

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL
2022/23 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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INTRODUCTION

Gloucester City Council

Welcome to the Statement of Accounts 2022/23

I hope you find these accounts interesting and informative. The accounts, together with the accompanying notes, explain the Council's services and how your Council Tax was spent during the year.

During the year the Council continued to provide sound financial management and deliver good value services, despite the exceptional pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic and the December 2021 cyber incident. The Council remains committed to continuous improvement in all areas and to driving forwards best practice and value for money for the services delivered in Gloucester City.

Our updated Medium Term Financial Plan (Money Plan) provides a clear strategic direction for the Council finances through to 2025/26. We are confident of achieving future savings targets we have set ourselves to meet the financial pressures placed upon us from reductions in government grant but also to keep Council Tax levels low for our residents.

The City Council's element of the Council Tax for a Band D property was £216.99 for 2022/23. This represents around 2.4% of an average bill of £1,987.73. The City's Council Tax again provided excellent value for money.

Due to the cyber incident the council experienced in December 2021, we were unable to meet the planned deadline for publishing the 2022-23 statement of accounts. Following a significant and successful recovery effort, we have published a complete set of accounts on 11th November 2024. This reflects the dedication of all finance staff in delivering these improvements both in this and future financial years.

The information contained within these accounts is presented as simply and clearly as possible. However the accounts of such a large and diverse organisation as Gloucester City Council are, by their nature, both technical and complex.

I have structured this narrative statement to enable readers to understand the Council, its operating environment and to assist in the understanding of the Statement of Accounts.

The sections contained with this narrative statement are:

1. Key facts about Gloucester
2. Key facts about Gloucester City Council
3. A summary of financial performance
4. Non-financial performance
5. An explanation of the financial statements

Finally a thank you to you, the reader, for showing an interest in the Council's finances. If you would like to know more about the Council's finances please do not hesitate to contact us at the address below.

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NARRATIVE REPORT

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1. Introduction

The Statement of Accounts presents the financial position of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Accounts are produced in the format stipulated by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in accordance with best accounting practice. This report provides a brief explanation of the financial aspects of the Council's activities and a guide to the significant matters reported in the accounts.

The Narrative Report provides information about Gloucester City Council and the key issues affecting the Council and its accounts, including a summary of its financial position at 31st March 2023.

2. An Introduction to Gloucester City

Gloucester City is a district council in the County of Gloucestershire with one parish council, Quedgeley Town Council. The City shares its borders with Stroud District Council, Forest of Dean District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. Gloucester, the county City, has plenty on offer and is everything you'd expect from a vibrant, multi-cultural British City.

It has one of the richest heritage offerings in the country, from its time as a Roman colony, to one of the three most important medieval cities in England, then its development into an industrial centre. It is home to one of the finest medieval buildings in the country: the breath-taking cathedral which has formed the backdrop of many scenes in Doctor Who and Harry Potter films.

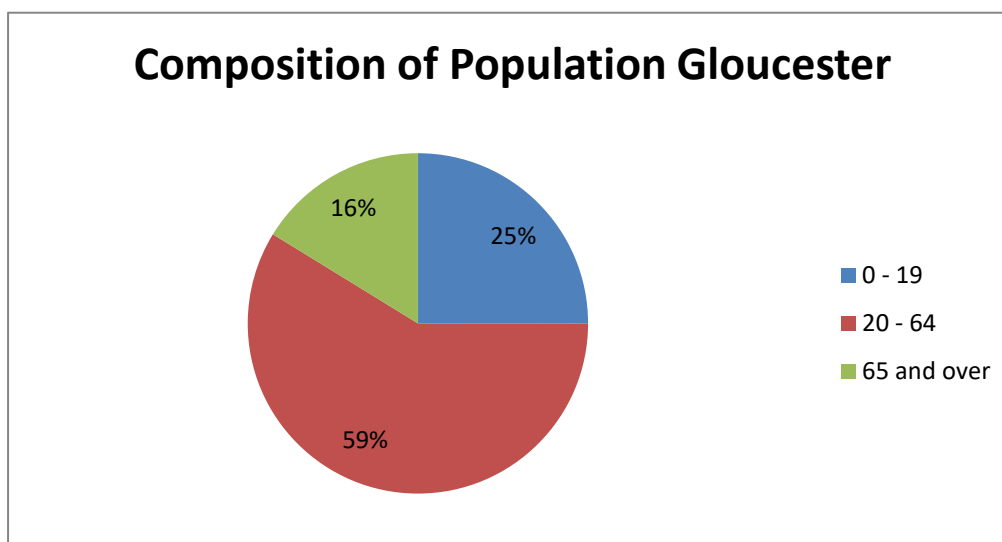
The famous Kingsholm stadium, home of Gloucester Rugby Club, is renowned for hosting world class rugby, and is one of the leading clubs in the country and part of the premiership.

The historic docks have seen a stunning regeneration in recent years, delivering a retail outlet centre, great leisure and catering offerings, and superb riverside accommodation.

The City has many cultural offerings, hosting the Tall Ships festival, the Three Choirs Festival, several museums and the Guildhall music and performance venue.

Today, Gloucester is undergoing something of a modern day renaissance, rediscovering and celebrating its rich history. The regeneration of the docks, Bakers Quay, the Kings Quarter, the Greater Blackfriars area and other once-neglected areas of the City has brought in significant investment.

The profile of the local population is an important factor in the services the Council provides. The Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Estimates for 2019 reported that Gloucester's estimated population was 129,310 with the age profile as presented below.



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3. About Gloucester City Council

Gloucester City Council is a multifunctional and complex organisation. Its policies are directed by the political leadership and implemented by the Senior Management Team and Officers of the Council. The following section describes the political and management structures of the Council.

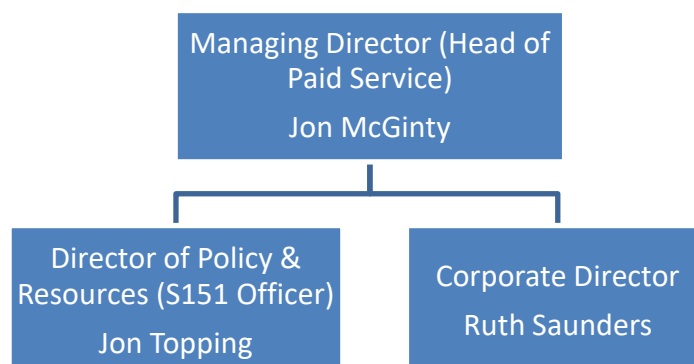
In 2022/23 Gloucester had 18 wards. Residents of the City were represented by 39 Councillors during 2022/23, the Council hold elections every four years the last being in May 2021.

The political make up of the Council for 2022/23 was:

Party	No of Councillors
Conservative Party	21 Councillors
Liberal Democratic Party	14 Councillors
Labour Party	2 Councillors
Independent Group	2 Councillors

Overall control of the Council sits with the Conservative party with a majority of 3 seats. Representatives from Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat hold seats on the Council.

The Council employs a work force of approximately 238 staff to manage and deliver services to residents under the direction of the Senior Management Team. The senior management structure and statutory officers in place during 2022/23 is shown below. At 31 March 2023 Jon Topping Retired as S151 Officer and was superseded by Greg Maw:



The Council provides a wide range of services to residents, through direct provision, joint working, strategic partnerships and through third parties.

Detailed below are posts held during 2022/23:

Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the 2022/23 Municipal Year

Mayor - Councillor K Williams

3. About Gloucester City Council (Continued)

Cabinet in 2022/23

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment -
Councillor R Cook
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member Performance and Resources -
Councillor H Norman
Cabinet Member Communities and Neighbourhoods - Councillor R Padilla
Cabinet Member Planning & Housing Strategy - Councillor S Chambers
Cabinet Member Culture & Leisure - Councillor A Lewis

Chair of Committees in 2022/23

Licensing Committee - Councillor L Brooker
Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor S Field
General Purposes Committee - Councillor G Taylor
Planning Committee - Councillor G Taylor
Audit and Governance Committee - Councillor D Wilson

Chief Officers in 2022/23

Managing Director (Head of Paid Service) - Mr J McGinty
Corporate Director - Mrs R Saunders (Jan 2022)
Director of Policy & Resources (Section 151 Officer) - Mr J Topping

4. A summary of Financial Performance

The COVID19 global pandemic continued to impact on the financial performance of the Council during 2022-23 and this impact is reflected in the financial outturn position as we moved away from restrictions from previous years.

The cyber incident in December 2021 led to further financial pressures for the Council and disruption to the collation of this Financial Outturn report. The 2022/23 Outturn figure includes all the costs incurred and committed relating to recovery activities prior to the end of the financial year.

A further impact as a result of the pandemic is within the Council's reserves. The reserves include a Collection Fund Timing reserve for the surplus on business rates Section 31 grant of £2.8m received by the council to compensate for the loss of business rates income as a result of the extended retail relied grant to retail hospitality and leisure businesses and nursery providers to support them through the pandemic. The legislation that covers the Collection Fund accounting means the related deficit as a result of the loss of business rates income in the previous year will be charged to the General Fund 2022/23. As a result the full balance of the reserve has been drawn down.

The spending review 2021 announced in October 2021, will cover three years, this will see local government in England receive an increase of £4.8bn over those three years. The Council's future financial planning will reflect the expected implications.

The 2022/23 budgeting process was influenced by the on-going need to make savings and efficiencies while still delivering council services to the residents of the city. The net budget requirement of £14.535m was approved by Cabinet and Council in February 2022. The Money Plan (www.gloucester.gov.uk/council/performance-and-spending/budget-and-finance/Pages/5-Year-Money-Plan.aspx) identified no targeted reductions in 2022/23. The Money Plan included an increase in Council Tax of £5 which resulted in an income from Council Tax of £8.6m.

In producing the Money Plan for 2022-23 to 2026-27 the aim was to align the objectives set out in the Council Plan 2021-24. The net revenue budget approved by Council in February 2022 was £14.726m. The actual net expenditure for the year was £15.459m including transfers to and from earmarked reserves. The outturn position has seen a £733k decrease in the General Fund.

The following table details the Council's final net revenue expenditure analysed by service area.

This differs from the Net Cost of Service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account Statement by the exclusion of costs relating to depreciation, revenue expenditure funded by capital under statute and certain pension adjustments.

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4. A Summary of Financial Performance (Continued)

Service	2022/23 Budget £000	Year End Outturn £000	Variance £000
Internal Audit	194	187	(7)
Financial and Corporate	901	935	34
Business Support	335	397	62
Revenues and Benefits Admin	766	415	(351)
Housing Subsidy	(377)	(287)	90
Parking	(1,566)	(1,307)	259
Asset Management	807	1,142	335
Commercial Property	(6,818)	(6,339)	479
IT	1,916	1,933	17
Human Resources	359	373	14
Communications	89	110	21
Legal Services	465	508	43
Contact Centre and Customer Services	407	425	18
Democratic Services	791	799	8
Economic Development	326	268	(58)
Licensing	(137)	(147)	(10)
Markets and Street Trading	(79)	(108)	(29)
Museums	598	597	(1)
Guildhall	445	542	97
Events	285	286	1
Leisure	(30)	360	390
Destination Marketing	143	143	0
Waste and Recycling	4,857	5,035	178
Streetcare and City Centre	751	730	(21)
Parks and Countryside	204	207	3
Climate Change and Environment	73	73	0
Environmental Health	194	139	(55)
Cemetery and Crematorium	(1,481)	(1,307)	174
Heritage	121	121	0
Senior Management	188	238	50
Voluntary Sector Grants	125	105	(20)
Community Strategy and Other Projects	807	807	0
Homelessness	865	849	(16)
Shopmobility	64	57	(7)
Private Sector Housing	209	241	32
Planning	225	309	84
Community Infrastructure Levy	0	(162)	(162)
Transformation	145	131	(14)
Land Charges	(73)	(71)	2
Total Service Expenditure	7,094	8,734	1,640

As identified in the table below a final position of an overspend of £0.858m compared to a budgeted overspend of £nil.

Service	Budget £000	Outturn £000	Variance £000
Interest Income	(719)	(1,020)	(301)
Interest Expenditure	3,402	3,939	537
Minimum Revenue Provision	1,311	1,311	0
Corporate Pension Contribution	3,255	3,255	0
Other	383	98	(285)
Total Corporate Costs	7,632	7,583	(49)
Transfer to / (from) General Fund	(0)	858	858

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4. A Summary of Financial Performance (Continued)

The expenditure was financed by sources of funding as detailed in the table below:

Service	2022/23 Budget '£000	Year End Position '£000	Variance '£000
Council Tax Funding	8,302	8,795	493
Retained Business Rates	5,500	5,802	302
Revenue Support Grant	90	90	0
New Homes Bonus	347	347	0
Council Tax s31 Grants	-	-	-
Other Grants	487	425	(62)
Total Funding	14,726	15,459	733

The main variances relate to essentially one off items being as follows:

1. The cyber incident in December 2021 has led to one off recovery pressures
2. The continued impact of Covid-19 in the financial year
4. The cyber incident hindered the Council's ability to respond to planning requests
5. Continued support of the leisure trust in the wake of the pandemic.

The gross cost of service provision amounts to £103m and this has been analysed by type as shown in the table below:

Expenditure Type	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Employee Expenses	9,241	8,297
Other Service Expenses	67,867	67,096
Other Operating Expenditure	346	6,172
Capital charges and investment property expenditure	5,675	5,286
Business rates expenditure	19,891	17,161
Gross Cost of Services	103,020	104,012

The Council received gross income of £106.4m and this is analysed in the table below:

Income Type	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Government Grants	36,935	33,058
Income from Council Tax, Business Rates and non-specific grant income	44,048	40,403
Fees, Charges & Other Service Income	23,484	21,813
Interest and Investment property income and other operating income	1,889	12,197
	106,356	107,471

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4. A Summary of Financial Performance (Continued)

The capital budget was approved by Cabinet and Council in February 2022, with subsequent approvals bringing the final capital budget to £29.6m for 2022/23. Capital expenditure for 2022/23 was £36.6m.

There was an overspend on the revised capital budget in 2022/23 compared to budgeted expenditure of £6.97m, these overspends were the result of additional ICT costs in relation to data recovery, and improvements to security following the cyber attack of December 2021. Also, the delay of progress on The Forum has caused additional cost to be incurred in 2022-23.

A summary of the capital expenditure is shown below. Of the £36.6m spend, £35.3m added to the value of the Council's fixed assets, and the balance was written off in year to the Income and Expenditure Account as revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute. The sources of funding for the Council's capital expenditure in 2022/23 are shown below:

Capital Expenditure	£000
Kings Square development	154
Kings Quarter - The Forum	29,912
GWR - Railway Improvements	19
Kings Walk Shopping Centre	(185)
GCC Building Improvements	1,727
ICT Projects	667
Drainage and Flood Protection Works	73
Horsbere Brook Local Nature Reserve works	5
Play Area Improvement Programme	38
Grant Funded Projects	449
Food Dock	1,050
Domestic Waste Vehicles	1,400
Total Capital Expenditure Added to Fixed Assets	35,309
Cathedral Quarter High Street HAZ	489
Disabled Facilities Improvement Grants	662
Hempsted Way Play Area S106	11
Land East of Waterwells	24
Play Area Improvement Programme	32
Warm and Well Grants	19
Armscroft Park Sports - S106/Contract Works/Services	12
Total Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute (REFCUS)	1,249
Total Capital Expenditure	36,558

The table below shows how the Council financed its capital expenditure:

Source of Funding	£000
Section 106	435
Usable Capital receipts	73
Grants	8,261
Borrowing	27,789
Revenue	0
	36,558

5. Accounting Issues and Developments

Pension Fund Deficit

The Council's share of the deficit on the Pension Fund, as at 31 March 2023, has decreased from £45.7m to £2.7m see note 41 for further details.

6. A Summary of Non-Financial Performance

In response to the on-going challenges facing local government and Gloucester City Council the Council Plan 2021-24 and the Money Plan 2022-27 have been developed to ensure the Council's strategic objectives and priorities are met.

Gloucester has a clearly defined vision: **"Building a greener, fairer, better Gloucester"**

Building a greener, fairer, better Gloucester for everyone who lives, works in, and visits our city. This vision is not something that the council can achieve alone, and the plan sets out how we intend to work with partners and residents over the next three years to shape and achieve the best outcomes for all as we recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council Plan 2021-2024 contains three key priorities, as detailed below:

PRIORITY 1: BUILDING GREENER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

The health and wellbeing of Gloucester's residents is at the heart of everything we do, and that's why we will tackle health inequalities, advocate for inclusivity, and take action to ensure a greener future for our city.

We value diversity and know our communities have many strengths, and we will listen and provide the support residents need to improve their own lives, while continuing to help our most vulnerable residents.

PRIORITY 2: BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE CITY OF DIVERSE CULTURE AND OPPORTUNITY

We know that transforming Gloucester into a city that our residents deserve is just as important as ensuring that visitors and investors see our city as a top destination, not only in the South West, but in the country.

To secure the future of our city in the post COVID-19 world we will continue to work with our partners to facilitate innovative and sustainable regeneration across Gloucester, drive the economic recovery to support local businesses, and showcase everything the city has to offer through provision of an inspiring cultural programme that is reflective of our diverse communities.

PRIORITY 3: BUILDING A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND EMPOWERING COUNCIL

As we work towards achieving our ambitions for a better Gloucester, we remain committed to providing great, accessible services that offer value for money to our residents and doing so in a way that minimises our impact on the environment and promotes inclusion.

We know that technology is changing the way people live, work and connect and, through our ongoing digital transformation journey, we will ensure that customers can access more of our services quickly and efficiently online, allowing us to do more with less and focus our resources

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7. Significant Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no significant changes to accounting policies in the financial year. The service breakdown included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is now broken down by the Council's own portfolio structure which now excludes recharges of costs between portfolios. Within the core financial statements there is an Expenditure and Funding Analysis which provides a reconciliation between the figures in the Income and Expenditure Statement to the Council's own Outturn Report.

8. Further Information

Further details of the accounts can be obtained from the Head of Finance, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2FB. Tel. (01452) 396422. A statement of the accounting policies used is shown on pages 16-24 and a glossary explaining some of the technical terms used is included on pages 77-80.

Hadrian Walters
Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) 27th January 2025

EXPLANATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Council to produce a Statement of Accounts for each financial year. These statements contain a number of different elements which are explained below:

Statements to the Accounts

Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts sets out the respective responsibilities of the Authority and the Chief Finance Officer (Head Finance and Resources).

Auditor's Report gives the auditor's opinion of the financial statements and of the authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources.

Core Financial Statements

Movement in Reserves 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 reserves.

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement including the Expenditure and Funding Analysis shows the cost of providing services in the year in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Expenditure and Funding Analysis reconciles this to the amount chargeable to the General Fund reserve in the year.

Balance Sheet shows the Council's financial position on 31 March 2023. It shows the balances and reserves at the Council's disposal at that date, and summarises the fixed and current net assets employed in carrying out the Council's functions.

Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in the Council's cash and cash equivalents 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 by the recipients of services provided. 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. Cashflows arising from financing activities are useful when predicting claims on future cashflows to the Council by providers of capital, i.e. borrowing.

Supplementary Statements

Collection Fund is an agent's statement that reflects the statutory obligation of 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 Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) and its distribution to precepting bodies. For Gloucester, the Council Tax precepting bodies are the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire County Council.

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 ensure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Council, that officer is the Head of Finance & Resources (Section 151 Officer);
- * Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets; and
- * To approve the Statement of Accounts.

Responsibilities of Head of Policy & Resources (Section 151 Officer)

The Head of Finance & Resources (Section 151 Officer) 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 of Practice').

In preparing the statement of accounts, the Head of Finance & Resources (Section 151 Officer) has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code;
- kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities;
- assessed the Authority's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- used the going concern basis of accounting on the assumption that the functions of the Authority [and the Group] will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future; and
- maintained such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Statement of Accounts presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Gloucester City Council at 31 March 2023 and its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



Signed

27-Jan-25

Dated

Hadrian Walters

Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

This Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2022/23 financial year and its financial position at 31 March 2023. The Council is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices, primarily, comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23 and the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2022/23, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

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

2 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 the sale of goods is recognised when the Council transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.
- Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Council can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.
- 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 as income and expenditure on the basis of the effective interest rate for relevant financial instruments rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract.
- Where revenue and 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 against revenue for the income that might not be collected.

3 CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS USED IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In applying the accounting policies, the council has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those which may be uncertain depending on future events.

4 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED

The Code requires changes in accounting policy to be applied retrospectively unless alternative transitional arrangements are specified. There is also the requirement for an authority to disclose information relating to the impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted.

The following standards and amendments are not expected to be introduced until the 1 April 2024:

- IFRS 16

IFRS 16 is not anticipated to have a material effect on the financial statements or balances of the council since the changes mainly affect the recognition of leases by lessees and the authority does not have any material finance or operating lease liabilities as lessee. The Council also have not opted to adopt the standard early.

5 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 investments that mature in three months or less from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

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.

6 EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

When items of income and expense are material their nature and amount is disclosed separately, either on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement or in the notes to the accounts, depending on how significant the items are to an understanding of the Council's financial performance.

7 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS, CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES, 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 by the change 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, unless stated otherwise, by adjusting 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 prior period.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

8 CHARGES TO REVENUE AND NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Services, support services and trading accounts are debited with the following amounts to record the cost of holding fixed 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 fund 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 based on an amount calculated on a prudent basis determined by the Council in accordance with statutory guidance. Depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses and amortisations are therefore replaced by the 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.

9 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 wages and 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 for services in the year in which employees render service to the Council. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlements (or any form of leave, e.g. time off in lieu) earned by employees but not taken before the year-end which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is made at the wage and salary rates applicable in the following accounting year, being the period in which the employee takes the benefit. The accrual is charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services, but then reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement so that holiday benefits are charged to revenue in the financial year in which the holiday absence 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 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 the 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 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 - Pensions

Employees of the Council are eligible to be members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) administered by Gloucestershire County Council. The Scheme provides defined benefits (retirement lump sums and pensions) to members earned as the employees work for the Council. The cost of retirement benefits is calculated by the Pension Fund Actuary and is recognised in the Income and Expenditure Statement when these benefits are earned by employees, rather than when lump sums and contributions to the Pension Fund are made.

The LGPS is accounted for as a defined benefit scheme as follows:

- The liabilities of the LGPS 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 discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate of 2.6% based on the indicative rate of return on the adoption of the AA corporate bond basis. This is at the IAS19 valuation date, subject to removal of recently re-rated bonds from the index.
- The assets of the LGPS attributable to the authority are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value as follows:
 - Quoted securities – current bid price;
 - Unquoted securities – professional estimate;
 - Unlisted securities – current bid price; and
 - Property – market value.
- The change in the net pensions 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 - allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the revenue accounts of services for which the employees worked.
- **Past service cost** - the increase in liabilities arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years - debited to the Surplus or deficit on the provision of services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs.
- **Net interest on the defined benefit liability i.e. net interest expense for the authority** - the change during the period in the net defined liability that arises from the passage of time charged to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement - this is calculated by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the period - taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments.

Remeasurements comprising:

- **The return on plan assets** - excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined liability- credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- **Gains/losses on settlements and curtailments** – the result of actions to relieve the Council of liabilities or events that reduce the expected future service or accrual of benefits of employees – debited to the Net Cost of Services in the Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs.
- **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 – charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

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9 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Continued)

Contributions paid to the LGPS - cash paid as employer's contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities. This is 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 appropriations 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 thereby 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 also 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.

10 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

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 effect.

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

11 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. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments over the life of the instrument to the amount at which it was originally recognised.

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); and interest charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable for the year according to the loan agreement.

Where premiums and discounts have been charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund Balance to be spread over future years. The Council has a policy of spreading the gain or loss over the term that was remaining on the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable when it was repaid. The reconciliation of amounts charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net charge required against the General Fund Balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Financial Assets

Under IFRS 9 the authority's financial assets are classified into three types:

- Financial assets at amortised cost – where payments consist solely of principal and interest and the reason for holding is to collect cash flows
- Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) – where payments do not consist solely of principal and interest but where the authority has designated the instrument as Fair value through OCI
- Fair value through Profit and Loss (P&L) - where payments do not consist solely of principal and interest.

Financial assets 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 (CIES) 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 CIES is the amount receivable for the year in the loan agreement. Any gains and losses that arise on the derecognition of an asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES.

Expected Credit Loss Model

The authority recognises expected credit losses on all of its financial assets held at amortised cost (or where relevant FVOCI), either on a 12-month or lifetime basis. The expected credit loss model also applies to lease receivables and contract assets. Only lifetime losses are recognised for trade receivables (debtors) held by the authority. 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.

Fair value through OCI

These are initially measured at cost (equivalent to fair value) and carried at fair value. For instruments quoted in an active market, fair values are based on their market prices at the reporting date, except where the instruments will mature within twelve months of that date, in which case they are assumed not materially different to (and therefore equal to) their carrying values. Interest receivable is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, based on the amortised cost of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. Dividends from equity instruments designated by the authority as Fair value through OCI are credited to the same line when they become receivable by the council. Changes in fair value are balanced by an entry to the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve (FIRR) (formerly the Available-for-Sale Reserve), with the gain or loss being recognised in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Any gains or losses held in the FIRR on de-recognition of the asset are credited or charged to the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Fair value through P&L

These are initially measured at cost and carried at fair value. For instruments quoted in an active market, fair values are based on their market prices at the reporting date, except where the instruments will mature within twelve months of that date, in which case they are assumed not materially different to (and therefore equal to) their carrying values. Dividends are credited to the Financing and Investment Income and expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) when they become receivable by the council. Changes in fair value and any gains or losses on de-recognition are charged or credited to the same line in the CIES.

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11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Available-for-Sale Assets

Available-for-sale assets 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. Where the asset has fixed or determinable payments, 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 amortised cost of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. Where there are no fixed or determinable payments, income (e.g. dividends) is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when it becomes receivable by the Council.

Assets are maintained in the Balance Sheet at fair value. Values are based on the following principles:

- 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 – independent appraisal of company valuations.

Changes in fair value are balanced by an entry in the Available-for-Sale Reserve and the gain/loss is recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Revaluation of Available-for-Sale Financial Assets. The exception is where impairment losses have been incurred - these are debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, along with any net gain or loss for the asset accumulated in the Available-for-Sale Reserve.

Where assets are identified as impaired because of a likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under the contract will not be made (fixed or determinable payments) or fair value falls below cost, the asset is written down and a charge made to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. If the asset has fixed or determinable payments, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Otherwise, the impairment loss is measured as any shortfall of fair value against the acquisition cost of the instrument (net of any principal repayment and amortisation).

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, along with any accumulated gains or losses previously recognised in the Available-for-Sale Reserve.

Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, the instrument is carried at cost (less any impairment losses).

12 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.

13 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. 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 transferred from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Grants Unapplied reserve, if the funds have not been spent, or the Capital Adjustment Account, if the funds have been used to finance capital expenditure, in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

14 COUNCIL TAX AND NON-DOMESTIC RATES RECOGNITION

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 (ie 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 (for NDR) 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 authority'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 authority'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.

Where debtor balances for the above are identified as impaired because of a likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under the statutory arrangements will not be made, the asset is written down and a charge made to the taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure line in the CIES. The impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the revised future cash flows.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

15 HERITAGE ASSETS

Heritage Assets are those assets that are intended to be preserved in trust for future generations because of their cultural, environmental or

The Council's heritage assets are included in the Balance Sheet at their insurance valuation which is based on market values. These insurance

Community assets (including parks but excluding archaeological sites), cemeteries and crematoria (land only) and allotments, where there are

The carrying values of heritage assets are reviewed where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Any impairment is recognised and

In the unlikely event of the disposal of heritage assets, the proceeds are accounted for on a similar basis to disposals of property, plant and

16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Expenditure on non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are controlled by the Council as a result of past events (e.g. software licences) is 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 is not capitalised).

Expenditure on the development of websites is not capitalised if the website is solely or primarily intended to promote or advertise the Council's goods or services.

Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Amounts are only revalued 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. An asset is tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the asset might 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 on the disposal or abandonment of an intangible 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 greater than £10,000, to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

17 INTEREST IN COMPANIES AND OTHER ENTITIES

The Council has a material interest in a jointly controlled entity which require it to prepare group accounts. In the Council's own single-entity accounts, the interests in this entity is recorded as a financial assets at fair value.

18 INVENTORIES AND LONG TERM CONTRACTS

Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is assigned using the FIFO costing formula.

Long term contracts are accounted for on the basis of charging the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services with the value of works and services received under the contract during the financial year.

19 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, based on the amount at which the asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable parties at arm's-length. 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. Revaluation and disposal gains and losses, however, 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 any sale proceeds greater than £10,000, the Capital Receipts Reserve.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

20 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. 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 is recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease's inception (or the present value of the minimum lease payments, if lower). The asset recognised is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor. Initial direct costs of the Council are added to the carrying amount of the asset. Premiums paid on entry into a lease are applied to writing down the lease liability. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

- A charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property, plant or equipment which reduces the lease liability, and
- A finance charge (debited to the Financing 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 asset's 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 the use of the leased asset. Charges are made on the straight-line basis over the life of the lease, even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. 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 or item of property, plant and equipment 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 is written-off to the Other Operating Income and 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 (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal) matched by a lease (long-term debtor) asset in the Balance Sheet.

Lease rentals are apportioned between:

- A charge for 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. Where a premium has been received, this is posted out of the General Fund Balance to the Capital Receipts Reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the amount due in relation to the leased asset is to be settled by the payment of rentals in future financial years, this is posted out of the General Fund Balance to the Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When the future rentals are received the element for the capital receipt for the disposal of the asset is used to write-down the lease debtor. At this point the deferred capital receipts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

The written-off value of disposals is not a charge against Council Tax, as the cost of non-current assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are therefore appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Operating Leases

Where the Council grants an operating lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the asset is retained in 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. if there is a premium paid at the commencement of the lease). Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging the lease are added to the carrying amount of the relevant asset and charged as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as rental income.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

21 OVERHEADS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The costs of overheads and support services are charged to service segments in accordance with the authority's arrangements for accountability and financial performance.

22 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of goods 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 measured reliably. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential (i.e. repairs and maintenance) is charged as an expense when it is incurred.

The following de-minimis limits are applied by the Council in recognising assets:

- Cost of an individual asset in excess of £6,000.
- A group of assets having a total cost in excess of £6,000 with an individual cost of more than £250 where the assets are functionally interdependent, have broadly simultaneous purchase dates and are under single managerial control.
- Costs associated with the initial equipping and set-up costs of a new building or significant refurbishment irrespective of their individual or collective cost.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- The purchase price.
- Any costs 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). In the latter case, where an asset is acquired via an exchange, the cost of the acquisition is the carrying amount of the asset given up by the Council.

Donated assets are measured initially 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 donation has been made conditionally. Until conditions are satisfied, the gain is held in the Donated Assets Account. Where gains are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they 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 – at depreciated historical cost.
- Council offices - current value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value - EUV).
- Surplus assets - the current value measurement base is fair value, estimated at the highest and best use from a market participant's perspective.
- All other assets – fair value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value - EUV).

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

Where non-property assets that have short useful lives or low values (or both), depreciated historical cost basis is used as a proxy for fair

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, but as a minimum every five years. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Exceptionally, gains might be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement where they arise from the reversal of a loss previously charged to a service.

Where decreases in value are identified they are accounted for by:

- 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 amount 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.

The Revaluation Reserve contains revaluation gains recognised since 1 April 2007 only, the date of its formal implementation. Gains arising before that date have been consolidated into the Capital Adjustment Account.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

22 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

Component accounting

Component accounting thresholds have been set as the lower of:

- * Component assets over £350,000 (2020/21 £350,000) in value; or
- * Component assets value at least 20% of the overall asset value.

The component asset is only recognised at the point of valuation of the overall asset.

The 2022/23 valuation identified no assets meeting the component accounting thresholds. The same position was found for 2021/22.

Impairment

Assets are assessed at each year-end as to whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and, where this is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognised for the shortfall.

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 amount of the accumulated gains and thereafter to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- 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 reversed subsequently, the reversal is credited to the relevant service line(s) 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, and thereafter to the revaluation reserve.

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 is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life (i.e. freehold land and certain Community Assets) and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e. assets under construction). Depreciation on assets acquired commences with effect from 1 April in the next financial year.

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- Dwellings and other buildings – straight-line over the useful life of the property.
- Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment – straight-line over the useful life of the asset.
- Infrastructure and community assets – straight-line over the useful life of the asset.

Where an item of Property, Plant and Equipment asset has major components whose cost is significant in relation to the total cost of the item, the components are depreciated separately.

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.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

22 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

Disposals and Non-current Assets Held for Sale

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use, 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 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 previously recognised losses in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classified 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 held for sale, (adjusted for depreciation, amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale), and their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell.

Assets that are to be abandoned or scrapped are not reclassified as Assets Held for Sale.

When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) 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. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal). Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for a disposal in excess of £10,000 are categorised as capital receipts. A proportion of receipts relating to housing disposals (75% for dwellings, 50% for land and other assets, net of statutory deductions and allowances) is payable to the Government. The balance of receipts is required to be credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve, and can then only be used for new capital investment or set aside to reduce the Council's underlying need to borrow (the capital financing requirement). Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The written-off value of disposals is not a charge against Council Tax, as the cost of non-current assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

23 PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

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. For instance, the Council may be involved in a court case that could eventually result in the making of a settlement or the payment of compensation.

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 at the Balance Sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, 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 each financial year – where it becomes less than probable that a transfer of economic benefits will now be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made), the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service.

Where some or all of the payment required to settle a provision is expected to be recovered from another party (e.g. from an insurance claim), this is only recognised as income for the relevant service if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the Council settles the obligation.

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 Council's control. 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 Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts.

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 Council's control.

Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefits or service potential.

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24 PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

Provisions

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

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Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts.

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 Council's control.

Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefits or service potential.

25 RESERVES

The Council sets aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by appropriating 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 appropriate 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 appropriated 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, retirement and employee benefits and do not represent usable resources for the Council - these reserves are explained in the relevant policies.

26 REVENUE AND 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 in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year. 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 amounts charged so that there is no impact on the level of Council Tax.

27 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.

28 GROUP ACCOUNTS

The Code states that Group Accounts shall be prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances. The accounting policies of the Subsidiaries, Associates and Jointly Controlled Entities shall align with the policies of the Council, for the purpose of Group Accounts, where materially different. Such adjustments that are necessary to align the group accounting policies are made as Consolidation adjustments.

Interests in Companies and Other Entities

The Council has a material interest in Gloucestershire Airport Limited (GAL), a jointly controlled entity which require it to prepare group accounts. In the Council's own single-entity accounts, the interests in this entity is recorded as a financial assets at fair value. The Council has non material interests in several other entities, as listed in Note 45 which are not consolidated.

Accounting for Joint Venture

The group accounts bring together the Council's own accounts with those of Gloucestershire Airport Limited (GAL), in which the council has a 50% shareholding GAL has been treated as a Joint Venture since it is jointly owned and controlled with Cheltenham Borough Council. GAL has therefore been incorporated within the Council's accounts on an equity accounting basis, in which the Council's share of the company's operating results and net assets or liabilities (based on its proportionate shareholding) are shown as separate lines in the main group statements. There is no requirement to adjust for inter-organisation transactions and balances.

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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 reserves. The Surplus or (Deficit) on the Total Comprehensive Income line shows the true economic cost of providing the Council's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance for council tax setting purposes.

	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Reserves
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2021	15,199	236	2,627	18,062	(23,580)	(5,518)
<i>Movement in Reserves during 2021/22</i>						
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	3,459	-	-	3,459	18,391	21,850
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulation (Note 6)	(9,932)	(163)	1,030	(9,065)	9,065	-
<i>Increase in 2021/22</i>	(6,473)	(163)	1,030	(5,606)	27,456	21,850
Balance at 31 March 2022	8,726	73	3,657	12,456	3,876	16,332
<i>Movement in Reserves during 2022/23</i>						
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	3,336	-	-	3,336	48,626	51,962
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulation (Note 6)	(8,137)	(73)	(3,377)	(11,587)	11,587	-
<i>Increase in 2022/23</i>	(4,801)	(73)	(3,377)	(8,251)	60,213	51,962
Balance at 31 March 2023	3,925	-	280	4,205	64,089	68,294

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL GROUP MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT For the year ended 31 March 2023

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Group, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other reserves. The Surplus or (Deficit) on the Total Comprehensive Income line shows the true economic cost of providing the Group's services, more details of which are shown in the Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	Useable			Unusable			Total Group Reserves
	Council	Council's Share of Subsidiaries, Joint Ventures and Associates	Total Group	Council	Council's Share of Subsidiaries, Joint Ventures and Associates	Total Group	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Balance at 1 April 2021	18,062	(1,959)	16,103	(23,580)	15,175	(8,405)	7,698
<i>Movement in Reserves during 2021/22</i>							
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	3,459	(301)	3,158	18,391	(390)	18,001	21,159
Adjustments between company reserves	-	(1,877)	(1,877)		1,877	1,877	-
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulation	(9,065)	-	(9,065)	9,065	-	9,065	-
<i>Increase in 2021/22</i>	(5,606)	(2,178)	(7,784)	27,456	1,487	28,943	21,159
Balance at 31 March 2022	12,456	(4,137)	8,319	3,876	16,662	20,538	28,857
<i>Movement in Reserves during 2022/23</i>							
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	3,336	(2,217)	1,119	48,626	144	48,770	49,889
Adjustments between company reserves	-	(2,082)	(2,082)		2,082	2,082	-
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulation	(11,587)	-	(11,587)	11,587	-	11,587	-
<i>Increase in 2022/23</i>	(8,251)	(4,299)	(12,550)	60,213	2,226	62,439	49,889
Balance at 31 March 2023	4,205	(8,436)	(4,231)	64,089	18,888	82,977	78,746

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

For the year ended 31 March 2023

The objective of the Expenditure and Funding Analysis is to demonstrate to council tax and rent payers how the funding available to the authority (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. The Expenditure and Funding Analysis also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Council's services. Income and Expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

2021/22					EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS	2022/23				
General Fund Outturn excluding earmarked reserve movement	Adjusted for Movement on Earmarked Reserves	Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund Balance	Adjustment between the funding and accounting basis (note 28)	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		General Fund Outturn excluding earmarked reserve movement	Adjusted for Movement on Earmarked Reserves	Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund Balance	Adjustment between the funding and accounting basis (note 28)	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000				£000	£000	£000
940	(43)	983	(1,287)	2,270	Communities and Neighbourhoods	178	(29)	207	(298)	505
1,420	(65)	1,485	(502)	1,987	Culture	1,926	(65)	1,991	(360)	2,351
4,251	(89)	4,340	(977)	5,317	Environment	4,681	(45)	4,726	(1,188)	5,914
(83)	(83)	-	(1,433)	1,433	Housing and Planning	137	(39)	176	(1,650)	1,826
9,355	289	9,066	(1,635)	10,701	Performance and Resources	5,568	(738)	6,306	(994)	7,300
(6,041)	(657)	(5,384)	(4,197)	(1,187)	Regeneration and Economy	(6,553)	194	(6,747)	(5,540)	(1,207)
9,842	(648)	10,490	(10,031)	20,521	Net Cost of Services	5,937	(722)	6,659	(10,030)	16,689
(9,412)	(5,395)	(4,017)	19,963	(23,980)	Other Income and Expenditure	(5,251)	(3,393)	(1,858)	18,167	(20,025)
430	(6,043)	6,473	9,932	(3,459)	(Surplus) or Deficit	686	(4,115)	4,801	8,137	(3,336)
		15,199			Opening General Fund balance including earmarked reserves at 1st April			8,726		
		(6,473)			Add deficit in year			(4,801)		
		8,726			Closing General Fund balance including earmarked reserves at 31 March			3,925		

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2023

This statement 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. Authorities raise taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations; this may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

2021/22			Description	2022/23		
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
5,260	(2,990)	2,270	Communities and Neighbourhoods	6,317	(5,812)	505
3,356	(1,369)	1,987	Culture	3,604	(1,252)	2,352
11,281	(5,964)	5,317	Environment	13,927	(8,013)	5,914
2,557	(1,124)	1,433	Housing and Planning	3,005	(1,180)	1,825
44,047	(33,345)	10,702	Performance and Resources	40,810	(33,510)	7,300
8,892	(10,079)	(1,187)	Regeneration and Economy	9,445	(10,652)	(1,207)
75,393	(54,871)	20,522	Deficit on Operations	77,108	(60,419)	16,689
6,172	-	6,172	Other Operating Expenditure (Note 8)	346	-	346
5,286	(12,197)	(6,911)	Financing and investment income and expenditure (Note 9)	5,675	(1,889)	3,786
17,161	(40,403)	(23,242)	Taxation and Non-specific Grant Income (Note 10)	19,891	(44,048)	(24,157)
104,012	(107,471)	(3,459)	Surplus on Provision of Services	103,020	(106,356)	(3,336)
-	(1,422)	(1,422)	<i>Items that will not be reclassified to the (surplus) or deficit on the provision for services</i>	-	(1,920)	(1,920)
-	(942)	(942)	Gains on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets	-	-	-
-	(16,027)	(16,027)	Gains on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets	-	(46,706)	(46,706)
-	(18,391)	(18,391)	Re-measurement of the net defined benefit liability (Note 41)	-	(48,626)	(48,626)
104,012	(125,862)	(21,850)	Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	103,020	(154,982)	(51,962)
			Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL GROUP COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT						
For the year ended 31 March 2023						
This statement 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. Authorities raise taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations; this may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.						
2021/22			Description	2022/23		
Gross Expenditure £000	Gross Income £000	Net Expenditure £000		Gross Expenditure £000	Gross Income £000	Net Expenditure £000
5,260	(2,990)	2,270	Communities and Neighbourhoods	6,317	(5,812)	505
3,356	(1,369)	1,987	Culture	3,604	(1,252)	2,352
11,281	(5,964)	5,317	Environment	13,927	(8,013)	5,914
2,557	(1,124)	1,433	Housing and Planning	3,005	(1,180)	1,825
44,047	(33,345)	10,702	Performance and Resources	40,810	(33,510)	7,300
8,892	(10,079)	(1,187)	Regeneration and Economy	9,445	(10,652)	(1,207)
75,393	(54,871)	20,522	Deficit on Operations	77,108	(60,419)	16,689
737	-	737	Other Operating Expenditure (Note 8)	346	-	346
5,286	(6,763)	(1,477)	Financing and investment income and expenditure (Note 9)	5,675	(1,889)	3,786
17,161	(40,402)	(23,241)	Taxation and Non-specific Grant Income (Note 10)	19,891	(44,048)	(24,157)
98,577	(102,036)	(3,459)	Deficit on Provision of Services	103,020	(106,356)	(3,336)
		(385)	Share of the (Surplus)/Deficit on the provision of Services			2,859
			Joint Ventures			
		685	Share of Tax Expenses			(642)
		(3,159)	Joint Ventures			
			Group Deficit			(1,119)
			<i>Items that will not be reclassified to the (surplus) or deficit on the provision for services</i>			
		(1,422)	Gains on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets			(1,920)
		(16,027)	Actuarial Gains on pension assets / liabilities			(46,706)
		(942)	Gain on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets			-
		(390)	Share of Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			144
		(18,781)	Joint Ventures			
			Group Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(48,482)
		(21,940)	Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(49,601)

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2023

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 provide 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 is those that the Council is not able to use to provide 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 in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

	Notes	31/03/2023 £000	31/03/2022 £000
Property, Plant & Equipment	11	163,047	124,016
Investment Property	12	53,671	53,889
Heritage Assets	13	7,030	7,030
Intangible Assets	14	608	196
Long term Investments	15,44	10,677	10,677
Long term Debtors	15,19(i)	569	735
Long term Assets		235,602	196,543
Assets held for Sale	16	4,500	4,500
Inventories	17	25	15
Short term Debtors	15,19	48,052	31,170
Cash and Cash Equivalents	20	4,758	9,193
Current Assets		57,335	44,878
Total Assets		292,937	241,421
Short term Borrowing	15,21(i)	(53,454)	(42,230)
Short term Creditors	15,21	(16,283)	(31,511)
Provisions (<1yr)	22	(1,232)	(1,591)
Current Liabilities		(70,969)	(75,332)
Provisions	22	(114)	(175)
Long term Borrowing	15,21(ii)	(132,962)	(96,523)
Capital Grants Received in Advance	35	(10,076)	(3,289)
Deferred Income		(7,857)	(4,081)
Other Long term Liabilities	41	(2,665)	(45,689)
Long term Liabilities		(153,674)	(149,757)
Net Assets		68,294	16,332
Usable Reserves	23	4,205	12,456
Unusable Reserves	24	64,089	3,876
Total Reserves		68,294	16,332

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL GROUP BALANCE SHEET			
As at 31 March 2023			
The group balance sheet has been prepared by combining the Council's share of the net assets of Gloucestershire Airport Ltd (50% of the total, adjusted for revaluations), with the net assets of the Council.			
As a Joint Venture, the Council's share of the net assets and liabilities in Gloucestershire Airport Limited has been included as long-term investment.			
	Note	31/03/2023 £000	31/03/2022 £000
Property, Plant & Equipment	11	163,047	124,016
Investment Property	12	53,671	53,889
Heritage Assets	13	7,030	7,030
Intangible Assets	14	608	196
Long term Investments	15,44	10,677	10,677
Long term Debtors	15,19(i)	569	735
Interest in Joint Venture		10,452	12,526
Long term Assets		246,054	209,069
Short term Investments	15	-	-
Assets held for Sale	16	4,500	4,500
Inventories	17	25	15
Short term Debtors	15,19	48,052	28,716
Cash and Cash Equivalents	20	4,758	9,193
Current Assets		57,335	42,424
Total Assets		303,389	251,493
Short term Borrowing	15, 21(i)	(53,454)	(42,230)
Short term Creditors	15,21	(16,283)	(31,511)
Provisions (<1yr)	22	(1,232)	(1,591)
Current Liabilities		(70,969)	(75,332)
Provisions	22	(114)	(175)
Long term Borrowing	15,21(ii)	(132,962)	(96,523)
Capital Grants Received in Advance	35	(10,076)	(3,289)
Deferred Income		(7,857)	(4,081)
Other Long term Liabilities	41	(2,665)	(45,689)
Long term Liabilities		(153,674)	(149,757)
Net Assets		78,746	26,404
Usable Reserves	23	(4,231)	8,320
Unusable Reserves	24	82,977	20,538
Total Reserves		78,746	28,858

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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Cash Flow Statement 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. No separate group cash flow is presented as there are no differences between the group and Council cash flow.

	Notes	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Surplus on the provision of services		3,336	3,459
Adjustments in respect of non-cash movements		(25,529)	24,093
Adjustments in respect of items that are investing and financing activities		(8,698)	(7,009)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	25	(30,891)	20,543
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	26	(28,572)	(17,062)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	27	55,028	235
<i>(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents</i>		(4,435)	3,716
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		9,193	5,477
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		4,758	9,193

		2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
The Balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents and Bank Overdraft			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		4,758	9,193
Balance at 31st March		4,758	9,193



NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 ACCOUNTING STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BUT NOT ADOPTED

The Code of Practice requires the Council to disclose information relating to the impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted by the Code for the relevant financial year. There are standards which are to be adopted in 2022/23 which may impact upon the Council's accounts.

Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018–2020. The annual IFRS improvement programme notes 4 changed standards:

IFRS 1 (First-time adoption) – amendment relates to foreign operations of acquired subsidiaries transitioning to IFRS

IAS 37 (Onerous contracts) – clarifies the intention of the standard

IFRS 16 (Leases) – amendment removes a misleading example that is not referenced in the Code material

IAS 41 (Agriculture) – one of a small number of IFRSs that are only expected to apply to local authorities in limited circumstances.

2 CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

In applying the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies, 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, 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 as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision.

The rental guarantee sum received for the Kings Walk Shopping Centre has been treated as deferred income and was released to the Council's General Fund over five years to July 2022. The sum received was £4.78m. In 2022/23 the final amount of £75k was released to the General Fund.

The Council received significant amounts of funding for distribution or for use to support the Covid-19 recovery, The terms of such grants meant some could be considered service or general funding with wider judgement required on whether the Authority was acting as agent or principal.

3 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 2023 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
Property, Plant and Equipment	The Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown arrangements in place through 2020/21 and 2021/22 have had a significant impact on daily life and the global and UK economies. In the period post pandemic recovery, the pressures of rising inflation and interest rates have also had a significant impact on the valuation of non-current assets and the property market as a whole. 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. The current economic climate makes it uncertain that the Council will be able to sustain its current spending on repairs and maintenance, bringing into doubt the useful lives assigned to assets.	There is more information available than in the previous year to understand the impact of the continuing uncertainties on the carrying value of these assets. The carrying value of assets in the accounts is based upon the economic assumptions applicable at the 31st March 2023. A change in market rent estimates would result in a change to the carrying values as the rental yield figures change. However, although any reduction in carrying values would reduce the council's 'net worth', in themselves they would have no impact on the authority's revenue account and ability to deliver services, since they are chargeable to unusable reserves and not the surplus or deficit on the provision of services. If the useful life of assets is reduced, depreciation increases and the carrying amount of the assets falls. It is estimated that the annual depreciation charge for buildings would increase by £117k for every year that useful lives had to be reduced.
Pensions Liability	Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Council with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.	The effects of the net pension liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. For instance a 0.1% decrease in the discount rate assumption would result in an increase in the pension liability of £2.223 million. The assumptions, however, interact in complex ways. During 2022/23 the Council's actuaries advised that the net pensions liability had decreased by £43.024 million as a direct result of changes to the financial assumptions in the previous year.
Provision for Business Rates Appeals	The Council maintains a provision for outstanding business rates appeals. The provision has been calculated based on the current list of live appeals, using analysis of historical rates of successful appeals and percentage reduction in rateable value.	The Council has calculated the appeals provision based on the possible reduction in rates received. If the % of appeals which were successful increased by 1% across all classes of property, an additional £10k would have to be set aside.
Arrears	At 31 March 2023, the Council had a balance of sundry debtors of £2.125 million. A review of the aged debt profile and recovery percentages suggested that an allowance for doubtful debts of approximately 17.93% is appropriate.	If collection rates were to deteriorate, the provision made for doubtful debts would need to increase based on the actual levels of recovery achieved. It is estimated that a 1% increase in the required provision would result in an increase in the allowance of £21k.

4 MATERIAL ITEMS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Where items are not disclosed on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the nature and amount of material items should be set out in a note. For Gloucester City Council these include gains and losses arising on asset revaluations and the pensions deficit.

Refer to notes 11, 12 and 16 for details of the revaluation of property, plant and equipment assets.

Details of the pension deficit are included in note 41.

5 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

The Statement of Accounts were prepared on 11 November 2024. 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 2023, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information.

However, in June 2023, the UK High Court (Virgin Media Limited v NTL Pension Trustees II limited) ruled that certain historical amendment for contracted-out defined benefit schemes were invalid if they were not accompanied by the correct actuarial confirmation. The judgement was upheld by the Court of Appeal on 25 July 2024. The applicability of this case to public sector pension schemes, including the LGPS, is currently uncertain and it is not possible to quantify the potential impact (if any) on the associated transactions and balances in the Council's accounts. For this reason, no allowance for the potential impact of the Virgin Media case has been recognised in the Statement of Accounts. The Council, assisted by its actuary, will continue to monitor development in this area.

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6 ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER THE REGULATIONS

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 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 empowered to spend on its services or capital investment at the end of the financial year.

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 the year-end.

Capital Grants Unapplied

The Capital Grants Unapplied 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.

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6 ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER THE REGULATIONS (Continued)

2022/23 Information

	Usable Reserves £'000			Movement in Unusable Reserves
	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	
Adjustments to the Revenue Resources				
<i>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:</i>				
Pension Costs (transferred to or from Pensions Reserve)	(340)	-	-	340
Charges for depreciation of non-current assets	(4,717)	-	-	4,717
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment and assets held for sale	-	-	-	-
Movement in the fair value of investment property	(306)	-	-	306
Capital Grants and Contributions	8,698	-	(5,233)	(3,465)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(1,563)	-	-	1,563
Council tax and NNDR net deficit transferred to the Collection Fund Adjustment Account	5,296	-	-	(5,296)
Revenue financing of capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
Holiday Pay transferred to the Accumulated Absences Account	21	-	-	(21)
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal	-	-	-	-
Total adjustments to Revenue Resources	7,089	-	(5,233)	(1,856)
Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources				
Transfer of non-current asset sale proceeds from revenue to Capital Receipts Reserve	-	-	-	-
Statutory and voluntary provision for the repayment of debt transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	1,220	-	-	(1,220)
Total adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources	1,220	-	-	(1,220)
Adjustments to Capital Resources				
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(73)	73	-	-
Application of capital grants and contributions to fund capital expenditure	-	-	8,610	(8,610)
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	(99)	-	-	99
Total adjustments to Capital Resources	(172)	73	8,610	(8,511)
Total Adjustments	8,137	73	3,377	(11,587)

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6 ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER THE REGULATIONS (Continued)

2021/22 Information

	Usable Reserves £'000			£'000
	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Movement in Unusable Reserves
Adjustments to the Revenue Resources				
<i>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:</i>				
Pension Costs (transferred to or from Pensions Reserve)	(3,210)	-	-	3,210
Charges for depreciation of non-current assets	(4,864)	-	-	4,864
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment and assets held for sale	(5,435)	-	-	5,435
Movement in the fair value of investment property	11,295	-	-	(11,295)
Capital Grants and Contributions	6,600	-	(6,600)	-
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(1,715)	-	-	1,715
Council tax and NNDR net deficit transferred to the Collection Fund Adjustment Account	6,509	-	-	(6,509)
Revenue financing of capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
Holiday Pay transferred to the Accumulated Absences Account	43	-	-	(43)
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal	(898)	-	-	898
Total adjustments to Revenue Resources	8,325	-	(6,600)	(1,725)
Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources				
Transfer of non-current asset sale proceeds from revenue to Capital Receipts Reserve	489	(489)	-	-
Statutory and voluntary provision for the repayment of debt transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	891	-	-	(891)
Total adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources	1,380	(489)	-	(891)
Adjustments to Capital Resources				
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(652)	652	-	-
Application of capital grants and contributions to fund capital expenditure	-	-	5,570	(5,570)
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	879	-	-	(879)
Total adjustments to Capital Resources	227	652	5,570	(6,449)
Total Adjustments	9,932	163	(1,030)	(9,065)

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7 TRANSFERS TO/(FROM) EARMARKED RESERVES

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund balance in earmarked reserves to provide financing for future expenditure plans and the amounts posted back from earmarked reserves to meet General Fund expenditure in 2022/23.

Reserve No.		Balance at 01/04/2022 £000	Transfers Out 2022/23 £000	Transfers In 2022/23 £000	Balance at 31/03/2023 £000	Balance at 01/04/2021 £000	Transfers Out 2021/22 £000	Transfers In 2021/22 £000	Balance at 31/03/2022 £000
	General Fund:								
1	Historic Buildings Reserve	53	-	-	53	53	-	-	53
2	Portfolio Reserves	60	-	-	60	60	-	-	60
3	Shopmobility Reserve	28	-	-	28	29	1	-	28
4	Regeneration Reserve	145	337	412	220	82	377	440	145
5	Insurance Reserve	10	-	-	10	10	-	-	10
6	Land Adoption Reserve	874	-	-	874	873	-	1	874
7	VAT Shelter Reserve	167	228	228	167	160	350	357	167
8	Business Rates Reserve	1,023	1,023	-	-	1,024	1	-	1,023
9	Environmental Reserve	900	-	-	900	900	-	-	900
10	Repairs Reserve	23	-	-	23	23	-	-	23
11	Community Builder Reserve	29	29	-	-	62	33	-	29
12	Planning Strategy Reserve	165	159	120	126	248	83	-	165
13	Flooding Works Reserve	10	-	-	10	10	-	-	10
14	Meet and Greet Reserve	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-
15	Lottery Reserve	21	18	18	21	22	8	7	21
16	Great Places Reserve	-	-	-	-	22	22	-	-
17	Museum Reserve	305	-	-	305	305	-	-	305
18	Recovery Reserve	100	75	-	25	100	-	-	100
19	Budget Equalisation Reserve	244	210	-	34	17	331	558	244
20	Destination Marketing Reserve	150	65	-	85	200	50	-	150
21	Homelessness Reserve	100	-	-	100	100	-	-	100
22	Planning Appeals Reserve	50	-	-	50	50	-	-	50
23	Communities Reserve	18	-	-	18	30	12	-	18
24	Climate Change Reserve	66	-	-	66	100	34	-	66
25	Neighbourhood Spaces Reserve	57	45	-	12	100	43	-	57
26	Defibrillator Reserve	6	-	-	6	6	-	-	6
27	Property Sinking Fund Reserve	-	300	-	(300)	300	300	-	-
28	Collection Fund timing reserve	2,811	2,811	300	300	8,930	9,516	3,397	2,811
29	Health Inequalities Reserve	60	-	280	340	-	-	60	60
	Total	7,475	5,300	1,358	3,533	13,820	11,165	4,820	7,475

Reserve

No. Further details of reserve balances

1 Historic Buildings Reserve

This reserve will finance the refurbishment of historic buildings in the City and will fund an agreed award to the Llanthony Priory Trust.

2 Portfolio Reserves

This reserve is for housing surveys undertaken every three to four years.

3 Shopmobility Reserve

Donated funds for shopmobility for use specifically on the shopmobility service.

4 Regeneration Reserve

The reserve is intended for the delivery of key regeneration priorities.

5 Insurance Reserve

This reserve is intended to cover possible insurance claims not able to be met from the Insurance Provision (see note 22, page 51).

6 Land Adoption Reserve

The reserve contains contributions received from developers upon the adoption of open space on housing development. The reserve will be used to fund

7 VAT Shelter Reserve

Earmarked for future regeneration and housing projects.

8 Business Rates Reserve

A reserve to be used to protect the Council's General Fund from fluctuations in business rates income expected as a result of Fair Funding and Spending Reviews.

9 Environmental Reserve

The Council has ongoing potential environmental liabilities from the housing stock transfer, including potential asbestos work liability and contaminated land.

10 Repairs Reserve

The Council has significant exposure to major repairs which are currently unbudgeted and could be a significant risk. This reserve is intended to assist in offsetting potential future liabilities.

11 Community Builder Reserve

A reserve to fund future community building work.

12 Planning Strategy Reserve

A reserve to meet the future costs of the City Plan review.

13 Flooding Works Reserve

This reserve holds fund for use on future flood prevention capital projects.

14 Meet and Greet Reserve

The reserve holds funding that the Council has put to one side to fund the Coach Meet and Greet Scheme.

15 Lottery Reserve

This reserve holds funding generated by Gloucester Lottery to be distributed to the voluntary sector.

16 Great Place Reserve

This reserve is in place to support Great Place.

17 Museum Reserve

This reserve holds funding received via bequest.

18 Recovery Reserve

This reserve will be used to meet costs associated with Covid-19.

19 Budget Equalisation Reserve

This reserve was established to provide a buffer with which to deal

20 Destination Marketing Reserve

This reserve will meet the delivery of the two year destination marketing plan

21 Homelessness Reserve

Reserve will support delivery of the homelessness strategy and implementation of a private landlord scheme

22 Planning Appeals Reserve

Reserve will protect the Council against future planning appeals

23 Communities Reserve

Reserve future the work of City Safe and Street Aware projects

24 Climate Change Reserve

The reserve will contribute to the Councils response to the Climate emergency

25 Neighbourhood Spaces Reserve

This reserve will fund improvements to small areas of public open space and community gardens

26 Defibrillator Reserve

This reserve will be used to procure defibrillators

28 Collection Fund Timing Reserve

The government granted business rates relief to retail, hospitality and leisure services during 2022/23 and compensated Councils for the reliefs with Section 31 grant. These reliefs must be shown as a deficit on the Councils share of income within the Collection Fund Adjustment account reserve, while grant income must be shown within the Councils General Fund.

29 Health Inequalities Reserve

This reserve will cover shortfalls associated with healthcare inequalities across Gloucester

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8 OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	GCC	GCC	Group	Group
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Precepts and Grants paid to parish councils	258	248	258	248
Revaluation losses arising on reval of assets	88	-	88	-
Losses on disposal of non current assets	-	489	-	489
Total	346	737	346	737

9 FINANCING AND INVESTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	GCC	GCC	Group	Group
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Interest payable and similar charges	2,919	3,697	2,919	3,697
Interest and Investment property income	(584)	(407)	(584)	(407)
Pensions Interest and Expected Return on pensions assets	1,233	1,186	1,233	1,186
Expenditure on investment properties	-	(990)	-	(990)
Changes in fair value of investment properties	218	(10,396)	218	(10,396)
Total	3,786	(6,910)	3,786	(6,910)

10 TAXATION AND NON-SPECIFIC GRANT INCOME

	GCC	GCC	Group	Group
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Income from the Collection Fund - Council Tax income	(8,632)	(8,081)	(8,632)	(8,081)
Collection Fund (Surplus) / Deficit	(5,425)	4,084	(5,425)	4,084
Business rates tariff	16,330	16,330	16,330	16,330
Business rates levy	618	831	618	831
Retained Business Rates	(20,431)	(21,875)	(20,431)	(21,875)
Revenue Support Grant (RSG)	(90)	(87)	(90)	(87)
New homes bonus	(347)	(803)	(347)	(803)
Business rates Section 31 grant	2,943	(5,194)	2,943	(5,194)
Other Grants	(425)	(342)	(425)	(342)
Covid-19 Grants	-	(1,503)	-	(1,503)
Capital Grants	(8,698)	(6,600)	(8,698)	(6,600)
Total	(24,157)	(23,240)	(24,157)	(23,240)

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Movements on Balances

Movements in 2022/23	Other Land and Buildings £'000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment £'000	Infrastructure Assets £'000	Community Assets £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £'000
Cost or Valuation							
At 1 April 2022	87,973	15,760	14,968	4,978	17,405	427	141,511
Revised Total At 1 April 2022	87,973	15,760	14,968	4,978	17,405	427	141,511
Additions	1,225	1,710	414	-	31,960	-	35,309
Revaluation increases recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	3,619	-	-	-	-	160	3,779
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets Written Off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	92,817	17,470	15,382	4,978	49,365	587	180,599
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment							
At 1 April 2022	2,319	8,085	6,790	300	1	-	17,495
Revised Total At 1 April 2022	2,319	8,085	6,790	300	1	-	17,495
Adjst re Reversal of Depn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Charge	3,271	860	481	42	-	4	4,658
Derecognition – Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets written Off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	(4,598)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,598)
Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)
At 31 March 2023	992	8,945	7,271	342	1	1	17,552
Net book value as at 31 March 2023	91,825	8,525	8,111	4,636	49,364	586	163,047
Net book value as at 31 March 2022	85,654	7,675	8,178	4,678	17,404	427	124,016

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued) Movements on Balances

Comparative Figures 2021/22

Movements in 2021/22	Other Land and Buildings Restated £'000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment £'000	Infrastructure Assets £'000	Community Assets £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Surplus Assets £'000	Total Property, Plant and Equipment £'000
Cost or Valuation							
At 1 April 2021	84,641	13,187	14,390	4,875	2,648	302	120,043
Additions	3,146	2,723	578	103	14,692		21,242
Revaluation increases recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
Revaluation (decreases) recognised in Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(5,558)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,558)
Transfers between classes	5,205	-	-	-	65	125	5,395
Assets Written Off	(240)	(150)	-	-	-	-	(390)
At 31 March 2022	87,973	15,760	14,968	4,978	17,405	427	141,511
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment							
At 1 April 2021	280	7,174	6,330	1,043	37	-	14,864
Depreciation Charge	2,882	962	460	(743)	(37)	3	3,527
Derecognition – Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets written Off	(55)	(51)	-	-	-	-	(106)
Transfers between classes	(1)	-	-	-	1	-	-
Revaluation	(123)	-	-	-	-	-	(123)
Other movements in cost or valuation	(664)	-	-	-	-	(3)	(667)
At 31 March 2022	2,319	8,085	6,790	300	1	-	17,495
Net book value as at 31 March 2022	85,654	7,675	8,178	4,678	17,404	427	124,016

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Depreciation

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

- Other Land and Buildings – 8-60 years straight-line
- Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment – 5-10 years straight-line
- Infrastructure and Community Assets – 30-95 years straight-line

The following is a list of the major fixed assets owned by the Council at 31 March 2023.

All assets are owned freehold unless otherwise stated.

Operational assets	Non-operational assets
Other Operational land and buildings Gloucester Leisure Centre 2 Cemeteries and 1 Crematorium Kings Square / Kings Walk shopping centre North Warehouse Kings Theatre HKP warehouses (leasehold) Guildhall 13 Sports Clubs facilities (mixed tenure) Gloucester Life Museum and Museum of Gloucester 2 Multi-storey Car Parks 13 Surface Car Parks (2 leasehold) Eastgate market and Shopping Centre Oxstalls Tennis Centre Hempsted Market Grosvenor House Kings House Depot at Eastern Avenue Barbican House, Commercial Road Bus station The Forum	Investment properties Gala Club 16 Shops 50% of Gloucestershire Airport (freehold) The Docks Headlease area including No.3 Albion Cottage (leasehold) Barbican Land Ladybellgate Street land at St Oswalds Blackfriars Inn St Oswalds Retail Park Land Northgate Street Various Garages
Community & Heritage assets Various Parks and open spaces Works of art Museum Exhibits Civic regalia	
Vehicles, plant and equipment Vehicles and items of plant Computer equipment Sports and playground facilities in parks	
Infrastructure assets Street furniture Public Conveniences CCTV Lighting	

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Revaluations

The Council has undertaken asset valuations of all significant Property, Plant and Equipment required to be measured at current value during the year with the exception of Heritage assets. 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. Valuations were completed by Internal Specialists and External Consultants with a valuation date of 31st March 2023. The External consultants who provided the valuations in 2022-23 were Link Group and Bruton Knowles.

The significant assumptions applied in estimating the current values are:

- The property would be freely exposed to the open market;
- No account has been taken of any higher price or rental offer that might be made by a purchaser or lessee with a special interest;
- The valuation relates to the freehold or leasehold interest and good freehold or leasehold title can be shown.

Fair Value Measurement

The Council measures its surplus assets, investment properties and assets held for sale at fair value at the end of the reporting period. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset at the measurement date. The fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset takes place either:

- a) in the principal market for the asset
- b) in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset.

The Council uses internal and external valuers to provide a valuation of its assets in line with the highest and best use definition within the accounting standard Internal Financial Reporting Standard 13 (IFRS 13) - Fair Value Measurement. The highest and best use of the asset being valued is considered from the perspective of a market participant.

Inputs to the valuation techniques in respect of the Council's fair value measurement of its assets are categorised within the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that the authority can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - unobservable inputs for the asset.

The Council recognises transfers into and out of the different fair value hierarchy levels at the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer to occur.

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

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

	GCC and Group	
	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Rental income from investment property	(869)	(1,393)
Direct operating expenses arising from investment property	285	403
Net gain	(584)	(990)

The fair value of investment properties has been measured using accepted valuation practice. This approach takes account of quoted prices of similar assets in active markets, existing lease terms and rentals, research into market evidence including market rentals and yields, the covenant strength of existing tenants and data and market knowledge gained in valuing and managing the Council's asset portfolio. The comparable information used from the market and portfolio is not sufficiently similar for direct comparison to be made and adjustments have to be made to the observable data from these transactions. Inputs are unobservable, investment properties are therefore classed as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy.

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 repairs, maintenance or enhancement.

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

	GCC and Group	
	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Balance at beginning of the year	53,889	48,627
Additions:		
- Purchases	-	262
Net gains/(losses) from fair value adjustments	(218)	10,396
Adjustment		
Transfers:		
- To/From Property, Plant and Equipment / Surplus Assets	-	(5,396)
Disposals	-	-
Balance at end of the year	53,671	53,889

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13 HERITAGE ASSETS

Heritage Assets are those assets that are intended to be preserved in trust for future generations because of their cultural, environmental or historical associations. They are held by the Council in pursuit of its overall objectives in relation to the maintenance of the heritage. Heritage assets include historical buildings, archaeological sites, military and scientific equipment of historical importance, civic regalia, museum and gallery collections and works of art.

The heritage assets of the Council are located in the two museums, The Museum of Gloucester and The Gloucester Life Museum, as well as the Council's offices for items of civic regalia and other similar items. Both museums maintain all their present collections and where necessary, add to them by purchase, bequest or donation with a particular emphasis on items that are of specific interest to the locality of Gloucester City and surrounding areas. It is not the policy of the museums or the Council to dispose of heritage assets for financial or other reasons. Heritage assets of the museums are managed by the curators who report to the respective museum managers.

The Heritage assets have been classified by the Council's heritage service who have reached the conclusion that the value of the assets is as determined for insurance valuation purposes.

Details of the Council's heritage assets at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

	GCC and Group	
	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Numismatics (including Tokens, Coins, Seals & Dyes)	437	437
2D & 3D Fine & Decorative Arts (including Oil Paintings) & Ceramics	1,848	1,848
Archaeology including Table Set	976	976
Silver	648	648
Domestic life exhibits	314	314
Furniture	273	273
Working life exhibits	187	187
Horological Instruments	309	309
Books	93	93
Blackfriars Priory	21	21
SWRDA Asset Transfer	225	225
Civic Regalia	887	887
Books of Remembrance	50	50
Miscellaneous items	762	762
Total	7,030	7,030

The following table summarises the movement in heritage assets during the year:

	GCC and Group	
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at beginning of the year	7,030	7,007
Revaluation surplus	-	19
Additions	-	4
Balance at end of the year	7,030	7,030

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14 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. Assets are written off on a straight-line basis based on estimated useful lives of 3,4,5,7 and 10 years. Amortisation of newly acquired intangibles commences in the year after they are purchased.

Movements in intangible assets during the year are shown below:

	Computer Software	
	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Gross book value at the beginning of the year	4,287	4,182
Additions	471	105
Transfers to/from	-	-
Assets written off	-	-
Gross book value at the end of the year	4,758	4,287
Amortisation at the beginning of the year	(4,092)	(3,587)
Amortised during year	(58)	(505)
Assets written off	-	-
Amortisation at the end of the year	(4,150)	(4,092)
Net book value at the end of the year	608	195

The movement in Intangible Asset balances during the year is as follows:

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
	£000	£000
Balance at the beginning of the year:		
- Gross carrying amounts	4,287	4,182
- Accumulated amortisation	(4,092)	(3,587)
Net carrying amount at the beginning of the year	195	595
Movement in 2022/23		
Additions	471	105
Amortisation for the period	(58)	(505)
Net carrying amount at the end of the year	608	195
Comprising:		
- Gross carrying amounts	4,758	4,287
- Accumulated amortisation	(4,150)	(4,092)
	608	195

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15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Categories of Financial Instruments

The following categories of financial instrument are carried in the Balance Sheet:

	GCC				GROUP			
	Long-term		Current		Long-term		Current	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Investments								
Financial assets at amortised cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	10,677	10,677	-	-	10,677	10,677	-	-
Fair Value through other comprehensive income - shares in unlisted companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investments	10,677	10,677	-	-	10,677	10,677	-	-
Debtors								
Financial assets at amortised cost	569	735	48,052	31,170	569	735	48,052	31,170
Total Debtors	569	735	48,052	31,170	569	735	48,052	31,170
Borrowings								
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:								
Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) and Other Loans	(101,825)	(66,921)	(53,251)	(40,695)	(101,825)	(66,921)	(53,251)	(40,695)
Lease liabilities	(31,137)	(29,602)	(203)	(1,535)	(31,137)	(29,602)	(203)	(1,535)
Total borrowings	(132,962)	(96,523)	(53,454)	(42,230)	(132,962)	(96,523)	(53,454)	(42,230)
Creditors								
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	-	-	(16,283)	(31,511)	-	-	(16,283)	(31,511)
Total creditors	-	-	(16,283)	(31,511)	-	-	(16,283)	(31,511)

Income, Expenses, Gains and Losses-GCC

	2022/23				2021/22			
	Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost	Financial Assets at amortised cost	Financial Assets: Fair value through P&L	Total	Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost	Financial Assets at amortised cost	Financial Assets: Fair value through P&L	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Interest expense	2,919	-	-	2,919	3,697	-	-	3,697
Losses on derecognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increases/(Decreases) in fair value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	2,919	-	-	2,919	3,697	-	-	3,697
Interest income	-	(1,020)	-	(1,020)	-	(407)	-	(407)
Interest income accrued on impaired financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increases/(Decreases) in fair value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on derecognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fee income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	-	(1,020)	-	(1,020)	-	(407)	-	(407)
Gains on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Losses on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(943)	(943)
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(943)	(943)

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15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities

The fair values of the authority's financial assets and liabilities are shown below, where different to their carrying amounts. The fair values have been assessed as equal to the present value of the expected cashflows over the remaining term of the instruments, using the following assumptions:

- for financial liabilities, the new maturity rates from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) at 31st March have been used. The valuation basis therefore uses Level 2 inputs (i.e. observable inputs other than quoted prices) in the fair
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised.
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- Where an instrument will mature in the next 12 months, fair value is assumed to approximate to amortised cost.
- The fair value of trade and other short term payables and receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed amount.

	2022/23		2021/22	
	Carrying Amount £000	Fair Value £000	Carrying Amount £000	Fair Value £000
Financial liabilities				
Borrowings:				
Long-term lease liability	(31,137)	(31,137)	(29,602)	(29,602)
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and Other Loans	(155,076)	(112,233)	(107,616)	(112,233)

The fair value of the liabilities is higher than the carrying amount because the Council's portfolio of loans includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate payable is higher than the prevailing rates at the Balance Sheet date.

	2022/23		2021/22	
	Carrying Amount £000	Fair Value £000	Carrying Amount £000	Fair Value £000
Financial Assets				
Investments at amortised cost	-	-	-	-
Long-term debtors at amortised cost	569	569	735	735

The fair values of Long term debtor are estimated to be approximately equivalent to their amortised cost (cost less provision for bad or doubtful debts).

The long term investment is made up of the investment in the airport joint venture and the £10m investment in units of CCLA property and diversified income funds. The fair values are based on bid prices of 339.82p per unit (£5.433m) and 1.55p per unit (£5.090m) as at year end date applying the Route 1 approach.

The fair values of temporary borrowings and creditors (short term payables) approximate to their amortised cost as shown above.

16 ASSETS HELD FOR SALE (GCC and Group)

	Current		Non-Current	
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,500	4,214	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(613)	-	-
Gain / Loss on revaluation	-	899	-	-
Assets transferred to / from held for sale	-	-	-	-
-Investment property	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of the year	4,500	4,500	-	-

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17 INVENTORIES

	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Consumable stores		
Balance outstanding at start of year	15	15
Purchased	10	2
Consumed	-	(2)
Balance outstanding at year-end	25	15

18 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31st of March 2023, the Council had construction contract commitments of £73,109k. Similar commitments at 31st March 2022 were £59,130k The increase is the result of the continued regeneration of the City.

19 DEBTORS

These are amounts owed to the Council by various bodies and persons and which fall due in less than one year of the Balance Sheet date.

	GCC		Group	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Central Government bodies	9,215	98	9,215	98
Other Local authorities	3,697	4,211	3,697	4,211
Prepayments	4,134	2,454	4,134	2,454
Other entities and individuals	31,006	24,407	31,006	24,407
Total debtors	48,052	31,170	48,052	31,170

19(i) Long term Debtors

Long term debtors are amounts falling due in more than one year from the Balance Sheet date. They consist of the following :-

	GCC and Group	
	2022/23	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Loans to vulnerable people for house renovations	25	30
Loans to Marketing Gloucester	-	97
Loan to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	353	400
Loan to Gloucester Airport - Facility Loan	121	137
Other loans	70	71
Total	569	735

Gloucestershire Airport loan details:

	Current Interest Rate (%)	GCC and Group	
		2022/23	2021/22
		£'000	£'000
10 Year loan	1.8		
Balance at 31 March		1	130
Less: Amount repayable within 12 months included in short-term debtors		(1)	(129)
		-	1
The loan bears interest at 1.8% and is repayable in 6-monthly instalments of £65,831 including interest.		-	-
Total		-	1

Other loans include money spent on essential repairs work to private properties, which have been secured as a charge on the properties concerned ('works-in-default').

20 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up of the following elements:

	GCC		Group	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash held by the Council	4	4	4	4
Bank current accounts	4,754	9,189	4,754	9,189
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,758	9,193	4,758	9,193

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21 SHORT-TERM CREDITORS

	GCC		Group	
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Central Government Bodies	10,030	10,729	10,030	10,729
Other Local Authorities	648	805	648	805
Other Entities & Individuals	465	15,781	465	15,781
Council Taxpayers	272	196	272	196
Business Ratepayers	1,027	1,009	1,027	1,009
Deferred Income	0	-123	0	-123
Sundry creditors	3,841	3,114	3,841	3,114
Total	16,283	31,511	16,283	31,511

The amount owed to Other Local Authorities primarily relates to business rates payable to the Gloucestershire Business Rates Pool.

The amounts due to Central Government Bodies relate to Covid grants not yet distributed, tax collected to be paid over from PAYE and amounts relating to business rates owed to Central Government.

21(i) Short term Borrowings

	GCC		Group	
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Charity deposits	49	132	49	132
Short-term borrowings with other local authorities	51,900	39,836	51,900	39,836
Accrued interest on short-term and long-term borrowings	1,207	633	1,207	633
Finance Lease Liability	203	1,535	203	1,535
PWLB Loans repayable within one year	95	94	95	94
	53,454	42,230	53,454	42,230

The fair value of these loans approximates to their carrying value.

21(ii) Long term Borrowings (GCC and Group)

These consist of loans repayable in excess of 12 months from the Balance Sheet date. The Council is empowered to borrow from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) or from the money markets. Borrowings repayable in less than one year are classified as temporary or current borrowings.

An analysis of loans by lender is as follows:

	Interest Rate (%)	2022/23 Amortised Cost £000	2022/23 Fair Value £000	2021/22 Amortised Cost £000	2021/22 Fair Value £000
PWLB	2.19 - 2.87	96,921	84,827	62,015	73,118
Less: Amount repayable within twelve months included in short-term borrowings (Refer to note 21(i))		95	95	94	-
		96,825	84,922	61,921	73,118
Market Loans	1.33	1,771	1,457	3,200	3,222
BAE Systems	3.95	5,000	4,530	5,000	6,878
Long Term Lease liability	5.90	31,137	31,137	29,602	29,602
Total		134,734	122,046	99,723	112,820

Loans are reflected in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost. The fair value of the loans are the cost of settling the liabilities at the balance sheet date. This is more than the amortised cost at 31 March because many of the Council's loans were at interest rates higher than the rates for similar loans at the Balance Sheet date.

An analysis by date of repayment (maturity) is shown below.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Between 1 and 2 years	95	4,500
Between 2 and 5 years	33,836	-
Between 5 and 10 years	6,123	6,891
More than 10 years	94,680	88,332
	134,734	99,723

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22 PROVISIONS (GCC and Group)

Provisions more than one year

These are amounts set aside to meet losses which are likely or certain to occur in the future for greater than one year.

	GCC and Group	
	Injury and Damage Compensa tion Claims	Total
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2022	175	175
Additional provisions in 2022/23	8	8
Amounts utilised in 2022/23	(69)	(69)
Balance at 31 March 2023	114	114
Consists of:		
Insurance claims provision	114	114
Balance at 31 March 2023	114	114

Insurance and Injury Compensation Claims Provision

The insurance provision is an amount set aside to cover known or likely losses or liabilities arising in respect of certain risks which the Council is not able, or has chosen not, to cover by external insurance. This includes policy excesses in respect of public liability claims, employee liability claims and claims in respect of property damage. This provision is expected to be utilised to cover future claim settlements.

Claims relate to personal injuries sustained where the Council is alleged to be at fault. Provision is made for those claims where it is deemed probable that the Council will have to make a settlement.

Provisions less than one Year

These are amounts set aside to meet losses which are likely or certain to occur in the future for less than one year.

	GCC and Group		
	NNDR Appeals	Other Provisions	Total
		£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2022	1,199	392	1,591
Additional provisions made in 2022/23	1,792	21	1,813
Amounts used in 2022/23	(2,130)	(42)	(2,172)
Balance at 31 March 2023	861	371	1,232
Consists of:			
NNDR Appeals	861	-	861
Restructuring provision	-	337	337
Accumulated Absence provision		34	34
Balance at 31 March 2023	861	371	1,232

NNDR Appeals Provision

This provision covers the estimated cost to the Council resulting from appeals by ratepayers against their rateable value.

Accumulated Absences Provision

This is the value of holiday and flexi outstanding at 31 March 2023. This is a short term provision for less than one year.

Restructuring Provision

This provision relates to costs associated with a subsidiary company.

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23 USABLE RESERVES

Movements in the Council's and The Group's usable reserves are detailed in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

24 UNUSABLE RESERVES

	GCC	Group	GCC	Group
	2022/23	2022/23	2021/22	2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revaluation Reserve	59,410	68,903	53,046	62,539
Pensions Reserve	(2,838)	(2,838)	(45,689)	(45,689)
Capital Adjustment Account	6,938	12,621	1,429	7,112
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	43	43	43	43
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	309	309	(4,987)	(4,987)
Accumulating Absences Account	(34)	(34)	(55)	(55)
Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve	88	88	88	88
Total Unusable Reserves	63,916	79,092	3,875	19,050

(i) Revaluation Reserve

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

	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April	53,046	53,085
Upward revaluation of assets	15,546	4,844
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(7,078)	(2,493)
Surplus on revaluation of assets	61,514	55,436
Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation	(2,104)	(1,841)
Accumulated gains on assets sold or scrapped	-	(549)
Balance at 31 March	59,410	53,046

(ii) 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 amortisations are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a 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. Note 6 provides details of the source of all the transactions posted to the Account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve.

	GCC Only	
	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April	1,429	(5,969)
Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the CIES		
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non current assets	(4,659)	(4,359)
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment and assets held for sale	-	(5,435)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(58)	(505)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(1,563)	(1,715)
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the CIES	-	(489)
	(4,851)	(18,472)
Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	2,104	2,390
Net written out amount of the cost of non-current assets consumed in the year	(2,747)	(16,082)
Capital financing applied in the year:		
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	73	654
Application of grants to capital financing from the Capital Grants Unapplied Account	8,610	5,570
Direct Revenue Financing		
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment charged against the General Fund balances and repayment of CFR	1,220	891
	7,156	(8,967)
Movements in the market value of Investment Properties debited or credited to the CIES	(218)	10,396
Balance at 31 March	6,938	1,429

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24 UNUSABLE RESERVES (Continued)

(iii) 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 between 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.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at 1 April	(45,689)	(58,366)
Re-measurement of the net defined benefit liability	46,706	16,027
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	(5,533)	(4,560)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	1,678	1,210
Balance at 31 March	(2,838)	(45,689)

(iv) Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve

The Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve holds the gains recognised on the disposal of non current assets but for which 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.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at 1 April	43	43
Transfer of deferred sale proceeds credited as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-	-
Transfer to the Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	-	-
Balance at 31 March	43	43

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24 UNUSABLE RESERVES (Continued)

(v) 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 and Business rates payers compared with the statutory arrangements for paying across amounts to the General Fund from the Collection Fund.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at 1 April	(4,987)	(11,496)
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	5,296	6,509
Balance at 31 March	309	(4,987)

(vi) Accumulated Absences Account

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year, e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31 March. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the Account.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at 1 April	(55)	(98)
Settlement or Cancellation of Accrual made at the end of the preceding year	55	98
Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	(34)	(55)
Balance at 31 March	(34)	(55)

(vii) Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve

The Financial Instruments available for sale reserve holds the movements in the value in available for sale financial instruments to reflect the difference between statutory requirements and proper accounting practices for such assets.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance at 1 April	88	(854)
Movement in the fair value of available for sale assets	-	942
Balance at 31 March	88	88

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25 CASH FLOW STATEMENT – OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

	Council 2022/23 £000	Council 2021/22 £000
Surplus on Provision of Services	3,336	3,459
Adjustments in respect of non-cash movements		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4,659	4,359
Revaluation losses/(gains) charged to net cost of services	306	(5,860)
Amortisation of intangible assets	58	505
Increase in short-term debtors	(15,202)	(2,905)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(15,426)	22,265
Decrease in long-term debtors	166	1,466
(Decrease)/Increase in provisions	(420)	156
Carrying amount of non-current assets and non-current assets held for sale sold	-	898
Adjustment in respect of pension fund deficit	340	3,210
	(25,529)	24,094
Adjustment for items that are investing and financing activities		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	-	(409)
Capital Grants credited to CIES	(8,698)	(6,600)
	(8,698)	(7,009)
Net Cash flows (used in)/generated from Operating Activities	(30,891)	20,544
The cash flows from operating activities include the following items:		
Interest received	1,148	428
Interest paid	(3,365)	(2,034)

26 CASH FLOW STATEMENT – INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	Council 2022/23 £000	Council 2021/22 £000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(37,343)	(23,328)
Purchase of short-term and long-term investments	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	-	409
Proceeds from Short-term/long-term investments	-	1,096
Capital Grants Received	8,771	4,761
Net cash flows from investing activities	(28,572)	(17,062)

27 CASH FLOW STATEMENT – FINANCING ACTIVITIES

	Council 2022/23 £000	Council 2021/22 £000
Purchase of short- and long-term borrowing	98,135	45,038
Repayments of short- and long-term borrowing	(43,107)	(44,803)
Net cash flows from financing activities	55,028	235

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28 ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS FOR THE EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

The expenditure and funding analysis (EFA), documents the adjustments made to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to get back to the funding position. The following note splits out the detail of the adjustments made between the two positions.

(i) Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis 2022/23

	Adjustments for Capital Items	Adjustments for Pensions	Other Adjustments	TOTAL
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Communities and Neighbourhoods	(5)	(302)	9	(298)
Culture and Leisure	(12)	(349)	1	(360)
Environment	(653)	(533)	(2)	(1,188)
Housing and Planning	(1,471)	(181)	2	(1,650)
Performance and Resources	(76)	(929)	11	(994)
Regeneration and Economy	(5,239)	(302)	1	(5,540)
Net Cost of Services	(7,456)	(2,596)	22	(10,030)
Other Income and Expenditure	8,387	2,256	7,524	18,167
Difference between General Fund Surplus or Deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Surplus or Deficit	931	(340)	7,546	8,137

(ii) Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis 2021/22

	Adjustments for Capital Items	Adjustments for Pensions	Other Adjustments	TOTAL
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Communities and Neighbourhoods	(696)	(590)	(43)	(1,329)
Culture and Leisure	(15)	(487)	(66)	(568)
Environment	(278)	(715)	(73)	(1,066)
Housing and Planning	(1,101)	(342)	(73)	(1,516)
Performance and Resources	(904)	(734)	292	(1,346)
Regeneration and Economy	(3,580)	(506)	(1,198)	(5,284)
Net Cost of Services	(6,574)	(3,374)	(1,161)	(11,109)
Other Income and Expenditure	11,967	164	8,910	21,041
Difference between General Fund Surplus or Deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Surplus or Deficit	5,393	(3,210)	7,749	9,932

29 ACQUIRED, DISCONTINUED AND TRANSFERRED OPERATIONS

There have been no acquired, discontinued or transferred operations during 2022/23.

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30 TRADING OPERATIONS

The Council operates a number of services on a trading basis including the commercial estates and markets. The income and expenditure relating to these operations are shown below.

	2022/23			2021/22		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
	Income	Expenditure	Net	Income	Expenditure	Net
City Estates	(2,497)	165	(2,332)	(633)	192	(441)
St.Oswald's Park	(5,155)	274	(4,881)	(3,900)	197	(3,703)
Eastgate Market	(238)	199	(39)	(218)	202	(16)
Other markets	(5)	17	12	(45)	17	(28)
Lettings & Catering Services	(61)	269	208	(65)	269	204
Total	(7,956)	924	(7,032)	(4,861)	877	(3,984)

The expenditure of these operations is allocated or recharged to headings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Net surplus on Trading Operations	(7,032)	(3,984)
Net surplus credited to Other Operating Expenditure	(7,032)	(3,984)

31 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The Authority paid the following amounts to members of the Council during the year.

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Allowances	373	347
Expenses	-	1
Total	373	348

Details of the allowances paid to each individual councillor are published on the Council's website - www.gloucester.gov.uk

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, statutory inspections and non-audit services provided by the Council's external auditor:

Additional costs may be incurred due to the backstop implemented by the Government.

	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Fees payable to Deloitte LLP		
- External audit services	41	41
- Certification of grant claims and returns	-	-
Total audit fees	41	41

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33 OFFICERS' REMUNERATION

The remuneration paid to the Council's senior employees is as follows:

Senior Officer	Managing Director*		Corporate Director (until May 21)		Corporate Director (until July 21)		Director of Policy and Resources - Section 151 Officer	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
Salary, fees & allowances	126,718	124,793	-	16,001	-	28,404	93,290	83,144
Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compensation for loss of employment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employer's pension contribution	24,583	24,210	-	3,104	-	5,510	18,630	16,130
Any other emoluments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	£151,301	£149,003	-	£19,105	-	£33,915	£111,920	£99,274

Senior Officer continued	Director of Communities (from Jan 22)	
	2022/23	2021/22
Salary, fees & allowances	93,290	75,227
Bonuses	-	-
Expenses allowance	-	-
Compensation for loss of employment	-	-
Employer's pension contribution	19,142	14,594
Any other emoluments	-	-
Total	£112,432	£89,821

* The Managing Director role was split between the City and County Councils until 1/11/21.

The Council's other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding pension contributions) were paid the following amounts:

Remuneration Band	Number of Employees	
	2022/23	2021/22
£50,000 to £54,999	5	3
£55,000 to £59,999	3	3
£60,000 to £64,999	2	-
£65,000 to £69,999	-	1
£70,000 to £74,999	-	-
£75,000 to £79,999	2	1
£80,000 to £84,999	-	-

34 TERMINATION BENEFITS

There were no termination benefits paid in 2022/23.

	Number of Compulsory		Number of Other		Total Exit Packages by		Total Cost of Exit	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
	Number of Compulsory Redundancies	Number	Number of Other Departures Agreed	Number	Number	Number	£'000	£'000
Less than £20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Between £20,000 and £40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Between £40,000 and £60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Between £60,000 and £80,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Between £80,000 and £100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Between £100,000 and £150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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35 GRANT INCOME

The Council credited the following grants, contributions and donations to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2022/23:

	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
<i>Credited to Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income</i>		
Revenue Support Grant	(90)	(87)
Capital Grants	(8,698)	(6,600)
New Homes Bonus	(347)	(803)
Business Rates Section 31 Grant	2,943	(5,194)
Covid-19 Grants	-	(1,503)
Other Grants	(425)	(342)
	(6,617)	(14,529)
<i>Credited to Services</i>		
Homelessness and other housing	(4,662)	(1,748)
Mandatory Rent Allowances	(30,413)	(29,733)
Rent Rebates	(158)	(278)
Other	(1,702)	(1,299)
	(36,935)	(33,058)
Total grants	(43,552)	(47,587)

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 will require the monies or property to be returned to the donor should the conditions not be met. The balances at the year-end are as follows:

Long-term Liabilities

	31/03/2023 £'000	31/03/2022 £'000
Capital Grants Received in Advance		
Alney Island	98	0
Arts Council MEND Grant	178	-
Barrett Homes	79	-
BIES - Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 1	508	538
Bodiam Avenue	1	-
British Energy	150	150
Community Infrastructure Levy	466	-
Crest Nicholson South West	85	108
Disabled Facilities Grant	307	-
Glevum Court	43	-
Gloucester City FC	75	-
Granchester	243	-
Green Farm	81	81
Historic England - Cathedral Quarter	697	-
Hucclecote Centre	60	-
Horsbere Brook	61	-
Kings House Lift	99	-
Miller Homes	231	121
Other contributions	483	(37)
Persimmon Homes Severn Valley	451	47
Quedgeley Urban Village Limited	22	-
Railway Station Improvements	412	-
Redcliffe Homes	124	-
Redrow Homes	2,358	-
Rudloe Drive	51	50
Secunda Way Developments Ltd	46	-
Shire Hall Roof	91	-
SMH Homes Limited	38	-
St Gobain	45	-
St Oswalds	2,168	2,200
SWRDA	79	-
Tolsey Gardens	31	31
24-26 DENMARK ROAD	215	-
Total	10,076	3,289

There are no capital grants received in advance that are classified as current liabilities.

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36 RELATED PARTIES

The Council is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – defined as bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Council or to be controlled or influenced by 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. Council Tax bills, housing benefits etc.). Grant receipts held as received in advance at 31 March 2023 are shown in Note 35.

Contracts were entered into in full compliance with the Council's standing orders and the relevant officers did not take part in any discussion or decision relating to these payments.

	2022/23		2021/22	
	Payments Made or Due £'000	Income Rec'd £'000	Payments Made or Due £'000	Income Rec'd £'000
Central Government				
Revenue Support Grant	-	(90)	-	(87)
Other Government grants	-	(4,192)	-	(24,757)
HRA negative subsidy	-		-	
Council Tax and Housing Benefit grants	-	(30,570)	-	(30,011)
NNDR	20,431	-	27,344	-
Other Local and Police Authorities				
Precepts	66,580	-	64,014	-
Gloucestershire County Council inc Pension Fund contributions	1,678	-	1,210	-
Gloucestershire Airport Limited Loan interest and rents	-	-	-	(62)
Quedgeley Parish Council	258	-	248	-
Others				
Gloucester Law Centre	38		29	
Aspire Sports and Cultural Trust	168	256	46	
Hucclecote Community Association	2		2	
Hucclecote Surgery Patient Participation Group	-			
Gloucester Docks Estate Company	-	-	97	
Citysafe	156		833	
Llanthony Secunda Priory	17		3	
Strike a Light	20	(0)	13	
Gloucester Community Building Collective	45	39	58	39
Gloucester Wildlife Trust	26		11	

Amounts due to or from related parties included in debtors and creditors as at 31 March 2023:

	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Short-term Debtors	12,912	4,309
Long-term Debtors	-	-
Short-term Creditors	11,977	12,739
Short-term Borrowings	51,900	39,836

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37 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 and contracts), 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.

	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	138,347	118,957
Capital investment		
- Property, Plant and Equipment, heritage assets and assets held for sale	35,309	21,246
- Investment Properties	-	262
- Intangible Assets	471	105
- Long Term Loans	-	-
- Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute (REFCUS)	1,563	1,715
	175,690	142,285
Sources of finance		
- Usable Capital Receipts	(73)	(654)
- Capital Grants and Contributions	(8,610)	(2,393)
- Revenue Financing	-	-
Revenue Provision (including Minimum Revenue Provision)	(1,220)	(891)
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	165,787	138,347
Explanation of movements in year		
Increase in underlying need to borrow for capital investment:		
- Unsupported by Government financial assistance	28,660	20,281
Amounts 'set aside' for debt repayment	(1,220)	(891)
Increase in Capital Financing Requirement	27,440	19,390

38 LEASES

(i) GCC as Lessor

Finance Leases

The Council has two finance leases. The rental for both leases was paid at inception with the exception of an annual rental of £1 per annum. Accordingly there are no minimum lease payments outstanding at 31 March 2023.

The Council does not have any other finance leases as lessor.

Operating Leases

The Council leases out property under operating leases for the following purposes:

- a) The provision of community services such as sport and recreation facilities, tourism services and community centres; and
- b) For economic development purposes to provide suitable accommodation for local businesses.

Rentals received during the year and included in the net cost of services were £6.398 million (2021/22: £7.251 million). The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases in future years are as follows:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Not later than one year	6,169	6,035
Later than one year and not later than five years	18,923	18,560
Later than five years	23,006	30,022
Total	48,098	54,617

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38 LEASES (Continued)

(ii) GCC as Lessee

Operating Leases

The Council has a number of operating leases in respect of buildings and car parks and items of property, plant and equipment.

Total lease payments were £0.216 million in 2022/23 (2021/22: £0.268 million) made up as follows:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Minimum lease payments	216	268
Contingent rentals	-	-
Sub-lease payments receivable	-	-
Total	216	268

The Council has the following commitments representing the minimum lease payments in respect of operating leases:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Not later than one year	3	3
Later than one year and not later than five years	12	12
Later than five years	156	159
Total	171	174

Finance Leases

The Council has one finance lease. This was entered into in 2017/18 and represented a change in the Council's interest in the Kings Walk shopping centre. Upon completion the Council recognised a lease liability relating to future rental payments of £29.762m. A finance lease asset was recognised with a value of £19.892m representing the lease liability of £29.762m after deduction of lease incentives received on completion of £9.870m.

The interest cost recorded as financing expenditure in year was £1.810m.

The lease liability is recorded as long-term borrowing within the Balance Sheet with a value of £31.137m. The lease rentals are subject to an annual RPI increase in July annually capped at 4% and collared at 2%.

The table below shows future lease payments at both their expected cash flow and their present value as at the Balance Sheet date.

	Total Lease Payments	Present Value
	£'000	£'000
Not later than one year	1,706	1,640
Later than one year and not later than five years	7,172	6,897
Later than five years	90,478	90,550
Total	99,356	99,087

39 REVALUATION LOSSES

The Code requires disclosure by class of assets of the amounts for revaluation losses and reversals charged or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure. These disclosures are consolidated in Notes 11, 12, 13 and 14 reconciling the movement over the year in the Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property, Heritage Assets and Intangible Asset balances.

40 CAPITALISATION OF BORROWING COSTS

No borrowing costs were capitalised during the year.

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41 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEMES

Participation in Pension Schemes

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers, the Council offers retirement benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be paid until employees retire, the Council has a commitment to make the payments, which needs to be disclosed at the time employees earn their future entitlement.

The Council participates in the Gloucestershire County Council Pension Fund which is a defined benefit statutory pension scheme administered by the County Council in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 1997 (as amended). It is contracted out of the State Second Pension. It is also a Funded scheme, meaning that the Council and employees pay contributions into a Fund, set at a level intended to balance pension liabilities with investment assets.

Further information can be found in the Gloucestershire County Council LGPS Annual Report which is available (from November each year) from:

Business Management Directorate
Gloucestershire County Council
Shire Hall
Westgate Street
Gloucester
GL1 2TG

Transactions Relating to Post-employment Benefits

We recognise 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 we are required to make against Council Tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund 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:

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account		
<i>Net Cost of Services :</i>		
Current service cost (apportioned across services)	3,954	3,374
Actuarial Adjustment		
Effects of settlements	4,535	-
Settlements and Curtailments (included in Non-Distributed costs)	173	-
<i>Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure</i>		
Net interest expense	(3,129)	1,186
Total Post employment Benefit Charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	5,533	4,560
Other Post employment Benefit Charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		
<i>Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability comprising:</i>		
-Return on plan assets (excluding the amount included in the net interest expense)	(6,122)	36,359
-Actuarial gains/(losses) arising from changes in demographic assumptions	-	-
-Actuarial gains/(losses) arising from business combination and disposal	-	-
-Actuarial losses arising from changes in financial assumptions	52,482	(20,530)
-Other	-	198
Total Post employment Benefit Charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	51,893	20,587
Movement in Reserves Statement		
Reversal of net charges made to the Surplus or Deficit for the Provision of Services for post employment benefits in accordance with the Code	(5,187)	(4,560)
Actual amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year:		
- employer's contributions payable by the general fund to the scheme	(1,851)	(1,378)
	44,855	14,649

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the 31 March 2023 is a net deficit of £46.706 million (2021/22: £16.027 million).

Assets and Liabilities in Relation to Post-employment Benefits

Reconciliation of present value of the scheme liabilities (defined benefit obligation)

	Funded liabilities: Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Opening balance at 1 April	200,904	178,917
Current service cost	3,954	3,374
Effect of Settlements	-	-
Interest cost	4,535	3,555
Contributions by scheme participants	548	416
-Actuarial (gains)/losses arising from changes in demographic assumptions	-	-
-Actuarial gains arising from changes in financial assumptions	(52,482)	20,530
-Other	-	(198)
Losses/(gains) on curtailments	(173)	-
Benefits paid	(6,849)	(5,690)
Closing balance at 31 March	150,437	200,904

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41 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEMES (Continued)

Reconciliation of fair value of the scheme (plan) assets

Local Government Pension Scheme

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Opening balance at 1 April	155,215	120,551
Interest income	3,302	2,369
<i>Remeasurement gain/(loss):</i>		
The return on plan assets, excluding the amount included in the net interest expense	(6,122)	36,359
Effect of Settlements	-	-
Effect of business combinations and disposals	-	-
Employer contributions	1,678	1,210
Contributions by scheme participants	548	416
Benefits paid	(6,849)	(5,690)
Closing balance at 31 March	147,772	155,215

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the Balance Sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term real rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

Scheme History

	31-Mar-23 £'000	31-Mar-22 £'000
<i>Present value of liabilities:</i>		
Local Government Pension Scheme	(150,437)	(200,904)
<i>Fair value of assets:</i>		
Local Government Pension Scheme	147,772	155,215
Deficit in the scheme	(2,665)	(45,689)

The liabilities show the underlying commitments that the Council has in the long run to pay post employment retirement benefits.

The total net liability of £2.665 million impacts on the net worth of the Council as recorded in the Balance Sheet, however, statutory arrangements for funding the deficit mean that the financial position of the Council remains healthy. Over the remaining working life of employees i.e. before payments fall due, as assessed by the scheme actuary, finance is only required to be raised to cover discretionary benefits when the pensions are actually paid. The total contributions made to the Local Government Pension Scheme by the Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 was £1.851 million (2021/22: £1.378 million, 2020/21: £10.995 million), as a result of prepayment of three years of secondary contributions, which was paid in 2020.

The deficit on the local government scheme will be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees i.e. before payments fall due, as assessed by the scheme actuary.

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 levels, etc. Both the Local Government Pension Scheme and Discretionary Benefits liabilities have been assessed by Hymans Robertson, 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 2023.

The principal assumptions used by the actuary have been:

	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2022/23	2021/22
Mortality assumptions:		
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners:		
- Men	21.3 years	21.9 years
- Women	24.0 years	24.6 years
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners:		
- Men	21.7 years	22.6 years
- Women	25.7 years	26 years
Rate of increase in salaries	3.50%	3.70%
Rate of increase in pensions	3.00%	3.20%
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities	4.75%	2.70%
Take-up of option to convert annual pension into Retirement lump sum	50%	50%

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41 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEMES (Continued)

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the table above. 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 assumptions in longevity, for example, assume that life expectancy increases or decreases for men and women. In practice this is unlikely to occur and changes in some of the assumptions may be interrelated. 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 method 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	
	Approximate % Increase in Liability	Approximate Monetary Amount £000
0.1% Decrease in real discount rate	1%	2,223
1 year increase in member life expectancy	4%	6,017
0.1% Increase in the salary increase rate	0%	166
0.1% Increase in the pension increase rate	1%	2,091

The Discretionary Benefits arrangements have no assets to cover its liabilities. The Local Government Pension Scheme's assets consist of the following categories, by proportion of the total assets held:

Asset Category	2022/23				2021/22			
	Quoted prices in active markets	Quoted prices not in active markets	Total	Percentage of Total Assets	Quoted prices in active markets	Quoted prices not in active markets	Total	Percentage of Total Assets
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Debt Securities								
Corporate Bonds (investment grade)	0		0	0%	-	-	-	0%
Corporate Bonds (non-investment grade)	0		0	0%	-	-	-	0%
UK Government	0		0	0%	-	-	-	0%
Other	-		-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Private Equity								
All	-	2,812	2,812	2%	-	1,693	1,693	1%
Real Estate								
UK Property	5,181	4,691	9,872	7%	6,463	4,501	10,964	7%
Overseas Property	-	2,582	2,582	2%	-	1,080	1,080	1%
Investment Funds and Unit Trusts								
Equities	-	94,559	94,559	64%	-	105,552	105,552	68%
Bonds	9,448	15,932	25,380	17%	9,913	18,691	28,604	18%
Hedge Funds	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Commodities	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Infrastructure	-	5,276	5,276	4%	-	1,563	1,563	1%
Other	-	5,876	5,876	4%	-	3,691	3,691	2%
Derivatives								
Inflation	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Interest Rate	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Foreign Exchange	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Other	-	-	0	0%	-	-	-	0%
Cash and Cash Equivalents								
All	1,415	-	1,415	0%	2,068	-	2,068	1%
Totals	16,043	131,728	147,772	100%	18,444	136,771	155,215	100%

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

41 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEMES (Continued)

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 schemes actuary to achieve a funding level of 100% over the next 17 years. Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis. The next triennial valuation is due to be completed on 1 April 2025.

The Council is anticipated to pay £1.158m contributions to the scheme in 2022/23.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation for scheme members is 17 years for 2022/23.

42 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Council has no contingent liabilities at the Balance Sheet date

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

43 NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks:

Liquidity risk – the possibility that the Council might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments.

Market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Council as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and stock market movements.

The Council's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the resources available to fund services. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury team, under policies approved by the Council in the annual treasury management strategy. The Council provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and the investment of surplus cash.

Credit Risk

This arises from deposits with banks, financial institutions and other local authorities and from credit exposure to the Council's customers. Deposits are not made with banks or building societies unless such institutions have independently assessed credit ratings at least equivalent to Fitch F1 short term and A- long term or, in the case of non-rated UK building societies, have total assets in excess of £500 million. Limits are placed on the amount and length of loans to individual institutions according to their respective credit rating or asset size.

The Council maintains strict credit criteria and it is considered that the risk of default remains low.

The Council's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its short-term investments and deposits with banks and other financial institutions of £4.754million (2021/22: £9.19million) cannot be assessed generally as the risk of any institution failing to make interest payments or repay the principal sum will be specific to each individual institution. Recent experience has shown that it is rare for such entities to be unable to meet their commitments and, along with short-term investments with other public sector bodies, are considered to have a low credit risk.

Full details of long-term investments are disclosed in note 44. Long-term debtors, as detailed in note 19(i), total £0.569 million (2021/22: £0.735 million) and are considered to have a low credit risk.

The Council does not generally allow credit for customers and £1.364 million, of the debtors balance of £48.052 million (see Note 15) is past its due date for payment as follows:

	£'000
Less than four months	63
Four months - one year	353
More than One year	948
Total	1,364

The Council has set aside provisions for unrecoverable or doubtful debts based on experience of collectability, and it is estimated uncollectible amounts will be able to be met from these.

Liquidity Risk

The Council has a comprehensive cash flow management system that seeks to ensure that cash is available as needed. If unexpected movements happen, the Council has ready access to borrowings from the money markets and the Public Works Loans Board. There is no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments. The maturity analysis of financial liabilities is as follows:

Long term loans - period until repayment	Actual 31/03/2023
	%
Less than one year	52%
One - two years	0%
Two - five years	18%
Five - 10 years	3%
Over 10 years	27%
	100%

Full details of the maturity analysis in respect of long-term borrowings are included in note 21(ii). All trade and other payables and short-term borrowings are due to be paid in less than one year.

Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

The Council is exposed to risk in terms of its exposure to interest rate movements on its borrowings and investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the Council. For instance, a rise in interest rates would have the following effects:

- Borrowings at variable rates – the interest expense charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services will rise
- Borrowings at fixed rates – the fair value of the liabilities borrowings will fall
- Investments at variable rates – the interest income credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services will rise
- Investments at fixed rates – the fair value of the assets will fall.

Borrowings are not carried at fair value, so nominal gains and losses on fixed rate borrowings would not impact on the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure, 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 and affect the General Fund Balance. Movements in the fair value of fixed rate investments that have a quoted market price will be reflected in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

43 NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

The Council has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk.

During periods of falling interest rates and, where economic circumstances make it favourable, fixed rate loans will be repaid early to limit exposure to losses. The risk of loss is ameliorated by the fact that a proportion of Government grant payable on financing costs will normally move with prevailing interest rates or the Council's cost of borrowing and provide compensation for a proportion of any higher costs.

The treasury management team has an active strategy for assessing interest rate exposure that feeds into the setting of the annual budget and which is used to update the budget quarterly during the year. This allows any adverse changes to be accommodated. The analysis will also advise whether new borrowing taken out is fixed or variable.

According to this assessment strategy, at 31 March 2023, if interest rates had been 1% higher with all other variables held constant, the financial effect would be:

	Average amount Outstanding	Actual Interest rate	Actual Interest Paid / (Receivable)	Projected Interest Rate	Projected Interest Paid / Receivable	Variation
	£000s	%	£000s	%	£000s	£000s
Borrowings						
Long-term-fixed rate	103,596	2.45%	2,538	3.45%	3,574	1,036
Short-term-variable	53,454	2.15%	1,149	3.15%	1,684	535
	157,050		3,687		5,258	1,571
Investments						
Short-term-variable	-	0.00%	-	1.00%	-	-
Net loss/(gain) on deficit/(surplus) for the year						1,571

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

Price Risk

The Council does not invest in quoted shares and the shares it owns are not carried at fair value. As a result the Council is not exposed to movements in market prices. For the impact on the pension scheme, see Note 41.

Foreign exchange Risk

The Council has no financial assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and thus has no exposure to loss arising from movements in exchange rates.

44 LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Long term investments are investments repayable in (or intended to be held for) more than one year and are shown at fair value.

They consist of the following:

	GCC		Group	
	31-Mar-23 £'000	31-Mar-22 £'000	31-Mar-23 £'000	31-Mar-22 £'000
Gloucestershire Airport Ltd	-	-	-	-
CCLA	10,523	10,523	10,523	9,487
Total	10,523	10,523	10,523	9,487

The Council has invested £10m to purchase units of CCLA Property & Diversified Income shares. As at 31st March, the bid price per unit was 339.82p (£5.433m) and 1.549p (£5.090m), hence the fair value amount as reflected in Balance Sheet and recognised through the Income and Expenditure statement. The Council invested £0.435m as joint shareholder to Gloucestershire Airport, the fair value of this investment is £0.0m.

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

45 NOTES TO THE GROUP ACCOUNTS

The Council's group accounts combine the Council's accounts with those of Gloucestershire Airport Limited in which the Council has a 50% shareholding (the remaining 50% of the shares are owned by Cheltenham Borough Council). Gloucestershire Airport is accounted for as a joint venture, using equity accounting principle.

financial statements, since the Council's shareholdings may not fully reflect its share of the respective entities' assets and liabilities.

Gloucestershire Airport Limited has been categorised as a joint venture company as the decisions regarding the operating and financial policies of the company require the consent of all parties. For the purposes of the group accounts Gloucestershire Airport has been treated as a jointly controlled entity (joint venture) and has been consolidated in accordance with IFRS 11.

Gloucestershire Airport Limited (GAL)

Gloucestershire Airport Limited is a wholly owned airport company which was voluntarily established during 1992/93 by Gloucester City Council together with Cheltenham Borough Council, using powers available to them under the Airports Act (1986). This replaced the previous joint committee arrangements for the airport. The shares allotted were divided equally between the two councils. The market value of the shares is unknown as they are not quoted shares. They are classified within the Council's individual accounts as a long-term investment.

The registered name of the airport company is Gloucestershire Airport Ltd (Registered Number 2774189). The draft accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 reflected the following:

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
After tax operating loss	(4,433)	(599)
Net assets	21,090	25,241

For the purposes of the accounts the Airport has been classified as a Joint Venture as it is jointly owned by two local authorities, neither of which has overall control. These show the full value of the Council's investment within its financial statements, since the value of the Council's shares do not fully reflect the value of the airport land.

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

45 NOTES TO THE GROUP ACCOUNTS (continued)

The Group Balance Sheet has been prepared by combining the Council's 50% share of the Airport's net assets as a long-term investment, eliminating the share capital.

There is no requirement to adjust for transactions carried out and balances held between the Council and Gloucestershire Airport Limited. The cash flows of the Airport are also not required to be included in the Group Cash flow Statement.

In the autumn of 2009, the Council agreed to facilitate borrowing to finance the runway safety project at Gloucestershire Airport, to provide a safer runway with a computerised instrument landing system (ILS) which was completed in the 2012/13 financial year. The Council loaned £1.550million (2021/22:£1.550m) to the Airport to help fund this project. In 2013/14 the loan was converted from an indefinite period loan to two interest-bearing loans, one for £350k repayable over 5 years and one for £1.2m repayable over 10 years. (Refer to note 19(i) for details).

The following table discloses the council's share of the Airport's net assets as follows:

	Gloucestershire Airport Limited	Gloucester City Council's Share	Gloucestershire Airport Limited	Gloucester City Council's Share
	£ 2022/23 £000	£ 2022/23 £000	£ 2021/22 £000	£ 2021/22 £000
Turnover	5,217	2,608	5,906	2,953
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(5,718)	(2,859)	770	385
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1,285	642	(1,369)	(685)
Profit for the financial year after taxation	(4,433)	(2,217)	(599)	(300)
Fixed Assets	42,271	21,136	41,580	20,790
Current Assets	2,378	1,189	1,449	725
Liabilities due within one year	16,467	8,234	7,507	3,753
Liabilities due after one year	7,092	3,546	10,281	5,141
Net pension liability	-	-	-	-
		10,545		12,620
Less: Investment		-		-
Share of Assets consolidated using the equity approach		10,545		12,620

The Airport did not pay any dividend for the year ended 31st March 2023 (2022: £Nil).

The accounts of GAL for the year ending 31 March 2023 can be obtained from the Airport Company Secretary at the company's registered office

- The Terminal Building, Staverton, Nr Cheltenham, Glos, GL51 6SR.

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

45 NOTES TO THE GROUP ACCOUNTS (continued)

ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN GROUP ACCOUNTS AND GCC ACCOUNTS

Adjusting for Intra-group Transactions and Balances

Adjustments have been made in respect of inter-group debtors and creditor balances between the Council and its subsidiaries. Inter-group transactions relating to services and other charges have also been eliminated on consolidation. This adjustment has been made in accordance with the Code.

Usable and Unusable Reserves

Transfers have been made between usable reserves and unusable reserves in respect of the classification of the pension reserves in subsidiary companies which are, effectively, included in retained earnings. In the group accounts these have been transferred from usable reserves to unusable reserves to ensure consistency of treatment with the Council's accounts.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COLLECTION FUND

COLLECTION FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT					
For the year ended 31 March 2023					
	Note	2022/23			2021/22
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
		Council Tax	Business Rates	Total	Total
INCOME					
Non Domestic Rates					
Collectable from Business Ratepayers	2,4	-	(49,618)	(49,618)	(45,032)
Council Tax					
Collectable from Council Tax Payers	1	(76,608)	-	(76,608)	(73,076)
		(76,608)	(49,618)	(126,226)	(118,108)
EXPENDITURE					
Non-Domestic Rates					
Payment to Gloucester City Council		-	25,539	25,539	21,875
Payment to Central Government		-	20,431	20,431	27,344
Payment to Gloucestershire County Council		-	5,108	5,108	5,469
Council Tax Precepts					
Gloucester City Council		8,602	-	8,602	8,329
Gloucestershire County Council		55,810	-	55,810	53,719
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire		10,770	-	10,770	10,295
Transitional Protection Payments Payable To Government		-	198	198	645
Write-Offs				-	0
Increase/(Decrease) in bad debt provisions		1,162	207	1,369	279
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for NNDR Appeals		-	(844)	(844)	398
Cost of NNDR Collection		-	171	171	171
Distribution of Previous Years' estimated Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit)		-	(14,347)	(14,347)	(27,700)
		76,344	36,463	112,807	100,824
(Surplus)/Deficit arising during the year		(264)	(13,155)	(13,419)	(17,284)
(Surplus)/Deficit at start of the year		(394)	12,576	12,182	29,466
(Surplus)/Deficit at end of the year		(658)	(579)	(1,237)	12,182

COLLECTION FUND

The Collection Fund reflects the Council's statutory responsibility as a billing authority to maintain a separate fund account, which shows the transactions in relation to council tax and business rates (non-domestic rates) and illustrates how these have been distributed to preceptors and the General Fund.

1 COUNCIL TAX

The figure shown is net of Council Tax benefits and transitional relief which are paid for by the Council's general fund.

Council tax income derives from charges raised according to the value of residential properties, which have been classified into eight valuation bands estimating 1 April 1991 values for this specific purpose. Individual charges are calculated by setting the amount of income required to be taken from the collection fund by the City and County Councils and Gloucestershire Police Authority for the forthcoming year (the precepts) and dividing this by the Council Tax base. The tax base is the total number of properties in each band (adjusted by discounts) converted to a band D equivalent. This basic amount Council Tax for a band D property is multiplied by the proportion specified for the particular band to give an individual amount due.

The Council Tax base for the year (to the nearest whole equivalent) was calculated as follows:

Band	Estimated No. of taxable properties after effect of discounts	Ratio	Band D equivalent dwellings
A	55	5/9	31
A	14,466	6/9	9,644
B	14,665	7/9	11,406
C	12,636	8/9	11,232
D	5,526	9/9	5,526
E	3,526	11/9	4,310
F	844	13/9	1,219
G	131	15/9	218
H	2	18/9	3
Total	51,851		43,589
Less: Council Tax Support Scheme			(4,576)
Less adjustment for collection rates and for anticipated changes during the year for successful appeals against valuation banding, new properties, demolitions, disabled persons relief and exempt properties (1.25% of total band D equivalent dwellings)			(545)
Council Tax Base for 2022/23			38,468
Council Tax Base for 2021/22			38,523

The Council Tax Base for 2022/23 multiplied by the Average Band D Council Tax Charge gives the Total of Precepts and Demands for the Year:

Tax Base	38,468
	X
Average Band D Charge	1,948.43
Precepts and Demands (£000s)	74,953

Properties within the boundaries of Quedgeley Parish Council pay an additional Council Tax sum to fund the activities of the Parish Council. For the 2022/23 year this was as follows.

Tax Base	6,563
	X
Average Band D Charge	39.3
Precept	258

COLLECTION FUND

2 INCOME FROM BUSINESS RATEPAYERS

Under the arrangements for uniform business rates, the Council collects non-domestic rates for its area which are based on local rateable values multiplied by a uniform rate (the Multiplier) set by the Government. Certain reliefs are available and the figure shown as collectable is net of these reliefs.

The total non-domestic rateable value at 31 March 2023 was £124.9 million (£126.8 million at 31 March 2022) and the national non-domestic multiplier for 2022/23 was 51.2p (2021/22 51.2p), resulting in net income after transitional, small property, empty property and mandatory reliefs of £43.9 million (£26.5 million in 2020/21).

During 2022/23 the Government continued the additional reliefs to properties within the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors, introduced as part of its assistance package to businesses during the pandemic. As a result, the billable business rates within the Collection Fund were significantly reduced significantly from their expected level. As expenditure was set (per regulations) before the announcement of the continued reliefs, this created a further deficit in the Collection Fund Accounts. This deficit was repaid by the preceptors to the Collection Fund in 2022/23 as all preceptors (including the Council as a billing authority) were compensated by the Government through a Section 31 grant.

The Business Rates Retention scheme splits rate income between central government and local authorities according to a set percentage split in each area. During 2022/23 the income received by Gloucester City Council was distributed as follows: 40% of income goes to Gloucester City Council, 10% to Gloucestershire County Council and 50% to Central Government. The Collection Fund Statement shows the sums received by each organisation for Business Rates in 2022/23.

As part of the scheme Central Government established a baseline funding level for every authority. A system of tariffs, paid by authorities who have gained, and top ups, paid to those who have lost out, ensures that each authority receives their baseline funding. The tariff paid by Gloucester City Council from its general fund in 2022/23 was £16.3 million.

3 COLLECTION FUND BALANCE

The balance of the fund is shared between the Council and its major precepting authorities in the following year. The billing authority has to estimate the (surplus)/deficit for the end of each financial year by January 15 of that year.

This Council Tax balance is shared by the City and County Councils and Gloucestershire Police Authority according to the proportion that their precept constitutes of the total for precepts for that year.

The (surplus)/deficit will be shared out in its entirety between the Council and County Council and Police Authority. The County Council and Police Authority share will be carried as (creditors)/debtors and the Council's share will be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account. The Collection Fund Adjustment Account is then needed to reconcile the net credit made to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account for Council Tax to the statutory amount in the Statement of General Fund Movement.

The closing surplus for 2022/23 is £0.264 million (2021/22 deficit £0.394 million). This is apportioned as follows:

	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Gloucestershire County Council	196	(293)
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire	38	(57)
Gloucester City Council	30	(44)
Total	264	(394)

The exceptional deficit on the Council Tax collection fund in 2020/21 was spread over 3 years in accordance with guidance from the Government. This final part was recovered from the respective parties in 2022/23. No further deficit or surplus was declared in January 2022.

The NNDR balance is shared by the City and County Councils and Central Government according to the respective proportions 40% / 10% / 50%. As with Council Tax, the County Council and Central Government share is carried as a creditor and the Council's share was debited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The Collection Fund Adjustment Account is used to reconcile the net debit made to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account for NNDR to the statutory amount in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

As noted in Note 2 above, the Covid-19 pandemic led to the Central Government granting a series of emergency reliefs to business rate payers. The continuation of many of these reliefs into 2021/22 impacted on the levels of income collected by the Council in 2021/22 and in return the Government provided early Section 31 grants to ensure cash liquidity for the Council (as a billing authority). These unusual circumstances led to the collection fund relating to NNDR recording an in year deficit. This has been recovered during 2022/23 with a surplus of £13.155 million being recorded (2021/22 - £15.855m deficit). The remaining closing surplus is apportioned between the relevant bodies as follows.

Apportionment of Net (Surplus) / Deficit relating to NNDR	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Gloucestershire County Council	(58)	6,288
Central Government	(289)	1,258
Gloucester City Council	(232)	5,030
Total	(579)	12,576

The fund deficit is to be recovered from the respective parties in 2022/23, via Section 31 grants (already received) with the residual exceptional deficit being spread over three years in accordance with Government guidance.

4 NON-DOMESTIC RATES APPEALS

When the new arrangements for the retention of business rates came into effect on 1 April 2013, local authorities assumed the liability for refunding ratepayers who have successfully appealed against the rateable value of their properties on the rating list.

This will include amounts that were paid over to Central Government in respect of prior years. Previously, such amounts would not have been recognised as income by the local authorities, but would have been transferred to DCLG.

The new arrangements give rise to the need to make a provision for the future cost of these appeals. The estimate made for the likely future value of appeals as at 31 March 2023 was £2.153 million. This has been split amongst the two recipients of Business Rates Income according to their respective share.

	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Central Government	1,077	1,498
Gloucester City Council	861	1,198
Gloucestershire County Council	215	300
Total	2,153	2,996

GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL TERMS

GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL TERMS

To help you understand Gloucester City Council's accounts, some of the terms used are briefly explained below:

Accounting Period

The period of time covered by the accounts, normally a period of twelve months, commencing on 1st April for local authority accounts.

Account

A generic term for statements setting out details of income and expenditure or assets and liabilities or both, in a structured manner. Accounts may be categorised by the type of transactions they record, e.g. management accounts, balance sheets.

Accruals

Sums included in the final accounts to cover income or expenditure attributable to the accounting period but for which payment has not been made/received at the balance sheet date.

Amortised Cost

The original cost less any depreciation or impairment (if applicable).

Balances

Also known as 'working balances', these are 'contingency' reserves not set aside for any specific purpose but to cover possible unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure.

Budget

The Council's aims and policies in financial terms. Also referred to as 'Estimate'.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on capital assets which have a long term value to the authority e.g. land, buildings and equipment (known as fixed assets) or the payment of grants to other people for the purchase or improvement of capital assets e.g. house renovation grants (known as deferred charges).

Capital Financing

The raising of money to pay for capital expenditure. In the past the cost of capital assets was often met by borrowing, but capital expenditure may also be financed by other means such as contributions from revenue accounts, the proceeds from the sale of capital assets, capital grants, and contributions from developers or others.

Capital Financing Costs

Principal and interest repayments relating to loans.

Capital Grants

Grants from the Government, the National Lottery and developers towards capital expenditure on a specific service or project.

Capital Receipts

Proceeds arising from the sale of capital assets or from the repayment to the Council of capital grants and loans. Capital receipts may be used to finance additional capital spending.

Collection Fund

The collection fund brings together income from council tax and business ratepayers. From this fund the City, County Council and Police Authority precept for their annual net expenditure.

GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL TERMS

Community assets

Assets that the local authority intends to hold in perpetuity, and that have no determinable useful life. Examples of community assets are parks and historic buildings.

Contingent Liability

A liability which exists at the balance sheet date where the outcome will be confirmed only on the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events, for example the default by a borrower on a loan from a third party for which the authority has given a guarantee.

Contingent Asset

As with contingent liability, only an asset.

Creditors

Amounts owed by the authority for work done, goods received or services rendered within an accounting period, but for which payment was not made at the balance sheet date.

Current Assets

Assets which can be expected to be consumed or realised during the next accounting period.

Current Liabilities

Amounts which will become due or could be called upon during the next accounting period.

Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute

Expenditure which may be financed from capital resources but which does not result in tangible assets, for example on house renovation grants.

Depreciation

The cost of the "wearing out" of a fixed asset.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the authority but for which payment was not made at the balance sheet date.

Employee Costs

These include salaries, wages and related national insurance and pension costs payable by the City Council, together with training expenses and charges relating to the index - linking of the pensions of former employees.

Fair Value

The value at which a liability (e.g. a loan) may be settled or extinguished.

Final Accounts

Accounts prepared for an accounting period, usually in a summarised form. These accounts show the net surplus (profit) or deficit (loss) on individual services together with a balance sheet. They are produced as a record of stewardship and are available to interested parties. Local authorities are required to publish each year a Statement of Accounts (final accounts and balance sheet) as specified in the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) Regulations 2015.

Finance Lease

A lease whereby at the end of the lease period the Council receives part of the proceeds arising from the sale of the asset.

Financial Year

The local authority financial year commences 1st April and finishes 31st March the following year.

Fixed assets

Assets that yield benefits to the local authority for a period of more than one year.

GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL TERMS

General Fund

The Council's main account which includes all services except Council Housing. The net expenditure on the account is financed from Government Revenue Support Grant.

Government Grants

Payments by Central Government towards local authority expenditure. They may be specific e.g. Housing Benefits, or general e.g. Revenue Support Grant.

Gross Book Value

The historical cost or current value of a fixed asset.

Gross Expenditure

The total cost of providing services before any income is deducted.

Impairment

A reduction in market value of an asset as a result for example of damage or reduction in market price.

Improvement Grants

Statutory or discretionary payments that local authorities make to tenants or owners of houses lacking basic amenities to enable them to bring dwellings up to modern standards. The maximum amounts payable are determined by government, which reimburses the authority for part of the cost it incurs in providing the grants.

Infrastructure Assets

A type of fixed asset, for example highways and footpaths.

Interest

An amount received or paid for the use of a sum of money when it is invested or borrowed.

Investment Properties

Interest in land and/or buildings which is held for its investment potential.

Minimum Revenue Provision

The minimum amount which must be charged to an authority's revenue accounts for repayment of debt. It is calculated by applying a prescribed percentage to outstanding debt less certain allowances.

National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR)

An NNDR multiplier is set annually by central government and the rates due, calculated by multiplying the rate by a business property's rateable value, is collected by charging authorities and paid into a central pool maintained by the Government.

The proceeds are redistributed by the government between local authorities according to a formula.

Net Book Value

The amount at which fixed assets are included in the balance sheet, i.e. their historical cost or current value less the cumulative amounts provided for depreciation.

Net Expenditure

Gross expenditure less any related income.

Non-Distributed Costs

Costs which are not attributable to any specific service, and are therefore retained at the corporate centre.

Operating Lease

A lease whereby at the end of the lease period the Council does not receive any proceeds arising from the sale of the asset.

Precept

The amount which a Precepting Authority (i.e. a County Council) requires from a Charging Authority (district council) to meet its expenditure requirements.

Provision

An amount set aside in a separate account to cover known or likely losses. An example of a provision is the Insurance Provision.

GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL TERMS

Reserve

An amount set aside in a separate account for future use. Reserves may be capital (can only be used for capital purposes) or revenue (can be used by revenue accounts). Reserves can be earmarked for a specific purpose or classified as general i.e. not earmarked for a particular purpose, for example the general fund revenue balance.

Revenue Account

Accounts covering income and expenditure relating to the day to day running of Council services.

Revenue Support Grant

A general grant paid to all authorities to help finance the cost of services.

Revised Budget

An estimate of likely actual expenditure, made towards the end of the financial year. Also referred to as 'Revised Estimate'.

Stock

Items of raw materials and stores an authority has purchased to use on a continuing basis which are not used at the year end.

Value For Money

An expression describing the benefit obtained (not just in financial terms) for a given input of cash. The phrase is widely used within public bodies, but there are many difficulties in its use because value is a subjective measure and there are rarely supporting objective measures. The Audit Commission is required to consider value for money with the three objectives of economy of input, efficiency of operation and effectiveness of output in service provision.

AUDIT REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GLOUCESTER CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Disclaimer of opinion

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of Gloucester City District Council ("the Authority") and its subsidiaries ("the group") for the year ended 31 March 2023. Because of the significance of the matter described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We were engaged to audit the financial statements which comprise:

- the group and Authority Movement in Reserves Statement;
- The Expenditure and Funding Analysis note;
- the group and Authority Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement;
- the group and Authority Balance Sheet;
- the Authority Cash Flow Statement;
- Accounting policies;
- the related notes 1 to 46; and
- the Collection Fund including related notes 1 to 4.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting ("the Code").

Basis for disclaimer of opinion

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 ("the Regulations") require the Authority to publish its statements of accounts, together with accompanying auditor's reports for the years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023 by 13 December 2024.

[The Authority published its draft statements of accounts for the years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023 on 28 February 2024 [and 11 November 2024 respectively. Following the introduction of the Regulations, there was insufficient time to complete the necessary audit work to form an audit opinion on the statements of accounts for the years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023.

As detailed above, the 2022/23 statement of accounts were published on 11 November 2024. The statutory inspection period ran to 20 December 2024, and so the statement of accounts could not be approved prior to the statutory backstop date of 13 December 2024.

As a result, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been identified in respect of recorded or unrecorded items within the financial statements for both the years ended 31 March 2022 and 2023.

Chief Financial Officer's responsibilities

As explained more fully in the Chief Financial Officer's responsibilities statement, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with proper practices as set out in the Code and for such internal control as the Chief Financial Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting on the assumption that the functions of the group and the Authority will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our responsibility is to conduct our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK), the Code of Audit Practice, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and applicable law, and to issue an auditor's report.

However, because of the matter described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We are independent of the Authority in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud

We are required to design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud has been limited by the pervasive extent of the matters described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion section of our report.

We plan to consider the nature of the Authority and its control environment, and review the Authority's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations.

We enquired of management, internal audit and in-house legal counsel about their own identification and assessment of the risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We plan to obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Authority operates in.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we are required to: test the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assess whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluate the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our planned procedures include the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;

- enquiring of management, internal audit and in-house legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- where available, reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal audit reports.

Owing to the pervasive limitations set out above, we were unable to complete all these procedures.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY MATTERS

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Use of resources

Under the Code of Audit Practice and the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, we are required to report to you if we have not been able to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

On 9 December 2024 we reported to the Authority a significant weakness in the Authority's governance arrangements. The significant weakness reported was:

On the 20 December 2021 Gloucester City District Council was a victim of a cyber-attack which had a significant impact on the financial systems of the Authority resulting in the financial systems being unavailable from 20 December 2021 to 28 February 2023. As result of this incident, the authority was required to maintain manual records up till the 28 February 2023 followed by a hybrid (manual and system) process from 1 March 2023 up till 18 April 2024, and it has taken the authority a significant period for the financial systems to be made up to date and reconciled. The incident was communicated to the Information Commissioner's Office and an investigation was completed where they identified 'It was found by the ICO that a lack of appropriate processes for logging and monitoring of systems was not adequately utilized that would have assisted in the detection of the attack and may have prevented the ransomware spreading across the Authority's systems. As a result of the incident, the authority was unable to demonstrate the ability to appropriately monitor the deployment of its resources in pursuit of its objectives. Additionally, this has impacted the Authority's ability to prepare the financial statements in line with statutory deadlines.

Our recommendations for improvement include:

- It is recommended that the Authority continues to monitor the risk relating to Cyber incidents and ensure that appropriate mitigating actions are taken.

Respective responsibilities relating to the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

The Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance, and to review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

We are required under the Code of Audit Practice and Section 20(1)(c) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether all aspects of the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

We undertake our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance on the specified criterion issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in November 2024, as to whether the Authority had proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources against the specified criteria of financial sustainability, governance, and improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The Comptroller & Auditor General has determined that under the Code of Audit Practice, we discharge this responsibility by reporting by exception if we have reported to the Authority a significant weakness in arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2022. Other findings from our work, including our commentary on the Authority's arrangements, will be reported in our separate Auditor's Annual Report.

Other matter on which we are required to report by exception

The Code of Audit Practice also requires us to report to you if:

- in our opinion the annual governance statement is misleading or is inconsistent with information of which we are aware from our audit;

Notwithstanding our disclaimer of an opinion on the financial statements, and subject to the pervasive limitation described above, we have nothing to report in respect of this matter.

Reports in the public interest or to the regulator

The Code of Audit Practice also requires us to report to you if:

- any matters have been reported in the public interest under Section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in the course of, or at the conclusion of, the audit;
- any recommendations have been made under Section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- an application has been made to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- an advisory notice has been issued under Section 29 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; or
- an application for judicial review has been made under Section 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

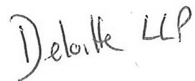
We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE AUDIT

We certify that we have completed the audit of Gloucester City District Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the members of the Authority, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the Authority, as a body, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of the Authority, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Deloitte LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Michelle Hopton (Key Audit Partner)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Bristol, United Kingdom
27 January 2025