

my council's finances

Summary of Accounts



2005/06

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Welcome to Carlisle City Council's Summary of Accounts for 2005/06, which shows our spending in relation to all our services.

Our mission is 'to ensure a high quality of life for all in both our urban and rural communities'.

This leaflet gives information on our accounts, where the money came from and how it was spent.



Introduction

This year's statement of accounts has been prepared in line with the Accounting Code of Practice for local authorities.

The figures in this summary have been put together following proper accounting practices.

The District Auditor, who is appointed by the Audit Commission, has audited Carlisle City Council's accounts for 2005/06. They agree that our accounts have been prepared and present fairly the financial position of Carlisle City Council as at 31 March 2006.

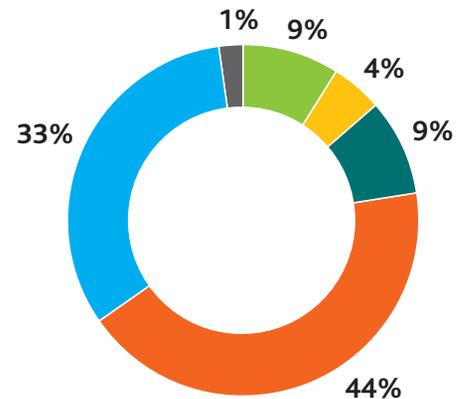
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Where did the money come from?

We spent £14.41m in 2005/06 on day-to-day activities after deducting income for specific services. We funded our spending from Council Tax and Government grants.

Figures for 2005/06

	£000s
Local Taxes - Council Tax	5,774
Business Rates	2,942
Revenue Support Grant	5,694
Sub Total	14,410
Grants & Receipts	28,478
Fees & Charges	21,482
Reserves	594
Total	64,964



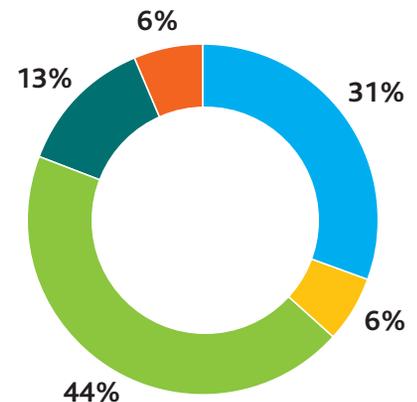
This chart shows the gross figures for 2005/06

Where did the money go?

The cost of our services is shown in our revenue account. This shows the day-to-day running costs in 2005/06 for all Council services and the amount funded from Council Tax and other Government grants.

Figures for 2005/06

	Gross £000s	Net £000s
■ Culture, Environment & Planning	19,934	11,364
■ Highways, Roads & Transport	4,055	915
■ Housing Services	28,527	2,151
■ Other Services	8,294	3,573
■ Exceptional Item - Flood	4,154	390
Trading Activities		(2,280)
Interest received on investments		(1,426)
Money requested by Parish Councils		317
Money taken from reserves		(594)
Total	64,964	14,410



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Capital spending

We also spend money on:

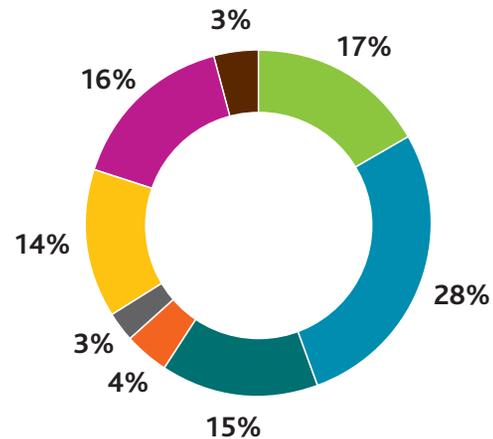
- providing grants to improve housing in the area
- providing grants to businesses to help them develop employment opportunities
- improving and enhancing our land and property so we can provide good quality services and facilities.

This spending is known as capital spending and we have to treat it differently from the day-to-day spending on services.

During 2005/06 we spent £9.95m on the following capital projects:

Figures for 2005/06

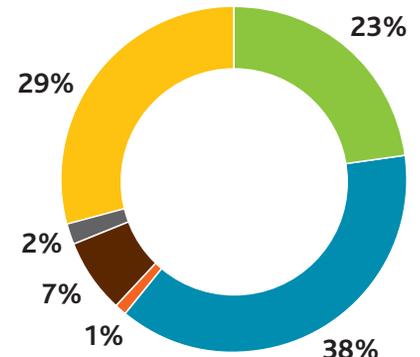
	£000s
Housing Improvement Grants	1,728
Flood Damage	2,779
Sheepmount Project	1,495
Sands Centre	381
Stony Holme Golf Course	253
Other Land & Property	1,406
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	1,560
Other Schemes	349
Total	9,951



This 2005/06 spending was funded from:

Figures for 2005/06

	£000s
Grants from the Government & other organisations	2,295
Receipts from sales of City Council land & property	3,819
Insurance Receipts (Flood)	2,866
City Council Reserves	669
Contributions from partner organisations	187
Credit arrangement via Finance Lease	115
Total	9,951



Cash flow

The following table shows the movements on the Council's cash account during the year:

Figures for 2005/06

	£000s
Cash overdrawn at 1 April	(490)
Income received	133,025
Payments made	(132,701)
Cash overdrawn at 31 March	(166)

Over the year the City Council received £324,000 more cash than it paid out, reducing its overdrawn balance.

How much is Carlisle City Council worth?

At the end of March each year, we have to draw up a balance sheet to show:

- the value of the City Council's land and property
- the amount owed by and to the City Council
- the balance on the City Council's bank account
- the level of money retained by the City Council in its reserves

Together, this shows the City Council's net worth. At the end of March 2006 the balance sheet showed the following:

Figures for 2005/06

	£000s
Value of land & property	127,518
Money owed to the City Council	34,184
Money owed by the City Council	(43,238)
Cash at bank overdrawn	(166)
Total	118,298

The net worth of the City Council is made up of:

Figures for 2005/06

	£000s
Capital Reserves	19,792
Technical Accounting Reserves	84,835
Revenue Reserves	13,671
Total	118,298

In 2005/06 the level of revenue reserves includes £9.871m earmarked for specific purposes and £3.8m to use as a working balance. The City Council has a legal responsibility to keep its working balance at a realistic level so that it does not run into financial difficulties. As part of its financial rules, the City Council has agreed to keep its working balance at a level of at least £3.8m.



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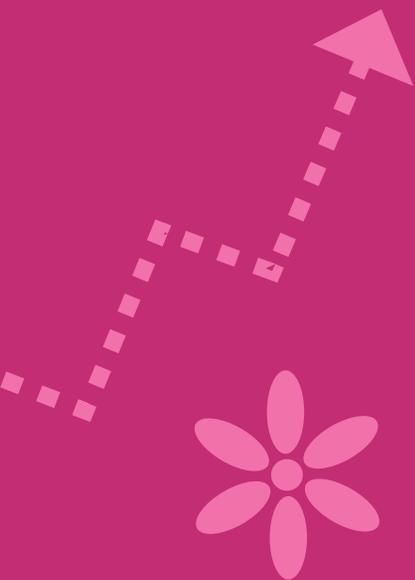
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