

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

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Yes

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Yes

Inside Policy Framework

Title:

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2002/03

Report of:

HEAD OF FINANCE

Report reference:

FS29/03

Summary:

The attached report details the draft Statement of Accounts for 2002/03 which has been prepared in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 and 2003, and which is attached at Appendix 1.

The results of the relevant Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) Performance Indicators for 2002/03 are also included for information. The report also details certain Capital Determinations that the City Council must make under the terms of the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act.

Recommendations:

The Executive is asked:

- to note the report and that at this stage the Statement is subject to audit; (i)
- to recommend that full Council approve the Statement;
- (iii) to note the results of the BVPP Performance Indicators, and
- (iv) to recommend that full Council agree the Capital Determinations as set out in the report.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

To: The Executive 28 August 2003

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2002/03

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 and 2003 require that the City Council's Statement of Accounts be prepared and submitted to full Council and approved within six months of the financial year-end.
- 1.2 To a large extent the format of the Statement is prescribed and includes detailed revenue and capital out-turn information on all the City Council's activities. Summarised financial information has already been submitted to The Executive on 7 July and the financial information included within the Statement, attached at Appendix 1, is very much in accord with these figures.
- 1.3 The Audit Commission has indicated that it would like to commence the audit on 20 October 2003 and it should be noted that the Statement at this stage is subject to Audit. In accordance with current regulations the Audit must be completed by 31 December 2003 and any changes to the Statements as a result of the audit will be reported back to a future meeting of the Executive.

2. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

2.1 The results of the relevant BVPP Performance Indicators for 2002/03 are shown below:

LP 87 – Annual Accounts are made available for audit by 1 September and certified without qualification by 31 December

Result: The Accounts are available for Audit as attached. The deadline of 1 September has not been achieved due only to Council dates, however the statutory date of 30 September has been achieved. For the future, the dates will be set at the new requirements as per the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 as follows:

	Approved by:	Audited by:
2003/04 Statement	31 August 2004	30 November 2004
2004/05 Statement	31 July 2005	31 October 2005
2005/06 Statement	30 June 2006	30 September 2006

LP 88 - Uncommitted General Fund reserves as % of net revenue spending

Target: £1m plus 20% of net revenue expenditure

Result: General Fund Reserve as at 31 March 2003 £7.903m

Less Commitments 2003/04 £1.669m £6.234m

Equivalent to £1m plus 40.4% of net revenue expenditure.

The main reason for the increase is due to the higher than projected balances as at 31 March 2003 as a result of the out-turn position for 2002/03. The level of revenue balances and reserves will be subject to a full review during 2003/04 in accordance with the new CIPFA guidelines recently received.

LP 90 – Variation in % terms between budgeted and actual expenditure (after slippage)

Target *: +/- 2%

Result: -14.7% (equivalent to £2,061,037)

The positive variation of £2,061,037 in the 2002/03 out-turn position was reported to the Executive on 7 July 2003 (FS17/03) well exceeds the target set and can be broken down as follows:

	£
NNDR refund on rating appeals	881,051
Increased interest received	261,577
Additional CTS surplus	264,256
Reduced use of MRP	329,680
Other changes (net)	324,473
Total	2,061,037

^{*} It should be noted that the revised target to achieve best practice as set by the Audit Commission will be set at +/- 1% (before slippage). The Council is currently a long way from achieving this target and actions will be taken, particularly with regards to more challenging budget monitoring and more accurate budget setting to achieve this target.

LP 130 - Total net spending per head of population for council tax purposes.

Target:

£127.20

Result

£128.70

Target based upon a population of 101,944 whilst the actual population for 2002/03 was 100,739. For the future LP 130 will be subject to a review to give a more meaningful indicator of actual spend per head of population which is based upon the out-turn position as opposed to the amount of expenditure financed from council tax (which is fixed).

1989 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT DETERMINATIONS

- 3.1 Under the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act, local authorities are required to make certain determinations in respect of the preceding financial year. These determinations as laid out in the Act, are:
 - a. The use to be made of credit approvals (whether as authority to capitalise expenditure or to enter into a credit arrangement).
 - b. The use to be made of usable capital receipts (whether to meet expenditure for capital purposes or as voluntary provision for credit liabilities or as credit cover to enter credit arrangements).
 - c. The amounts to be set aside from revenue as provision for credit liabilities (including setting aside amounts from revenue for credit cover to enter credit arrangements).
 - d. The amounts which have been taken into account in determining the authority's credit ceiling or initial credit ceiling and are to be treated as having been repaid by reference to amounts set aside as provision for credit liabilities.
 - e. Whether expenditure which is to be reimbursed or defrayed out of money provided by some other person is to be capitalised.

Information relating to these determinations is set out in the paragraphs below.

3.2 CREDIT APPROVALS

Credit Approvals in 2002/03 were used as follows:

	General Fund	Housing General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Total
	£	£	£	£
Basic Credit Approval	29,568	*384,024	818,000	1,231,592
Supplementary Credit Approvals	0	156,000	0	156,000
Less Capital Grants received	0	153,174	0	153,174
Total net Credit Approvals	29,568	386,850	818,000	1,234,418
Use of Credit Approvals to fund Capital Expenditure	29,568	384,024	818,000	1,231,592
Credit Approvals Unutilised	0	2,826	0	2,826

^{*} Includes £91,592 due to the reduction in credit liabilities in 2001/02 in respect of Kingmoor Park Properties while it was a local authority controlled company.

3.3 USE OF USABLE CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Usable capital receipts (i.e. those not required to be set aside for future debt redemption) were applied as follows in 2002/03:

	Receipts	Usable	Used to fund	Reserved to	Receipts
	b/fwd	Receipts	Capital	cover	C/fwd
	01/04/02	2002/03	Expenditure	Credit	31/03/03
			88	Arrangements	
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	949,404	224,311	179,811	0	993,904
Housing					
General Fund	0	121,645	121,645	0	0
Housing					
Revenue	946,191	1,080,840	1,405,008	0	622,023
Account			52		
Total	1,895,595	1,426,796	1,706,464	0	1,615,927

3.4 MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP)

Local authorities are obliged to make provision for a specified minimum level of principal repayment to the consolidated loans pool. The current specified sums are 2% in respect of the H.R.A. credit ceiling and 4% in respect of the General Fund credit ceiling at the start of the financial year. The City Council is allowed to offset its total MRP liability by an adjustment relating to revenue grant commutation. The credit ceiling of a local authority is its debt outstanding offset by reserved i.e. 'frozen' capital receipts. In 2002/03 the relevant provisions were as follows:-

	General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	
	£	£	
Credit Ceiling as at 1 April 2002	9,936,738	20,408,326	
Minimum Revenue Provision 1 April 2002	397,470 (4%)	408,167(2%)	
Deduct net adjustment re loss of revenue grant post commutation of improvement grants	(588,387)	0	
Net Minimum Revenue Provision 2002/03	(190,917)	408,167	

3.5 USE OF RESERVED CAPITAL RECEIPTS TO REPAY DEBT

Reserved Capital Receipts used to repay debt in 2002/03

General Fund H.R.A.

NIL NIL

3.6 EXPENDITURE TO BE CAPITALISED WHICH IS TO BE REIMBURSED OR DEFRAYED FROM MONEY PROVIDED BY SOME OTHER PERSON No expenditure fell within this category.

CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation to Date.

Out-turn reports have been considered by the Executive on 7 July 2003, Council on 15 July 2003 and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 August 2003 (in respect of carry forward requests).

4.2 Consultation proposed.

Notice will be given in the local press for any interested person to inspect, and make copies of, the Statement of Accounts and other documents between 15 September and 10 October 2003. Interested persons will also be able to question the Auditor about the accounts and make objections to the same with effect from 13 October 2003 until the completion of the audit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked:

- to note the report and that at this stage the Statement is subject to audit;
- (ii) to recommend that full Council approve the Statement:
- (iii) to note the results of the BVPP Performance Indicators, and
- (iv) to recommend that full Council agree the capital determinations as set out in the table below.

	General	Housing	Housing	Total
	Fund	General	Revenue	
		Fund	Account	
			£	£
	£	£		
Use of Credit Approvals	29,568	384,024	818,000	1,231,592
Use of Usable Capital Receipts	179,811	121,645	1,405,008	1,706,464
Usable Capital Receipts Reserved				
to cover Credit Arrangements	0	0	0	0
Net Minimum Revenue Provision	(190,917)	0	408,167	217,250
Usable Capital Receipts used to				
repay Debt	0	0	0	0
Expenditure to be capitalised				
which is to be reimbursed or		10		
defrayed from money provided by	0	0	0	0
some other person				

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

As stated above.

7. **IMPLICATIONS**

- Staffing/Resources Not applicable
- · Financial Included in the main body of the report
- Legal Not applicable
- Corporate Not applicable
- Risk Management There is a risk that the accounts may not be completed and certified without qualification in accordance with statutory guidelines and time scales.
- Equality Issues Not applicable
- Environmental Not applicable
- · Crime and Disorder Not applicable

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APPENDIX 1

CITY OF CARLISLE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2002/03

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2002/03

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SECTION 1 - FOREWORD

1.1 Introduction

This publication has been produced by the Head of Finance and contains the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003. This section of the publication aims to provide a brief explanation of the Council's financial activities and to provide a guide to the significant matters reported in the accounts.

The accounts, which are subject to audit by the District Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission, consist of the following:

- Statement of Accounting Policies
 This explains the basis on which the accounts have been prepared.
- ii. Consolidated Revenue Account
 This indicates the net cost in the year of the functions for which the
 Authority is responsible and demonstrates how that cost has been
 financed from central government grants and income from local
 taxpayers. It brings together expenditure and income relating to all of
 the local authority's functions and shows movements to and from
 reserves and balances.
- iii. Housing Revenue Account This covers the activities of the City Council as landlord of the housing stock, up to the date of transfer on 9 December 2002, and reflects a statutory obligation to account separately for local authority housing provision.
- iv. Summary DSO Revenue and Appropriation Account
 The information required in the summary DSO Revenue and
 Appropriation Account reflects the accounts for the Direct Service
 Organisations. The Direct Services Organisations undertake Building
 Maintenance, Highways, Grounds, Street Cleaning, Building Cleaning,
 Refuse Collection and supervision of Car Parks. The Local
 Government Act 1999 repealed the compulsory competitive tendering
 provisions of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980 with
 effect from 2 January 2000. Although there is no legal requirement to
 produce revenue accounts and financial objectives statements in
 2002/03 CIPFA advocates publication of a summary DSO Revenue
 and Appropriation Account in the 2002/03 Statement of Accounts.
- The Collection Fund
 This account represents the statutory requirement for billing authorities to maintain a separate Collection Fund which shows the transactions for the collection and distribution of amounts due in respect of Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates (NDR).

vi. Consolidated Balance Sheet

This is the Balance Sheet of all the City Council's activities and shows the balances and reserves at the authority's disposal, its long term indebtedness and the fixed and net current assets employed by it as at the 31 March 2003.

vii. Statement of Total Movement in Reserves

This brings together all the recognised gains and losses of the City Council during the year arising from movements in capital and revenue reserves.

viii. Cash Flow Statement

This statement summarises the inflows and outflows of cash arising from transactions with third parties for revenue and capital purposes.

- ix. <u>Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts</u>
 This sets out the respective responsibilities of the Authority and the Head of Finance for the Accounts.
- x. Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control
 This sets out the framework within which internal financial control is
 managed and reviewed during the year of account.

1.2 Summary of the Financial Year

The City Council saw unprecedented change during 2002/03 including the transfer of the Housing stock, the externalisation of Leisure facilities together with a major re-organisation of the Council's management structure. The financial implications of these activities have been incorporated into the accounts as presented.

1.2.1 Core Financial Facts for 2002/03

Average Council Tax was £1,054.55

Local Tax Base - 31,795.10

Carlisle City Council Budget Requirement - £13.216m

Standard Spending Assessment - £11.268m

Business Rate of 43.7p per £ of Rateable Value

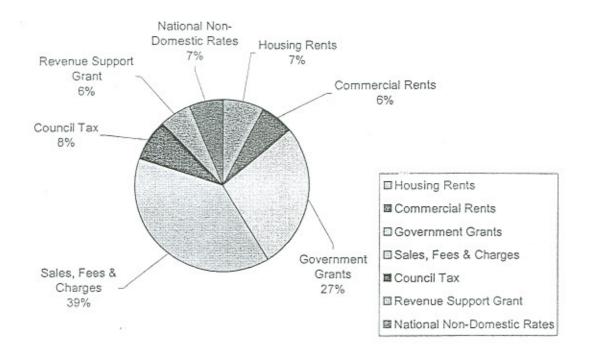
Usable General Fund Reserves at 31 March 2003 - £12.504m

Housing Revenue Account Reserves at 31 March 2003 - £2.759m

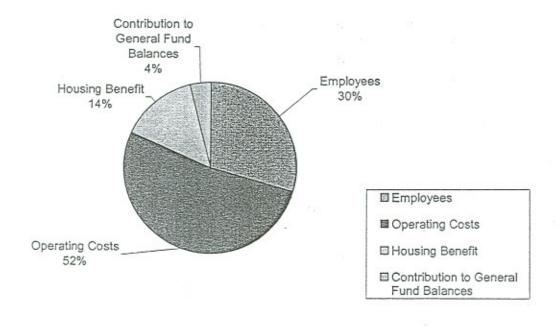
These figures are explained further in the following paragraphs.

The charts below show the major sources of the Council's income and expenditure in 2002/03. They show where the money came from and how the money was spent in percentage terms. The figures are based upon figures contained within the Cash Flow Statement produced elsewhere in this document.

1.2.2 Where the money came from



1.2.3 How the money was spent



1.3 Revenue Expenditure and Financing

Revenue expenditure generally relates to items which are consumed within a year and is financed from council tax, non-domestic rates, government grants, fees and charges for services and other income.

1.3.1 General Fund Revenue Account

The City Council set the Council Tax at an average of £158.11 for the City Council (including Parish Precepts) and at a total of £1,054.55 including the County Council and Cumbria Police Precepts. The revised estimate for 2002/03 envisaged a net revenue requirement of £14.258m whereas the outturn was £10.622m. The financing of the outturn is indicated below.

	2002/03 Revised		2002/03 Outturn
	Estimate £000	400	£000
Contributions From/(To) Reserves	1,043		(2,593)
Collection Fund	5,027		5,027
Government Grant - NDR - RSG	4,285 3,831		4,285 3,831
Council Tax Surplus	72		72
TOTAL FINANCING	£14.258		£10,622

The major reasons for the improvement, represented by the reduced call on Reserves of £3.636m, were as follows:

		£000
Slippage from 2002/03 to 2003/04		1,669 Cr
Increased Investment interest rece	ived re NNDR refund	d 262 Cr
Additional Contribution from the DS	30	264 Cr
NNDR refunds on rating appeals:		
Pools	275 Cr	
Sands Centre	606 Cr	881 Cr
Reduced use of MRP		329 Cr
Other Changes (Net)		231 Cr
Total		3,636 Cr

The usable revenue reserves of the General Fund (excluding specific Earmarked Reserves) on 1 April 2002 were £9.669m and they stood at £12.504m on 31 March 2003.

1.3.2 Housing Revenue Account

The Account recorded a deficit of £1.638m in 2002/03 against a revised estimated deficit of £1.520m. The main reasons for the deterioration of £0.118m were as follows:

	£000
Additional DSO Contribution Reduced Revenue Contribution to Capital	223 Cr
(deferred to 2003/04)	286 Cr
Management and Support Services	93 Cr
Additional Income received	53 Cr
Jobbing Maintenance	483 Dr
Planned Maintenance	260 Dr
HRA Subsidy (Net)	42 Dr
Other Variations (Net)	<u>12</u> Cr
Total	<u>118</u> Dr

The HRA balance on 1 April 2002 was £4.397m and amounted to £2.759m as at 31 March 2003.

1.3.3 Direct Services Organisation

The City Council undertakes the following defined categories of work and they all achieved a surplus as set out below after meeting all the charges under the capital accounting requirements:

	ē.	Surplus £000
Building Maintenance		713
Highways		92
Grounds Maintenance		28
Building Cleaning		73
Street Cleaning		89
Refuse Collection		14
Total		1,009

1.3.4 Summary Revenue Budget Analysis

The out-turn for the year compared to the revised budget is shown below.

	General Fund 2002/03		HRA 2002/0	•
	Revised Budget £000	Actual £000	Revised Budget £000	Actual £000
Gross Expenditure on Services Parish Precept Income	55,111 247 -39,304	55,470 247 -45,152	19,070 0 -17,417	19,188
Net Expenditure on Services Interest Receivable Precept on Collection Fund Government Grant	16,054 -1,796 -5,027	12,565 -2,058 -5,027	1,653 -133 0	1,770
- NDR - RSG Council Tax Surplus	-4,285 -3,831 -72	-4,285 -3,831 -72	0 0	0 0 0
Net Balance for the year	1,043	-2,708	1,520	1,638
Reserves b/fwd	-5,310	-5,310	-4,397	-4,397
Contribution to/from (-) reserves	-10	115	0	0
Reserves c/fwd	-4,277	-7,903	-2,877	-2,759

1.4 Capital Expenditure and Financing

Capital expenditure relates to the acquisition, creation and enhancement of fixed assets, works and services whose benefits extend beyond one year.

1.4.1 General Fund Capital Expenditure

This totalled £1.590m in 2002/03 and the main items of expenditure were:

	£000
Renovation Grants Disabled Facilities Grant Other Housing Improvement Schemes Planned Major Repairs Disability Discrimination Act Millennium Gateway City Equipment, Vehicles & Plant Other Schemes	401 255 153 117 63 351 188 62
The expenditure was funded from:	1,590 £000
Basic Credit Approval	414
Capital Receipts Specified Capital Grant Other Capital Grants	452 153 229
Capital Projects Fund Revenue/Revenue Reserves	106 236 1,590

Millennium Gateway City Project

The project has been successfully completed to the revised design and at an estimated revised budget of £9.768m of which £6.526m will be met by the City Council. Report LDS 35/03 and FS 19/03 sets out the negotiations still underway with the contractor for the final invoice to be submitted by them. Th worst case projection may mean an additional requirement of £0.172m all of which will fall to the Council. The actual position for 2002/03 shows an underspend of £0.739m however £0.632m of this represents post excavation archaeological work planned to take place over the next 3 years. The balance is required to fund other outstanding commitments.

1.4.2 Housing Revenue Account Capital

Capital Expenditure totalled £3.920m in 2002/03 and included the following:

	£000
Improvements to Own Stock Capitalised Repairs to Stock Other Schemes	1,342 2,330 <u>248</u> 3,920
The expenditure was funded from:	£000
Basic Credit Approval Capital Receipts Major Repairs Allowance	818 1,255 <u>1,847</u> 3,920

1.4.3 Capital Borrowing

The Council is given the powers to borrow money for capital purposes by virtue of Section 43 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. External borrowing for capital purposes is normally undertaken from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB). Transactions during the years were as follows:

	£000
Loans outstanding as at 1 April 2002	35,200
Loans repaid during the year	22,385 *
Loans raised during the year	5,600
Loans outstanding as at 31 March 2003	18,415

^{*} includes £17.985m HRA debt repaid directly by the ODPM.

1.5 Accounting Practice Information

The accounting practices adopted by the City Council comply with the relevant recommended accounting practices. The Council's policies are explained fully in the accounts set out in pages 9 – 14.

1.6. The Euro

The City Council has nominated a lead Officer with regard to co-ordinating preparations for the Euro. It is intended that the first stage in the preparations for the Council will be in conducting the Euro Audit and an officer working group will be established to co-ordinate the work across the authority at the appropriate time.

1.7 Further Information

Further information regarding the accounts is available on request from the Head of Finance. In addition members of the public have a statutory right to inspect the accounts before the audit and to have a copy of the Statement of Accounts after the audit has been completed.

SECTION 2 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 General

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2002– A Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA). The accounts accord with guidance notes issued by CIPFA on the application of accounting standards (SSAPs) and comply with the Best Value Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP). The Code also constitutes proper practices under Part IV of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

This section discloses the specific accounting policies adopted by the Council for the completion of the accounts.

2.2 Fixed Assets

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of fixed assets has been capitalised. De-minimus levels have been set at:

- (i) Expenditure on vehicles, plant and equipment (individual items) £5,000.
- (ii) Expenditure on land, buildings and other structures £20,000.

Although in some instances assets below these values have been capitalised.

Fixed assets are valued and included in the balance sheet on the basis recommended by the CIPFA Code of Practice and in accordance with the Practice Statements in the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Appraisal and Valuation Manual:

- Operational assets are included in the balance sheet at the lower of net current replacement cost or net realisable value in existing use.
- (ii) Non-operational assets are valued and included in the balance sheet on the basis of open market value.
- Infrastructure and community assets are included in the balance sheet at historic cost.

In accordance with the CIPFA recommended practice on capital accounting, assets are revalued on a cyclical basis over 5 years.

2.3 Charges for Fixed Assets (Capital Charges)

The General Fund and DSO revenue accounts include capital charges made to the users of fixed assets in the provision of services. The total charge covers the annual provision for depreciation (where appropriate) plus a notional interest charge based upon net asset values. The notional rates of interest used in 2002/03 are 6% for operational and non-operational assets and 6% for infrastructure and community assets. External interest payable and provision for depreciation are debited to the Asset Management Revenue Account whilst the capital charges met by services are credited to the Account. Capital charges therefore have a neutral impact on the amounts required to be raised from local taxation.

2.4 Depreciation

Depreciation is a notional charge for the wearing out, consumption or reduction in the economic useful life of a fixed asset. It has been charged on those assets that have a finite useful life, excluding land, and is calculated by taking the valuation and apportioning it over the life of the asset.

Asset Category	Rate	Basis
Operational Dwellings	*	Straight line
Operational Land & Buildings	10-80 yrs	Straight line
Infrastructure Assets	40-80 yrs	Straight line
Operational Vehicles & Plant	3-25 yrs	Straight line

^{*} Depreciation for operational dwellings is based on the Major Repairs Allowance.

2.5 Leases

Where assets are acquired under operating leases the leasing rentals are chargeable to the revenue account of those services that use the assets.

The City Council did not acquire any assets under a finance lease agreement in 2002/03. The value of the assets and related liability for future rentals are shown as a note (note 3) to the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

2.6 Deferred Charges

Deferred charges represent capital costs to be charged to revenue in future years which are not represented by tangible fixed assets. They include the balance of improvement grant payments not met from capital grants. This residual balance is written off to revenue in the year in which it is incurred.

2.7 Capital Receipts

Usable capital receipts from the disposal of assets are held in the Usable Capital Receipts Account until such time as they are used to finance other capital expenditure or set aside to repay debt. The balance (or 'reserved' element) of capital receipts is held in the Capital Financing Reserve. The receipt received from the transfer of the housing stock has been credited to the Consolidated Revenue Account and used to fund approved LSVT transfer costs. Interest arising from the investment of unused capital receipts is credited to the General Fund.

2.8 Debtors and Creditors

The revenue accounts of the Council are maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the Code of Accounting Practice and SSAP2 i.e. sums due to or from the Council during the year are included whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid in the year. Exceptions to this are payments for energy and similar quarterly payments are charged at the date of meter reading rather than being apportioned between financial years. In addition, salaries are accounted for on a cash basis. This policy is consistently applied each year and, therefore, does not have a material effect on the year's accounts.

Significant debtors include provision for government grant receivable from the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) in respect of Benefits (£3.103m) and income receivable from the NDR pool (£2.568m). Creditor provisions have been provided for HRA subsidy payable to the ODPM (£2,604m) and money due to the Inland Revenue for income tax (£0.436m), a small amount is also due to Customs & Excise (£0.151m).

A bad debt provision, paragraph 2.11, has been established for the nonpayment of outstanding debtors amounting to £2.823m.

2.9 Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks are valued at the latest price paid. This is a departure from the requirements of the Code and SSAP9, which requires stocks to be shown at actual cost or net realisable value, if lower. Stock values reflect a provision for obsolescence. Work in progress is valued at cost.

2.10 Cost of Support Services

The City Council has adopted the principle of the full allocation of overheads as recommended by CIPFA.

Support Services

The cost of the central services i.e. Executive Management, Legal & Democratic, Finance, Property, Customer & Information, Strategic & Performance and Member Support & Employee Services has been fully

recharged to Service Departments on the basis of time allocations completed by members of staff.

The cost of the Civic Centre Building has been apportioned as follows:

Cost of Operation of Telephones within the Civic Centre Building

 Allocated to Business Units on the basis of the number of extensions and the previous year's usage as provided by the Call Logging equipment

Cost of the remainder of the Civic Centre Building

 Allocated to Business Units on the basis of floor area occupied.

(ii) Corporate and Democratic Core

The City Council has complied with the CIPFA Statement on the treatment of the costs of the Corporate and Democratic Core processes whereby these costs are held centrally and are not apportioned across the Council's services.

(iii) Any under or over recovery of support service charges is adjusted in the year of account.

2.11 Provisions

The Council maintains provisions for future liabilities or losses likely or certain to be incurred but whose amounts cannot be determined accurately. The main provisions at 31 March 2003 relate to bad and doubtful debts and insurances. Further details are available at Note 11 to the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

2.12 Reserves

The Council maintains certain reserves for the purpose of meeting liabilities other than those covered by provisions.

Some revenue reserves are set aside for specific purposes, while unallocated revenue reserves are not earmarked at the end of the accounting periods. Details of the reserves established by the Council are contained in the Statement of total Movement in Reserves (page 44).

Two further reserve accounts have been established in the Consolidated Balance Sheet:

 The Fixed Asset Restatement Reserve represents principally the balance of the surpluses or deficits arising from the periodic revaluation of fixed assets (see Note 12 to the Consolidated Balance Sheet). The Capital Financing Reserve represents amounts set aside from revenue resources or capital receipts for the repayment of external loans and certain other capital financing transactions.

Neither the Fixed Asset Restatement Reserve nor the Capital Financing Reserve can be used to fund expenditure.

2.13 Pension Costs

The pension costs that are charged to the Council's accounts in respect of its employees are equal to the contributions paid to the funded pension scheme for those employees. Further costs arise in respect of certain pensions paid to retired employees which include 'added years' on an unfunded basis.

These costs have been determined on the basis of contribution rates that are set to meet the liabilities of the Pension Fund, in accordance with relevant Government regulations. As a consequence of this the City Council does not comply with the accounting requirements of SSAP24 'Accounting for Pension Costs' and the liabilities included in the Balance Sheet are understated in respect of pension costs.

A new reporting requirement, FRS 17, has been introduced which will require Local Authorities to significantly alter the way in which pension assets and liabilities are reported. This will require a Pension Reserve to be established from 2003/04 onwards to record the relevant assets and liabilities of the pension fund.

The annual report of the Cumbria Pension Fund is available from Cumbria County Council, The Courts, Carlisle.

2.14 Investments

Investments are shown in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at cost. Interest receivable is credited to the Consolidated Revenue Account. Further detail can be found in Note 5 to the Balance Sheet.

2.15 Interest Charges

Interest payable on external loans is charged to the Asset Management Revenue Account. Internal interest payable is calculated by reference to the bank base rate.

2.16 Government Grants

Revenue grants are accrued and credited to the Consolidated Revenue Account in the same period in which the related revenue expenditure has been charged. Capital grants are credited to the Deferred Government Grant Account and written off to the Asset Management Revenue Account over the life of the asset, thereby off-setting the depreciation charge for the asset.

Grants in respect of deferred charges are written down over the same period as the deferred charge.

2.17 Debt Redemption

Gains and losses associated with discounts and premia on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing are recognised in the Consolidated Revenue Account in the period in which the repurchase or settlement is made. The exception to this is where the repurchase is coupled with a restructuring or financing of borrowing, and as a result does not substantially impact of the size of the overall loan portfolio or finance costs. Where one or more of these conditions is met the resulting premia or discount is deferred and amortised to revenue over the term of the replacement loan.

Amounts charged or credited to the HRA in respect of premia or discounts on the HRA share of debt subject to redemption is calculated in accordance with statutory provisions. Such amounts are charged or credited to the HRA over a period equal to the remaining terms of the replaced loan or 10 years whichever is less.

SECTION 3 - ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT

2001/02 Net Expend £000	Service	2002/03 Gross Expend £000	2002/03 Gross Income £000	2002/03 <u>Net</u> <u>Expend</u> <u>£000</u>
9,573 427 2,500 5,971 1,860 2,249 80	Cultural, Environmental & Planning Services Highways, Roads & Transport Housing General Fund Housing Revenue Account Central Services Democratic Representation & Management Unapportionable Central Overheads	17,775 3,446 28,906 22,406 2,705 2,580 408	8,231 3,283 27,053 17,418 1,886 221	9,544 163 1,853 4,988 819 2,359 408
22,660	NET COST OF SERVICES	78,226	58,092	20,134
	Other Items			
233	Precepts paid to Parish Councils (Surplus)/Deficit from Trading Undertakings			247
-2,056	& Other Operations (including DSOs)			-2,111
-2,421	Interest receivable			-2,190
-4,989	Asset Management Revenue Account			-3,244
13,427	NET OPERATING EXPENDITURE			12,836
743	Surplus/(Deficit) from HRA Balances			-1,639
50	Contributions to DSO Reserves			0
-1,317	Contributions to/(from) Specified Reserves			370
0	Direct Revenue Financing			45
-16	Contributions to/(from) Capital Financing Rese	rves		-1,058
33	Amortisation of Government Grants			68
12,920	AMOUNT TO BE MET FROM GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS	GRANT		10,622
-4,660	Precept demanded from the Collection Fund			-5,027
-5	Community Charge Surplus			0
-64	Council Tax Surplus			-72
-4,082	Revenue Support Grant			-3,831
-3,841	Contribution from Non-Domestic Rate Pool			-4,285
268	(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR			-2,593
5,578	Balance at beginning of the Year			5,310
-268	Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year			2,593
5,310	Balance at end of the Year			7,903

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT

This statement shows gross expenditure and income and net expenditure analysed by services and how this expenditure was financed. The statement includes recharges made between services including the allocation of support service costs.

3.1 Effect of Capital Accounting

In accordance with the CIPFA Accounting Code, capital charges totalling £2.859m have been charged in 2002/03 to service accounts for their use of fixed assets. A balancing total credit has been included in the Asset Management Revenue Account. In accordance with the Code this account has been charged with total external interest payable on borrowing and with provision for depreciation on the authority's fixed assets.

3.2 Depreciation

This has been provided on all vehicles, plant and equipment. Depreciation has been provided on the Council's other fixed assets in accordance with the 2000 SORP and the Best Value Accounting Code of Practice. Where depreciation is provided it is calculated on an annual or equated annual basis on the opening net book values of assets using the straight-line method

3.3 Trading Operations

A number of Council Services are involved in a significant level of trading with third parties. The turnover and surplus/(deficit) of these services are shown below. The trading activities for the DSO and the Building Control function are shown on pages 26 and 20 respectively.

Activity	Gross Income	Gross Expenditure	Surplus/ (deficit) 2002/03	Surplus/ (deficit) 2001/02
	£	£	£	£
Corporate Properties	329,578	396,177	(66,599)	62,198
Industrial Estates	1,779,263	274,761	1,504,502	1,535,197
Market	81,499	22,838	58,661	69,255
Airport	0	0	0	(79,325)
TOTAL	2,190,340	693,776	1,496,564	1,587,325

3.4 Asset Management Revenue Account

The transactions on the Asset Management Revenue are shown below. The balance on the account at a year end is charged/credited to the Consolidated Revenue Account. In 2002/03 £3.244m was credited to the Consolidated Revenue Account.

	2002/03 £000	2001/02 £000
Income Capital Charges (General Fund) HRA Capital Charges Amortisation of Grants & Contributions	2,859 7,346 68	2,424 12,773 33
Expenditure PWLB Premia External Interest Charges Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	(64) (3,470) (<u>3,495</u>)	(80) (4,034) (<u>6,127</u>)
Transfer to/(from) AMRA	3,244	4,989

3.5 Agency Functions

The City Council operates a Sewerage Agency function and the expenditure and income in 2002/03 was as follows:

	2002/03	2001/02
	£000	£000
Sewerage Agency		
Expenditure	210	269
Income	210_	269

3.6 Publicity

Under Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986 a local authority is required to keep a separate account of its expenditure on publicity. Set out below is the Council's spending on publicity.

	2002/03 £000	2001/02 £000
Recruitment Advertising	131	42
Tourism	542	565
Promotions & Marketing	48	78
	721	685

3.7 Section 1 of the Local Authorities Goods and Service Act 1970

The Council is empowered by this Act to provide goods and services to certain other public bodies. The main activity which has been undertaken in 2002/03 is work by the Commercial & Technical Services Business Unit for Government Agencies and Voluntary Bodies within the Carlisle District. The cost of the work in 2002/03 was £142,333 and all the costs were recovered except to the extent that work was incomplete at 31 March 2003 in which case the cost of the work will be recovered when completed.

3.8 Pension Costs

In 2002/03 the City Council paid an employer's contribution of £1,495,296 into the Cumbria County Council Pension Fund, representing 10.7% (2001/02 £1,528,377 and 10.9%) of pensionable pay. The contribution rate is determined by the Fund's Actuary based on a triennial actuarial valuation carried out at 31 March 2001, and having effect for the three years period commencing 1 April 2002. At 31 March 2001 the assets of the Fund amounted to 94% of the liabilities. In addition the City Council is responsible for all pension payments relating to unfunded added years benefits awarded by the City Council together with related increases. In 2002/03 these amounted to £492,691 representing 4.21% (2001/02 £334,227 and 2.85%) of pensionable pay.

3.9 Minimum Revenue Provision

The authority is required by statute to set aside a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the redemption of external debt. The method of calculating the provision is defined by statute and the net amount charged to revenue in respect of 2002/03 was £217,250. This sum comprises the gross amount calculated (£805,637) offset by the permitted adjustment applicable to those authorities (including Carlisle) whose revenue account suffered adversely as a consequence of the Government's commutation of debt exercise in 1992. The current effect of this adjustment is to reduce the City Council's overall MRP in 2002/03 by £588,387.

3.10 Officers' Emoluments

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 require that local authorities disclose details of emoluments for those employees whose remuneration in the financial year exceeds £50,000. Details of the Authority's officers whose remuneration exceeds £40,000 is set out below in bands of £10,000.

Between £50,000 and £59,999	1
Between £60,000 and £69,999	2
Between £70,000 and £79,999	0
Between £80,000 and £89,999	1

3.11 Members' Allowances

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting requires that Local Authorities disclose details of allowances paid to elected members during the year. Details of allowances paid in 2002/03 with comparative figures for 2001/02 are as follows:

	2002/03 £000	2001/02 £000
Type of Allowance		
Basic Allowance	205	139
Special Responsibility Allowance	81	52
Attendance Allowance	2	_24
	288	215

3.12 Related Party Transactions

The Council is required to disclose details of transactions with related parties. Related parties are generally either individuals or organisations which could exert direct or indirect control over the other party.

All Elected members and 102 of the Senior Officers of the City Council were asked to declare any direct financial relationship with the Authority for the financial year 2002/03. The response rate was 100%.

There were no material transactions relating to members or senior officers of the Authority during 2002/03.

- Details of Government Grants are shown elsewhere in the Cash Flow Statement.
- (ii) The City Council's relationship with Kingmoor Park Properties Ltd is set out in Note 16 to the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (iii) The City Council's transactions with the Cumbria County Council Pension Fund are shown within Note 3.8 to the Consolidated Revenue Account.

3.13 Building Control

The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998 require the disclosure of information regarding the setting of charges for the administration of the building control function – 'details of scheme for setting charges'. However, certain activities performed by the Building Control Unit cannot be charged for, such as providing general advice and liasing with other statutory authorities. The statement below shows the total cost of operating the building control unit divided between the chargeable and non-chargeable activities.

Expenditure	Chargeable £	Non-Chargeable £	Total £
Employee Costs Transport Expenses Supplies & Services Central & Support services	233,609 19,480 240,926 <u>39,537</u>	90,480 7,796 17,459 25,959	324,089 27,276 58,385 65,496
Total Expenditure	333,552	141,694	475,246
Income Building Regulation Charges Other income	411,229 <u>41</u>	0 <u>11,170</u>	411,229 11,211
Total Income	411,270	11,170	422,440
Surplus/(deficit) for Year	77,718	(130,524)	(52,806)

3.14 Section 137 Expenditure

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers local authorities, subject to various conditions and limits, to incur expenditure which is not covered by any other powers but which, in their opinion is in the interests of their area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants. As a result of the Local Government Act 2000 the majority of the provisions of Section 137 have been repealed. However the power to incur expenditure under section 137(3) has been retained. The Council is permitted to spend £191,400 (100,739 population x £1.90). No expenditure was incurred in 2002/03 under s137 (3).

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HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)

	2002/03 Actual £000	2001/02 Actual £000
Income		
Dwelling Rents (gross) Non Dwelling Rents (gross) Charges for Services and Facilities Contributions towards Expenditure HRA Subsidy receivable Housing Benefit Transfers	11,474 176 313 90 5,351 14	16,364 234 433 106 7,922 45
Sub Total	17,418	25,104
Expenditure		
Repair and Maintenance Supervision and Management Rents Rates and Taxes Rent Rebates Bad Debt Provision Cost of Capital Charge Depreciation on Dwellings Impairment of Fixed Assets Debt Management Costs	4,774 2,957 74 7,065 160 4,765 2,581 0	4,659 4,012 130 9,119 354 7,700 3,992 1,081 28
Sub Total	22,406	31,075
Net Cost of Services	4,988	5,971
Transfer to/from AMRA Amortised Premia and Discounts Investment Income	-3,690 64 -132	-7,021 80 -227
Net Operating Expenditure	1,230	-1,197
Appropriations: HRA Set Aside (MRP)	408	454
Surplus(-)/Deficit for year	1,638	-743
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BALANCE		*
Surplus at start of year Surplus for the Year Surplus at end of Year	4,397 -1,638 2,759	3,654 743 4,397

NOTES TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)

1. Housing Stock

The Council undertook a large-scale voluntary transfer of its housing stock during 2002/03. This consisted of 7,197 dwellings being transferred to Carlisle Housing Association (CHA) on 9 December 2002 for £12.977m. A small number of dwellings were excluded from the transfer as they were situated on land retained by the City Council for redevelopment. These remaining properties are scheduled for demolition.

(i) Movements in Year

The movement on stock can be summarised as follows:

	2002/03	2001/02
Stock at 1 April Less: RTB & Other Sales Less: Demolitions Less: Transfers to CHA	7,660 (238) (150) (7,197)	8,007 (200) (138)
Stock at 31 March	<u>84</u>	7,669
Average Stock in Year	5,311	7,838

(ii) Balance Sheet Values

The balance sheet values for all HRA assets can be summarised as follows:

	1 April 2002 £000	31 March 2003 £000
Operational Assets Council Dwellings Land & Buildings Vehicles & Plant Sub Total	117,971 1,549 <u>5</u> 119,525	0 156 2 158
Non-Operational Assets Surplus	4,988	4,888
TOTAL	124,513	5,046

2. Major Repairs Reserve

The movement on the Major Repairs Reserve during 2002/03 can be summarised as follows:

	£000
Balance at 1 April 2002	1,016
Transfers in during the year Repayments Debits to fund Capital Expenditure	2,581 (1,750) (1,847)
Balance at 31 March 2003	0

3. Capital Expenditure

	2002/03
	£000
Capital Expenditure incurred:	
Land	262
Houses	3,534
Other Property	114
1	3,910
Financed by:	
Borrowing	818
Major Repairs Allowance/Reserve	1,847
Capital Receipts	1,255
Movements in c/fwd unfunded	-10
	3,910

Total capital receipts generated during 2002/03 from the disposal of HRA assets were as follows:

Land	3,550
Houses	4,070,480
Other Property	200,750
Misc receipts	14,959
Total	4,289,739

This does not include the transfer receipt referred to in note 1.

Cost of Capital

Calculated in accordance with the Item 8 Credit and Item 8 Debit (General) Determination for the year.

	2002/03 £000	2001/02 £000
Capital Charge (6% of asset values)	4,765	7,700
Impairment Charge	1,081	0
Interest payable	(1,075)	(1,760)
	3,690	7,021

Depreciation

The total deprecation charge in 2002/03 amounts to £2,581,077, all of which relates to operational assets.

HRA Subsidy

Housing subsidy received represents the income required to finance the deficit on a notional HRA for the authority and is calculated in accordance with the subsidy determination issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The total amount receivable for the year is £5,351,000 and can be broken down as follows:

	2002/03	2001/02
	£000	£000
Management/Maintenance/Major Repairs	7,388	11,249
Charges for Capital	1,352	2,612
Rent Rebates	6,773	9,017
Other reckonable items	0	1
Tenant Participation Compacts	0	20
Resource Accounting	0	44
Guideline Rents	10,159-	15,018-
Interest on Receipts	3-	3-
TOTAL	5.351	7.922

7. Rent Arrears

Rent Arrears are as follows:

	31 March 2003 as % of	31 March 2002 as % of
	Gross Rent Income £000	Gross Rent Income £000
Gross Arrears: Current tenants Former tenants HB Overpayments	647 24	609 533 474
	671 5.25%	1,616 9.10%
Payment received from CHA	(153)	-
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	(322)	(1,178)
Net Arrears	196	438

Current tenant arrears were transferred to CHA on 9 December 2002 under the terms of the contract. Arrears relating to former tenants and housing benefit overpayments remain the responsibility of the City Council, the bulk of which have been transferred to sundry debtor accounts and as such, are shown within the General Fund. Payment for the current arrears will be received from CHA in three tranches also as set out under the terms of the contract.

8. Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts

The provision for bad and doubtful debts has moved as follows:

	£000
Balance at 1 April 2002	1,178
Increased Provision Arrears Written Off	160 (1,016)
Balance at 31 March 2003	322

9. Transfer to General Fund

Included in the total of £4,774,000 charged to the HRA in respect of Repairs and Maintenance costs is a credit of £423,000 relating to the re-apportionment of DSO surpluses attributable to the HRA.

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SUMMARY DSO REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

REVENUE ACCOUNT

	Turnover £000		Total Expenditure £000		Surplus/(Deficit) £000		
	01/02	02/03	01/02	02/03		01/02	02/03
Building Maintenance Highways Grounds-Contract Building Cleaning Car Park Management	6,977 1,782 1,512 353	7,469 1,602 1,512 344	6,116 1,738 1,493 304	6,756 1,510 1,484 271		861 44 19 49	713 92 28 73
- Non Contract Street Cleaning Refuse Collection	351 887 <u>958</u> 12,820	362 872 <u>1,064</u> 13,225	307 835 <u>940</u> 11,733	334 783 1,050 12,188		44 52 <u>18</u> 1,087	28 89 <u>14</u> 1,037

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

	£	000
	2001/02	2002/03
DSO Reserves at 1st April	538	512
Surplus for year	1,087	1,037
Contribution to General Fund	(150)	(350)
Contribution to Capital Reserve	(50)	(0)
Capital Expenditure	(12)	7
Surplus: Contribution to General Fund	(155)	(264)
: Contribution to Housing Revenue Account	(<u>486</u>)	(<u>423</u>)
DSO Reserves at 31st March	<u>550</u>	<u>519</u>

NOTES TO THE DSO REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Reporting Compliance

The Local Government Act 1999 repealed the compulsory competitive tendering provisions of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980 with effect from 2 January 2000. Although there is no requirement to produce revenue accounts and financial objectives statements in 2002/03 the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) advocates publication of a summary DSO revenue and appropriation account in the 2002/03 Statement of Accounts. The statement conforms with the requirements of the CIPFA Accounting Code of Practice.

Operations

The City Council operates six defined categories of work under the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980 and the Local Government Act 1988. The statement provides a financial summary of the operations in 2002/03.

3. Financial Objectives

Under the Financial Objectives Specification 1994 (DOE Circular 12/94) from 1994/95 DSOs are required to make a surplus on all defined activities' revenue accounts. This is after charging capital charges on all fixed assets utilised in carrying out the defined activities in accordance with the capital accounting requirements of the CIPFA Accounting Code and charging interest on the value of stock held for the use of the defined activities of the DSO. All six DSO trading activities achieved their required financial objectives in 2002/03.

Capital Charges Made to DSO Revenue Accounts in 2002/03

	£000
Depreciation Notional Interest Total Capital Charges	16 <u>15</u> 31

5. Redundancy Costs

In 2002/03 there were redundancy costs amounting to £6,500 (2001/02 £12,000).

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THE COLLECTION FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2001/02		200	2/03
£000	P (5.1%)	£000	£000
	Income		
27,397	Council Tax		30,020
26,565	Income from Business Ratepayers		23,593
3,817	Transfers from General Fund - Council Tax Benefits		4,071
0	Contribution Adjustment of Previous Years' Community Charge	-	0
57,779	Total Income		57,684
	Expenditure		
23,610 2,875 4,660	Precepts and Demands - Cumbria County Council - Cumbria Police Authority - Carlisle City Council	25,669 3,239 <u>5,027</u>	33,935
26,389 176	Business Rate - Payments to National Pool - Allowance for cost of NDR collection	23,415 <u>178</u>	23,593
-90 <u>142</u>	Bad and Doubtful Debts - Council Tax - Write offs - Provisions	-123 214	91
5 65	Contribution - Towards previous years' estimated Collection Fund Surplus - Adjustment of previous years'		0 72
00	Community Charge	192	
-53	Movement on Fund Balance		-8
57,779	Total Expenditure		57,683
	Collection Fund Balance		
541 <u>-53</u> 488	Fund Balance at 1 April Surplus/Deficit(-) for Year Fund Balance at 31 March		488 <u>-8</u> 480

NOTES TO THE COLLECTION FUND

1. General

The Collection Fund was established under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 but the operation of the fund was changed substantially with the introduction of Council Tax in April 1993 under the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund is distributed between billing and precepting authorities on the basis of estimates made on the 15 January of the year end balance as at 31 March. The Collection Fund is operated on an accruals basis and the accounts are consolidated.

2. Income from Business Rate Payers

Non Domestic Rates is organised on a national basis. The Government specifies an amount (43.0p in 2001/02 and 43.7p in 2002/03) and, subject to the effects of transitional arrangements, local businesses pay rates calculated by multiplying their rateable value by that amount. The Council is responsible for collecting rates due from the ratepayers in its areas but pays the proceeds into an NDR Pool administered by the Government. The Government redistributes the sums paid into the Pool back to Local Authorities' General Funds on the basis of a fixed amount per head of population.

The NDR income after reliefs and provisions of £23,592,505 was based on a total rateable value for the Council's area of £66,972,513 for the year (£66,527,922 in 2001/02).

Collection Fund Surpluses and Deficits

The surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund at the end of the year relating to Council Tax is required to be distributed to or made good by contributions from the City Council, Cumbria County Council or Cumbria Police Authority in a subsequent financial year. Any surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund relating to Community Charge items is carried forward to impact on the following year's Council Tax.

The surplus at 31 March 2003 of £480,919 relating to Council Tax.

Council Tax Base Calculation

This is shown overleaf.

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX BASE CALCULATION 2002-03

	BAND A DISA	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BANDE	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
NO OF DWELLINGS IN VALUATION LIST 1ST DEC 2001		22,209	10,248	6,204	4,411	2,136	830	284	32
ADD ESTIMATED NO. OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES (Apportioned) 1ST DEC 2001 - 31ST MAR 2002		7	2	46	57	21	6	1	0
PROPERTIES TO BE DELETED. COMMERCIAL, EXEMPTIONS & DEMOLISHED 1ST DEC 2001 - 31ST MAR 2002		142	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
DEDUCT NO. OF PROPERTIES WHICH WILL BE EXEMPT		852	244	105	107	30	19	3	1
ADJUSTMENT FOR NO. OF PROPERTIES WHICH WILL FALL INTO LOWER BAND DUE TO DISABLED PERSONS	27	. 3	7	-4	-16	-9	-1	1	-8
BAND A DISABLED REDUCTION		0							
DEDUCT SINGLE PERSON DISCOUNTS AT 25%	5	10,673	3,105	1,590	825	312	117	32	1
DEDUCT DISCOUNTS AT 50% ON EMPTY & DISREGARDED PROPERTIES		903	230	150	87	36	28	20	8
MOD PROPERTIES IN LIEU		11	51	2	12	2	1	0	1
TOTAL NET OF DISCOUNTS EXEMPTIONS ETC.	25.75	18,116,25	9,171.75	5,668.50	4,107.25	2,024.00	773.75	265.00	19.75
BAND D EQUIVALENT	14.32	12,077.51	7,133.57	5,038.67	4,107.25	2,473.78	1,117.65	441.69	39.50

TOTAL RELEVANT AMOUNT (A)

32,443.94

ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX BASE

31,795.10

A x Collection Rate @ 98%

ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	200 £ 000	31 March 03 £ 000	2002 £ 000
Net Fixed Assets – Note 1 Operational Dwellings Operational Land & Buildings Infrastructure Assets Community Assets Operational Vehicles & Plant Non-Operational Investment Non-Operational Surplus	441 23,515 1,221 972 789 64,200 5,222		118,693 26,508 1,147 972 768 52,602 5,298
Total Fixed Assets		96,360	205,988
Deferred Charges – Note 4 Long Term Investments Long Term Debtors Transferred Debt – Cumbria CC Mortgages and Other	400 548 171	1,119	400 601 182 1,183
Total Long Term Assets		97,479	207,171
Current Assets Stocks & Work in Progress – Note 6 Debtors – Note 7 Payments in Advance Investments – Note 5 Cash at bank and in hand	473 11,812 628 40,572 120		546 6,057 959 42,828 128
	-	53,605	50,518
Current Liabilities Creditors – Note 8 Temporary Loans Receipts in Advance	8,355 41 2,635	11,031	9,469 24 2,262 11,755
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		42,574	38,763
	- =	140,053	245,934

	£ 000	2003 0 £	31 Marcl	<u>h</u>	2002 £ 000
Financed by: Long Term Borrowing – Note 9 Deferred Credits – Note 10 Provisions – Note 11	33,5	28	35,016	_	50,304 36 882 51,222
Deferred Grant Account Usable Capital Receipts – Note 14 Capital Grants Unapplied	3,6 1,6		5,235	_	3,463 1,896 0 5,359
Reserve Balances General Fund Unapplied Direct Service Organisation Repair & Renewals Reserve Housing Revenue Account Collection Fund Large Projects Pool Lanes Capital Fund Residents Parking Building Control Function Property Trading A/c Public Open Spaces Contribution HRA-Major Repairs Allowance	2,9 2,7 4 1,1 2	19 72 59 81			5,310 512 2,625 4,397 489 1,222 191 11 73 33 4 1,016
Capital Financing Reserve Fixed Assets Restatement Reserve - Note 12	49,8 33,8	61	99,802	-	28,647 144,823 189,353
			140,053	=	245,934

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

1. Movement in Fixed Assets

From 1 April 1994 all of the City Council's fixed assets have been revalued in accordance with the requirements of the Accounting Code of Practice on Accounting for Capital. It should be noted however that community assets e.g. parks and the art collection are only included at historic cost for any acquistions since 1 April 1994.

Council Properties were revalued as at 31 March 2003 in line with the Council's rolling program for the revaluation of fixed assets. These were carried out by Hyde Harrington Property Consultants. Operational properties were valued on a open market basis in existing use, or where there is no market, depreciated replacement cost. Non-operational properties were valued at open market value.

The tables below set out the transactions relating to fixed assets in 2002/03.

Operational Assets						
	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles and Plant	Infrastructure	Community Assets	TOTAL
	£000	2000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Valuation as at 31 March 2002	128,022	27,930	1,368	1,179	972	159,471
Accumulated Depreciation Accumulated Impairment	(8,005) (1,324)	(1,422)	(600)	(32)	0	(10,059) (1,324)
Net Book Value of assets						
at 31 March 2002	118,693	26,508	768	1,147	972	148,088
Movement in 2002/03						
Additions	3,910	574	202	91	0	4,777
Disposals	(115,655)	(670)	0	0	0	(116,325)
Revaluations	(3,910)	(2,295)	2	0	0	(6,203)
Depreciation	(2,597)	(602)	(183)	(17)	0	(3,399)
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation as at 31 March 2003	12,367	25,539	1,572	1,270	972	41,720
Accumulated Depreciation	(10,602)	(2,024)	(783)	(49)	0	(13,458)
Accumulated Impairment	(1,324)	0	0	0	0	(1,324)
Net Book Value of assets						
at 31 March 2003	441	23,515	789	1,221	972	26,938

Non-operational Assets						
	Investment	Development costs	Surplus			TOTAL
	£000	0003	0003			£000
Valuation as at 31 March 2002	52,602	0	5,298			57,900
Accumulated Depreciation Accumulated Impairment						0
Net Book Value of assets					2, 2, 2, 2, 3	
at 31 March 2002	52,602	0	5,298			57,900
Movement in 2002/03						
Additions	0	52	0			52
Disposals	(86)	0	(100)			(186)
Revaluations	11,779	(52)	24			11,751
Depreciation	(95)	0	0			(95)
Transfers	0	0	0			0
Impairments	0	0	0			0
Valuation as at 31 March 2003	64,295	0	5,222	0	0	69,517
Accumulated Depreciation	(95)	0	0	0	0	(95)
Accumulated Impairment	0	0	0	ō	0	0
Net Book Value of assets					_	
at 31 March 2003	64,200	0	5,222	0	0	69,422

2. Capital Expenditure

The main items of capital expenditure in 2002/03 were:

	£000
Council Dwellings	3,910
Millennium Gateway	372

Significant budget commitments for future capital expenditure contracted for as at 31 March 2003 were:

	£000
Improvement Grant Commitments	191
Millennium Gateway	107

Capital Expenditure in 2002/03 was financed as follows:

Capital Expenditure:	£000	Financed by:	£000
Operational Assets	4,777	Credit Approvals	1,232
Non-operational assets	52	Capital Receipts	1,706
Deferred Charges	811	MRA	1,847
		Grants	383
		Reserves	296
		Revenue	45
		Unfinanced	131
	5,640	555555	5,640

An analysis of fixed assets includes:

	31 March 2003 (Nos.)	31 March 2002 (Nos.)
Council Dwellings Civic Centre Depots and Workshops Off Street Car Parks Leisure Centres Swimming Pool Museums Parks & Recreation Grounds Market Cemeteries	84 1 15 15 1 1 2 250 ha	7,669 1 15 16 1 1 2 250 ha 1 3
Crematorium Industrial Units Community Centres Industrial Estates	97 12 8 (242 sites)	97 12 8 (242 sites)

3. Leases

Six vehicles and items of plant were acquired through operational leases in 2002/03. At 31 March 2003 the annual commitment under operating lease and contract hire agreements was as follows:

On leases expiring	Leased Cars	DSO Operating leases	DSO Contract Hire	Total
	£	£	£	£
Within 1 year	10,523	54,694	225,568	290,785
2 - 5 years	110,476	100,729	3,990	215,195
After 5 years	0	0	0	0
Total	120,999	155,423	229,558	505,980

4. <u>Deferred Charges</u>

	Bal at 1.4.02	Expenditure	<u>Grants</u> Received	Amounts Written Off	Bal at
	£000	£000	£000	£000	31.3.03 £000
Improvement					
Grants	=	811	(156)	(655)	=
	2	<u>811</u>	(156)	(655)	-

Any balance shown in the accounts in respect of deferred charges should reflect a continuing benefit to the authority from such charges. The balance on this account was therefore written off in 2002/03 in accordance with this principle.

Temporary Investments

Investments are in respect of the temporary use of revenue balances and the investment of unapplied capital receipts. Temporary investments at 31 March were as follows:

	31 March		
er e	2003 £000	2002 £000	
City of Carlisle Investment Fund Notice & Fixed Term Money Market Deposits Total	15,044 25,528 40,572	14,332 28,496 42,828	

The City of Carlisle Investment Fund is a managed Fund set up to invest accumulated capital receipts and other balances held by the City Council. Investment is confined to gilt-edged securities and other instruments where security of capital can be guaranteed. A similar principle is followed regarding other investments made by the City Council. At 31 March 2003, the market value of the Investment Fund was £15,043,957.

6. Stocks and Work in Progress		31 Ma	arch
		2003 £000	2002 £000
	k in Progress ks: DSO Other	279 77 117 194	356 72 118 190
Tota	l .	<u>473</u>	546

7.	Debtors			2003 £000	1 March	2002 £000
	nts falling due in one y Government Departm Other Local Authoritie Local Taxpayers Housing Rents Sundry Debtors	ents	¥	5,719 610 2,637 519 5,107 14,592 (2,822)		514 1,077 2,868 1,191 3,576 9,226 (3,220)
Amou	nts falling due after on Car Loans	ne year:		11,770 42		6,006 51
				11,812		6,057
8.	Creditors			2003 £000	March	2002 £000
Gover	Local Authorities Inment Departments y Creditors			233 3,548 <u>4,574</u> <u>8,355</u>		313 4,540 <u>4,616</u> <u>9,469</u>
9.	Long Term Borrowing	1				
Sourc	es of loan	Range Interest F Payat %	Rates		outstandi 1 March	ng at 2002 £000
Money Local	Works Loans Board Warket Bonds & Mortgages Carlisle Stock Issue	4.0-10.25 11.85 5.75-6.75 8.785		18,415 101 15,000 33,516		35,200 0 104 <u>15,000</u> <u>50,304</u>
An an	alysis of loans by matu	urity is:	0.000			
Maturi Maturi Maturi	ng within 1 year ng within 1-2 years ng within 2-5 years ng within 5-10 years ng in more than 10 ye	ars	£ 000 5,603 627 11 856 26,419 33,516		128	

10. Deferred Capital Receipts

Deferred Capital Receipts of £28,000 are amounts derived from the sale of assets which will be received in instalments over agreed periods of time. They arise principally from mortgages on the sale of Council Houses, which form the main part of mortgages under long term debtors.

11. Provisions

	1 April 2002 £000	Receipts In Year £000	Payments In Year £000	31 March 2003 £000
Cemeteries Perpetuity Fund	86	3	(3)	86
Public Liability Claims (a)	615	588	(0)	1,203
Other Funds	181	33	(31)	183
	882	624	(34)	1,472

(a) At 31 March 2003 the estimated gross value of claims made against the Authority in respect of public liability, employers liability, motor and other claims was £1,202,945. Of this amount £687,485 is expected to be reimbursed through insurance and other third party claims.

Other Funds

Included within this heading is the sum of £35,000 (2001/02 £33,200) in respect of anticipated losses in 2003/04 on work commenced in 2002/03 but not completed at 31 March 2003, together with provision for future commitments and anticipated items of expenditure incurred on work undertaken during 2002/03.

A further £78,000 (2001/02 £76,000) comprises the balances accrued in various bequests that have been made to the City Council.

During 2002/03 third party funds held by the authority in relation to Community Centres were repaid. The Community Centres have each obtained trust status.

Fund	Fund b/fwd	Advance from	Fund c/fwd
		City Council	
	£	£	£
Harraby CC	3,126	(3,126)	. 0
Longtown CC	5,465	(5,465)	0
Currock CC	2,557	(2,558)	0
Total	11,148	(11,148)	0

12. Fixed Asset Restatement Reserve

	2002/03 £000	2001/02 £000
Balance at 1 April	144,823	139,665
Revaluation/Devaluation of Fixed Assets in Year General Fund Housing Revenue Account	8,966 (3,417)	5,067 4,862
Disposal of Fixed Assets General Fund Housing Revenue Account	(86) (116,425)	(672) (4,099)
Balance at 31 March	33,861	144,823

13. Usable Capital Receipts

These are capital receipts which have not yet been used to finance capital expenditure or to repay debt. Under the provisions of the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act, local authorities are required from 1st April 1990 to reserve a specified proportion of their unapplied capital receipts as a provision against credit liabilities. This requirement applies to both receipts held at 1st April 1990 and any receipts generated thereafter as set out below.

	2002/03 £000	2001/02 £000
Balance at beginning of year	1,896	751
Capital Receipts received in year (net of grants repayable)	4,563 6,459	<u>4,494</u> 5,245
Less Reserved Proportion including Cover For Credit Arrangements	(3,137)	(2,503)
Applied during year to finance capital Expenditure	(1,706)	(846)
Balance of Usable Capital receipts	1,616	1,896

During the year £3,998,049 was received from Council House Sales, net of administration costs.

14. Contingent Liability

- (i) . . . During 1992/93 the City Council entered into a joint scheme with Home Housing Association to secure the development of two sites at Heysham Nursery and Gelt Road, Brampton for houses to rent. Home Housing Association have raised an initial tranche of £65 million of stock and raised a further £35 million of stock which will mature in 2037. In order to enable Home Housing Association to raise private finance from institutional investors all participating Authorities are required to enter into a standard form of Guarantee in which they jointly and severally guarantee the loan stock raised by Home Housing Association to fund the development programme. There were 15 Authorities participating in the first tranche and a further 14 Authorities including Carlisle joined in tranche 2 of the scheme. The total liability to be guaranteed by participating authorities will be £100 million. This will continue in force until 2037 when the loan stock falls due to be repaid. The strict liability of each Authority under guarantee would be £100 million and because the liability is joint and several Authorities would obviously not be prepared to expose themselves to the risk, however remote, of having to meet the full liability of the borrowing under their individual guarantee. Accordingly there is to be a Counter Indemnity and Contribution arrangement whereby each participating Authority undertakes to reimburse any other Authority or Authorities paying more than their proportionate share of the guarantee. An Authority's proportionate share is determined by reference to the estimated development expenditure in that Authority's area. If the guarantee were called in the worst situation for the City Council would be that once it had recovered any contribution from other Authorities it would be left to fund no more than the cost of the development in its own area. The guarantee figure as at 26 November 1996 was £2,299,000. This cost would be offset wholly, or partly, by the sums recovered from repossessing the units from Home Housing Association and selling them on.
- (ii) On 30th September 1992, the Council's Insurers, MMI Ltd, announced that it has ceased taking new business and issuing renewals and had placed a moratorium on claims payments. On 6th October 1992 MMI resumed the full payment of claims and on 1st April 1993 the assets and goodwill were taken over by Zurich Municipal but not the liabilities. There are no outstanding claims as at 31 March 2003, however the City Council may still have a liability under the Scheme of Arrangement if there is not a solvent 'run-off'. However, the report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2001 point increasingly to a solvent run off and the company is exploring ways in which its outstanding liabilities can be transferred to another insurer in return for a premium so that the company can be wound up.

Provision for Credit Liabilities (Memorandum)

Under the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act, local authorities are required to set up a provision for credit liabilities. These are sums set aside for the redemption of debt and comprise the reserved proportion of capital receipts (see Note 14) and amounts set aside from revenue for this purpose:

	2002/03 £000
At 1 April 2002	27,528
Capital Receipts reserved during 2002/03	3,084 30,612

Minimum Revenue Provision Charged to Revenue Accounts:

General Fund	397	
Housing Revenue Account	408	
Commutation Adjustment	(588)	217
Provision for Credit Liabilities at 31st Ma	arch 2003	30,829

Investment in Companies

At 31 March 2003, the City Council retains a shareholding investment of £400,000 in Kingmoor Park Properties Ltd (KPP Ltd) (5% of the Company's issued share capital). This can be repaid on or after 15 March 2004 on a valuation basis.

17. Disclosure of Net Pensions Assets/Liabilities

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers, the City Council offers retirement benefits. Although these will not become payable until relevant employees retire, the Council has a commitment to make the payments that should be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Council participates in the Local Government Pension Scheme as administered by Cumbria County Council. This is a funded scheme which means that both the Council and employees, who are members of the Scheme, pay contributions into a fund. The contributions are calculated at a level estimated to balance the pension liabilities with investment assets.

During 2002/03, pension costs have been charged to the Consolidated Revenue Account, on the basis of contributions payable for the year to the Cumbria County Council Pension Scheme, (based on an actuarial valuation for 31 March 2001), and the pensions payable in the year to retired officers. However, at 31 March 2003, the Council had the following overall assets and liabilities for pensions, which have not been included in the balance sheet:

	£000	£000
	31 March 2003	31 March 2002
Estimated liabilities in Scheme	62,943	65,200
Estimated assets in Scheme	47,359	67,000
Net assets/(liabilities)	(15,584)	(1,800)

Liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels, etc. They have been assessed by an independent firm of actuaries. The main assumptions used in their calculations are:

	%	%
	2002/03	2001/02
Rate of Inflation	2.5	2.5
Rate of Increase in Salaries	4.0	4.0
Rate of increase in Pensions	2.5	2.5
Rate of discounting Scheme Liabilities	6.0	6.0

Assets in the County Council Pension Fund are valued at fair value, principally market value for investments and consist of the following categories by proportion:

	%	Expected Return
Equity Investments	61.0	7.5%
Government Bonds	23.4	4.5%
Bonds	0.0	5.4%
Property	8.4	6.5%
Other Assets	7.2	3.75%
	100	

The movement on the net pension liability for the year to 31 March 2003 is as follows:

	£000
Net Pensions liability at 1 April 2002	(1,800)
Movements in the year:	
 Current service cost Employers contributions payable to scheme Retirement benefits payable to pensioners Past service cost/curtailment cost Interest cost Expected return on assets in the scheme Actuarial gains/(losses) 	(1,857) 1,772 0 1,543 (3,991) 4,705 (<u>15,956</u>)
Net Pensions liability at 31 March 2003	(15,584)

The actuarial gains can be analysed into the following categories, measure as absolute amounts and as a percentage of assets or liabilities at March 2003:

	£000	%
Differences between the expected and actual return on assets	(15,956)	33.7%
Differences between actuarial assumptions about liabilities and actual experience	0	0
Changes in the demographic and financial assumptions used to estimate liabilities	0	0

18. Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no post balance sheet events to consider.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

	Balance 1.4.02 £000	Net Surplus /Deficit for year £000	Value of Disposed Assets £000	Revaluation of Fixed Assets £000	Capital Receipts £000	Capital Receipts (reserved portion) £000	Capital Grants Receivable £000	Financing of Capital Expenditure £000	Transfers	Balance 1.4.03 £000
OTHER RESERVES										
Fixed Asset Restatement	144,823	(-)	(116,511)	5,549	-		-	4		33,861
Capital Financing	28,647	17,056	-	-		3,137		3,553	(2,581)	49,812
Useable Capital Receipts	1,896	10 -			4,563	(3,137)		(1,706)		1,616
Capital Grants and Contributions U/A	0	(5)					229	(229)		(5)
Government Grants Deferred	3,463	(68)						229		3,624
CAPITAL RESERVES							************			
Lanes Capital Fund	191	15		-		-	-	-		206
Repair & Renewals Fund	2,625	347				-				2,972
REVENUE RESERVES										
Collection Fund	489	(8)		-		-	-	-		481
HRA	4,397	(1,638)	-	-		-	-	-		2,759
DSO	512	7	-	-			-			519
General Fund	5,310	2,593	-	-			-	-		7,903
Large Projects Pool	1,222	(112)	-	-			-	-		1,110
Residents Parking	11	(19)	-	-		-	-	-	(**)- **;	(8)
Building Control Function	73	77	-	-		-	-			150
Property Trading A/c	33	-	-	-		-	-	-		33
Public Open Spaces	4	-		-		-	-			4
Major Repairs Allowance	1,016	(1,750)	-	-		-		(1,847)	2,581	0
	194,712	16,495	(116,511)	5,549	4,563	-	229	0	0	105,037

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2001/02 £000	REVENUE ACTIVITIES	•	£000	2002/03 £000	£000
	Expenditure				
13,740 6,196 22,689	Paid on or on behalf of employees Other operating costs Housing Benefits NNDR Payments to the National Pool Precepts paid		19,436 30,350 9,398 28,519 29,155	10	
88,887				116,858	
	Income				
-27,070 -26,126 -4,082 -8,550 -10,654 -9,364	Rents (after rebates) Council Tax/Community Charge Non-domestic rate income Revenue Support Grant Housing Subsidy Other Government Grants Cash received for Goods & Services NNDR Receipts from the National Pool		-9,106 -29,785 -24,602 -3,831 -7,418 -10,602 -25,478 -4,285		
-100,812				<u>-115,107</u>	
-11,925	Revenue Activities Net Cash Flow (A)				1,751
	SERVICING OF FINANCE				
	Expenditure				
	Interest paid Interest element of finance leases		3,959 0	2.050	
	Income	•		3,959	
-3,256	Interest received		-2,723	-2,723	
890	Servicing of Finance Net Cash Flow (B)			-2,125	1,236

2001/02 £000		 £000	2002/03 £000	£000
r.	CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
	Expenditure			
1,083	Purchase of Fixed Assets Other Capital Payments Purchase of Long Term Investments	4,697 829 <u>0</u>		
7,229	Income		5,526	
-568	Sale of Fixed Assets Capital Grants received Other Captal Receipts	-4,537 -383 <u>-114</u>	<u>-5,034</u>	
302	Capital Activities Net Cash Flow (C)			492
-10,733	Net Cash (Inflow)/Outflow before Financing (A+B+C)			3,479
	MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES			
10,270	Net Increase/(Decrease) in short-term deposits (D)			-3,607
	FINANCING			
	Expenditure			
0	Loans repaid Principal element of finance leases	4,406 <u>0</u>	4,406	
5,356	Income			
	New loans raised New short term loans	-5,600 <u>-21</u>		9
-4,250			<u>-5,621</u>	
1,106	Financing Net Cash Flow (E)			<u>-1,215</u>
643	Net (Increase)/Decrease in Cash (F) =A+B+C+D+E			-1,343

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The consolidated cash flow statement summarises for 2002/03 the inflows and outflows of cash to and from the Council arising from transactions with third parties for revenue, capital and all other purposes.

1.Reconciliation of Revenue Account Surplus to Net Cashflow

Revenue cashflows can be found in the Revenue Account adjusted as follows:

2001/02			0000	2002/03	0000
£000			£000		£000
268	(Surplus)/Deficit for the year		-2,593		
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		, , , , , ,		
268					-2,593
	Non-cash transcations				
-352	Minimum Revenue Provision		-217		
0	Bad Debt Provision		0		
-1,750	Contribution to Reserves		2,739		
-91	Amortisation of Premia/Discounts		-91		
-3,991	Depreciation (Housing Revenue Account)		-2,581		
-6,184					-150
	* 100 to				
	Items on accruals basis				
	Increase/(decrease) in stocks		-73		
	Increase/(decrease) in debtors		5,771		
-3,254	(Increase)/decrease in creditors		29		
-4,406					5,727
., , , , ,					0,121
	Items shown elsewhere in the Statement				
-4,035	Interest payable		-3,450		
	interest receivable		2,217		
-1,603					-1,233
,,000					1,200
-11,925	Net Cash Flow from Revenue Activities			_	1,751

2. Reconciliation of Cash Flow to Net Debt

A reconciliation of cash flows to the Council's net debt is as follows:

2001/02 £000			2002/03 £000
-643	Increase/(Decrease) in cash	-	1,343
10,270	Cash outflow from increase in liquid resources		-3,607
	Cash outflow from (increase)/ decrease in debt Decrease in debt relating to a non-cash item (LSVT)		-1,215 17,986
10,733	Movement in Net Debt		14,507
-18,105	Net debt at 1st April		-7,372
-7,372	Net debt at 31st March		7,135

3. (Increase)/Decrease in Financing and Liquid Resources

	v	Net debt 31/03/02 £000	Movement in year £000	Net debt 31/03/03 £000
Bank ove	hand & at bank erdraft nt money market deposits	128 0 481 609	-8 0 1,351 1,343	120 0 1,832 1,952
Debt	PWLB Money Market Local Bonds & Mortgages Stock Issue	-35,200 0 -104 -15,000 -50,304	16,785 0 3 0 16,788	-18,415 0 -101 -15,000 -33,516
	Other Borrowing	-50,328	-17 16,771	-41 -33,557
Short Te	rm Investments	42,347	-3,607	38,740
	,	-7,372	14,507	7,135

4. Liquid Resources

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting introduced from 1998/99 a new heading of Management of Liquid Resources to the Cashflow Statement. Included as liquid resources are certificates of deposit, government securities and other short term cash deposits.

5. Analysis of other Government Grants

2001/02 £000			2002/03 £000
	Rent Allowance Grant	}	
10,030	Council Tax Benefit Grant	}	10,337
	Housing Benefit Administration	}	
0	Countryside Commission		0
624	Other		265
0	Single Regeneration Budget		 0
10,654			10,602

SECTION 4 - STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Authority's Responsibilities

The authority is required to:

- * make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this authority, that officer is the Head of Finance;
- manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets;
- approve the statement of accounts.

The Head of Finance's Responsibilities

The Head of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the authority's statement of accounts which, in terms of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain ("the Code"), is required to present fairly the financial position of the authority at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2003.

In preparing this statement of accounts, the Head of Finance has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code of Practice.

The Head of Finance has also:

- kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Head of Finance

Date: 14 August 2003

SECTION 5 - STATEMENT ON THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

This statement is given in respect of the statement of accounts for Carlisle City Council. I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated in connection with the resources concerned.

The system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, that transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

The system of internal financial control is based upon a framework or regular management information, financial regulations, contract procedure rules, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. Development and maintenance of the system is undertaken by managers within the Council. In particular, the system includes:

- · comprehensive budgeting systems;
- regular reviews of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts;
- · setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- the preparation of regular financial reports which indicate actual expenditure against the forecasts;
- · clearly defined capital expenditure guidelines; and
- as appropriate, formal project management disciplines.

The internal audit function, reports directly to me and carries out its work in line with the approved Audit Plan which has been produced based upon a risk assessment of activities within the Council. The Council's Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee acts as the Council's Audit Committee. The audit function provides an independent review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal financial control and is governed by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

My review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by:

- the work of managers within the Council;
- the work of the internal auditors as described above:
- · the external auditors in their annual letter and other reports.

I consider that there are no significant identified weaknesses in the system of internal financial control.

Head of Finance

Date: 14 August 2003