

Highland Council

Summary of Accounts

2007/08

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Foreword by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Finance

The Council prepares a "Statement of Accounts" in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom. The figures in this summary have been extracted from that "Statement of Accounts" but have been modified in an attempt to provide a more concise and useable document.

Results for financial year 2007/08 show that General Fund balances reduced by £0.6m. Provision of £6.8m has been made to meet liabilities resulting from guarantees given in support of Caithness Heat and Power Ltd, this additional charge has been offset by additional Council Tax collected of £2.6m, reduced loan charges of £1.9m, reduced Joint Board requisitions of £0.9m and additional interest received of £0.9m.

On the Housing Revenue Account (Council Houses) it was anticipated that balances would reduce by £0.14m in 2007/08 but in actual fact the reduction was only £0.09m.

The reserves position at 31st March 2008 is shown at the foot of the Income and Expenditure Account. Of the £29.6m available for the General Fund the Council has earmarked £13.3m for specific purposes or initiatives leaving £16.3m to deal with unexpected events. In addition Capital, Renewal & Repair and Insurance Funds stand at £28.6m.

Capital expenditure did not reach targeted levels. However any unspent resources have been retained and are still available to be used in future years to deliver the projects seen as priorities by the Council.

The Council's 2007/08 Accounts have been audited by an auditor appointed by the Accounts Commission.

A copy of the Council's 2007/08 [Audited Accounts](#) is available on the Highland Council website (www.highland.gov.uk) or by request from the Director of Finance, Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX. (Tel 01463 702302).

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

	2007/08	2006/07
	£m	£m
Expenditure on Council Services		
Council Houses	38.8	38.2
Other Housing Services	7.8	6.8
Education, Culture and Sport	202.4	188.9
Planning, Development and Tourism	5.7	5.4
Transport, Environment and Community	56.1	53.0
Social Work	87.6	82.1
Chief Executive	26.1	22.7
Finance	5.8	5.7
Police	22.8	21.9
Fire	16.4	15.3
Valuation	2.2	2.1
Provisions	7.6	5.0
Miscellaneous	0.3	1.0
Appropriations to Reserves	2.7	2.2
Financing costs	39.0	37.7
Net Cost of Services	521.3	488.0
Income:		
Government Grants	299.1	279.7
Business Rates	78.0	78.4
Council Tax	104.9	100.8
House Rents	38.7	37.7
Total Income	520.7	496.6
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	(0.6)	8.6
Revenue reserves at April 2007	39.0	30.4
Revenue reserves at March 2008	38.4	39.0
General Fund	29.6	30.1
Housing Revenue Account	8.8	8.9
Total Revenue Reserves	38.4	39.0

Capital Expenditure in 2007/08

	2007/08	2006/07
	£m	£m
Council Houses	12.7	13.5
Other Housing Services	0.1	0.0
Education, Culture and Sport	11.6	18.8
Planning, Development and Tourism	0.5	0.9
Transport, Environment and Community	15.5	25.0
Social Work	2.0	0.7
Strategic Property Management	3.1	3.8
Corporate Projects	3.0	3.7
Total Gross Expenditure	48.5	66.4

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2008

	2007/08 £m	2006/07 £m
Fixed and Long Term Assets	1,351.3	1,406.9
Stock	3.4	3.9
Cash at the Bank	(4.5)	(3.8)
Money owed to the Council	93.8	109.7
Money owed by the Council	(182.6)	(191.1)
NET ASSETS	1,261.4	1,325.6
Financed by:		
Long Term Borrowing	574.3	579.5
Operational reserves	69.9	61.6
Non operational reserves	617.2	684.5
TOTAL FUNDING	1,261.4	1,325.6

Cash Flow for the Year Ended 31st March 2008

	2007/08 £m	2006/07 £m
Cash in the bank at 1 April 2007	(3.8)	(14.2)
Cash in during the year	1,224.6	1,191.0
Cash out during the year	(1,225.3)	(1,180.6)
Cash in the bank at 31 March 2008	(4.5)	(3.8)

Statistics

	2007/08	2006/07
Population	213,590	213,590
Council Employees (FTE)	9,779	9,847
Council Tax level at Band D	£1,163	£1,135
Council Tax Band D equivalents	85,835	84,226
Council Tax collection rate (in year)	95.5%	95.4%
Business Properties	16,233	16,134
Business Rate collection rate (in year)	97.6%	96.2%
Council Houses	13,872	14,107
Average Council House Weekly Rent	£53.45	£51.36