



# Colchester Borough Council

## Summary Statement of Accounts

### 2015/16

The Council's Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice having regard to proper accounting practice. For the purpose of this summary, modifications have been made to aid understanding.

The Council's auditor, Ernst Young LLP, issued an unqualified opinion on the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2015/16 on 27 July 2016.

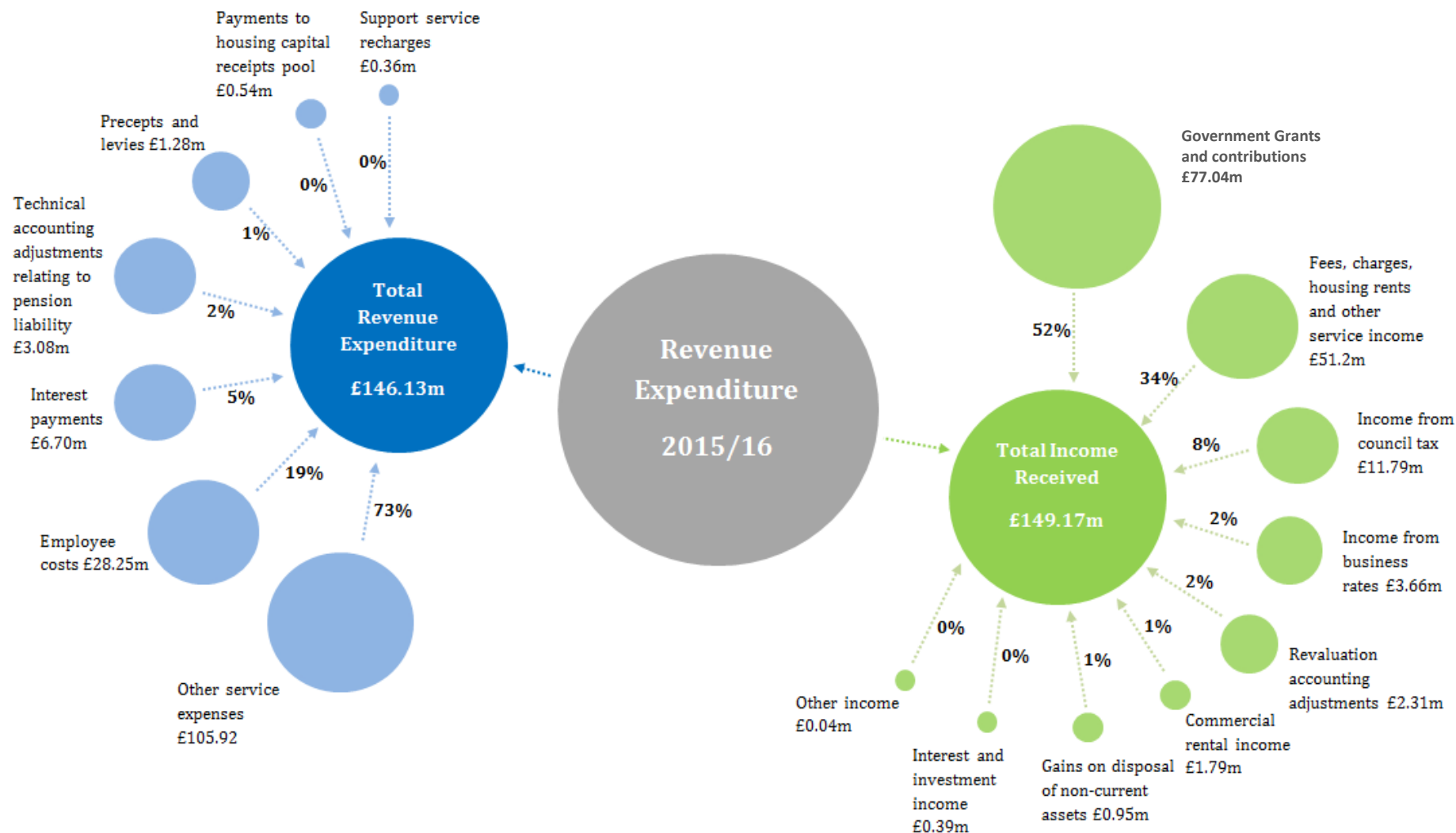
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- visiting our website at [www.colchester.gov.uk](http://www.colchester.gov.uk)
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## Revenue Expenditure

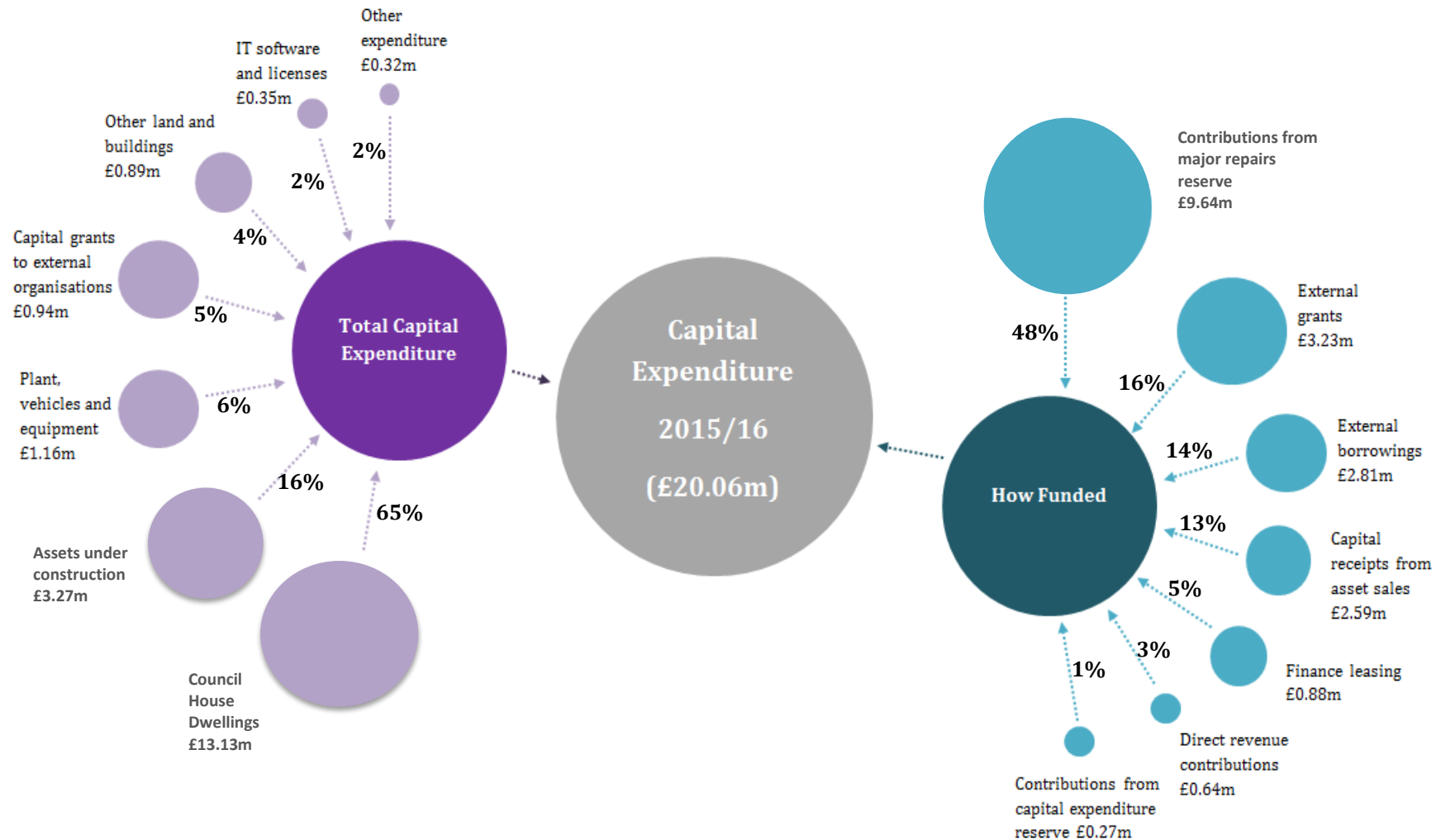
Revenue spending is generally on items used during the year, and is paid for by Fees and Charges, Council Tax, Business Rates, Government grants and other income. The provision of Council services between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 resulted in a surplus of £3 million. The outturn position after identified budget carry forwards was £0.8 million less than budget.

General Fund balances now stand at £10.4 million, of which £3 million was uncommitted. These are used as a working balance in order to support future spending plans.



## Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure is money spent on the purchase, creation or enhancement of assets which have a value to the Council for more than one year. This type of expenditure is treated separately from the day to day revenue running expenses of the Council. The tables below show how the capital expenditure of £20.06 million was spent in 2015/16 and how this expenditure was funded.



## Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows the financial position of the Council at the year end of 31 March. The net assets of the Council (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Council. Usable reserves are available and planned to support future spending. Unusable reserves are already used and are therefore not available for further spending.

	<b>31 March 2016</b>	<b>31 March 2015</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Land, buildings, dwellings, vehicles, equipment and other	474,094	459,668
Stocks	168	173
Cash and bank balances	8,259	20,600
Investments	25,570	13,550
Money owed to the Council	14,843	10,379
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Money owed by the Council	(26,302)	(28,237)
Borrowing	(137,842)	(137,838)
Provisions for future spending	(3,427)	(2,655)
Pension fund liability	(87,846)	(95,520)
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>	<b>267,517</b>	<b>240,120</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Usable reserves	Page 5 32,999	26,815
Unusable reserves	Page 5 234,518	213,305
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>Page 5 267,517</b>	<b>240,120</b>

## Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year 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 Surplus/(Deficit) on the Provision of Services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Council's services. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account for Council Tax setting and dwellings rent setting purposes. The Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves line shows the statutory reserve balances before any discretionary transfers to or from Earmarked Reserves are undertaken by the Council.

		<b>Total Usable Reserves £'000</b>	<b>Total Unusable Reserves £'000</b>	<b>Total Reserves £'000</b>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2015</b>	<b>Page 4</b>	<b>26,815</b>	<b>213,305</b>	<b>240,120</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) on provision of services		3,039	-	3,039
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		-	24,358	24,358
<b>Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure</b>		<b>3,039</b>	<b>24,358</b>	<b>27,397</b>
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations		3,416	(3,416)	-
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves</b>		<b>6,455</b>	<b>20,942</b>	<b>27,397</b>
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves		(271)	271	-
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in 2015/16</b>		<b>6,184</b>	<b>21,213</b>	<b>27,397</b>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2016</b>	<b>Page 4</b>	<b>32,999</b>	<b>234,518</b>	<b>267,517</b>

## Housing Revenue Account

The Council is the major provider of rented housing in the Borough. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a ring-fenced account which relates to the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock. Colchester Borough Homes Limited manages the dwellings on behalf of the Council.

At the year end the Housing Revenue Account balance was £2.4 million, a significant part of which is earmarked to support future capital spending.

	2015/16 £'000	2014/15 £'000
<b>Income</b>		
Council house rents and other rents	(28,058)	(27,468)
Other Income	(2,787)	(2,850)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(30,845)</b>	<b>(30,318)</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Repairs and maintenance	5,015	5,089
Supervision and management	9,295	8,945
Capital charges	10,284	12,932
Other costs and statutory adjustments	6,325	6,293
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>30,919</b>	<b>33,259</b>
<b>Net Expenditure for Housing Revenue Account</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2,941</b>
Transfers to reserves	48	14
<b>Net decrease in the year</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2,955</b>
HRA reserve brought forward at the start of the year	(2,510)	(5,465)
<b>HRA reserve carried forward at 31 March</b>	<b>(2,388)</b>	<b>(2,510)</b>

### Number of properties owned by the Council – analysed by type of property:

	31 March	31 March
Houses and bungalows	3,024	3,028
Flats and maisonettes	3,016	3,045
<b>Total Dwellings</b>	<b>6,040</b>	<b>6,073</b>