

Explanatory Foreword

Introduction

The Accounts of South Bucks District Council for the year ended 31 March 2009 are set out on the following pages. The various statements include, where relevant, comparative figures relating to the previous financial year and supporting notes.

Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis and follow best practice recommended by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. They summarise the overall financial position of the Council and in particular include the following:

- **Income and Expenditure Account** - This statement brings together the net cost for the year of the functions for which the Council is responsible and shows how that cost has been financed from Council Tax payers, business rate income and Government grants.
- **Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance** - This statement shows those amounts that are required by statute and non-statutory proper practices to be charged or credited in addition to the Income and Expenditure Account surplus or deficit in determining the movement on the General Fund Balance for the year.
- **Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses** - This statement brings together all the recognised gains and losses of the Authority for the year and identifies those, which have not been recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account.
- **Balance Sheet** - This statement shows the assets and liabilities of all the activities of the Council and the balances and reserves at the Council's disposal.
- **Cash Flow Statement** - This statement shows the inflows and outflows of cash arising from transactions with third parties for revenue and capital purposes.
- **Collection Fund** - This statement reflects a statutory requirement to maintain a separate Collection Fund, which shows the transactions of the Council as a billing authority in relation to council tax and non-domestic rates, and the way in which the total amount collected has been distributed to the precepting authorities and the national non-domestic pool.

Review of the Year

Revenue Income and Expenditure

The actual overall 2008/09 expenditure of the Council, including parish precepts, was £8.864m and the total income from council tax and general Government grants was £9.106m. Giving a net surplus in the year of £242,000.

The main issues to note are:

- The position in regard to general service budgets was an overall underspend of £54,000.
- The Authority earned £1.956m in unallocated interest in 2008/09 compared to a budget of £1.618m, a surplus of £338,000.
- The Authority had planned to use £464,000 in general reserves during the year, however these were not needed.
- The Authority incurred additional expenditure of £53,000 that was authorised during the year and thus was not included in the original budget.
- LABGI grant of £207,000 was awarded in the year.

Balance Sheet

This statement shows the assets and liabilities of all the activities of the Council and the balances and reserves at the Council's disposal.

Notes	At 31 March 2009 £'000	At 31 March 2008 Restated £'000
10 Intangible Fixed Assets	377	608
11 Tangible Fixed Assets		
Land and Buildings	4,083	4,018
Vehicles, Fixtures & Fittings and Equipment	1,141	1,439
Community Assets	67	67
Non Operational Assets - Investment Properties	5,668	5,829
	10,959	11,353
12 Long-term Investments	6,510	13,713
13 Long-term Debtors	261	303
Total Long-term Assets	18,107	25,977
Current Assets		
Stocks	4	3
14 Debtors	3,512	4,153
Debtors - Amounts due from Preceptors*	676	-
12 Short-term Investments	22,311	11,754
Cash and Bank	-	2,666
	26,503	18,576
Current Liabilities		
15 Creditors	(3,786)	(3,671)
Creditors - Amounts due to Preceptors*	-	(353)
Cash and Bank	(283)	-
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	40,541	40,529
16 Provisions	(145)	(145)
Financial Guarantee Liability	(14)	(17)
17 Government and other grants - deferred	(372)	(321)
1,18 Pensions Liability	(14,717)	(12,110)
Total Assets less Liabilities	25,293	27,936
Financed by:		
19 Capital Adjustment Account	8,843	9,250
19 Revaluation reserve	2,083	2,279
19 Available-for-Sale Financial Instruments reserve	(33)	(44)
19 Deferred credits	201	224
19 Capital receipts reserve	21,935	21,460
19 Capital reserves	3,925	3,925
19 Specific earmarked reserves	560	544
19 General fund reserve	2,597	2,355
1,18 Pensions reserve	(14,717)	(12,110)
19 Collection fund reserve *	(101)	53
Total Net Worth	25,293	27,936

*See supplementary financial statement for further details

26. Analysis of Government Grants Received in Year

	2008/09	2007/08
	£'000	Restated £'000
Revenue Grants		
National Non-Domestic Rate	2,620	2,500
Revenue Support Grant	365	419
Housing Benefit Grants	10,498	10,439
Council Tax Benefit Grants	2,872	2,673
LA Business Growth Incentive Scheme	755	82
Cost of Collection Allowance	104	107
Area Based Grant	22	-
Elections	-	706
Employment Support Allowance	-	15
Community Safety	-	69
Homelessness Prevention	45	35
Housing & Planning Delivery	55	250
Improvement Grants	180	154
Recycling	-	30
Air Quality	8	15
Smoke Free	-	24
Travel Concessions	165	24
Other grants	84	30
	17,773	17,572
Capital Grants		
Community Safety	-	3
Council Tax Leaflets etc	5	-
Housing & Planning Delivery	28	83
Recycling Bins	5	-
Swimming Grant	19	-
Waste	-	30
	57	116
	17,830	17,688

27. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events arising after the balance sheet date *and up to the authorised for issue date* should be reflected in the Statement of Accounts if they provide additional evidence of conditions that existed at the balance sheet date and materially affect the amounts to be included (adjusting events).

As at 31 March 2009 the Authority had a £2m 3 year Callable deposit that would not have been due to mature until 2 June 2011. As such this would normally be classified as a long term investment. However this investment was called on 2 June 2009, and thus this has been reclassified in the Accounts as a short term investment.

Similarly events which arise after the balance sheet date *and up to the authorised for issue date* and concern conditions which did not exist at that time should be detailed in the notes if they are of such materiality that their disclosure is required for the fair presentation of the financial statements (non adjusting events).

For the 2008/09 accounts there are no significant non-adjusting events to disclose.

28. Date Accounts Authorised for Issue

The Director of Resources authorised the Accounts for issue on 25th June 2009, and thus no events after this date have been recognised in the Statement of Accounts.