

North Norfolk District Council
SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2007/08



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Each year the Council must produce its Statement of Accounts. The statutory accounts must be prepared following recommended practices and are subject to review by the Council's external auditors (the Audit Commission for the year ending 31 March 2008) to ensure that they present fairly the financial position of the Council at the end of March each year.

A full copy of the statement of accounts for 2007/08 can be found on the Council's website at NorthNorfolk.org - Statement of Accounts. Alternatively you can call 01263 516243 or email accountancy@north-norfolk.gov.uk to request a copy.

These summary accounts have been produced based on the accounts for the financial year 2007/08 which ended on 31 March 2008. For the purpose of these summary accounts some amendments have been made to assist understanding of the accounts by non technical and non financial users to provide meaningful information.

Financial Overview

The Council incurs both revenue and capital expenditure each year. Revenue expenditure represents the day to day cost of running the Council services and is financed from Council Tax payers, Government Grant and redistributed Non Domestic Rate Income. Capital expenditure generally represents money spent by the Council on purchasing, upgrading and improving assets such as equipment and buildings. The Council will receive the benefit from capital expenditure over a longer period of time than revenue, normally more than one year.

The Cost of the Council Services

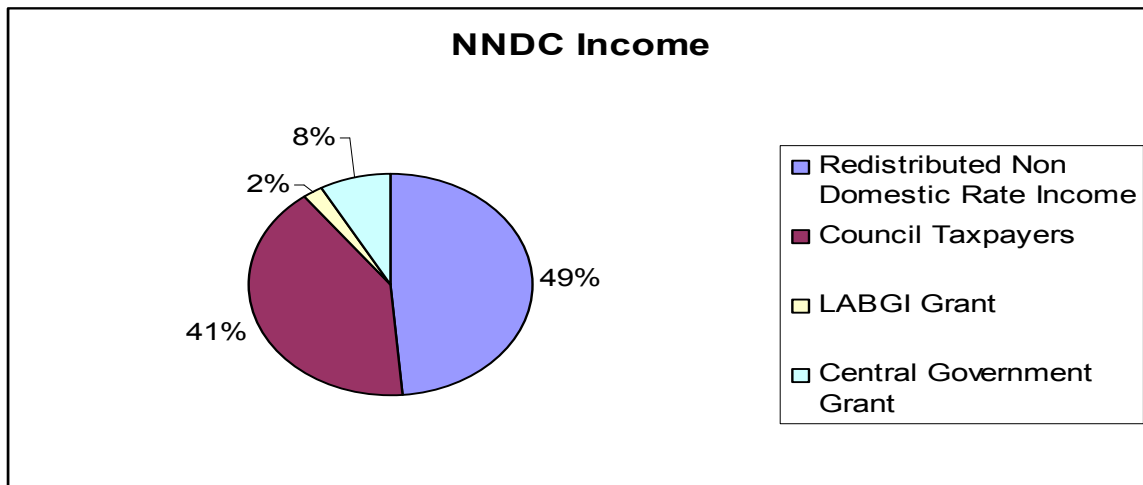
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2008

The income and expenditure account presents the cost of running the Council services between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2008. It shows where the money came from to finance those costs and also the surplus or deficit at the year end.

	Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s
Central services to the public	9,788	(8,286)	1,502
Cultural, environmental and planning services	16,432	(5,806)	10,626
Highways, roads and transport services	1,512	(1,808)	(296)
Local authority housing	0	0	0
Other housing services	21,904	(19,427)	2,477
Corporate and democratic core	2,178	(78)	2,100
Non distributed costs	8	0	8
Net cost of services	51,822	(35,405)	16,417
Parish Council Precepts			1,129
Less internal charges for the use of Council assets and other internal accounting			(2,807)
Appropriations to and from earmarked reserves			772
Amount to be met from government grants and local taxation			15,511
Financed by:			
Redistributed Non Domestic Rate Income			(7,387)
Council Taxpayers			(6,244)
LABGI Grant			(340)
Central Government Grant			(1,240)
Total Income			(15,211)
Net (Surplus) / Deficit for the year			300
General Fund Balance at the end of March 2007			1,403
General Fund Balance at the end of March 2008			1,103

Cultural, Environmental and Planning Services form the largest area of Council spend, accounting for approximately 65% of net cost of services in the year. This area of spend includes the costs of collecting household and commercial waste, the local authority planning function, and leisure and cultural facilities provided throughout the district.

The Council had a total income of £14.871m in 2007/08 (£14.583m 06/07), 42% of which (41% 06/07) was funded by the council tax payers. The following shows an analysis of the external income received in the year.



Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure generally represents money spent by the Council on purchasing, upgrading and improving assets such as buildings and coast protection. The Council receives the benefit from capital expenditure over a longer period of time than revenue (normally more than 1 year).

The capital expenditure incurred by the Council for the 2007/08 financial year was £3,431,756 (£2,984,165 06/07). The following summary identifies the projects which the Council invested in over the year.

Capital Scheme	2007/08 (£000)	2006/07 (£000)
Improvement Grants	772	675
Disabled Facility Grants	532	728
Housing Association Grants	1,195	429
North Norfolk Information Centre	313	0
CCTV	54	0
Virtual Business Support	62	0
Sea Palling Public Conveniences	149	23
Waste Management & Environmental Health System	80	83
NEWS MRF Plastic Sorter	36	0
Implementing Electronic Government (IEG)	34	177
Customer Services Integration Project	23	40
ICT Replacements	23	0
Benefits System Software	16	86
Asset Improvements & Health and Safety Works	29	0
Car Parks	0	34
Land Drainage Scheme Sutton	0	20
Cromer Seafront Enhancement	0	143
Industrial Sites/Regeneration projects	0	129
Coast Protection	0	126
Fakenham Community Leisure Centre	0	70
Fakenham Community Centre	0	55
North Norfolk Information Centre	0	48

Parklands Caravan Site Improvements	0	26
Cromer Council Office Lighting	0	62
Other work under £15,000 in the year	114	30
TOTAL	3,432	2,984

The capital schemes were financed in the year as follows:

	2007/08 (£000)	2006/07 (£000)
Government Grants	668	1,254
Contributions	277	351
Capital Receipts	2,090	1,365
Revenue and Reserves	397	14
Total	3,432	2,984

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet sets out the assets and liabilities of the Authority as at the 31st March.

	31 March 2008 £000	31 March 2007 £000
What the Council owns and is owed at 31 March		
Buildings, Land & Investments owned by the Council	45,577	44,209
Stock	151	176
Cash in Hand and at the Bank	(334)	(1,201)
Money Owed to the Council	16,572	17,847
Money Owed by the Council	(32,234)	(34,463)
	<u>29,732</u>	<u>26,568</u>
Financed by		
Distributable reserves *	16,312	16,503
Non Distributable reserves	13,420	10,065
	<u>29,732</u>	<u>26,568</u>
Distributable reserves are as follows:		
General Fund Balance		
Opening Balance as at 1 April	1,403	1,000
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(300)	403
Closing Balance as at 31 March	<u>1,103</u>	<u>1,403</u>
Earmarked Reserves	3,043	2,266
Useable Capital Receipts	<u>12,166</u>	<u>12,834</u>
	<u>16,312</u>	<u>16,503</u>

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The Council has a duty under legislation to maintain a prudent level of reserves and balances and this is reviewed on an annual basis as part of setting the budget each year. The level of the general reserve as at 31 March 2008 was £1.103 million.