may be different from the accounting cost. The increase or decrease in the year, on the basis of which the rents are raised, is shown in the Movement on the HRA Statement.
- **The Collection Fund** is an agent's statement that reflects the statutory obligation for billing authorities to maintain a separate Collection Fund. The statement shows the transactions of the billing authority in relation to the collection from taxpayers of Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) and its distribution to local government bodies and the Government.

The Council has a statutory obligation to operate a Collection Fund as a separate account to the General Fund. The purpose of the Collection Fund therefore, is to isolate the income and expenditure relating to Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates. The administrative costs associated with the collection process are charged to the General Fund.

The accounts are supported by the following items:

- Statement of Responsibilities
- Statement of Accounting Policies
- Notes to the Accounts
- Annual Governance Statement

# STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

## The Council's Responsibilities

The Council is required:

- to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Council, that officer is the Head of Finance and Resources.
- to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- to approve the Statement of Accounts

# The Head of Finance and Resources' Responsibilities

The Head of Finance and Resources is responsible for the preparation of the Council's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Head of Finance and Resources 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 Head of Finance and Resources has also:

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

I certify that the Statement of Accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council at 31 March 2019 and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Theresa Fletcher, ACMA Chief Accountant

Date:

The post of Head of Finance and Resources is currently vacant so for the 2018/19 accounts this will be signed by the acting S151 officer, the Chief Accountant.

# **MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT**

		General Fund Balance £000	Housing Revenue Account £000	Capital Receipts Reserve £000	Major Repairs Reserve £000	Earmarked Revenue Grants Unapplied £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	Total Usable Reserves £000	Unusable Reserves £000	Total Council Reserves £000
Balance at	31 March 2017	(10,612)	(3,368)	(2,064)	(8,787)	(1,390)	(1,930)	(28,151)	(68,148)	(96,299)
Movement in rese	erves during 2017/18									
Total Comprehens	ive Income and Expenditure	1,680	6,539	0	0	0	0	8,219	(8,204)	15
Adjustments from income and expenditure charged under the accounting basis to the funding basis (Note 9)		(3,131)	(17,925)	945	1,250	(525)	(372)	(19,758)	19,758	0
(Increase) / Decrease in 2017-18		(1,451)	(11,386)	945	1,250	(525)	(372)	(11,539)	11,554	15
Balance at 31 March 2018		(12,063)	(14,754)	(1,119)	(7,537)	(1,915)	(2,302)	(39,690)	(56,594)	(96,284)
Movement in rese	erves during 2018/19									
Total Comprehens	ive Income and Expenditure	(4,556)	11,708	0	0	0	0	7,152	(15,642)	(8,490)
Adjustments from income and expenditure charged under the accounting basis to the funding basis (Note 9)		1,101	(13,046)	(131)	2,266	(165)	25	(9,950)	9,950	0
(Increase) / Decre	ase in 2018-19	(3,455)	(1,338)	(131)	2,266	(165)	25	(2,798)	(5,692)	(8,490)
Balance at	31 March 2019	(15,518)	(16,092)	(1,250)	(5,271)	(2,080)	(2,277)	(42,488)	(62,286)	(104,774)

# **EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS NOTE**

2017/18 Restated	2017/18 Restated	2017/18 Restated		2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund and HRA Balances	Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis (Note 7)	Net Expenditure in Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund and HRA Balances	Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis (Note 7)	Net Expenditure in Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
5,758	1,981	7,739	People Directorate (Note 1 ad)	4,913	2,185	7,098
(10,182)	11,447	1,265	Place Directorate - HRA	(10,223)	14,567	4,344
3,842	663	4,505	Place Directorate (Note 1 ad)	2,953	1,278	4,231
(582)	14,091	13,509	Net Cost of Services	(2,357)	18,030	15,673
(12,255)	6,965	(5,290)	Other income and expenditure	(2,437)	(6,084)	(8,521)
(12,837)	21,056	8,219	(Surplus) or Deficit	(4,794)	11,946	7,152
		(13,980)	Opening General Fund and HRA Balance	(26,817)		
		(12,837)	Plus Surplus/ less Deficit on General Fund and HRA balance in year	(4,794)		
		(26,817)	Closing General Fund and HRA Balance	(31,611)		

# COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

2017/18 Restated	2017/18 Restated	2017/18 Restated			2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
Gross Expenditure £000	Gross Income £000	Net Expenditure £000		NOTE	Gross Expenditure £000	Gross Income £000	Net Expenditure £000
33,248	(25,509)	7,739	People Directorate (Note 1 ad)		31,719	(24,621)	7,098
6,816	(2,311)	4,505	Place Directorate (Note 1 ad)		6,493	(2,262)	4,231
23,610	(22,345)	1,265	Place Directorate (HRA)		26,324	(21,980)	4,344
63,674	(50,165)	13,509	Cost of All Services		64,536	(48,863)	15,673
			Other Operating Expenditure				
2,873		2,873	Local Council Precepts		3,017		3,017
453		453	Payment to the Housing Capital Receipts Pool		453		453
835		835	Net Loss/(Gain) on the disposal of non- current assets		2,427		2,427
			Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure				
3,683		3,683	External interest payable and similar charges	<u>14</u>	3,888		3,888
1,074		1,074	Pensions interest cost and expected return on pensions assets	<u>39</u>	1,102		1,102
	(209)	(209)	Interest and investment income	<u>14</u>		(411)	(411)
	85	85	Movement in fair value of investment properties	<u>12</u>		(297)	(297)
495	(737)	(242)	Investment Properties Income and Expenditure	<u>12</u>	539	(740)	(201)
		0	Impairment Loss/(Profit) on Financial Instruments	<u>14</u>	36		36
133	(219)	(86)	(Surpluses)/Deficit on Trading Activities	<u>28</u>	149	(197)	(48)
			Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income and Expenditure				
	(6,108)	(6,108)	Council Tax Income			(6,402)	(6,402)
	(3,198)	(3,198)	Non-domestic Rates Income and Expenditure			(8,265)	(8,265)
	(3,764)	(3,764)	Non-ringfenced Government Grants	<u>33</u>		(2,047)	(2,047)
	(686)	(686)	Capital Grants and Contributions	<u>33</u>		(1,773)	(1,773)
73,220	(65,001)	8,219	(Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services		76,147	(68,995)	7,152
		(4,941)	(Surplus) or deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets	<u>23</u>			(23,969)
		(3,263)	Remeasurement of net defined benefit/liability	<u>39</u>			8,358
		0	(Surplus)/deficit on revaluation of financial assets (Available for Sale)	<u>14</u>			(31)
		(8,204)	Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure				(15,642)
		15	Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure				(8,490)

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2019

	31 March 2019			
31 March 2018			31 March 2019	31 March 2019
£000		NOTE	£000	£000
	Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>11</u>		
176,155	Council Dwellings		196,071	
18,517	Other Land and Buildings		19,479	
	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment		2,991	
	Infrastructure		107	
	Community Assets		786	
•	Assets Under Construction		388	224 246
	Surplus Assets Not Held for Sale	10	1,394	221,216 5,993
	Investment Property	<u>12</u>		657
	Intangible Assets	<u>13</u>		1,427
	Long Term Investments Long Term Debtors	<u>14</u> <u>14</u>		1,427
	Total Long Term Assets	<u>14</u>	-	229,357
	-			229,331
•	Short Term Investments	<u>14</u>	29,557	
	Assets Held for Sale (PPE) Inventories	14 19 15 17	75 80	
	Short Term Debtors	15 17	6,216	
· ·	Cash and Cash Equivalents	18	5,469	
39,734	Total Current Assets		•	41,397
(806)	Short Term Borrowing	<u>14</u>	(3,803)	
	Short Term Creditors	<u>20</u>	(8,416)	
(7,470)	Total Current Liabilities			(12,219)
	Long Term Creditors	<u>14</u>	(46)	
	Provisions	<u>21</u>	(2,127)	
	Long Term Borrowing Pensions Liability	14 21 14 39 33	(99,100) (51,366)	
` ,	Revenue Grants & Contributions Receipts in Advance	<u>33</u>	(1,121)	
(146,347)	Total Long Term Liabilities	<del></del>	` '-	(153,760)
96,285	Net Assets		- -	104,775
(2 000)	General Fund Balance	MIRS	(2,000)	
, ,	Earmarked Reserves	MIRS	(27,611)	
, ,	Housing Revenue Account Balance	<u>MIRS</u>	(2,000)	
, ,	Capital Receipts Reserve	MIRS	(1,250)	
, ,	Capital Grants Unapplied Revenue Grants Unapplied (Earmarked)	MIRS MIRS	(2,277) (2,080)	
	Major Repairs Reserve	46	(5,271)	
	Usable Reserves		(-, ,	(42,489)
-	Revaluation Reserve	<u>23</u>	(78,450)	, , ,
_	Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve	23 14 23 23 23 23 23	0	
, ,	Capital Adjustment Account	<u>23</u>	(35,006)	
	Deferred Capital Receipts Pension Reserve	<u>23</u> 23	(64) 51,366	
•	Collection Fund Adjustment Account	23	(205)	
	Accumulated Absences Account	<u>23</u>	73	
(56,595)	Unusable Reserves		<u>-</u>	(62,286)
(96,285)	Total Reserves		<u>.</u>	(104,775)

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2019

<b>2017/18</b> <b>£000</b> 8,219	Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	NOTE	<b>2018/19</b> <b>£000</b> 7,152
(21,312)	Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements	<u>24</u>	(21,433)
4,407	Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	<u>24</u>	5,108
(8,686)	Net cash flows from Operating Activities		(9,173)
265 4,122	Investing Activities Financing Activities	<u>25</u> <u>26</u>	10,111 233
(4,299)	Net increase or (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	_	1,171
(2,341)	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		(6,640)
(6,640)	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>18</u>	(5,469)

# 1 Accounting Policies

## **Notes to the Core Financial Statements**

# a) General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2018/19 financial year and its position at the year end of 31st March 2019. The Council is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, which require them to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily consist of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/19, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

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

The Council does not have any transactions that are reclassifiable to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services. As such we have not grouped the items in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure into amounts that may be reclassifiable and amounts that are not.

# b) Accounting Concepts

The concepts used in selecting and applying the most appropriate policies and estimation techniques are as follows:

- The qualitative characteristics of financial information relevance, reliability, comparability and understanding;
- Materiality (all major transactions and events are included);
- The accounting concepts of accruals, going concern and the primacy of legislative requirements.

#### c) Accruals of Income and Expenditure

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

- Revenue from contracts with service recipients, whether for services or the provision of goods, is recognised when (or as) the goods or services are transferred to the service recipient in accordance with the performance obligations in the contract. An exception to this principle is planning fee income. This is included in the year it is received without an adjustment for a proportion of applications where the final decision is given in the new year, based on the grounds of materiality.
- Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed where there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet;
- Expenses in relation to services received (including services provided by employees) are recorded as expenditure when the services are received rather than when payments are made.

- Interest receivable on investments and payable on borrowings is accounted for respectively as income and expenditure on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract;
- Where revenue or 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.

An exception to this principle relates to electricity and other similar periodic payments which are charged at the date of meter reading rather than being apportioned between financial years. Rental income from HRA dwellings is included without an adjustment for the over lap between financial years on the grounds of materiality. This policy is consistently applied each year and therefore does not have a material effect on the year's accounts.

Income and expenditure are credited and debited to the relevant service revenue account unless they properly represent capital receipts or capital expenditure.

Grant claims are submitted on an actual basis wherever possible. However if the information required is not available then a best estimate basis is adopted.

# d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

The Council has a number of Call accounts to meet short-term cash flow requirements where no notice is required to access funds.

Call accounts held to make a gain from favourable rates of interest are classed as investments and not cash equivalents. This also applies to Money Market Funds and fixed term investments.

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

# e) 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 fixed assets attributable to the service.

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

The Council's policy for the calculation of the statutory provision for the repayment of debt is determined each year by the Council. The Council has decided that for 2018/19 the outstanding general fund debt prior to 1 April 2007 will be repaid at a rate of 4% of outstanding debt per year until the debt is extinguished. Any prudential borrowing for the General Fund incurred after 1 April 2007 is repaid based on the life of the asset concerned.

# f) Collection Fund

Billing authorities act as agents, collecting council tax and non-domestic rates (NDR) on behalf of the major preceptors (including government for NDR) and, as principals, collecting council tax and NDR for themselves. Billing authorities are required by statute to maintain a separate fund (the Collection Fund) for the collection and distribution of amounts due in respect of council tax and NDR. Under the legislative framework for the Collection Fund, billing authorities, major preceptors and central government share proportionately the risks and rewards that the amount of council tax and NDR collected could be less or more than predicted.

# **Accounting for Council Tax and NDR**

The council tax and NDR income included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) is the Council's share of accrued income for the year. However, regulations determine the amount of council tax and NDR that must be included in the authority's General Fund. Therefore, the difference between the income included in the CIES and the amount required by regulation to be credited to the General Fund is taken to the Collection Fund Adjustment Account and included as a reconciling item in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The Balance Sheet includes the Council's share of the end of year balances in respect of council tax and NDR relating to arrears, impairment allowances for doubtful debts, overpayments and prepayments and appeals.

All debtor balances for the above that are past due are impaired because payments due under the statutory arrangements have not been made (fixed or determinable payments). The asset is written down and a charge made to the Collection Fund. The impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the revised future cash flows.

# **Non-Domestic Rates Appeal**

The Council will commission each year, an independent assessment at 31 March of the outstanding appeals lodged with the Valuation Office Agency (VOA). The assessment will review every individual appeal and estimate the likelihood of the appeal succeeding based on the category of appeal and previous appeal determinations.

# g) Contingent Assets

A contingent asset arises where an event has taken place that gives the Council 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 Council. Contingent assets are not recognised in the accounting statements; they are disclosed by way of a note to the accounts where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefit or service potential.

# h) Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability arises where an event has taken place that gives the Council 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 Council. 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 accounting statements; they are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

# i) 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 salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits (e.g. cars) for current employees and are recognised as an expense in the year in which employees render service to the Council. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlements earned by employees but not taken before the year-end but which can be carried forward into the next financial year. The accrual is made at the salary rates applicable in the following accounting year, as this is the period in which the employee takes the benefit. The accrual is charged to the relevant service area of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement but then is reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement so that the annual leave is charged to revenue in the financial year in which the annual leave occurs.

#### **Termination Benefits**

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Council to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date, or an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy in exchange for those benefits and are charged on an accruals basis to the appropriate service or, where applicable, to the Non Distributed Costs line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement at the earlier of when the Council can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits or when the Council recognises costs for a restructuring.

Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Council to the Pension Fund or pensioner in year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement appropriations are required to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for pension enhancement termination benefits and replace them with accrued debits for the cash paid to the Pension Fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year end.

# **Post Employment Benefits**

Employees of the Council are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is administered by Derbyshire County Council on behalf of Bolsover District Council. The scheme provides defined benefits to members (lump sums and pensions) earned as employees working for the Council.

#### The Local Government Pension Scheme

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

- The liabilities of the Derbyshire County Council pension fund attributable to the Council 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 projected earnings for current employees.
- Liabilities are measured using the projected unit method and discounted at the balance sheet date rate of return on high quality corporate bonds of equivalent term to the liabilities. The discount rate is the weighted average of 'spot yields' on AA rated corporate bonds.

The change in the net pension 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. This is 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. These costs are debited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs.
- Interest Cost the expected increase in the present value of liabilities during the year as they move one year closer to being paid. The cost is debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- · 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 debited to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- Contributions Paid to the County Pension Fund cash paid as employer's contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities. These are not accounted for as an expense.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Council to the pension fund or directly to pensioners in the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, this means that there are 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 therefore 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 Council has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

# j) Events After the Reporting Period

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 impact.

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

#### k) Exceptional Items

Exceptional items are included in the cost of the service to which they relate or on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement if that degree of prominence is necessary in order to give a fair presentation of the accounts. An adequate description of each exceptional item is given within the notes to the accounts.

#### I) 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 and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment.

Changes in accounting policies are only made when required by proper accounting practices or the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions, other events and conditions on the Council's financial position or financial performance. Where a change is made, it is applied retrospectively by adjusting the 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 period.

# m) Financial Instruments

The Council is required to recognise, measure, present and disclose information about any financial instruments. A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Typical financial assets include bank deposits, trade receivables and other receivables, loans receivable and advances. Typical financial liabilities include trade payables and other payables, borrowings and financial guarantees. Non-exchange transactions, such as those relating to taxes and government grants, do not give rise to financial instruments.

#### **Financial Liabilities**

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and are carried at their amortised cost. Annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. For most of the borrowings that the Council has, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal repayable (plus accrued interest). Interest charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable for the year according to the loan agreement.

#### **Financial Assets**

Financial assets are classified based on a classification and measurement approach that reflects the business model for holding the financial assets and their cash flow characteristics.

There are three main classes of financial assets measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), and
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

The Council's business model is to hold investments to collect contractual cash flows. Financial assets are therefore classified as amortised cost, except for those whose contractual payments are not solely payment of principal and interest.

#### **Financial Assets Measured at Amortised Cost**

Financial assets measured at amortised cost are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value. They are subsequently measured at their amortised cost. Annual credits to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest receivable are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. For most of the financial assets held by the Council, 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.

When loans are made at less than market rates (a soft loan), 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 organisation, 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.

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

## **Expected Credit Loss Model**

The Council recognises expected credit losses on all of its financial assets held at amortised cost, either on a 12-month or lifetime basis. The expected credit loss model also applies to lease receivables and contract assets.

Impairment losses are calculated to reflect the expectation that the future cash flows might not take place because the borrower could default on their obligations. Credit risk plays a crucial part in assessing losses. Where risk has increased significantly since an instrument was initially recognised, losses are assessed on a lifetime basis. Where risk has not increased significantly or remains low, losses are assessed on the basis of 12-month expected losses.

A simplified approach can be used for certain financial assets under which impairment losses are automatically based on lifetime expected credit losses, removing the need to consider changes in credit risk since initial recognition and the possibility that the appropriate measure should be 12-month expected credit losses. The Council uses the simplified approach for trade receivables (debtors) held by the Council.

The Council is not allowed to recognise a loss allowance for expected credit loss where the counterparty for a financial asset is central government or a local authority (including parish) for which relevant statutory provisions prevent default.

# Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Financial assets that are measured as FVPL are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured and carried at fair value. Fair value gains and losses are recognised as they arise in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services.

The fair value measurements of the financial assets are based on the following techniques:

- instruments with quoted market prices the market price.
- other instruments with fixed and determinable payments discounted cash flow analysis.
- equity shares with no quoted market prices an estimate based on what the Council would receive if it redeemed the shares.

The inputs to the measurement techniques are categorised in accordance with the following three levels:

- Level 1 inputs quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that the Council can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs unobservable inputs for the asset.

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

#### n) Government Grants and Contributions

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

- The Council will comply with the conditions attached to the payments; and
- The grants or contributions will be received.

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

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

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

# o) Heritage Assets

Heritage assets are a distinct class of asset which are reported separately from property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

There is a de-minimis level of £10,000 applied to Heritage Assets in line with the accounting policy on Property, Plant and Equipment. The Heritage Assets held by the Council are currently below the de-minimis level.

## p) Intangible Assets

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

Internally generated assets are capitalised where it is demonstrable that the project is technically feasible and is intended to be completed (with adequate resources being available) and the Council will be able to generate future economic benefits or deliver service potential by being able to sell or use the asset. Expenditure is capitalised where it can be measured reliably as attributable to the asset and is restricted to that incurred during the development phase (research expenditure cannot be capitalised).

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. Amounts are only re-valued where the fair value of the assets held by the Council can be determined by reference to an active market. In practice no intangible asset, held by the Council meets this criterion and they are therefore carried at amortised cost.

The depreciable amount of an intangible asset is amortised over its useful life to the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Each intangible asset is tested for impairment each year to see if there is an indication that the asset may 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 from the disposal of an intangible fixed asset is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

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

# q) Interests in Companies and Other Entities

The Council has no material interests in any companies or other entities that have the nature of subsidiaries, associates or jointly controlled entities that would require it to prepare group accounts.

However, the Council has a joint venture in Dragonfly Developments Limited. This is being accounted for as a fair value through profit and loss financial asset. Group accounts are not being prepared based on materiality.

# r) Jointly Controlled Operations and Jointly Controlled Assets

Jointly controlled operations are activities undertaken by the Council in conjunction with other operators that involve the use of assets and resources of the operators rather than the establishment of a separate entity. The Council 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 share of expenditure it incurs and the share of income it earns from the operation.

Jointly controlled assets are items of property, plant or equipment that are jointly controlled by the Council and other operators, with the assets being used to obtain benefit for the operators. The joint venture does not involve the establishment of a separate entity. The Council 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.

The Council has the following jointly controlled operations:

Internal Audit Services - with North East Derbyshire District Council and Chesterfield Borough Council

ICT Services - with North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council

Environmental Health Services - with North East Derbyshire District Council as part of the Strategic Alliance

The Council has jointly controlled assets with Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council regarding the operation of a crematorium. The Council holds a share of the joint crematorium committee. The Council's share of the crematorium's assets and income and expenditure for 2018/19 is 15%, (2017/18 15%). On the basis of materiality, Bolsover District Council does not include any figures for the joint crematorium within the Statement of Accounts.

# s) Inventories

Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

# t) Investment Property

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

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value, being the price that would be received to sell such an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. As a non-financial asset, investment properties are measured at highest and best use. Properties are not depreciated but are revalued annually according to market conditions at the year end. Gains and losses on revaluation are posted to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The same treatment is applied to gains and losses on disposal.

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

#### u) 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 (The Council). All other leases are classified as operating leases.

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

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

#### The Council as Lessee

#### **Finance Leases**

Property, plant and equipment held under finance leases are recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease inception. The asset recognised is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

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

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

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

#### **Operating Leases**

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

#### The Council as Lessor

#### **Finance Leases**

Where the Council grants a finance lease over a property, 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 is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. A gain, representing the Council's net investment in the lease, is credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal, matched by a lease (long-term debtor) asset in the Balance Sheet.

Lease rentals receivable are apportioned between:

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

The gain credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on disposal is not permitted by statute to increase the General Fund balance and is required to be treated as a capital receipt.

The Council currently has no finance leases for property where this policy applies.

# **Operating Leases**

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

# v) Overheads and Support Services

The costs of overheads and support services are charged to directorates in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in accordance with the Council's arrangements for accountability and financial performance.

#### w) Property, Plant and Equipment

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of good 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 Council and the cost of the item can be reliably measured. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential (e.g. repairs and maintenance) is charged as an expense when it is incurred. A general de-minimis limit of £10,000 is applied to non-current assets.

#### Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising purchase price and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

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

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

Donated assets are initially measured at fair value. The difference between fair value and any consideration paid is credited to the Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, unless the donated asset has been made conditionally. Until all conditions are met the gain is held in the Donated Assets Account. Gains that are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are reversed out of the General Fund balance to the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

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

- Infrastructure, community assets and assets under construction historic cost;
- Dwellings current value, determined using the basis of existing use value for social housing;
- Surplus assets fair value, estimated at highest and best use from a market participant's perspective;
- All other assets current value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use.

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

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

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at current value are re-valued where there have been material changes in the value, but as a minimum every five years. Valuations are undertaken by a professionally qualified valuer.

Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains.

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

- Where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the value 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 in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

The Revaluation Reserve contains gains recognised since 1 April 2007, 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. If there is an indication of impairment, and it is deemed material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the impairment loss.

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

- Where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the value 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 subsequently reversed, the reversal is credited to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

#### **Depreciation**

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

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

Land: Not depreciated;

- Buildings: Straight-line allocation over the life of the property;
- Vehicles, plant and equipment: Straight line allocation over the life of the asset;
- Infrastructure: Straight-line allocation over life of asset;
- Council dwellings: Straight-line allocation over the life of the property;
- Community assets (subject to exceptions): Not depreciated.

Items of property, plant and equipment are not depreciated until they become available for use (i.e. when the asset is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management). Depreciation ceases at the earlier of the date that items of property, plant and equipment are classified as held for sale and the date they are derecognised.

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

Where an item of Property, Plant and Equipment has major components whose costs are significant in relation to the total cost of the item, the components are depreciated separately. The Council deems "significant" to be 25% or more of the total cost of the asset. The Council also applies the following de minimis levels with regard to component accounting.

Components are not separately identified where:

- The useful life of the asset is less than 10 years
- The depreciation charge based on the life of the component would differ from that for the total asset by less than £10,000.
- The component life must be materially different to the main asset to be treated as a component.

For grouped assets such as Council Dwellings a practical level of componentisation has been applied which links to the work programmes carried out within the capital programme. An appropriate component life has been assigned to each of these components.

#### **Disposals and Non-current Assets Held for Sale**

When it becomes probable that an asset is to be sold it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale. The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Where there is a subsequent decrease to the fair value less costs to sell, the loss is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Gains in fair value are recognised only up to the amount of any previous recognised losses in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

To be classified as held for sale an asset must meet the following criteria:

- The asset must be available for immediate sale in its present condition subject to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such assets;
- The sale must be highly probable, the appropriate level of management must be committed to a plan to sell the asset and an active programme to locate a buyer and complete the plan must have been initiated:
- The asset must be actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current value:
- The sale should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year of the date of classification and action required to complete the plan should indicate that it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or that the plan will be withdrawn.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classed 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 assets held for sale. They are adjusted for depreciation, amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale.

Assets that are abandoned or scrapped are not classified as Assets Held for Sale.

When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset on the Balance Sheet is written off to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as part of the gain or loss on the sale of assets. Receipts from disposals are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for disposals, in excess of £10,000 are treated as capital receipts. A proportion of Housing receipts is payable to central government. The balance of receipts is credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve and can only be used for new capital investment or set aside to reduce the Council's underlying need to borrow. Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The gain or loss on the sale of assets is not a charge against Council Tax. Amounts are appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

#### x) Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

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

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

#### y) Reserves

The Council sets aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by transferring 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 relevant 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 transferred back into the General Fund balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement so that there is no net charge against Council Tax for the expenditure.

Certain reserves are kept to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, financial instruments, local taxation and retirement and employee benefits and do not represent usable resources for the Council.

#### z) 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 line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Where the Council has determined to meet the cost of this expenditure from existing capital resources or by borrowing, a transfer in the Movement in Reserves Statement from the General Fund balance to the Capital Adjustment Account then reverses out the amount charged so there is no impact on the level of Council Tax.

#### aa) Value Added Tax (VAT)

VAT payable is included as an expense only to the extent that it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income. Where the Council is unable to recover VAT it is charged to the appropriate service.

#### ab) Foreign Currency Translation

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

#### ac) Fair Value Measurement

The Council measures some of its non-financial assets such as surplus assets and investment properties and some of its financial instruments at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- in the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The Council measures the fair value of an asset or liability using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

When measuring the fair value of a non-financial asset, the Council takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Council uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Inputs to the valuation techniques in respect of assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the Council's financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1 quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Council can access at the measurement date
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

#### ad) Segmental Analysis

The Council operates with two directorates. All services of the Council fall into one of these directorates. The main service areas within each directorate are as follows:

People - Chief Executive (50%); Partnership team; Legal; Governance and Elections and Scrutiny; Procurement; Finance; Revenues and Benefits; Audit (client); Streetscene; ICT (client); Customer Services; Improvement Team; Leisure; Human Resources; Health and Safety; Payroll.

Place - Chief Executive (50%); Economic Development; Housing Strategy; Planning; Environmental Health; Community Safety; Housing Revenue Account; Property and Estates; Emergency Planning.

### 2 Accounting Standards Issued, Not Yet Adopted

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) requires the disclosure of information relating to the expected impact of the accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted. This applies to the adoption of the following new or amended standards within the 2018/19 Code:

- IFRS 16 Leases will bring most leases on-balance sheet for lessees from 2019.
- IAS 40 Investment Property: Transfers of Investment Property provides further explanation of the instances in which a property can be reclassified as investment property.
- IFRIC 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration clarifies the treatment of payments in a foreign currency made in advance of obtaining or delivering services or goods.
- IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments provides additional guidance on income tax treatment where there is uncertainty.

The Council does not anticipate that the above amendments will have a material impact on the information provided in the financial statements.

# 3 Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

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

- There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government. Bolsover District Council is undertaking an ongoing review of its provision of services in response to known and likely future funding reductions. However, the Council has determined that this uncertainty is not yet sufficient to provide an indication that the assets of the Council might be impaired if it were necessary to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision.
- The Council has determined the impairment of its financial assets based on a range of factors including aged debt profiling of its debtors, including benefit overpayments, council tax and NDR.
- An exercise is undertaken to assess whether capital expenditure incurred enhances an asset. A further judgement is then made as to whether there is a consequent requirement to derecognise any existing value of any component of the asset. For Council Dwellings the Council derecognises a component when the expenditure exceeds 75% of the carrying value of the component. Expenditure on components below this value is impaired through the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

# 4 Assumptions Made About the Future and Other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

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

The items in the Council's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2019 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions
	The Council's assets are reviewed for impairment on an annual basis by the Council's Senior Valuer. The impairment review considers the overall market conditions as well as any impairment relating to loss of economic benefit.	Council. Impairment charges are reflected in the Accounts but are reversed through the Movement in
Property, plant and equipment	Assets are depreciated over useful lives that are dependent on assumptions about the level of repairs and maintenance that will be incurred in relation to individual assets.	buildings, including council dwellings, would increase by £965,016 for every
Pensions liability	changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension	The effects on the net pensions liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. For instance, a 0.5% decrease in the Real Discount Rate would result in an approximate 10% increase to Employer Liability resulting in an approximate monetary increase of
Arrears	At 31 March 2019, the Council had a sundry debtor balance of £587,698 rents of £1,167,932, overpaid housing benefits of £1,853,148, non-domestic rates of £159,971 and council tax of £397,701. A review of impairment allowances has been undertaken based on the age of the debt, and a total allowance for impairment of £2,316,764 has been made in the Accounts.	would be reflected in the current years budgets as an increase or decrease in the provision requirements. Any change in the budgeted provision would impact on reserve balances. If collection rates were to deteriorate, an additional

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions
Non-domestic rates appeal, provision	The Council has made a provision in the Collection Fund of £3,897,361 for refunding ratepayers who having made an appeal against the rateable value of their property on the rating list, who achieve a successful outcome. The appeal information relates to values going back a number of years. It is not known what the knock-on effect of successful appeals for neighbouring businesses may be.	If appeal outcomes were considerably different to the independent assessment received, the Collection Fund would be charged with the difference. The extra cost would then be shared out amongst the major preceptors, Central Government and the Council based on their relative share. The Council's share is 50% of the provision (£1,948,681) which is held in the balance sheet.
Fair value measurements	judgements typically include considerations such as uncertainty and	The Council uses the discounted cash flow (DCF) model to measure the fair value of some of its investment properties and financial assets. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement include management assumptions regarding rent growth, vacancy levels (for investment properties) and discount rates - adjusted for regional factors (for both investment properties and some financial assets). Significant changes in any of the unobservable inputs would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement for the investment properties and financial assets.

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions
the European Union: asset values and	There is a high level of uncertainty about the implications of Britain leaving the European Union. At the current time there are three possible scenarios: a no deal Brexit, an agreement with a transition period and an extension to EU membership of unknown length. It is not possible to predict which path will be taken and whether asset values and the discount rate will consequently change. The assumption has been made that this will not significantly impair the Council's assets or change the discount rate.	Higher impairment allowances may need to be charged in the future if asset values fall. If the discount rate changes, the size of the net pension liability will also vary.

## 5 Material Items of Income and Expense

### 2018/19

Remeasurement of net defined benefit/liability. The results for the Local Government Pension Scheme for 2018/19 showed a worsened balance sheet position with a net increase in the scheme liability of £11.5m. This is largely as a result of the value of corporate bond yields being lower than 31 March 2018 which serves to increase the value on the schemes obligations. The net cost on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is £8.4m. As detailed in note 39 this cost is not to be met by council tax payers due to accounting regulations.

Surplus or deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment. The £24m surplus is mainly due to the Council dwellings increase on the annual revaluation being posted to the revaluation reserve as there remains no previous impairment to reverse. £10m has been debited to the HRA as a revaluation decrease of dwellings as no balance is available in the revaluation reserve for the assets.

Net loss on the disposal of non-current assets. Expenditure has been incurred on enhancing Council dwelling components where the expenditure has exceeded 75% of the carrying value. The value of £2.4m has therefore been derecognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Non-domestic rates income and expenditure. In 2017/18 the collection fund deficit of £1.3m was included. In 2018/19 the equivalent figure is a surplus of £1.7m, meaning a £3m increase over the previous year. 2018/19 also includes an extra £2m of income due to the Business Rates Pilot.

# 2017/18

Surplus or deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment. The £4.9m surplus is mainly due to the Council dwellings increase on the annual revaluation. This has been recognised in the revaluation reserve as there remains no previous impairment to reverse. £6.8m has been debited to the HRA as a revaluation decrease of dwellings. This is due in part to immediately writing down the cost of building 26 new Council properties to the East Midlands social housing factor of 42%. The remainder of the charge is derecognition of components within the Council dwellings as new components are added.

# 6 Events After the Balance Sheet Date

The Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by the Chief Accountant 29 July 2019. Events taking place after this date are not reflected in the financial statements or notes. Where events taking place before this date provided information about conditions existing at 31 March 2019, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information.

# 7 Note to the Expenditure and Funding Analysis

This note provides a reconciliation of the main adjustments to Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund and HRA balances to arrive at the amounts in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The relevant transfers between reserves are explained in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

2018/19

Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis

Adjustments from General Fund to arrive at the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement amounts	Adjustments for Capital Purposes	Net change for the Pensions Adjustments	Other Differences	Total Adjustments
	(Note 1) £'000	(Note 2) £'000	(Note 3) <b>£'000</b>	£'000
People Directorate	1,213	940	32	2,185
Place Directorate - HRA	13,963	701	(97)	14,567
Place Directorate	688	412	178	1,278
Net Cost of Services	15,864	2,053	113	18,030
Other income and expenditure from the Funding Analysis	(5,582)	1,102	(1,604)	(6,084)
Difference between General Fund surplus or deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement surplus or deficit	10,282	3,155	(1,491)	11,946

# Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis

2017/18 Restated

Adjustments from General Fund to arrive at the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement amounts	Adjustments for Capital Purposes	Net change for the Pensions Adjustments	Other Differences	Total Adjustments
	(Note 1) £'000	(Note 2) <b>£'000</b>	(Note 3) <b>£'000</b>	£'000
People Directorate	1,726	285	(30)	1,981
Place Directorate - HRA	10,814	723	(90)	11,447
Place Directorate	888	432	(657)	663
Net Cost of Services	13,428	1,440	(777)	14,091
Other income and expenditure from the Funding Analysis	(7,879)	1,074	13,770	6,965
Difference between General Fund surplus or deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement surplus or deficit	5,549	2,514	12,993	21,056

#### **Adjustments for Capital Purposes**

Adjustments for capital purposes - this column adds in depreciation and impairment and revaluation gains and losses in the services line, and for:

### • Other operating expenditure -

adjusts for capital disposals with a transfer of income on disposal of assets and the amounts written off for those assets.

#### • Financing and investment income and expenditure -

the statutory charges for capital financing i.e. Minimum Revenue Provision and other Revenue contributions are deducted from other income and expenditure as these are not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices.

#### • Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure -

capital grants are adjusted for income not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices. Revenue grants are adjusted from those receivable in the year to those receivable without conditions or for which conditions were satisfied throughout the year. The Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income and Expenditure line is credited with capital grants receivable in the year without conditions or for which conditions were satisfied in the year.

### **Net change for the Pensions Adjustments**

2) Net change for the removal of pension contributions and the addition of IAS 19 *Employee* Benefits pension related expenditure and income:

#### For services

this represents the removal of the employer pension contributions made by the authority as allowed by statute and the replacement with current service costs and past service costs.

#### • For financing and investment income and expenditure

the net interest on the defined benefit liability is charged to the CIES.

#### **Other Differences**

Other differences between amounts debited/credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and amounts payable/receivable to be recognised under statute:

#### • For financing and investment income and expenditure

the other differences column recognises adjustments to the General Fund for the timing differences for premiums and discounts.

# • The charge under Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure

represents the difference between what is chargeable under statutory regulations for council tax and NDR that was projected to be received at the start of the year and the income recognised under generally accepted accounting practices in the Code. This is a timing difference as any difference will be brought forward in future Surpluses or Deficits on the Collection Fund.

# Segmental Income

Income received on a segmental basis is analysed below:

	2018/19	2017/18 Restated
Services	Income from Services £'000	Income from Services £'000
People Directorate	(23,586)	(24,425)
Place Directorate - HRA	(21,543)	(21,983)
Place Directorate	(2,122)	(2,162)
Total income analysed on a segmental basis	(47,251)	(48,570)

# 8 Expenditure and Income Analysed by Nature

The Council's expenditure and income is analysed as follows:

	2018/19	2017/18
Expenditure/Income	£'000	£'000
Expenditure		
Employee benefits expenses	16,585	15,830
Other services expenses	30,858	33,021
Support service recharges to capital	(70)	(70)
Depreciation, amortisation, impairment	17,163	14,893
Interest payments	3,888	3,683
Precepts and levies	3,017	2,873
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	453	453
Loss on the disposal of assets	2,427	835
Pensions interest cost	1,102	1,074
Investment property expenditure	539	495
Impairment loss on financial instruments	36	0
Trading activities expenditure	149	133
Total expenditure	76,147	73,220
Income		
Fees, charges and other service income	(47,251)	(48,570)
Service specific government grants	(1,612)	(1,595)
	(48,863)	(50,165)
Interest and investment income	(411)	(209)
Movement in Fair Value of Investment Property	(297)	85
Investment property income	(740)	(737)
Trading activities income	(197)	(219)
Income from council tax and non-domestic rates	(14,667)	(9,306)
General government grants and contributions	(3,820)	(4,450)
Total income	(68,995)	(65,001)
Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	7,152	8,219

Revenue from contracts with service recipients are included in fees, charges and other service income.

# 9 Analysis of the Movement in Reserves Statement - Adjustments Between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Council in the year, in accordance with proper accounting practice, to arrive at the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Council 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 the Council are required to be paid and out of which all liabilities of the Council 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. The balance is not available to be applied to funding HRA services.

**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.

**Major Repairs Reserve** - The Council is required to maintain the Major Repairs Reserve, which controls an element of the capital resources limited to being used on capital expenditure on HRA assets or the financing of historical capital expenditure by the HRA. The balance shows the capital resources that have yet to be applied at the year-end.

**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 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.

## Usable Reserves

	Usable Reserves							
2018/19	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000			
Adjustments to Revenue Resources								
Amounts by which income and expenditure included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from revenue for the year calculated in accordance with statutory requirements:								
Pensions costs (transferred to (or from) the Pensions Reserve)	(2,680)	(475)						
Council tax and NDR (transfers to or from Collection Fund)	1,492							
Holiday pay (transferred to the Accumulated Absences Reserve)	(3)	16						
Reversal of entries included in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in relation to capital expenditure (these items are charged to the Capital Adjustment Account)	564	(18,371)			(1,055)			
Total Adjustments to Revenue Resources	(627)	(18,830)	0	0	(1,055)			
Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources								
Transfer of non-current asset sale proceeds from revenue to the Capital Receipts Reserve	55	2,002	(2,057)					
Payments to the government housing receipts pool (funded by a transfer from the Capital Receipts Reserve)	(453)		453					
Posting of HRA resources from revenue to the Major Repairs Reserve		4,917		(4,917)				
Capital expenditure financed from revenue balances (transfer to the Capital Adjustment Account)		254						
Total Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources	(398)	7,173	(1,604)	(4,917)	0			
Adjustments to Capital Resources								
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance capital expenditure			1,473					
Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance capital expenditure				7,184				
Application of capital grants to finance capital expenditure					1,080			
Total Adjustments to Capital Resources	0	0	1,473	7,184	1,080			
Net transfers (to)/from Earmarked Reserves	2,126	(1,389)	0	0	0			
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	1,101	(13,046)	(131)	2,267	25			

## Usable Reserves

	1				
2017/18	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adjustments to Revenue Resources					
Amounts by which income and expenditure included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from revenue for the year calculated in accordance with statutory requirements:					
Pensions costs (transferred to (or from) the Pensions Reserve)	(2,060)	(454)			
Council tax and NDR (transfers to or from Collection Fund)	(2,436)				
Holiday pay (transferred to the Accumulated Absences Reserve)	3	4			
Reversal of entries included in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in relation to capital expenditure (these items are charged to the Capital Adjustment Account)	(1,573)	(13,824)			(730)
Total Adjustments to Revenue Resources	(6,066)	(14,274)	0	0	(730)
Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources					
Transfer of non-current asset sale proceeds from revenue to the Capital Receipts Reserve		2,352	(2,352)		
Payments to the government housing receipts pool (funded by a transfer from the Capital Receipts Reserve)	(453)		453		
Posting of HRA resources from revenue to the Major Repairs Reserve		5,376		(5,376)	
Reversal of statutory provision for the repayment of debt (transfer from the Capital Adjustment Account)				(11,015)	
Creation of Reserve for the repayment of debt (transfer from the Major Repairs Reserve)				0	
Capital expenditure financed from revenue balances (transfer to the Capital Adjustment Account)	13				
Total Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources	(440)	7,728	(1,899)	(16,391)	0
Adjustments to Capital Resources					
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance capital expenditure			2,844		
Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance capital expenditure				6,626	
Application of capital grants to finance capital expenditure					358
Total Adjustments to Capital Resources	0	0	2,844	6,626	358
Net transfers (to)/from Earmarked Reserves	3,375	(11,379)	0	11,015	0
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(3,131)	(17,925)	945	1,250	(372)

## 10 Movements in 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 2018/19.

	Balance at	Transfers Out	Transfers in	Balance at	Transfers Out	Transfers In	Balance at
	1 April 2017	2017/18	2017/18	31 March 2018	2018/19	2018/19	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund/HRA							
Area Based Grant/Working Neighbourhoods Fund	(205)	40	0	(165)	29	0	(136)
Debt repayment - HRA	0	0	(12,082)	(12,082)	0	0	(12,082)
General	(438)	61	(23)	(400)	30	(52)	(422)
NDR Growth Protection	(640)	166	(1,154)	(1,628)	0	(1,689)	(3,317)
Insurance - GF	(436)	34	(90)	(492)	64	(90)	(518)
Insurance - HRA	(79)	4	(50)	(125)	46	(50)	(129)
IT and Office Equipment	(147)	63	(75)	(159)	92	(75)	(142)
Legal Costs	(135)	0	0	(135)	12	(6)	(129)
Local Development Scheme	(233)	23	(45)	(255)	16	(44)	(283)
New Build Reserve - HRA	(1,080)	915	(100)	(265)	34	(1,314)	(1,545)
Planning Delivery	(89)	5	0	(84)	28	0	(56)
Planning Fees	0		(12)	(12)	23	(109)	(98)
Transformation Reserve	(6,242)	2,007	(2,439)	(6,674)	960	(2,640)	(8,354)
Vehicle Repair and Renewal - GF	(46)	0	(13)	(59)	9	(13)	(63)
Vehicle Repair and Renewal - HRA	(305)	132	(180)	(353)	16	0	(337)
Total Earmarked Reserves	(10,075)	3,450	(16,263)	(22,888)	1,359	(6,082)	(27,611)

# 11 Property, Plant and Equipment

Movements in 2018/19	Council Dwellings £000	Other Land and Building £000	Vehicles, Plant and Equipment £000	Leased Vehicles £000	Infrastructure Assets £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Community Assets £000	Surplus Assets £000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £000
Cost or Valuation:									
At 1 April 2018	176,155	18,517	6,602	42	102	3,287	1,189	1,669	207,563
Additions	12,167	102	243	0	0	381	0	0	12,893
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the revaluation reserve	19,291	1,054	0	0	5	0	(83)	51	20,318
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	(10,415)	(194)	0	0	0	0	(244)	(170)	(11,023)
Derecognition - disposals	(4,046)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(156)	(4,202)
Derecognition - other	(361)	0	(132)	0	0	0	0	0	(493)
Other movements in cost or valuation	3,280	0	0	0	0	(3,280)	(75)	0	(75)
At 31 March 2019	196,071	19,479	6,713	42	107	388	787	1,394	224,981
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment:									
At 1 April 2018	0	0	(3,022)	(21)	0	0	0	0	(3,043)
Depreciation charge	(3,594)	(503)	(831)	(21)	(6)	0	0	(5)	(4,960)
Depreciation written out to revaluation reserve	3,218	425	0	0	6	0	0	2	3,651
Depreciation written out following revaluation to the surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	277	78	0	0	0	0	0	3	358
Derecognition - disposal	99		131	0	0	0	0	0	230
Derecognition - other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2019	0	0	(3,722)	(42)	0	0	0	0	(3,764)
Net Book Value									
At 31 March 2019	196,071	19,479	2,991	0	107	388	787	1,394	221,217
At 31 March 2018	176,155	18,517	3,580	21	102	3,287	1,189	1,669	204,520

Movements in 2017/18	Council Dwellings £000	Other Land and Building £000	Vehicles, Plant and Equipment £000	Leased Vehicles £000	Infrastructure Assets £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Community Assets £000	Surplus Assets £000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £000
Cost or Valuation:									
At 1 April 2017	172,363	17,644	6,550	0	102	1,818	1,771	3,085	203,333
Additions	10,035	1,223	344	42	0	3,257	0	0	14,901
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the revaluation reserve	1,959	448	0	0	0	0	(580)	(185)	1,642
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	(6,464)	(798)	(40)	0	0	(637)	(2)	(1,053)	(8,994)
Derecognition - disposals	(2,889)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(178)	(3,067)
Derecognition - other	0	0	(252)	0	0	0	0	0	(252)
Other movements in cost or valuation	1,151	0	0	0	0	(1,151)	0	0	0
At 31 March 2018	176,155	18,517	6,602	42	102	3,287	1,189	1,669	207,563
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment:									
At 1 April 2017	0	0	(2,256)	0	0	0	0	0	(2,256)
Depreciation charge	(3,181)	(497)	(956)	(21)	(5)	0	0	(10)	(4,670)
Depreciation written out to revaluation reserve	2,865	428	0	0	5	0	0	1	3,299
Depreciation written out following revaluation to the surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	253	69	0	0	0	0	0	9	331
Derecognition - disposal	63	0	190	0	0	0	0	0	253
Derecognition - other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2018	0	0	(3,022)	(21)	0	0	0	0	(3,043)
Net Book Value	4=								
At 31 March 2018 At 31 March 2017	176,155 172,363	18,517 17,644	3,580 4,294	21 0	102 102	3,287 1,818	1,189 1,771	1,669 3,085	204,520 201,077

## **Depreciation**

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

- Council Dwellings Components
  - Land 0 years
- Windows and doors 40 years
- Structure 50 years
- Services 30 years
- Roof 50 years
- Externals 25 years
- Kitchen 30 years
- Other Land and Buildings 10-50 years
- Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment 5-11 years
- Infrastructure 18-29 years
- Surplus Assets 10-50 years

# **Effects of Changes in Estimates**

There have been no changes in estimates during 2018/19.

#### Revaluations

The Council carries out a programme that ensures that all Property (including Investment Property), Plant and Equipment required to be measured at fair value is revalued at least every five years, supported by an annual desk-top review. All valuations for 2018/19 were carried out internally by a suitably qualified valuer. 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 last full valuation which provided values as at 1 April 2018 was undertaken in 2018/19.

#### **Creswell Leisure Centre**

The Council holds Creswell Leisure Centre in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of the District. The Council no longer occupy the building and are considering options to return the asset to the community within the next 12 months. It is therefore deemed appropriate that the asset is valued as an Available for Sale Asset on the balance sheet. The carrying value of the asset at 31 March 2019 is £75,000 (£510,000 2017/18).

# **Revaluations**

	Council Dwellings £000	Other Land and Buildings £000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment £000	Leased Vehicles £000	Infrastructure £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Community Assets £000	Surplus Assets £000	Total £000
Carried at historical cost Valued at fair value as at:	0	0	6,713	42	107	388	787	0	8,037
- 31 March 2019	196,071	19,480	0	0	0	0	0	1,394	216,945
Total Cost or Valuation	196,071	19,480	6,713	42	107	388	787	1,394	224,982

Details of the Investment Properties held on the balance sheet are provided in the following note.

## Fair Value Hierarchy - Surplus Assets

Details of the Council's Surplus Assets and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 31 March 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

Recurring fair value	Other significant	Significant	Fair value as at
measurements using:	observable inputs	unobservable	31 March 2019
		inputs	
	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Industrial Units	126	0	126
Shops	11	0	11
Land	796	461	1,257
Total	933	461	1,394

# Previous year comparative figures:

Recurring fair value	Other significant	Significant	Fair value as at
measurements using:	observable inputs	unobservable inputs	31 March 2018
	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Industrial Units	315	0	315
Shops	11	0	11
Land	1,044	300	1,344
Total	1,370	300	1,670

## Transfers between Levels of the Fair Value Hierarchy

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

# Valuation techniques used to determine Level 2 and 3 Fair Values for Surplus Assets

## Significant Observable Inputs - Level 2

This has been based on the market approach using current market conditions and recent sales prices and other relevant information for similar assets in the Council's area. Market conditions are such that similar properties are actively purchased and sold and the level of observable inputs are significant, leading to the properties being categorised at Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

#### Significant Unobservable Inputs - Level 3

This is based on the premise that the data is not available using the market approach to make a catagorisation of level 1 or 2. Therefore level 3 is based on the best information available and the asssumptions that the market participants would use.

### **Valuation Techniques**

There has been no change in the valuation techniques used during the year for surplus assets.

# Reconciliation of Fair Value Measurements (using Significant Unobservable Inputs) Categorised within Level 3 of the Fair Value Hierarchy

Land categorised within Level 3

	31 March 2019 £'000	31 March 2018 £'000
Opening balance	300	324
Transfers into Level 3	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3	0	0
Total gains (or losses) for the period included in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services resulting from changes in the fair value		(8)
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	(16)
Closing balance	461	300

# **Quantitative Information about Fair Value Measurement of Investment Properties using Significant Unobservable Inputs - Level 3**

	31 March 2019	Valuation	Unobservable	Sensitivity
	£'000	technique used to	inputs	
		measure fair value		
Surplus Assets	461	Income approach	Rent growth	Significant
		using a discounted cash flow (DCF)	Vacancy levels	changes in rent growth; vacancy
		technique	Discount rate	levels or discount rate will
				result in a significantly lower or higher
				fair value

#### **Valuation Process for Investment Properties**

The fair value of the Council's investment property is measured annually at each reporting date. All valuations are carried out internally, in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

## **12 Investment Properties**

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

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Rental income from investment property	(740)	(737)
Direct operating expenses arising from property investment	539	495
Net (gain)/loss	(201)	(242)

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

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

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at start of the year	5,461	5,156
Additions:		
- purchases	0	0
- construction	0	0
- subsequent expenditure	255	507
Disposals	(20)	(117)
Net gains/(losses) from fair value adjustments	297	(85)
Transfers:		
- (to)/from property, plant and equipment	0	0
- (to)/from current held for sale investment property	0	0
Balance at end of year	5,993	5,461

#### **Fair Value Hierarchy - Investment Properties**

Details of the Council's investment properties and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 31 March 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

Recurring fair value measurements using:	Other significant observable inputs	Significant unobservable inputs	Fair value as at 31 March 2019
	(Level 2) £'000	(Level 3) £'000	£'000
Office units	1,182	0	1,182
Commercial Units	4,729	82	4,811
Total	5,911	82	5,993

#### Previous year comparative figures:

Recurring fair value measurements using:	Other significant observable inputs	Significant unobservable inputs	Fair value as at 31 March 2018
	(Level 2) £'000	(Level 3) £'000	£'000
Office units	1,197	0	1,197
Commercial Units	4,156	108	4,264
Total	5,353	108	5,461

# Transfers between Levels of the Fair Value Hierarchy

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

# Valuation techniques used to determine Level 2 and 3 Fair Values for Investment Properties

## Significant Observable Inputs - Level 2

The fair value for the level 2 investment properties has been based on the market approach using current market conditions and recent sales prices and other relevant information for similar assets in the Council's area. Market conditions are such that similar properties are actively purchased and sold and the level of observable inputs are significant, leading to the properties being categorised at Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

#### Significant Unobservable Inputs - Level 3

The level 3 investment properties are measured using the income approach, by means of the discounted cash flow method, where the expected cash flows from the properties are discounted (using a market-derived discount rate) to establish the present value of the net income stream. The approach has been developed using the Council's own data requiring it to factor in assumptions such as the duration and timing of cash inflows and outflows, rent growth, occupancy levels, bad debt levels, maintenance costs, etc.

Some of the Council's investment properties are categorised as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy as the measurement technique uses significant unobservable inputs to determine the fair value measurements (and there is no reasonable available information that indicates that market participants would use different assumptions).

#### **Highest and Best Use of Investment Properties**

In estimating the fair value of the Council's investment properties, the highest and best use of the properties is their current use.

### **Valuation Techniques**

There has been no change in the valuation techniques used during the year for investment properties.

# Reconciliation of Fair Value Measurements (using Significant Unobservable Inputs) Categorised within Level 3 of the Fair Value Hierarchy

Investment properties categorised within Level 3

	31 March 2019 £'000	31 March 2018 £'000
Opening balance	108	128
Transfers into Level 3	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3	(32)	0
Total gains (or losses) for the period included in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services resulting from changes in the fair value		(20)
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Closing balance	82	108

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the investment property are recognised in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services - Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line.

# Quantitative Information about Fair Value Measurement of Investment Properties using Significant Unobservable Inputs - Level 3

	31 March 2019 £'000	Valuation technique used to measure fair value		Sensitivity
Commercial units	82	Income approach using a discounted cash flow (DCF) technique	Vacancy levels	Significant changes in rent growth; vacancy levels or discount rate will result in a significantly lower or higher fair value

# **Valuation Process for Investment Properties**

The fair value of the Council's investment property is measured annually at each reporting date. All valuations are carried out internally, in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

# 13 Intangible Assets

The Council accounts for its software as intangible assets, to the extent that the software is not an integral part of a particular IT system 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 Council. The carrying amount of intangible assets is amortised on a straight line basis.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at start of year: - Gross carrying amounts - Accumulated depreciation Net carrying amount at start of year	470 (207) <b>263</b>	412 (150) <b>262</b>
Additions: - Purchases	456	67
Derecognition	0	(9)
Amortisations: - Amortisation for the period - Derecognition	(62) 0	(63) 6
Net carrying amount at end of year	657	263

# 14 Financial Instruments

#### **Financial Liabilities**

The majority of the Council's financial liabilities held during the year are measured at amortised cost and comprised:

- long-term loans from the Public Works Loan Board
- short-term loans from parish councils
- lease payables detailed in note 36
- trade payables for goods and services received.

The Council also held financial liabilities that are measured on different bases comprising:

commitment to lend a loan to Dragonfly Development Limited.

#### **Financial Assets**

The financial assets held by the Council during the year are accounted for under the following two classifications:

Amortised cost (where cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest and the Council's business model is to collect those cash flow) comprising:

- · cash in hand
- bank current account with Lloyds bank
- fixed term deposits with banks and building societies
- loans to other local authorities
- lease receivables detailed in note 36
- trade receivables for goods and services delivered

Fair value through profit and loss comprising:

- money market funds
- equity investment in Dragonfly Development Limited (unquoted)
- loans to Dragonfly Development Limited where the cash flows are not solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets held at amortised cost are shown net of a loss allowance reflecting the statistical likelihood that the borrower or debtor will be unable to meet their contractual commitments to the Council.

## **Financial Instrument - Balances**

The financial instruments disclosed in the Balance Sheet are analysed across the following categories:

	Long Term		Current	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Financial Liabilities				
Loans at amortised cost:				
Principal	(99,100)	(102,100)	(3,482)	(477)
Accrued interest	-	-	(321)	(329)
Total Borrowing	(99,100)	(102,100)	(3,803)	(806)
Liabilities at amortised cost:				
Trade Payables	(46)	(46)	(3,728)	(3,548)
Included in Creditors *	(46)	(46)	(3,728)	(3,548)
Total Financial Liabilities	(99,146)	(102,146)	(7,531)	(4,354)
Financial Assets				
At amortised cost:				
Principal	-	-	29,450	29,000
Accrued interest	-	-	109	49
Loss allowance	-	-	(2)	0
At fair value through profit + loss:	1,427	63	0	0
Total Investments	1,427	63	29,557	29,049
At amortised cost:				
Principal	-	-	465	(362)
At fair value through profit + loss:	-	-	5,004	7,002
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	0	0	5,469	6,640
At amortised cost:				
Trade receivables	63	63	3,093	3,364
Loss allowance	0	0	(660)	(787)
Included in Debtors**	63	63	2,433	2,577
Total Financial Assets	1,490	126	37,459	38,266

<sup>\*</sup>The creditors line on the Balance Sheet includes £4,688,583 (£3,115,765 in 2017/18) short-term creditors that do not meet the definition of a financial liability as they relate to non-exchange transactions.

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\*\*The debtors line on the Balance Sheet includes £3,783,642 (£1,352,079 in 2017/18) short-term debtors that do not meet the definition of a financial asset as they relate to non-exchange transactions.

## **Financial Instruments - Gains and Losses**

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

	Financial Liabilities	Financial Assets		Total	Total
	Amortised Cost	Amortised Fair Value Cost through Profit + Loss		2018/19	2017/18
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Interest expense	3,888	1	-	3,888	3,683
Interest payable and similar charges	3,888	0	0	3,888	3,683
Interest income	-	(280)	-	(280)	(176)
Dividend income	-	-	(131)	(131)	(33)
Interest and investment income	0	(280)	(131)	(411)	(209)
Net impact on surplus/deficit on provision of services	3,888	(280)	(131)	3,477	3,474
Net gain/(loss) for the year	3,888	(280)	(131)	3,477	3,474

#### **Financial Instruments - Fair Values**

Financial instruments, except those classified at amortised cost, are carried in the Balance Sheet at fair value. For money market funds the fair value is taken from the market price. The fair values of other instruments have been estimated by calculating the net present value of the remaining contractual cash flows at 31st March 2019, using the following methods and assumptions:

 Shares in Dragonfly Development Limited have been valued from the company's balance sheet net assets.

Financial instruments classified at amortised cost are carried in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost. Their fair values have been estimated by calculating the net present value of the remaining contractual cash flows at 31st March 2019, using the following methods and assumptions:

- Loans borrowed by the Council have been valued by discounting the contractual cash flows over the whole life of the instrument at the appropriate market rate for local authority loans.
- The fair values of other long-term loans and investments have been discounted at the market rates for similar instruments with similar remaining terms to maturity on 31st March.
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised for any financial instrument.
- The fair value of short-term instruments, including trade payables and receivables, is assumed to approximate to the carrying amount given the low and stable interest rate environment.

Fair values are shown in the table below, split by their level in the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 fair value is only derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, eg bond prices
- Level 2 fair value is calculated from inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, eq interest rates for similar instruments
- Level 3 fair value is determined using unobservable inputs, eg non-market data such as cash flow forecasts or estimated creditworthiness

		31 Marc	ch 2019	31 Mar	ch 2018
	Fair Value Level	Balance Sheet £000	Fair value £000	Balance Sheet £000	Fair value £000
Financial liabilities held at amortised cost:					
Long-term loans from PWLB	2	(99,421)	(115,208)	(102,429)	(117,359)
Other long-term loans	2	(3,482)	(3,615)	(477)	(477)
Total	•	(102,903)	(118,823)	(102,906)	(117,836)
Liabilities for which fair value is not disclosed*		(3,774)		(3,594)	
Total Financial Liabilities		(106,677)		(106,500)	
Recorded on balance sheet as:					
Short-term creditors		(8,416)		(6,664)	
Less non-exchange transactions		4,688		3,116	
Short-term borrowing		(3,803)		(806)	
Long-term creditors		(46)		(46)	
Long-term borrowing		(99,100)		(102,100)	
Total Financial Liabilities		(106,677)		(106,500)	

<sup>\*</sup> The fair value of short-term financial liabilities including trade payables is assumed to approximate to the carrying amount.

The fair value of financial liabilities held at amortised cost is higher than their balance sheet carrying amount because the Council's portfolio of loans includes a number of loans where the interest rate payable is higher than the current rates available for similar loans as at the Balance Sheet date.

		31 Marc	ch 2019	31 Mar	ch 2018
	Fair Value Level	Balance Sheet £000	Fair value £000	Balance Sheet £000	Fair value £000
Financial assets held at fair value:					
Money market funds	1	5,004	5,004	7,002	7,002
Strategic investment	3	1,259	1,259	40	40
Shares in unlisted companies	3	169	169	23	23
Financial assets held at amortised cost:					
Short-term bank deposits	2	29,557	29,557	29,049	29,049
Total		35,989	35,989	36,114	36,114
Assets for which fair value is not disclosed*		2,961		2,279	
Total Financial Assets		38,950		38,393	
Recorded on balance sheet as:					
Long-term debtors		64		64	
Short-term debtors		6,216		3,929	
Less non-financial asset element		(3,783)		(1,352)	
Long-term investments		1,427		63	
Short-term investments		29,557		29,049	
Cash and cash equivalents		5,469		6,640	
Total Financial Assets		38,950		38,393	

<sup>\*</sup> The fair value of short-term financial assets held at amortised cost, including trade receivables and cash balances are assumed to approximate to the carrying amount.

#### Financial Instruments - Risks

The Council complies with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management and Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, both revised in December 2017.

In line with the Treasury Management Code, the Council approves a Treasury Management Strategy before the commencement of each financial year. The Strategy sets out the parameters for the management of risks associated with financial instruments. The Council also produces Treasury Management Practices specifying the practical arrangements to be followed to manage these risks.

The Treasury Management Strategy includes an Investment Strategy in compliance with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government Guidance on Local Government Investments. This guidance emphasises that priority is to be given to security and liquidity, rather than yield. The Council's Treasury Management Strategy and its Treasury Management Practices seek to achieve a suitable balance between risk and return or cost.

The main risks covered are:

- Credit risk the possibility that the counterparty to a financial asset will fail to meet its contractual obligations, causing a loss to the Council.
- Liquidity risk the possibility that the Council might not have the cash available to make contracted payments on time.
- Market risk the possibility that an unplanned financial loss will materialise because of changes in market variables such as interest rates or equity prices.

#### Credit Risk - Treasury Investments

The Council manages credit risk by ensuring that treasury investments are only placed with organisations of high credit quality as set out in the Treasury Management Strategy. These include commercial entities with a minimum long-term credit rating of A-, the UK government, other local authorities, and organisations without credit ratings upon which the Council has received independent investment advice. Recognising that credit ratings are imperfect predictors of default, the Council has regard to other measures including credit default swap and equity prices when selecting commercial entities for investment.

A limit of £5m is placed on the amount of money that can be invested with a single counterparty including unsecured investments in banks, building societies and companies. The Council also sets limits on investments in certain sectors. No more than £5m can be invested for a period longer than one year.

The table below summarises the credit risk exposures of the Council's treasury investment portfolio by credit rating and remaining time to maturity:

	31 Marc	ch 2019	31 March 2018		
Credit Rating	Long-term £000	Short-term £000	Long-term £000	Short-term £000	
AAA	0	24,548	0	24,044	
A	0	5,009	0	5,005	
Total	0	29,557	0	29,049	
Credit risk not applicable*	1,427	0	63	0	
Total Investments	1,427	29,557	63	29,049	

<sup>\*</sup> Credit risk is not applicable to shareholdings where the Council has no contractual right to receive any sum of money.

Loss allowances on treasury investments have been calculated by reference to historic default data published by credit rating agencies. At 31st March 2019, £2,041 (2018: £3,020) of loss allowances related to treasury investments.

#### Credit Risk - Trade and Lease Receivables

The Council's credit risk on lease receivables is mitigated by its legal ownership of the assets leased, which can be repossessed if the debtor defaults on the lease contract.

The Council includes trade and lease receivables in the same category of debtors - trade receivables. The following analysis summarises the Council's trade receivables by due date. Only those receivables meeting the definition of a financial asset are included.

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Past due < 3 months	1,943	2,233
Past due 3 - 6 months	365	213
Past due 6 - 12 months	200	130
Past due 12+ months	585	788
Total Receivables	3,093	3,364

Loss allowances on trade and receivables have been calculated by reference to the Council's historic experience of default.

Receivables are collectively assessed for credit risk in the following groupings:

		31 March 2019		31 March 2018	
	Range of allowances set	Gross receivable £000	Loss allowance £000	Gross receivable £000	Loss allowance £000
Individuals - HRA tenants	1% - 100%	1,168	(617)	1,272	(752)
Private sector	.5% - 100%	563	(42)	351	(35)
Government/Local authority/prepayments	zero	1,361	0	1,741	0
		3,092	(659)	3,364	(787)

Receivables are written off to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services when all avenues to collect the debt are exhausted.

#### **Credit Risk - Loans and Loan Commitments**

In furtherance of the Council's service objectives it has lent money to Dragonfly Development Limited. It has also committed to lend Dragonfly Development Limited a further loan should it be requested at market rates of interest.

The amounts recognised on the balance sheet, and the Council's total exposure to credit risk from the instruments are:

		31 Marc	h 2019	31 Marc	ch 2018
Borrower	Exposure type	Balance Sheet £000	Risk exposure £000	Balance Sheet £000	Risk exposure £000
Dragonfly Development Limited	Loan at market rate	1,259	1,259	40	40
Dragonfly Development Limited	Loan commitment at market rate	(1,759)	(1,759)	0	0
		(500)	(500)	40	40

The Council manages the credit risk inherent in its loans for service purposes and loan commitments in line with its published Investment Strategy. These are included on the balance sheet at fair value and therefore already include an allowance for loss.

## **Liquidity Risk**

The Council has ready access to borrowing at favourable rates from the Public Works Loan Board and other authorities, and at higher rates from banks and building societies. There is no perceived risk that the Council will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments. It is however exposed to the risk that it will need to refinance a significant proportion of its borrowing at a time of unfavourably high interest rates.

The maturity analysis of financial instruments is as follows:

	31 March 2019			31	March 2018	3
Time to maturity	Liabilities	Assets	Net	Liabilities	Assets	Net
(years)	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Less than 1	(7,531)	31,990	24,459	(4,354)	31,626	27,272
Between 1 and 2	(2,000)	0	(2,000)	(3,000)	0	(3,000)
Between 2 and 5	(11,146)	1,427	(9,719)	(9,746)	63	(9,683)
Between 5 and 10	(24,000)	63	(23,937)	(23,400)	63	(23,337)
More than 10	(62,000)	0	(62,000)	(66,000)	0	(66,000)
Total	(106,677)	33,480	(73,197)	(106,500)	31,752	(74,748)

#### Market Risk - Interest Rate Risk

The Council is exposed to interest rate movements on its borrowings and investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the Council, depending on how variable and fixed interest rates move across differing financial instrument periods. For instance, a rise in interest rates would have the following effects:

- Borrowings at variable rates the interest expense charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement will rise.
- Borrowings at fixed rates the fair value of the borrowing will fall (no impact on revenue balances).
- Investments at variable rates the interest income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement will rise.
- Investments at fixed rates the fair value of the assets will fall (no impact on revenue balances).

Investments measured at amortised cost and loans borrowed, are not carried at fair value, so changes in their fair value will have no impact on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. 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. Movements in the fair value of fixed rate investments measured at fair value will be reflected in Other Comprehensive Income or the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services as appropriate.

The Treasury Management Strategy aims to mitigate these risks with a treasury indicator which provides maximum limits for fixed and variable interest rate exposure. The Council finance team will monitor market and forecast interest rates within the year, to adjust exposures appropriately. For instance, during periods of falling interest rates, and where economic circumstances make it favourable, fixed rate investments may be taken for longer periods to secure better long-term returns.

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

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Increase in interest payable on variable rate borrowings	2	3
Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	(41)	(77)
Decrease in fair value of investments held at FVPL	0	0
Impact on Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(39)	(74)
Impact on Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	(39)	(74)
Share of overall impact credited to the HRA	7	13

<sup>\*</sup> No impact on Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

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

#### Market Risk - Interest Rate Risk

The Council's investment in equity shares would be subject to the risk of falling share prices if the shares were listed on the stock exchange. The shares are not currently listed on the stock exchange so this is not an issue for this financial year.

**Market Risks: Foreign exchange risk** - The Council has no financial assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. It therefore has no intentional exposure to loss arising from movements in exchange rates.

#### **Transition to IFRS 9 Financial Instruments**

The Council adopted the IFRS 9 Financial Instruments accounting standard with effect from 1st April 2018. The main changes include the reclassification and remeasurement of financial assets and the earlier recognition of the impairment of financial assets.

The changes to financial assets were limited to available for sale assets being reclassified as fair value through profit and loss. The assets were already measured at fair value therefore there are no figures to be changed.

# 15 Inventories

	Balance at start of year	Purchases	Expenses in year	Written off balances	Balance at end of year
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Building Materials</b>					
2017/18	71	1,040	(1,029)	0	82
2018/19	82	1,009	(1,024)	0	67
Sports					
2017/18	1	40	(39)	0	2
2018/19	2	20	(20)		2
Catering					
2017/18	1	62	(60)	0	3
2018/19	3	71	(71)	0	3
Fuel			, ,		
2017/18	13	364	(351)	0	26
2018/19	26	351	(370)	0	7
Stationery					
2017/18	3	3	(3)	0	3
2018/19	3	0	(2)	0	1
Total 2017/18	89	1,509	(1,482)	0	116
Total 2018/19	116	1,451	(1,487)	0	80

# 16 Capital Commitments

The Council has the following capital commitments:

Capital Commitments	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	£000	£000
Disabled Facilities Grants	136	160
Fleet Vehicles	378	42
The Tangent extension	0	32
Pleasley Vale works	28	47
New Bolsover Model Village project	2,574	6,848
B @ Home Programme	153	73
Safe and Warm	329	50
HRA Door replacement scheme	0	71
Shirebrook Contact Centre	33	0
Swimming pool cover	24	0
HRA re-roofing	302	0
Total	3,957	7,323

## 17 Debtors

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Trade receivables	1,334	1,330
Prepayments	301	319
Other receivable amounts	798	928
	2,433	2,577
Statutory receivable amounts (non-exchange transactions)	3,783	1,352
Total	6,216	3,929

## 18 Cash Flow Statement - Cash and Cash Equivalents

The balance of cash and cash equivalents is made up of the following elements:

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Cash held by the Council	465	(362)
Bank call accounts	5,004	7,002
Total	5,469	6,640

## 19 Assets Held for Sale

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	£'000	£'000
Balance outstanding at start of year	0	0
Assets newly classified as held for sale:	75	0
Assets sold	0	0
Balance outstanding at year-end	75	0

## 20 Creditors

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
	2000	2000
Trade payables	(2,951)	(2,746)
Other payable amounts	(777)	(802)
	(3,728)	(3,548)
Statutory payable amounts (non- exchange transactions)	(4,688)	(3,116)
Total	(8,416)	(6,664)

## 21 Provisions

	Legal Costs	Single Status	Non-domestic Rates	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2018	(178)	(750)	(2,277)	(3,205)
Provisions made in 2018/19	0	0	(569)	(569)
Amounts used in 2018/19	0	362	177	539
Unused amounts reversed in 2018/19	0	388	720	1,108
Balance at 31 March 2019	(178)	0	(1,949)	(2,127)

The Legal Costs provision has been created for costs which are potentially to be incurred relating to the MMI scheme of arrangement and future, currently unknown claims.

The Single Status provision was held to fund payments made to potential claimants in exchange for their rights to pursue an equal pay claim. The potential claims outstanding at 1 April were resolved during 2018/19.

The Local Government Finance Act 2012 introduced a business rates retention scheme. Billing authorities are required to make a provision for any potential liabilities as a result of refunding ratepayers who have appealed against the rateable value of their properties. The provision includes an amount for appeals lodged to date but yet to be determined by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) plus an amount for appeals expected but not yet lodged with the VOA. As the outcome of any appeals are determined by the VOA, it is uncertain when the claims will be settled. As there are still claims outstanding from pre 2010 it has been decided to classify the provision as long term. This provision relates to only the Council's share of the potential costs which is 50% this year due to being in a Business Rates Pilot.

## 22 <u>Usable Reserves</u>

Movements in the Council's usable reserves are detailed in the Movement in Reserves Statement and note 9 .

#### 23 Unusable Reserves

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Revaluation Reserve	(78,451)	(57,479)
Capital Adjustment Account	(35,006)	(40,311)
Pensions Reserve	51,366	39,853
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	(63)	(63)
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	(205)	1,287
Accumulated Absences Account	73	87
Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve	0	32
Total	(62,286)	(56,594)

#### **Revaluation Reserve**

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Council arising from increases in the value of its Property, Plant and Equipment (and Intangible Assets). 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.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April	(57,479)	(54,417)
Upward revaluation of assets	(30,130)	(7,763)
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the surplus/deficit on the provision of services	6,161	2,822
(Surplus) or deficit on revaluation of non current assets not posted to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(23,969)	(4,941)
Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation	1,664	1,256
Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped	1,333	623
Amount written off to the Capital Adjustment Account	2,997	1,879
Balance at 31 March	(78,451)	(57,479)

## **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 an historical cost basis). The account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and gains recognised on donated assets that have yet to be consumed by the Council. The account also contains revaluation gains accumulated on Property, Plant and Equipment before 1 April 2007, the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains. Details of the source of all the transactions posted to the Account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve are provided in note 9.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April	(40,311)	(53,248)
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	15,625	13,335
- Derecognition of property, plant and equipment	2,742	1,676
- Amortisation of intangible assets	62	63
- Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute	1,655	1,495
- 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	1,742	1,511
- Financial Instruments impairment	36	0
	21,862	18,080
Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	(2,996)	(1,879)
Net written out amount of the cost of non current assets consumed in the year	18,866	16,201
Capital financing applied in the year:		
- Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(442)	(716)
- Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance historical capital expenditure	(1,031)	(2,128)
- Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(7,183)	(6,626)
- Reversal of use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance historical capital expenditure	0	11,015
- Application of grants to capital financing from the Capital Grants Unapplied Account	(3,076)	(1,682)
- Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	(706)	(715)
- Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	(254)	(13)
- Capital expenditure charged against reserves	(571)	(2,484)
	(13,263)	(3,349)
Movements in the market value of investment properties debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(298)	85
Balance at 31 March	(35,006)	(40,311)

#### **Pensions Reserve**

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. The Council accounts for post employment benefits in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as the Council makes employer's contributions to 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 Council has set aside to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April	39,853	40,602
Actuarial gains or losses on pensions assets and liabilities	8,358	(3,263)
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	5,740	5,091
Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	(2,585)	(2,577)
Balance at 31 March	51,366	39,853

#### **Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve**

The Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve holds the gains recognised on the disposal of non current assets where the cash settlement has yet to take place. Under statutory arrangements, the Council does not treat these gains as usable for financing new capital expenditure until they are backed by cash receipts. When the deferred cash settlement eventually takes place, amounts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April - Rent to Mortgage - Property Charge	(63)	(63)
Transfer of deferred sale proceeds credited as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		0
Transfer to the Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	0	0
Balance at 31 March - Rent to Mortgage - Property Charge	(63)	(63)

## **Collection Fund Adjustment Account**

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

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April	1,287	(1,149)
Amount by which council tax and non-domestic rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from council tax and non-domestic rates income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(1 /192)	2,436
Balance at 31 March	(205)	1,287

## **Accumulated Absences Account**

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences, principally holidays, earned but not taken in the year. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the account.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April	87	94
Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	(87)	(94)
Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	73	87
Amount by which Officer remuneration charged to the CIES is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		(7)
Balance at 31 March	73	87

## **Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve**

The Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve contains the gains and losses made by the Council arising from movement in the value of its investments that have quoted market prices or otherwise do not have fixed or determinable payments. From 2018/19 this reserve no longer exists.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Balance at 1 April	32	32
Transfer of instrument to Capital Adjustment Account	(32)	0
Balance at 31 March	0	32

## 24 Cash Flow Statement - Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Interest received	(303)	(176)
Interest paid	3,849	3,683

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

	2018/19	2017/18
	£000	£000
Depreciation	(5,022)	(4,734)
Impairment and downward valuations	(10,665)	(8,664)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	223	(371)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	369	(271)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(36)	27
Movement in pension liability	(3,155)	(2,517)
Carrying amount of non-current assets and non-current assets held for sale, sold or derecognised	(4,484)	(3,187)
Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services	1,337	(1,595)
	(21,433)	(21,312)

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

	2018/19	2017/18
	£000	£000
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	2,057	2,352
Any other items for which the cash effects are investing or financing cash flows	3,051	2,055
	5,108	4,407

## 25 Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	13,419	15,158
Purchase of short term and long term investments	110,271	101,545
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(2,057)	(2,352)
Proceeds from short term and long term investments	(108,500)	(112,500)
Other receipts from investing activities	(3,022)	(1,586)
Net cash flows from investing activities	10,111	265

## 26 Cash Flow Statement - Financing Activities

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Cash receipts of short term and long term borrowings	(773)	(489)
Cash payments for the reduction of the outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases	21	21
Repayments of short term and long term borrowing	776	1,338
	24	870
Council Tax and NNDR adjustments	209	3,252
Net cash flows from financing activities	233	4,122

## 27 Cash Flow Statement - Reconciliation of Liabilities arising from Financing Activities

	1 April	Financing	Non-cash	changes	31 March
	2018	cash flows	Acquistion	Other	2019
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Long-term borrowings	(102,100)	0	-	3,000	(99,100)
Short-term borrowings	(806)	3	-	(3,000)	(3,803)
- Lease liabilities	(21)	21			0
Total liabilities from financing activities	(102,927)	24	0	0	(102,903)

	1 April	Financing	Non-cash	changes	31 March	
	2017	cash flows	Acquisition	Other	2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Long-term borrowings	(102,100)	0	-	1	(102,100)	
Short-term borrowings	(1,655)	849	-	-	(806)	
- Lease liabilities	(42)	21	0	0	(21)	
Total liabilities from financing activities	(103,797)	870	0	0	(102,927)	

#### 28 <u>Trading Operations</u>

The Council has established the following trading services, whose financial results for 2018/19 were:-

	Turnover £'000	Expend. £'000	Deficit/ (Surplus) £'000
Industrial sites/commercial properties	(197)	149	(48)
	(197)	149	(48)

#### 2017/18 Comparatives:

	Turnover £'000	Expend. £'000	Deficit/ (Surplus) £'000
Industrial sites/commercial properties	(219)	133	(86)
	(219)	133	(86)

## 29 Agency Services

The Council undertakes agency work for Derbyshire County Council in carrying out the duties of roadside verge grass cutting, weed control and tree maintenance. The annual expenditure on the service was £180,261 with an income of £68,345 for 2018/19, (£177,579 and £65,697 in 2017/18).

## 30 Members' Allowances

The Council paid the following amounts to elected members during the year. This expenditure is included within the People Directorate line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	2018/19	2017/18
	£000	£000
Allowances	453	450
Expenses	13	12
Total	466	462

## 31 Officers' Remuneration

Council employees (excluding senior employees) receiving more than £50,000 remuneration (excluding pension contributions) were paid the following amounts:

Remuneration Band	Number of Employees 2018/19	Number of Employees 2017/18
£50,000 - £54,999	0	1
£55,000 - £59,999	2	1
£60,000 - £64,999	0	1
£75,000 - £79,999	1	0
£105,000 - £109,999	1	0

The remuneration paid to the Council's senior employees (who report directly to the Chief Executive and earn £50,000 or more) is as follows:

Post Title		Salary (including fees + allowances)	Expenses/ Allowances	Benefits in Kind	Compensation for loss of office * (see following page)	Pension Contribution	Total Remuneration (including pension contributions)	Net Charge to NEDDC	Net Charge to BDC
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employed by Bolsover DC									
Joint Chief Executive	2017/18	114,972	0	0	0	15,881	130,853	65,427	65,426
Joint Chief Executive	2018/19	120,342	0	0	0	16,632	136,974	68,487	68,487
Joint Strategic Director	2017/18	41,663	0	0	0	5,791	47,454	23,727	23,727
(Start date 1/9/17)	2018/19	75,025	0	0	0	10,428	85,453	42,727	42,726

Post Title		Salary (including fees + allowances)	Expenses/ Allowances	Benefits in Kind	Compensation for loss of office * (see following page)	Pension Contribution	Total Remuneration (including pension contributions)	Net Charge to NEDDC	Net Charge to BDC
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employed by North East Derby	shire DC								
Joint Executive Director of	2017/18	42,324	0	0	68,604	2,738	113,666	56,833	56,833
Operations (Leave date 30/6/17)	2018/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint Executive Director of Transformation (Leave date	2017/18	42,490	0	0	40,413	2,738	85,641	42,820	42,821
30/6/17)	2018/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint Strategic Director	2017/18	32,719	0	0	0	4,412	37,131	18,565	18,566
(Start date 6/11/17)	2018/19	82,952	0	0	0	11,172	94,124	47,062	47,062
Joint Head of Service - Finance and Resources - S151 Officer	2017/18	56,481	0	0	0	7,463	63,944	31,972	31,972
(Leave date 31/3/19)	2018/19	57,930	0	0	0	7,820	65,750	32,875	32,875

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

Exit Package cost band	Number of o	compulsory	Number	of other	Total num	ber of exit	Total cost of	exit packages
(including special	redund	ancies	departure	es agreed	packages b	y cost band	in each	n band
payments)	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18
							£	£
£0 - £20,000	1	1	2	2	3	3	29,829	10,767
£20,001 - £40,000	0	1	1	2	1	3	21,834	90,074
£40,001 - £60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£60,001 - £80,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£80,001 - £100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£100,001 - £150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termination Benefit Cost	1	2	3	4	4	6	51,663	100,841

The total cost of £51,663 (£100,841 17/18) in the table above is for exit packages that have been agreed, accrued for and charged to the Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the current year.

As part of the Strategic Alliance, NEDDC contributed £10,450 towards exit packages paid to BDC employees in 18/19, (£0 was paid to BDC employees in 17/18). BDC contributed £22,460 towards exit packages paid to NEDDC employees in 18/19 (£72,904 in 17/18). These contributions are not included in the table above.

<sup>\*</sup> As the employees included in the table of senior employees are joint officers, any compensation for loss of office payments are split between BDC and NEDDC. Therefore only the amount paid by BDC is included in the exit package table above.

## 32 External Audit Costs

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

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Fees payable to the Auditor with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor for the year	38	49
Fees payable to the Auditor for the certification of grant claims and returns for the year	7	6
Fees payable to the Auditor in respect of other services	2	3
Total	47	58

The External Auditor of the Council has been Mazars LLP since 1/4/18.

## 33 Grant Income

The Council credited the following grants, contributions and donations to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2018/19:

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income	2000	2000
New Burdens Grants	(38)	(8)
New Homes Bonus	(993)	(1,207)
Small Business Rate Relief Grant	(1,016)	(643)
Revenue Support Grant	0	(1,906)
Homes England Grant	(1,182)	0
Capital Grants and Contributions	(591)	(686)
Total	(3,820)	(4,450)
Credited to Services		
Disabled Facilities Grants	(529)	(477)
Miscellaneous Capital Grants for Reffcus	(41)	(44)
Heritage Lottery Funding for Reffcus	(708)	(848)
Miscellaneous Contributions to Holding Accounts	(717)	(976)
Housing Benefit Admin Grant	(361)	(384)
Rent Allowances Grant	(9,067)	(10,062)
Rent Rebates Grant	(9,264)	(9,995)
Total	(20,687)	(22,786)

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

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Revenue grant receipts in advance		
Other Contributions	(1,121)	(1,143)
Total	(1,121)	(1,143)

#### 34 Related Parties

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

#### Central Government

Central government has significant influence over the general operations of the Council. It is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Council operates, provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Council has with other parties (e.g. housing benefits). Grants received from government departments are set out in the previous note.

#### Members

Members of the Council have direct control over the Council's financial and operating policies. The total of members' allowances paid in 2018/19 is shown in a previous note. During 2018/19 payments for works and services to the value of £410,039 were made to organisations such as Parish Councils in which members had an interest. Amounts for works and services to the value of £153,319 were received from organisations in which members had an interest. Council Members make disclosures of relevant interests to the Council's Head of Service - Corporate Governance, which are formally recorded on a publicly available Register of Interests and also make declarations on individual committee decisions. The Council also nominates Members to sit on outside bodies. A number of Council Members are also Members of local parish councils, or various local voluntary organisations, which the Council supports financially. Where necessary, Members declared such interests when relevant to their duties and thus no further disclosure is considered necessary.

#### Officers

In addition to the Register of Interest, Senior Officers were required to complete a Declaration of Related Party Transactions Pro-forma for the year 2018/19. During 2018/19 payments for works and services to the value of £180 were received from organisations in which senior officers had an interest.

Other significant transactions with related parties are as follows:-

	Receipts £000	Payments £000
Chesterfield Royal Hospital	0	8
Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre	0	20
Derbyshire County Council	(2,092)	1204
Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel	(10)	0
Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Bolsover	0	15
Junction Arts	0	35
Shirebrook Academy	(11)	32
Total	(2,113)	1,314

#### 35 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 Council, the expenditure results in an increase in the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), a measure of the capital expenditure incurred historically by the Council that has yet to be financed. The CFR is analysed in the second part of this note.

	2018/19 £000	2017/18
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	112,548	£000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	112,540	98,882
Capital Investment:		
Property, Plant and Equipment	12,893	14,901
Investment Properties	255	507
Intangible Assets	456	67
Revenue Expenditure Financed from Capital Under Statute	1,655	1,495
Purchase of Share Capital	1,320	45
Sources of Finance:		
Capital Receipts	(442)	(716)
Government Grants and Other Contributions	(3,076)	(1,682)
Major Repairs Allowance	(7,183)	(6,626)
Sums Set Aside from Revenue:		
- Direct Revenue Contributions	(254)	(13)
- Reserve Contributions	(571)	(2,484)
- Minimum Revenue Provision	(706)	(715)
- Other Revenue Provision	(1,031)	(2,128)
Movement of provision for debt repayment to create a	0	11,015
reserve	0	11,015
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	115,864	112,548
Explanation of Movements in Year		
Increase in Underlying Need to Borrow	(4,022)	(3,366)
Increase in Underlying Need to Borrow	0	(11,015)
Minimum Revenue Provision	706	715
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital Financing Requirement	(3,316)	(13,666)

## 36 Leases

## **Authority as Lessee**

#### Finance Leases

The Council has entered into a number of finance leases. The assets acquired under these leases are carried as property, plant and equipment in the balance sheet at the following net amounts:

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment	0	21
Total	0	21

The rentals payable under these arrangements in 2018/19 were £20,860 (£20,860 in 2017/18), charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as £180 (£20,860 17/18) finance costs and £20,680 relating to the write down of obligations to the lessor (£0 17/18).

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

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Finance lease liabilities (npv of minimum lease payments):		
- Current	0	21
- Non current	0	0
Finance costs payable in future years	0	0
Minimum lease payments	0	21

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

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Not later than one year	0	21	0	0
Later than five years	0	0	0	0
Total	0	21	0	0

## **Operating Leases**

The Council used general fleet vehicles financed under the terms of operating leases. The expenditure charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement during the year in relation to these leases was zero (£24,565 in 2017/18).

The minimum lease payments due under non cancellable leases in future years are zero as the Council has made a policy decision to purchase outright all future fleet vehicles.

#### **Authority as Lessor**

## **Operating Leases**

With regard to the Council's activity as a lessor, the rental income from leases relating to retail, commercial and industrial units amounted to £888,052 in 2018/19 (£815,015 in 2017/18).

The Council leases out a number of properties for commercial purposes. The minimum lease payments receivable under non cancellable leases in future years are:

	31 March 2019 £000	31 March 2018 £000
Not later than one year	(186)	(145)
Later than one year and not later than five years	(589)	(584)
Later than five years	(200)	(88)
Total	(975)	(817)

#### 37 Impairment Losses

Impairment losses and impairment reversals charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure are included in the Property, Plant and Equipment Note 11.

Details of impairment charged to the HRA for 2018/19 are in note 47.

## 38 Termination Benefits

The Council terminated the contracts of a number of employees in 2018/19, incurring liabilities of £51,663 (£100,841 in 2017/18) - see note 31 for the number of exit packages and total cost per band.

#### 39 Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

#### Participation in pension scheme

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

The Council participates in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), administered by Derbyshire County Council – this is a funded defined benefit final salary scheme, meaning that the Council and employees pay contributions into a fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pension's liabilities with investment assets.

The principal risks to the Council 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 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account the amounts required by statute as described in the accounting policies note.

#### Transactions relating to post-employment benefits

The Council recognises 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 the Council is required to make against council tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post-employment 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 Pension Scheme	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		
Cost of Services:		
Service cost comprising:		
- Current service cost	3,873	3,891
- (Gain)/loss from Settlements	735	97
- Administration cost	30	29
Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure:		
Net interest expense	1,102	1,074
Total Post-employment benefit charged to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	5,740	5,091
Other Post-employment benefits charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		
Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability comprising:		
- Return on plan assets (excluding the amount included in the net interest expense)	(2,664)	(745)
- Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in financial assumptions	10,998	(2,504)
- Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in other experience	24	(14)
Total remeasurements recognised in other comprehensive income and expenditure	8,358	(3,263)
Total Post-employment benefits charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	14,098	1,828
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	3,155	2,514
Actual amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year:		
Employers' contributions payable to scheme	2,585	2,577

# Pensions Assets and Liabilities Recognised in the Balance Sheet

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

Local Government Pension Scheme	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Present value of the defined benefit obligation	(145,858)	(129,343)
Fair value of plan assets	94,492	89,490
Sub-total	(51,366)	(39,853)
Other movements in the liability	0	0
Net liability arising from defined benefit obligation	(51,366)	(39,853)

## **Reconciliation of the Movements in the Fair Value of the Scheme Assets:**

Local Government Pension Scheme	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Opening fair value of scheme assets	89,490	86,545
Interest income	2,414	2,248
Remeasurement gain/(loss):		
- The return on plan assets, excluding the amount included in the net interest expense	2,664	745
Contributions from employer	2,585	2,577
Contributions from employees into the scheme	629	612
Benefits paid	(3,290)	(3,237)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	94,492	89,490

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

Local Government Pension Scheme - Funded Liabilities	2018/19	2017/18	
	£'000	£'000	
Opening balance at 1 April	(129,343)	(127,147)	
Current service cost	(3,903)	(3,920)	
Interest cost	(3,516)	(3,322)	
Contributions from scheme participants	(629)	(612)	
Remeasurement (gains) and losses:			
- Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in financial assumptions	(10,998)	2,504	
- Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in other experience	(24)	14	
Losses/(gains) on curtailment	(735)	(97)	
Benefits paid	3,290	3,237	
Closing balance at 31 March	(145,858)	(129,343)	

Local Government Pension Scheme assets comprised:	Fair value of scheme assets	
	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents	7,506	4,300
Equity instruments:		
- Consumer	5,740	5,753
- Manufacturing	5,963	7,859
- Energy and utilities	4,177	4,897
- Financial institutions	4,601	6,195
- Health and care	2,994	3,087
- Information technology	2,257	2,660
- Other	10,099	10,197
Sub-total equity	35,831	40,648
Bonds:		
- Corporate (Investment)	9,966	7,050
- UK Government	8,804	8,460
- Other	1,840	1,394
Sub-total bonds	20,610	16,904

Local Government Pension Scheme assets comprised continued:	Fair value of scheme assets	
continued.	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Property: - UK	7,537	5,887
Private equity: - All	2,580	1,809
Investment funds: - Equities	16,644	17,031
- Infrastructure	3,784	2,911
Sub-total other investment funds	20,428	19,942
Total assets	94,492	89,490

#### **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 level etc. The County Council Fund liabilities have been assessed by Hymans Robertson LLP, an independent firm of actuaries, estimates for the County Council Fund being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2016.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of the actuary's updated IAS19 valuation report dated 4 July 2019 and take into account their assessment of the potential impact of Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) equalisation and the outcome of the 'McCloud' judgement relating to the 2014 reforms of the LGPS benefit structure. The impact on liabilities is an increase of .2% (£0.180m) for GMP and .4% (£0.530m) for 'McCloud'. These numbers are approximate estimates based on employer data as at 31 March 2016 and will be revised at the upcoming valuation.

The significant assumptions used by the actuary have been:

Local Government Pension Scheme	2018/19	2017/18
Mortality assumptions:		
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners:		
- Men	21.9 years	21.9 years
- Women	24.4 years	24.4 years
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners:		
- Men	23.9 years	23.9 years
- Women	26.5 years	26.5 years
Rate of inflation (CPI)	2.50%	2.40%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.00%	2.90%
Rate of increase in pensions	2.50%	2.40%

Rate for discounting scheme liabilities

2.40%

2.70%

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the previous table. 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 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	Approximate increase to Employer Liability	Approximate monetary amount
	%	£'000
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	10	15,257
1 year increase in member life expectancy	3 - 5	4,376 - 7,293
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	2	2,387
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	9	12,586

## Impact on the Council's Cash Flows

The objectives of the scheme are to keep employers' contributions at as constant a rate as possible. The County Council has agreed a strategy with the scheme's actuary to achieve a funding level of 100% over the next 14 years. Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis. The triennial valuation was completed on 31 March 2016.

The scheme has been required 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 31 March 2014 (or service after 31 March 2015 for other main existing public service pension schemes in England and Wales). 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 Council anticipates to pay £2,335,000 in expected contributions to the scheme in 2019/20.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation for scheme members is 17.9 years, 2018/19 (17.9 years 2017/18).

## 40 Contingent Liabilities/Assets

There are no contingent liabilities or assets.

#### 41 Interests in Other Entities

During 2016/17 the Council entered into a joint venture with Woodhead Regeneration Ltd. Both parties purchased 50% of the shares in Dragonfly Development Limited for £50,000. Parties have equal controlling interests with two Directors on the Board. Both parties are committed to remain in the joint venture for a minimum of 5 years and thereafter either party can, if they choose, seek to exit the joint venture serving 12 months notice.

Dragonfly Development Limited has been created to deliver residential and commercial developments on Council and privately owned land. The driver for creating the company is to stimulate economic growth by delivering housing and commercial developments whilst generating income for the Council.

Dragonfly Development Limited agreed during 2017/18 to develop 3 residential sites in the area covered by Bolsover District Council. This is to be funded by a commercial loan of up to £3.2m, as well as a further share purchase of up to £0.500m. Woodhead Regeneration Ltd will match any share purchase made by the Council to maintain the equal controlling interest.

The value of the Council's interest in Dragonfly Development Limited at 31 March 2019 is £168,790 (£23,258 in 2017/18).

The amount of loan drawn down at 31 March 2019 is £1,210,681 (£40,071 31/3/18).

Further disclosure can be found within the financial instruments notes, which are note 14 .

## **42** Shared Services/Joint Operations

During 2018/19 the Council had partnership agreements with North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC), Chesterfield Borough Council (CBC) and Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) in the following areas:

- Internal Audit
- ICT Service
- Environmental Health Service
- Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium

The Internal Audit Consortium is hosted by CBC and also includes BDC and NEDDC. The accounts reflect the payments made to CBC towards the costs of operation.

NEDDC hosts the joint ICT service which covers BDC and DDDC for the provision of the Council's IT. The accounts reflect payments to NEDDC for the Council's costs of the service provided.

NEDDC also hosts the joint Environmental Health Service. The accounts reflect payments to NEDDC for the Council's costs of the service provided. This initiative has been pursued as part of the wider Strategic Alliance between Bolsover and NEDDC.

There are no assets or liabilities for the above joint operations to be included in the accounts.

The Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee is a Jointly Controlled Operation between the Council, NEDDC and CBC. The function of the Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee is to discharge the crematorium functions of each of the constituent Councils. Each Council's share of member representation, financial surplus and deficit is based on the number of cremations of deceased inhabitants of each constituent Council's area. The accounts reflect payments from CBC for the Council's share of the financial surplus.

There are no assets or liabilities for the Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee included in the accounts on the grounds of materiality.

## HRA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

2017/18 £000		NOTE	2018/19 £000	2018/19 £000
	Expenditure		2000	2000
5,688	Repairs and maintenance		5,653	
5,342	Supervision and management		5,086	
205	Rent, rates, taxes and other charges		224	
10,781	Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets		13,919	
	Debt management costs		8	
	Movement in the impairment allowance for bad debts	*	0	
	Special Services		1,434	22.22.4
23,610	Total Expenditure			26,324
(20.296)	Income Divolling rente		(20.067)	
, ,	Dwelling rents Non-dwelling rents		(20,067) (140)	
` '	Charges for services and facilities		(523)	
, ,	Contributions towards expenditure		(1,250)	
	Total Income			(21,980)
1,265	Net Expenditure or Income of HRA Services as included in the whole authority Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement			4,344
743	HRA share of Corporate and Democratic Core			749
2,008	Net Expenditure or (Income) for HRA Services			5,093
	HRA share of the operating income and expenditure included in the whole authority Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement			
659	(Gain) or loss on sale of HRA non-current assets			2,407
3,449	Interest payable and similar charges			3,784
(31)	HRA Interest and investment income			(52)
454	Net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset)	<u>51</u>		476
6,539	(Surplus) or deficit for the year on HRA Services			11,708

<sup>\*</sup> Under the Code the impairment allowance for bad debts is included in interest payable and similar charges from 2018/19.

## **Movement on the HRA Statement**

	2018/19 £000	2017/18 £000
HRA Balance at the end of the previous year	(1,929)	(1,905)
(Surplus) or deficit for the year on the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement	11,708	6,539
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under statute (including reserve movement)	(13,046)	(17,925)
Net (increase) or decrease in year on the HRA and HRA reserves	(1,338)	(11,386)
Transfers (to) or from earmarked reserves	1,267	11,362
(Increase) or decrease in year on the HRA balance	(71)	(24)
HRA Balance at the end of the current year	(2,000)	(1,929)

#### **Notes to the Housing Revenue Account**

## 43 Housing Stock

The number and types of dwelling in the Council's housing stock are as follows:

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
Houses	2,261	2,253
Bungalows	1,939	1,933
Flats	695	693
Sheltered	209	209
Total	5,104	5,088

In 2018/19, 42 properties were sold under the 'Right to Buy' provisions (47 in 2017/18). In 2018/19, 6 bungalows, 4 flats and 48 houses were completed (1 bungalow, 2 flats and 23 houses in 17/18).

#### 44 Valuation of Assets

The total balance sheet valuations of land, houses and other property within the HRA are as follows:

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
	£'000	£'000
Council Dwellings	193,093	172,901
Council Dwellings (Garages)	2,978	3,254
Other Property	127	163
Other Equipment	499	59
Other Vehicles	499	653
Non Operational Land (Surplus Assets Not Held for Sale)	821	1,041
Assets Under Construction	388	0
Total	198,405	178,071

The vacant possession value of the dwellings within the HRA (valued in accordance with Guidance) as at 31 March 2019 was £466,835,445 (£419,416,204 in 2017/18). The difference between the vacant possession value and the balance sheet value of dwellings within the HRA show the economic cost of providing council housing at less than market rents. The social housing regional adjustment factor for East Midlands is 42% which takes into account the reduction in value arising from sitting tenants rights.

#### 45 Depreciation

Council Houses have been depreciated on a straight line method (excluding the land value of the property). Other housing property has been depreciated using the straight line method based upon the independent valuation of the asset and the finite useful life. The total charges within the HRA are as follows:

Operational Assets	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Houses	3,583	3,120
Other Property (Garages)	11	61
Other Equipment	190	244
Total	3,784	3,425

## 46 Major Repairs Reserve

This reserve is credited with the depreciation charged to the Housing Revenue Account as well as additional voluntary contributions from the Housing Revenue Account.

The reserve is only available for funding major repairs to the housing stock or the repayment of Housing Revenue Account debt. Any unspent sums are carried forward for use in future years.

	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Balance brought forward 1 April	(7,537)	(8,787)
Transferred to Reserve in year	(4,917)	(5,376)
Transferred to Reserve in year from Capital Adjustment Account	0	(11,015)
Amounts used to finance Capital Expenditure on land, houses and other HRA property	7,183	6,626
Repayment of debt from the reserve in year	0	0
Transfer to the HRA Debt Repayment reserve in year	0	11,015
Balance as at 31 March	(5,271)	(7,537)

## 47 Impairment (Including the reversal of previous years' revaluation decreases)

The position of the HRA properties reviewed for impairment at 31/3/19 is:

	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Dwellings (including land)	(12,371)	1,388
Other land and buildings	153	1,147
Revaluation (Increase) / Decrease	(12,218)	2,535

## 48 Capital Expenditure and Financing

	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Expenditure on HRA land, houses and other property	13,728	14,157
Financed by:		
Major Repairs Reserve	7,183	6,626
Borrowing	3,348	5,174
Grants and Contributions	2,538	1,117
Usable Capital Receipts	388	223
Revenue and Reserves Contributions	271	1,017
Total	13,728	14,157

## 49 Capital Receipts

	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Council House Sales	1,971	2,116
Land Sales	31	236
Total	2,002	2,352

## 50 Rent Income

At 31 March 2019 approximately 4.08% of lettable properties were empty (31 March 2018, 4.46%).

The rent arrears as a proportion of gross rent income and excluding refunds are £1,167,932 (5.58%) compared with £1.272.394 (6.04%) in 2017/18.

An allowance for impairment of £617,308 has been made in the accounts for potentially uncollectable rent arrears (2017/18 £751,858).

#### **51** Pension Reserve

The amount charged to the HRA for providing pensions is the amount payable for the year in line with statutory requirement governing the pension scheme of £475,498. This is the difference between the interest income on plan assets £1,041,609 credit (£949,539 credit 17/18) and the interest cost on defined obligations £1,517,107 debit (£1,403,189 debit 17/18) apportioned by the HRA share of total basic salaries.

#### **52** Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute

The Council's Net Cost of Service on the Housing Revenue Account includes expenditure of £0.793m (£0.926m 17/18). This payment did not result in the development of an asset owned by the Council.

## 53 HRA Debt Repayment Reserve

The introduction of self-financing to the Housing Revenue Account in 2012 meant the Council had to borrow £88m from the Public Works Loan Board to cover the balance of the settlement payment after using reserves and balances, which was made to Communities and Local Government to buy out of the subsidy system.

The loans of £88m were taken out with varying maturity dates ranging from 6 months to 30 years. The final repayment date being 28/3/42.

This reserve has been created to build up funds to meet the repayments of the loans as they become due and is included in the balance sheet within earmarked reserves.

	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Balance brought forward 1 April	(12,082)	0
Transferred to Reserve in year	0	(1,067)
Transferred to Reserve in year from Capital Adjustment Account	0	(11,015)
Repayment of debt from the reserve in year	0	0
Balance as at 31 March	(12,082)	(12,082)

## THE COLLECTION FUND ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

2017/18	2017/18		2018/19	2018/19	2018/19	
NNDR	Council Tax		NNDR	Council Tax	Total	Note
£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	
		<u>INCOME</u>				
	(37,137)	Council Tax Payers		(39,463)	(39,463)	<u>55</u>
(25,390)		Income from Business Ratepayers	(27,795)		(27,795)	<u>54</u>
0		Transitional Protection Payment Receivable	(45)		(45)	
(25,390)	(37,137)		(27,840)	(39,463)	(67,303)	
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		Apportionment of Previous Year's Collection Fund Surplus:				
1,443		Central Government	177		177	
1,154	33	Bolsover District Council	142		142	
260	138	Derbyshire County Council	32		32	
29	8	Derbyshire Fire Authority	3		3	
	21	Derbyshire Police Authority			0	
		Precepts:				
	6,092	Bolsover District Council		6,443	6,443	
	25,494	Derbyshire County Council		27,317	27,317	
	1,527	Derbyshire Fire Authority		1,605	1,605	
	3,800	Derbyshire Police Authority		4,136	4,136	
40.000		Business Rates:				
12,382		Central Government	40.000		0	
9,906		Bolsover District Council	12,860		12,860	
2,229		Derbyshire County Council	12,603		12,603	
247 97		Derbyshire Fire Authority Cost of Collection	257 96		257 96	
91			90		90	
50	00	Charges to the Collection Fund:	F.4	444	405	
53	80	Write-offs of uncollectable amounts	51	114	165	
80	74	Impairment of Debts	(47)	141	94	
3,471		Impairment of Appeals	(1,440)		(1,440)	
68		Reconciliation Adjustments for disregarded amounts	64		64	
35		Transitional Protection Payments			0	
31,454	37,267		24,798	39,756	64,554	
6,064	130	(Surplus) / Deficit for the year	(3,042)	293	(2,749)	
(0.770)	(470)	COLLECTION FUND BALANCE	0.004	(40)	0.057	<u>56</u>
(2,770)	` ,	Balance brought forward at 1 April	3,294	(40)	3,254	
6,064	130	(Surplus)/ Deficit arising during the year	(3,042)	293	(2,749)	
3,294	(40)	(Surplus)/ Deficit c/fwd 31st March	252	253	505	

## **54** Income from Business Ratepayers

The Council collects business rates for its area based on local rateable values provided by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) multiplied by a uniform business rate set nationally by Central Government.

In 2013/14, the administration of business rates changed following the introduction of the business rates retention scheme which aims to give Councils a greater incentive to grow businesses but also increases the financial risk due to volatility and collection rates. Instead of paying business rates to the central pool, local authorities retain a proportion of the total collectable rates due. In the case of Bolsover the local share is 40%. The remainder is distributed to preceptors, Central Government (50%), Derbyshire County Council (9%) and Derbyshire Fire Authority (1%).

During 2018/19 Bolsover was a member of the Derbyshire Business Rates pool. This consists of 8 Derbyshire district or borough Councils; Derbyshire County; Derby City and Derbyshire Fire Authority. Instead of each district or borough Council paying a proportion of their growth above the baseline over to Government, it is kept within the pool and distributed amongst all the members on an agreed basis.

The Derbyshire Business Rates pool was successful in becoming a Business Rates Pilot for 2018/19. This meant the collectable rates for 2018/19 would be distributed differently to previous years. The proportions being Central Government zero, the billing authority (Bolsover District Council) (50%), Derbyshire County Council (49%) and Derbyshire Fire Authority (9%).

The business rates shares payable for 2018/19 were estimated before the start of the financial year as £12.860m to Bolsover District Council, £12.603m to Derbyshire County Council and £0.257m to Derbyshire Fire Authority. These sums have been paid in 2018/19 and charged to the collection fund in year.

When the Business Rates scheme was introduced, Central Government set a baseline level for each authority identifying the expected level of retained business rates and a top up or tariff amount to ensure that all authorities receive their baseline amount. Tariffs due from authorities payable to Central Government are used to finance the top ups to those authorities who do not achieve their targeted baseline funding. Bolsover paid a tariff from the General Fund in 2018/19 to the value of £5.993m.

The total income collected from business rate payers in 2018/19 was £27.8m (£25.4m in 2017/18).

The total non-domestic rateable value at 31st March 2019 was £64,017,013 (£62,415,557 for 2017/18). The general national non-domestic multiplier for the year was 49.3p (47.9p in 2017/18). The small business non-domestic multiplier for the year was 48.0p (46.6p in 2017/18).

## **55** Council Tax

Council Tax derives from charges raised according to the value of residential properties which have been classified into 9 valuation bands (A-H) for this specific purpose. Individual charges are calculated by estimating the amount of income required to be taken from the Collection Fund by the Council for the forthcoming year and dividing this by the Council Tax base (i.e. the equivalent numbers of Band D dwellings).

The increase in the tax base between financial years is as a result of a combination of new builds and a reduction in the level of Council Tax discounts and exemptions. The tax base for 2018/19 is follows:

			2018/19	2017/18
Band	Estimated No. of Taxable Properties after effects of Discounts Exemptions + Other Adjustments	Ratio	Band D Equivalent Dwellings	Band D Equivalent Dwellings
-A	24.01	5 / 9	13.34	14.24
Α	15,139.99	6 / 9	10,093.32	10,010.89
В	5,009.21	7 / 9	3,896.05	3,744.95
С	3,770.76	8 / 9	3,351.79	3,234.54
D	2,274.21	9 / 9	2,274.21	2,208.11
E	998.00	11 / 9	1,219.77	1,213.06
F	299.33	13 / 9	432.37	422.77
G	109.80	15 / 9	183.00	180.13
Н	4.91	18 / 9	9.82	11.78
	Council Taxbase prior to adjustment for Collection Rate		21,473.68	21,040.47

## 56 Allocation of Collection Fund Surpluses and Deficits

Collection Fund surpluses declared by the billing authority in relation to Council Tax are apportioned to the relevant precepting bodies based on precept amounts, in the subsequent financial year. Deficits are proportionately charged to the relevant precepting bodies in the following year. For Bolsover, the Council Tax precepting bodies are Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police Authority and the Derbyshire Fire Authority.

NNDR surpluses declared by the billing authority in relation to the Collection Fund are apportioned to the relevant precepting bodies in the subsequent financial year in their respective proportions, as detailed in note 54. Deficits are proportionately charged to the relevant precepting bodies in the following year.

The Business Rates Pilot has meant for 2018/19 the NNDR surplus/deficit is a net figure. This is made up of a surplus on the pilot proportions of £3.396m and a deficit on the brought forward balance for the pool of £3.648m. As dicussed in note 54, Central Government is not part of the pilot.

2017/18	2017/18		2018/19	2018/19	2018/19
NNDR	Council Tax		NNDR	Council Tax	Total
£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
1,318	(6)	Bolsover District Council	(239)	41	(198)
296	(28)	Derbyshire County Council	(1,335)	174	(1,161)
0	(4)	Derbyshire Police Authority	0	28	28
33	(2)	Derbyshire Fire Authority	2	10	12
1,647	0	Central Government	1,824	0	1,824
3,294	(40)	(Surplus)/Deficit	252	253	505

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

There have been no prior period adjustments made to the Council's 2017/18 published financial statements during 2018/19.