



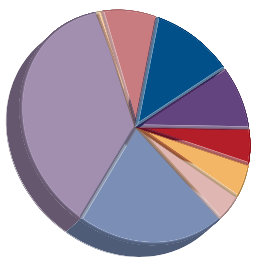
Summary Statement of Accounts 2007 / 2008



OVERALL REVENUE ACCOUNT

The revenue account shows the cost of running Council services between April 2007 and March 2008 and where the money came from to meet these costs.

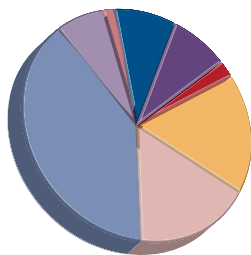
WHAT WE SPENT ON SERVICES DURING 2007/2008



Total Spend
£120.21m

- £9.49m Central Services
- £13.38m Cultural and Leisure Services
- £10.40m Environmental Services
- £5.98m Planning and Development Services
- £6.04m Transport and Parking Services
- £4.95m Housing General Fund
- £25.33m Housing Revenue Account
- £43.66m Benefit Payments
- £0.98m Social Services – Older People

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM



Total Income
£120.21m

- £2.22m General Government Grant
- £10.23m Business Rates
- £9.41m Council Tax
- £2.63m Interest Earnings
- £20.19m Fees and Charges
- £20.62m Housing Rents
- £46.49m Specific Government Grants
- £8.42m Other Income

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

The Council owns 6,320 dwelling properties, managed by Colchester Borough Homes. We are required by law to keep separate records of all spending and income relating to these properties.

	2007/2008 £'000
Income	
Council house rents	20,616
Other income	2,358
Expenditure	
Repairs and maintenance	6,462
Supervision and management	8,378
Capital financing costs	8,777
Other costs	1,715
Transfer to balances	2,358

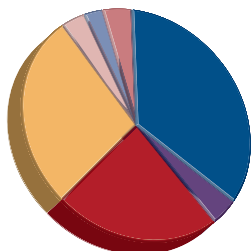


	31-Mar-08
Analysis by Type of Dwelling	
Houses and bungalows	3,108
Flats and maisonettes	3,212
Total Dwellings	6,320

The number of properties that we own was reduced by 29, due to sales to tenants.

CAPITAL SPENDING

Capital spending is on items with a value to the Council or the community that lasts more than a year. A significant element of the capital spending in 2007/08 was on the Community Stadium project and major investments in Council dwellings under the Decent Homes programme.



Total Spend
£30.5m

£1.3m Central & Customer Services	£7.2m Housing
£10.7m Colchester Community Stadium	£8.6m Regeneration
£0.8m Culture & Leisure	£1.1m Waste Services
	£0.8m Other

YEAR END BALANCES

The figures below show what the Council owns, how much the Council owes and how much is owed to the Council.

	31-Mar-08 £'000
Buildings, land and other assets owned by the Council	588,088
Investments	35,151
Money owed to the Council	16,115
Money owed by the Council	(23,193)
Future pension liability	(55,271)
Cash overdrawn	(1,002)
	559,888
Financed by:	
Borrowing	59,377
Restricted reserves	468,692
Usable reserves	31,819
	559,888

Restricted reserves are already used and not available for further spending. Usable reserves are available and planned to support future spending.

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR ACCOUNTS

The following is a summary of some of the key points from the accounts on our use of public funds.

Revenue spending is generally on items used during the year, and is paid for by Fees and Charges, Council Tax, Business Rates, Government grants and other income. During this year spending was in the order of £120.2 million, broadly in line with budget. General Fund balances now stand at £3.3 million, of which £1.9 million was uncommitted. They are used as a working balance and to support future spending plans.

Capital spending is generally on purchasing and improving assets such as land, buildings and roads. The benefits from capital spending are received over a longer period of time. Capital spending in the year was £30.5 million. About 43% of capital spending was paid for from grants and contributions. Other capital spending was financed from capital receipts from sale of assets, reserves and from borrowing.

New receipts from the sale of assets of £5.6 million were available in 2007/08. There is a balance at the year end of £10.2 million that is already planned to support future capital spending.

Council Tax and Business Rates

Council Tax income for the year was £80 million but we only kept £9.3 million (12%) to spend on our services the balance being paid over to other authorities. Business rates income of £49 million was paid into the national pool from which we received £10.2 million back to spend on our services.

Council Housing

The Council is the major provider of rented housing in the Borough. The Housing Revenue Account shows a contribution from balances for the year of £2.3m. At the year end the Housing Revenue Account balance was £1.5 million, a significant part of which is earmarked to support future capital spending.

Borrowing

New borrowing of £3.5 million was undertaken during the year. This was in respect of the borrowing agreed by Council to fund the building of a Community Stadium. The total loan debt at the year end was £59.4 million.

Pension Costs

Extensive reporting arrangements for pension costs are included in the full Statement of Accounts. The Council's share of the assets and liabilities of the pension fund show an estimated future liability of £55.3 million. While the figure is substantial it should be remembered that it is not an immediate deficit that has to be met now.

Outlook

In the Council's Strategic Plan 2006-2009 we identify priority services over these years. The Council continues, through its budgetary process, to ensure that the Council's limited resources are focussed on these priority services.

Head of Financial Services Statement

The Council's Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice having regard to proper accounting practice.

There were a number of new requirements for 2007/08 and details are set out in the full Statement of Accounts. For the purpose of this summary some modifications have been made to aid understanding.

The Council's accounts have been audited. The auditor issued an unqualified opinion on the Council's full accounts for 2007/08.

A full copy of the Council's 2007/08 audited accounts is available on request by contacting Steve Heath, details below. The Accounts are also published on our website, **www.colchester.gov.uk**

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