



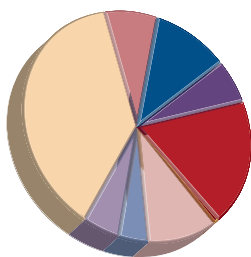
# Summary Statement of Accounts 2008 / 2009



## OVERALL REVENUE ACCOUNT

The revenue account shows the cost of running Council services between April 2008 and March 2009 and where the money came from to meet these costs.

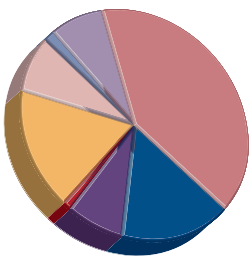
## WHAT WE SPENT ON SERVICES DURING 2008/2009



**Total Spend**  
£129.04m

- £9.86m Central Services
- £13.44m Environmental Services
- £7.34m Transport and Parking Services
- £23.77m Housing Revenue Account
- £0.92m Social Services – Older People
- £13.33m Cultural and Leisure Services
- £5.29m Planning and Development Services
- £6.41m Housing General Fund
- £48.68m Benefit Payments

## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM



**Total Income**  
£129.04m

- £51.83m Specific Government Grants
- £21.11m Fees and Charges
- £9.95m Council Tax
- £1.63m General Government Grant
- £21.23m Housing Rents
- £10.87m Business Rates
- £2.21m Interest Earnings
- £10.21m Other Income

## HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

The Council owns 6,318 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.

	2008/2009 £'000
<b>Income</b>	
Council house rents	21,228
Other Income	2,559
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,787</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Repairs and maintenance	4,503
Supervision and management	8,622
Capital financing costs	7,795
Other costs	2,847
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,767</b>
<b>Transfer to balances</b>	<b>20</b>

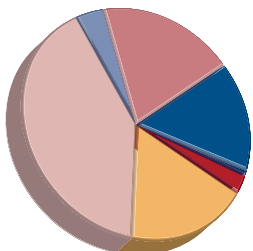


	31-Mar-09
<b>Analysis by Type of Dwelling</b>	
Houses and bungalows	3,108
Flats and maisonettes	3,210
<b>Total Dwellings</b>	<b>6,318</b>

The number of properties that we own was reduced by 2, 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. The Council utilised its powers to undertake unsupported borrowing with the majority being used to fund the purchase of Rowan House and to complete the Community Stadium.



**Total Spend**  
£25.1m

£4.7m Colchester Community Stadium	£4.5m Regeneration
£3.8m Housing	£10.2m Central & Customer Services
£0.2m Waste Services	£1.0m Culture & Leisure
£0.7m 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.

	<b>31-Mar-09</b> <b>£'000</b>
Buildings, land and other assets owned by the Council	544,400
Investments	19,509
Money owed to the Council	12,988
Money owed by the Council	(12,203)
Future pension liability	(51,939)
Cash overdrawn	(1,259)
	<b>511,496</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>	
Borrowing	69,378
Restricted reserves	416,718
Usable reserves	25,400
	<b>511,496</b>

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 £129 million, broadly in line with budget. General Fund balances now stand at £2.9 million, of which £2 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 £25.1 million. About 20% 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 £0.7 million were available in 2008/09. There is a balance at the year end of £5 million that is already planned to support future capital spending.

### **Council Tax and Business Rates**

Council Tax income for the year was £84 million but we only kept £9.9 million (12%) to spend on our services, the balance being paid over to other authorities. Business rates income of £53 million was paid into the national pool from which we received £10.8 million back to spend on our services.

### **Council Housing**

The Council is the major provider of rented housing in the Borough. At the year end the Housing Revenue Account balance was £2.5 million, a significant part of which is earmarked to support future capital spending.

## **Borrowing**

New long-term borrowing of £4 million was undertaken during the year. This was the balance of the borrowing agreed by Council to fund the building of a Community Stadium. The total loan debt at the year end was £69.3 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 £51.9 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 2009-2012 we identify priorities for action in these years. The Council continues, through its budgetary process, to ensure that the Council's limited resources are focussed on these priority areas.

## **Head of Resource Management's 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 2008/09 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 2008/09.

A full copy of the Council's 2008/09 audited accounts is available on request by contacting Steve Heath, details below. The Accounts are also published on our website, [www.colchester.gov.uk](http://www.colchester.gov.uk)

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