

Financial Report 2012/13

Highland Council prepares a "Statement of Accounts" in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The figures presented in this summary have been extracted from the 2012/13 Statement of Accounts. The Council is pleased to confirm that an unqualified audit opinion has been received for the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 which is deemed by the Accounts Commission to provide a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council.

The financial performance of the Council's General Fund Services was an overspend of £0.9m. Council Tax collected exceeded budget by £0.9m and after transfers to reserves and other adjustments £5.5m was added to General Fund Balances.

The reserves position is shown below the Income and Expenditure Account. Of the £37.9m available in the General Fund, the Council has earmarked £19.7m for specific purposes leaving £18.2m to deal with unexpected events. In addition, Capital, Renewal and Repair and Insurance Fund balances stand at £35.2m.

General Fund capital expenditure for the year was under budget by £4.1m due mainly to slippage in some projects. Where projects have been affected by slippage, they will be progressed in future years in accordance with council priorities. Housing Revenue Account capital expenditure was over budget by £5.4m due to accelerated spend.

The Council's 2012/13 Statement of Accounts is available at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourcouncil/finance/accountingandbudgeting> or by request from The Director of Finance, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX, telephone 01463 702302.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2013

| | 2012/13 £m | 2011/12 £m |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| EXPENDITURE ON COUNCIL SERVICES | | |
| Council Houses | 46.7 | 46.6 |
| Other Housing and Property Services | 11.6 | 9.0 |
| Education, Culture and Sport | 235.7 | 235.1 |
| Planning, Development and Tourism | 7.8 | 8.8 |
| Transport, Environmental and Community | 64.8 | 64.6 |
| Health and Social Care | 134.9 | 135.3 |
| Chief Executive's Office | 24.3 | 27.1 |
| Finance Services | 12.0 | 6.9 |
| Police Requisitions | 15.6 | 18.9 |
| Fire Requisitions | 15.6 | 15.8 |
| Valuation Services | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| HITRANS | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Provision for commitments | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Transfers to reserves | 0.1 | 3.3 |
| Financing costs | 51.9 | 50.3 |
| Net Cost of Services | 623.6 | 624.7 |
| INCOME | | |
| Government Grants | 364.9 | 375.3 |
| Business Rates | 108.1 | 94.8 |
| Council Tax | 110.7 | 110.1 |
| House Rents | 45.4 | 45.4 |
| Total Income | 629.1 | 625.6 |
| Net surplus for the year | 5.5 | 0.9 |
| Revenue reserves at 1 April 2012 | 39.2 | 38.3 |
| Revenue reserves at 31 March 2013 | 44.7 | 39.2 |
| General Fund | 37.9 | 32.4 |
| Housing Revenue Account | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| Total Revenue Reserves | 44.7 | 39.2 |

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| | 2012/13 £m | 2011/12 £m |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Council Houses | 32.9 | 23.6 |
| Other Housing Services | 8.2 | 2.6 |
| Education, Culture and Sport | 24.8 | 26.7 |
| Planning, Development and Tourism | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Transport, Environment and Community | 26.2 | 24.0 |
| Social Work | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| Strategic Property Management | 7.0 | 5.8 |
| Corporate Projects | 7.1 | 10.8 |
| Total Gross Expenditure | 108.9 | 96.0 |

STATISTICS

| | 2012/13 | 2011/12 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Population (mid-year estimate) | 232,910 | 222,370 |
| Council employees (full time equivalents) | 7,924 | 8,674 |
| Council Tax level at Band D | £1,163 | £1,163 |
| Council Tax Band D equivalents | 91,744 | 90,882 |
| Council Tax collection rate (in year) | 95.6% | 95.5% |
| Business Properties | 17,179 | 16,835 |
| Business Rate collection rate (in year) | 97.5% | 97.5% |
| Council Houses | 13,534 | 13,511 |
| Average Council house weekly rent | £63.60 | £62.59 |