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To: Members of the
GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Tony Owen (Chairman)
Councillor Russell Mellor (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Nicholas Bennett J.P., Eric Bosshard, Kim Botting, Mary Cooke,
Peter Fookes, Ellie Harmer, William Huntington-Thresher, David Livett,
Charles Rideout, Diane Smith, Tim Stevens, Pauline Tunnicliffe and Michael Turner

A meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee will be held at Bromley Civic Centre on **WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM**

MARK BOWEN
Director of Corporate Services

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- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2014**
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- 4 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING**
In accordance with the Council's Constitution, questions to this Committee must be received in writing 4 working days before the date of the meeting. Therefore please ensure questions are received by the Democratic Services Team by 5pm on Thursday 11th September 2014.
- 5 **AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013/14** (Pages 5 - 188)
- 6 **NHS PENSIONS DIRECTIONS ORDER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF** (Pages 189 - 194)
Report seeking agreement to apply for an NHS Directions Order so that new PH professionals can have membership of the NHSPS
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- 10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

The Chairman to move that the Press and public be excluded during consideration of the items of business listed below as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

	<u>Items of Business</u>	<u>Schedule 12A Description</u>
11	AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE: EXEMPT MINUTES - 25TH JUNE 2014 (Pages 217 - 222)	Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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Agenda Item 3

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 15 July 2014

Present:

Councillor Tony Owen (Chairman)
Councillor Russell Mellor (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Nicholas Bennett J.P., Eric Bosshard,
Kim Botting, Peter Fookes, Ellie Harmer,
William Huntington-Thresher, David Livett,
Charles Rideout, Colin Smith, Diane Smith,
Tim Stevens J.P. and Pauline Tunnicliffe

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mary Cooke, who was replaced by Councillor Colin Smith.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH AND 10TH JUNE 2014

In relation to minute 11, Appointment of Council Representatives to Serve on Outside Bodies, the Committee noted that officers had contacted the bodies where appointments had been deferred to obtain more information about their current activities. Members discussed whether there was a need for more reporting back from Council appointees.

The Committee requested a report to the next meeting reviewing the recent election.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 10th June 2014 be confirmed.

23 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING

No questions had been received.

The Meeting ended at 7.03 pm

Chairman

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Report No.
FSD 14061

London Borough of Bromley

Agenda
Item No.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: General Purposes & Licensing Committee

Date: 17th September 2014

Decision Type: Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013/14**

Contact Officer: Tracey Pearson, Chief Accountant
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Chief Officer: Director of Finance

Ward: Borough Wide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report sets out the Council's 2013/14 statutory accounts for approval by Members in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011. The report also details the conclusions and significant issues arising from the work carried out in relation to the audit of the 2013/14 accounts.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **The Committee is requested to:**

- (a) **Approve the Council's statutory accounts for 2013/14;**
- (b) **In accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, following approval, the Chairman of this Committee shall sign and date the statutory statements on page 1 as a formal record of the Committee's approval;**
- (c) **Consider the external auditors' report;**
- (d) **Confirm agreement with the auditors' conclusion on their independence and objectivity;**
- (e) **Authorise the Chairman of this Committee to sign the letter of representation for 2013/14 on behalf of the Council;**
- (f) **Approve the Annual Governance Statement which accompanies the statutory statement of accounts.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Council wide
 4. Total current budget for this head: £123m 2013/14 budget (excluding GLA precept)
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 3,824 full-time equivalent posts (per 2013/14 Budget), which includes 1,760 for delegated budgets to schools.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement. The statutory duties relating to financial reporting are covered within the Local Government Act 1972; the Local Government Finance Act 1998; the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996; the Local Government Act 2000; the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and the Local Government Act 2002.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The 2013/14 final accounts reflect the financial impact of the Council's strategies and service plans which impact on all of the Council's customers (including council tax payers) and users of the services.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Council wide

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the Accounts to be considered and approved by resolution of a Committee or Full Council no later than 30th September. Following approval, the Statement of Accounts must be signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which that approval was given.
- 3.2 The Regulations specifically require authorities to prepare the accounts by 30th June and that the responsible financial officer sign, date and certify that the Statement of Accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority and of the Authority's income and expenditure for the year. The responsible financial officer must re-certify the presentation of the Statement of Accounts before this Committee approves it.
- 3.3 The external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PWC), have issued their report on the Financial Statements and Accounts for 2013/14, comprising the Council's main financial statements and Pension Fund accounts. A copy of this report is attached at appendix 1 and includes the findings from the interim and final audits and recommendations for improvement.
- 3.4 The draft accounts were approved by the Director of Finance on 26th June 2014. At the time of writing, the auditors anticipate issuing an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements, including the Pension Fund accounts.
- 3.5 The auditors are required to report all uncorrected misstatements identified during the course of the audit, other than those of a trivial nature. In 2013/14, there are no non-trivial uncorrected misstatements to disclose.
- 3.6 Some minor presentational changes were agreed and the financial statements have been updated accordingly. None of these matters have an impact on the Council's revenue accounts or general fund balance.
- 3.7 Accounting standards require that the auditors identify any relevant matters relating to the audit that should be brought to the attention of this Committee. The auditors' report identifies four relevant accounting matters:
- (i) medium term financial strategy;
 - (ii) depreciation of fixtures and fittings;
 - (iii) pensions liability;
 - (iv) changes to IAS 19.

These items are detailed on pages 9 to 10 of the auditors' report. Overall, the auditors are comfortable with the reasonableness of assumptions used and have determined that there is no material impact on the Statement of Accounts arising from these matters. However, as set out in paragraph 3.8 below, the Council's value for money risk rating has been increased from normal to significant.

- 3.8 The auditors are required to carry out sufficient and relevant work in order to conclude on whether the Authority has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources. Audit Commission guidance includes two criteria:
- (i) the organisation has proper arrangements in place for securing financial resilience;
 - (ii) the organisation has proper arrangements for challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

At the time of writing, the auditors anticipate issuing an unqualified value for money conclusion. However, the following matters have been identified which are required to be brought to the attention of this Committee:

- (i) the Council needs to ensure that actions are underway to resolve the budget gap as identified by the medium term financial strategy;
- (ii) the value for money risk rating has been increased from normal to significant to reflect the notable budget gap in the medium term (this is not unique to Bromley).

- 3.9 The auditors' report also reviews accounting systems and systems of internal control and reports on weaknesses in the accounting and internal control systems identified during the audit. There are no significant issues identified which require the attention of this Committee.
- 3.10 The duty to appoint auditors to Local Authorities is a statutory function of the Audit Commission and 2013/14 is the sixth year that the audit has been undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PWC). The Audit Commission had previously confirmed the appointment of PWC as Bromley's external auditor until 2016/17. However, in June 2014 the Audit Commission wrote to the Council to consult on the appointment of EY LLP (Ernst & Young) from 1st April 2015. Following consultation, proposed appointments will be considered by the Commission Board and confirmation on the auditor appointment is expected by 31st December 2014.
- 3.11 The auditors' report details on pages 13 and 14 the requirement for annual disclosure of all relationships between PWC (and associated entities) and the Authority that may reasonably be thought to bear on their independence and objectivity. In conclusion they have confirmed, in their professional judgement, compliance with UK regulatory and professional requirements and that their objectivity is not compromised. This Committee is requested to consider the matters detailed in the auditors' report and confirm agreement with their conclusion on independence and objectivity.
- 3.12 In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 the Director of Finance, as responsible financial officer, has authenticated and signed the amended accounts and the authorised for issue date has been updated to 17th September 2014. The audited Statement of Accounts, accompanied by the Annual Governance Statement, is attached at appendix 2.
- 3.13 The Council's Accounts and related records were made available for public inspection for 20 working days between 4th August 2014 and 1st September 2014. This is a requirement of the Regulations and must take place prior to the completion of the audit. The auditor will report verbally should any objection be made.
- 3.14 Members will be aware of the objection made to the 2012/13 accounts with regard to the Council's parking enforcement contract. At the time of writing, the objection has not yet been concluded and the auditor will provide a verbal update as to the status of the work concerning this objection.
- 3.15 The Council must publish its audited 2013/14 Accounts by 30th September 2014. In June 2014 Government issued a consultation setting out draft Regulations [Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2014] which propose an earlier timetable for the publication of both pre-audited and audited accounts. If implemented, the accounts must be signed and certified by the Responsible Financial Officer by 31st May (currently 30th June) and the approved accounts must be published by 31st July (currently 30th September). This

would be effective from the 2017-18 accounts although authorities are encouraged to move to this new timetable as soon as practicable. Whilst Government acknowledge the significant challenge that this will involve for both authorities and auditors, the period of notice is intended to allow time to make the necessary changes to processes and systems.

- 3.16 The Council has very little discretion over the format of its Accounts as they must be presented in the form laid down in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 (the Code). The Code is published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) under the oversight of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board. The Code requires authorities to produce accounts based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) while at the same time recognising the particular position of local government where legislative requirements override accounting principles in some areas.
- 3.17 The sections that follow provide a brief commentary on the main points to note in the Accounts.
- 3.18 Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS)
- 3.18.1 This statement is a summary of the changes that have taken place in the bottom half of the Balance Sheet over the financial year. It shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Authority, analysed into 'usable reserves' (those that can be applied to fund the provision of services) and 'unusable reserves' (those that an Authority is unable to utilise to provide services).
- 3.18.2 The crucial line in the MIRS is the one containing adjustments between the accounting basis and funding basis under regulations. The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CI&E Statement) is prepared wholly in accordance with accounting standards but local authorities are subject to specific rules and statutory requirements which, in significant instances, differ substantially from proper accounting practices particularly in relation to capital accounting and retirement benefits. This line reconciles the surplus or deficit on the provision of services as detailed in the CI&E Statement with the statutory amounts required to be charged to the general fund balance for council tax setting purposes.
- 3.18.3 This statement also includes discretionary transfers between the general fund and earmarked reserves.
- 3.18.4 Usable reserves showed an overall increase of £42m in 2013/14 which was mainly due to contributions set aside for the economic development and investment fund and the transformation fund (£24m), land and property disposals (£10m) and capital grant income received but not yet expended (£8m). Unusable reserves increased by £29m which mainly comprised of an increase to the pension fund reserve (£120m) offset by reductions to the capital adjustment account (£69m) and the revaluation reserve (£24m).
- 3.18.5 The increase in the pension fund reserve was due to a fall in the net liability from £260m to £140m. This was primarily due to positive experience since the 2010 actuarial valuation combined with favourable investment returns during the year and improved market conditions which reduced the value placed on the liabilities.
- 3.18.6 The reduction of £69m on the Capital Adjustment Account was the result of a number of accounting entries relating to the depreciation and impairment of non current assets and the write-off of asset values on disposal or sale offset by capital grants and other sources of capital financing.

3.18.7 The reduction of £24m on the Revaluation Reserve was made up of an increase of £12m in respect of revaluation gains in the year and a reduction of £36m in respect of previous gains written out on impaired assets and asset disposals.

3.19 The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CI&E Statement)

3.19.1 This statement provides a summary of the resources generated and consumed in providing services during the year. It is intended to show the annual activity of the Council in line with accounting practice before allowing for the requirements of statute that certain costs should or should not fall on council tax. This statement reveals a surplus for the year of £71m.

3.19.2 Pensions costs, as defined by International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS19 – formerly FRS17) account for a surplus of £102m, mainly the result of the re-measurement of the net liability as set out in paragraph 3.18.5 above offset by net interest costs and other charges. There is a deficit of £65m in respect of the accounting treatment for the non-current assets of schools that became academies during the year.

3.19.3 The surplus reflected on the CI&E Statement for the year is offset by the movement shown in the MIRS, as detailed within note 7 of the Accounts and section 3.18 above. These two statements should be considered together and the overall position is summarised on page 15 of the accounts. The result is an overall increase in the Council's general fund balance and earmarked reserves of £25m.

3.19.4 The overall outturn position for 2013/14 was reported to the Executive on 10th June 2014 with more detailed information being reported to individual Portfolio Holders for their respective service areas. This report identified the key cost variations compared with the 2013/14 budget. Details of variations relating to the 2013/14 capital programme outturn were also reported to the Executive in June 2014 and there was no requirement to use General Fund balances to support the capital programme in 2013/14.

3.20 Balance Sheet

3.20.1 The balance sheet provides a snapshot of the Council's financial position, its assets and liabilities, at 31st March 2014. Compared to the position in 2013, Property Plant & Equipment asset values reduced by £109m, mainly as a result of the de-recognition of assets disposed of during the year (£67m mostly relating to academy transfers), additions (£7m), depreciation (£10m) and impairment losses (£41m). The Council's assets are valued on different bases depending on the type of asset, as described in accounting policy 17.

3.20.2 Other significant variations between the 2013 and 2014 Balance Sheet dates include a £14m increase in the value of long term investments (1 year or more to maturity), a £36m increase in the value of investments classified as cash equivalents (instant or easy access) offset by a reduction of £5m in short term investments (1 year or less to maturity). Together, these are indicative of a general increase in cash balances in 2013/14. Credit rating and counterparty constraints resulted in higher balances being placed temporarily in instant access accounts. More long-term investments were placed in 2013/14, particularly with other local authorities, in order to take advantage of better interest rates.

3.20.3 The net Pension Fund liability has reduced by £120m, mainly arising from the IAS19 valuation as referred to in paragraph 3.18.5 above. Proper accounting practice requires that the actuarially calculated fund deficit, in relation to Bromley's employees and pensioners, is disclosed on the face of the Council's Balance Sheet. The net liability of £140m represents the difference between the bid value of assets and the value of liabilities based on a valuation carried out by the Actuary as at 31st March 2014 in accordance with the requirements of IAS19. This is different from the Actuary's triennial valuation (most recently as at 31st March 2013) that determines the contribution rate to the Pension Fund. Although the liability has a significant negative effect on the net worth of the Authority, the contribution payments agreed as a result of the triennial valuation include arrangements to clear the deficit over a 15 year period from 1st April 2014.

3.21 Cash Flow Statement

3.21.1 The cash flow statement summarises all the cash flows from the Council's activities.

3.22 Notes to the Main Statements

3.22.1 The notes to the Accounts are grouped together at the end of the main statements rather than following each statement individually.

3.23 Pension Fund Accounts

3.23.1 These are the accounts of the London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund that provides pension benefits for staff, excluding Teachers. The accounts relate to the whole fund including the assets and liabilities of the scheduled and admitted bodies.

3.23.2 During 2013/14 the net assets of the Fund increased by £44m, due to contributions and other income exceeding the cost of benefits and other payments by £9m and a net gain on investments of £35m.

3.23.3 The Fund actuary values the fund every three years and the most recent full valuation was carried out during 2013/14 on the position at 31st March 2013. The actuary found a solvency level of 82%, a reduction of 2% compared to the position at the 31st March 2010. The next full valuation (as at 31st March 2016) will be carried out by the actuary during 2016/17 and this will determine a revised Fund position and will set employer contribution rates for the three years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

3.23.4 The Accounts also include disclosures in relation to the Bromley part of the Fund, which are based on the assumptions used in the 2013 valuation. Note 46 of the Statement of Accounts explains the IAS19 valuation basis used to prepare the Authority's accounts – this uses different assumptions from those used in the triennial valuation.

3.24 Annual Governance Statement (AGS)

3.24.1 The Council has a responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control. Regulation 4(4) of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 requires that the AGS "accompanies" the Statement of Accounts. Regulation 4(3) of the Regulations requires that the AGS should be considered and approved by a Committee or Full Council.

3.24.2 The draft AGS was approved by Audit Sub Committee on 25th June 2014. No amendments were identified during the audit and this Committee is requested to formally approve the audited AGS which will be published alongside the Statement of Accounts.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The final revenue and capital outturn for 2013/14 were reported to the Executive on 10th June 2014. Members are referred to these reports for detailed information on variations from approved budgets.
- 4.2 Details of external audit fees, including PWC and the Audit Commission, are set out in note 35 of the financial statements and totalled £203k in 2013/14 (£202k in 2012/13). The 2013/14 fee includes costs of £20k relating the 2012/13 objection although this cost has not yet been finalised as the work is ongoing.
- 4.3 This report refers to matters reflected in the auditors' report. There are no adjustments to the accounts that have an impact on the Council's revenue outturn position and general fund balance for 2013/14. Accordingly, there is no impact on the level of reserves previously reported to the Executive in the Provisional Final Accounts report on 10th June 2014.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the Statement of Accounts to be signed and dated by the responsible financial officer by 30th June immediately following the end of the financial year and subsequently to be considered and approved by a Committee of the Council, or by the Council meeting as a whole, before 30th September.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Provisional Final Accounts – Executive 10th June 2014; Capital Programme Outturn – Executive 10th June 2014; Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14; Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14; Final accounts supporting papers are held in the Technical and Control (Accountancy) Team.

London Borough of Bromley

Report to those charged with governance

Report to the General Purposes and Licensing Committee of the Authority on the audit for the year ended 31 March 2014 (*ISA (UK&I) 260*) - *DRAFT*

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Code of Audit Practice and Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Bodies

In April 2010 the Audit Commission issued a revised version of the 'Statement of responsibilities of auditors and of audited bodies'. It is available from the Chief Executive of each audited body. The purpose of the statement is to assist auditors and audited bodies by explaining where the responsibilities of auditors begin and end and what is to be expected of the audited body in certain areas. Our reports and management letters are prepared in the context of this Statement. Reports and letters prepared by appointed auditors and addressed to members or officers are prepared for the sole use of the audited body and no responsibility is taken by auditors to any Member or officer in their individual capacity or to any third party.

An audit of the Statement of Accounts is not designed to identify all matters that may be relevant to those charged with governance. Accordingly, the audit does not ordinarily identify all such matters.

Executive summary

Background

This report tells you about the significant findings from our audit of the London Borough of Bromley ('the Authority') and the London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund ('the Pension Fund'). We presented our plan to the Audit Sub-Committee in March 2014; we have reviewed the plan and concluded that it does not remain appropriate. The following changes have been made to our risk assessment upon receipt of the financial statements for 2013/14, as detailed on page 3:

- A significant risk has been noted for the financial resilience of the Authority as part of our consideration of the Value for Money criteria after considering the Authority's medium term financial strategy, which identifies a significant budget gap due to cost pressures and funding reductions.

Audit summary

- We have completed the majority of our audit work and expect to be able to issue an unqualified audit opinion on the Statement of Accounts on 22 September 2014.
- The key outstanding matters, where our work has commenced but is not yet finalised, are:

Main audit

- receipt of outstanding bank and investment confirmations

Pension Fund

- valuation of pooled investments; and
- contributions – timing and controls testing

Both

- senior review of audit working papers;
- approval of the Statement of Accounts and letters of representation; and
- completion procedures including subsequent events review.
- There are four key judgments which require the General Purposes and Licensing Committee's ('GP&L') attention – further details are set out commencing on page 10.

Please note that this report will be sent to the Audit Commission in accordance with the requirements of its standing guidance.

We look forward to discussing our report with you on 17 September 2014. Attending the meeting from PwC will be Janet Dawson, Katy Elstrup and/or Charles Martin.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank Pete Turner, Tracey Pearson, Pinny Borg, Martin Reeves and their team for the considerable help and assistance provided to us during the audit.

Audit approach

Our audit approach was set in our audit plan which we presented to the Audit Sub-Committee in March 2014.

Since we communicated our audit plan, we have amended our audit approach to reflect the following changes:

Risk	Risk level	Response to new risk/change in risk level	Reason for change
Value for money (financial resilience)	Original – Normal	The Authority, like other Local Authorities, is facing increasing financial pressures and significant challenges to identify the levels of savings they require over the next three to five years.	As part of our value for money responsibilities, we are required to consider the financial resilience of the Authority into the foreseeable future. This definition of foreseeable future has been expanded by the Audit Commission to include the medium term (i.e. 3 to 5 years) rather than the next 12 months.
	Revised – Significant	At present, as per the Authority’s medium term financial strategy, there exists a significant “budget gap”, culminating in a gap of £53.1m in 2017/18 reported to Executive in February 2014.	As the medium term financial strategy noted by the Authority is significant and the identified “budget gap” is in the progress of being addressed, we have reassessed the risk level concluding it to be significant. Full detail on the work performed against this risk is detailed on page 7.

We have summarised on the next page the significant risks we identified in our audit plan for both the main audit and the Pension Fund, the audit approach we took to address each risk and the outcome of our work.

Main Authority audit

Risk	Categorisation	Audit approach	Results of work performed
Risk of management override of controls	Significant	<p>ISA (UK&I) 240 requires that we plan our audit work to consider the risk of fraud, which is presumed to be a significant risk in any audit. This includes consideration of the risk that management may override controls in order to manipulate the financial statements.</p> <p>We have performed the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tested the appropriateness of journal entries using Computer Assisted Audit Techniques; • Reviewed accounting estimates for bias and evaluated whether circumstances producing any bias, represent a risk of material misstatement due to fraud; • Evaluated the business rationale underlying significant transactions; and • Performed ‘unpredictable’ procedures. This year we compared the bank details between the Authority’s employees and the Authority’s suppliers to ensure there were no matches. Also, we confirmed the existence of a sample of the Authority’s employees. 	<p>We did not identify any issues to report to you as a result of our work.</p>

Risk	Categorisation	Audit approach	Results of work performed
Risk of fraud in revenue recognition ▶	Significant	<p>Under ISA (UK&I) 240 there is a (rebuttable) presumption that there are risks of fraud in revenue recognition.</p> <p>We have obtained an understanding of key revenue controls.</p> <p>We have evaluated and tested the accounting policy for income recognition to ensure that it is consistent with the requirements of the Code.</p> <p>We have also performed detailed testing of revenue transactions, including deferred revenue, focussing on the areas we considered to be of greatest risk.</p>	We did not identify any issues to report to you as a result of our work.
Risk of fraud in expenditure recognition ▶	Significant	<p>Under ISA (UK&I) 240 there is a (rebuttable) presumption that there are risks of fraud in revenue recognition. We extend this presumption to the recognition of expenditure for Local Authorities as well.</p> <p>We have obtained an understanding of key expenditure controls.</p> <p>We have evaluated and tested the accounting policy for expenditure recognition to ensure that it is consistent</p> <p>We have also performed detailed testing of expenditure transactions, focussing on the areas we considered to be of greatest risk.</p>	We did not identify any issues to report to you as a result of our work.

Risk	Categorisation	Audit approach	Results of work performed
Valuation of investment properties	Significant	<p>We:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreed the source data used by your valuer to supporting records; assessed the work of your Valuer through use of our own internal valuation experts; and agreed the outputs to your fixed asset register and financial statements. <p>Where assets were not re-valued in year, we reviewed your impairment assessment, and evaluated whether your assets were held at an appropriate value in your financial statements as at 31 March 2014.</p>	<p>We did not identify any issues to report to you as a result of our work.</p>
Value for money (financial resilience)	Significant	<p>We:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reviewed the Authority's budget monitoring process to identify any areas of concern; and considered the accounting implications of any savings plans and had discussions about any new and unusual proposals with management. In particular, we considered the impact of the efficiency challenge on the recognition of both income and expenditure. <p>From your medium term financial strategy, we reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how you have managed your 2013/14 savings programme; your arrangements to review the value for money which your services provide; and the adequacy of your planned level of reserves and contingencies against your stated policy and the level of future risk in delivering the medium term financial strategy. 	<p>We have raised a recommendation as part of our Value for Money consideration of the Authority to ensure that actions are underway to address the "budget gap" as identified in the medium term financial strategy up until 2017/18. Further details can be found on page 16.</p>

Pension Fund audit

Risk	Categorisation	Audit approach	Results of work performed
Risk of management override of controls ▶	Significant	<p>ISA (UK&I) 240 requires that we plan our audit work to consider the risk of fraud, which is presumed to be a significant risk in any audit. This includes consideration of the risk that management may override controls in order to manipulate the financial statements.</p> <p>We have performed the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tested the appropriateness of journal entries using Computer Assisted Audit Techniques; • Reviewed accounting estimates for bias and evaluated whether circumstances producing any bias, represent a risk of material misstatement due to fraud; • Evaluated the business rationale underlying significant transactions; and • Performed ‘unpredictable’ procedures. 	We did not identify any issues to report to you as a result of our work.
Valuation of diversified growth funds ▶	Elevated	<p>We:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewed the investment portfolio to consider the extent of diversified growth funds held; and • agreed the value assigned to the diversified growth funds by the fund managers. 	We did not identify any issues to report to you as a result of our work.

Intelligent scoping

In our audit plan presented to the Audit Sub-Committee in March 2014, we reported our planned overall materiality which we used in planning the overall audit strategy.

Our materiality varied upon receipt of the draft 2013/14 financial statements as our planned overall materiality was based upon the 2012/13 financial statements. It is confirmed the change has not had a significant effect on our testing strategy for either the main audit or the Pension Fund.

ISA (UK&I) 450 (revised) requires that we record all misstatements identified except those which are “clearly trivial” i.e. those which we do not expect to have a material effect on the financial statements even if accumulated.

We agreed the de minimis threshold with the Audit Sub-Committee at its meeting in March 2014. It is confirmed this has not changed from our audit plan presented to the Audit Sub-Committee in March 2014.

Our revised levels are as follows:

	Benchmark	Overall materiality (£)	Clearly trivial reporting de minimis (£)
Main Authority audit	2% Total Expenditure	12,941,940	650,000
Pension Fund	2% Net Assets	12,580,000	500,000

Significant audit and accounting matters

Financial statements

We have completed our audit, subject to the following outstanding matters:

Main audit

- receipt of outstanding bank and investment confirmations.

Pension Fund

- valuation of pooled investments; and
- contributions – timing and controls testing.

Both

- senior review of audit working papers;
- approval of the Statement of Accounts and letters of representation; and
- completion procedures including subsequent events review.

Subject to the satisfactory resolution of these matters, the finalisation of the Statement of Accounts and their approval of them we expect to issue an unqualified audit opinion.

As part of our work on the Statement of Accounts we have also examined the Whole of Government Accounts schedules submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government and anticipate issuing an opinion stating in our view they are consistent with the Statement of Accounts.

Accounting issues

Auditing Standards require us to tell you about relevant matters relating to the audit of the Statement of Accounts sufficiently promptly to enable you to take appropriate action.

We identified four accounting issues during the course of our work that we wish to draw to your attention. These all relate to the main audit and no issues are raised here with regards to the Pension Fund.

- Medium term financial strategy;
- Depreciation of fixtures and fittings;
- Pension liability; and
- Changes to IAS19.

Medium term financial strategy

As a result of the Local Government Financial Settlement, the Authority has set out a financial strategy from 2014/15 to 2017/18. There is a notable “budget gap” in the financial forecast up until 2017/18 as reported to the Executive in February 2014 and detailed below:

Financial year	Budget gap (£m)
2014/15	0.1
2015/16	7.9
2016/17	30.2
2017/18	53.1

We are aware the Authority is in the process of determining actions to reduce the Authority’s medium term “budget gap”

However, there are still outstanding issues and areas of uncertainty remaining in closing the budget gap. Therefore, we have made a recommendation as part of our Value for Money duties on page 16 to management to ensure actions are underway. We have also increased this to a significant risk within our audit risk assessment.

Depreciation of fixtures and fittings

The Authority accounts for fixtures and fittings by capitalising these when they are initially acquired as part of a new-build or the fit out of a building but then not charging depreciation on these assets in subsequent years.

Instead, subsequent expenditure on fixtures and fittings is charged directly to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement ('CI&E') and the value of the fixtures and fittings initially capitalised moves in accordance with re-valuation movements on the buildings in which the fixtures and fittings are located.

Whilst this is not the correct way to account for fixtures and fittings we have discussed this with management and are comfortable that the potential impact on the balance sheet and CI&E is immaterial. The balance on the re-valuation reserve in relation to fixtures and fittings is £nil and the charge to the CI&E for spend on fixtures and fittings in 2013/14 was £0.9m which is an immaterial balance.

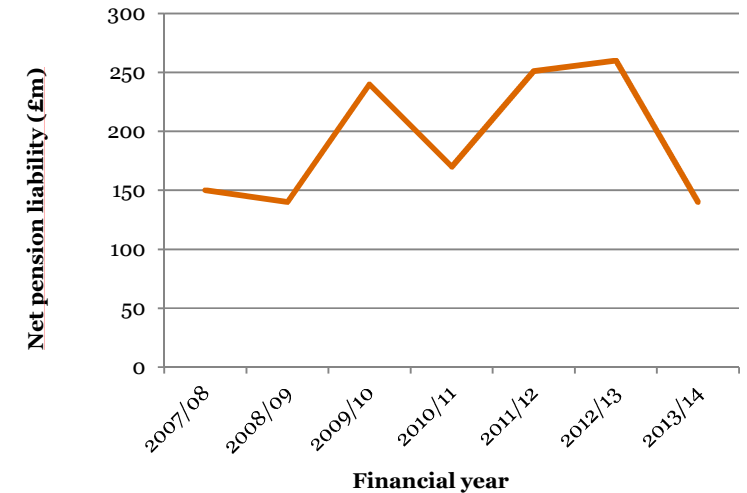
Pensions liability

The most significant estimate in the Statement of Accounts is in the valuation of net pension liabilities for employees in the London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund. Your net pension liability at 31 March 2014 was £140m (2013: £260m). The principle reason for the reduction is outcome of the 2013 triennial valuation and how the assets of the Pension Fund have increased in value after improved market conditions.

The 2013 triennial valuation has been finalised and the effect has been to calculate a new deficit position (82% funded), set a common employer contribution rate of 15.3% and an annual lump sum past-deficit contribution of £5.9m from 1 April 2014 to recover that deficit over 15 years.

The chart below shows the significant movement in your net pension liability over the last few years.

Authority net pension liability between 2007/08 and 2013/14



We utilised the work of actuarial experts to assess the assumptions underlying the pension liability and we are comfortable that the assumptions are within an acceptable range.

We validated the data supplied to the actuary on which to base their calculations, which is supplied to them by the Authority.

Lastly, we validated the value of the pension scheme assets with no issues noted.

Changes to IAS 19 - employee benefits

From 2013/14 there have been changes to the accounting for defined benefit schemes and termination benefits. These changes have been reflected in the Authority's financial statements. We consider these have been dealt with adequately.

Misstatements and significant audit adjustments

We have to tell you about all uncorrected misstatements we found during the audit, other than those which are trivial.

We are pleased to say that there are no uncorrected misstatements above our agreed reporting level to report for either the main accounts or the Pension Fund.

Significant accounting principles and policies

Significant accounting principles and policies are disclosed in the notes to the Statement of Accounts. We will ask the GP&L to represent to us that the selection of, or changes in, significant accounting policies and practices that have, or could have, a material effect on the Statement of Accounts have been considered.

We have reviewed the appropriateness and application of accounting policies in the Statement of Accounts, with no issues noted.

Judgments and accounting estimates

The Authority is required to prepare its financial statements in accordance with the CIPFA Code. Nevertheless, there are still many areas where management need to apply judgement to the recognition and measurement of items in the financial statements. The following significant judgements and accounting estimates were used in the preparation of the financial statements:

Continuing operations – There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government. However, the Authority has determined that this uncertainty is not yet sufficient to provide an indication that the assets of the Authority might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities or for discontinued operations as

it reduces levels of service provision. We have considered this as part of our value for money work.

Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment - The Authority re-valued 20% of its land and buildings in 2013/14 in line with its accounting policy. The valuation was performed by Wilks, Head and Eve LLP. The valuation methodology includes a number of key judgements and estimates. We engaged our internal valuations experts to consider these assumptions and estimates used in the valuations and have agreed those used to be reasonable.

Valuation of Investment Properties - The Authority re-valued its investment properties in 2013/14 in line with its accounting policy. The valuation was performed by Wilks, Head and Eve LLP. The valuation methodology includes a number of key judgements and estimates, including those around future income streams and property yields. We engaged our internal valuations experts to consider these assumptions and estimates used in the valuations and have agreed those used to be reasonable.

Valuation of Pensions Liability - The Authority engaged the actuary Mercer Limited to estimate the value of the Pension Liability on the balance sheet at 31 March 2014. The calculation involves a number of complex judgements, including appropriate discount rates to be used, mortality rates, expected return on pension fund assets, salary changes and estimates of future retirement ages. We have considered these assumptions against actuarial guidance and have agreed those used to be reasonable.

Recoverability of investment in Heritable Bank - The Authority had £5.087 million invested with the Heritable Bank at the time of the Icelandic Banking collapse. The Authority recognised an impairment of £1.64m on this investment in 2008/09, reflecting the likely recoverable amount based on CIPFA guidance at this time. As recovery estimates have improved, part-reversals of this impairment have subsequently been recognised. Since 2008/09,

£4.783m of the investment has been recovered. The remaining outstanding balance is £0.3m. The Authority holds a provision of the remaining £0.3m calculated based on current CIPFA guidance.

Management representations

The final draft of the representation letter that we ask management to sign is attached in Appendix 2.

Financial standing

We have not identified any material uncertainties related to events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's financial standing.

Related parties

In forming an opinion on the financial statements, we are required to evaluate:

- whether identified related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed; and
- whether the effects of the related party relationships and transactions cause the financial statements to be misleading.

We performed detailed testing over related parties including a public record search of Directors and Board Members to identify any additional relationships by comparing related entities to supplier and customer listings.

We did not identify any matters during the course of our work.

Audit independence

We are required to follow both the International Standard on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 260 (Revised) “Communication with those charged with governance”, UK Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) “Integrity, objectivity and independence” and UK Ethical Standard 5 (Revised) “Non-audit services provided to audited entities” issued by the UK Auditing Practices Board.

Together these require that we tell you at least annually about all relationships between PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in the UK and other PricewaterhouseCoopers’ firms and associated entities (‘PwC’) and the Authority that, in our professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and objectivity.

Relationships between PwC and the Authority

We are not aware of any relationships between PwC and the Authority that in our professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and objectivity.

Relationships and Investments

We have not identified any potential issues in respect of personal relationships with the Authority or investments in the Authority held by individuals.

Employment of PricewaterhouseCoopers staff by the Authority

We are not aware of any former PwC partners or staff being employed, or holding discussions in respect of employment, by the Authority as a director or in a senior management position covering financial, accounting or control related areas.

Business relationships

We have not identified any business relationships between PwC and the Authority.

Services provided to the Authority

The audit of the Statement of Accounts is undertaken in accordance with the UK Firm’s internal policies. The audit is also subject to other internal PwC quality control procedures such as peer reviews by other offices.

In addition to the audit of the Statement of Accounts, PwC has also undertaken other work for the Authority.

Support provided by PwC	Value (£)	Threats to independence and safeguards in place
Certification of claims and returns Our procedures will consist of certifying the 2013/14 Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim in accordance with the certified instructions issued by the Audit Commission.	14,520	Self-Review Threat: The audit team will conduct the grant certification and this has arisen due to our appointment as external auditors. There is no self-review threat as we are certifying management completed grant returns and claims. Self-Interest Threat: As a firm, we have no financial or other interest in the results of the Authority. We have concluded that this work does not pose a self-interest threat. Management Threat: PwC is not required to take any decisions on behalf of management as part of this work. Advocacy Threat: We will not be acting for, or alongside, management and we have therefore concluded that this work does not pose an advocacy threat. Familiarity Threat: Work complements our external audit appointment and does not present a familiarity threat. Intimidation Threat: We have concluded that this work does not pose an intimidation threat as all officers and members have conducted themselves with utmost

integrity and professionalism.

At the date of this report we confirm that in our professional judgement, we are independent accountants with respect to the Authority, within the meaning of UK regulatory and professional requirements and that the objectivity of the audit team is not impaired.

Fees

The analysis of our audit and non-audit fees for the year ended 31 March 2014 is included on page 23.

Services to Directors and Senior Management

PwC does not provide any services e.g. personal tax services, directly to directors, senior management.

Rotation

It is the Audit Commission's policy that engagement leaders at an audited body at which a full Code audit is required to be carried out should act for an initial period of five years. The Commission's view is that generally the range of regulatory safeguards it applies within its audit regime is sufficient to reduce any threats to independence that may otherwise arise at the end of this period to an acceptable level. Therefore, to safeguard audit quality, and in accordance with APB Ethical Standard 3, it will subsequently approve engagement leaders for an additional period of up to no more than two years, provided that there are no considerations that compromise, or could be perceived to compromise, the auditor's independence or objectivity.

For 2013/14, this is Janet's Dawson sixth year as engagement leader. We therefore applied to the Audit Commission for the two year extension for as engagement leader, which was approved.

Gifts and hospitality

We have not identified any significant gifts or hospitality provided to, or received from, a member of Authority's Executive, senior management or staff.

Conclusion

We hereby confirm that in our professional judgement, as at the date of this document:

- we comply with UK regulatory and professional requirements, including the Ethical Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board; and
- our objectivity is not compromised.

We would ask the GP&L to consider the matters in this document and to confirm that they agree with our conclusion on our independence and objectivity.

Annual Governance Statement

Local Authorities are required to produce an Annual Governance Statement ('AGS'), which is consistent with guidance issued by CIPFA / SOLACE: "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government". The AGS was included in the Statement of Accounts.

We reviewed the AGS to consider whether it complied with the CIPFA / SOLACE "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government" framework and whether it is misleading or inconsistent with other information known to us from our audit work.

We found no areas of concern to report in this context.

Economy, efficiency and effectiveness

Our value for money code responsibility requires us to carry out sufficient and relevant work in order to conclude on whether the Authority has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources.

The Audit Commission guidance includes two criteria:

- the organisation has proper arrangements in place for securing financial resilience; and
- the organisation has proper arrangements for challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

We determine a local programme of audit work based on our audit risk assessment, informed by these criteria and our statutory responsibilities.

We anticipate issuing an unqualified value for money conclusion.

However, we have identified the following matters which we wish to bring to your attention are:

London Borough of Bromley

- The Authority will need to ensure actions are underway to resolve the "budget gap" as identified by its medium term financial strategy up until 2017/18; and
- We have also increased this to a significant risk within our audit risk assessment.

Other reporting requirements

In auditing the Statement of Accounts of a Local Authority, the auditors must consider:

- Whether we need to report on any questions or objections made to us as auditors.

We have been considering an objection in relation to the 2012/13 financial statements that relates to the Authority's parking enforcement contract and the legality of its performance targets.

This resulted in our 2012/13 audit not being able to formally conclude and a certificate issued in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission.

We will provide a verbal update to Members of the GP&L as to the status of the work over the objection.

Internal controls

Accounting systems and systems of internal control

Management are responsible for developing and implementing systems of internal financial control and to put in place proper arrangements to monitor their adequacy and effectiveness in practice. As auditors, we review these arrangements for the purposes of our audit of the Statement of Accounts and our review of the AGS.

Reporting requirements

We have to report to you any deficiencies in internal control that we found during the audit which we believe should be brought to your attention.

Summary of control recommendations – Main Authority audit

Deficiency	Recommendation	Management's response
<p>Use of surveyors</p> <p>At year end, the surveyors' team provide the finance team with details of costs incurred up to year end which have not yet been invoiced. These amounts are accrued in the balance sheet as creditors and expensed in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement ('CI&E').</p> <p>Testing identified one error where works were accrued based upon the total costs to be incurred (£67k) rather than the costs incurred up to year end (£16k), leading to a misstatement of £51k.</p> <p>The control that should identify such accruals is the surveyors' team providing estimates of works completed at year end to ensure the finance team accrue for such costs in the financial statements.</p>	<p>We recommend management should review the controls in place to account for development accruals at year end, by providing refresher training to surveyors to ensure they are comfortable with the accruals concept and the importance of only providing costs incurred up to year end.</p>	<p>Refresher training will be provided in advance of the 2014/15 closedown to ensure relevant officers are aware of year end accounting requirements regarding accruals.</p> <p>Responsible Officer – Senior Accountant</p> <p>Timescale – 31 March 2015</p>

Summary of control recommendations – Pension Fund

Deficiency	Recommendation	Management's response
<p>Use of Pension Fund bank account</p> <p>The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 required that all pension schemes have their own bank account effective 1 April 2011. Specifically the regulations state the following:</p> <p>“On and after 1st April 2011, an administering authority must hold in a separate account kept by it with a deposit-taker in accordance with this regulation—</p> <p>(a) all monies held by the authority on that date; and (b) all monies received by it on or after that date for the purpose of its pension fund.”</p> <p>Although a separate bank account has been set up for the Fund, it is not being used. Instead transactions with the Authority and admitted bodies are being accounted for by using journal allocations. The cash attributable to the Fund in relation to such transactions is therefore still held in the Authority's bank account.</p> <p>As a result, the Fund is not fully compliant with the requirements of the legislation.</p> <p>This is a point consistent with the prior year.</p>	<p>We understand from speaking with management that a cost / benefit analysis was undertaken during the year to determine if it would be effective to use the Pension Fund bank account as required. It was decided that such arrangement would be not be efficient or economical.</p> <p>We recommend that the Authority continue to assess the rationale for not using the bank account of the fund. This is because technically such an account should be as per the cited regulations.</p>	<p>A cost/benefit analysis was carried out during 2013/14 and it was reviewed during the 2013/14 closedown.</p> <p>It remains the view of management that there is little to be gained from using a separate Pension Fund bank account. Management are satisfied that our robust coding structure sufficiently separates out the pensions transactions in an effective manner. This will continue to be reviewed in light of forthcoming changes to pension fund governance arrangements.</p> <p>Responsible Officer – Principal Accountant</p> <p>Timescales – Ongoing</p>
<p>Bank mandate</p> <p>When reviewing the Fund's bank mandate, we noticed no individual on it who is no longer at the London Borough of Bromley.</p> <p>This potentially increases the level of fraud risk.</p> <p>Management were aware of this point and are in the process of updating the bank mandate.</p>	<p>We recommend that the mandate is amended appropriately and is reviewed regularly in future and when relevant personnel leave to ensure signatories remain valid.</p>	<p>The mandate has been updated to reflect the change in personnel and will be maintained for any further staffing changes.</p> <p>Responsible Officer – Principal Accountant</p> <p>Timescales – Complete</p>
<p>Pensions leavers on the administration system</p> <p>When an officer leaves the Authority, or for any</p>	<p>We recommend that the criteria used to create the daily ResourceLink reports are updated to reflect the issues identified through our testing.</p>	<p>To remove the risk of running this manual process daily Liberata have implemented a process of running a weekly report. This task will be added to the Control List which is</p>

other reason ceases to be an active member of the pension scheme, the Pension Fund's administration system, Altair, should be updated to reflect this change. This system is used by the actuary in determining their Pension Fund balances.

Daily reports are run from the payroll system, ResourceLink, and sent to the Pension Fund administration team to enable them to update Altair.

Our testing identified that these reports did not identify all leavers and so the Pension Fund administration system was not up to date.

This means that the scheme's administration records may not be up to date. In addition, members who cease to become active members may not receive information about their financial position as a result of previously being a member of the scheme on a timely basis.

checked on a daily basis.

At year end Liberata will continue to upload a file taken from ResourceLink so a check is carried out that the volume of leavers matches the Pension database.

Responsible Officer – Liberata Pensions

Timescale – Immediate

Risk of fraud

International Standards on Auditing (UK&I) state that we, as auditors, are responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. The respective responsibilities of auditors, management and those charged with governance are summarised below:

Auditors' responsibility

Our objectives are:

- to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud;
- to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and
- to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

Management's responsibility

Management's responsibilities in relation to fraud are:

- to design and implement programmes and controls to prevent, deter and detect fraud;
- to ensure that the entity's culture and environment promote ethical behaviour; and
- to perform a risk assessment that specifically includes the risk of fraud addressing incentives and pressures, opportunities, and attitudes and rationalisation.

Responsibility of the GP&L

Your responsibility as part of your governance role is:

- to evaluate management's identification of fraud risk, implementation of anti-fraud measures and creation of appropriate "tone at the top"; and
- to investigate any alleged or suspected instances of fraud brought to your attention.

Your views on fraud

In our audit plan presented to the Audit Sub-Committee in March 2014 we enquired:

- whether you have knowledge of fraud, either actual, suspected or alleged, including those involving management?
- what fraud detection or prevention measures (e.g. whistle-blower lines) are in place in the entity?
- what role you have in relation to fraud?
- what protocols / procedures have been established between those charged with governance and management to keep you informed of instances of fraud, either actual, suspected or alleged?

In presenting this report to you we ask for your confirmation that there have been no changes to your view of fraud risk and that no additional matters have arisen that should be brought to our attention. A specific confirmation from management in relation to fraud is included in the letter of representation.

Conditions under which fraud may occur

Management or other employees have an incentive or are under pressure

Incentive / pressure



Opportunity

Circumstances exist that provide opportunity – ineffective or absent control, or management ability to override controls

Rationalisation/attitude

Culture or environment enables management to rationalise committing fraud – attitude or values of those involved, or pressure that enables them to rationalise committing a dishonest act

Fees update

Fees update for 2013/14

We reported our fee proposals in our audit plan in March 2014.

We have varied our fee because:

- The main audit fee has increased by £3,150.

During 2013/14, the Audit Commission stated that we were not required to certify the scheme regarding National Non Domestic Rates Return (LA01) or the Council Tax Benefit element as part of the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim (BEN01).

In prior years, we relied upon this work as part of work to audit the Authority's Statement of Accounts. Therefore, in 2013/14, we have had to obtain audit comfort over Business Rates income and Council Tax Benefit expenditure in the Statement of Accounts from additional audit procedures.

The fee is based upon the length of fieldwork, which is assumed to be the same as prior years. However, there is no need to perform the planning and reporting procedures as when performing certification work. Therefore, this element has been excluded.

- The certification fee has reduced by £4,980.

The fee for the certification of claims and returns in 2013/14 relates to the certification of just the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim.

Therefore, following on from the point above, the fee has been reduced to reflect the removal of Council Tax Benefit from the scheme as we not required to certify this element in 2013/14 as part of the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim.

Our fees to be charged were therefore:

	2013/14 outturn (£)	2013/14 fee proposal (£)
Audit work performed under the Code of Audit Practice	159,318	156,168
- Statement of Accounts		
- Conclusion on the ability of the organisation to secure proper arrangements for the economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources		
- Whole of Government Accounts		
Pension Fund	21,000	21,000
Certification of claims and returns	14,520	19,500
Total audit code work	194,838	196,668

We have been asked to perform an Affordable Housing Programme ('AHP') compliance review work which falls outside of the Code of Audit Practice requirements. We are currently discussing the proposed scope and fee of the work with management at the time of writing this report.

Our fee for certification of claims and returns is yet to be finalised for 2013/14 as our work is ongoing at the time of writing this report. It will be reported to the Audit Sub-

Committee in March 2015 within the *Certification Report to Management* in relation to 2013/14 claims and returns.

Lastly, the work regarding the objection to the 2012/13 financial statements is ongoing and therefore the fee for this is not finalised. At the time of presenting this report, the total cost to date for this work is £20k.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Summary of uncorrected misstatements

Main Authority audit

We are pleased to report that we do not have any misstatements which remain unadjusted.

Pension Fund audit

We are pleased to report that we do not have any misstatements which remain unadjusted.

Uncorrected disclosure adjustments

As part of our audit work we have reviewed, and tested, the material disclosures in the financial statements to ensure they complied with the relevant guidance.

We identified no significant issues as part of this work.

However, we have provided below a disclosure item that we asked management to adjust but it remains unadjusted. It is stated as:

- The full disclosures around risks are required in the Pension Fund financial statements. While such risks are disclosed in the Pension Fund Annual Report, they are also required in the Pension Fund financial statements.

Management have considered the disclosure adjustment and have determined not to amend it in the 2013/14 Pension Fund financial statements. Instead, management have confirmed they will look to include this disclosure for the 2014/15 Pension Fund financial statements.

Appendix 2: Letter of representation

The representations contained in the representation letter are consistent with those in the prior year including specific representations on the use of experts. There is also an additional appendix this year on related parties and related party transactions.

Representation letter

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
7 More London Riverside
SE1 2RT

Dear Sirs

Representation letter – audit of the London Borough of Bromley’s (“the Authority”) Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014

Your audit is conducted for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the Statement of Accounts of the Authority give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Authority as at 31 March 2014 and of its surplus and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 supported by the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14.

I acknowledge my responsibilities as Director of Finance for preparing the Statement of Accounts as set out in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts. I also acknowledge my responsibility for the administration of the financial affairs of the Authority and that I am responsible for making accurate representations to you.

I confirm that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of other chief officers and members of the Authority with relevant knowledge and experience and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy myself that I can properly make each of the following representations to you.

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and having made the appropriate enquiries, the following representations:

Statement of Accounts

- I have fulfilled my responsibilities for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 supported by the

Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14; in particular the Statement of Accounts give a true and fair view in accordance therewith.

- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the Statement of Accounts.
- Significant assumptions used by the Authority in making accounting estimates, including those surrounding measurement at fair value, are reasonable.
- All events subsequent to the date of the Statement of Accounts for which the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

Information provided

- I have taken all the steps that I ought to have taken in order to make myself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you, the Authority's auditors, are aware of that information.
- I have provided you with:
 - access to all information of which I am aware that is relevant to the preparation of the Statement of Accounts such as records, documentation and other matters, including minutes of the Authority and its committees, and relevant management meetings;
 - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - unrestricted access to persons within the Authority from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- So far as I am aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you are unaware.

Accounting policies

I confirm that I have reviewed the Authority's accounting policies and estimation techniques and, having regard to the possible alternative policies and techniques, the accounting policies and estimation techniques selected for use in the preparation of Statement of Accounts are appropriate to give a true and fair view for the Authority's particular circumstances.

Fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations

I acknowledge responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

I have disclosed to you:

- the results of our assessment of the risk that the Statement of Accounts may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Authority and involves:
 - management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the Statement of Accounts.

- all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Authority's Statement of Accounts communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing Statement of Accounts.

I am not aware of any instances of actual or potential breaches of or non-compliance with laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the Authority conducts its business and which are central to the Authority's ability to conduct its business or that could have a material effect on the Statement of Accounts.

I am not aware of any irregularities, or allegations of irregularities including fraud, involving members, management or employees who have a significant role in the accounting and internal control systems, or that could have a material effect on the Statement of Accounts.

The Authority pension fund has not made any reports to the Pensions Regulator nor am I aware of any such reports having been made by any of our advisors. I confirm that I am not aware of any late contributions or breaches of the schedule of contributions that have arisen which I considered were not required to be reported to the Pensions Regulator. I also confirm that I am not aware of any other matters which have arisen that would require a report to the Pensions Regulator.

There have been no other communications with the Pensions Regulator or other regulatory bodies during the year or subsequently concerning matters of non-compliance with any legal duty.

Related party transactions

I confirm that the attached appendix to this letter is a complete list of the Authority's related parties. All transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Authority and these parties have been disclosed to you, regardless of whether a price is charged. We are unaware of any other related parties, or transactions between disclosed related parties.

Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.9 of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14.

We confirm that we have identified to you all senior officers, as defined by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011, and included their remuneration in the disclosures of senior officer remuneration.

Employee benefits

I confirm that we have made you aware of all employee benefit schemes in which employees of the Authority participate.

Contractual arrangements/agreements

All contractual arrangements (including side-letters to agreements) entered into by the Authority have been properly reflected in the accounting records or, where material (or potentially material) to the Statement of Accounts, have been disclosed to you.

Litigation and claims

I have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the Statement of Accounts and such matters have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14.

Taxation

I have complied with UK taxation requirements and have brought to account all liabilities for taxation due to the relevant tax authorities whether in respect of any direct tax or any indirect taxes. I am not aware of any non-compliance that would give rise to additional liabilities by way of penalty or interest and I have made full disclosure regarding any Revenue Authority queries or investigations that we are aware of or that are ongoing.

In particular:

- In connection with any tax accounting requirements, I am satisfied that our systems are capable of identifying all material tax liabilities and transactions subject to tax and have maintained all documents and records required to be kept by the relevant tax authorities in accordance with UK law or in accordance with any agreement reached with such authorities.
- I have submitted all returns and made all payments that were required to be made (within the relevant time limits) to the relevant tax authorities including any return requiring us to disclose any tax planning transactions that have been undertaken the Authority's benefit or any other party's benefit.
- I am not aware of any taxation, penalties or interest that are yet to be assessed relating to either the Authority or any associated company for whose taxation liabilities the Authority may be responsible.

Using the work of experts

I agree with the findings of Wilks, Head & Eve LLP ("WH&E"), experts in evaluating the valuation of investment property and property, plant and equipment and Mercers LLP, experts in evaluating the valuation of the net pensions liability and have adequately considered the competence and capabilities of the experts in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts and underlying accounting records. The Authority did not give or cause any instructions to be given to experts with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and I am not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the objectivity of the experts.

Pension fund assets and liabilities

All known assets and liabilities including contingent liabilities, as at the 31 March 2014, have been taken into account or referred to in the Statement of Accounts.

Details of all financial instruments, including derivatives, entered into during the year have been made available to you. Any such instruments open at the 31 March 2014 have been properly valued and that valuation incorporated into the Statement of Accounts.

The pension fund has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the pension fund's assets.

The value at which assets and liabilities are recorded in the net assets statement is, in the opinion of the Authority, the market value. We are responsible for the reasonableness of any significant assumptions underlying the valuation, including consideration of whether they appropriately reflect our intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of the pension fund. Any significant changes in those values since the date of the Statement of Accounts have been disclosed to you.

Pension fund registered status

I confirm that the London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund is a Registered Pension Scheme. We are not aware of any reason why the tax status of the scheme should change.

Bank accounts

I confirm that I have disclosed all bank accounts to you including those that are maintained in respect of the pension fund.

Subsequent events

Other than as described in the Statement of Accounts, there have been no circumstances or events subsequent to the period end which require adjustment of or disclosure in the Statement of Accounts or in the notes thereto.

Retirement benefits

- All significant retirement benefits that the Authority is committed to providing, including any arrangements that are statutory, contractual or implicit in the Authority's actions, wherever they arise, whether funded or unfunded, approved or unapproved, have been identified and properly accounted for and/or disclosed.
- All settlements and curtailments in respect of retirement benefit schemes have been identified and properly accounted for.
- The Authority participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme that is a defined benefit scheme. I confirm that the Authority's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of this scheme cannot be identified and as a consequence the scheme has been accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

Provisions

- Provisions for depreciation and diminution in value including obsolescence have been made against property, plant and equipment on the bases described in the Statement of Accounts and at rates calculated to reduce the net book amount of each asset to its estimated residual value by the end of its probable useful life in the Authority's business. In this respect I am satisfied that the probable useful lives have been realistically estimated and that the residual values are expressed in current terms.
- Full provision has been made for all liabilities at the balance sheet date including guarantees, commitments (in particular in relation to redundancy plans) and contingencies where the items are expected to result in significant loss. Other such items, where in my opinion provision is unnecessary, have been appropriately disclosed in the Statement of Accounts.

Assets and liabilities

- The Authority has no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the Statement of Accounts.
- In my opinion, on realisation in the ordinary course of the business the current assets in the balance sheet are expected to produce no less than the net book amounts at which they are stated.
- The Authority has no plans or intentions that will result in any excess or obsolete inventory, and no inventory is stated at an amount in excess of net realisable value.
- The Authority has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the Authority's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the Statement of Accounts.
- I confirm that we have carried out impairment reviews appropriately, including an assessment of when such reviews are required, where they are not mandatory. I confirm that we have used the appropriate assumptions with those reviews.

Disclosures

- Where appropriate, the following have been properly recorded and adequately disclosed in the Statement of Accounts:
 - The identity of, and balances and transactions with, related parties.
 - Losses arising from sale and purchase commitments.
 - Agreements and options to buy back assets previously sold.
 - Assets pledged as collateral.
- I confirm that the Authority has recorded or disclosed, as appropriate, all formal or informal arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line of credit or similar arrangements.

- I confirm that the Authority has recorded or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities, both actual and contingent, and has disclosed in the Statement of Accounts all guarantees that we have given to third parties, including oral guarantees made by the Authority on behalf of an affiliate, member, officer or any other third party.

Items specific to Local Government

- I confirm that the Authority does not have plans to implement any redundancy/early retirement for which we should have made provision in the Statement of Accounts.
- I confirm that the Authority has determined a prudent amount of revenue provision for the year under the Prudential Framework.
- I confirm that the Authority has determined a proper application of the statutory provisions for the neutralisation of the impact of Single Status provisions on the General Fund balance
- I confirm that the Authority has determined a proper application of the statutory provisions for the deferral of the impact of impairment losses in relation to investments held in Icelandic Banks on the General Fund balance.
- I confirm that the Authority has determined a proper application of the statutory provisions for the treatment of leases that have changed status on transition to IFRS.
- I confirm that the Authority has determined a proper application of the statutory provisions for the neutralisation of the impact of accumulating compensated absences on the General Fund balance.

As minuted by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee at its meeting on 17 September 2014

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Director of Finance

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Date

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Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee

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Date

Appendix 1 - Related parties and related party transactions

The following related parties were identified during the audit:

Age Concern Penge & Anerley	Crystal Palace Community Development Trust
Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry	Crystal Palace Park Management Board
Beckenham Conservative Association	EISAI Europe Ltd
Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee	Greater London Enterprise
Bromley & Downham Youth Club	Greater London South East Scout Council
Bromley Adult Education College Governing Body	Kent Refurbishment Ltd
Bromley and Sheppard's Colleges	Liberata
Bromley Arts Council	London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund
Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group	MNOPF Trustees Limited
Bromley Economic Partnership	Orpington Town FC
Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company	Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust
Bromley Mytime	Pro-Active Bromley
Bromley Youth Music Trust	Reddin Associates Limited
Broomleigh Housing Association (Affinity Homes Group)	Russell Mellor & Co. Ltd
Burnt Ash Primary School	Shortlands Ward Conservative Committee
CentreForum	Thomas Stringer Charity

Transactions were identified between the Authority and the following related parties:

- Age Concern Penge & Anerley
- Bromley & Downham Youth Club
- Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group
- Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company
- Bromley Youth Music Trust
- Broomleigh Housing Association (Affinity Homes Group)
- Liberata
- London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund
- Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust



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FOREWORD FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

These remain challenging economic times and we face further cuts in government funding. In addition to significant savings over the past three years, we have to save £50 million per annum from our budget by 2017-18.

However, with a reputation for sound financial management we continue to scrutinise every aspect of Council activity to ensure we deliver the best value for money and are able to work with you and our partners across the borough to continue Building a Better Bromley. I am pleased to present our Annual Statement of Accounts where we highlight a number of our achievements over the past year and outline some of our plans for the future to keep our borough a place where people choose to live, work, study and visit. Among others, our achievements include:

- The decision made to develop a twenty first century library for Penge in addition to those recently built in Orpington and Biggin Hill
- Work continuing on the development of a 9 screen cinema complex to include restaurants, an hotel and approximately 180 new homes; the refurbishment and expansion of the Glades shopping centre and extensive improvements to Bromley North Village
- About to start a cinema/retail scheme in Orpington
- Proposals for a once in a life-time opportunity of a £500 million investment in Crystal Palace Park including the rebuild of Crystal Palace itself
- Supporting Bromley schools, with many achieving the best ever examination results in 2013; giving parents more choice with a high conversion rate to academies and a number of Free schools coming to the borough; a high level of safeguarding and child protection
- A fall in the crime rate and hosting our first Crime Summit; our Trading Standards prevented more than £280k being lost to doorstep criminals
- Developing our extra care housing schemes to support frail often elderly residents to be as independent as possible in high quality accommodation
- Extending our excellent, ground-breaking Friend's initiative; achieving the second highest recycling rate in London of 52%; recording 89% satisfaction from residents with the cleanliness of town centres
- Setting aside £1 million to deal with winter pressures including responding to the back log of repair and maintenance of our roads and pavements; a further £100k to deal with fallen trees caused by the recent storms and £250k to continue our highly successful community fund to support the initiatives of local organisations and people
- Identifying £25k to restore our war memorials as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the WWI
- Though not the Council's direct responsibility, setting aside an additional contingency sum to help deal with the blight of rising groundwater
- Being actively involved in supporting the case for the provision of a health and wellbeing centre in Orpington to improve the health of residents
- Working with partners to secure the future of Orpington Hospital

We will continue to manage our resources well and our prudent budgeting means we can help minimise the ongoing impact of the financial pressures you face while protecting key front-line services for the most vulnerable in our borough. We will also continue to maximise our income through garden waste collection schemes, saving money through successful benefit fraud prosecutions, reducing management and staff costs and continuing to lobby government for a fairer funding deal for this borough.

Investing in the economic wellbeing of this borough remains a key priority and further plans include a multi-million pound improvement scheme for Beckenham having worked with residents and business to secure TFL funding; working with the GLA to bring forward a multi-million pound investment to introduce high technology industrial aviation business opportunities in Biggin Hill; working with a development partner to bring a boutique four star hotel to the town at the Old Town Hall site and securing and maximising further inward investment opportunities to demonstrate Bromley is forward thinking and open for business. And in this special year a series of events and exhibitions are also being planned to commemorate the centenary of World War One and to acknowledge Bromley's important contribution to the war effort.

Be assured our commitment to Building a Better Bromley remains steadfast and we will continue to work with you and our partners for the good of all our community and to keep this borough the special place it is.

Stephen Carr
Leader
Bromley Council

BUILDING A BETTER BROMLEY

Since 2005 the Council has had an agreed framework to improve the life of all those that visit, live, study, or work in the borough. These were amended in 2013 to reflect our public health and health and wellbeing agenda as well as our priority to continue to invest in the economic wellbeing of our borough. This vision is called “Building a Better Bromley” and has seven key priority areas as follows:

- A Quality Environment
- Regeneration
- Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres
- Supporting our Children and Young People
- Supporting Independence
- Safer Bromley
- Healthy Bromley

Our officer and political structures are all aligned to deliver this vision, and a summary of how we are doing is given below.

A quality environment

Every day we work in parks and green spaces, and on our streets, to maintain and enhance the environment in which local people live and work. Every day we work across the borough, collecting refuse and recycling, sweeping and maintaining roads to make sure they are clean and safe. We have achieved much by working with residents through our Friends initiatives and there is more we can achieve together.

During 2013-14 we have:

- Sustained our 50% recycling rate, and diverted three quarters of the borough’s waste away from landfill
- Introduced new bring banks for textile waste, and doorstep collection of waste electrical items
- Expanded take up of the Green Garden Waste collection service to more than 12,000 homes
- Improved the standard of street cleanliness
- Increased the number of Snow Friends by 17%, to almost 4,500 volunteers
- Increased the number of Street Friends by 7%
- Continued to support the activities of our 56 Friends of Parks groups
- Commenced the major ‘invest to save’ project to install modern street lights across the borough
- Sustained our investment in maintaining roads and pavements
- Played our part in reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries on Bromley’s roads by more than 20%
- Began work on key junctions of the A222 and A224 to reduce traffic congestion
- Developed our successful shared parking service in partnership with LB Bexley
- Introduced on-line parking permits for residents and businesses.

Now we plan to:

- Extend the range of recyclables we accept
- Pilot a kerbside textile waste collection service
- Increase take up of the Green Garden Waste collection service to 15,000 homes
- Sustain improved standards of street cleanliness
- Forge deeper links with ‘Friends’ groups and continue to work closely in partnership with local people
- Complete the major ‘invest to save’ programme to replace 8,000 lamp columns and 12,000 street lanterns by March 2015
- Invest in the quality of our roads and pavements, repair potholes and replace fallen trees
- Develop and adopt a Local Flood Risk Strategy
- Continue working on major road junctions to reduce traffic congestion
- Work with our partners to improve parking at Orpington rail station and Princess Royal University Hospital
- Continue to take effective action to improve road safety and reduce accidents
- Make it easier for customers to contact us on-line through Fix My Street.

Regenerating our borough and vibrant, thriving town centres

We are setting out our vision for developing the borough over the next 15 years in our new Local Plan, guiding the development of town centres and built up areas whilst preserving our Green Belt and Metropolitan Open land. Our aim is for our borough to remain a thriving, vibrant place, to ensure our town centres are successful and competitive through a combination of sensitive planning and major private sector investment so our borough remains a place where people choose to live, work and shop.

During 2013-14 we have:

- Granted planning permission for over 2000 developments that meet the Council's local requirements
- Substantially delivered the Bromley North Village public realm improvements
- Successfully secured Transport for London funding for a major public realm improvement scheme in Beckenham town centre
- Delivered the £2 million Outer London Fund Improvement Projects in Bromley town centre
- Progressed the town centre development programme including proposals to redevelop the Old Town Hall
- Reviewed the Council's operational and investment property portfolios to ensure that property assets were being efficiently managed and to identify opportunities to rationalise property ownership
- Continued to ensure income and capital receipts were maximised through vigorous estate management and acquisitions
- Supported town centre rejuvenation and other corporate priorities through the provision of property advice and the acquisition and disposal of properties
- Improved the efficiency of Planning Services, in particular when dealing with telephone calls
- Met with the senior management teams of all Registered Provider that own significant stock in the borough to discuss local housing priorities and to agree joint working practices going forward
- Acquired residential properties to assist the Council in meeting its statutory housing and homelessness duties
- Worked with partners to support the completion of 151 affordable housing units in 2013/14, of which 95 were for affordable rent and 56 for shared ownership.

Now we plan to

- Complete our consultation with the local community on the new Local Plan
- Complete the successful delivery of the Bromley North Village Improvement Scheme
- Complete the detailed design for the Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Scheme
- Promote Churchill Place (site G) as a development opportunity
- Secure approval and funding for an Investment and Regeneration Programme in Biggin Hill, Bromley Town Centre and the Cray Business Corridor
- Bring forward proposals to attract investment and development in Crystal Palace
- Bring forward the development of key sites including the Old Town Hall (Bromley) and mixed use development in central Orpington
- Rigorously pursue opportunities to dispose of properties and to generate capital receipts
- Measure the performance of our income producing property investments against agreed criteria to ensure that they continue to fit our investment requirements
- Continue to manage our estate to maximise income and capital receipts
- Provide property advice and assistance to support the achievement of the Council's corporate priorities
- Promote, where appropriate, high quality, low density housing developments, to meet the borough's housing requirements
- Work in partnership with Registered Providers that own stock within the borough. We will seek to ensure that new and existing affordable housing is well-managed and maintained to a high standard
- Allocate local housing capital funds to best meet local housing priorities.

Supporting our children and young people

We work closely with our partners to secure the best possible future for all children and young people in the borough, including a clear focus on supporting the most vulnerable children and young people in our community.

During 2013-14 we have:

- Delivered an additional 632 early years places for two year olds
- Supported 30 'satisfactory' and 6 'inadequate' Early Years settings. Additionally 5 new providers were assisted to prepare for their first Ofsted inspection, and those settings taking funded two year olds for the first time
- Created 375 reception places, with a further 195 places at three free schools opening for September 2014
- Created 240 'bulge' class places and 30 permanent expansion places delivered for September 2013 at seven schools
- Supported sixteen primary schools to convert to academy status in 2013/14 (including three which converted on 1 April 2014) - one Roman Catholic School is to convert to academy status; a further six are in the process of conversion as part of a multi-academy trust supported by the Archdiocese, expected to convert in 2014/15. One CofE school has converted to academy status, sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester. Bishop Justus CofE school is operating as a multi-academy trust (the Aquinas Trust) which includes two primary CofE schools with others exploring potential conversion in partnership. As of 1 April 2014, 47 (49%) of the 96 Bromley Schools had converted to academy status (16 secondary schools, 31 primary) with a further 14 in the process of conversion
- Worked to support 15 schools to improve standards. Of the 14 schools judged to 'require improvement' and the one school judged as 'inadequate' receiving support in 2013, two have moved to 'good'. Four are on track to be judged 'good' at their next inspection and two have become sponsored academies. 10 schools are now receiving intensive support including three judged as 'requiring improvement' in the last year
- Played our part to support the effective allocation of school places. 87% of pupils commencing secondary school education in September 2014 received a place at their first or second choice of school against a target of 82%. All of the 3,820 children who applied for a primary place on time received a school place, with 78% receiving their first choice against a target of 80%
- Created additional employment opportunities for 48 young unemployed people
- Launched the Local Offer on line directory of services for children, families and young people with Special Educational Needs, receiving 5,880 page views
- Delivered the planned additional 52 secondary school places to support the increasing numbers of pupils presenting with Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Achieved 85% (6,098) of all school leavers aged 16 and 17 in Education, Employment and Training as at the end of March 2014
- Reduced the length of time for which children are subject to care proceedings in Bromley by 18 weeks to 24 weeks.

Now we plan to:

- Promote educational opportunity in the borough ensuring all families have a choice of good and outstanding schools and early years providers
- Enable young people with more complex Learning Disabilities to live, learn and work within their own community by developing mixed education packages across mainstream and specialist provision.
- Support the transition of young people leaving care and moving into independent living, further/higher education and employment
- Ensure stable placements for children and young people where foster care is identified in the plan, through the development of a range of support, including support groups and training, to ensure foster carers are able to meet the needs of children and young people with complex and challenging behaviour
- Take steps to implement strategies, policies and practice to target and safeguard vulnerable children through the work of the Bromley Children Safeguarding Board and engaging with partner agencies.

Supporting Independence

We work closely with our partners to support residents of the borough to manage their own lives with the minimum of interference from the Council, and when they need the Council's support it is provided efficiently, representing value for money, and free from unnecessary bureaucracy and delays.

During 2013-14 we have:

- Successfully prevented or relieved homelessness for over 75% of the 2,489 applicants approaching the service through either in depth homelessness prevention casework assistance or access to alternative private sector housing solutions
- Achieved 438 enrolments on 51 courses designed to help support local people back into employment in the current academic year. Achieved 27% (147) sustainable employment of participants enrolled in the 2012/13 academic year, with 64% (9) of Level 1 award in Hospitality gaining employment
- Completed 55 Education, Health and Care Plans for young people moving from school to further education to support them in preparing for adult life, against a target of 60
- Supported over 20 pupils to become independent travellers opening up opportunities to participate in further and higher education, work experience/employment opportunities
- Supported 82% of our service users aged 65+ discharged from hospital with a reablement/rehabilitation package to remain in their own home 91 days after discharge
- In partnership with Vibrance, developed individual support plans for 50 service users who would ordinarily have been referred directly to a day centre
- Hosted the first adult stakeholder conference bringing together 124 delegates including service users and carers and representatives of the voluntary sector, community groups, providers, health and social care professionals
- Re-established the Carers Forum in partnership with Carers Bromley
- Directly reached 1,400 Adult Carers with the on line Carers Survey
- Consulted with over 250 young people and parents to develop the Youth Strategy
- Established Healthwatch 1st April 2013 with the Chair appointed in July 2013; in its role as the independent champion for Health and Social Care, Healthwatch Bromley consulted with residents of Bromley as part of the Care Quality Commission inspection of the Princess Royal University Hospital during December 2013
- Achieved 92.6% of assessments being completed within 28 days of first contact.

Now we plan to:

- Improve the lives of residents through the provision of locally relevant information and advice about care and support enabling people to live their lives to the full, receiving high quality support when they need it
- Develop integrated pathways of care with Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group focusing on supporting residents to self-manage long term conditions
- Have a diverse market in care and support services to offer choice and control to service users and their carers through a range of support at home and in the community
- Support older people to regain independence following illness or loss of mobility through reablement, occupational therapy and intermediate care
- In partnership with the voluntary and third sector, devise and deliver a programme of education support for hard to reach groups. Focus on preventing homelessness by working in partnership to maximise and make best use of the supply of affordable housing
- Better identify and support carers living in Bromley through the publication of a Carers Strategy which takes into account the requirements of the Care Act.

Safer Bromley

As a lead member of the Safer Bromley Partnership, we work closely with other local organisations to deliver services that impact on residents' safety, health and wellbeing. We want local people to feel, as well as be safe, as they go about their day-to-day lives.

During 2013-14 we have:

- Received 224 calls to our Trading Standards Rapid Response number, resulting in immediate responses to 68 consumers, which saved vulnerable consumers over £236,000
- Carried out 21 under-age test purchases, resulting in 23 sales, including 7 sales of fireworks, 5 sales of tobacco, and 11 sales of alcohol – prosecutions and licence reviews are pending
- Conducted 321 enforcement visits to businesses in the borough as part of our investigations into consumer detriment, and we took 69 judicial (excluding prosecutions) actions against traders seeking corrective action of unfair trading activities
- Made 20 Best Bar None awards to businesses
- Undertook four multi-agency operations to ensure legal and appropriate management of licensed premises within the borough
- Seen 11,293 young people attend the summer diversion programme. 142 mentoring relationships were forged, with young people identified as at risk of criminal or anti-social behaviour.

Now we plan to:

- Take action against anti-social behaviour, by delivering reductions in crime against the person, against property, and in levels of anti-social behaviour and disturbance
- Maximise attendance in the summer youth diversion programme, which deters young people from anti-social and offending behaviour
- Support young people to remain in education, employment and training, through our mentoring service
- Maintain the conviction rate for domestic abuse in cases managed by advocates for people who have suffered from domestic abuse
- Work proactively with offenders and potential offenders to reduce noise nuisance
- Provide the CCTV monitoring service for town centres and other key areas
- Provide support for the Safer Bromley Partnership Board
- Take action against rogue traders, particularly those who target the vulnerable, through preventative and enforcement activity with banks and adult safeguarding partners
- Take action to protect victims of scams and bogus callers
- Tackle the sale of age-restricted products, particularly alcohol and tobacco, through test purchase operations
- Prevent consumer detriment through criminal investigations and civil sanctions
- Support local businesses by providing advice and education, and improving compliance by tackling problem traders
- Support food businesses with Zero FHRS to improve their ratings, through visits, notifications, and, where necessary, prosecutions
- Undertake Food, and Health and Safety inspections, as required by the Food Standards Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, DEFRA and the Home Office
- Administer the statutory licensing scheme to provide a quality service
- Deliver a minimum of four multi-agency operations (Operation Condor) to ensure licensing compliance, and take action against unlicensed activity
- Promote the Purple flag scheme in town centres, which improves the night-time economy through careful enforcement and management of licensing arrangements
- Provide support to the Council and its managers to ensure staff are safe and healthy at work
- Appoint a new coroner and deputy coroner for Coroner and Mortuary Services; develop and introduce a new mortuary contract
- Consolidate and expand the service for the investigation and reporting on asbestos in properties, developing the related income generation services in the private sector
- Retender the stray and abandoned dogs collection and kennelling service
- Retender the pest control contract
- Develop an automated, computerised system for contaminated land reporting

Healthy Bromley

With health providers we focus on areas identified within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to improve health and deliver public health outcomes. In this we are working to integrate health priorities in all our Building a Better Bromley priorities and ensure effective community engagement through Bromley Healthwatch, to help shape health and social care services.

During 2013-14 we have:

- Signed up 33 schools to 'Healthy Schools Bromley'
- Piloted 24 hour and home blood pressure monitoring to diagnose hypertension in 21 practices with evaluation and learning shared across the borough
- Secured funding for a Prevention of Diabetes project, which is now in progress with an audit commenced to identify and manage those at high risk
- Seen the Bromley Working for Wellbeing Service for people with mild to moderate anxiety and depression identified as a service with very good recovery rates compared to other areas in both London and England
- Seen BMI recording increased from 29% in 2009 to 55% in 2013 with the Tier 2 service re-commissioned and capacity increased
- Continued working with ProActive Bromley to increase physical activity participation
- Ensured health priorities are fully embedded into the Care Services Portfolio Plan for 2013/14
- Reported regularly to the Health and Wellbeing Board detailing progress against the priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy - established 1st April 2013 with the Chairman appointed in July 2013
- As reported against Supporting Independence achievements, we established Healthwatch 1st April 2013 with the Chair appointed in July 2013; in its role as the independent champion for Health and Social Care, Healthwatch Bromley consulted with residents of Bromley as part of the Care Quality Commission inspection of the Princess Royal University Hospital during December 2013.

Now we plan to:

- Improve health outcomes for those with health needs through improved prevention of Cardio vascular disease through the diabetes
- Promote emotional and health and wellbeing in young people through the self-harm prevention strategy.

Excellent Council

In addition to the above information about our achievements and plans for the future in these key Building a Better Bromley areas, we also aim to be an Excellent Council. In support of this we will embrace the concept of community budgeting and provide the leadership and mechanisms to bring communities and partners together so we all contribute to the Building a Better Bromley objectives.

We will also continue to scrutinise everything we do and how we do it to ensure all areas of Council activity provide value for money and where we continue to provide services these are customer focussed and delivered in the most efficient and effective way possible. We will also ensure our work is free from bureaucracy and delays and continue to maximise the use of our resources, finance, people and assets.

We have a number of plans, documents and initiatives designed to help us do this:

- Building a Better Bromley Priorities
- Resources Portfolio Plan
- Financial Strategy to 2012-13 to 2015-16
- Financial Control Budget 2014-15
- Asset Management Plan
- Customer Access Strategy
- Customer Service Charter
- Equality Scheme
- Complaints, Comments and Suggestions policies
- Human Resources Strategy
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Localised Pay and Conditions
- Corporate Operating Principles

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

During the year, the Committee progressed a number of major proposals. Schemes now under construction include a part 4/5 storey building to provide 3 restaurant/café units, 4 retail units and a 7 screen cinema at The Walnuts shopping centre and the large mixed use development at Bromley South comprising a cinema, 200 flats, a hotel, retail units, restaurants and a drinking establishment is underway with the demolition of the car park.

The Development Control Committee and Bromley's Planning staff continue to be among the busiest in the country:

- Dealing with around 4000 planning applications
- Investigating over 800 alleged breaches of planning control and serving 120 enforcement notices.
- Making 70 new tree preservation orders bringing the borough total to over 2500
- Handling almost 300 appeals against refusals of planning applications and enforcement notices
- Encouraging good design through the Advisory Panel for Conservation Areas (which met on 12 occasions during the year and advised on around 250 applications in conservation areas)
- Commenced role as collecting authority for the Mayor Community Infrastructure Levy, and implementation of CIL regulations.
- Responded to Government Consultations on changes to Permitted Development Rights.
- Responded to Mayor's consultation on Alterations to the London Plan
- Preparation and commencement of consultation on the Local Plan document.
- Preparation and publication of Bromley's Five Year Housing Land Supply Paper
- Preparation and publication of Bromley's Authorities' Monitoring Report

The Committee has progressed the development of the Local Plan and considered and responded to Government's continuing proposed planning reforms, and have considered responses to Government's and London wide planning policy and related matters.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Over 200 meetings were held during 2013/14, most of which were open to the public and media. The full Council met on 5 occasions (including the annual meeting.)

Copies of the agenda and reports for meetings are available on the Council website (www.bromley.gov.uk), at the Civic Centre and through local libraries at least five working days prior to each meeting. If you want to know more about a particular item on an agenda you can ring the contact officer shown on each report or the Council's Democratic Services Team on (020) 8461 7743. Dates of meetings are advertised on the Council website and on posters in libraries.

Public speaking

Council meetings set aside 15 minutes at the start of each ordinary meeting so that members of the public can ask questions. The Democratic Services Team must receive notice of a question by 5pm on the fourth working day before the meeting – this deadline is set out on each agenda. Questions must be about something the Council can influence, should be no longer than 50 words and be asked in person at the meeting – otherwise, a written reply can be sent. An opportunity to ask a supplementary question in response to the reply is given at the meeting.

The Development Control Committee and Plans Sub-Committees operate a separate procedure that allows the public to speak on planning applications, contravention reports and tree preservation orders. People wishing to use this procedure must have already written to the Council expressing their views on the matter and need to register their wish to speak by telephoning the Democratic Services Team by 10am on the working day before the day of the meeting.

Contacting your Councillor

There are 60 Councillors representing 22 Wards in the Borough. Each Ward has between one and three Councillors.

If there is a topic of concern or interest that you would like to take up with your Ward Councillor or Councillors, their name, address, email and telephone number are available on the Council website and from the Council's Main Enquiry Desk (020 8464 3333).

Further information about the Council and Committee meetings, public speaking and the names and addresses of Councillors is on Bromley Council's web site at www.bromley.gov.uk.

GETTING IT RIGHT

We want to provide good quality, value for money services in a helpful and efficient way, but sometimes things can go wrong. If they do, we aim to put mistakes right quickly and learn from them. We welcome complaints and suggestions on how we can improve our service, and also compliments on a job well done.

We value all the people who live and work in Bromley. We aim to provide our services fairly to all members of the community. If we receive a complaint about equal opportunities or discrimination, we will look into it. We will not treat anyone unfairly because they have made a complaint about us.

We want it to be as easy as possible for people to give us their comments and help is available from staff, voluntary agencies, or local councillors. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of councillors are available on our website. We welcome comments, complaints and suggestions made through our on-line complaint form or if you prefer, contact us by letter, email, telephone or in person.

Complaints are usually investigated by the manager responsible for providing the service. They will try to sort out any problem as quickly as possible – mistakes and misunderstandings can often be sorted out on the spot. We aim to respond to complaints within five working days, but if the issue is very complicated we may need longer and will aim to reply within twenty working days.

If the complaint is not resolved at this stage, it can be escalated to the Chief Officer of the department who will either investigate the complaint or will nominate a senior officer to carry out the investigation. If the complaint is still not settled after the second response, the Chief Executive can be asked to review the case.

We are keen to put things right, but if a complainant is dissatisfied with our responses and feels they may have suffered injustice as a result of maladministration by the Council, they can ask the Local Government Ombudsman to investigate. For more information, visit their website at www.lgo.org.uk or telephone 0300 061 0614.

Further information about our complaints procedure is available on our website.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Background

The Council has reported on key environmental data as a sustainability section within its Annual Report since 2010/11. This latest report highlights the Council's environmental impacts (and related financial data) as an organisation, rather than the environmental impact of its services or those of the borough more generally.

The 2013/14 HM Treasury guidance ([Public sector annual reports: sustainability reporting guidance](#)) sets out minimum reporting requirements for central government bodies and agencies. Although local government is not yet required to produce such reports, the rules constitute best practice and are part of a growing trend (for instance, LSE main market listed companies are now required [to report](#) on their Greenhouse Gas Emissions).

More generally, local authorities are required to [submit annual reports](#) on their Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) to the government – the basis of this report. And the Carbon Reduction Commitment (a tax on carbon dioxide emissions) further reinforces the need to align the Council's financial and environmental data.

Performance Summary

Although the Council has many programmes designed to improve service performance, the Carbon Management Programme (CMP) is the main initiative specifically designed to reduce environmental impacts and costs. The CMP's first phase (CMP1) ran from 2008/09 – 2012/13 and resulted in a 14% reduction (5,275 tCO₂e) in the Council's GHG emissions. A second five-year phase (CMP2) has now commenced, with an ambition to drive down emissions and costs by a further 15% from 2013/14 to 2017/18.

The table below summarises performance for the last three years of CMP1 and the first year of CMP2 (2013/14). It is not possible to directly compare performance between the phases for the following reasons:

- A greater number of sites, energy and water meters, and activities are recorded under CMP2
- Different carbon factors are now used to measure energy consumption and resource use in carbon terms
- Electricity emissions are now sub-divided into 'generation' and 'transmission/distribution' losses

These changes required CMP1 2012/13 data to be recalculated to provide a new baseline for CMP2.

A better assessment is to compare 2013/14 performance with the CMP2 (2012/13) baseline. This shows that in 2013/14, emissions fell by 3,572t CO₂e (10%) compared with 2012/13. The Council's 'carbon intensity' (the amount of carbon emitted relative to Council expenditure) decreased by 16% during 2013/14 – showing the Council is becoming more efficient in its use of resources and reducing its environmental impacts.

Performance Summary Table

Impacts	Carbon Management Programme (CMP) 1			CMP 2*	
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (tCO ₂ e)**	28,633	27,012	27,786	35,907	32,335
Net Portfolio Expenditure (£,000)	213,765	199,509	182,212	182,212	195,892
Carbon Intensity (tCO ₂ e / £m expenditure)	134	135	152	197	165
Electricity Use (buildings) (MWh)	21,288	22,809	20,822	27,255	26,490
Electricity Use (street lighting) (MWh)	13,417	13,252	13,464	13,464	12,680
Gas Consumption (buildings) (MWh)	53,124	42,444	51,386	66,826	57,804
Total Energy Expenditure (elec. & gas, street lighting, transport fuel & heating oil) (£,000)	2,616	2,483	2,521	2,521	2,632
Civic Centre Waste Disposal (landfill/incineration) (tonnes)	98	98	93	93	80
Civic Centre Waste Expenditure (landfill/incineration costs) (£)	8,443	9,083	8,875	8,875	8,127
Civic Centre Water Consumption (m ³)	-	15,862	14,415	14,415	17,066
Civic Centre Water Expenditure (£)	-	30,064	28,918	28,918	36,534

*CMP2's scope includes more energy and water meters and paper use, and uses different carbon factors, so cannot be compared with CMP1

** CO₂e refers to carbon dioxide equivalent – a common metric for measuring the effect of six different Greenhouse Gases

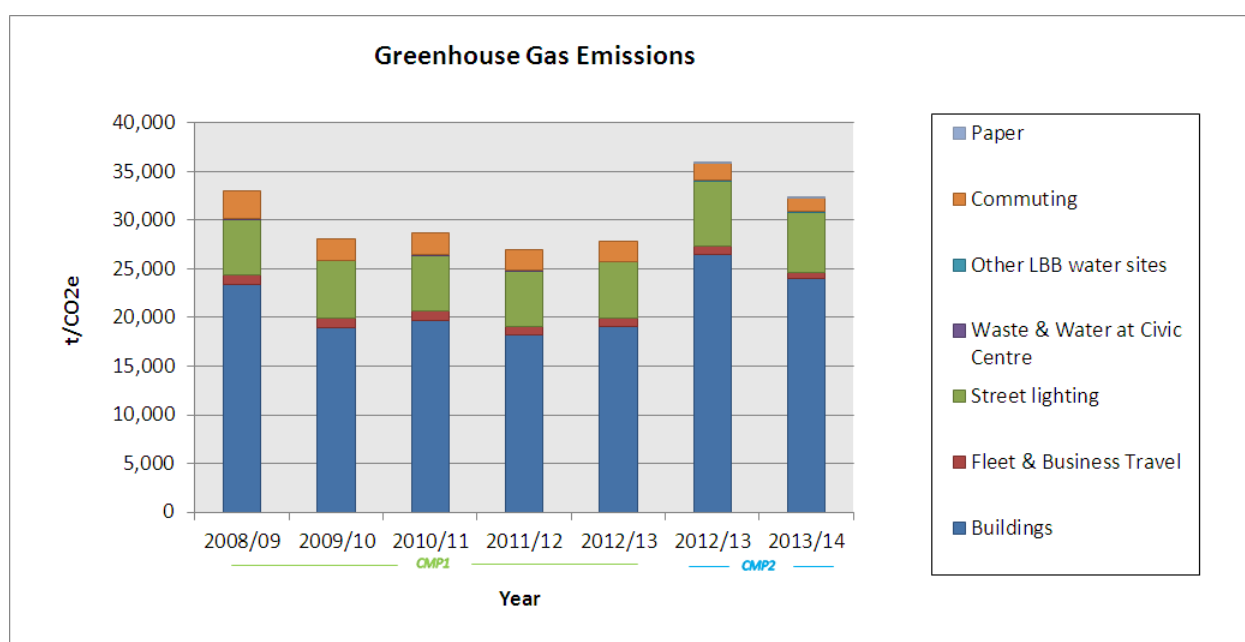
Sustainability Report

The following sections show environmental progress since 2008/09, including information on: Greenhouse Gas emissions (gas, electricity and fuel); waste arisings (Civic Centre only); and water use. Information on biodiversity, procurement and governance is also included, illustrating the broader links between the Council's spending and related environmental quality and impacts.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14
Non-financial indicator (tCO ₂ e)	Buildings	23,366	18,913	19,636	18,157	19,092	26,504	23,997
	Fleet/Business Travel	971	1,042	991	917	827	802	666
	Street Lighting	5,729	5,841	5,769	5,699	5,790	6,683	6,132
	Water/Waste (Civic Centre)	56	56	48	50	48	24.5	26
	Water (other sites)	-	-	-	-	-	45	53
	Commuting	2,822	2,189	2,189	2,029	2,029	1,794	1,402
	Paper	-	-	-	-	-	54	59
GHG Emissions		32,944	28,041	28,633	27,012	27,786	35,907	32,335
Energy use (MWh)	Electricity (inc. St. Lt.)	36,442	34,285	34,705	36,061	34,286	40,719	39,170
	Gas	62,293	51,791	53,124	42,444	51,386	66,826	57,804
	Heating Oil	6,761	1,530	2,420	1,769	2,318	2,147	2,022
	Energy Use	105,496	87,606	90,249	80,274	87,990	109,692	98,996
Financial indicators (£,000)	Energy (exc. schools)	2,656	2,533	2,616	2,483	2,521	2,521	2,632
	CRC (exc. schools)	0	0	0	85	100	100	100*
	Business Travel	1,061	1,047	1,033	944	846	846	785

* This figure is a cost estimate, as CRC allowances for 2013/14 have yet to be calculated and purchased

Graphical Representation of GHG data



Performance Commentary

Because more sites, meters, and activities are recorded under CMP2, emissions have increased compared with 2008/09 – 2012/13 data. However, a comparison of 2013/14 against the new 2012/13 baseline shows a significant decrease in emissions of 3,572t CO₂e (10%) and decrease in energy use of 10,696 MWh.

Controllable Impacts Commentary / Overview of Influenced Impacts

The Council's main controllable impacts are from energy and fuel use and this is controlled through: the Carbon Management Programme; the Carbon Management Fund invest-to-save programme; Property's Planned Maintenance Programme; and the CRC Programme (which led to improved data management). The Council does not control energy-use in schools, though it can seek to influence this in Maintained Schools. The Council can also seek to influence suppliers through its Sustainable Procurement Policy.

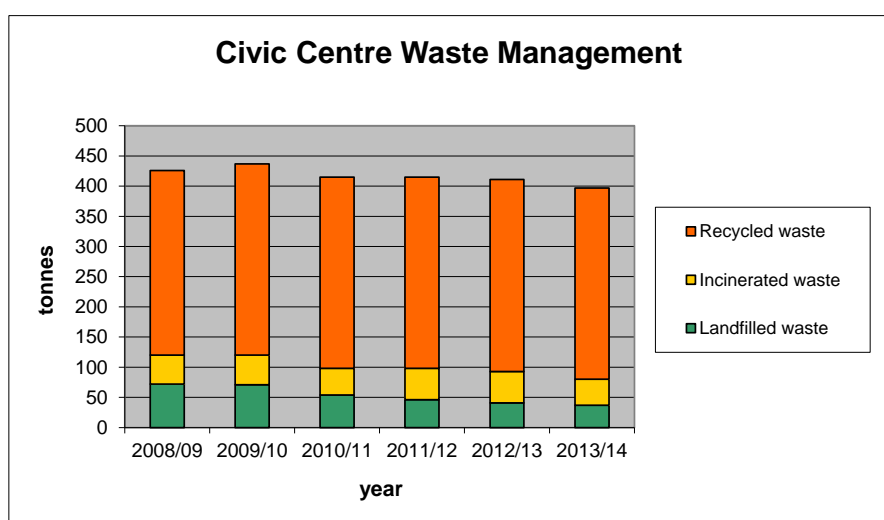
Waste Disposal & Water Consumption

This section deals with Civic Centre waste disposal – rather than borough-wide waste management, reported elsewhere as a service matter – and water use at a number of LB Bromley sites, including the Civic Centre.

Waste (Civic Centre Only)		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Non-financial indicator (t)	Total waste collected	426	437	415	415	411	397
	Recycled waste	306	317	317	317	318	317
	Landfilled waste	72	71	54	46	41	37
	Incinerated waste	48	49	44	52	52	43
Financial Indicator (£)	Cost of landfilled waste	5,688	6,420	5,444	5,238	5,003	4,837
	Cost of incineration	3,036	3,198	2,999	3,845	3,872	3,290
	Total disposal cost	8,724	9,618	8,443	9,083	8,875	8,127

In 2013/14, the 43t of incinerated waste generated 24,601 kWh of electricity at the SELCHP incinerator

Graphical Representation



Performance Commentary

Civic Centre waste has fallen steadily since 2009/10. While the tonnage recycled has remained broadly constant, the recycling rate has risen from 72% to 80% (because total waste has fallen). Incinerated waste tonnages have remained broadly static and the percentage of waste to landfill has fallen from 17% to 9%.

Controllable Impacts Commentary

The Council's main controllable impacts relate to office waste and how it is treated. The key challenges are to reduce waste arisings and to increase the amount of recycling – both of which are happening. Waste management options accord with the waste hierarchy's preference for incineration with energy recovery (~26,401 kWh in 2013/14) over landfill (which is less environmental and attracts the landfill tax).

Finite Resource Consumption: Water

Previously this report only recorded water consumption at the Civic Centre but now data is captured from a greater number of sites. In 2012/13, baseline data was recorded at 59 LB Bromley sites (excluding schools) accounting for 58,063 m³ of consumption – equating to 60.2 tCO_{2e}. In 2013/14, due to site closures such as public toilets, data was recorded at only 52 sites resulting in 69,420 m³ of consumption – equating to 71.3 tCO_{2e} – an 18% increase.

Performance Commentary

Water consumption increased between 2012/13 and 2013/14, despite a small reduction in the number of sites using water. Therefore the Council now records water consumption data on its energy management system to identify demand management opportunities, possible billing errors, leaks, metering issues, and abatement opportunities.

Climate Change Adaptation

To ensure the country is prepared for severe weather events – whether heat waves, droughts, floods or snow – the government published its [National Adaptation Programme](#) (NAP) in July 2013 – which is designed to improve resilience nationally. The NAP includes a section aimed at councils, which states “Local Government plays a central role in leading and supporting local places to become more resilient to a range of future risks and to be prepared for the opportunities from a changing climate”.

Bromley has some way to go before these issues are routinely considered in Council decision-making but climate change means that Bromley, and indeed all councils, needs to ensure that infrastructure (natural and built), the local economy, public health and service provision can all cope with weather extremes by identifying local risks, opportunities and responses. In addition, Council policy in respect of Planning, Public Health, Flood Management and Emergency Planning can also help to mitigate impacts on services, residents and the local economy. The NAP and the GLA’s [Climate Change Adaptation Strategy](#) both recognise that cities, with their high population densities and linked critical infrastructure, are especially vulnerable and that a larger regional response is required to complement more local action.

Biodiversity and Natural Environment

‘A Quality Environment’ is one of the six Building a Better Bromley priorities and, naturally, there is a service focus on conserving Bromley’s green spaces. Council expenditure directly affects biodiversity through the maintenance of the Civic Centre estate and the management (with the help of 56 Friends of Parks groups) of 156 parks and open spaces across the borough.

The Council also has oversight of the borough’s natural environment, as set out in Bromley’s Biodiversity Action Plan (currently being reviewed by partner organisations). In terms of species management, more than 100k records have been logged and some 90 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (most of which have conservation management plans) have been designated in the Local Plan. The Council continues to work with partners to deliver action for biodiversity. This includes managing the rural landscape across five Local Nature Reserves and three Sites of Special Scientific Interest – supported through the Higher Level Stewardship and Woodland Improvement Grants.

Sustainable Procurement

Sustainable Procurement concerns ensuring that the Council meets its needs for services, works and supplies in a way which achieves value-for-money on a ‘whole life cost’ basis – generating benefits for the organisation, residents and local economy, while minimising environmental damage.

The Council spends around £180 million each year with some 3,000 suppliers and each transaction will have some form of associated environmental impact. In addition, Bromley’s Procurement Strategy includes a sustainable procurement policy and whole-life costing is incorporated into the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules – which allow for the consideration of these impacts. Sustainability benefits are also considered at the planning stage in Gateway Reviews, and at pre-qualification and tender stages when letting contracts.

Governance

LB Bromley’s environmental objectives are delivered, in general terms, through Departmental Business Plans and themed Portfolio Plans, which support the Council’s ‘Quality Environment’ and ‘Excellent Council’ ambition as set out in Building a Better Bromley. The activity in this Environmental Report aligns with Building a Better Bromley’s ‘Excellent Council’ ambition in relation to ‘scrutinising everything we do and how we do it to provide efficient services’ and ‘continue a financial strategy that focuses on stewardship.

In addition to Member governance through the Policy Development & Scrutiny system, senior officers provide strategic oversight in respect of carbon and environmental management activity to ensure the objectives align with those of the Council. In particular, key programmes covering Carbon Management, Carbon Reduction Commitment, and Carbon Management Fund all benefit from senior officer input to ensure appropriate governance, transparency and effective programme delivery.

APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

I hereby confirm that the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014, as signed by the Director of Finance on the 17th September 2014, has been approved by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee of the London Borough of Bromley at its meeting on 17th September 2014.

Councillor Tony Owen
Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee
17th September 2014

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE EXPLANATORY FOREWORD

Introduction

I am pleased to introduce the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2013/14. This statement summarises the financial performance of the Council during the year and the financial position at 31st March 2014.

Background

The Council's Accounts are prepared and published in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and the IFRS based Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting, which is produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and overseen by the Financial Reporting Advisory Board (FRAB), the independent body that advises the Government on accounting issues.

This is a detailed and complex document, so to help your understanding the main statements are described below. These are grouped together in the pages that follow and then supported by a set of explanatory notes.

Financial Statements

The main statements in this document are:

Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts – sets out the different responsibilities of the Council and the Director of Finance.

Movement in Reserves Statement – this statement provides a summary of the changes to the Council's financial reserves over the course of the financial year. Reserves are divided into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be used to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and 'unusable' reserves which cannot. The Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Council's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance for council tax purposes. The Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves undertaken by the Council.

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement – this statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation. Taxation is raised to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations and this may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Balance Sheet - a position statement setting out the total assets, liabilities and reserves of the Council at the year end, excluding the Pension Fund and Former LRB Funds.

Cash Flow Statement - summarises the total movement on the Council's cash and cash equivalents resulting from transactions with external organisations. Cash equivalents are assets which may readily be converted into cash.

Statement of Accounting Policies - explains the basis on which the figures in the accounts have been prepared.

The Collection Fund - shows the collection and use of monies from Council Tax and National Non Domestic Rates.

Former LRB Fund - summarises movement on the Fund during the year and the financial position at the year end. The Fund relates to property transferred from the London Residuary Body which wound up the affairs of the Greater London Council (GLC) and Inner London Education Authority (ILEA).

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Pension Fund – shows the income and expenditure of the whole of the Pension Fund (including other employers) in relation to current employees and pensioners, investment transactions and the position of the Fund at year end. To comply with International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS 19): Retirement Benefits, the actuarially calculated Pension Fund deficit relating to London Borough of Bromley staff is disclosed on the face of the Council’s balance sheet as a net liability and reserve.

Financial Performance

The financial performance for the year is summarised in the table below:

	Budget £m	Actual £m	Variation £m
Net expenditure on Bromley’s Services	214.24	201.67	(12.57)
Funded by:			
Grants, Council Tax and Business Rates	(213.38)	(215.46)	(2.08)
Carry Forwards from 2012/13	(0.86)	-	0.86
Increase in General Reserves	-	(13.79)	(13.79)
Contribution from General Reserves to Economic Development & Investment Fund	-	13.79	13.79
Reduction in General Reserves	-	-	-

Revenue Summary

The 2014/15 Council tax report identified the latest financial projections and an increasing future year budget gap due to the impact of inflation, service cost pressures and ongoing significant reductions in government funding during this austerity period. More details were reported in the “2014/15 Council Tax” report to the Executive in February. Despite the recent significant improvements in the current economic situation, the high level of public debt and the government’s plans to achieve a budget surplus (and any possible future plans for tax cuts) will lead to significant further reductions in government funding particularly if health and education remain “protected” by central government.

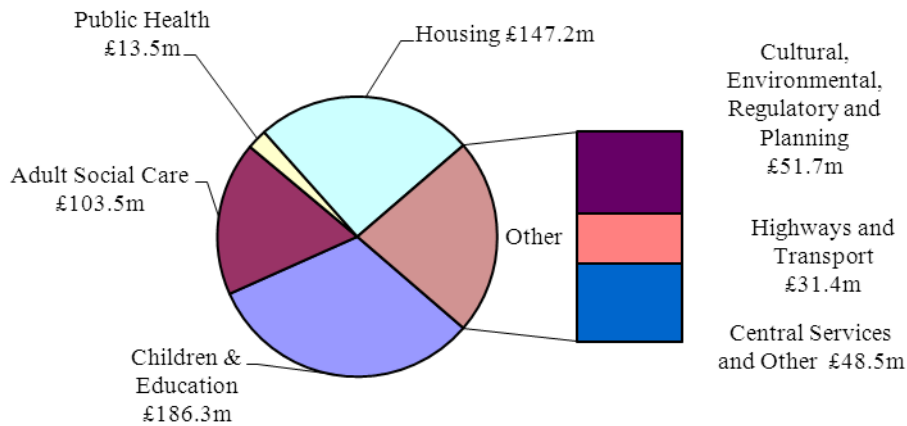
The 2013/14 outturn identifies underspends from prior year adjustments, departmental spend and the Council’s central contingency sum. The underspends from the Central Contingency Sum mainly relate to ongoing action to contain growth pressures, stringent cost controls, effective management of risk, effective use of government funding and meeting income targets. This financial position enables the Council to be “better placed” to meet the future years budget gap but also provides opportunities to achieve savings from transformation, economic development and investment income which will provide a more sustainable financial outcome for the future.

The Council’s general reserves remain at £20m, whilst a future years “budget gap” continues. However there is flexibility in the Council’s overall resources (including earmarked reserves) to allow this position to be revised in the future.

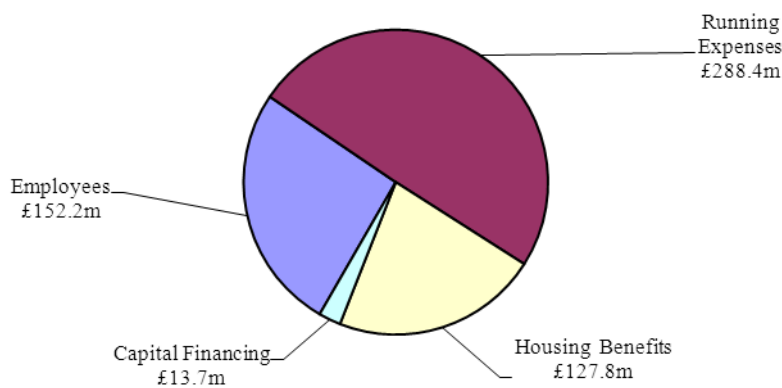
Further details of the variations in 2013/14 were reported to the Council’s Executive on the 10th June 2014 and are available through <http://sharepoint.bromley.gov.uk/default.aspx>. The overall pattern of the Council’s total income and expenditure is summarised in the graphs on page 4.

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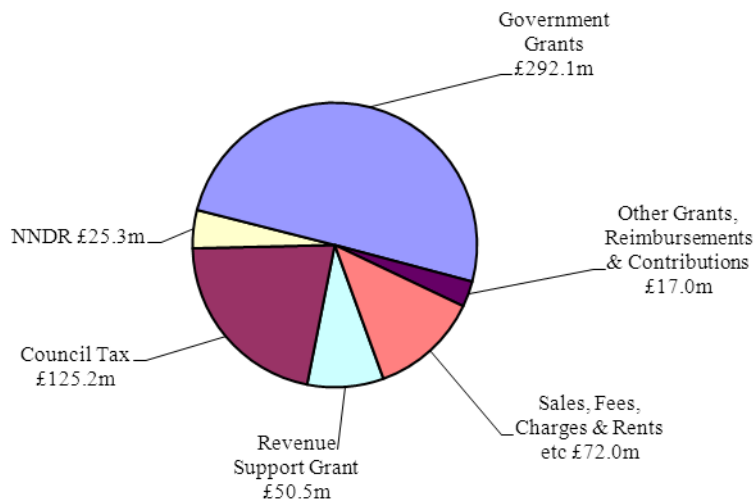
Services Provided - £582.1m



Gross Expenditure - £582.1m



Gross Income £582.1m



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Capital Summary

Capital expenditure totalled £25.3m (including acquisitions recognised as finance leases) compared with the final approved estimate of £33.6m, the difference being mainly due to slippage of expenditure into 2014/15. Capital expenditure was fully financed from Government grants and other external contributions, revenue contributions and capital receipts, without recourse to general reserves. Further details of capital financing are shown in the notes to the accounts (note 41).

The Council generated new capital receipts of £10.7m in 2013/14 and, during the year, £0.5m of receipts were applied to finance capital expenditure.

Further information can be found in the Capital Programme Outturn report to the Executive on 10th June 2014 which is available through <http://sharepoint.bromley.gov.uk/default.aspx>.

Investments

At the year end, the Council held significant investments totalling £247.1m (principal sum). These investments generated net income (£2.2m in 2013/14 compared to £2.7m in 2012/13) to support the revenue budget. This resulted in a surplus on interest on balances (total outturn of £2.244m against a budget of £1.591m). The investments represent the Council's general and earmarked reserves, provisions and net working capital.

Pension Fund

During 2013/14, the net assets of the Pension Fund increased by £43.9m (7.5%).

The underlying assets and liabilities of the Fund for retirement benefits earned by Bromley employees past and present are recognised on the Council's Balance Sheet as a net liability (see note 46). This liability has a significant negative effect on the net worth of the Council. However, the Council plans that the deficit on the scheme will be made good by increased employer contributions over a 15 year period from 1st April 2014.

Significant Provisions, Contingencies and Material Write Offs

The annual revaluations carried out in respect of the Council's long-term Property, Plant & Equipment, Investment Properties and current Held for Sale assets identified impairment losses of £42.0m and the balance sheet has been reduced accordingly. There were no material revenue or capital write offs during 2013/14.

Material Events after the Balance Sheet Date

There were no material events after the reporting date and up to the date the accounts were authorised for issue.

Impact of the Current Economic Climate on the Council

The current economic and financial environment provides a difficult and challenging context for the medium term financial strategy. There continue to be financial pressures in many service areas and further action will be required in future years to moderate the underlying growth in spending, address ongoing reductions in Government funding, meet inflation pressures and achieve a revenue budget that does not require unsustainable levels of withdrawals from balances or unsustainable council tax rises.

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There have been increasing demands on various services which can be linked to the current economic climate, including requests for housing, as well as additional demands on various other services. Demand for financial assistance through housing benefits and council tax support remains high. The current economic climate will also have a negative impact on the Council's income levels.

Interest rates remain low which results in lower investment income and the Council's Treasury Management Strategy has been reviewed to include new lending options such as corporate bonds, fixed income investments and property investment funds which provide higher interest returns whilst seeking to preserve capital.

Even with an improvement in the UK economy there are not likely to be any significant improvements in funding at a local level over the next few years and austerity measures for the public sector are expected to continue until at least 2020. The Council needs to continue to address the medium term financial position and details will be reported to the Executive during the year as part of the update on the Council's financial strategy.

Peter Turner
Director of Finance

Further Information

Further Information about the accounts is available from:

Chief Accountant
Bromley Council
Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley, BR1 3UH

Members of the public also have a statutory right to inspect the accounts each year before the audit is completed. The date and times of these inspections are advertised in the local press.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Independent auditors' report to the Members of the London Borough of Bromley (the "Authority")

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion the financial statements, defined below:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Authority's affairs as at 31 March 2014 and of the Authority's income and expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 and the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14.

This opinion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

What we have audited

The financial statements, which are prepared by the London Borough of Bromley, comprise:

- the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014;
- the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the year then ended;
- the Movement in Reserves Statement for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended;
- the Collection Fund for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 supported by the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the Director of Finance has made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Authority's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Director of Finance; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements

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In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Statement of Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Code of Audit Practice

In our opinion the information given in the explanatory foreword for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission requires us to report to you if:

- in our opinion, the Annual Governance Statement does not comply with 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: a Framework' published by CIPFA/SOLACE in June 2007 (updated as at December 2012) or is misleading or inconsistent with information of which we are aware from our audit; or
- we issue a report in the public interest under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998; or
- we make any recommendations under section 11 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 that requires the Authority to consider it at a public meeting and to decide what action to take in response ; or
- we exercise any other special powers of the auditor under the Audit Commission Act 1998.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the Director of Finance

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts set out on page 13 the Director of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 and the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Code of Audit Practice 2010 – Local Government Bodies issued by the Audit Commission and ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Authority's members as a body in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and for no other purpose, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Bodies – Local Government, published by the Audit Commission in March 2010. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Report on the pension fund accounts

Our opinion

In our opinion the pension fund accounts, defined below:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 2014, and the amount and disposition of the fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2014; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14.

This opinion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

What we have audited

The pension fund accounts contained within the Statement of Accounts of the London Borough of Bromley for the year ended 31 March 2014, comprise:

- the Net Assets Statement as at 31 March 2014;
- the Fund Account for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the Director of Finance has made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

What an audit of pension fund accounts involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the pension fund accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the pension fund accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Pension Fund's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Director of Finance; and
- the overall presentation of the Pension Fund Accounts.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Statement of Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited pension fund accounts and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Responsibilities for the pension fund accounts and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the Director of Finance

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts set out on page 13 the Director of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the pensions fund accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the pension fund accounts in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Code of Audit Practice 2010 – Local Government Bodies issued by the Audit Commission and ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Authority's members as a body in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and for no other purpose, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Bodies – Local Government, published by the Audit Commission in March 2010. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Code of Audit Practice

In our opinion the information given in the explanatory foreword for the financial year for which the pension fund accounts are prepared is consistent with the pension fund accounts.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

Conclusion

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria published by the Audit Commission on 15 October 2013, we are satisfied that, in all significant respects, the London Borough of Bromley put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2014.

What a review of the arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources involves

We have undertaken our audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria, published by the Audit Commission on 15 October 2013, as to whether the Authority has proper arrangements for:

- securing financial resilience; and
- challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The Audit Commission has determined these two criteria as those necessary for us to consider under the Code of Audit Practice in satisfying ourselves whether the Authority put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2014.

We planned our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. Based on our risk assessment, we undertook such work as we considered necessary to form a view on whether, in all significant respects, the Authority had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Our responsibilities and those of the Authority

The Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance, and to review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

We are required under Section 5 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission requires us to report to you our conclusion relating to proper arrangements, having regard to relevant criteria specified by the Audit Commission.

We report if significant matters have come to our attention which prevent us from concluding that the Authority has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether all aspects of the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

Certificate

TBC – the wording for the 2013/14 certificate will be confirmed in due course. This is because of an outstanding matter in relation to an objection on the 2012/13 financial statements.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Janet Dawson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London
September 2014

- (a) The maintenance and integrity of the London Borough of Bromley website is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the Statement of Accounts since they were initially presented on the website.
- (b) Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the Statement of Accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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 Director of Finance.
- * to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- * to approve the Statement of Accounts.

The Director of Finance Responsibilities

The Director of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom* (the Code).

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Director of Finance has:

- * selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- * made judgments and estimates that were reasonable and prudent; and
- * complied with the local authority Code.

The Director 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.

Director of Finance

I certify that the accounts set out on pages 14 to 104 give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2014 and of its income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2014.

Peter Turner
Director of Finance
17th September 2014

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Authority, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other reserves. The Surplus or (Deficit) on the Provision of Services line shows the true economic cost of providing the authority's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. This is different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance for Council Tax setting purposes. The Net Increase/(Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves undertaken by the Council.

	General Fund Balance £000	Earmarked General Fund Reserves £000	Capital Receipts Reserve £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	Total Usable Reserves £000	Unusable Reserves £000	Total Authority Reserves £000	Notes
Balance at 31st March 2012	31,609	52,414	14,002	16,006	114,031	601,930	715,961	
Movement in Reserves during 2012/13 (restated)								
Deficit on the provision of services	(38,883)	-	-	-	(38,883)	-	(38,883)	
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	(16,473)	(16,473)	
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	(38,883)	-	-	-	(38,883)	(16,473)	(55,356)	
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	60,078	-	(2,206)	193	58,065	(58,065)	-	7
Net Increase / (Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	21,195	-	(2,206)	193	19,182	(74,538)	(55,356)	
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	(32,804)	32,804	-	-	-	-	-	8
Increase / (Decrease) in 2012/13	(11,609)	32,804	(2,206)	193	19,182	(74,538)	(55,356)	
Balance at 31st March 2013	20,000	85,218	11,796	16,199	133,213	527,392	660,605	

The restatement of the 2012/13 figures is primarily as a result of changes to IAS 19. The accounting for the defined benefit pension scheme obligations is set out in Note 46.

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

	General Fund Balance £000	Earmarked General Fund Reserves £000	Capital Receipts Reserve £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	Total Usable Reserves £000	Unusable Reserves £000	Total Authority Reserves £000	Notes
Balance at 31st March 2013	20,000	85,218	11,796	16,199	133,213	527,392	660,605	
Movement in Reserves during 2013/14								
Deficit on the provision of services	(49,264)	-	-	-	(49,264)	-	(49,264)	
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	120,044	120,044	
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	(49,264)	-	-	-	(49,264)	120,044	70,780	
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	73,834	-	10,191	7,500	91,525	(91,525)	-	7
Net Increase / (Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	24,570	-	10,191	7,500	42,261	28,519	70,780	
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	(24,570)	24,570	-	-	-	-	-	8
Increase / (Decrease) in 2013/14	-	24,570	10,191	7,500	42,261	28,519	70,780	
Balance at 31st March 2014	20,000	109,788	21,987	23,699	175,474	555,911	731,385	

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation. Authorities raise taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations and this may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

2012/13 Restated			2013/14			
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Notes	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
24,593	(22,377)	2,216		6,543	(4,494)	2,049
39,128	(2,211)	36,917		26,615	(2,877)	23,738
31,435	(5,172)	26,263		31,303	(5,755)	25,548
5,590	(2,257)	3,333		5,476	(2,505)	2,971
207,524	(165,766)	41,758		199,320	(155,303)	44,017
35,425	(14,576)	20,849		37,323	(16,557)	20,766
142,188	(131,549)	10,639		149,830	(137,778)	12,052
102,633	(33,168)	69,465		101,133	(30,831)	70,302
161	(179)	(18)		12,374	(13,590)	(1,216)
5,913	-	5,913		5,800	-	5,800
(823)	-	(823)		(809)	-	(809)
593,767	(377,255)	216,512		574,908	(369,690)	205,218
24,152	(499)	23,653	9	66,393	(1,070)	65,323
16,282	(6,995)	9,287	10	5,796	(6,591)	(795)
-	(210,569)	(210,569)	11	-	(220,482)	(220,482)
634,201	(595,318)	38,883		647,097	(597,833)	49,264
		(5,100)	26			(11,740)
		24,094	26			19,264
		-	26			240
		(2,521)	46			(127,808)
		16,473				(120,044)
		55,356				(70,780)

The restatement of the 2012/13 figures is primarily as a result of changes to IAS 19. The accounting for the defined benefit pension scheme obligations is set out in Note 46.

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet shows the value at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Authority. The net assets of the Authority (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Authority. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category is usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the authority may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use. The second category of reserves are those that the Authority is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses, where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets were to be sold and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

31st March 2013 Restated £000		Notes	31st March 2014 £000
718,947	Property, Plant and Equipment	12	610,155
1,017	Heritage Assets	13	1,017
61,422	Investment Property	14	71,548
25,010	Long Term Investments	15	39,270
2,747	Long Term Debtors	15	3,333
809,143	Long Term Assets		725,323
143,712	Short Term Investments	15	139,064
7,189	Assets Held for Sale (<1yr)	16	11,403
656	Inventories	17	666
21,348	Short Term Debtors	19	23,746
33,690	Cash and Cash Equivalents - Investments	15	69,698
206,595	Current Assets		244,577
6,664	Cash and Cash Equivalents	20	4,854
177	Short Term Borrowing	21	2,328
8,125	Provisions	22	9,100
64,836	Short Term Creditors	23	59,987
7,042	Grants Receipts in Advance - Revenue	38	14,908
5,869	Grants Receipts in Advance - Capital	38	6,032
92,713	Current Liabilities		97,209
262,420	Other Long Term Liabilities	24	141,306
262,420	Long Term Liabilities		141,306
660,605	Net Assets		731,385
133,213	Usable Reserves	25	175,474
527,392	Unusable Reserves	26	555,911
660,605	Total Reserves		731,385

The restatement of the 2012/13 figures is primarily as a result of changes to IAS 19. The accounting for the defined benefit pension scheme obligations is set out in Note 46.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Council during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Council generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which the operations of the Council are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the Council. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources which are intended to contribute to the Council's future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (i.e. borrowing) to the Council.

2012/13 Restated £000		Notes	2013/14 £000
38,883	Net Deficit on the Provision of Services		49,264
(76,675)	Adjustments to Net Deficit on the Provision of Services for Non-Cash Movements		(112,214)
18,596	Adjustments for Items Included in the Net Deficit on the Provision of Services that are Investing and Financing Activities		28,434
<u>(19,196)</u>	Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	27	<u>(34,516)</u>
12,789	Investing Activities	28	739
<u>(5,425)</u>	Financing Activities	29	<u>(4,041)</u>
(11,832)	Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(37,818)
(15,194)	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Reporting Period		(27,026)
<u>(27,026)</u>	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Reporting Period	20	<u>(64,844)</u>

The restatement of the 2012/13 figures is primarily as a result of changes to IAS 19. The accounting for the defined benefit pension scheme obligations is set out in Note 46.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

1 General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2013/14 financial year and its position at the year-end of 31st March 2014. The Council is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 which those Regulations require to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. It has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 and is based on International Financial Reporting Standards. The accounting convention adopted in the Statement of Accounts is principally historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain categories of non-current assets.

The Statement of Accounts has been prepared with reference to:

- The objective of providing information about the financial position, performance and cash flows in a way that meets the common needs of most users.
- The objective of showing the results of the stewardship and accountability of elected members and management for the resources entrusted to them.

2 Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

- Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the Council transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.
- Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Council can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.
- Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed - where there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet.
- Expenses in relation to services received (including those services provided by employees) are recorded as expenditure when services are received, rather than when payments are made.
- Interest receivable on investments and payable on borrowings is accounted for respectively as income and expenditure on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract.
- Where income and expenditure has been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Where it is doubtful that debts will be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected (see Note 19).
- Income and expenditure are credited and debited to the relevant service revenue account, unless they properly represent capital receipts or capital expenditure.

3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are investments that mature in three months or less from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. The cash equivalent figure shown on the Balance Sheet (£69.7m as at 31st March 2014) is the total value of cash investments in instant access AAA-rated Money Market Funds and other short-term accessible accounts.

In the Cash Flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Council's cash management.

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

4 Acquisitions and Discontinued Operations

As a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Public Health responsibilities transferred to the Council from 1st April 2013. The service is funded by grant and there was no transfer of balance sheet items. The Council does not consider the transactions relating to this transfer to be material and, as such, has not undertaken the specific accounting requirements for acquired and discontinued operations. These transactions have therefore been treated as in-year entries within the Council's accounts.

5 Prior Period Adjustments, Changes in Accounting Policies and Estimates and Errors

Prior period adjustments may arise as a result of a change in accounting policies or to correct a material error. Changes in accounting estimates are accounted for prospectively, i.e. in the current and future years affected by the change and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment.

Changes in accounting policies are only made when required by proper accounting practices or the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions, other events and conditions on the Council's financial position or financial performance. Where a change is made, it is applied retrospectively (unless stated otherwise) by adjusting opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period as if the new policy had always been applied.

6 Charges to Revenue for Non Current Assets

Services, support services and trading accounts are debited with the following amounts to record the cost of holding Property, Plant and Equipment during the year:

- depreciation attributable to the assets used by the relevant service
- revaluation and impairment losses used by the service where there are no accumulated gains in the Revaluation Reserve against which the losses can be written off

The Council is not required to raise council tax to fund depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses. However, it is required to make an annual contribution from revenue (the Minimum Revenue Provision) to reduce its overall borrowing requirement (equal to an amount calculated on a prudent basis determined by the Council in accordance with statutory guidance). Depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses are therefore replaced by the contribution in the General Fund Balance by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account and the Movement in Reserves Statement for the difference between the two.

7 Employee Benefits

Benefits Payable During Employment

Short-term benefits are those due to be wholly settled within twelve months of the year-end. They include wages and salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits (e.g. cars) for current employees and are recognised as an expense in the year in which employees render service to the Council. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlements earned by employees but not taken before the year-end, which employees can carry forward into the next year. The accrual is made at the salary rates applicable in the following accounting year, being the period in which the employee takes the benefit. The accrual is charged to Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services, but then reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement so that holiday benefits are charged to revenue in the financial year in which the holiday absence occurs.

Termination Benefits

Termination Benefits, payable as a result of a decision by the Council to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date or of an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy, are charged on an accruals basis to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Council to the Pension Fund or pensioner in the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, appropriations are required to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for termination benefits related to pensions enhancements and replace them with debits for cash paid to the Pension Fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end.

1 *Statement of Accounting Policies continued*

7 *Employee Benefits continued*

Post Employment Benefits

Employees of the Council are members of three separate pension schemes:

- The Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered by the Teachers Pensions Agency on behalf of the Department for Education.
- The Local Government Pensions Scheme, administered by the Council itself under national regulations.
- The NHS Pension Scheme, administered by the Department for Health.

The schemes provide defined benefits to members (retirement lump sums and pensions), earned as employees work for the Council.

However, the arrangements for the teachers' and NHS schemes mean that liabilities for these benefits cannot be identified specifically to the Council. The schemes are accounted for as if they were defined contribution schemes and no liability for future payments of benefits is recognised in the Balance Sheet. Employer contributions payable to Teachers' Pensions and NHS Pensions in the year are charged to the relevant Service lines in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Disclosures in relation to retirement benefits can be found in Note 46.

The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Local Government Scheme is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme. Employees who participate in the scheme earn benefits that will not actually be payable until retirement. However, the Council has a commitment to make these payments and the accounts have been prepared to reflect the cost of providing retirement benefits in the accounting period(s) in which they are earned. Related finance costs and any other changes in the values of assets and liabilities are recognised in the accounting periods in which they arise.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS 19) and on the advice of the Council's actuary, Mercer Limited, in accordance with Technical Accounting Standard R: Reporting Actuarial Information and Technical Accounting Standard D: Data, issued by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

The liabilities of the Bromley pension scheme attributable to the Council are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method - i.e. an assessment of the future payments that will be made in relation to retirement benefits earned to date by employees, based on assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates, etc, and projections of earnings for current employees.

Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate based on corporate bond yields (in Bromley's case, the discount rate was based on the yields of AA rated corporate bonds of currency and term appropriate to the currency and term of the Fund's liabilities). In 2013/14, this discount rate was 4.4% compared to 4.3% in 2012/13. The higher the discount rate, the lower the value placed on liabilities, but this will have had only a minor impact on the total movement in the overall Pension Reserve deficit during 2013/14 (a reduction of £120m). The movement is explained in more detail in Note 46.

The assets of the Bromley Pension Fund attributable to the Council (all quoted or unitised securities) are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value, which is the current bid price.

The change in the net pensions liability is analysed into 6 components:

a) Service Cost comprising:

- current service cost (the increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year) - allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the services for which employees worked.
- past service cost (the increase in liabilities arising from a scheme amendment or curtailment whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years) - debited or credited as part of Non-Distributed Costs to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- gains/losses on settlement (the result of actions to relieve the Council of liabilities for all or part of the employee benefits provided under the plan) - debited or credited as part of Non-Distributed Costs to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

7 Employee Benefits continued

b) Net interest costs:

the expected increase in the present value of liabilities during the year as they move one year closer to being paid - debited to Net Operating Expenditure (Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

c) Remeasurements comprising:

- return on plan assets, excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) - charged to the Pension Fund Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- actuarial gains/losses (changes in the net pensions liability that arise because events have not followed assumptions in the last actuarial valuation or because the actuary has changed his assumptions) - debited or credited to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

d) Contributions paid to the Pension Fund (cash paid as employer contributions to the fund in settlement of liabilities not accounted for as an expense).

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund to be charged with the amount payable by the Council to the Pension Fund or directly to pensioners in the year, not the amount calculated by the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, this means that there are appropriations to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for retirement benefits and replace them with debits for the cash paid to the Pension Fund and pensioners and any amounts payable to the fund but unpaid at the year-end. The negative balance on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact to the General Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows and not as benefits are earned by employees.

Discretionary Benefits

The Council also has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

8 Events After the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the reporting period are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period - the Statement of Accounts is adjusted to reflect such events
- those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period - the Statement of Accounts is not adjusted to reflect such events, but where a category of events would have a material effect disclosure is made of the nature of the events and their estimated financial effect.

Events taking place after the date of authorisation for issue are not reflected in the Statement of Accounts.

9 Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and carried at amortised cost. Annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. The effective rate of interest is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments over the life of the instrument to the amount at which it was originally recognised.

Currently the Council has no borrowings as such, but has identified a number of contractual arrangements that contain finance leases in respect of vehicles and plant. Details of these are provided in Note 42.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

10 Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified as either:

- available for sale assets - those with a quoted market price and/or no fixed or determinable payments; or
- loans and receivables - assets that have fixed or determinable payments but are not quoted in an active market.

Full details are given in Note 15 to the Core Financial Statements.

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value. They are then measured at their amortised cost. Annual credits for interest receivable to the Financing and Investment Income Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. For most of the loans that the Council has made, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal receivable (plus accrued interest) and interest credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount receivable for the year in the loan agreement.

However, the Council has made a number of loans at less than market rates (soft loans), for example car and season ticket loans to employees or deferred payment agreements for social services clients. The Code of Practice requires that when soft loans are made, a loss is recorded in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the present value of the interest that will be foregone over the life of the instrument, resulting in a lower amortised cost than the outstanding principal. The impact on the General Fund is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement. The Council has a record of all soft loans issued and, having calculated the value, has not applied this policy as the amounts involved would not create a material difference in the accounts.

Where assets are identified as impaired because of a likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under the contract will not be made, the asset is written down and a charge is made to the relevant service (for receivables specific to that service) or the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows.

11 Government Grants and Contributions

Whether paid on account, by instalments or in arrears, government grants and third party contributions and donations are recognised as due to the Authority when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Authority will comply with the conditions attached to the payments, and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due to the Authority are not credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement until conditions attached to the grant or contribution have been satisfied. Conditions are stipulations that specify that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset acquired using the grant or contribution are required to be consumed by the recipient as specified, or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors or receipts in advance. When conditions are satisfied, the grant or contribution is credited to the relevant service line or to Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income (non- ring-fenced revenue grants and all capital grants) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where capital grants are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is posted to the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve. Where it has been applied, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

12 Heritage Assets

Where an asset is primarily held for its contribution to knowledge and culture, rather than for any operational or service-related purpose, it is designated as a heritage asset.

Heritage Assets are recognised and measured in accordance with the Authority's accounting policies on property, plant and equipment. However, some of the measurement rules are relaxed in relation to heritage assets as detailed below.

The Council has identified assets and valuations where possible, but, in some cases, it has not been possible to carry out or obtain valuations for a number of heritage assets. The Code permits non-disclosure of heritage assets in the financial statements where it would not be practicable to obtain a valuation for the assets at a cost that would be commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements. The Council has taken the view that it would not be practicable to obtain valuations of its war memorials and a number of other assets and they are not, therefore, recognised on the Balance Sheet. Further details are included in Note 50.

The Authority's heritage assets included on the Balance Sheet mainly comprise civic regalia and Bromley Museum art collections and are shown in more detail in Note 50. The items have indeterminate lives and are not, therefore, depreciated. They are also valued infrequently, due to their relatively low value in relation to the Authority's overall asset base and the high cost of valuing a diverse set of assets without comparative values.

The carrying amounts of heritage assets are reviewed where there is evidence of impairment and any impairment is recognised and measured in accordance with the Council's general policy on impairment (see accounting policy 17). The proceeds of any disposals are accounted for in accordance with the Council's general provisions relating to the disposal of property, plant and equipment and disposal proceeds are disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements (see accounting policy 17).

13 Inventories

The Code states that Inventories should be included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Council values Inventories at latest cost, but this has no material effect on the accounts. The value of work in progress is taken as costs to date.

14 Investment properties

Investment properties are those that are held solely to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. The definition is not met if the property is used in any way to facilitate the delivery of services or production of goods or is held for sale.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value, based on the amount for which the asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable parties at arms-length. Investment properties are not depreciated but properties of material value are revalued annually. Net gains and losses on revaluation and on disposal are posted to the Financing and Investment Income line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Revaluation and disposal gains and losses are not permitted by statutory arrangements to have an impact on the General Fund Balance and they are, therefore, reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and (for any sale proceeds greater than £10,000) the Capital Receipts Reserve.

Rentals received in relation to investment properties are credited to Financing and Investment Income and result in gains for the General Fund Balance.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

15 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases where the terms of the lease transfer substantially from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the property, plant or equipment. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Where a lease covers both land and buildings, the land and buildings elements are considered separately for classification.

Arrangements that do not have the legal status of a lease but convey a right to use an asset in return for payment are accounted for under this policy where fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of specific assets.

The Authority as Lessee

Finance Leases

Property, plant and equipment held under finance leases is recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease's inception (or the present value of the minimum lease payments, if lower). The asset recognised is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor. Initial direct costs of the Council are added to the carrying amount of the asset. Premiums paid on entry into a lease are applied to writing down the lease liability. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the years in which they are incurred.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

- a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property, plant or equipment - applied to write down the lease liability, and
- a finance charge (debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement)

Property, Plant and Equipment recognised under finance leases is accounted for using the policies applied generally to such assets, subject to depreciation being charged over the lease term if this is shorter than the asset's estimated useful life (where ownership of the asset does not transfer to the Council at the end of the lease period).

The Council is not required to raise council tax to cover depreciation or revaluation and impairment losses arising on leased assets. Instead, a prudent annual contribution is made from revenue funds towards the deemed capital investment in accordance with statutory requirements. Depreciation and revaluation and impairment losses are therefore substituted by a revenue contribution in the General Fund Balance, by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement for the difference between the two.

Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement as an expense of the services benefitting from the use of the leased property, plant or equipment. Charges are made on a straight line basis over the life of the lease, even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a rent-free period at the commencement of the lease).

The Council as Lessor

Finance Leases

As at 31st March 2014, the Authority holds no finance leases as lessor.

Operating Leases

Where the Council grants an operating lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the asset is retained in the Balance Sheet. Rental income is credited to Other Operating Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Credits are made on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease, even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a premium paid at the commencement of the lease). Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging the lease are added to the carrying amount of the relevant asset and charged as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as rental income.

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

16 Overheads and Support Services

The cost of overheads and support services are charged to those that benefit from the supply or service in accordance with the costing principles of the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14 (SeRCOP). The total absorption costing principle is used - the full cost of overheads and support services are shared between users in proportion to the benefits received, with the exception of:

- Corporate and Democratic Core - costs relating to the Council's status as a multi-functional, democratic organisation.
- Non Distributed Costs - the cost of discretionary benefits awarded to employees retiring early and impairment losses chargeable on Assets Held for Sale.

These two cost categories are defined in SeRCOP and accounted for as separate headings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as part of the Cost of Services.

17 Property, Plant and Equipment

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes and that are expected to be used during more than one financial year, are classified as Property, Plant and Equipment.

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is capitalised on an accruals basis in the accounts, provided that it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential (i.e. repairs and maintenance) is charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when it is incurred.

Measurement

The freehold and leasehold properties that comprise the Council's property portfolio are revalued on the basis required by the Code (i.e. at least every five years) and in accordance with the Statements of Asset Valuation Principles and Guidance Notes issued by The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Further revaluations are also carried out where there are known to have been material changes. The most recent set of re-valuations were carried out as at December 2013 under the responsibility of Heather Hosking BSc FRICS, Head of Strategic Property.

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- the purchase price
- any costs attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management
- the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located

The cost of assets acquired other than by purchase is deemed to be at fair value, unless the acquisition does not have commercial substance (i.e. it will not lead to a variation in the cash flows of the Council). In the latter case, where an asset is acquired via an exchange, the cost of the acquisition is the carrying amount of the asset given up by the Council.

Assets are then carried in the Balance Sheet using the following measurement bases:

- infrastructure, community assets and assets under construction - depreciated historical cost
- all other assets - fair value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value - EUV).

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1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

17 Property, Plant and Equipment continued

Where non-property assets have short useful lives or low values (or both), depreciated historical cost basis is used as a proxy for fair value.

Where there is no market-based evidence of fair value because of the specialist nature of the asset, depreciated replacement cost (DRC) is used as an estimate of fair value.

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, but as a minimum every five years. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains.

Where decreases in value are identified, they are accounted for by:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains).
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Revaluation Reserve contains revaluation gains recognised since 1 April 2007 only, the date of its formal implementation. Gains arising before that date have been consolidated into the Capital Adjustment Account.

Impairment

Assets are assessed at each year-end as to whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and, where this is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognised for the shortfall.

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for by:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains).
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where an impairment loss is reversed subsequently, the reversal is credited to the relevant service line(s) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. An exception is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life (i.e. freehold land and certain Community Assets) and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e. assets under construction).

Depreciation is calculated on the following basis:

- depreciation is charged on all Property, Plant and Equipment on a straight-line basis over the remaining useful life of the assets as estimated by the valuer;
- depreciation is not charged on freehold land and investment properties;
- newly acquired assets are depreciated from the mid-point of the year, although assets under construction are not depreciated until they are brought into use.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

17 Property, Plant and Equipment continued

Where an item of Property, Plant and Equipment has major components whose cost is significant in relation to the total cost of the item, the components are depreciated separately.

Revaluation gains are also depreciated, with an amount equal to the difference between current value depreciation charged on assets and the depreciation that would have been chargeable based on the historical cost being transferred each year from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Disposals

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use and when that sale is likely to be completed within one year of the Balance Sheet date, it is reclassified as an Asset held for Sale.

The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Where there is a subsequent decrease to fair value less costs to sell, the loss is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Gains in fair value are recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services up to the amount of any previously recognised losses. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale, they are reclassified back to non-current assets (Property, Plant & Equipment) and valued at the lower of their carrying amount before they were classified as held for sale; adjusted for depreciation, amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale, and their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell.

Assets that are to be abandoned or scrapped are not reclassified as Assets Held for Sale. When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal). Any valuation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for disposals in excess of £10,000 are categorised as capital receipts. A proportion of housing capital receipts (75% of the proportion of Council House sales received every three years from Broomleigh Housing Association) is payable to the Government.

A capital receipt received on the sale of an asset is required to be credited to the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve, and can then only be used for new capital investment or set aside to reduce the Council's underlying need to borrow (the Capital Financing Requirement). Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The written-off value of disposals is not a charge against council tax, as the cost of Property, Plant and Equipment is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Assets held for sale that are expected to be sold within 1 year are shown on the Balance Sheet as Current Assets. Assets expected to be sold more than 1 year after the Balance Sheet date are shown as Surplus Assets under Property, Plant and Equipment.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

18 Private Finance Initiative and Similar Contracts

PFI and similar contracts are agreements to receive services, where the responsibility for making available the property, plant and equipment needed to provide services passes to the PFI contractor. As the Council is deemed to control the services that are provided under such schemes and as the ownership of the property, plant and equipment will pass to the Council at the end of the contracts for no additional charge, the Council carries the assets used under the contracts on its Balance Sheet as part of Property, Plant and Equipment.

The Council has not entered into any PFI schemes but it has entered into a service concession arrangement, which grants to another company or organisation the right to provide services on behalf of the Council, using infrastructure assets owned by the Council or the contractor. Further details of this are provided in Note 43.

The original recognition of these assets at fair value (based on the cost to purchase the property, plant and equipment) is balanced by the recognition of a liability for amounts due to the scheme operator to pay for the capital investment.

Non current assets recognised on the Balance Sheet are revalued and depreciated in the same way as property, plant and equipment owned by the Council.

19 Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the appropriate service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year that the Authority becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year – where it becomes less than probable that a transfer of economic benefits will now be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made), the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service. Where some or all of the payment required to settle a provision is expected to be recovered from another party (e.g. from an insurance claim), this is only recognised as income for the relevant service if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the Council settles the obligation.

Details of all provisions are set out in Note 22.

20 Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability arises where an event has taken place that gives the Council a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Council. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts.

21 Contingent Assets

A contingent asset arises where an event has taken place that gives the Council a possible asset whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Council.

Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts (Note 48) where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefits or service potential.

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

22 Reserves

The Council has set aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by appropriating amounts out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When expenditure to be financed from a reserve is incurred, it is charged to the appropriate service in that year against the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The reserve is then appropriated back into the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement so that there is no net charge against council tax for the expenditure.

Certain reserves are kept to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, financial instruments, retirement and employee benefits and do not represent usable resources for the Council. These reserves are explained in the relevant policies.

Details of Bromley's revenue reserves are set out in the Movement in Reserves Statement and in Note 8.

Reserves are reported in two categories - Usable and Unusable.

Usable Reserves

Those reserves that the Council may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt).

Unusable Reserves

Those reserves that the Council is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes those that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets were sold; and the reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

23 Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

Expenditure incurred during the year that may be capitalised under statutory provisions but that does not result in the creation of a non-current asset has been charged as expenditure to the relevant service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year. Where the Authority has determined to meet the cost of this expenditure from existing capital resources or by borrowing (the former in Bromley's case), a transfer in the Movement in Reserves Statement from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account then reverses out the amounts charged so that there is no impact on the level of council tax.

24 Value Added Tax

VAT payable is included as an expense only to the extent that it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income.

25 Carbon Reduction Commitment Allowances

Accounting for the costs of the Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme.

The authority is required to participate in the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme. This scheme is currently in its introductory phase which will last until 31st March 2014. The authority is required to purchase and surrender allowances, currently retrospectively, on the basis of emissions (i.e. carbon dioxide produced as energy is used). As carbon dioxide is emitted (i.e. as energy is used), a liability and an expense are recognised. The liability will be discharged by surrendering allowances. The liability is measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to meet the obligation, normally at the current market price of the number of allowances required to meet the liability at the reporting date. The cost to the authority is recognised and reported in the costs of the authority's services and is apportioned to services on the basis of energy consumption.

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

1 Statement of Accounting Policies continued

26 Accounting for Council Tax

The collection of Council Tax is in substance an agency arrangement, the cash collected by the Authority from Council Tax debtors belongs proportionately to the billing Authority and the Greater London Authority (GLA). There will therefore be a debtor/creditor position between the billing Authority and the GLA as the net cash paid to them in the year is not the share of cash collected from Council Tax payers.

The Code confirms that Council Tax income included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the year shall be the accrued income for the year.

27 Accounting for NNDR

Following the introduction of Business Rate Localisation, with effect from 1st April 2013, local authorities are responsible for collecting and distributing income from the business rates they collect rather than simply acting in an agency capacity for the DCLG NNDR Pool as they had done until 31st March 2013.

The Council will continue to maintain balances for NNDR arrears, impairment allowances, prepayments and overpayments in its underlying accounting records. However, for the final accounts purposes, NNDR transactions and balances are allocated between the Council, the GLA and Central Government.

28 Presentation of Items in Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure

The requirements of IAS 1 require Authorities to separately group items that will be reclassified subsequently to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services when specific conditions are met and those items that will not be reclassified. In 2013/14 the Council experienced a deficit arising from the downward revaluation of an Available-for-Sale financial asset but has determined that this does not need to be separately grouped as the value is immaterial.

2 Accounting Standards that have been Issued but have not yet been Adopted

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 has introduced a number of changes in accounting policies which are due to be implemented on 1st April 2014. The new and revised standards have been issued addressing the accounting for consolidation, involvements in joint arrangements and disclosures of involvements in other entities.

1 IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements

The standard introduces a new definition of control, which is used to determine which entities are consolidated for the purpose of group accounts. The Council does not have any group accounts and therefore this standard has no impact on the 2013/14 accounts.

2 IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements

This standard addresses the accounting for 'joint arrangements', which is defined as a contractual arrangement over which two or more parties have joint control. These are classified as either a joint venture or a joint operation. In addition proportionate consolidation can no longer be used for jointly controlled entities. The Council has no material joint venture arrangements and therefore this standard has no impact on the 2013/14 accounts.

3 IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

This is a consolidated disclosure standard requiring a range of disclosures about an entity's interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates and unconsolidated 'structured entities'. The Council has a number of arrangements with other entities but further disclosure is not required as they are not deemed material in the context of the 2013/14 Financial Statements.

4 IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements (as amended in 2011)

IAS 27 has been amended to conform with the changes in IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12. Given that there would be no changes in the financial statements, except for disclosure, due to changes to IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12, there is therefore no impact as a result of changes in IAS 27.

5 IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (as amended in 2011)

IAS 28 has been amended to conform with the changes in IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12. Given that there would be no changes in the financial statements, except for disclosure, due to changes to IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12, there is therefore no impact as a result of changes in IAS 28.

6 IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation

The Code references amended application guidance when offsetting a financial asset and a financial liability. The gains and losses are separately identified in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and therefore no further disclosure is required.

7 Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2009 – 2011 Cycle.

The Annual Improvements to IFRS 2009 - 2011 Cycle are non urgent, but necessary, amendments to the following five standards, IFRS 1, IAS 1, IAS 16, IAS 32 and IAS 34. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2013 and the amendments are made retrospectively. Annual improvements are generally intended to clarify requirements and as a result of these amendments the Council's existing policies, procedures and disclosures have been re-evaluated.

3 Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in note 1, the Authority has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events.

The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are:

- a) There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government. However, the Authority has determined that this uncertainty is not yet sufficient to provide an indication that the assets of the Authority might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities or reduce levels of service provision.
- b) There is a potential breach of contract claim from a social care contractor which has not yet led to proceedings being issued. The Authority repudiates any liability and no provision for potential damages has been made in relation to the claim.
- c) A review in 2010/11 of significant contractual arrangements identified finance leases embedded within some of those contracts. This resulted in some Vehicles and Plant being brought on Balance Sheet from 1st April 2009 (restated in the 2010/11 financial statements). The most significant of these was on the contract for Refuse Collection, which was identified as a Service Concession. The vehicles used by the contractor are now included on the Balance Sheet under Property, Plant and Equipment. The value of these finance leases at 31st March 2014 was £2,565k.
- d) In October 2008, the Icelandic banks Landsbanki, Kaupthing and Glitnir collapsed and the UK subsidiaries of the banks, Heritable and Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander went into administration. The authority had £5m deposited with Heritable at the time, which had been placed for two years on 28th June 2007 at a rate of 6.42%. Heritable Bank is a UK registered bank under English law and was placed in administration on 7th October 2008. As at 31st March 2014, a total of £4,783k had been received from the administrator (94% of the Council's total claim of £5,087k). In accordance with CIPFA advice, impairment losses have previously been made in the accounts and, as estimates of recovery have improved, part-reversals of those impairment losses have been made, including, most recently, £310k in 2013/14. This reduced the balance of the provision for potential loss to £300k (6% of the Council's total claim).

4 Assumptions Made About the Future and Other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Authority about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be different from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the Authority's Balance Sheet at 31st March 2014 for which there is a risk of adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Property, Plant and Equipment

Uncertainties

Assets are depreciated over useful lives that are dependent on assumptions about the level of repairs and maintenance that will be incurred in relation to individual assets. The current economic climate makes it uncertain that the Authority will be able to sustain its current spending on repairs and maintenance, bringing into doubt the useful lives assigned to the asset. In any event, useful lives are reviewed regularly.

Effect if Actual Results Differ

If the useful life of the assets is reduced, depreciation increases and the carrying amount of the asset falls.

Business Rates

Following the introduction on 1st April 2013 of the Business Rates Retention scheme, Local Authorities are liable for their proportionate share of successful appeals against business rates charged to businesses in 2012/13 and earlier financial years. A provision based on the best available information including Valuation Office (VAO) ratings list of appeals has been recognised for this liability.

4 Assumptions Made About the Future and Other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty (cont)

Pensions Liability

Uncertainties

Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Authority with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.

Effect if Actual Results Differ

The effects on the net pensions liability of changes in individual assumptions can be significant. For instance, in 2010, the Government announced that pension increase orders would in future be linked to CPI rather than RPI. CPI is lower (2.7% assumed) than RPI (3.9% assumed) and this had the effect of reducing the Fund's net liability by £60m in 2010/11. Conversely, in 2011/12, the Fund's net liability increased by some £82m because a) actual investment returns in the year (2.2%) were lower than the actuary's assumption (6.6%), which caused asset values to reduce and b) the discount rate (corporate bond yield) used by the actuary to value the Fund's liabilities reduced from the original assumption of 5.5% to 4.6%, which caused liability values to go up. In 2012/13, the Council's net liability remained relatively stable (up by £8.5m, which was primarily due to interest emerging on the net liability figure of £251m as at 31st March 2012). In 2013/14, the net liability fell by some £120m (from £260m to £140m). This was mainly due to positive experience since the 2010 valuation that has been recognised at this year end. Other positive factors included favourable investment returns during the year and improved market conditions which reduced the value placed on the liabilities.

The impact in future years will be assessed by the Council's actuary in subsequent IAS 19 reports.

Arrears

Uncertainties

At 31st March 2014, the Authority had a balance of sundry debtors of £12,167k. A review of the category, age and status of these debts suggested that an impairment of doubtful debts of 9.2% (£1,119k) was appropriate. However, in the current economic climate, it is not certain that such an allowance would be sufficient.

Effect if Actual Results Differ

If collection rates were to deteriorate, the impairment of doubtful debts would need to increase resulting in an additional sum being set aside as an allowance.

5 Exceptional Items

Loss Recognised on Disposals of Long-Term Assets

During 2013/14, eight of the Council's Primary Schools adopted academy status (2 in 2012/13), as a result of which their Property, Plant & Equipment values, totalling £64.9m (£22.6m in 2012/13), have been removed from the balance sheet. This has been treated as a loss on disposal in these accounts, as the Council has effectively disposed of the schools for no receipt. In accordance with the accounting requirements of the Code, a debit of £64.9m has been posted in 2013/14 to Other Operating Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 9), with a corresponding reduction to long-term assets (property, plant & equipment - see Note 12). Accumulated revaluation gains of £11.3m (£6.6m in 2012/13) have been transferred from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account (both included in figures in Note 26) and, in order to ensure that the total "loss" does not impact on the General Fund, the debit of £64.9m has been reversed out to the Capital Adjustment Account through the Movement in Reserves Statement.

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6 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

The Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by the Director of Finance on 17th September 2014. The existence of events after the Balance Sheet date has been considered up to this date and there are none to disclose. Events taking place after this date are not reflected in the financial statements or notes.

7 Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Authority in the year in accordance with proper accounting practice to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Authority to meet future capital and revenue expenditure.

The following sets out a description of the reserves that the adjustments are made against.

General Fund Balance

The General Fund is the statutory fund into which all the receipts of an authority are required to be paid and out of which all liabilities of the authority are to be met, except to the extent that statutory rules might provide otherwise. These rules can also specify the financial year in which liabilities and payments should impact on the General Fund Balance, which is not necessarily in accordance with proper accounting practice. The General Fund Balance therefore summarises the resources that the Council is statutorily empowered to spend on its services or on capital investment (or the deficit of resources that the Council is required to recover) at the end of the financial year.

Capital Receipts Reserve

The Capital Receipts Reserve holds the proceeds from the disposal of land or other assets, which are restricted by statute from being used other than to fund new capital expenditure or to be set aside to finance historical capital expenditure. The balance on the reserve shows the resources that have yet to be applied for these purposes at the year-end.

Capital Grants Unapplied

The Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve holds the grants and contributions received towards capital projects for which the Council has met the conditions that would otherwise require repayment of the monies but which have yet to be applied to meet expenditure. The balance is restricted by grant terms as to the capital expenditure against which it can be applied and/or the financial year in which this can take place.

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7 Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations continued

<u>2013/14</u>	Usable Reserves			Movement in Unusable Reserves £000
	General Fund Balance £000	Capital Receipts Reserve £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:				
<i>Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive I&E Statement:</i>				
Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(32,036)	-	-	32,036
Movements in the fair value of investment properties	6,997	-	-	(6,997)
Capital grants & contributions applied	11,019	-	-	(11,019)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(12,156)	-	-	12,156
Non current assets written off on disposal or sale	(74,825)	-	-	74,825
<i>Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive I & E Statement:</i>				
Statutory provision for capital financing	1,154	-	-	(1,154)
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund	13,681	-	-	(13,681)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:				
Capital grants unapplied credited to the CI&E Statement	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:				
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited to the CI&E Statement	9,915	(9,915)	-	-
Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance capital expenditure	-	510	-	(510)
Contribution from Capital Receipts Reserve to finance the payments to the Government Capital Receipts Pool	(3)	3	-	-
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	-	(789)	-	789
Adjustments primarily involving the Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve:				
Transfer of deferred sale proceeds credited to the CI&E Statement	1,033	-	-	(1,033)
Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve:				
Reversal of retirement benefits debited or credited to the CI&E Statement (see note 46)	(25,294)	-	-	25,294
Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	17,687	-	-	(17,687)
Adjustments primarily involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account:				
Amount by which council tax and non-domestic rating income credited to the CI&E Statement is different from council tax and non-domestic rating income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	529	-	-	(529)
Adjustments primarily involving the Accumulated Absences Account:				
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the CI&E Statement on an accruals basis differs from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	965	-	-	(965)
Total Adjustments	(73,834)	(10,191)	(7,500)	91,525

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7 Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations continued

<u>2012/13 Comparative Figures</u>	Usable Reserves			Movement
	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	in Unusable Reserves
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:				
<i>Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive I&E Statement:</i>				
Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(34,455)	-	-	34,455
Movements in the fair value of investment properties	(2,588)	-	-	2,588
Capital grants & contributions applied	16,046	-	-	(16,046)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(15,962)	-	-	15,962
Non current assets written off on disposal or sale	(24,881)	-	-	24,881
<i>Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive I & E Statement:</i>				
Statutory provision for capital financing	1,481	-	-	(1,481)
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund	6,927	-	-	(6,927)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:				
Capital grants unapplied credited to the CI&E Statement	301	-	(301)	-
Application of grants to capital financing transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	-	-	108	(108)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:				
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited to the CI&E Statement	2,249	(2,249)	-	-
Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance capital expenditure	-	4,636	-	(4,636)
Contribution from Capital Receipts Reserve to finance the payments to the Government Capital Receipts Pool	(6)	6	-	-
Transfer from Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	-	(187)	-	187
Adjustments primarily involving the Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve:				
Transfer of deferred sale proceeds credited to the CI&E Statement	466	-	-	(466)
Adjustments primarily involving the Pensions Reserve:				
Reversal of retirement benefits debited or credited to the CI&E Statement (see note 46)	(28,516)	-	-	28,516
Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	17,534	-	-	(17,534)
Adjustments primarily involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account:				
Amount by which council tax income credited to the CI&E Statement is different from council tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	907	-	-	(907)
Adjustments primarily involving the Accumulated Absences Account:				
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the CI&E Statement on an accruals basis differs from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	419	-	-	(419)
Total Adjustments	(60,078)	2,206	(193)	58,065

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8 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund balances in earmarked reserves to provide financing for future expenditure plans and the amounts posted back from earmarked reserves to meet General Fund expenditure in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

2013/14	Balance at 31st March 2013 £000	Transfers Out 2013/14 £000	Transfers In 2013/14 £000	Balance at 31st March 2014 £000
Balances Held by Schools under a Scheme of Delegation	6,432	1,517	1,852	6,767
Insurance Fund	3,022	1,376	1,335	2,981
LPSA Reward Grant Investment Fund	301	88	83	296
LAA Reward Grant Investment Fund	830	80	-	750
Technology Fund	1,786	-	15	1,801
Street Services Reinstatement Fund	483	483	-	-
Reserve for Potential Redundancy Costs	1,097	1,202	220	115
Public Halls Fund	12	4	-	8
Town Centre Improvement Fund	66	-	-	66
Ex Glaxo Land Maintenance	189	7	1	183
Building a Better Bromley Initiatives	83	83	-	-
Prevent Funding	46	46	-	-
Building Control Charging Account	22	22	68	68
Grant Related Expenditure	1,070	1,014	2,296	2,352
Investment to Community Fund	408	3	250	655
Works to Property	100	-	-	100
Economic Development and Investment Fund	37,319	6,109	19,983	51,193
Invest to Save	17,301	3,518	2,192	15,975
Bromley Welcare	104	75	-	29
One-off Member Initiatives	1,528	366	-	1,162
Interest Rate Risk Reserve	1,185	-	-	1,185
Infrastructure Investment Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000
Provision for Impact of Recession	1,500	-	-	1,500
Commissioning Authority Programme	204	105	-	99
Health & Social Care Initiatives - Promise Programme	7,495	1,542	-	5,953
Housing Strategy Trading Account	50	50	29	29
Community Right to Bid & Challenge	13	-	17	30
Glades Refurbishment	572	-	-	572
Winter Pressures	-	-	1,542	1,542
Impact of Winter Damage - Potholes & Highways	-	-	1,000	1,000
Replacement of Fallen Trees - Storm Damage	-	100	100	-
Provision for Emergency Flood Damage	-	-	100	100
Refurbishment of War Memorials	-	-	25	25
Key Health & Social Care Initiatives	-	-	1,700	1,700
Integration of Health & Social Care Initiatives	-	-	1,937	1,937
Cheyne Woods & Cyphers Gate	-	-	192	192
Healthy Bromley Fund	-	-	2,670	2,670
Transformation Fund	-	-	4,753	4,753
	85,218	17,790	42,360	109,788

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8 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves continued

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund balances in earmarked reserves to provide financing for future expenditure plans and the amounts posted back from earmarked reserves to meet General Fund expenditure in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

	Balance at 31st March 2012 £000	Transfers Out 2012/13 £000	Transfers In 2012/13 £000	Balance at 31st March 2013 £000
2012/13				
Balances Held by Schools under a Scheme of Delegation	6,513	1,591	1,510	6,432
Insurance Fund	2,965	605	662	3,022
LPSA Reward Grant Investment Fund	855	554	-	301
LAA Reward Grant Investment Fund	1,537	707	-	830
Technology Fund	1,763	-	23	1,786
Street Services Reinstatement Fund	483	-	-	483
Reserve for Potential Redundancy Costs	2,770	2,270	597	1,097
Public Halls Fund	13	1	-	12
Town Centre Improvement Fund	66	-	-	66
Ex Glaxo Land Maintenance	194	7	2	189
Building a Better Bromley Initiatives	83	-	-	83
General Members Priorities	15	15	-	-
Prevent Funding	92	46	-	46
Building Control Charging Account	7	7	22	22
Grant Related Expenditure	720	392	742	1,070
Investment to Community Fund	225	67	250	408
Works to Property	100	-	-	100
Economic Development and Investment Fund	10,000	3,787	31,106	37,319
Invest to Save	13,920	3	3,384	17,301
Health & Social Care Initiatives - Promise Programme	4,995	-	2,500	7,495
Bromley Welcare	200	96	-	104
Diamond Jubilee Reserve	100	100	-	-
One-off Member Initiatives	2,620	1,092	-	1,528
Interest Rate Risk Reserve	1,185	-	-	1,185
New Homes Bonus	993	3,019	2,026	-
Infrastructure Investment Fund	-	2,463	4,463	2,000
Provision for Impact of Recession	-	-	1,500	1,500
Commissioning Authority Programme	-	96	300	204
Housing Strategy Trading Account	-	-	50	50
Community Right to Bid & Challenge	-	-	13	13
Glades Refurbishment	-	-	572	572
	52,414	16,918	49,722	85,218

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8 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves continued

- Balances Held by Schools under a Scheme of Delegation - school balances represent sums delegated to schools in accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 which had not been spent at 31st March. Any underspending on the budget of the school remains at the disposal of the school to spend in future financial years.
- Insurance Fund - provides for the self-insurance of all losses up to a maximum in any year of £500k for material damage claims and £1,353k for Employers and Public Liability claims. External insurers are used to provide for losses in excess of these sums.
- Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) Reward Grant - relates to Reward Grant received in 2005/06 and 2006/07 as a result of achievement of performance targets in LPSA1.
- LAA Reward Grant - relates to reward grant received from the Government as a result of the achievement of performance targets in our Local Area Agreement.
- Technology Fund - exists to provide resources to allow investment in ICT within the Borough to help improve the efficiency of departments and provide more comprehensive information and communication systems for Members, officers and the public.
- Street Services Reinstatement Fund - sum received from NTL to provide for street services maintenance and reinstatement arising from indemnified works.
- Reserve for Potential Redundancy Costs - provision set aside to meet potential redundancy implications in future years.
- Public Halls Fund - used for property/access works to facilitate greater participation at charity and community halls.
- Town Centre Improvement Fund - the Council has received funding through the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme which has been set aside to provide a contribution to the Town Centre Development Fund. A sum of £1,022k was ringfenced to contribute towards the costs associated with the relocation of Orpington Library. The balance is available for expenditure related to the development and sustainability of town centres.
- Ex Glaxo Land Maintenance - an endowment has been received for future maintenance of land conveyed to the London Borough of Bromley.
- Building a Better Bromley Initiatives - funding received by the Authority through the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme which has been set aside for one-off spending initiatives. In 2013/14, the remaining balance on the reserve (£83k) was transferred to the LPSA Reward Grant reserve.
- General Members Priorities - provision set aside to deal with Member priorities relating to environmental initiatives.
- Prevent Funding - an extended 3 year mentoring scheme for young people assessed as being at risk of developing criminal or anti-social behaviour. It is for the recruitment, matching and management of volunteer mentors for young people within the Borough.
- Building Control Charging Account - to account for surpluses and funding of deficits to be offset against future charges in accordance with Bromley's Building Regulations Charging Scheme.
- Grant Related Expenditure - established to account for the carry forward of underspends of grant related expenditure where there are no conditions attached to the associated grant income.

8 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves continued

- Investment to Community Fund - set up in 2009/10 to provide investment to the community and voluntary sector as determined by Members.
- Works to Property - a fund set aside to meet potential unrecoverable costs associated with works to a property.
- Economic Development & Investment Fund - a fund established to maximise economic growth which will include investment opportunities and undertaking key infrastructure improvements. A key strand of the Council's financial strategy relates to economic development and generating income. The fund will provide key regeneration opportunities whilst also being utilised to provide a long term alternative income stream.
- Invest to Save - a fund established in 2011/12 to support invest to save initiatives with any savings taking into account an element for repaying the fund whilst generating further savings that can be factored into future years' budgets.
- Bromley Welcare - set aside to commission a time limited, step up/step down service as part of a managed funding strategy.
- Diamond Jubilee Reserve - a fund set aside to meet the costs associated with the celebrations of the Queen's diamond jubilee.
- One-off Member Initiatives - a fund set aside to be earmarked against Member priority initiatives to be delivered by the Executive or Portfolio Holders as appropriate.
- Interest Rate Risk Reserve - funding set aside to partly mitigate against the risk of further reductions in investment income in light of increasing uncertainty about future investment returns.
- New Homes Bonus - established to set aside the income received to support key community initiatives that do not require ongoing funding.
- Infrastructure Investment Fund - funding set aside to partly reduce the risk of reducing levels of property and equipment maintenance which could result in more costly longer term costs being incurred.
- Provision for Impact of the Recession - monies set aside as a provision for impact of the recession.
- Commissioning Authority Programme - monies set aside to finance work associated with transforming LBB into a commissioning-based organisation.
- Health & Social Care 'Promise Programme' - monies set aside of funding from the PCT for investment in further integration of health and social care initiatives and the 'Promise Programme'.
- Housing Strategy Trading Account - to account for surpluses and funding of deficits to be offset against future affordable housing charges.
- Community Right to Bid and Challenge - funding set aside to specifically meet the costs arising from administering the scheme and to nominate officers to assess the asset of the community value nominations and any compensation claims from owners.
- Glades Refurbishment - monies set aside for the refurbishment of the Glades Shopping Centre
- Winter Pressures (Social Care & Health) - monies set aside of funding from the PCT to invest in social care services to benefit health and improve overall health gain.
- Impact of Winter Damage Potholes & Highways - a reserve established to meet additional maintenance costs following damage caused to the Borough's highways network during the 2013/14 winter.
- Replacement of Fallen Trees following Storm Damage - a reserve created to meet additional costs following damaged to trees across the Borough as a result of the 2013/14 winter storms.

8 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves continued

- Provision for Emergency Flood Damage - a reserve set up to meet costs of the clean-up operation associated with flooding across the Borough following heavy rainfall in the early months of 2014.
- Refurbishment of War Memorials - monies set aside for the refurbishment of war memorials.
- Key Health and Social Care Initiatives - funding set aside as part of the wider integration of health and social care to support future integration and investment initiatives.
- Integration of Health and Social Care Initiatives - funding set aside as part of the wider integration of health and social care to support future integration and investment initiatives.
- Cheyne Woods & Cypher's Gate - funding received to enable future land maintenance costs of these sites.
- Healthy Bromley Fund - monies set aside as a cross-Council fund to support key initiatives that will help improve the wellbeing of Bromley residents.
- Transformation Fund - a reserve set aside to meet severance costs arising from a need for significant budget savings to be achieved over the next few years, and additional costs arising from a need to support staff in a changing organisation.

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9 Other Operating Expenditure

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
1,514 Levies	1,468
6 Payments to Government Housing Capital Receipts Pool	3
(466) Other Income	(1,033)
(33) Distribution of former LRB Balances	(37)
22,632 Losses on the Disposal of Non-Current Assets *	64,922
23,653 Total	65,323

* The charge of £64.9m in 2013/14 (£22.6m in 2012/13) relates to losses on property, plant and equipment assets as a result of the adoption of academy status by a number of primary schools. Further details are provided in the Exceptional Items note (Note 5).

10 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
643 Interest Payable and Similar Charges	538
10,867 Net Interest on the Net Defined Benefit Liability	10,732
(2,955) Interest Receivable and Similar Income	(2,450)
732 (Income)/Expenditure in Relation to Investment Properties and changes in their fair value	(9,615)
9,287 Total	(795)

11 Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
(135,860) Council Tax Income	(126,297)
- Business Rates Income	(24,673)
(61,743) Non-Domestic Rates Redistribution	-
(7,367) Non-Ringfenced Government grants	(65,021)
(5,599) Capital Grants and Contributions	(4,491)
(210,569) Total	(220,482)

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12 Property, Plant and Equipment

Movements on Balances

	Land & Buildings £000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £000	Infra-structure Assets £000	Community Assets £000	Surplus Assets £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Total Property, Plant & Equipment £000
Movements in 2013/14							
Cost or Valuation							
Balance at 1st April 2013	704,889	37,143	114,552	2,494	19,697	15,101	893,876
Additions	-	242	6,760	-	-	82	7,084
Revaluation increases recognised in Revaluation Reserve	7,830	7	-	-	2,504	-	10,341
Derecognition - disposals	(64,199)	(3,003)	-	-	-	-	(67,202)
Assets reclassified to Investment Properties	-	-	-	-	(395)	-	(395)
Other Assets reclassified	3,225	-	-	-	(3,225)	-	-
Assets reclassified to Assets Held for Sale	(6,008)	-	-	-	(3,500)	-	(9,508)
As at 31st March 2014	645,737	34,389	121,312	2,494	15,081	15,183	834,196
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment							
As at 1st April 2013	(129,106)	(8,507)	(30,157)	(1,043)	(6,116)	-	(174,929)
Depreciation charge	(5,653)	(1,222)	(3,098)	(83)	(11)	-	(10,067)
Impairment losses recognised in Revaluation Reserve	(19,149)	-	-	-	(15)	-	(19,164)
Impairment losses recognised in deficit on Provision of Services	(19,916)	(1,856)	-	-	(197)	-	(21,969)
Derecognition - disposals	2,088	-	-	-	-	-	2,088
As at 31st March 2014	(171,736)	(11,585)	(33,255)	(1,126)	(6,339)	-	(224,041)
Net Book Value							
As at 31st March 2014	474,001	22,804	88,057	1,368	8,742	15,183	610,155
As at 31st March 2013	575,783	28,636	84,395	1,451	13,581	15,101	718,947

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12 Property, Plant and Equipment continued

Movements on Balances

	Land & Buildings £000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £000	Infra-structure Assets £000	Community Assets £000	Surplus Assets £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Total Property, Plant & Equipment £000
Movements in 2012/13							
Cost or Valuation							
Balance at 1st April 2012	725,687	36,260	107,541	2,494	16,879	14,257	903,118
Additions	-	1,952	7,011	-	-	844	9,807
Revaluation increases recognised in Revaluation Reserve	2,704	-	-	-	18	-	2,722
Derecognition - disposals	(22,326)	(1,069)	-	-	-	-	(23,395)
Assets reclassified from Assets Held for Sale	(1,176)	-	-	-	2,800	-	1,624
As at 31st March 2013	704,889	37,143	114,552	2,494	19,697	15,101	893,876
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment							
As at 1st April 2012	(78,217)	(4,923)	(27,223)	(960)	(6,105)	-	(117,428)
Depreciation charge	(7,190)	(1,543)	(2,934)	(83)	(11)	-	(11,761)
Impairment losses recognised in Revaluation Reserve	(23,719)	-	-	-	-	-	(23,719)
Impairment losses recognised in deficit on Provision of Services	(20,632)	(2,041)	-	-	-	-	(22,673)
Derecognition - disposals	652	-	-	-	-	-	652
As at 31st March 2013	(129,106)	(8,507)	(30,157)	(1,043)	(6,116)	-	(174,929)
Net Book Value							
As at 31st March 2013	575,783	28,636	84,395	1,451	13,581	15,101	718,947
As at 31st March 2012	647,470	31,337	80,318	1,534	10,774	14,257	785,690

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12 Property, Plant and Equipment continued

(i) Depreciation

The following useful lives and depreciation rates have been used in the calculation of depreciation:

Land is not depreciated.

Buildings – straight-line depreciation on remaining useful lives ranging from 2 to 97 years.

Community Assets - straight-line depreciation over 30 years.

Surplus Assets are not depreciated.

Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment – straight-line depreciation over 5 to 20 years down to residual value.

Infrastructure – straight-line depreciation over 15 to 40 years.

(ii) Capital Commitments

At 31st March 2014, the Authority had entered into a number of contracts for the construction or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment in 2014/15 and future years budgeted to cost £11.8m. This mainly comprised commitments relating to the replacement of street lighting columns (£5.6m), Bromley North Village public realm improvements (£3.0m) and the Langley Park Boys School scheme (£1.3m), which is nearing final account stage. Commitments at 31st March 2013 totalled £3.2m.

(iii) Revaluations

The Authority carries out a rolling programme that ensures that all Property, Plant and Equipment required to be measured at fair value is revalued at least every 5 years. In 2013/14, all valuations were carried out by Wilks, Head and Eve. Up to and including 2011/12, all valuations were carried out internally.

Valuations of land and buildings were carried out in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Valuations of vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment are based on current prices where there is an active second-hand market or latest list prices adjusted for the condition of the asset.

The methodology for estimating the fair values of Property, Plant and Equipment is set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies (policy 17).

	Land & Buildings £000	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture & Equipment £000	Infra-structure Assets £000	Community Assets £000	Surplus Assets £000	Assets Under Construction £000	Total Property, Plant, & Equipment £000
<i>Carried at Historical Cost as at:</i>							
31st March 2014	-	30,952	88,057	1,368	-	15,183	135,560
<i>Valued at Fair Value as at:</i>							
31st March 2014	221,425	(5,832)	-	-	(170)	-	215,423
31st March 2013	(38,029)	(2,701)	-	-	2,836	-	(37,894)
31st March 2012	(52,087)	(3,941)	-	-	(577)	-	(56,605)
31st March 2011	275,042	4,326	-	-	5,673	-	285,041
31st March 2010 (restated)	67,650	-	-	-	980	-	68,630
Total Assets at Fair Value	474,001	(8,148)	-	-	8,742	-	474,595
Total Property, Plant & Equipment							
31st March 2014	474,001	22,804	88,057	1,368	8,742	15,183	610,155

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12 Property, Plant and Equipment continued

Property, Plant & Equipment and Investment Properties owned by the Council include the following:

	Number as at 31st March 2013	Number as at 31st March 2014	Range of estimated useful lives (Years)
Operational Buildings			
Civic Centre	1	1	40
Other Offices	4	4	42-45
Primary Schools	42	35	37-87
Special Schools/Units	5	5	38-87
Social Services - Homes & Day Centres	14	11	18-78
Crystal Palace National Sports Centre	1	1	n/a
Leisure Centres/Swimming Pools	7	7	40-97
Libraries	15	15	40-97
Golf Courses	3	3	23-39
Churchill Theatre	1	1	40
Cemetery chapels	6	6	43-67
Surface Car Parks	22	22	n/a
Multi-Storey Car Parks	4	3	51-56
Public Conveniences	18	11	40-88
Operational Equipment			
Vehicles & Plant			
- owned	22	22	0-20
- held under finance leases	115	92	3-7
Infrastructure Assets			
Road (kilometres)	886.0	886.0	15-40
Community Assets			
Parks and Open Spaces (hectares)	1,261.0	1,262.7	n/a
Surplus Properties			
	25	25	n/a
Investment Properties			
Agricultural Properties	16	16	n/a
Biggin Hill Airport	1	1	n/a
Other Investment Properties	171	164	n/a

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13 Heritage Assets

Reconciliation of the Carrying Value of Heritage Assets Held by the Authority.

	Mayoral Regalia £000	Art Works £000	Total Assets £000
Cost or Valuation			
1st April 2012	673	344	1,017
Movement during year	-	-	-
Net Book Value 31st March 2013	<u>673</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>1,017</u>
Cost or Valuation			
1st April 2013	673	344	1,017
Movement during year	-	-	-
Net Book Value 31st March 2014	<u>673</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>1,017</u>

Further details of Heritage Assets are provided in Note 50 and details of the accounting arrangements are provided in the Statement of Accounting Policies (policy 12).

14 Investment Property

The following items of income and expenditure have been accounted for in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:

2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
(4,040) Rental Income from Investment Property	(4,141)
2,184 Direct Operating Expenses arising from Investment Property	1,523
<u>(1,856) Net gain</u>	<u>(2,618)</u>

There are no restrictions on the Authority's ability to realise the value inherent in its investment property or on the Authority's right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. The Authority has no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property. The authority does, however, have a contractual obligation to contribute 15% to the cost of any major refurbishment of The Glades Shopping Centre. As is usual commercial practice, repairing and maintenance obligations are defined in the individual leases.

The following table summarises the movement in fair value of investment properties over the year:

2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
60,223 Balance at Start of Year	61,422
3,787 Purchases	6,047
- Reclassifications from PP&E assets	(2,918)
(2,588) Net Gains/(Losses) from Fair Value Adjustments	6,997
<u>61,422 Balance at End of Year</u>	<u>71,548</u>

Lessee disclosures for investment properties held under operating leases are included in Note 42. Details of the number of investment properties held are included in Note 12.

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15 Financial Instruments

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified into two types:

- loans and receivables - assets that have fixed or determinable payments but are not quoted in an active market.
- available for sale assets - assets that have a quoted market price and/or do not have fixed or determinable payments. The Council had two such investments as at 31st March 2014, the loss on which is recorded in the Available for Sale Reserve (see Note 26).

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are divided on the Balance Sheet between Long Term Assets (long term investments placed for more than 1 year) and Current Assets (short term investments placed for less than 1 year). Investments that match the Code's definition of cash equivalents ("short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of a change in value") are shown as Cash and Cash Equivalents under Current Assets.

The following loans and receivables are carried as financial instruments in the balance sheet:

Financial Assets

(a) Investments as at 31st March

2013 £000		2014 £000
	Long Term Investments (placed for longer than 1 year)	
	<i>Loans and Receivables</i>	
10	- Government Stock	10
25,000	- Local Authorities	34,500
	<i>Available for Sale</i>	
-	- Property Fund	4,760
<u>25,010</u>		<u>39,270</u>
	Short Term Investments (placed for less than 1 year)	
	<i>Loans and Receivables</i>	
128,677	- Banks	102,832
10,010	- Building Societies	10,017
5,025	- Local Authorities	25,156
	<i>Available for Sale</i>	
-	- Corporate Bonds	1,059
<u>143,712</u>		<u>139,064</u>
	Cash and Cash Equivalents	
33,690	- Money Market Funds and other short-term liquid deposits	69,698
<u>202,412</u>		<u>248,032</u>

In accordance with the requirements of the Code, accruals for investment interest income due during the year but not received as at 31st March are included with short term investments in the Balance Sheet. The balances as at 31st March 2014 include a total principal sum of £247,130k and total accrued interest of £902k (£201,636k and £776k as at 31st March 2013).

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15 Financial Instruments continued

(b) Gains / Losses on Loans and Receivables

The gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in relation to loans and receivables are made up as follows:

2012/13			2013/14		
Financial Liabilities £000	Loans & Receivables £000	Total £000	Financial Liabilities £000	Loans & Receivables £000	Total £000
-	(2,833)	(2,833)	-	(2,360)	(2,360)
-	(2,833)	(2,833)	-	(2,360)	(2,360)
		Interest Income			
		Net Gain for the year			

The above analysis is purely for interest paid and received on loans and investments during the year. Interest and investment income is credited gross to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and debit entries are then posted in respect of interest paid to internally held funds.

(c) Long Term Debtors (due after one year) at 31st March

Also included as Financial Assets are Long-Term Debtors, which comprise amounts owed to the Authority by various bodies that are not expected to be repaid within one year of the Balance Sheet date and do not, therefore, meet the definition of current assets.

2013 £000	2014 £000
Mortgages	
1,311	1,311
29	23
58	36
<u>1,398</u>	<u>1,370</u>
Others	
Broomleigh Housing Association (Affinity Homes Group)	
Property Transfer	
-	1,028
-	8
868	610
24	20
442	281
15	16
<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,963</u>
<u>2,747</u>	<u>3,333</u>

* Under the Housing Stock Transfer agreement concluded with Broomleigh Housing Association (Affinity Homes Group) in 1992, the Council receives a proportion of the income from the sale of Council Houses every three years. A debtor is included in the accounts until the money is actually received; a long-term debtor in the first two years and a short-term debtor in the final year.

The sum of £597k (including accrued interest) was received in April 2013 in respect of sales in the three years 2010/11 to 2012/13 and this cleared the short-term debtor included in the 2012/13 accounts. There were 14 sales in 2013/14 and a long-term debtor provision for £1,036k (including interest) is carried on the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2014. The next receipt is due in 2016/17.

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15 Financial Instruments continued

(d) Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is defined as the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, assuming that the transaction was negotiated between parties knowledgeable about the market in which they are dealing and willing to buy/sell at an appropriate price, with no other motive in their negotiations other than to secure a fair price.

Financial liabilities and financial assets represented by loans and receivables are carried in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost. The fair values for loans and receivables have been determined by using the Net Present Value (NPV) approach which provides an estimate of the value of payments in the future in today's terms.

The discount rate used in the NPV calculation should be equal to the current rate in relation to the same instrument from a comparable lender. This will be the rate applicable in the market on the date of valuation for an instrument with the same duration (i.e. from valuation date to maturity). The structure and terms of the comparable instrument should also be the same. The rates used in the valuation were obtained from the market on 31st March, using bid prices where applicable.

Where an investment has a maturity of less than 12 months, the fair value is taken to be the total of principal outstanding and accrued interest.

The fair values calculated are as follows:

	31st March 2013		31st March 2014	
	Carrying Amount £000	Fair Value £000	Carrying Amount £000	Fair Value £000
Investments less than 1 year	177,402	177,402	208,762	208,762
Investments greater than 1 year	25,010	24,953	39,270	39,250
Total Investments	202,412	202,355	248,032	248,012

For investments with less than 1 year to maturity, the carrying amount is the same as the fair value (i.e. principal plus interest). For investments with more than 1 year to maturity, the fair value is higher or lower than the carrying value depending on whether the relevant interest rate is higher or lower than rates available for similar loans at the Balance Sheet date.

The fair value of trade and other receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed amount. Short term debtors and creditors are carried on the balance sheet at cost as this is a fair approximation of their value.

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16 Assets Held for sale

Assets Held for Sale are items of Property, Plant and Equipment whose carrying amount is to be recovered through a sale rather than its continued use by the Authority. They are measured at the lower of the value they had when it was agreed they would be sold and fair value less costs to sell. Assets Held for Sale that are expected to be sold within 1 year of the Balance Sheet date are shown on the Balance Sheet as Current Assets.

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
9,080	Balance outstanding at start of year	7,189
	Assets newly classified/(declassified) as held for sale:	
(1,624)	Property, Plant and Equipment	9,508
-	Investment Properties	3,313
(396)	Revaluation losses	(100)
2,378	Revaluation gains	1,399
(2,249)	Assets sold	(9,906)
<u>7,189</u>	Balance outstanding at year-end	<u>11,403</u>

17 Inventories

	Road Salt		Other Consumables		Work in Progress Highways		Work in Progress Building Maintenance		Total	
	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance outstanding at start of year	225	263	22	26	296	296	113	151	656	736
Purchases	48	84	143	152	459	460	383	673	1,033	1,369
Usage/Payment/ Transfers during the year	(18)	(122)	(148)	(156)	(377)	(460)	(405)	(711)	(948)	(1,449)
Written off balances	-	-	-	-	(75)	-	-	-	(75)	-
Balance outstanding at year-end	<u>255</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>656</u>

18 Construction Contracts

Details of capital schemes in progress and outstanding commitments as at the balance sheet date are provided in Note 12.

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19 Short - Term Debtors

31st March 2013 Net £000		Gross £000	Allowance for Bad Debts £000	31st March 2014 Net £000
	<i>Debtors</i>			
3,828	Central Government Bodies	4,937	-	4,937
4,459	Other Local Authorities	3,721	-	3,721
1,110	NHS Bodies	2,676	-	2,676
-	Public Corporations and Trading Funds	139	-	139
965	Council Tax	10,945	10,070	875
18	NNDR	565	231	334
9,418	Other Entities and Individuals	26,342	16,536	9,806
19,798		49,325	26,837	22,488
1,550	<i>Payments in Advance</i>			1,258
21,348				23,746

20 Cash and Cash Equivalents

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up of the following elements:

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
25	Cash held by the Authority	24
(6,689)	Bank Current Accounts	(4,878)
33,690	Short-term Deposits with Money Market Funds*	69,698
27,026	Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	64,844

* Short-term investments that meet the Code's definition of cash equivalents are also referred to in Note 15 (a).

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21 Financial Liabilities

Short Term Borrowing (Temporary Loans)

	Balance as at 31st March 2013 £000	Loans Raised £000	Loans Repaid £000	Balance as at 31st March 2014 £000
Pension Fund	(316)	2,412	-	2,096
Former LRB Fund	493	-	261	232
	177	2,412	261	2,328

22 Provisions

	Outstanding Legal Cases (a) £000	Injury & Damage Compensation Claims (b) £000	Other Provisions (c) £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 April 2013	391	1,090	6,644	8,125
Additional Provisions made in year	-	1,335	3,084	4,419
Amounts used in year	131	670	1,872	2,673
Unused amounts reversed in year	51	-	720	771
Balance at 31st March 2014	209	1,755	7,136	9,100

(a) Outstanding Legal Cases: the Council made provision for the financial implications arising from number of other Legal Cases totalling £209k.

(b) Injury and Damage Compensation Claims: this provision represents the estimated potential cost of insurance claims received but not settled by the Council as at 31st March 2014 (313 claims with a total estimate of £1,755k).

(c) Other Provisions include the following:

Provision has been made which represents the potential need to reimburse clients falling under Section 117 of the Mental Health Act who had previously been charged for residential care. No reimbursements have been made during 2013/14 and a sum £628k has been carried forward into 2013/14.

A provision of £690k for the potential repayment of housing benefit subsidy arising from uncertainty relating to government subsidy for overpayment generated from L.A. errors has been made.

There are uncertainties regarding potential funding streams and liabilities for Learning Disabilities clients and a provision of £638k has been made.

All other provisions are individually insignificant.

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23 Short - Term Creditors

31st March 2013 £000	Creditors	31st March 2014 £000
3,639	Central Government Bodies	3,492
4,395	Other Local Authorities	1,898
1,672	NHS Bodies	4,351
1,572	Council Tax	1,709
2,396	Council Tax Precepts (GLA)	3,065
5,812	NNDR Central Government	1,145
-	NNDR GLA	456
-	NNDR LBB	618
34,420	Other Entities and Individuals	36,055
53,906		52,789
	Receipts in Advance	
16	Central Government Bodies	103
7	Other Local Authorities	40
6,656	NHS Bodies	1,550
1,700	Council Tax	2,651
-	NNDR LBB	459
2,551	Other Entities and Individuals	2,395
10,930		7,198
64,836		59,987

24 Other Long Term Liabilities

31st March 2013 £000		31st March 2014 £000
259,827	Liability relating to Defined Benefit Pension Scheme #	139,626
2,593	Liability relating to Finance Leases *	1,680
262,420		141,306

Full details relating to the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme are included in Note 46

* Full details of the Authority's finance leases are included in Note 42

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

25 Usable Reserves

Movements in the Authority's usable reserves are detailed in the Movement in Reserves Statement and in Note 8.

26 Unusable Reserves

31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
121,389 Revaluation Reserve	96,962
- Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve	(240)
663,349 Capital Adjustment Account	594,596
(259,827) Pensions Reserve	(139,626)
2,472 Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	2,716
4,769 Collection Fund Adjustment Account	5,298
(4,760) Accumulated Absences Account	(3,795)
527,392 Total Unusable Reserves	555,911

Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Authority arising from increases in the value of its Property, Plant and Equipment. The balance is reduced when assets with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost;
- used in the provision of services and the gains are consumed through depreciation; or;
- disposed of and the gains are realised.

The Reserve contains only revaluation gains accumulated since 1st April 2007, the date that the Reserve was created. Accumulated gains arising before that date are consolidated into the balance on the Capital Adjustment Account.

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
147,734 Balance as at 1st April		121,389
5,100 Upward revaluation of assets	11,740	
(24,094) Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to Surplus/Deficit on Provision of Services	(19,264)	
(18,994) Surplus/deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to Surplus/Deficit on Provision of Services		(7,524)
(7,351) Accumulated losses on assets sold or scrapped	(16,903)	
(7,351) Amount written off to Capital Adjustment Account		(16,903)
121,389 Balance as at 31st March		96,962

Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve

The Available for Sale Financial Instruments Reserve contains the gains and losses made by the Authority arising from movements in the value of its investments that have quoted market prices or otherwise do not have fixed or determinable payments. The balance is reduced when investments with accumulated gains are revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost or when investments are disposed of and the gains are realised.

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
- Balance as at 1st April		-
Downward revaluation of investments not charged to		
- the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services		(240)
- Balance as at 31st March		(240)

Notes to the Core Financial Statements

26 Unusable Reserves continued

Capital Adjustment Account

The Capital Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different accounting arrangements for the consumption of non-current assets and for financing the acquisition, construction or enhancement of those assets under statutory provisions. The account is debited with the cost of acquisition, construction or enhancement as depreciation, impairment losses and amortisations are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a historical cost basis). The account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Authority as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The Account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and revaluation gains accumulated on Property, Plant and Equipment before 1st April 2007, the date on which the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains.

Note 7 provides details of the source of all the transactions posted to the Account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve.

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
704,686	Balance as at 1st April	663,349
	<i>Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement:</i>	
(34,455)	Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(32,036)
(15,962)	Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(12,156)
(17,530)	Non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to CI&E Statement	(57,922)
(67,947)	Net written out amount of the cost of non-current assets consumed in the year	(102,114)
	<i>Capital financing applied in the year:</i>	
4,636	Use of Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	510
16,046	Capital grants and contributions credited to CI&E Statement that have been applied to capital financing	11,019
108	Application of grants to capital financing from the Capital Grants Unapplied Account	-
1,481	Statutory provision for capital financing charged against the General Fund	1,154
6,927	Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund balance	13,681
-	Other Movements	-
29,198		26,364
(2,588)	Movements in market value of Investment Properties debited or credited to CI&E Statement	6,997
663,349	Balance as at 31st March	594,596

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26 Unusable Reserves continued

Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different accounting arrangements for post-employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. The Authority accounts for post-retirement benefits in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as the Authority makes employer's contributions to the Pension Fund or eventually pays any pensions for which it is directly responsible. The debit balance on the Pensions Reserve therefore shows a substantial shortfall in the benefits earned by past and present employees and the resources the Authority has set aside to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

2012/13		2013/14
£000		£000
(251,366)	Balance as at 1st April	(259,827)
2,521	Actuarial gains or losses on pensions assets and liabilities	127,808
(28,516)	Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the CI&E Statement	(25,294)
17,534	Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	17,687
<u>(259,827)</u>	Balance as at 31st March	<u>(139,626)</u>

Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve

The Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve holds the gains recognised on the disposal of non-current assets but for which cash settlement has yet to take place. Under statutory arrangements, the Authority does not treat these gains as usable for financing new capital expenditure until they are backed by cash receipts. When the deferred cash settlement eventually takes place, amounts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

2012/13		2013/14
£000		£000
2,193	Balance as at 1st April	2,472
466	New advances	1,033
(187)	Transfer to the Capital Receipts Reserve upon receipt of cash	(789)
<u>2,472</u>	Balance as at 31st March	<u>2,716</u>

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26 Unusable Reserves continued

Collection Fund Adjustment Account

The Collection Fund Adjustment Account manages the differences arising from the recognition of council tax and non-domestic rates income in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as it falls due from council tax payers and business rates payers compared with the statutory arrangements for paying across amounts to the General Fund from the Collection Fund.

2012/13		2013/14
£000		£000
3,862	Balance as at 1st April	4,769
907	Amount by which council tax and non-domestic rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from council tax and non-domestic rates income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	529
4,769	Balance as at 31st March	5,298

Accumulated Absences Account

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year (e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31st March). Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the Account.

2012/13		2013/14
£000		£000
(5,179)	Balance as at 1st April	(4,760)
5,179	Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	4,760
(4,760)	Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	(3,795)
419	Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the CI&E Statement on an accruals basis differs from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	965
(4,760)	Balance as at 31st March	(3,795)

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27 Cash Flow Statement - Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
(3,220) Interest Received	(2,323)
18 Interest Paid	8
<u>(3,202) Net Interest Received</u>	<u>(2,315)</u>

The surplus or deficit on the provision of services has been adjusted for the following non-cash movements:

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
(11,761) Depreciation	(10,067)
(22,694) Impairment and Downward Valuations	(21,969)
(1,625) Increase/Decrease in Creditors	(5,668)
(2,322) Increase/Decrease in Debtors (net of bad debts)	857
(80) Increase/Decrease in Inventories	10
(10,982) Movement in Pension Liability	(7,607)
(24,881) Carrying Amount of Non-Current Assets and Non-Current Assets Held-for-Sale, Sold or De-Recognised	(74,825)
(2,330) Other Non-Cash Items Charged to the Net Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	7,055
<u>(76,675)</u>	<u>(112,214)</u>

The surplus or deficit on the provision of services has been adjusted for the following items that are investing and financing activities:

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
2,249 Proceeds from the Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment and Investment Property	9,915
16,347 Other Items for which the Cash Effects are Investing or Financing Cash Flows	18,519
<u>18,596</u>	<u>28,434</u>

28 Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
12,070 Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment and Investment Property	11,804
231,500 Purchase of Short-term and Long-term Investments	217,060
(2,249) Proceeds from the Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment and Investment Property	(9,915)
(216,969) Proceeds from Short-term and Long-term Investments	(207,026)
(11,563) Other Receipts from Investing Activities	(11,184)
<u>12,789</u> Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	<u>739</u>

29 Cash Flow Statement - Financing Activities

2012/13	2013/14
£000	£000
- Cash Receipts from Short-term Borrowing	(2,151)
(8,883) Other Receipts from Financing Activities	(7,711)
1,977 Repayments of Short and Long-term Borrowing	-
- Other Payments for Financing Activities	4,667
1,481 Cash Payments for the Reduction of Outstanding Liabilities Relating to Finance Leases	1,154
<u>(5,425) Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>	<u>(4,041)</u>

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30 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions

The analysis of income and expenditure by service on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is that specified by the Service Reporting Code of Practice. However, decisions taken about resource allocation are taken by the Authority's Executive on the basis of budget reports analysed across portfolios. These reports are prepared on a different basis from the accounting policies used in the financial statements. In particular:

- . charges relating to capital expenditure are reversed through the General Fund whereas depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses in excess of the balance on the Revaluation Reserve are charged to services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and reversed via the Movement in Reserves Statement.
- . the cost of retirement benefits is based on cash flows (payment of employer's pension contributions) rather than current service cost of benefits accrued in the year.
- . capital expenditure charged to the General Fund within Portfolio budgets is reflected in the Movement in Reserves Statement and not within the Cost of Services.
- . contributions to and from earmarked reserves are reflected within the Movement in Reserves Statement and are not included within the Cost of Services.

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30 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions continued

Portfolio Income and Expenditure	Care Services	Public Protection and Safety	Education	Environment	Renewal and Recreation	Resources	Central Items	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
2013/14 Reported to Executive								
Fees, Charges & Other Service Income	(38,592)	(571)	(15,392)	(23,266)	(3,901)	(9,708)	-	(91,430)
Government Grants & Contributions	(147,599)	(231)	(137,650)	(2,943)	(948)	(2,537)	14,028	(277,880)
Total Income	(186,191)	(802)	(153,042)	(26,209)	(4,849)	(12,245)	14,028	(369,310)
Employee Expenses	35,064	2,578	83,186	7,880	8,320	18,918	(3,902)	152,044
Other Service Expenses	257,283	1,548	63,232	47,606	4,827	30,248	978	405,722
Support Service & Other Recharges	10,055	(578)	5,212	463	2,077	(19,616)	-	(2,387)
Depreciation and Impairment	2,816	-	15,096	8,257	9,069	6,917	(42,155)	-
Capital Expenditure charged to the General Fund	446	-	3,847	3,031	608	212	-	8,144
Total Expenditure	305,664	3,548	170,573	67,237	24,901	36,679	(45,079)	563,523
Net Expenditure	119,473	2,746	17,531	41,028	20,052	24,434	(31,051)	194,213

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30 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions continued

Portfolio Income and Expenditure	Care Services £000	Public Protection and Safety £000	Education £000	Environment £000	Renewal and Recreation £000	Resources £000	Central Items £000	Total £000
2012/13 Comparative Figures Reported to Executive								
Fees, Charges & Other Service Income	(28,550)	(435)	(15,874)	(19,831)	(3,871)	(8,769)	-	(77,330)
Government Grants & Contributions	(137,823)	(129)	(147,684)	(1,165)	(221)	(20,600)	10,447	(297,175)
Total Income	(166,373)	(564)	(163,558)	(20,996)	(4,092)	(29,369)	10,447	(374,505)
Employee Expenses	33,990	2,836	92,397	8,400	8,886	20,079	(6,608)	159,980
Other Service Expenses	232,548	1,334	60,875	45,031	5,206	48,116	899	394,009
Support Service & Other Recharges	9,137	321	5,477	1,406	1,960	(20,409)	-	(2,108)
Depreciation and Impairment	2,387	-	16,159	7,126	20,989	2,249	(48,910)	-
Capital Expenditure charged to the General Fund	-	-	1,767	604	619	147	-	3,137
Total Expenditure	278,062	4,491	176,675	62,567	37,660	50,182	(54,619)	555,018
Net Expenditure	111,689	3,927	13,117	41,571	33,568	20,813	(44,172)	180,513

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30 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions continued

Reconciliation of Portfolio Income and Expenditure to Cost of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

This reconciliation shows how the figures in the analysis of Portfolio income and expenditure relate to the amounts included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000
Net Expenditure in the Portfolio Analysis	180,513	194,213
Net Expenditure of Services and Support Services not included in the Analysis	44,064	27,891
Amounts in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement not reported to Management in the Analysis	(5,875)	(7,207)
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	218,702	214,897
Deduct Amounts included in the Analysis not included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(2,190)	(9,679)
Cost of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	<hr/>	<hr/>
	216,512	205,218

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30 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions continued

Reconciliation to Subjective Analysis

This reconciliation shows how the figures in the analysis of Portfolio income and expenditure relate to a subjective analysis of the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

2013/14	Portfolio Analysis	Services and Support Services not in Analysis	Amounts Reported for Management Decision Making	Amounts not included in CI & E Cost of Services	Allocation of Recharges	Cost of Services	Corporate Amounts	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Fees, Charges & Other Service Income	(91,430)	-	-	10,333	3,315	(77,782)	(1,070)	(78,852)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,591)	(6,591)
Income from Council Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	(126,297)	(126,297)
Business Rates Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,673)	(24,673)
Government Grants and Contributions	(277,880)	(14,028)	-	-	-	(291,908)	(69,512)	(361,420)
Total Income	(369,310)	(14,028)	-	10,333	3,315	(369,690)	(228,143)	(597,833)
Employee Expenses	152,044	3,902	(8,192)	-	(11,699)	136,055	-	136,055
Other Service Expenses	405,722	(3,996)	959	(11,120)	(24,082)	367,483	-	367,483
Capital Expenditure charged to the General Fund	8,144	-	-	(8,144)	-	-	-	-
Support Service Recharges	(2,387)	-	-	(748)	32,466	29,331	-	29,331
Depreciation & Impairment	-	42,013	26	-	-	42,039	-	42,039
Interest and Investment Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,936)	(4,936)
Precepts & Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,468	1,468
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Non Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,922	64,922
Net Interest on the Net Defined Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,732	10,732
Total Expenditure	563,523	41,919	(7,207)	(20,012)	(3,315)	574,908	72,189	647,097
Deficit on the Provision of Services	194,213	27,891	(7,207)	(9,679)	-	205,218	(155,954)	49,264

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30 Amounts Reported for Resource Allocation Decisions continue

	Portfolio Analysis	Services and Support Services not in Analysis	Amounts not Reported for Management Decision Making	Amounts not included in CI & E Cost of Services	Allocation of Recharges	Cost of Services	Corporate Amounts	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Fees, Charges & Other Service Income	(77,330)	-	-	5,102	2,909	(69,319)	(499)	(69,818)
Interest and Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,995)	(6,995)
Income from Council Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	(135,860)	(135,860)
NNDR Redistribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	(61,743)	(61,743)
Government Grants and Contributions	(297,175)	(10,447)	(314)	-	-	(307,936)	(12,966)	(320,902)
Total Income	(374,505)	(10,447)	(314)	5,102	2,909	(377,255)	(218,063)	(595,318)
Employee Expenses	159,980	7,444	(5,529)	-	(13,129)	148,766	-	148,766
Other Service Expenses	394,009	(2,548)	(58)	(3,581)	(17,810)	370,012	-	370,012
Capital Expenditure charged to the General Fund	3,137	-	-	(3,137)	-	-	-	-
Support Service Recharges	(2,108)	-	-	(574)	28,030	25,348	-	25,348
Depreciation & Impairment	-	49,615	26	-	-	49,641	-	49,641
Interest and Investment Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,415	5,415
Precepts & Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,514	1,514
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Non Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,632	22,632
Net Interest on the Net Defined Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,867	10,867
Total Expenditure	555,018	54,511	(5,561)	(7,292)	(2,909)	593,767	40,434	634,201
Deficit on the Provision of Services	180,513	44,064	(5,875)	(2,190)	-	216,512	(177,629)	38,883

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31 Pooled Budgets

The Authority has entered into a pooled budget arrangement with Bromley CCG which operates under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 for the provision of integrated community equipment services. The transactions of the pooled budget are summarised below.

2012/13		2013/14
Integrated Community Equipment Store £000		Integrated Community Equipment Store £000
	Income	
485	Bromley CCG contribution	785
845	London Borough of Bromley contribution	768
1,330	Gross Income	1,553
	Expenditure	
1,689	Integrated Community Equipment Service	1,535
1,689	Gross Expenditure	1,535
359	Deficit / (Surplus) for the Year	(18)

The surplus on the Integrated Community Equipment Service has been fully retained by the Council.

There is also a pooled budget for the provision of Mental Health functions in the borough which is hosted by Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust. The transactions of this pooled budget are summarised below.

2012/13		2013/14
Mental Health Services £000		Mental Health Services £000
	Income	
17,775	Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust contribution	17,092
1,458	London Borough of Bromley contribution	1,382
19,233	Gross Income	18,474
	Expenditure	
19,268	Mental Health Functions	18,490
19,268	Gross Expenditure	18,490
35	Deficit for the year	16

The parties agreed that the underspend on LBB funded expenditure would be split equally. The deficit on Oxleas expenditure remains within their accounts.

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32 Members Allowances

The authority paid the following amounts to Members of the Council during the year:

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
1,077	Allowances	1,078
11	Expenses	16
<u>1,088</u>	Total	<u>1,094</u>

33 Non Distributed Costs

As required by the Service Reporting Code of Practice, these costs comprise pension costs, as defined by IAS 19, as follows:

- Past Service Costs - the increase in liabilities arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years. This is debited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs. In the IAS 19 valuation as at 31st March 2014, the actuary estimated the past service cost in 2013/14 to be £353k, (£372k in 2012/13).
- Gains or losses on settlements and curtailments - the result of actions to relieve the Authority of liabilities or events that reduce the expected future service or accrual of employee benefits. These are debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs. Losses on curtailments (£705k in 2013/14 and £572k in 2012/13) arise when the Authority allows employees to retire on unreduced benefits before they would normally have been able to do so. A gain on settlements of £2,189k in 2013/14 (£2,068k in 2012/13) has arisen as a result of the adoption of academy status by a number of Bromley schools).

The following charges have been posted to Non Distributed Costs:

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
372	Past Service Costs	353
572	Loss on Curtailments	705
(2,068)	(Gain) on Settlements	(2,189)
301	Other Pension Costs	322
<u>(823)</u>		<u>(809)</u>

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34 Officers Remuneration

The remuneration paid to the Council's senior employees is as follows:

Disclosure of remuneration for senior employees 2012/13	Salary (including Fees, Allowances Expenses) £	Benefits in Kind (e.g. Car Allowance) £	Total Remuneration excluding Pension Contributions £	Pension Contributions £	Total Remuneration including Pension Contributions £
Post holder information (Post title)					
Chief Executive - D. Patterson	176,635	-	176,635	25,160	201,795
Director of Resources	122,499	5,946	128,445	18,007	146,452
Director of Finance	118,312	1,268	119,580	17,893	137,473
Assistant Chief Executive HR	115,852	-	115,852	16,501	132,353
Director of Renewal & Recreation	128,083	3,894	131,977	18,828	150,805
Director of Environmental Services	120,170	4,742	124,912	17,763	142,675
Director of Children & Young People Services *	154,682	-	154,682	548	155,230
Director of Education & Care Services #	67,062	-	67,062	9,365	76,427
	1,003,295	15,850	1,019,145	124,065	1,143,210

* Relates to Post Holders who left the employment of the Council during 2012/13. These costs include redundancy payments and payment in lieu of notice but exclude the employers cost of early retirement

Relates to Post Holders who commenced employment with the Council during 2012/13.

Disclosure of remuneration for senior employees 2013/14	Salary (including Fees, Allowances Expenses) £	Benefits in Kind (e.g. Car Allowance) £	Total Remuneration excluding Pension Contributions £	Pension Contributions £	Total Remuneration including Pension Contributions £
Post holder information (Post title)					
Chief Executive - D. Patterson	178,056	-	178,056	25,337	203,393
* Director of Corporate Services	123,557	3,348	126,905	18,133	145,038
Director of Finance	123,560	4,013	127,573	18,707	146,280
* Director of Human Resources	119,611	-	119,611	17,023	136,634
* Director of Transformation & Regeneration	141,182	4,146	145,328	20,724	166,052
*Executive Director, Environmental & Community Services	130,592	5,095	135,687	19,244	154,931
* Executive Director Education, Care & Health Services - T. Parkin	151,250	-	151,250	22,204	173,454
# Director of Public Health	148,731	-	148,731	19,289	168,020
	1,116,539	16,602	1,133,141	160,661	1,293,802

* Relates to Post Holders whose job titles changed during 2013/14.

Section 57 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 defines the Director of Public Health as a statutory chief officer.

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34 Officers Remuneration continued

The Council's employees, including senior employees, receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions) were paid the following amounts:

Non-School Employees	2012/13		Annual Remuneration	2013/14		Total Employees
	Non-School Employees	School Employees		Non-School Employees	School Employees	
47	54	101	£50,000-£54,999	49	45	94
26	38	64	£55,000-£59,999	24	32	56
18	24	42	£60,000-£64,999	17	21	38
14	13	27	£65,000-£69,999	14	11	25
7	8	15	£70,000-£74,999	7	6	13
7	4	11	£75,000-£79,999	7	4	11
4	5	9	£80,000-£84,999	3	-	3
2	2	4	£85,000-£89,999	2	2	4
1	2	3	£90,000-£94,999	4	1	5
2	1	3	£95,000-£99,999	-	2	2
1	-	1	£100,000-£104,999	1	-	1
-	-	-	£105,000-£109,999	-	-	-
2	-	2	£110,000-£114,999	1	-	1
3	-	3	£115,000-£119,999	1	-	1
1	-	1	£120,000-£124,999	-	-	-
1	-	1	£125,000-£129,999	2	-	2
2	-	2	£130,000-£134,999	-	-	-
1	-	1	£135,000-£139,999	1	-	1
-	-	-	£140,000-£144,999	-	-	-
-	1	1	£145,000-£149,999	2	1	3
1	-	1	£150,000-£154,999	1	-	1
-	-	-	£155,000-£159,999	-	-	-
-	-	-	£160,000-£164,999	-	-	-
-	-	-	£165,000-£169,999	-	-	-
-	-	-	£170,000-£174,999	-	-	-
1	-	1	£175,000-£179,999	1	-	1
-	-	-	£180,000-£184,999	-	-	-
-	-	-	£185,000-£189,999	-	-	-
-	-	-	£190,000-£194,999	-	-	-

In order to comply with amendments to the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, remuneration bandings are required to be disclosed in brackets of £5,000.

The amended Regulations also require the Council to disclose individual remuneration details for senior employees. In addition, these are also included in the table above.

A senior employee is an employee whose salary is more than £150,000 per year, or one whose salary is at least £50,000 per year and who is the authority's Chief Executive (or equivalent), their direct reports (other than administration staff), statutory chief officers and potentially any employee that the authority considers having responsibilities and powers to direct or control the major activities of the Council.

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34 Officers Remuneration continued

The number of Exit packages with total cost per band and the total cost of the compulsory and other redundancies are set out in the table below:

Exit Package Cost Band (including special payments)	Number of Compulsory Redundancies		Number of Other Departures Agreed		Total Number of Exit Packages by Cost Band		Total Cost of Exit Packages in each Band	
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s
£0 - £20,000	27	14	38	7	65	21	512	170
£20,001 - £40,000	8	3	14	3	22	6	659	152
£40,001 - £60,000	2	1	2	-	4	1	216	58
£60,001 - £80,000	2	-	-	-	2	-	180	-
£80,001 - £100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
£100,001 - £150,000	1	-	1	-	2	-	275	-
£150,001 - £200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
£200,001 - £250,000	-	-	1	-	1	-	226	-
£250,001 - £300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	40	18	56	10	96	28	2,068	380

The 2012/13 figures have been restated to reflect the true number and cost of exit packages compared to the provision included in the 2012/13 accounts.

In 2013/14 the total cost of £380k (£2,068k in 2012/13) in the table above consists of exit packages agreed, accrued for and charged to the Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the current year.

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35 External Audit Costs

The Authority has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the Statement of Accounts, certification of grant claims and statutory inspections and to non-audit services provided by the Authority's external auditors:

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
	Fees payable to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP with regard to :	
156	- External audit services carried out by the appointed auditor for the year (including Whole of Government Accounts)	159
-	Investigation work resulting from Electors queries / objections re: 2012/13 accounts.	20
21	- Pension Fund audit fee	21
	Fees payable to and receivable from the Audit Commission in respect of:	
2	- NFI fee	2
-	- Other one-off rebates from the Audit Commission	(14)
23	Fees payable to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for the certification of grant claims and returns for the year	15
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36 Acquired and Discontinued Operations

As a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Public Health responsibilities transferred to the Council from 1st April 2013. The service is funded by grant and there was no transfer of balance sheet items. The Council does not consider the transactions relating to this transfer to be material and, as such, has not undertaken the specific accounting requirements for acquired and discontinued operations. These transactions have therefore been treated as in-year entries within the Council's accounts.

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37 Dedicated Schools Grant

The Council's expenditure on schools is funded primarily by grant monies provided by the Department for Education, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). DSG is ringfenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget, as defined in the Schools Finance (England) Regulations 2011. The Schools Budget includes elements for a range of educational services provided on an Authority-wide basis and for the Individual Schools Budget, which is divided into a budget share for each maintained school.

Details of the deployment of DSG receivable for 2013/14 are as follows:

	Central Expenditure £000	Individual Schools Budget £000	Total £000	Notes
Final DSG for 2013/14 before Academy recoupment			229,484	(a)
Academy figure recouped for 2013/14			(106,771)	(b)
Total DSG after Academy recoupment for 2013/14			----- 122,713	(c)
Plus: Brought forward from 2012/13			4,682	(d)
Less: Carry forward to 2014/15 agreed in advance			-	(e)
Agreed initial budgeted distribution in 2013/14	39,633	87,762	----- 127,395	(f)
In year adjustments	(1,263)		(1,263)	(g)
Final budgeted distribution for 2013/14	38,370	87,762	126,132	(h)
Less Actual central expenditure	30,072	-	30,072	(i)
Less Actual ISB deployed to schools	-	87,114	87,114	(j)
Plus Local Authority contribution for 2013/14	-	-	-	(k)
Carry forward to 2014/15	<u>8,298</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>8,946</u>	(l)

- (a) DSG figure as issued by the Department for Education in July 2013.
- (b) Figure recouped from the authority in 2013/14 by the DfE for the conversion of maintained schools into Academies.
- (c) Total figure after DfE Academy recoupment for 2013/14
- (d) Figure brought forward from 2012/13 as agreed with the DfE.
- (e) Any amount which the Authority decided after consultation with the schools forum to carry forward to 2014/15 rather than distribute in 2013/14.
- (f) Budgeted distribution of DSG, adjusted for carry forward, as agreed with the schools forum.
- (g) Changes to the initial distribution.
- (h) Budgeted distribution of DSG as at the end of the financial year.
- (i) Actual amount of central expenditure items in 2013/14
- (j) Amount of ISB actually distributed to schools.
- (k) Any contribution from the Local Authority in 2013/14 which will have the effect of substituting for DSG in funding the Schools Budget.
- (l) Carry forward to 2014/15

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38 Grant Income

The Authority credited the following grants, contributions and donations to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

<i>Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income</i>	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000
Revenue Grants:		
Revenue Support Grant	1,197	50,520
Local Services Support Grant	823	165
New Homes Bonus	2,025	3,858
Business Rates Related Grant Income	-	10,212
Capitalisation Redistribution Grant	-	266
Council Tax Freeze Grant	3,322	-
	<u>7,367</u>	<u>65,021</u>
Total Government Grants	<u>7,367</u>	<u>65,021</u>
Other Capital Grants and Contributions:		
Transport for London	5,599	4,491
Total Contributions	<u>5,599</u>	<u>4,491</u>
Total Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income	<u>12,966</u>	<u>69,512</u>
<i>Credited to Services</i>	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000
Revenue Grants:		
Dedicated Schools Grant	118,035	117,186
Housing Benefit & Council Tax	143,910	127,814
Public Health	75	12,601
Early Intervention Grant	11,798	-
Learning Disability Health Reform	8,805	-
Education Funding Agency	4,350	3,029
Pupil Premium	3,032	3,864
Education Services Grant	-	2,957
Skills Funding Agency - Adult Education	2,070	1,964
Council Tax & Housing Benefits Administration	1,935	1,984
Welfare Fund - Programme and Administration Funding	8	994
Discretionary Housing Payments	212	700
Step up to Social Work	440	790
Troubled Families	535	685
Adoption Support	49	698
Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers	264	365
Youth Justice Board	365	293
Other Miscellaneous Grants	1,173	1,666
	<u>297,056</u>	<u>277,590</u>

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38 Grant Income continued

<i>Credited to Services continued</i>	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Capital Grants:		
Maintenance in Schools	2,576	2,267
Basic Need	3,995	4,984
Early Education for 2 Year Olds	558	186
Devolved Formula Capital	432	393
Social Care Grant	619	640
Other Capital Grants	749	1,112
	<u>8,929</u>	<u>9,582</u>
Total Government Grants	<u>305,985</u>	<u>287,172</u>
Other Grants and Contributions:		
Other Grants and Contributions	1,364	3,007
Section 106 Developers Contributions	587	1,729
Total Contributions	<u>1,951</u>	<u>4,736</u>
Total Credited to Services	<u>307,936</u>	<u>291,908</u>

The Authority has received a number of grants, contributions and donations that have yet to be recognised as income as they have conditions attached to them that will require monies or property to be returned to the giver. The balances at the year end are as follows:

Current Liabilities

<i>Revenue Grants Creditors and Receipts in Advance</i>	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Dedicated Schools Grant	4,682	8,946
Housing Benefit Grant	355	3,513
Standards Fund Grant	745	745
Other Miscellaneous Grants	59	9
Total Government Grants	<u>5,841</u>	<u>13,213</u>
<i>Other Grants and Contributions Receipts in Advance</i>		
Section 106 Developers Contributions - Revenue	1,201	1,695
Section 106 Developers Contributions - Capital	5,869	6,032
Total Contributions	<u>7,070</u>	<u>7,727</u>
Total Receipts in Advance	<u>12,911</u>	<u>20,940</u>

39 Related Party Transactions

The Council is required to disclose material transactions with related parties - bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Council or to be controlled or influenced by the Council. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the Council might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the Council.

Central government has significant influence over the general operations of the Council - it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Council operates, provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Council has with other parties (e.g. council tax bills, housing benefits). Grants received from UK government departments are set out in the subjective analysis in note 30 on reporting for resource allocation decisions. Grant receipts outstanding at 31st March 2014 are shown in Note 38.

Members

Members of the Council have direct control over the Council's financial and operating policies. The total of Members' allowances paid in 2013/14 is shown in Note 32. During 2013/14, there are no declarable related party transactions with the exception of the following:-

- a) Councillor W. Huntington-Thresher and Councillor P. Fortune are Council appointed board members of Broomleigh Housing Association (Affinity Homes Group) to which the Council paid £351k in 2013/14.
- b) Councillor K. Lymer is a Trustee of Bromley Youth Music Trust to which the Council paid £317k in 2013/14.
- c) Councillor M. Turner is a Trustee of Bromley & Downham Youth Club to which the Council paid £10k in 2013/14.
- d) Councillor D. Smith is a Council appointed board member of Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company to which the Council paid £3.3m in 2013/14.
- e) Councillor P. Fookes is a Trustee of Age Concern, Penge and Anerley to which the Council paid £174k in 2013/14.

Officers

During 2013/14 £8.4m was paid to Liberata in payment for services in relation to the Council's exchequer contract. Liberata employs two family members of the Director of Finance, neither in a role that is specifically related to the Bromley contract.

Other Public Bodies

The Authority has a pooled budget arrangement with Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group for the provision of Integrated Stores. There is a further pooled budget arrangement with Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust for the provision of mental health functions. Transactions relating to these arrangements are detailed in Note 31.

Pension Fund

During the financial year, the average monthly cash balance of the Pension Fund was slightly negative and, as a result, no interest was paid to the Fund (nil was paid in 2012/13). The Authority charged the Fund £418k in 2013/14 (£424k in 2012/13) for expenses incurred in administering the Fund.

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40 Section 106 Receipts

Section 106 receipts are monies paid to the Council by developers as a result of the grant of planning permission where works are required to be carried out or new facilities provided as a result of that permission (e.g. provision of affordable housing, healthcare facilities & secondary school places). The sums are restricted to being spent only in accordance with the agreement concluded with the developer. Unused monies are reflected in the balance sheet as a receipt in advance. The major balances of Section 106 receipts held by the Council during the year were as follows:

31st March				Transfers (to)	31st March
2013	Service	Income	Expenditure	/from Capital	2014
£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
<u>Revenue</u>					
452	Highway Improvement Works	275	48	-	679
5	CCTV	-	-	-	5
45	Road Safety Schemes	-	-	-	45
58	Local Economy & Town Centres	70	8	-	120
67	Parking	2	-	-	69
35	Landscaping	158	193	-	-
489	Healthcare Services	279	41	-	727
40	Community Facilities (to be transferred to capital)	-	-	-	40
10	Other	-	-	-	10
1,201		784	290	-	1,695
<u>Capital</u>					
17	Local Economy & Town Centres	-	17	-	-
816	Education	755	-	-	1,571
4,257	Housing	847	643	-	4,461
779	Community Facilities	-	779	-	-
5,869		1,602	1,439	-	6,032
7,070		2,386	1,729	-	7,727

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41 Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

The total amount of capital expenditure incurred in the year is shown in the table below (including the value of assets acquired under finance leases), together with the resources that have been used to finance it. Where capital expenditure is to be financed in future years by charges to revenue as assets are used by the Authority, the expenditure results in an increase in the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), a measure of the capital expenditure incurred historically by the Authority that has yet to be financed. The CFR is analysed in the second part of this note.

	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	3,591	3,837
<i>Capital investment</i>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	9,807	7,084
Investment Properties	3,787	6,047
Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	15,962	12,156
Disabled Facilities Grant Recycled	636	-
	<u>30,192</u>	<u>25,287</u>
<i>Sources of finance</i>		
Capital receipts	4,637	510
Government grants and other contributions	16,790	11,019
Sums set aside from revenue:		
Direct revenue contributions	6,927	13,681
Finance Leases Repaid/Terminated	1,592	1,349
	<u>29,946</u>	<u>26,559</u>
Movement in Capital Financing Requirement	246	(1,272)
<i>Closing Capital Financing Requirement</i>	3,837	2,565
<i>Explanation of movements in year</i>		
Reduction in underlying need for borrowing (unsupported by government financial assistance)	(1,592)	(1,349)
Assets acquired under finance leases	1,838	77
Increase/(decrease) in Capital Financing Requirement	<u>246</u>	<u>(1,272)</u>

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42 Leases

Finance Leases - Authority as Lessee

The Authority has entered into a number of contractual arrangements which include embedded leases that have been classified as finance leases. The most significant of these relate to the refuse collection vehicles and plant included in the Refuse Collection contract. The useful life of these vehicles has typically been assumed to be 7 years. The arrangements for other vehicles, primarily in the gully and street cleansing contracts, have also been classified as finance leases and 7 years has also typically been assumed as the useful life for these items.

Items of equipment leased by schools, mainly photocopiers, have also been classified as finance leases. Insufficient information was available to account for these in 2009/10, but they were all brought onto the Balance Sheet in 2010/11 and a typical useful life of 5 years was assumed.

The assets acquired under these leases are carried as Vehicles, Plant and Equipment in the Balance Sheet at the following net amounts:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment	3,837	2,565
	<u>3,837</u>	<u>2,565</u>

The Authority is committed to making minimum payments under these leases comprising settlement of the long-term liability for the interest in the asset acquired by the Authority and finance costs that will be payable by the Authority in future years whilst the liability remains outstanding. The minimum lease payments are made up of the following amounts:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Finance lease liabilities (net present value of minimum lease payments)		
- current (within 1 year)	1,244	885
- non current (later than 1 year)	2,593	1,680
Finance costs payable in future years	1,167	766
Minimum lease payments	<u>5,004</u>	<u>3,331</u>

The minimum lease payments will be payable over the following periods:

	Minimum Lease Payments		Finance Lease Liabilities	
	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Not later than one year	1,642	1,190	1,244	885
Later than one and less than five years	3,131	2,139	2,394	1,678
Later than five years	231	2	199	2
	<u>5,004</u>	<u>3,331</u>	<u>3,837</u>	<u>2,565</u>

None of the assets held under these finance leases have been sub-let.

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42 Leases continued

Operating Leases - Authority as Lessee

The Authority leases various premises, which are accounted for as operating leases

The future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable leases in future years are:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Not later than one year	308	351
Later than one and less than five years	844	880
Later than five years	73	409
	<u>1,225</u>	<u>1,640</u>

The expenditure charged to service areas in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement during the year in relation to these leases was:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
<i>Minimum lease payments</i>		
Adult Social Care	136	187
Children's and Education Services	220	214
Cultural and Related Services	24	20
Environmental and Regulatory Services	9	9
Highways & Transport Services	66	66
	<u>455</u>	<u>496</u>

Operating Leases - Schools as Lessee

Schools have entered into operating leases in the main, to acquire photocopiers and telephone systems. Typically operating leases are in place for 3 to 5 years, depending on the asset.

The minimum lease payments will be payable over the following periods.

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Not later than one year	45	30
Later than one and less than five years	56	39
	<u>101</u>	<u>69</u>

The expenditure charged to service areas in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement during the year in relation to these leases was:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
<i>Minimum lease payments</i>		
Children's and Education Services	45	36
	<u>45</u>	<u>36</u>

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42 Leases continued

Finance Leases - Authority as Lessor

As at 31st March 2014, the Authority holds no finance leases.

Operating Leases - Authority as Lessor

The Authority has granted a number of lease agreements with regard to its portfolio of investment and other Council properties which are accounted for as operating leases.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases in future years are:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Not later than one year	4,853	5,110
Later than one and less than five years	14,832	15,688
Later than five years	202,298	210,792
	<u>221,983</u>	<u>231,590</u>

The minimum lease payments receivable do not include rents that are contingent on events taking place after the lease was entered into, such as adjustments following rent reviews.

The Net Book Value of these assets was £131m as at 31st March 2014 (£141m as at 31st March 2013). Depreciation and impairment charges of £0.8m and £9.0m respectively were made in 2013/14.

The rental income received in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement during the year in relation to these leases was:

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
<i>Minimum lease payments</i>		
Cultural and Related Services	448	427
Environmental and Regulatory Services	168	184
Children's and Education Services	6	7
Highways and Transport Services	63	53
Adult Social Care	140	414
Central Services to the Public	50	348
Financing & Investing Income & Expenditure	3,676	3,869
<i>Contingent rents</i>		
Environmental and Regulatory Services	109	118
Financing & Investing Income & Expenditure	336	251
	<u>4,996</u>	<u>5,671</u>

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43 Service Concessions

A service concession arrangement generally involves a local authority conveying to an operator for a defined period the right to provide services that give the public access to major economic and social facilities. The Authority controls the price charged for the service. It also controls, either by ownership or otherwise, any significant residual interest in the property at the end of the term of the arrangement.

The Refuse Collection contract with Veolia ES (UK) Limited

The Authority transferred the contract for Waste Collection to Onyx U.K. Limited, now known as Veolia, from 4th November 2001 and the Waste Management contract from 24th February 2002, for 14 years.

The assets used to provide services to the residents of the borough are recognised on the Authority's Balance Sheet. Movements in the year are detailed in the analysis of the movement on the Property, Plant and Equipment balance in Note 12.

The total cost of this contract to 31st March 2014 was £53.8m (£48.6m to 31st March 2013).

Further details of the leasing arrangements are provided in Note 42.

44 Impairment Losses

During 2013/14 the Authority has charged the following impairments in respect of its non-current assets to the surplus or deficit on the Provision of Services and the Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure:

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
22,673	Property, Plant and Equipment	21,772
21	Assets held for sale	-
-	Surplus Properties	197
<u>22,694</u>		<u>21,969</u>

These losses have been charged in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement as follows:

2012/13 £000		2013/14 £000
-	Central Services to the Public	6,153
20,047	Cultural and Related Services	7,702
2,097	Environmental and Regulatory Services	1,575
250	Children's and Education Services	4,341
-	Housing Services	57
279	Adult Social Care	2,141
<u>22,673</u>		<u>21,969</u>
21	Financing & Investment Income & Expenditure	-
<u>22,694</u>		<u>21,969</u>

45 Termination Benefits

The Authority terminated the contracts of a number of employees in 2013/14 incurring liabilities of £380k (£2,068k in 2012/13) - see Note 34 for the number of exit packages and total cost per band. The total expenditure in 2013/14 related to 28 employees across all departments of the Authority (96 employees in 2012/13).

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46 Disclosure of Information about Retirement Benefits

(a) Participation in Pension Schemes

As part of the terms and conditions of its officers, the Authority makes contributions towards the cost of post-employment benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Authority has a commitment to make the payments (for those benefits) and to disclose them at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Council's Pension Fund is a funded defined benefit final salary statutory scheme operated (until 31st March 2014) under the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2007/08 (as amended). With effect from 1st April 2014, these regulations are revoked and replaced by the LGPS Regulations 2013. The Authority and employees pay contributions into the Fund, calculated at a level intended to ensure that pensions liabilities balance with investment assets over a period of time. The Fund provides benefits for members, including retirement pensions, lump sum retirement grants and widow's pensions.

Governance of the scheme is the responsibility of the London Borough of Bromley Pensions Investment Sub-Committee and policy is determined in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulations. The investment managers of the Fund are appointed by the Sub-Committee and, as at 31st March 2014, include Baillie Gifford, Blackrock, Fidelity, MFS International and Standard Life.

The principal risks to the Authority of the scheme are the longevity assumptions, statutory, structural and inflation changes, bond yields and the performance of equity investments held by the scheme. These are mitigated to a certain extent by the statutory requirements to charge to the General Fund the amounts required by statute as described in the accounting policies note.

The Authority also makes arrangements for the award of discretionary post-retirement benefits upon early retirement. This is an unfunded defined benefit arrangement, under which liabilities are recognised when awards are made. There are no assets built up to meet these pension liabilities and cash has to be generated to meet actual pension payments when they eventually fall due.

(b) Transactions relating to Post-employment Benefits

The cost of retirement benefits is recognised in the Cost of Services within the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement when benefits are earned by employees, rather than when they are finally paid as pensions. However, the charge required to be made against Council Tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post-employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year, based on figures provided in the IAS 19 reports as at 31st March 2013 and 2014, prepared by the Council's actuary, Mercer. The 2012/13 figures have been restated following the publication of new IAS 19 disclosure requirements.

	2012/13 (restated) £000	2013/14 £000
<u>Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement</u>		
Current service cost	18,340	15,286
Settlements	(2,068)	(2,189)
Curtailments	572	705
Administration Costs	433	407
Past service costs	372	353
Total included in Cost of Services	17,649	14,562
<u>Financing & Investment Income & Expenditure</u>		
Net Pensions interest cost	10,867	10,732
Total included in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	28,516	25,294
<u>Other Benefits Charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement</u>		
Remeasurement of Net Defined Benefit Obligation	(2,521)	(127,808)
<u>Total Post-employment Benefit Charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement</u>	25,995	(102,514)
<u>Movement in Reserves Statement</u>		
Reversal of net charges to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(28,516)	(25,294)
Employers' contributions and benefits payable direct to pensioners	17,534	17,687
	(10,982)	(7,607)
Actual return on scheme assets	60,006	32,799

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46 Disclosure of Information about Retirement Benefits continued

(c) Assets and Liabilities in relation to Post-employment Benefits

Pensions Assets and Liabilities recognised in the Balance Sheet

	LGPS		Unfunded Benefits	
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(747,694)	(665,728)	(4,267)	(3,789)
Fair value of plan assets	492,134	529,891	-	-
Net liability from defined benefit obligation	(255,560)	(135,837)	(4,267)	(3,789)

Reconciliation of movement in present value of Scheme liabilities (Defined Benefit):

	LGPS		Unfunded Benefits	
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening Liability	683,685	747,694	4,298	4,267
Current service cost	18,340	15,286	-	-
Interest cost	30,234	31,607	185	177
Contributions by scheme members	4,106	4,003	-	-
Remeasurement (gains)/losses:				
Experience	-	(66,684)	-	(226)
Financial assumptions	31,783	(29,832)	116	-
Demographic assumptions	6,012	(9,383)	22	(80)
Past service costs	372	353	-	-
Curtailments	572	705	-	-
Settlements	(3,871)	(4,157)	-	-
Benefits paid	(23,539)	(23,864)	(354)	(349)
Closing Liability (Defined Benefit)	747,694	665,728	4,267	3,789

Reconciliation of movement in fair value of Scheme assets:

	LGPS		Unfunded Benefits	
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening fair value of scheme assets	436,617	492,134	-	-
Interest on plan assets	19,552	21,052	-	-
Remeasurements (assets)	40,454	21,603	-	-
Administration Expenses	(433)	(407)	-	-
Contributions by employer	17,180	17,338	354	349
Contributions by scheme members	4,106	4,003	-	-
Settlements	(1,803)	(1,968)	-	-
Benefits paid	(23,539)	(23,864)	(354)	(349)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	492,134	529,891	-	-

In 2013/14, the net liability fell by some £120m (from £260m to £140m). This was mainly due to positive experience since the 2010 valuation that has been recognised at this year end. Other positive factors included favourable investment returns during the year and improved market conditions, which reduced the value placed on the liabilities.

The actual return on scheme assets in the year was £32,799k (£60,006k in 2012/13).

The liabilities show the underlying commitments that the Authority has in the long run to pay post-employment (retirement) benefits. The total liability of £669,517k has a substantial impact on the net worth of the Authority as recorded in the Balance Sheet, resulting in a negative overall balance (deficit) of £139,626k. However, statutory arrangements for funding the deficit mean that the financial position of the Authority remains healthy. The deficit on the scheme will be made good by increased employer contributions over a 15 year period, as assessed by the scheme actuary in the full valuation of the fund as at 31st March 2013.

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46 Disclosure of Information about Retirement Benefits continued

(d) Fair Value of LGPS assets

	Fair value of scheme assets	
	As at 31st March 2013 £000	As at 31st March 2014 £000
Equities	365,164	396,357
Government bonds	10,827	15,897
Other bonds	63,977	70,476
Other	44,292	45,571
Cash / liquidity	7,874	1,590
	<u>492,134</u>	<u>529,891</u>

(e) Basis for Estimating Assets and Liabilities

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. The scheme has been assessed by Mercer, an independent firm of actuaries, estimates for the Fund being based on the most recent full valuation as at 31st March 2013 and latest estimates for for the Fund as at 31st March 2014.

The main financial assumptions used by the actuary for the purposes of the IAS 19 calculations were:

	As at 31st March 2013	As at 31st March 2014
Longevity at 65 for pensioners retiring today (years):		
Men	23.1	23.0
Women	26.5	25.4
Longevity at 65 for pensioners retiring in 20 years (years):		
Men	25.1	25.3
Women	28.5	28.3
Rate of inflation - CPI	2.3%	2.4%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.6%	3.9%
Rate of increase in pensions	2.3%	2.4%
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities	4.3%	4.4%
Take-up of option to convert annual pension to lump sum	50%	50%

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the table above. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes in assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period and assumes for each change that the assumption analysed changes while all the other assumptions remain constant. The assumptions for longevity, for example, assume that life expectancy increases or decreases for men and women. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes to some of the assumptions may be inter-related. The estimations in the sensitivity analysis have followed the accounting policies for the scheme (i.e. on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method). The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis below did not change from those used in the previous period.

46 Disclosure of Information about Post-employment Benefits continued

(e) Basis for Estimating Assets and Liabilities continued

Sensitivity analysis of the impact of changes in assumptions on the Defined Benefit Obligation

	Change of +/- 1% £000
IAS 19 Liability figure	669,517
+ 0.1% on rate for discounting scheme liabilities	658,959
+ 0.1% on inflation rate	680,244
+ 0.1% on pay growth	671,342
+1 year on life expectancy	682,631

(f) Impact on the Authority's Cash Flows

One of the objectives of the scheme is to keep employers' contributions at as constant a rate as possible. In the triennial fund valuation as at 31st March 2013, the Authority agreed a strategy with the scheme's actuary to achieve a funding level of 100% over the next 15 years. Funding levels are monitored and the next triennial valuation is due to be completed as at 31st March 2016.

The scheme will need to take account of the national changes to the scheme under the Public Services Pensions Act 2013. Under the Act, the LGPS may not provide benefits in relation to service after 31st March 2014. The Act provides for scheme regulations to be made within a common framework, to establish new career average revalued earnings schemes to pay pensions and other benefits to certain public servants.

The actuary has estimated a total authority contribution of £15.9m in 2014/15.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation for scheme members is 16 years as at 31st March 2014 (17.2 years as at 31st March 2013).

(g) Bromley Employees

In 2013/14, Bromley paid into the Pension Fund a total contribution of £17.4m (30.2% of total pensionable pay), including a past deficit contribution of £6.1m. This compares to £17.1m (29.4%) and £5.8m in 2012/13. The underlying contribution rate and the past deficit contribution are both determined by the Fund's Actuary based on triennial actuarial valuations. The contributions in 2013/14 incorporate the results of the full valuation as at 31st March 2010, which set contribution rates to achieve a funding level of 100% of the overall liabilities of the fund over 12 years. The most recent triennial valuation (as at 31st March 2013) has set revised contribution rates and past-deficit contributions from 2014/15 to achieve a 100% funding level over 15 years.

(h) Teachers

Teachers employed by the Authority are members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered by the Department for Education. The Scheme provides teachers with specified benefits upon their retirement and the Authority contributes towards the costs based on a percentage of members' pensionable salaries. The Scheme is technically a defined benefit scheme, but it is unfunded and the Department for Education uses a notional fund as the basis for calculating the employers' contribution rate paid by local authorities. The Authority is not able to identify its share of the underlying financial position and performance of the scheme with sufficient reliability for accounting purposes. In this Statement of Accounts, it is accounted for on the same basis as a defined contribution scheme.

In 2013/14, Bromley paid £4.2m to the Teachers' Pensions Agency in respect of teachers' retirement benefits, which represented 14.1% of teachers' pensionable pay. The figures for 2012/13 were £4.6m and 14.1%. In addition, Bromley is responsible for all pension payments relating to added years it has awarded. There were no payments relating to added years in both 2013/14 and 2012/13.

(i) NHS Staff

Former NHS public health staff who transferred to Bromley in April 2013 are members of the NHS Pension Scheme, administered by the Department for Health. This scheme 'is a defined benefit scheme, but, under NHS accounting arrangements', is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. In 2013/14, the Authority paid £0.2m to the NHS scheme in respect of these staff (14.0% of pensionable pay).

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47 Contingent Liability - not provided for in the accounts

Contingent liabilities are dependent upon the outcome of uncertain events and, consequently, cannot be quantified at the balance sheet date. For 2013/14 there are five contingent liabilities to disclose:

- 1) There have been a number of Council Tax banding appeals which, if successful, could result in refunds dating back to 1993. The claims are currently being considered by the District Valuer and could also have an impact on future Council Tax income levels. It is not possible to quantify the financial impact at this stage and the final outcome will depend on the number of appeals and the outcome of the findings from the District valuer.
- 2) There is a potential breach of contract claim from a social care contractor which has not yet led to proceedings being issued. The Council repudiates any liability. It is difficult to give a much fuller assessment unless proceedings are actually issued and the completed particulars of the claim and quantified damages are known. However, it is estimated that the maximum claim could be in the region of £1m.
- 3) There are potential risks through the Council picking up liabilities from Governing Bodies of Foundation and Community schools which convert to Academy status. The financial impact of this cannot be quantified at this stage.
- 4) Consequent to ongoing litigation involving most Local Land Charges Authorities regarding the implications of the Environment Information Regulations 2004, there is a potential risk that charges previously imposed on personal search companies for local land charges information will have to be repaid for the period 2005 - 2010. The potential liability to the Council is estimated to be £450k.
- 5) The Council has made a provision for NNDR Appeals based upon its best estimates of the actual liability as at the year-end in known appeals. It is not possible to quantify appeals that have not yet been lodged with the Valuation Office so there is a risk to the Council that national and local appeals may have a future impact on the accounts.

48 Contingent Asset - not provided for in the accounts

Contingent assets are possible assets that will only be confirmed by the occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the Authority's control. For 2013/14 there is one contingent asset to be disclosed:

The Council has been successful in recovering from HM Revenue and Customs separate historic VAT claims for different periods from April 1973 to December 1996. These claims related to disputed VAT liabilities on sporting services, sporting tuition, excess parking charges, special domestic waste collections, cultural services and libraries/audio visual charges. There are further claims being pursued which include claims for compound interest, off street parking and a claim for the period December 1996 to April 2011 in relation to libraries/audio visual charges, special collections of domestic waste, excess charges for off-street parking and a claim for trade waste. It is not possible to accurately predict the financial outcome of these claims at the present time nor is it certain, at this stage, whether the claims will be successful.

49 Nature and Extent of Risk Arising from Financial Instruments

The Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. With regard to financial assets, these are mainly classified as loans and receivables (see note 15) and most of this note concentrates on the nature and extent of risk arising from these.

- Credit risk - the possibility that other parties might fail to pay amounts due to the Council;
- Liquidity risk - the possibility that the Council might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments;
- Refinancing and Maturity risk - the possibility that the Council might need to renew a financial instrument on maturity at disadvantageous interest rates or terms;
- Market risk - the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Council as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and stock market movements.

The Council's overall risk management procedures focus on the unpredictability of financial markets and are structured to implement suitable controls to minimise these risks. The procedures for risk management are set out through a legal framework based on the Local Government Act 2003 and associated regulations. These require the Council to comply with the CIPFA Prudential Code, the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services and investment guidance issued through the Act. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury team, under policies approved by the Council in the Annual Treasury Management Strategy. The Council provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, including credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, and the investment of surplus cash.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and other financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the Council's customers. This risk is minimised through the Annual Investment Strategy, which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit rating criteria.

The Strategy for 2013/14 was approved by Full Council in February 2013 and is available on the Council's website. It imposes a maximum amount to be invested with a financial institution at any time and sets a maximum time period for investment.

The Council uses the creditworthiness service provided by Sector. This service uses a sophisticated modelling approach using credit ratings from all three ratings agencies forming the core element. It supplements this with credit watches and credit outlooks from the agencies, Credit Default Swap spreads to give early warnings of likely changes in credit ratings and sovereign ratings to select counterparties from only the most creditworthy countries.

The Authority's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its investments in banks and building societies of £248.0m cannot be assessed generally as the risk of any institution failing to make interest payments or repay the principal sum will be specific to each individual institution. Recent experience has shown that it is rare for such entities to be unable to meet their commitments. A risk of irrecoverability applies to all of the Authority's deposits, but there was no evidence at 31st March 2014 that this was likely to crystallise. Deposit protection arrangements, specifically the HM Treasury Credit Guarantee Scheme, will limit any losses that might arise.

No breaches of the Council's counterparty criteria occurred during 2013/14 and the authority does not expect any losses from non-performance by any of its counterparties in relation to treasury deposits.

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49 Nature and Extent of Risk Arising from Financial Instruments continued

Credit Risk (cont)

The Council does not generally allow credit for customers, requiring immediate payment of invoices raised. Customers for goods and services are assessed, taking into account their financial position, past experience and other factors, with individual credit limits being set in accordance with parameters set by the Council. Outstanding debt at year end is analysed by age below.

	As at 31st March 2013 £000	As at 31st March 2014 £000
Less than three months	5,584	11,135
Three to six months	1,296	975
Six months to one year	785	1,134
More than one year	2,688	2,889
	<u>10,353</u>	<u>16,133</u>

Liquidity Risk

The Council manages its liquidity position through the risk management procedures above (the setting and approval of prudential indicators and the approval of the treasury and investment strategy reports), as well as through cash flow management procedures required by the Code of Practice. This seeks to ensure that cash is available when it is needed.

The Council has ready access to borrowings from the money markets to cover any day to day cash flow need and could also borrow from the Public Works Loan Board and money markets if necessary. Currently, however, the Council does not borrow externally and there are no plans to do so. The Council is also required to provide a balanced budget through the Local Government Finance Act 1992, which ensures sufficient monies are raised to cover annual expenditure. There is therefore no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments.

The maturity analysis of financial assets (investments), excluding sums due from customers, is as follows:

Principal Sum Invested as at 31st March 2013 £000		Principal Sum Invested as at 31st March 2014 £000
176,626	Less than one year	207,860
25,010	Between one and two years	39,270
<u>201,636</u>		<u>247,130</u>

Refinancing and Maturity Risk

The Council maintains a significant investment portfolio, but has no long term borrowing. Whilst the cash flow procedures above are considered against the refinancing risk procedures, longer term risk to the Council relates to managing the exposure to replacing financial instruments as they mature. This risk relates to the maturing of longer term financial assets.

The approved treasury indicator limits on investments placed for greater than one year in duration are the key parameters used to address this risk. The Council approved treasury and investment strategies address the main risks and the central treasury team address the operational risks within the approved parameters. This includes monitoring the maturity profile of investments to ensure sufficient liquidity is available for the Council's day to day cash flow needs, and the spread of longer term investments provide stability of maturities and returns in relation to the longer term cash flow needs.

49 Nature and Extent of Risk Arising from Financial Instruments continued

Market Risk

Interest rate risk

The Authority is exposed to risk in terms of interest rate movements on its investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the Authority depending on how variable and fixed interest rates move across differing financial instrument periods. For instance, a rise in variable and fixed interest rates would have the following effects:

- investments at variable rates - the interest income credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services will rise;
- investments at fixed rates - the fair value of the assets will fall.

The Council has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The Annual Treasury Management Strategy draws together the Council's prudential and treasury indicators and its expected treasury operations, including an expectation of interest rate movements. From this Strategy, a prudential indicator is set which provides maximum and minimum limits for fixed and variable interest rate exposure. The central treasury team monitors the market and forecast interest rates within the year to adjust exposures appropriately. For instance, during periods of falling interest rates, and where economic circumstances make it favourable, fixed rate investments may be taken for longer periods to secure better long term returns, subject to the counterparty meeting the approved eligibility criteria.

All of the Council's term deposits placed during 2013/14 were fixed interest investments with banks, building societies or other local authorities. In addition to fixed interest deposits, the Council also placed £5m with a Property Fund and invested £1.1m in a Corporate Bond. Both were placed after consultation with Sector and are not subject to interest rate movements.

Price Risk

Other than its Pension Fund investments, the Council does not invest in equity shares, joint ventures or in local industry. It is consequently not exposed to losses arising from movements in share prices.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Council has no financial assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and thus has no exposure to loss arising from movements in exchange rates.

Icelandic Bank Defaults

In October 2008, the Icelandic banks Landsbanki, Kaupthing and Glitnir collapsed and the UK subsidiaries of the banks, Heritable and Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander, went into administration. At that time, the Council had £5m deposited with Heritable, which had been placed for two years on 28th June 2007 at a rate of 6.42%. Heritable Bank is a UK registered bank under English law and was placed in administration on 7th October 2008. As at 31st March 2014, a total of 14 dividend payments had been received from the administrator, which amounted to £4,783k (94% of the Council's total claim of £5,087k). In line with CIPFA guidance, an impairment was actioned in 2008/09 and part-reversals then followed in 2009/10 and in 2011/12 to reflect improved recovery prospects. A further part-reversal of the original impairment (£310k) was actioned in the 2013/14 accounts, leaving a provision for potential loss of £300k as at 31st March 2014 (6% of the total claim sum).

50 *Heritage Assets: Further Information*

Heritage Assets

The 2011/12 Code of Practice introduced a change to the accounting treatment for heritage assets and, from 2011/12, the Authority is required to show them on the face of the Balance Sheet at valuation or cost. The Authority's accounting policies for the recognition and measurement of heritage assets are set out in the Authority's summary of significant accounting policies (see accounting policy 12).

General

Heritage Assets are defined by the Code as assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

Five Year Summary of Transactions

The Code requires a 5 year summary of transactions to be provided, but states that the information need not be given for any period before 1st April 2010 where it is not practicable to do so. The Council's Heritage Assets were valued during 2011 and no values were held or known before then, so it is not practicable to show transactions over the last five years. Accordingly, the accounts only record information back to 1st April 2010 (estimated values restated as at 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011). The carrying values are shown in Note 13.

Heritage Assets disclosed in the accounts include the following:

Mayoral Regalia and Insignia

The Council owns a number of items of official insignia (Mayoral and other), comprising various badges and chains of office and a few items of civic silverware, including spoons, cups and maces. The whole collection has been valued by an independent jewellery appraiser and evaluation specialist at a total of £673k and are deemed to have indeterminate lives and are, therefore, treated as non-depreciable.

Art Works

The Bromley Museum Group has a number of works of art, including:

Fine Art and Ethnographic Collection comprising fine art and valuables, antique ceramic and glass, paintings, prints and drawings, sculpture and works of art. The collection has been independently valued at £162k;

Contemporary Art Work Collection (valued at £172k);

Mural at Orpington Hospital (valued at £10k).

The total value of these works of art is estimated at £344k and all are deemed to have indeterminate lives and are, therefore, treated as non-depreciable.

Heritage Assets not disclosed in the accounts include the following:

War Memorials and Memorial Plaques

There are 19 war memorials, most of which include commemorative plaques, located in the borough and these are a key focal point for local communities and are maintained and enhanced as necessary for the benefit of residents of the borough.

Metrology Equipment

The Council owns various items of measuring equipment, such as scales and balances, that are estimated to have a total value of between £5k and £7k. They are in the process of being donated to English Heritage and are considered de minimus and are not included on the Balance Sheet.

Other Items

The Council owns a number of other heritage assets, including coal tax posts, listed milestones, listed water troughs and drinking fountains, other fountains, stone figures and archaeological artefacts.

The Council does not consider that reliable cost or valuation information can be obtained for these items because of their unique nature and lack of comparable market values. In the Council's opinion, it would not be practicable to obtain a valuation for these assets at a cost that would be commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements and they are not, therefore, recognised on the Balance Sheet.

THE COLLECTION FUND

The Collection Fund is an agent's statement that reflects the statutory obligation for the London Borough of Bromley as a billing authority to maintain a separate Collection Fund. The statement shows the transactions of the London Borough of Bromley in relation to the collection from taxpayers and distribution to local authorities and the Government of council tax and non-domestic rates. The Collection Fund is consolidated with other accounts of the Authority.

	Notes	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Income			
Amounts receivable from Council Tax payers	(1)	160,264	165,809
Transfer from the General Fund for Council Tax benefit		19,108	-
Income collectable from Business Rate payers	(2)	82,447	83,042
Income Collectable from Business Rate Supplement	(3)	2,421	2,399
		<u>264,240</u>	<u>251,250</u>
Expenditure			
Precepts / Demands			
- London Borough of Bromley		132,896	123,370
- Greater London Authority		41,119	37,008
Business Rates	(2)		
- Payments to National Pool		82,098	
- Payment to Central Government (CLG)			42,110
- Payment to Greater London Authority (GLA)			16,844
- Payment to London Borough of Bromley			25,266
- Cost of Collection		349	348
Business Rate Supplement	(3)		
- Contribution to GLA		2,406	2,386
- Cost of Collection/Administrative Costs		15	13
Bad and Doubtful Debts / Appeals			
- Write offs		986	1,758
- Increase / (decrease) in bad debt provision		518	(121)
- Provision for Appeals		-	450
		<u>260,387</u>	<u>249,432</u>
Net Surplus for the Year		<u>(3,853)</u>	<u>(1,818)</u>
Distribution of Previous Year's Collection Fund Surplus			
- London Borough of Bromley		2,057	1,805
- Greater London Authority		643	558
		<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,363</u>
Net Movement on Fund Balance		<u>(1,153)</u>	<u>545</u>
		£000	£000
Fund Balance			
Balance at 1st April		(5,063)	(6,216)
Net movement for year		(3,853)	(1,818)
Distribution of 2010/11 and 2011/12 Surplus		2,700	2,363
Balance at 31st March (Surplus)		<u>(6,216)</u>	<u>(5,671)</u>

THE COLLECTION FUND

In accordance with the statutory provisions for Collection Fund accounting, any surplus or deficit on the Fund can be transferred to Bromley and the Preceptors only in the financial year for which the budgetary provision was made. Where identified for the projected outturn it is taken into account when assessing the following years Council Tax levy. Any balance must remain on the Collection Fund and be repaid in the following year. Accordingly the 2012/13 surplus will be distributed in 2014/15 and the 2013/14 surplus will be distributed in 2015/16 as follows:

Fund Balance split into its attributable parts

<u>Council Tax</u>	Surplus as at 31st March 2013	Distribution of 2011/12 Surplus in 2013/14	Surplus for 2013/14	Surplus as at 31st March 2014
	£000	£000	£000	£000
London Borough of Bromley	(4,769)	1,805	(2,927)	(5,891)
Greater London Authority	(1,447)	558	(866)	(1,755)
	<u>(6,216)</u>	<u>2,363</u>	<u>(3,793)</u>	<u>(7,646)</u>

Business Rates

	Deficit for 31st March 2014 £000
London Borough of Bromley	593
Greater London Authority	395
Central Government	987
	<u>1,975</u>
Council Tax and Business Rates Net Deficit / Surplus	<u><u>(5,671)</u></u>

THE COLLECTION FUND

Notes to the Accounts

1 Council Tax Base

The Council's taxbase i.e. the number of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band (adjusted for dwellings where discounts apply) converted into equivalent number of band D dwellings, was calculated as follows:

Band	Number of Properties	Multiplier	Band D Equivalent Dwellings
A	819	6/9	546
B	5,272	7/9	4,100
C	18,507	8/9	16,450
D	27,489	9/9	27,489
E	25,118	11/9	30,700
F	16,086	13/9	23,235
G	12,500	15/9	20,833
H	1,263	18/9	2,527
			<hr/>
			125,880
	Allowance for MOD properties, changes in exemptions, discounts and number of properties		<hr/>
			(801)
			<hr/>
			125,079
	Estimated Collection Rate		97.65%
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	Council Tax Base 2013/14		<hr/>
			122,140

2 Business Rates

Under the arrangements for uniform business rates, the Council collects non-domestic rates for its area which are based on local rateable values multiplied by a uniform rate (set by Government). The Council is responsible for collecting rates due from ratepayers in its area but until 31st March 2013 it paid the proceeds into an NNDR pool administered by the Government. The Government redistributed the sums paid into the pool back to local authorities' General Funds on the basis of a fixed amount per head of the population. On 1st April 2013 the Government introduced a new local government funding regime, the Business Rates Retention Scheme. This removed the national pool and instead allows councils to retain a set proportion of business rates collected subject to set baselines and limits. The remainder of business rates collected are paid as precepts to the Government (CLG) and the Greater London Authority (GLA).

The total non-domestic rateable value at 31st December 2012 was assessed by the Government's District Valuer as £215,770,679. The national non-domestic multiplier for the year was 47.1p. The income collectable for the year of £83.0m is net of revaluations, allowance for empty properties, provision for non collection, transitional and mandatory reliefs as well as the part year effect of properties falling out / brought into rating during the year.

3 Business Rate Supplements

Business Rate Supplements (BRS) were introduced by the Business Rate Supplements Act 2009 and related regulations and statutory guidance. The Act confers powers on relevant local authorities "to impose a levy on non-domestic ratepayers to raise money for expenditure on projects expected to promote economic development". The BRS only applies to businesses with a rateable value of more than £55,000. The BRS multiplier for the year was 2 pence in the pound. The income collectable for the year was £2.4m net of reliefs on the same basis and same percentage rate as for NNDR.

FORMER LRB FUND

Since 30th March 1990 Bromley has taken responsibility for the management and disposal of a number of ex-GLC properties previously administered by the London Residuary Body. Bromley is also responsible for any residual functions following the winding up of the LRB. Monies were transferred to Bromley in order to meet management, administration and disposal costs. Surpluses arising from property transactions are apportioned between the London Boroughs and distributed on 31st March each year.

Movement for year ending 31st March 2014

	Fund 1	Fund 2	TOTAL
	£000	£000	£000
Balance as at 1st April 2013	(298)	(195)	(493)
Movement in year on ex LRB functions:			
Income	(1)	(784)	(785)
Interest earnings on Fund balance	(2)	(4)	(6)
Expenditure (note 2)	18	250	268
Distribution (note 1)	1	784	785
Balance as at 31st March 2014	<u>(282)</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>(231)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2014

2013		2014
£000		£000
-	<i>Assets</i>	
<u>-</u>	Debtors	<u>34</u>
		34
493	Cash	<u>232</u>
<u>493</u>		<u>266</u>
	<i>Liabilities</i>	
298	Fund 1	282
195	Fund 2	(51)
-	Creditors	<u>35</u>
<u>493</u>		<u>266</u>

Notes to accounts

1) *2013/14 Distribution*

In 2013/14 revenue receipts of £784,685 were received and distributed between the London Boroughs in accordance with the regulations of the transfer.

2) *Expenditure*

Due to an increase in legal claims made against the LRB this has led to the balance in Fund 2 being depleted and in 2014/15 we will be asking all of the distribution boroughs for a contribution towards topping up this fund to aid payment of future expenses.

FORMER LRB FUND

3) *Fund 1*

Initial Fund set up in 1990 with a contribution of £2m from the LRB for properties transferred from LRB. Any surpluses arising from the disposal is distributed each year to all London Boroughs on the basis of population.

Fund 2

Set up in 1992 with a further contribution of £1m from the LRB for the administration of any remaining properties following the final winding up of the LRB. Any surplus arising from disposal of these properties is distributed to the London Boroughs on the basis of Council Tax Base.

PENSION FUND

2012/13		PENSION FUND ACCOUNT	Note	2013/14	
£000	£000			£000	£000
Dealings with members and employers					
Contributions and similar payments					
5,483		Contributions - from members	5	5,580	
14,845		- from employers - normal	5	15,612	
1,357		- augmentations	5	1,255	
5,800		- deficit funding	5	7,100	
1,883		Transfers in from other pension funds (individual)		5,074	
	29,368				34,621
Benefits					
(21,994)		Pensions		(23,409)	
(4,968)		Lump sum benefits - retirement		(5,525)	
(571)		- death		(359)	
	(27,533)				(29,293)
Payments to and on account of leavers					
(4)		Refunds of contributions		(13)	
(2,536)		Transfers out (individual)		(1,559)	
	(2,540)				(1,572)
(532)		Administrative expenses	6		(585)
(1,237)		Net (withdrawal) / addition from dealings with Fund members			3,171
Returns on investments					
8,411		Investment income	7	7,730	
77,023		Change in market value		34,841	
(1,357)		Investment management expenses	8	(1,828)	
	84,077	Net return on investments			40,743
	82,840	Net Fund increase during year			43,914
	501,549	Opening net assets			584,389
	<u>584,389</u>	Closing net assets			<u>628,303</u>
31st March 2013 NET ASSETS STATEMENT				31st March 2014	
£000	£000			£000	£000
Investment assets					
120,636		Equities - UK (quoted)	9	31,932	
174,352		- overseas (quoted)		290,641	
	294,988				322,573
	280,791	Pooled investment vehicles (managed funds - non-property)			294,288
	7,538	Cash deposits held by investment managers			7,993
-		Other investment balances - sales		2,134	
-		- purchases		(1,479)	
	-				655
	583,317	Net investment assets	9		625,509
Current assets and liabilities					
(316)		Cash		2,096	
1,560		Current assets - debtors	10	1,186	
(172)		Current liabilities - creditors	10	(488)	
	1,072				2,794
	<u>584,389</u>	Closing net assets			<u>628,303</u>

The Fund's financial statements do not take account of liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits after the period end. The Actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits is disclosed in Note 12.

PENSION FUND

Notes to the Accounts

1 Description of Fund

The following description of the Fund is a summary only. For more detail, reference should be made to the London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund Annual Report 2013/14 and the underlying statutory powers underpinning the scheme, namely the Superannuation Act 1972 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations.

(a) General

The London Borough of Bromley Pension Fund is part of the LGPS and is administered by the London Borough of Bromley. It is a contributory defined benefit pension scheme to provide pensions and other benefits for pensionable employees of the Council and of a range of other organisations with scheduled or admitted body status within the Fund. Teachers are not included as they are members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered by the Department for Education. Former NHS public health staff who transferred to Bromley in April 2013 are also not included as they remain members of the NHS Pension Fund, administered by the Department for Health.

The Fund is governed by the Superannuation Act 1972 and is administered in accordance with the following legislation:

- The LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended)
- The LGPS (Administration) Regulations 2008 (as amended)
- The LGPS (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009.
- The LGPS Regulations 2013 (effective from 1st April 2014).

The Fund is overseen by the London Borough of Bromley Pensions Investment Sub-Committee.

(b) Membership

Membership of the Fund is voluntary and employees are free to choose whether to join the scheme, remain in the scheme or make their own personal pension arrangements outside the scheme.

Organisations participating in the Fund include:

- Administering Authority: The London Borough of Bromley
- Scheduled Bodies: Academies, Colleges and Foundation Schools whose staff are automatically entitled to be members of the Fund
- Admission Bodies: Other organisations that participate in the Fund under an admission agreement between the Fund and the relevant organisation. These may include voluntary, charitable and similar bodies or private contractors carrying out local authority functions after outsourcing to the private sector.

Including the Council itself, there are a total of 57 employer organisations in the Bromley Fund. As at 31st March 2014, the Fund's scheduled and admission bodies were as follows:

Scheduled Bodies

Primary School Academies

Alexandra Infants
Alexandra Junior
Balgowan Primary
Biggin Hill Primary
Castlecombe Primary
Crofton Infants
Crofton Junior
Darrick Wood Infants
Farnborough Primary
Grays Farm Primary
Green Street Green Primary
Harris Aspire
Harris Crystal Palace
Harris Kent House
Hayes Primary
Highfield Infants
Highfield Junior
Hillside Primary
Manor Oak Primary
Parish Primary
Perry Hall Primary
Pickhurst Infants

Scheduled Bodies

Primary School Academies (cont)

Pickhurst Junior
Raglan Primary
Stewart Fleming Primary
St. James RC Primary
Tubbenden Primary
Valley Primary
Warren Road Primary

Foundation Schools

Holy Innocents RC Primary
St Mary's RC Primary
St Olave's & St Saviour's
The Glebe

Scheduled Bodies - Other

Bromley College
Orpington College
Ravensbourne College

Scheduled Bodies

Secondary School Academies

Beaverwood
Bishop Justus CE
Bullers Wood
Charles Darwin
Coopers
Darrick Wood
Harris Beckenham
Harris Bromley
Hayes
Kemnal
Langley Park Boys
Langley Park Girls
Newstead Wood
Ravens Wood
The Priors
The Ravensbourne

Admission Bodies

Affinity Sutton
Bromley & Lewisham MIND
Bromley Mytime
Liberata UK

PENSION FUND

Notes to the Accounts

1 Description of Fund continued

(b) Membership continued

The following table shows the total membership of the Fund as at 31st March 2014 and 2013.

	2013	2014
Members	5,065	5,254
Pensioners - widows / dependants	705	706
- other	4,026	4,156
Deferred Pensioners	4,457	4,819
Total	14,253	14,935

(c) Funding

Benefits are funded by contributions and investment earnings. Contributions are made by active members of the Fund in accordance with the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 and ranged from 5.5% to 7.5% of pensionable pay for the financial year ending 31st March 2014. Contributions are also made by employers and these are set based on triennial actuarial funding valuations, the rates for 2013/14 being set by the valuation as at 31st March 2010. In 2013/14, employer rates ranged from 14.7% to 28.8% of pensionable pay.

(d) Benefits

Pension benefits are based on final pensionable pay and length of pensionable service. Up to 31st March 2014, benefits were calculated as follows:

Service pre 1st April 2008:

- Pension: each year worked is worth 1/80 x final pensionable salary
- Lump sum : automatic lump sum of 3 x salary and part of annual pension can be exchanged for a one-off tax free cash payment (£1 pension equates to a £12 lump sum)

Service post 31st March 2008:

- Pension: each year worked is worth 1/60 x final pensionable salary
- Lump sum : no automatic lump sum, but part of annual pension can still be exchanged for a one-off tax free cash payment (£1 pension equates to a £12 lump sum)

There is a range of other benefits provided under the scheme including early retirement, disability/ill-health pensions and death benefits. Benefits are index-linked (using the Consumer Price Index from 1st April 2012 and the Retail Price Index up to 31st March 2012) in order to keep pace with inflation.

The LGPS Regulations 2013 introduced changes that came into effect on 1st April 2014. As a result, changes have been made to the LGPS benefit structure and to employee contribution rates.

2 Basis of Preparation

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Fund's transactions for the 2013/14 financial year and its position as at 31st March 2014. The accounts do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the financial year. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14, which is based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as amended for the UK public sector.

The accounts summarise the transactions of the Fund and report on the net assets available to pay pension benefits. The actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits, valued on an International Accounting Standard (IAS) 19 basis, is disclosed in Note 12.

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Contribution income

Normal contributions, both from members and employers, are accounted for on an accruals basis at the percentage rate recommended by the scheme actuary in the payroll period to which they relate. Employers' augmentation contributions and pension strain contributions are accounted for in the period in which the liability arises. Any amount due in the year but unpaid will be classed as a current financial asset. Employer deficit contributions are accounted for in accordance with the agreement under which they are paid or, in the absence of an agreement, on a receipts basis.

(b) Transfers to and from other schemes

Transfer values represent the amounts received and paid during the year for members who have either joined or left the Fund during the financial year and are calculated in accordance with the LGPS Regulations. Individual transfers in/out are accounted for when received/paid, which is normally when the member liability is accepted or discharged.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(c) Investment Income

(i) Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the Fund account as it accrues.

(ii) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised on the date the shares are quoted ex-dividend. Any amount not received by the end of the reporting period is disclosed in the net assets statement as "current assets".

(iii) Distributions from pooled funds

Pooled investment vehicles are accumulation funds and, as such, the change in market value also includes income, net of withholding tax, which is re-invested in the fund.

(iv) Movement in the net market value of investments

The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments.

(d) Benefits payable

Where members can choose whether to take their benefits as a full pension or as a lump sum with reduced pension, retirement benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the later of the date of retirement and the date the option is exercised. Other benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the date of retirement, death or leaving the Fund, as appropriate.

(e) Taxation

The Fund is a registered public service scheme under the Finance Act 2004 and, as such, is exempt from UK income tax on interest received and from capital gains tax on the proceeds of investments sold. Income from overseas investments suffers withholding tax in the country of origin, unless exemption is permitted. Irrecoverable tax is accounted for as a Fund expense as it arises.

(f) Administrative expenses

All administrative expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Staff costs of the pensions administration team and management, accommodation and other overheads are charged to the Fund in accordance with Council policy.

(g) Investment management expenses

All investment management expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and investment manager fees are agreed in the respective mandates governing their appointments. Broadly, these are based on a percentage of the total market value of investments under management and therefore increase or decrease as the total value of investments changes.

(h) Financial assets

Equities traded through the Stock Exchange Electronic Trading Service are valued on the basis of the latest traded price. Other quoted securities are valued at their closing bid price.

Pooled investment vehicles are valued at either the bid price where a bid price exists or on the single unit price provided by the investment managers.

(i) Foreign currency transactions

Dividends, interest and purchases and sales of investments in foreign currencies have been accounted for at the spot market rates at the date of transaction. End-of-year spot market exchange rates are used to value cash balances held in foreign currency bank accounts, market values of overseas investments and purchases and sales outstanding at the end of the reporting period.

(j) Cash

Cash comprises cash investments placed by the Fund managers and cash held internally by the Fund.

(k) Financial liabilities

The Fund recognises financial liabilities at fair value as at the reporting date. A financial liability is recognised in the net assets statement on the date the Fund becomes party to it.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(l) Actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits

The actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits is assessed every three years by the scheme actuary in accordance with the requirements of IAS 19 and relevant actuarial standards. As is permitted under IAS 26, the Fund has opted to disclose the actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits (see Note 12). A summary of the results of the last full actuarial valuation is shown in Note 11.

(m) Additional voluntary contributions (AVCs)

The Council provides an AVC scheme for its members, the assets of which are invested separately from those of the Pension Fund. AVCs are managed independently of the fund by specialist providers (Aviva and Equitable Life) and each contributor receives an annual statement showing the amount held in their account and the movements in the year. In accordance with the LGPS (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009, AVCs are not included in the Pension Fund accounts, but are disclosed in Note 13.

4 Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies, Assumptions on the Future and Other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The Pension Fund liability is calculated every three years by the scheme actuary, with annual updates in the intervening years. The methodology used is in line with accepted guidelines and in accordance with IAS 19. Assumptions underpinning the valuations are agreed with the actuary and are summarised in Note 11. This estimate is subject to significant variations based on changes to the underlying assumptions.

5 Contributions receivable

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Employer Contributions		
L.B. Bromley part of Fund		
L.B.Bromley - normal	9,549	9,653
- augmentations	1,357	1,255
- deficit funding	5,800	6,100
Scheduled bodies - Foundation Schools	425	373
	<u>17,131</u>	<u>17,381</u>
Other		
Scheduled bodies - normal - academies	3,745	4,433
- normal - colleges	808	946
Admission bodies - normal	318	207
- deficit funding		1,000
	<u>22,002</u>	<u>23,967</u>
Member Contributions		
L.B. Bromley part of Fund		
L.B.Bromley	3,949	3,866
Scheduled bodies - Foundation Schools	117	101
	<u>4,066</u>	<u>3,967</u>
Other		
Scheduled bodies - academies	1,011	1,172
- colleges	306	368
Admission bodies	100	73
	<u>5,483</u>	<u>5,580</u>

Details of the scheduled and admission bodies are included in Note 1 (b).

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6 Administrative Expenses

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Audit fee	21	21
Bank charges	28	26
Advice & other costs	59	120
Internal recharges	424	418
	532	585

7 Investment Income

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Dividends from equities	8,354	7,695
Interest on securities	57	35
	8,411	7,730

8 Investment Management Expenses

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Baillie Gifford - global equities @	-	183
- balanced mandate (to 20/12/13)	571	477
- fixed income (from 20/12/13)	-	28
- Diversified Growth Fund #	53	172
Fidelity - fixed income (from 20/12/13)	-	42
- balanced mandate (to 20/12/13)	677	463
MFS - global equities @	-	157
Blackrock - global equities @	-	121
Standard Life - Diversified Growth Fund #	56	185
	1,357	1,828

@ Global equities mandates inception date 20th December 2013

Diversified Growth Fund (DGF) mandate inception date 6th December 2012

9 Investments

Following a review of the Fund's investment strategy in 2012, contracts were awarded for Diversified Growth (10% of the Fund) from December 2012 and Global Equities (70% of the Fund) from December 2013. The managers as at 31st March 2014 were as follows:

Global equities: Baillie Gifford, Blackrock and MFS (all wef 20th December 2013).

Fixed income: Baillie Gifford and Fidelity.

Diversified Growth: Baillie Gifford and Standard Life.

The bid value of the Fund as at 31st March 2013 and 2014 was divided between the Fund managers as follows:

	31st March 2013		31st March 2014	
	£000	%	£000	%
Baillie Gifford - global	-	-	222,869	35.63%
- balanced	315,345	54.06%	-	-
- fixed income	-	-	45,227	7.23%
- DGF	26,533	4.55%	26,822	4.29%
Fidelity - fixed income	-	-	58,360	9.33%
- balanced	215,357	36.92%	-	-
MFS - global	-	-	123,148	19.69%
Blackrock - global	-	-	122,130	19.52%
Standard Life -DGF	26,082	4.47%	26,953	4.31%
	583,317	100	625,509	100

The change in market value (MV) of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments and unrealised changes in market value. In the case of pooled investment vehicles, which are accumulation funds, changes in value also include income, net of withholding tax, which is re-invested in the Fund.

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9 Investments continued

The table below analyses movements in market values between the start and end of the year.

	Value at 31st March 2013 £000	Purchases £000	Sales £000	Change in MV £000	Value at 31st March 2014 £000
Equities	294,988	306,240	(307,558)	28,903	322,573
Pooled investments	280,791	240,543	(232,984)	5,938	294,288
Sub-Total	575,779	546,783	(540,542)	34,841	616,861
Cash	7,538				7,993
Other investment balances	-				655
Total	583,317	546,783	(540,542)	34,841	625,509

Transaction costs, comprising costs charged directly to the scheme such as fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees, are included in the cost of purchases and sale proceeds.

Transaction costs incurred during the year totalled £1,241k (£388k in 2012/13). Indirect costs are also incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments within pooled investment vehicles, but amounts are not separately provided to the scheme.

The Code requires the Council to disclose any single investments exceeding either 5% of the net assets available for benefits or 5% of any class or type of security. Details are shown below.

	31st March 2013 £000	31st March 2014 £000
Baillie Gifford		
- Investment Grade Bond Fund	27,660	23,986
- Active Gilt Plus Fund	12,935	21,241
- Diversified Growth Fund	26,533	26,822
Standard Life - Global Absolute Return Fund	26,082	26,953
Blackrock - Ascent Life Enhanced Global Equities Fund	n/a	122,130
Fidelity - Institutional Aggregate Bond Fund	50,803	58,180

10 Current assets and liabilities

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
<u>Debtors (current assets)</u>		
Contributions due from employers	449	583
Investment income	1,106	597
Other	5	6
	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,186</u>
<u>Creditors (current liabilities)</u>		
Fund management fees	157	488
Pension advice fees	10	-
Other	5	-
	<u>172</u>	<u>488</u>

11 Actuarial Position

The Fund is valued triennially in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008. The Fund's former actuary, Barnett Waddingham LLP, carried out a full valuation of the Fund at 31st March 2010, when its solvency level was calculated at 84%. The 2010 actuarial valuation set the level of employer contributions required to attain 100% solvency within 12 years. It set employer rates for the years ending 31st March 2012, 2013 and 2014 at an average of 14.7% and specified that lump sum past-deficit contributions of £5.5m, £5.8m and £6.1m should be made in those three years.

The next full valuation of the Fund (as at 31st March 2013) was carried out by Mercer Ltd (the Fund's actuary since January 2013) during 2013/14. This calculated a new deficit position (82% funded) and set a common employer contribution rate of 15.3% and an annual lump sum past-deficit contribution of £5.9m from 1st April 2014 to recover that deficit over 15 years.

A significant number of schools adopted academy status during 2012/13 and 2013/14 and more are expected to follow in 2014/15. Calculations of deficit shares and contribution rates for academies are carried out individually by the Council's actuary and are set at either the same rate as the Council or at a rate sufficient to ensure that the deficit share is recovered within 15 years.

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11 Actuarial Position continued

The economic assumptions employed in the 2010 and 2013 valuations are shown below.

	2010	2013
	% p.a.	% p.a.
Increases in earnings - long term	5.0	4.1
- short term (3 years)	n/a	1.0
General Inflation	3.5	2.6
Increases in pensions	3.0	2.6
Investment return - Overall discount rate	7.2	5.6

12 Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits

The net liability of the London Borough of Bromley part of the Fund in relation to the actuarial promised retirement benefits and the net assets available to fund these benefits (both based on IAS 19 information available as at 31st March) is shown in detail in Note 46 to the main financial statements. The figures shown in the Net Assets Statement are in respect of the Whole Fund. We are also required to disclose the actuarial present value of future benefits for the Fund as a whole. This was assessed by the Council's actuary under IAS 26 as £790m as at 31st March 2014 (£868m as at 31st March 2013).

13 Additional Voluntary Contributions

Contributing members have the right to make AVCs to enhance their pensions. In accordance with the LGPS (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009, AVCs are not included in the Pension Fund accounts. A summary of contributions made by members in 2012/13 and 2013/14 and the total value of AVC Funds as at 31st March 2013 and 2014 is shown below.

	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000
AVC contributions		
- to Aviva	75	73
- to Equitable Life *	-	-
Total contributions	75	73

* the total contribution to Equitable Life was less than £500.

	2012/13	2013/14
	£000	£000
Market Value		
- Aviva	904	840
- Equitable Life	159	156
Total Market Value	1,063	996

14 Nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 requires disclosure of the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments. This requirement extends to the specific risks related to Pension Fund investments. Detailed disclosures concerning these risks are included in the Pension Fund Annual Report for 2013/14, which will be approved by the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee later in 2014.

15 Related Parties

Six members of the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee during the year were active members of the scheme, but none were in receipt of a pension. A special responsibility allowance of £1,971 was paid to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee in both 2012/13 and 2013/14. No other payments were made for attendance at Sub-Committee meetings.

The Council incurred costs of £418k (£424k in 2012/13) in relation to the administration of the fund and was subsequently reimbursed by the fund for these expenses.

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Scope of Responsibility

The London Borough of Bromley is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. Bromley also has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

In discharging this overall responsibility, Bromley is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

Bromley has approved and adopted a code of corporate governance, which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government*. A copy of the code is on our website at www.bromley.gov.uk or can be obtained from Chief Executive's, Bromley Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH. This statement explains how Bromley has complied with the code and also meets the requirements of Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, regulation 4(3), which requires all relevant bodies to prepare an annual governance statement.

The Purpose of the Governance Framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, culture and values, by which the authority is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads its community. It enables the authority to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate services and value for money.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Bromley's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood and potential impact of those risks being realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework has been in place at Bromley for the year ended 31 March 2014 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and statement of accounts.

The Governance Framework

The following summarises the key elements of the systems and processes that comprise Bromley's governance arrangements based upon the six core principles of good governance:

1) **Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area:**

Bromley is a member-led, value for money Council, delivering services through whoever is best placed to provide quality and value for money to our residents. We support residents to manage their lives and strive for excellence in their eyes.

In setting our goals, our vision of Building a Better Bromley (BBB) shapes all the work we do, and provides the framework for improving the economic, social and environmental well-being and health of people who live and work in Bromley. It sets the direction and policies which other plans should help to

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deliver and is shared across the Council in our specific Portfolio messages and our departmental, divisional and team plans.

During the year Members completed a review of our Building a Better Bromley priorities. This included developing an overarching statement setting out the high level direction of the Council for the next three to five years. In addition to our existing priorities - a Quality Environment, Vibrant Thriving Town Centres, Supporting our Children and Young People, Supporting Independence, Safer Bromley and an Excellent Council - BBB now includes two new objectives - a Healthy Bromley and Regeneration. A Healthy Bromley reflects our public health responsibilities under the government's health reforms. It also reflects our more general work with health colleagues and other community partners across the borough to improve health generally through the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Board brings together Bromley Councillors, GP's, Public Health, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Voluntary Sector. The Regeneration priority covers the work the Council needs to do to develop the borough over the next 15 years as set out in our Local Plan.

Our Corporate Operating Principles which act as an operational model for the Council set out our approach to creating a flexible, responsive organisation that can embrace new ways of working with partners and staff to maintain and improve services to our community. As part of this we are committed to providing a working environment in which staff can contribute to the success of the Council. Our staff commitment sets out the responsibility we all share in making this happen.

Our Portfolio Plans set out what the portfolio is aiming to deliver over the coming 3 years, what we are doing towards these aims in the current year and what our performance targets are using a range of national and local indicators. Overseeing the successful delivery of each plan is the joint responsibility of the Portfolio Holder and the members of the appropriate Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee (PDS). The Portfolios are aligned behind the priorities identified in Building a Better Bromley; Care Services, Education, Environment, Public Protection and Safety, Renewal and Recreation, Resources.

The Council's approach to becoming a fully commissioning authority is not a new development, as Bromley already has a successful history of externalising services to both the private and third sector, but one we are having to give greater priority to over the next year or two. This provides us with the flexibility to choose the delivery model best placed to provide high quality services, based on local priorities and value for money principles, within a balanced budget. With substantial additional savings to be made over the next 4 years and uncertainty about government funding after 2015-16 the financial situation continues to drive the future direction and work of the Council.

To support this, we will:

- Regularly review why and how we provide services
- Identify who is best placed to deliver services by testing the benefits of:
 - Having our services delivered by others
 - Commissioning in partnership with others
 - Delivering services in partnership with others
 - Delivering services on behalf of others
- Encourage and empower the voluntary sector, community groups and individuals to take more control of how their local area and its resources are managed
- Procure as efficiently as possible, seeking opportunities to share contracts with other local authorities and partners

In order to secure further financial savings 5 corporate workstreams have been developed to drive

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forward this work:

- Baseline Review ‘What’ services we deliver
- ‘How’ we deliver our services
- Sustainable income opportunities / economic growth
- Significant financial variables
- Organisational implications

Governance is provided by Chief Officers to monitor progress, challenge and make recommendations to the Executive. Where appropriate, proposals relating to individual services are submitted to the respective PDS Committees for scrutiny and approval.

The council’s operating structure was restructured at the beginning of 2013 into three departments reflecting our focus on ‘People and Place’ services – Education, Care and Health Services, and Environment and Community Services, with Chief Executive’s department comprising in the main support services. This structure brings services together to better reflect a commissioning authority organisation structure.

2) Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles:

Member/Officer roles are defined in the Constitution which sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures followed to ensure that decision making is efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by law, while others are a matter for the Council to choose. This is supplemented by a Member/Officer protocol which governs the relationship between them.

Bromley continues to operate the ‘leader and cabinet’ model whereby the Leader appoints the Executive, and decides Portfolio Holder arrangements and responsibilities and agrees any formal delegation of various powers to the Council’s Chief Officers and their staff.

The Council’s decision making structure is divided between executive and non-executive matters. Executive duties are carried out by an Executive body of six Councillors with specific Portfolio responsibilities, chaired by the Leader of the Council. Non-executive duties are performed by the Development Control Committee and the General Purposes Committee. Six Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Committees discharge the overview and scrutiny functions of the Local Government Act 2000.

The Director of Corporate Services (as Monitoring Officer) is responsible for ensuring the lawfulness and fairness of Council decision making, compliance with codes and protocols, and promoting good governance and high ethical standards.

The Director of Finance (as Section 151 Officer) is responsible for the proper administration of the Council’s financial affairs, preparing the Council’s statement of accounts in accordance with proper practices, keeping proper accounting records and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud. Bromley’s financial management arrangements conform with the governance requirements of the CIPFA *Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (2010)*. The Director of Finance performs the role of Chief Financial Officer.

Corporate leadership is provided by the Corporate Management Team, led by the Chief Executive (and Head of Paid Service) who is responsible and accountable to the Council for all aspects of corporate and

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operational management.

Internal Audit is responsible for conducting audits, using a risk based approach, to highlight any weaknesses throughout the Council. Bromley's assurance arrangements conform with the governance requirements of the CIPFA *Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit (2010)*.

3) Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour:

Bromley has adopted a number of codes and protocols that govern both Member and Officer activities which are communicated as part of the induction process and made available via the intranet. These include codes of conduct covering conflicts of interest and gifts and hospitality.

Although the Localism Act 2011 removed or changed a number of existing arrangements relating to the standards regime the Act still required authorities to promote and maintain high standards of conduct. It is mandatory that each local authority adopts a Code of Conduct dealing with the conduct that is expected of Councillors and co-opted members when acting in that capacity.

Following a review by the Constitution Improvement Working Group, full Council adopted a new Code of Conduct with effect from 1 July 2012 based on the model code produced by the Department of Communities and Local Government. The Code retains (i) the need to register all interests presently registered, (ii) to register any changes within 28 days and (iii) to register gifts and hospitality above the existing £25 threshold.

The Council also agreed to retain a Standards Committee with new terms of reference. Whilst the Act removed the statutory basis for independent members it did replace them with a new role - the Independent Person. They must be consulted by an authority before it makes a decision on an allegation of misconduct by a Councillor that it has decided to investigate or before it decides on action to be taken in respect of that Councillor. Two independent members of the 'old' Standards Committee have been appointed as Independent Persons under the Act.

The induction events organised for new councillors following the May 2014 local elections includes a session on standards with a surgery session following that, providing support to Members on completing their Register of Interest forms, and with additional guidance being prepared to clarify what is required.

The Council's confidential reporting code 'Raising Concerns' sets out how employees and contractors working for the Council on council premises can report their major concerns about any aspect of the Council's work including concerns about Members of the Council. This is designed to enable people to raise concerns without fear of victimisation, subsequent discrimination or disadvantage. The code is widely publicised via posters, internal newsletters, the intranet and on the Council's website.

Arrangements are in place for receiving and investigating complaints from the public under the Council's 'Getting it Right' procedures - how to complain, make a suggestion or pay a compliment about a council service. There are separate procedures in place for complaints about children's social care, adult social care (including a guide for people with learning difficulties) and complaints about schools. Leaflets and forms are available from enquiry points and libraries. Information is also available on the Council's website. The Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Services monitor how complaints are handled within departments.

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4) Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk:

The Director of Corporate Services (as Monitoring Officer) reviews and updates the constitutional framework including Rules of Procedure and Standing Orders (which regulate meetings of the Council) and the Scheme of Delegation (which sets out formal delegation of various powers to the Council's Chief Officers and staff) on a regular basis reporting to full Council.

The Director of Finance (as Section 151 Officer) likewise reviews and updates Financial Regulations, Contract Procedure Rules and the Scheme of Delegation (so far as it relates to financial matters), which are incorporated into the Constitution. Financial Regulations are one of a set of management documents which collectively control and co-ordinate the financial affairs of the Council.

The scrutiny function provided by the six Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Committees continues to provide constructive challenge leading to better and more robust decisions.

The Council's Risk Management Strategy is kept under review to reflect current procedures, guidance issued by CIPFA and best practice. This is overseen by the Risk Management Group, with representation at a senior level from each department, reporting to Audit Sub-Committee. Each departmental representative acts as risk champion for their area to disseminate risk management information and facilitate the identification and assessment of risks.

The Audit Sub-Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing all aspects of the Council's arrangements for audit including fraud and risk. The Committee is independent of the Executive and scrutiny functions.

We continue to operate a very successful Fraud Partnership with the London Borough of Greenwich building on our Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy. Outcomes are reported to Audit Sub-Committee.

The Bromley Borough Resilience Forum, a statutory forum currently chaired by the Council, meets quarterly to facilitate co-operation and information sharing at the borough level between key stakeholders in relation to emergency preparedness for major events and incidents. The Forum reports to the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group. Through the Forum and pan-London structures the Partnership regularly has the opportunity to participate in training and exercising events to develop and maintain local multi-agency emergency arrangements.

Within the Council we continue to review and maintain our arrangements to respond to and recover from emergencies affecting the Borough. We also review and maintain our business continuity arrangements to ensure that critical activities and services continue to operate in the event of disruptive events and emergencies. Our procurement policy requires business continuity plans to be part of any tendering process.

5) Developing the capacity and capability of Members and Officers to be effective:

Corporate training provision is reviewed each year to ensure that the learning and development opportunities on offer reflect the key priorities of the organisation; supporting staff to develop a good mix of skills and knowledge so that they are able to perform effectively in their current job and are able to tackle the many changes facing local government.

Officer training needs are identified as part of the annual Performance Appraisal and Development Scheme and there is a comprehensive training programme for all staff. In parallel a Managers' Toolkit

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site is maintained on the intranet to provide a depository of policies, procedures, guidance and tools enabling all managers across the Council to work more effectively and efficiently.

There are three main programmes; Training for All (including Customer Service, Management and Leadership, Personal Effectiveness and Wellbeing), Children's Safeguarding and Social Care Training, and Adult Care Services Training . To compliment this face-to-face training many of the topics are now available via the web based Bromley Learning Hub which allows users to develop their skills on-line at a time and place that suits them.

Specific training for Members targets key policy issues and areas of current interest. This is supported by a dedicated Member Development site on the intranet. During the year the Director of Finance organised regular Financial Seminars to keep Members informed of the general financial situation affecting the Council and the changes in local government finance and health provision. Following the May 2014 elections a full programme of induction events has been organised for new councillors.

IT training is delivered in partnership with Bromley Adult Education College.

Officers also have access to external workshops and seminars via our membership of organisations like CIPFA.

6) Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability

We continue to review how we can improve our channels of communication with all sections of the community and other stakeholders. Increasingly Bromley is using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook to provide information and links to upcoming events. Besides the main Council website Bromley MyLife is the adult social care website. It provides information and advice should someone need help due to illness, age or disability, enabling them to keep their independence.

Council meetings are held in public and agendas and report packs are made available in advance on the council website. Most meetings start at 7pm and there are some daytime meetings. There is a facility to set up daily email alerts on key words or topics.

The Council held five public meetings in September and October 2013 as part of the 2014/15 budget consultation under the title 'Building a Better Bromley'. This was supplemented by links to the council's budget, financial position and strategy on the main website. An additional meeting was held with the Bromley Youth Council to enable young people to have a say in how local services are organised and connecting them with local democracy. Consultation papers were also sent to local business representatives for their views and comments. Prior to finalising the 'Schools budget' the Education Portfolio Holder consulted Head Teachers, Governors and the Schools Forum.

During the year the Council continued to consult on Bromley's Local Plan which will guide development in the Borough for the next 15-20 years. In addition to a press release and advertising in a weekly freesheet tabloid, articles and links to the consultation were included in Update, our newsletter to local community groups, the e-bulletin to local businesses, the staff intranet, and the Bromley website. Emails and letters were also sent to around 1000 contacts on the planning database which includes developers, agents, landowners, as well as residents, and other parties. The responses received were reported to the Development Control Committee.

Departments also use surveys to ensure that services are being delivered efficiently and effectively.

The Council operates a Petition Scheme whereby any person who lives works or studies in the Borough

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of Bromley can submit a petition. Once a petition has been validated a response will normally be sent back within 10 working days. All petition responses are published on the Council's website.

Given the increasing numbers of Freedom of Information requests, an online form has been introduced to channel requests to the right departments so that enquiries can be dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible. Previous requests and answers are now published on the Council's website.

Bromley works in partnership with many local organisations representing the views of residents and the public, private and voluntary sectors.

The Borough Officers' group meets on an informal basis to monitor and direct the work of the main thematic partnerships. The group is chaired by the Chief Executive and includes representatives from the emergency and health services and the voluntary sector.

The thematic partnerships (Bromley Economic Partnership and Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group) hold open meetings and agenda papers and minutes are published on the Council website. The meetings receive reports from other key strategic partnerships and the main partnerships themselves. Terms of reference and governance arrangements are in place. The partnerships are subject to scrutiny by the relevant PDS Committees.

Following a review of the partnership arrangements that were supported either financially or with other resources by the Education, Care and Health Services department, a new Partnership Framework was implemented in September 2013. The purpose of the review was to ensure that the partnership arrangements in place across the Borough for education and care services are fit for purpose, have an outcome focus, provide best value for money, remove duplication, and strengthen and maximise the voice of service users.

As a result two of the previous thematic partnerships; Bromley Children and Young People, and Health, Social Care and Housing, have been replaced with the Children's Services Stakeholder Conference and the Adult Services Stakeholder Conference which will meet twice a year to actively involve partner agencies and service users in shaping business planning and priorities for the future. Both bodies will report to Care Services PDS and/or the Health and Wellbeing Board. Agenda papers and presentations are published on the Bromley Partnerships website.

In addition, an online survey of some 1,400 adult carers in Bromley was undertaken between September and October 2013 as part of the new virtual service user panel which brings together service users, families and carers, and existing partnership group members, to gather views and consult with people of specific services or issues for services, and enable users to shape service development. The results from the survey were used to inform the first Adult Services Stakeholder Conference held in November 2013.

Review of Effectiveness

Bromley has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the Corporate Management Team comprising directors and assistant directors within the authority who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the Head of Audit's annual report, the Policy Development and Scrutiny annual report, and also by comments made by the external auditors and other review agencies and inspectorates.

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As part of this review the Assistant Directors have completed and signed an Assurance Statement in relation to their own service areas. In turn each Chief Officer has reviewed the effectiveness of key controls, using a detailed checklist, to provide an overall Assurance Statement for their own directorates.

The governance framework and internal control environment encompasses all the organisation's policies, procedures and operations in place. At Bromley this is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability.

The process of maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the governance framework, including the system of internal control, includes the following elements:

Council Framework

We continue to operate with a Leader and an Executive. The Leader personally controls all decisions about the Council's executive functions. He can then choose whether to make all decisions personally, or to make arrangements for others to do so.

The Executive contains the Leader and six Members each responsible for a portfolio. Each Portfolio Holder annually outlines, in a portfolio plan, their aims and what they will be doing towards achieving their goals and their performance targets.

The full Council is responsible for adopting the authority's Constitution and Members' code of conduct and for approving the budget and policy framework within which the Executive operates.

Chief Officers (Directors) are responsible for ensuring that Members are advised of the financial implications of all proposals liaising as necessary with the Director of Finance. In addition they are responsible for promoting sound financial practices in relation to the standards, performance and development of staff in their departments.

Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees

Six Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Committees have a key role in contributing to policy development and scrutinising the decisions of the Executive and individual Portfolio Holders. Although they have no decision making powers, they advise Portfolio Holders, the Executive and full Council on policies, budgets and service delivery. PDS Committees can commission groups of Councillors to review an issue or policy so assisting a Portfolio Holder or the Executive to improve a service or local function affecting local people.

Full Council has accepted recommendations from the Constitution Improvement Working Group to allow more routine decisions to be made without formal scrutiny where the PDS Committees and Portfolio Holders are in agreement, subject to the proposed decision being emailed to all Members in advance. Any Member may then request that a matter be referred to the relevant PDS Committee before a decision is taken.

PDS Committees monitor the performance of services and functions within their remit, assessing performance against key performance indicators and policy objectives. Concerns are reported to a Portfolio Holder who can then, if necessary, be called to a PDS Committee meeting to account for the performance of his or her Portfolio.

They are also involved in the budget setting process and provide comment and recommendations for the Executive to take account of when formulating the Council's annual budget. Similarly, PDS Committees

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monitor in-year spend of budgets and raise concerns where there is a possibility of overspend or other issues affecting spending priorities.

The call-in process is a key means by which PDS Committees can hold the Executive to account. Any five Councillors can call-in a decision and prevent it from taking immediate effect until it has been considered by a PDS Committee. The Committee can then interview the Portfolio Holder and officers and consider whether the decision was appropriate, within the Council's policy framework, and whether it should be reconsidered. If the Committee feels that the decision should have been reversed or altered, it can make a recommendation to the Executive, which then has to reconsider the matter.

The Executive and Resources PDS Committee has an over-arching, coordinating role on behalf of the other five PDS Committees and provides an Annual Report to full Council summarising the work that has been carried out during the year.

The Committees are supported by the statutory Scrutiny Officer who also provides support and guidance to Members on the functions of overview and scrutiny.

Internal Audit

Internal Audit operates to defined standards as set out in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government. The effectiveness of the system of the system of Internal Audit is measured by compliance with this code and peer reviews. Internal Audit provides an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal control.

An Annual Audit Plan is used to map out the cyclical coverage of fundamental financial systems and other audits. The plan is based on the identification of the Council's systems and activities to be audited, each assessed for risk. Work relating to prevention and detection of fraud and corruption is integrated into this audit planning process. Each audit is reported to the appropriate level of management together with agreed action plans where appropriate. In addition all significant weaknesses are reported to Audit Sub-Committee and followed-up until recommendations are implemented. The supporting summaries of audit reports help inform the overall assessment of internal controls.

The Head of Internal Audit is empowered to report any matter of concern directly and independently, to the Chief Executive, the Chairman of Audit Sub-Committee or the Leader of the Council, if necessary.

In his Annual Report to Audit Sub-Committee the Head of Audit confirmed that 'my overall opinion on the control environment based on the internal testing and reviews undertaken is that there is overall reliance on the internal controls identified and where there have been significant issues highlighted provide assurance that corrective management action has been or will be taken to mitigate the risks. Over the past year there have been investigations that highlighted a number of weakness in the areas of supervision/monitoring, document control and updated procedures but significantly a better understanding in officers' understanding/awareness of financial regulations and contract procedure rules. This has been due the mandatory web based training of over 600 officers involved in the finances of this authority. The Head of Audit can confirm that adequate action plans have been agreed for all areas of identified weakness and Internal Audit will continue to apply close scrutiny to ensure that all current priority control weaknesses are addressed by management.'

In 2010 CIPFA issued their *Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit in Public Service Organisations*. The Statement sets out five principles that define the core activities and behaviours that belong to the role of the Head of Internal Audit. We confirm that the Head of Internal Audit meets these requirements.

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External Inspections

In their *Report to those charged with governance* for the year ended 31 March 2013, published in September 2013, the external auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported the following:

- ‘Management are responsible for developing and implementing systems of internal financial control and to put in place proper arrangements to monitor their adequacy and effectiveness in practice. As auditors, we review these arrangements for the purposes of the Statement of Accounts and our review of the Annual Governance Statement.’
 - Two internal control deficiencies were reported covering an upgrade of a key financial system; Oracle Financials, and an out of date bank mandate. The recommendations were accepted and acted upon.
- ‘We reviewed the Annual Governance Statement to consider whether it complied with the CIPFA/SOLACE *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government* framework and whether it is misleading or inconsistent with other information known to us from our audit work. We found no areas of concern to report in this context.’

During the last year the Council has received the following assessments from other inspectorates:

The Care Quality Commission carried out the following routine inspections of care services provided by the London Borough of Bromley:

Shared Lives report published June 2013

Widmore Road (residential home) published July 2013

Home Care report published November 2013

Supported Living report published November 2013

St Blaise (residential home) reports published July 2013 and December 2013

Orchard Grove (residential home) reports published November 2013 and February 2014

Each inspection covered several of the essential standards of quality and safety that people who use health and adult social care services have a right to expect. Other than the initial inspection of Orchard Grove where action was needed on the ‘management of medicines’ all the inspected standards were met. A follow up inspection of Orchard Grove found that the necessary action had been taken and that they now met the standard.

We have been advised on the implications of the result of the review of the effectiveness of the governance framework by the Risk Management Group, and that the arrangements continue to be regarded as fit for purpose in accordance with the governance framework. The areas already addressed and those to be specifically addressed with new actions planned are outlined below.

Significant Governance Issues

Last year we identified the following governance issues:

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Governance Issue	Outcome
<p>1. Our capacity to continue to make budget savings and maintain frontline services: We continue to review and scrutinise our services to increase efficiencies and identify potential savings, and retain four year forward planning, despite the uncertainties on future funding.</p>	<p>Having achieved the necessary cost savings the Council managed to stay within budget in 2013/2014, and has succeeded in formulating a broadly neutral budget for 2014/2015 and introduce measures to reduce the 'funding gap' in 2015/16, without significantly impairing the delivery of frontline services.</p>
<p>2. Decision to become a Commissioning body: A six months Commissioning Programme covering ten services has been developed with a target date of Aug 2013 onwards for implementation and delivery.</p>	<p>This remains an ongoing process with some of the original services having dropped out of the programme and decisions still to be made going forward.</p>
<p>3. Integration shared services: Parking Services to provide a progress report to Environment PDS Committee in Oct/Nov 2013 along with an analysis of any opportunities for further outsourcing.</p>	<p>Environment PDS Committee received a report in November 2013 about progress made following the creation of the shared parking service with the London Borough of Bexley, the issues that had arisen during the first six months of operations, and the savings achieved.</p> <p>The potential for any further outsourcing of Parking Services is being taken forward by management through the Commissioning process reporting to Environment PDS Committee in July 2014.</p>
<p>4. Integration Public Health: A pre-integration check by Internal Audit stated that this was progressing satisfactorily.</p>	<p>From April 2013 the Council took responsibility for a number of public health functions following the abolition of NHS primary care trusts under the government's health reforms. Public Health now forms part of Education, Care and Health Services department.</p>
<p>5. Welfare reform agenda: Ongoing process covered by Internal Audit plan for 2013/14.</p>	<p>Internal Audit has reviewed both the procedural and transactional aspects of the Bromley Welfare Fund which replaced the government's Social Fund from April 2013. The conclusion of these audits was that substantial assurance can be placed on the effectiveness of the overall controls.</p>
<p>6. Localised pay and conditions – the Council has withdrawn from National Terms and Conditions of Service with the majority of staff having accepted new contracts: The members of staff who have not signed are subject to a 45 day 'dismissal and re-engagement' consultation process to be followed by a statutory notice period.</p>	<p>All staff have now signed localised pay and conditions contracts which was implemented with effect from 1 April 2013.</p>

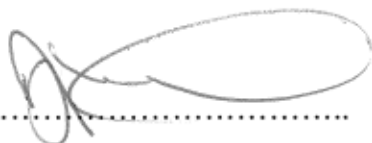
Any outstanding issues are included in the table below.

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New governance issues:


Governance Issue	Actions
Capacity to make further budget savings and maintain frontline services. Looking ahead, the continuing reduction in the financial settlement from the government and on-going cost pressures on the Council have opened a significant funding gap over the next four years, which it will be challenging to close.	In order to assist in providing sustainable financial solutions we will continue to explore opportunities to review radically service provision, seeking opportunities for income maximisation, mitigate against future cost pressures, explore wider partnership opportunities including community budgets, and prepare for a different organisation in the future with overall resources reduced. We continue to retain four year forward planning.
Decision to become a Commissioning authority	Chief Officers will continue to monitor progress, challenge and make recommendations to the Executive. Where appropriate, proposals relating to individual services will be submitted to the respective PDS Committees for scrutiny and approval.
Welfare reform agenda	Although the roll-out of Universal Credit is expected to be delayed until 2016 at the earliest, the Council will be reviewing the Council Tax Support Scheme as well as the Bromley Welfare Fund – the Government is withdrawing the grant funding for the Welfare Fund from 2015/16 (approx. £1m).

We propose over the coming year to take steps to address the above matters to further enhance our governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review.

Signed.....

Chief Executive

Date...27/06/14.....

Signed.....

Leader of the Council

Date...01-07-2014.....

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Accounting Policies

The specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by the Council in preparing and presenting the financial statements.

Accruals

The concept that income and expenditure are recognised as they are earned or incurred, not as money is received or paid.

Actuary

An independent consultant who advises on the financial position of the Pension Fund.

Actuarial Gains and Losses

Changes in actuarial deficits or surpluses that arise because either actual experience or events have differed from the assumptions adopted at the previous valuation (experience gains or losses) or the actuarial assumptions have been changed.

Agent is where the Council is acting as an intermediary.

Balance Sheet

A statement showing the position of the Council's assets and liabilities as at 31st March in each year.

Billing Authority

A local authority empowered to set and collect council taxes, and manage the Collection Fund, on behalf of itself and local authorities in its areas. Bromley is a billing authority.

Budget

A forecast of the Council's planned expenditure. The level of the council tax is set by reference to detailed revenue budgets. Budgets are reviewed during the course of the financial year to take account of pay and price changes and other factors affecting the level or cost of services.

Capital Adjustment Account

This reserve includes amounts set aside from either revenue resources or capital receipts to fund the acquisition of fixed assets.

Capital Charges

A charge to service revenue accounts to reflect the cost of fixed assets used in the provision of services. The charge includes depreciation (intended to represent the cost of using the asset) and any impairment that may have occurred in the year of account.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on the acquisition of a fixed asset or expenditure which adds to and not merely maintains the value of an existing fixed asset.

Capital Receipt

The proceeds from the sale of a fixed asset.

Carrying amount

Is the amount at which an asset is recognised after deducting any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Change in Accounting Estimate

Is an adjustment of the carrying amount of an asset or a liability, or the amount of the periodic consumption of an asset, that results from the assessment of the present status of, and expected future benefits and obligations associated with, assets and liabilities. Changes in accounting estimates result from new information or new developments and, accordingly, are not correction of errors.

Collection Fund

Statutory account showing transactions in relation to collection of Council Tax, administration of National Non-Domestic Rates and contributions made to the General Fund of Bromley Council and the GLA.

Community Assets

Assets that the local authority intends to hold in perpetuity, that have no determinable useful life and that may have restrictions on their disposal. Examples of community assets are parks and historic buildings.

Consistency

The principle that the accounting treatment of like items within an accounting period and from one period to the next is the same.

Contingent

A condition which exists at the balance sheet date where the outcome will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the authority's control.

Corporate and Democratic Core

The corporate and democratic core comprises all activities which local authorities engage in specifically because they are elected multi-purpose authorities. The cost of these activities are thus over and above those which would be incurred by a series of independent, single purpose, nominated bodies managing the same services. There is therefore no logical basis for apportioning these costs to services.

Council Tax

A local charge (or charges set by the council and the GLA) in order to collect sufficient revenue to meet their demand on the collection fund. It replaced the community charge (poll tax) on 1 April 1993 and is based on the value of the property and the number of residents. The Valuation Office Agency assesses the properties in each district area and assigns each property to one of eight valuation bands; A to H. The tax is set on the basis of the number of Band D equivalent properties. Tax levels for dwellings in other bands are set relative to the Band D baseline.

Council Tax Support

The Council operates a national council tax benefit scheme which supports pensioners and working age people on low incomes to pay their council tax.

Creditors

Amounts owed by the Council for goods received or services provided before the end of the accounting period but for which payments have not been made by the end of that accounting period.

Current Asset

An asset that will be consumed or cease to have value within one year of the reporting date. Examples are inventories and debtors.

Current Expenditure

A general term for the direct running costs of local authority services, including employee costs and running expenses.

Current Liability

An amount which will become payable or could be called in within the next accounting period, examples are creditors and cash overdrawn.

Current Service Cost

The increase in the present value of a defined benefit obligation resulting from employee service in the current period.

Curtailments

Curtailments arise as a result of the early payment of accrued pensions on retirement on the grounds of efficiency, redundancy or where the Employer has allowed employees to retire on unreduced benefits before they would otherwise have been able to do so.

Debtors

Amounts due to the Council before the end of the accounting period but for which payments have not yet been received by the end of that accounting period.

Deferred Capital Receipts

These result mainly from loans to Housing Associations plus outstanding loans in respect of past sales of Council dwellings to tenants who were unable to obtain a building society loan or other external means of financing. Their indebtedness is reflected in the balance sheet under long-term debtors. This account shows the amount to be paid on deferred terms and is reduced each year by repayments made.

Demand on the Collection Fund

Represents the amount calculated by the council or the GLA to be transferable from the council's collection fund to its general fund.

Depreciation

The loss in value of a fixed asset due to age, wear and tear, deterioration or obsolescence.

Earmarked Reserves

Reserves set aside for a specific purpose or a particular service or type of expenditure.

Employee benefits

Are all forms of consideration given by an entity in exchange for service rendered by employees.

Events after the reporting period

Are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- a) those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period (adjusting events after the reporting period), and
- b) Those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period (non-adjusting events after the reporting period).

Fair Value

The amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. In accounting terms, fair values are approximated by the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining life of the financial instrument.

Fixed Assets

Tangible assets that yield benefit to the local authority and its services for a period of more than one year.

Formula Grant

The main channel of government funding which includes re-distributed Business Rates and Revenue Support Grant. There are no restrictions on what local authorities can spend it on.

Going Concern

The concept that the authority will remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future, in particular that the revenue accounts and balance sheet assume no intention to curtail significantly the scale of operations.

Greater London Authority

A strategic authority for London created on 3rd July 2000.

Historical Cost

Is deemed to be the carrying amount of an asset as at 1 April 2007 (i.e. b/f from 31st March 2007) or at the date of acquisition, whichever date is the later, and adjusted for subsequent depreciation or impairment (if applicable).

Housing Benefit

Financial help given to local authority or private tenants whose income falls below prescribed amounts.

Impairment

A reduction in the value of a fixed asset below its carrying amount on the balance sheet.

Infrastructure Assets

Fixed assets that are not able to be transferred or sold, expenditure on which is recoverable only by continued use of the asset created. Examples of infrastructure assets are highways, footpaths, bridges and sewers.

Intangible Assets

An intangible asset is an *identifiable* non-monetary asset without physical substance. It must be *controlled* by the authority as a result of past events, and *future economic or service benefits* must be expected to flow from the intangible asset to the authority. The most common class of intangible asset in local authorities is computer software.

Inventories

Are assets:

- a) in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed in the production process
- b) in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed or distributed in the rendering of services
- c) held for sale or distribution in the ordinary course of operations, or
- d) in the process of production for sale or distribution.

Investment Property

Is property (land or a building, or part of a building, or both) held solely to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both, rather than for:

- a) use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes, or
- b) sale in the ordinary course of operations.

Levies

A payment that a local authority is required to make to a particular body (a levying body) to meet London wide services. Levying bodies include the London Pensions Fund Authority, London Boroughs Grants Committee, Environment Agency and Lee Valley Regional Park.

Material

Material omissions or misstatements of items are material if they could, individually or collectively, influence the decisions or assessments of users made on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the nature or size of the omission or misstatement judged in the surrounding circumstances. The nature or size of the item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor.

NNDR - National Non Domestic Rates

Non-Domestic Rates, or Business Rates, collected by local authorities are the way that those who occupy non-domestic property contribute towards the cost of local services. Under the business rates retention arrangements introduced on 1 April 2013, the Council keeps a proportion of the business rates paid locally.

Net Current Replacement Cost

The cost of replacing or recreating the particular asset in its existing condition and in its existing use, i.e. the cost of its replacement or of the nearest equivalent asset, adjusted to reflect the current condition of the existing asset.

Net Realisable Value

The open market value of the asset in its existing use (or open market value in the case of non-operational assets), less the expenses to be incurred in realising the asset.

Non-Distributable Costs

These include overheads for which no user benefits and should not be apportioned to services. Examples are spare computer capacity and empty offices. These also include pension costs in relation to scheme members' past service.

Non-Operational Assets

Fixed assets held but not directly occupied, used or consumed in the delivery of services. Examples of non-operational assets are investment properties and assets that are surplus to requirements, pending sale or redevelopment.

Operational Assets

Fixed assets held and occupied, used or consumed by the Authority in the direct delivery of services for which it has either a statutory or discretionary responsibility.

Past Service Cost

The increase in the present value of Pension Fund liabilities arising in the current year from previous years' service. Past service cost may be either positive (where benefits are introduced or improved) or negative (where existing benefits are reduced).

Pensions Interest Cost

The expected increase during a period in the present value of Pension Fund liabilities which arises because the benefits are due one year closer to settlement.

Post Balance Sheet Events

Those events, both favourable and unfavourable, which occur between the balance sheet date and the date on which the Statement of Accounts is signed by the responsible financial officer.

Post-Employment Benefits

Are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) which are payable after the completion of employment.

Present Value of a Defined Benefit Obligation

Is the present value, without deducting any plan assets, of expected future payments required to settle the obligation resulting from employee service in the current and prior periods.

Provision

An amount set aside in the accounts for liabilities or losses which are certain or very likely to occur but uncertain as to the amounts involved or the dates on which they will arise.

Prudence

The concept that revenue is not anticipated but is recognised only when realised in the form either of cash or other assets and full and proper allowance is made for all known and foreseeable losses and liabilities.

Recharges

The collective term for accounting entries representing transfers of (or to cover) costs initially debited elsewhere. They therefore comprise apportionments and charges.

Recoverable Amount

Of an asset is the higher of fair value less costs to sell (i.e. net selling price) and its value in use.

Related Parties

Two or more parties are related parties when at any time during the financial period:

- (i) one party has direct or indirect control of the other party; or
- (ii) the parties are subject to common control from the same source; or
- (iii) one party has influence over the financial and operational policies of the other party to an extent that the other party might be inhibited from pursuing at all times its own separate interests; or
- (iv) the parties, in entering a transaction, are subject to influence from the same source to such an extent that one of the parties to the transaction has subordinated its own separate interest.

Related Party Transaction

Is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged. Related party transactions exclude transactions with any other entity that is a related party solely because of its economic dependence on the authority or the government of which it forms part.

Remuneration

All sums paid to or receivable by an employee and sums due by way of expense allowances (as far as those sums are chargeable to UK income tax) and the money value of any other benefits received other than in cash. Pension contributions payable by the employer are excluded.

Reserves

Sums set aside to finance future spending for purposes falling outside the definition of a provision. Reserves set aside for stated purposes are known as earmarked reserves. The remainder are unallocated reserves, often described as balances.

Residual Value

Of an asset is the estimated amount that an entity would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

Revaluation Reserve

This reserve records accumulated gains on fixed assets arising from periodic asset revaluations.

Revenue Expenditure

The day to day running costs relating to the accounting period irrespective of whether or not the amounts due have been paid. Examples are salaries, wages, materials, supplies and services.

Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

Expenditure incurred that may be capitalised under statutory provisions but that does not add value to the Council's fixed assets.

Revenue Support Grant - RSG

A general grant which replaced rate support grant in 1990-91. Now distributed as part of the Formula Grant.

Ring-Fenced Grants

These grants fund particular services or initiatives considered a national priority, and must be spent on a particular service.

Sales, Fees and Charges

Charges made to the public for a variety of services such as the provision of school meals, meals-on-wheels, letting of school halls and the hire of sporting facilities, library fines and planning application fees.

Short-Term Employee Benefits

Are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that fall due wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

Soft Loans

Loans made at less than the prevailing rate of interest and which consequently involve subsidisation of the borrower.

Specific Grants

These are grants paid by various government departments outside the main formula. They include ring-fenced grants and specific formula grants.

Statutory Revenue Provision

A prudent amount charged to the revenue account to provide for the repayment of debt.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible assets that yield benefits to the Authority and the services it provides for a period of more than one year.

Tax Base

The number of Band D equivalent properties in a local authority's area. An authority's tax base is taken into account when it calculates its council tax, and when central government calculates entitlement to Formula Grant.

Usable Capital Receipts Reserve

This reserve records receipts from fixed asset disposals that are available to finance capital expenditure.

Useful Life

The period over which benefits will be derived from the use of a fixed asset.

VAT

Is an indirect tax levied on most business transactions and on many goods and some services.

- Input Tax is VAT charged on purchases.
- Output Tax is VAT charged in sales.

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London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **General Purposes & Licensing Committee**

Date: **17th September 2014**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **NHS PENSIONS DIRECTIONS ORDER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF**

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1. Reason for report

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for certain Public Health functions from Primary Care Trusts to Local Authorities from 1st April 2013. This report seeks the approval of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee for an application to be made to the Secretary of State for Health for an NHS Pensions Directions Order.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The General Purposes and Licensing Committee is asked to:

- 2.1. **Agree that an application be made to the Secretary of State for Health for an NHS Pensions Directions Order to enable newly recruited public health professionals to have access to the NHS Pension Scheme (NHSPS).**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost The cost of employer contributions for existing public health staff in the NHSPS is approximately £150k per annum
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring cost.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Health
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,576k (Public Health staffing budget 2014/15)
 5. Source of funding: Public Health Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Currently 34 staff in Public Health, of which 26 employees are in the NHSPS and 5 in the LGPS.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-statutory - Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Council Wide

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for certain Public Health (PH) functions from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Local Authorities (LAs) from 1st April 2013 when PCTs ceased to exist.
- 3.2 In line with the provisions of the Act, 32 Public Health staff were transferred from Bromley PCT to the Council on 1st April 2013. The transfer was confirmed by way of a Statutory Transfer Scheme approved by the Secretary of State for Health. The Transfer Scheme confirmed that all 32 staff who were employed as at 31st March 2013 would transfer with their existing NHS terms and conditions and with continuity of employment protected. This decision was in line with the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice on Staff Transfers in the Public Sector. As part of this protection all transferring staff were allowed to remain in the National Health Service Pension Scheme (NHSPS) following the transfer, provided they met certain criteria as set out in paragraph 3.3 below.
- 3.3 On 20th December 2012 the Department of Health (DH) and the Local Government Association(LGA) issued a joint statement confirming that:
- i. all transferring staff would retain access to the NHSPS if they were then compulsorily moved to another post within the same local authority and remained in direct local authority employment;
 - ii. transferring public health professionals (as defined in paragraph 3.7.ii below) and staff in the 1995 section of the Scheme within 10 years of their normal pension age of 55 or 60 as at 1st April 2012 and those covered by tapering protection would retain access to the NHSPS if they were to make a voluntary move to another public health post within the same local authority;
 - iii. all other transferring staff who do not fall within the categories above would join the LGPS if they were to move posts voluntarily after the transfer.
- 3.4 Any newly recruited staff who have been employed in Public Health since 1st April 2013 have been employed on Bromley's terms and conditions, including automatic enrolment into the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).
- 3.5 As set out in paragraph 3.7 below LAs can apply for an "open" NHS Pensions Directions Order which would enable the Council to offer membership of the NHSPS to any public health professionals recruited to work in Bromley. The roles that are covered by the Order are largely NHS facing, such as consultants and nurses.
- 3.6 The Order has been made available to LAs to enable the easy movement of staff around the public health system and assist LAs in recruiting specifically qualified public health staff. The Order offers the flexibility and leverage in a competitive labour market for highly specialised public health professionals.
- 3.7 The joint statement from the DH and LGA, which was also restated in a document from the Public Health Transition Team in July 2013: "Public Health Transfers from the NHS to Local Authorities Pension provision update" confirmed:
- i. the Transfer Scheme did not apply to new recruits recruited post April 2013 to local authorities. Local authorities may apply for an open NHS Pension Directions Order that would provide continued access to the NHSPS for staff recruited to public health roles who are registered public health professionals, or who are members of the 1995 section of the Scheme and nearing retirement. These staff could be recruited from the NHS, another local authority or elsewhere;

- ii. Public Health professionals are defined as Public Health Specialists or Practitioners whose job role involves them wholly or mainly undertaking public health practice or activity either in relation to prevention, health protection, healthcare public health, or health promotion programmes for individuals from particular population groups or in relation to the whole population within a certain geography. They should be registered on one or more of the GMC, GDC, UKPHR, HCPC or MNC registers or be carrying out a public health role as defined by the Public Health England -Transition Team.
- 3.8 The decision to continue to provide NHS pensions access for public health staff as part of the Transfer Scheme was driven by the need to support workforce mobility between health and local authorities. This decision recognised that labour market factors would be an ongoing consideration in the new public health system.
- 3.9 The provision of a pension is still a key factor in recruitment and selection processes and applicants/candidates for health related positions in local authorities are more likely to be members of the NHSPS. Currently any newly recruited Public Health professionals employed by the Council would not have access to the NHSPS. This has the potential to impact on the Council’s ability to attract good quality public health professionals currently working in the health sector who are reluctant to lose their membership of the NHSPS. For example recent recruitment campaigns for vacant vascular nurse posts within Bromley have not attracted a wide field of candidates and not being able to provide an NHS pension may have been an influencing factor.
- 3.10 An “open” scheme means that the applying authority does not have to specify the names of the people the Order will apply to. Any new recruits in qualifying posts would be automatically enrolled into the NHSPS instead of the LGPS upon commencing employment with the Council. This would be the only difference as all other terms and conditions would be based on Bromley terms and conditions. Currently 26 public health staff are in the NHSPS compared to 5 staff in the LGPS. 3 employees are currently in neither scheme as one is over the eligible age for membership and two have chosen to opt out.
- 3.11 Any new Public Health employees who are not considered to be “Public Health Professionals” as specified by the Public Health England - Transition Team, would not be covered by the Directions Order and would still be required to be automatically enrolled in the LGPS upon commencing employment with Bromley.
- 3.12 In the event that the Council is successful in applying for an open NHS Directions Order for Public Health professionals it will mean that those staff will not be able to choose whether they join the LGPS or the NHSPS, their only option would be the NHSPS. The LGPS rules specify that if an employee is entitled to contribute and be a member of a different pension scheme they will not be eligible to join the LGPS. Therefore, any future staff with access to the NHSPS through a Directions Order cannot opt to join the LGPS instead.

Business Case

- 3.13 There are financial and service advantages for the Council having access to the NHSPS for future Public Health professionals.
- 3.14 Having access to the NHSPS will assist the Council in maintaining delivery of quality service provision as it will support the recruitment and retention of good quality public health professionals in the future.
- 3.15. There are also financial advantages as set out in Section 5 below.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The NHSPS is a defined benefits scheme operated under the provisions of the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 1995 and the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 2008, all of which were made under section 10 of the Superannuation Act 1972 for the purpose of providing pension benefits for eligible employees.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The 2013 actuarial valuation set an employer contribution rate of 15.3% for employees in the LGPS. This relates to future service costs only and excludes the cost of meeting past deficit liabilities for which the Council currently contributes £5.9m per annum. This compares to an employer contribution rate of 14% for employees who are members of the NHSPS.
- 5.2 The Government Actuary's Department carries out an actuarial valuation on the NHSPS every 4 years and the next valuation will affect contribution rates from April 2015. The latest available information suggests that the employer contribution rate will increase slightly to 14.3% but this has not yet been confirmed.
- 5.3 Of the 32 staff who transferred under the initial Transfer Scheme, 26 are in the NHSPS with employer pension contributions of £150k per annum (14%). If these same staff were in the LGPS, the equivalent employer contribution would be £164k per annum (15.3%).
- 5.4 The NHSPS is an unfunded Scheme which is likely to result in even lower costs in the longer term compared to the LGPS as the Council is not required to underwrite any deficit liabilities that may arise.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 These are covered above and in particular paragraph 4 refers.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 These are covered above and paragraphs 3.4 to 3.8 and 3.14 in particular refer.

Non-Applicable Sections:	None
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	National Health Service Transfer Scheme – Bromley Signed by authority of Secretary of State for Health 28 March 2013

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Report No.
CSD14136

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2014

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS

Contact Officer: Graham Walton, Democratic Services Manager
Tel: 0208 461 7743 E-mail: graham.walton@bromley.gov.uk

Chief Officer: Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 An approach has been made from the London Borough of Newham asking for support for their campaign under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 to reduce the reduce the maximum stake permissible on Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) from £100 to £2.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Members views are requested on whether to support the campaign by LB Newham to reduce the maximum stake on FOBTs from £100 to £2.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: New Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Chairman has been approached by Sir Robin Wales, directly elected Mayor of LB Newham, who is trying to enlist support for a submission under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 concerning the proliferation of high stakes Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in betting outlets, which in turn can lead to clustering of betting shops, which have a cap of four machines per shop. The proposal is explained in the attached letter ([Appendix 1](#)), but the key point is to reduce the maximum stake available on these machines from £100 to £2, bringing them into line with other gaming machines.
- 3.2 The views of the Committee are sought on whether the Council should express support for Newham's campaign.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Sustainable Communities Act 2007 provides an opportunity for local communities and councils to ask central government remove legislative or other barriers that prevent them from improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of their areas. The Government has a duty to try to reach agreement with Councils within a year of a submission being made. For submissions to be successful they usually need to have broad support from local authorities.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Finance/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None

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From: "Mayor@newham.gov.uk" <Mayor@newham.gov.uk>

Date: 2 September 2014 11:36:12 BST

To: "Owen, Tony, Cllr" <Tony.Owen@bromley.gov.uk>

Subject: Join the campaign to get high stake betting machines off our high streets

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Dear Cllr Tony Owen,

I am writing to you regarding the ever increasing issue of betting shop clustering and specifically the proliferation of fixed-odds betting terminals (FOBTs) on high streets across the country. Many local areas have long been campaigning on this issue and I ask that you support Newham's proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act to reduce the high stakes on FOBTs in high street betting outlets.

Residents are extremely concerned about the proliferation of high street betting outlets due to the impact on the vitality of high streets and the increased anti-social behaviour associated with clustering. As you will be aware, the Gambling Act 2005 removed licensing control from local government leaving councils hamstrung. Four FOBTs are permitted per betting outlet and it is in response to this cap that multiple premises have been opened. Following your support for the submission led by the London Borough of Hackney, the Government are consulting on placing betting outlets within a separate use clause. Whilst this is a welcome development, it will not address existing clustering.

There are more than twice as many betting shops in the poorest 55 boroughs compared with the most affluent 115, equivalent by population. Despite this evidence that the most vulnerable are being targeted, the Government has refused to act. For this reason, Newham is proposing to make a submission to reduce the stakes on high street FOBTs from £100 to £2, bringing them in line with other gaming machines. We are determined that local authorities should be given effective tools to strategically improve town centres, incentivise growth and protect residents from the disruption caused by FOBT machines. I therefore would appreciate your support for this proposal so we can continue to work together to tackle this problem.

The attached briefing available [here](#) provides further information and we will also provide each supportive council with the opportunity to comment on the final submission to Government along with supporting material for your local press engagement. I ask that in the meantime you share this campaign with your neighbouring authorities and take steps to formalise your support within your council structures. All that is required at this stage is confirmation of your support.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office for any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir Robin Wales
Mayor of Newham

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Newham London

Newham's Sustainable Communities Act proposal and betting shop campaign

The London Borough of Newham is proposing to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act to reduce the maximum bet per spin on Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in on-street betting shops from £100 to £2.

Sustainable Communities Act (SCA)

The Sustainable Communities Act became law in 2007 and set up a new process of governance where councils can drive central government action and policy to 'assist councils in promoting the sustainability of local communities'. The philosophy behind the SCA is localist in nature and seeks to reduce the centrally imposed duties on councils and to allow councils to be more accountable to their electorate. The Government has a duty to try to reach agreement with councils, via the LGA 'selector' within a year of the application. For a submission to be successful, broad support from local authorities across the country is crucial.

Background to the campaign

The proliferation of high street betting outlets in Newham is an issue of grave concern to the council and local residents due to the impact on the vitality of high streets and the increased anti-social behaviour and crime associated with clustering in one locality. Councils are currently hamstrung in their ability to deal with the issue of high street clustering as the Gambling Act 2005 created a permissive licensing regime, removing any control from local government.

The Government have decided to consider the impact of FOBT gaming through researching potential harm and is due to report in autumn 2014. In the meantime Ministers have published player protection measures and are consulting on giving betting outlets a separate planning use clause.

Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) and clustering

Newham has one of the highest number of betting shops of any London borough with 86 currently in operation. Each betting outlet can provide four FOBT machines which offer casino style content including games such as roulette at up to £100 a spin, which can be wagered every 20 seconds. It is in response to the cap that bookmakers have opened multiple premises in clusters to facilitate more machines as a fixed margin product guarantees bookmakers a return. As a result, FOBTs have become a significant part of their business operations which has led to betting shops proliferating on high streets and licenses being moved from tertiary locations to clusters.

There are now more than 33,400 FOBTs offering casino content on high streets¹ illustrating this is a nation-wide issue. There are also more than twice as many betting shops in the poorest 55 boroughs compared with the most affluent 115, which are equivalent by population.

It is for this reason that Newham is proposing to make a SCA submission to reduce the maximum bet per spin on FOBTs from £100 to £2. Gambling machines in easily accessible locations – such as those in bingo halls, amusement arcades and adult gaming centres – are capped at £2 per spin, to protect the player and to limit losses and this proposal would bring them into line with other machines in the UK. The below table illustrates how B2 machine stakes compare with other gaming machines:

Machine Category	Maximum stake (from January 2014)
A	Unlimited
B1	£5
B2	£100
B3	£2
B3A	£2
B4	£2
C	£1
D (money prize)	10p
D (non-money prize other than crane grab machine)	30p
D non-money prize (crane grab machine)	£1
D combined money and non-money prize (other than coin pusher or penny falls machines)	10p
D combined money and non-money prize (coin pusher or penny falls machine)	20p

This SCA will only impact gaming machines in high street locations and not impact casino machines. It is also a measure the Government can enact within the existing parameters of the Gambling Act, as the legislation acknowledges the potential for FOBTs to cause harm.

Newham will be bringing a report before Cabinet in September to submit a proposal in late autumn. The Government will need to respond within a year, which will fall before the start of the Government's triennial review into stakes and prizes of gaming machines, providing an excellent opportunity for change to be enacted.

Data mapping

Newham Council's research, using the Gambling Commission's premises register between 2008 to 2010 and 2014, finds that amongst the 261 areas for which there is consistent data there has been a 12% increase in the number of betting shops that are in the most deprived areas. Over a third of betting shops – 36% - are in the fifth most deprived areas. Newham would be happy to share a map with you if there has been a significant change in your area.

Thank you for your support for this Sustainable Communities Act submission.

Through joint, collaborative working we can tackle this issue and for further information please contact
Hannah.clifton@newham.gov.uk

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Report No.
CSD14124

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2014

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Contact Officer: Graham Walton, Democratic Services Manager
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Chief Officer: Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

Ward: Various

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 10th June 2014 the Committee made appointments to various outside bodies. This report picks up outstanding appointments, and in particular provides an update on a number of cases where the Committee asked that the continuing need for appointments to be made was reviewed.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That, subject to suitable nominations being received, appointments to the following outside bodies be made –

Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee (two councillors for a one year term)

Phillips and Lubbock Foundation (four people for a four-year term to May 2018) – the Foundation has recommended Mrs Brenda Powell, Mr John Bowers, Cllr Charles Joel and Mrs Jane Woodhead.

Cray Valley Library and War Memorial Institute (one appointment (of four) for a four year term to 8th June 2018)

- (2) Consideration of appointments to the William Mosyer Charity, St Mary Cray, Bromley Relief in Need and the Joanna Collett Charity, Chelsfield be deferred.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,165,780
 5. Source of funding: Revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 At the first meeting of each Council year this Committee makes appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the Council. These are mainly annual appointments, but some are for three or four year terms, particularly in a Council election year. At its meeting on 10th June 2014, the Committee decided to defer making a number of three or four year appointments to small local charities while the need for these appointments was reviewed. Officers have been seeking information to assist the Committee and this report provides an update on this. The current position is set out below.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Support Committee: Two members are appointed. After some uncertainty earlier in the year, it is confirmed that this committee is active and it is recommended that the Committee proceeds to appoint two Members. Appointments were previously made for three year terms, but it is recommended that the appointments be made annually in future, to accord with the Council year. It is understood that Cllr Hannah Gray is now involved with the Charity and should be one of the appointments.

Phillips and Lubbock Foundations: This is a small local charity making educational grants within the Ancient Parishes of Farnborough and Downe. It was established in 1818, so is approaching its 200th anniversary. The Chair, Mrs Brenda Powell, has provided information about the charity's current position, has confirmed that it is reviewing its role, and requested that the Council make the following four appointments –

Mrs Brenda Powell

Mr John Bowers

Cllr Charles Joel

Mrs Jane Woodhead

All were previously appointed by the Council, with the exception of Mrs Woodhead who replaces Rev. Austin Martin. It is recommended that the Committee confirms these appointments for the four year period to May 2018.

William Mosyer Charity, St Mary Cray: This small charity relates to the Ancient Parish of St Mary Cray, and its objective is the relief of persons resident in the Parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. It is possible that it might be merged with other local charities; while this is explored it is recommended that appointments are deferred.

Bromley Relief in Need Charity: This charity's objectives are to provide relief from poverty by making grants to individuals within the ancient borough of Bromley (although there is discretion to make grants to those within the wider area represented by the modern borough.) Further information is awaited from the charity.

Joanna Collett Charity, Chelsfield: This charity was set up to provide funds for the maintenance of the church of St Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, and in particular the historic tomb of the Collett family. The charity is active and the trustees have been in contact with officers. However, there has been some historical confusion about the charity and a sister charity, the Colegates Charity, and the involvement of the Council and it is recommended that appointments are deferred while the situation is clarified.

- 3.2 In addition, Cllr Chris Pierce has resigned from his appointment to the **Cray Valley War Memorial Hall**, leaving one vacancy for the remainder of the four year term expiring on 8th June 2018. The Committee is recommended to fill this vacancy, should a suitable candidate be

nominated. (The other three Council appointments to this body are Councillors Teresa Ball, Peter Fortune and Angela Page.)

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Finance/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Outside Bodies Report to Committee on 10 th June 2014

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 25 June 2014

Present:

Councillor Neil Reddin FCCA (Chairman)
Councillor Alan Collins (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Nicholas Bennett J.P., Ian Dunn,
Simon Fawthrop and Peter Fortune

Also Present:

Linda Pilkington and Luis Remedios

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS.

Apologies were received from Councillor Onslow.
Councillor Peter Fortune substituted for Councillor Onslow.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fortune declared an interest as a Bromley school teacher, and as a member of the Board of Affinity Sutton Homes. Councillor Fortune also declared that his wife was a Bromley school teacher.

Councillor Fawthrop declared an interest as his wife was employed by Bromley Adult Education.

Councillor Reddin declared an interest as a governor of St Olave's School, and as the parent of a child at Warren Road Primary School.

Councillor Fawthrop declared an interest as the parent of a child attending a Bromley school.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett declared an interest as a member of the Scrutiny Board of Affinity Sutton.

3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING

No questions had been received.

4 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2014--EXCLUDING THOSE CONTAINING EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014 (excluding exempt information) be confirmed.

5 MATTERS ARISING REPORT

Report CSD 14076

The matter concerning the play equipment at Hookwood Road, Pratt's Bottom had been fully investigated. It was found that the specification of the play equipment was compatible with the rural setting of the park. The matter could now be closed.

It was noted that the issue of placement waivers being scrutinised by PDS Committees had also been resolved subsequent to the Assistant Director for Commissioning forwarding details of the process to the Head of Internal Audit.

The matter of the Value for Money Study offered by CIPFA was ongoing, and the Committee would receive an update at the November 2014 meeting.

RESOLVED

(1) that the Matters Arising report be noted

(2) that the matters arising concerning the placement waivers and the play equipment be closed

(3) that an update on the Value for Money study offered by CIPFA be provided to the Audit Sub Committee in November 2014

6 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

This report was written by Luis Remedios, Head of Audit.

Commentary:

The Annual Report of Audit Activity in 2013/14 was written for Member information and was also intended to assist the Council in meeting the financial management and internal control requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011. Part of the overall arrangements required the Chief Executive and the Leader to sign an annual governance statement. Included in this report were highlights of the performance of the Internal Audit function, a summary of the audits undertaken and an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's internal control environment based on this work and the Annual Governance Statement. Members noted that schools were now included within the report but there was an annual fraud report elsewhere on the agenda.

It was noted by the Committee that Internal Audit work and outputs had been reviewed by External Audit who concluded that Internal Audit were providing a satisfactory service. It was further noted by the Sub-Committee that Internal Audit had completed the high risk audit reviews that had been scheduled in 2013/14 and had received positive feedback from client departments.

The Committee was made aware that over the past year there had been five major investigations reported to the Committee. The resulting investigations, other fraud work, and monitoring the Greenwich partnership had used up a lot of officer time. The summary of audit work undertaken so far had resulted in 86 reports, including schools.

The Committee commented and noted Section 3.31 on page 23 of the agenda, "*Recommendations by Category*". It was noted that **Authorisation Issues** had increased by 6% from the previous year, from 1% to 7%. It was also noted that there was an increase in **Breach of Contract/SLA** issues from 4% to 6%. The Committee were impressed by the fact that **Breach of Financial Regulations or Procedures** had decreased from 11% to 3% which was good progress. The Committee expressed some concern that **Supervisory/Monitoring** issues were high at 27%. The Committee were impressed that there was good improvement concerning **School Primary Accounting Documentation**, with issues falling by 11%.

Members were satisfied about the outcome of the **Integration of Public Health Audit** that was referred to on page 45 of the **Annual Governance Statement**. The pre-integration check by Internal Audit had shown that the integration was progressing satisfactorily.

Councillor Fawthrop noted page 35 of the AGS (Annual Governance Statement) with reference to Bromley being a "value for money council." Councillor Fawthrop questioned how LBB could be a value for money council if no value for money audit had taken place. The Chairman pointed out that responsibility for ensuring value for money extended across the council and was not solely that of Audit.

Councillor Fawthrop remarked that there should be less reliance on external audits, and more reliance on internal audits.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Annual Audit Report 2013/14 be noted

(2) The Sub-Committee approved the Draft Annual Governance Statement

7 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Report CEO 1409

The Internal Audit Progress Report was written by Luis Remedios, Head of Audit.

The report informed Members of recent audit activity across the Council and provided updates on matters arising from the last Audit Sub Committee. It covered:

- Priority One Recommendations
- Audit Activity
- Waivers
- Publication of Internal Audit Reports
- Auditor of the Year
- Housing Benefit Update
- Other Matters
- Risk Management

The Head of Audit introduced the report by explaining that this report covered the last two months of internal audit activity. There would be a further report written in September 2014, and this would be circulated to the Audit Sub-Committee Members by email in October 2014. Much time had been spent on completing work from the previous year, and much time had also been given to the investigation of the part two fraud investigations.

The Committee referred to Section 3.5 of the report on page 50 of the agenda—**Looked After Children (LAC)**. It was noted that two areas of concern had been identified by the London Borough of Wandsworth Audit Team. The first of these was that proper controls for evidencing funding approvals for placement decisions were not in place. In one instance it was identified that an over payment of £11,336.00 had been made; action had been taken to recover the over payment.

A secondary issue that had been identified with respect to LAC, was that the completion of assessments and reviews was often failing to take place within statutory timescales. If this was not rectified, there was a danger of both sanctions and reputational damage.

Recommendations to deal with these issues were being implemented.

The Committee referred to Section 3.7 of the report. This was another audit problem that had been identified by the LBW Audit Team. It was noted that there were problems in many services around the issue of **ordering and invoices**. There were many cases where orders had been raised after invoices had been received. This caused problems in that commitment to expenditure was not reflected in budgets. The Vice Chairman expressed surprise and concern at this, and stated that it was really an easy problem to solve. The matter had been raised by the Chief Executive, in recent

meetings with chief officers and senior managers and it was clear that this practice was not acceptable. Members had asked if the worst offenders were being targeted and the Head of Audit responded that they were but given the number of retrospective orders of 3,290 over a four month period it was a corporate problem. This recommendation was accepted by management for implementation.

The Committee noted Section 3.8 (page51) of the report, which related to **TCES** (Transforming Community Equipment Services). It was noted that there had been numerous problems with the verification of Invoices Submitted as outlined in the report. It appeared that there were no proper audit trails or challenges, no proper stock control, differences in the charge out rate for non-stock items stored to that specified in the contract, no analysis of speed rates charged, no challenge where the number of collection and deliveries charged on the invoice differed to that of the monthly statistics supplied by the contractor, and no challenge where the unit cost of the equipment supplied varied with the contracted specification rate. Performance measures specified in the contract were not being submitted by the contractor other than collections and deliveries. The Chairman commented that the report did outline a lack of competency on the part of the contractors and speculated if this was reflected in their general service levels. The Committee were assured that management had accepted that more detailed checks needed to be made on the monthly invoices before payment was made. In future, managers would be required to check a sample of transactions on the invoices.

The Committee considered Section 3.19 of the report. The introduction of the **FBM** (Full Budget Monitoring) system was noted. The Committee were informed that the budget monitoring review rates over the last five months, varied between 26% and 64%. The Committee were unhappy with these figures, and felt that they were not acceptable. The Committee considered possible reasons why the percentage compliance rates were low and below targets. Councillor Nicholas Bennett felt that middle management was not good enough, and that also there should be more involvement at Director Level to ensure compliance. Councillor Fawthrop commented that there would also be a failure to monitor cumulative spend on the part of budget holders by not engaging in the FBM process. The Committee intended to monitor the FBM compliance statistics, and to see what the figure was in November. Councillor Fawthrop proposed a motion that if the compliance rates were below 85%, then Directors should be called to account to the Sub-Committee. This motion was seconded by the Chairman.

The Committee next considered the matter of the **Waivers Procedure** as outlined in Section 3.27-3.30 of the report. The Committee was happy with the way that Care Services and Education PDS Committees undertook the scrutiny of placements. It was therefore agreed that placement waivers were no longer required to be reported to the Audit Sub-Committee.

The next matter that the Committee discussed were the nominations for "**Auditor of the Year**". The work of two Auditors (A and B) was outlined on the report. The Committee considered the work of both auditors, and they

were both highly commended. The Committee decided that Auditor B should receive the nomination.

The Committee noted that the DWP were in the process of setting up a **Single Fraud Integrated Service**, and that this would take effect in LBB from 1st July 2015. It was noted that LBB's fraud contract with RB Greenwich had previously expired in March 2014 and had been extended for a year. LBB were looking into any possibilities that may exist to continue to employ the services of RB Greenwich under the new arrangements subsequent to 1st July 2015.

The Committee next turned their attention to Section 3.46 of the report, which was a review of **Value for Money Arrangements**. The Head of Audit stated that due to conflicting pressures the work had not yet been completed and that two of these audits were outstanding. Councillor Bennett stated that he felt that such matters should be for Departmental Finance Officers to deal with, and not Audit. The Chairman suggested that value for money should be the responsibility of every officer, and that it was a matter for audit to scrutiny. Councillor Bennett averred that each department should be responsible for approximately four reviews per year, and that ultimate responsibility for this should rest with departmental heads. He also felt that the findings of these reviews should be conveyed to PDS Committees. The Vice Chairman (Councillor Collins) agreed with this. Councillor Bennett advocated that the matter of departmental value for money reviews should be referred to the Executive and Resources Committee.

Councillor Bennett stated that when reviewing VFM arrangements departmentally, consideration should be given by department heads as to what assistance could be given to managers, what sort of targets they should be working to, and how processes could be streamlined. These were matters that should be adopted without compromising financial regulations. Councillor Fawthrop asked how VFM studies could be pursued in conjunction with commissioning, and suggested that perhaps there should be benchmark clauses. The Chairman stated that it may be a good idea if contracts had KPI's (Key Performance Indicators). Councillor Fawthrop suggested that it may be a good idea to audit contracts for KPI's. The Vice Chairman suggested that it may be prudent to appoint a delegated person to look at VFM issues for three departments. The Chairman declared that it may be advisable to request the Executive and Resources Committee to set up a Working Party to report on VFM.

It was agreed by the Committee that a referral be made to the Executive and Resources Committee to make provision for a Working Group to consider the matter of how departments could review VFM arrangements.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Internal Audit Progress Report be noted

(2) a referral be made to the Executive and Resources Committee to make provision for a Working Group to consider the matter of how departments could review VFM arrangements

(3) an email update be sent from the Head of Audit to Committee Members in October 2014 to provide an update on the progress of internal audit activity

(4) if the compliance rate with respect to the Full Budget Monitoring system was below 85%, then Directors should be called to account to the Sub-Committee.

(5) placement waivers were not required to be reported to the Audit Sub-Committee

(6) the list of internal audit reports publicised on the web be noted, and the reports approved where exemptions were sought

(7) auditor B was nominated to receive the award of auditor of the year

(8) the continuing achievements of the counter fraud benefit partnership with the Royal Borough of Greenwich be noted

(9) the impending changes to the counter fraud partnership with RB Greenwich be noted.

8 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT INFORMATION BRIEFINGS

RESOLVED that the publicised internal audit reports be noted.

9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

RESOLVED that the press and the public be excluded during consideration of the items of business referred to below, as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present—there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

10 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2014

RESOLVED that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014 be agreed.

11 INTERNAL AUDIT FRAUD & INVESTIGATION REPORT

Report CEO 1410

This report was written by Luis Remedios, Head of Audit.

This report informed Members of recent Internal Audit activity on fraud and investigations across the Council and provided an update on matters arising from previous Audit Sub Committee meetings. The report detailed updates on previously reported cases, expanded on cases of interest, detailed cases on the fraud register, provided a further update on the results of the 2012 National Fraud Initiative (NFI) and detailed the reasons given for exemptions sought for not publicising four investigation reports.

RESOLVED that the Internal Fraud and Investigation Report be noted.

12 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT FRAUD & INVESTIGATION REPORT

Report CEO 1407

This report was written by Luis Remedios, Head of Audit.

This was the fourth annual fraud report that summarised all fraud and investigations undertaken for 2013/14. The report informed Members of all the fraud and investigation activity for 2013/14. It summarised all the allegations of fraud that had been received, investigations of matters not fraud related but breach of financial regulations/procedures, results of the housing benefit partnership with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and findings from the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) data matching exercise. The report also referenced other matters such as trends in fraudulent activity, training staff in fraud awareness, proactive exercises in council tax, addressing key fraud risks, the fraud training toolkit for staff and future arrangements for the investigation of benefit fraud.

RESOLVED that the contents of the Annual Internal Audit Fraud and Investigation Report be noted.

The Meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Chairman

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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