

The council's statement of accounts for 2009/10 was prepared following recommended accounting practice. The independent auditors provided their opinion that the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the council at March 31, 2010 and its income and expenditure for the year. The figures in this summary have been based on the audited accounts but some modifications have been made to provide more meaningful information.

A full copy of the council's statement of accounts is available on the council's website.

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# A summary of the council's accounts 2009/10

The following pages provide details of the council's spending and income during 2009/10 and summarise the council's financial position at March 31, 2010.

**GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT** - The General Revenue Account represents the cost of running council services between April 2009 and March 2010, where the money came from to finance those costs, and the balance at the year-end.

	<b>GROSS SPENDING</b>	<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>NET SPENDING</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Culture, Environment and Planning	67.9	16.2	51.7
Central Services	21.0	26.9	(5.9)
Children and Education Services	302.1	236.5	65.6
Highways and Transport Services	34.0	28.7	5.3
Housing Services	333.0	331.6	1.4
Adult Social Care	115.3	30.5	84.8
Corporate Services	7.1	0.0	7.1
<b>Cost of services</b>	<b>880.4</b>	<b>670.4</b>	<b>210.0</b>
Less: Interest and investment income			(2.7)
Add: Additions to reserves			0.2
<b>Amount to be met from Government grant and local taxation</b>			<b>207.5</b>
<b>Paid for by:</b>			
Council taxpayers			48.7
Government grant			164.5
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>213.2</b>
Surplus for the year			5.7
Balance at end of March 2009			14.4
<b>Balance at end of March 2010</b>			<b>20.1</b>

The council estimated to end the year with a balance of £15.2 million on its general revenue account as an allowance for contingencies in 2009/10. By the end of the year this balance had risen to £20.1 million primarily as a result of spending less than it had originally anticipated. Government general grants increased by 1.75% in the year to £148.0 million based on the Government's calculation of a like-for-like basis. This compares with increases of 2.84% nationally and 2.11% for the London area. Wandsworth is likely to receive just the minimum annual increase in grant for the foreseeable future which is unlikely to cover general inflationary pressures, implying continuing real-term reductions in Government support for council services.

<b>Council TAX</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
Average amount for band D properties		
- Wandsworth Council	£377.25	£377.25
- Greater London Authority	£309.82	£309.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>£687.07</b>	<b>£687.07</b>

<b>Business rate per £ value</b>		
- Standard rating multiplier	48.5p	46.2p
- Small business rating multiplier	48.1p	44.1p

The council's share of the council tax has increased by 4.9% since 2003 in terms of the average band D amount of £377.25. The Greater London Authority share has increased by 38.1% over the same period.

The combined average band D amount for 2009/10 was £687.07, a zero per cent increase on 2008/09.

The average council tax per dwelling of £651 remained the lowest in Great Britain and amounted to only 55 per cent of the average £1,175 for England.

**GENERAL CAPITAL SPENDING** - Capital spending represents money spent by the council on purchasing, upgrading and improving assets such as buildings and roads (capital spending on council housing is treated separately). The council receives the benefit from capital spending over a longer period of time. The table below shows the significant general capital schemes for 2009/10.

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	<b>2009/10 £M</b>	<b>RENOVATION GRANTS ETC</b>	<b>2009/10 £M</b>
Primary schools roofs and boilers	1.0	Regional empty homes grants	0.8
Other secondary school schemes	0.25	General renovation grants	1.2
Other primary school schemes	0.6	Loans to leaseholders	0.2
Planning for inclusion - Greenmead	1.7		(2.2)
Planning for inclusion - Paddock	0.8	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE AND SPORTS SERVICES</b>	
Other special school schemes	0.5	Parks and open spaces improvements	1.1
Youth and play schemes	1.2	Libraries and heritage services	3.5
Integrated Childrens Centres	0.6		(4.6)
Other education funded schemes	4.0	<b>ADULT CARE</b>	
	(10.6)	Adaptations for the disabled	0.1
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>		Improving care homes and other establishments	0.2
Crime reduction strategy	0.1		(0.3)
Safer and stronger communities	0.1	<b>CORPORATE SERVICES</b>	
	(0.2)	Administrative buildings – repairs and improvements	2.8
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		Putney Bridge Road	4.7
Town centre improvement schemes	0.3	ICT infrastructure, IT and property improvements	0.1
	(0.3)		(7.6)
<b>HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.2</b>
Carriageway and footway repairs and improvements	6.7		
Sction 106 agreements	0.3		
Planning conservation/enhancement grants	0.1		
Economic Development	0.2		
	(7.3)		

The council spent £33.2 million on general capital schemes during the year, £3.4 million less than 2008/09. This was paid for with capital grants and reimbursements of £15.4 million, £12.8 million of capital receipts from the sale of assets, and £4.9 million from revenue.

**COUNCIL HOUSING** - This account shows all revenue and capital spending and income relating to the council's housing. The council owns 33,307 dwellings, of which 15,858 have been sold on long-term leases.

<b>REVENUE INCOME</b>	<b>2009/10 £M</b>	<b>REVENUE SPENDING</b>	<b>2009/10 £M</b>
Council house rents	95.4	Repairs and maintenance	24.3
Service charges from leaseholders	12.2	Estate and management costs	43.4
Other income	13.0	Rent rebates	6.9
	(120.6)	Subsidy payable to the Government	37.2
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>		Other costs	3.0
Government subsidy	15.9		(114.8)
Capital receipts	20.5	<b>CAPITAL SPENDING</b>	
Leaseholder major works charges	1.9	Repairs and improvements	27.8
Other incomes	0.6	Repayment of borrowing	26.8
	(38.9)	Cash incentives to tenants to assist private purchase	0.6
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>159.5</b>	Other costs	0.1
			(55.3)
		<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>170.1</b>
		DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	10.6
		All monies held to underpin the business plan for council housing	150.3

Capital receipts from the sale of council houses and council housing land came to £20.5 million, compared to £14.1 million the previous year. However £2.1 million of these receipts had to be paid to the government. The spending and income from council housing must be kept separate from other council spending. The Housing Revenue Account and the Major Repairs Reserve underpin the longer term business plan for housing.

## COUNCIL HOUSING - Continued

ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL HOUSING CAPITAL SPEND	2009/10 £M
Alton Estate	1.1
Doddington Estate	1.3
Kambala Estate	0.8
Lennox Estate refurbishment	1.1
Nightingale Square	1.9
Sheltered Housing conversions/improvements	4.3
Totterdown Fields - Window renewals	1.6
Hidden Homes - Continuation of the council's programme	1.5
Adaptations for the disabled	1.9
Other repairs and improvements and associated costs	12.3
Cash incentives to tenants to assist private purchase	0.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28.4</b>

Capital spending on housing represents money spent by the council chiefly on upgrades and improvements to the housing stock. The council receives the benefit from capital spending over an extended period of time. The council spent £28.4 million in 2009/10, a decrease of £2.3 million on the previous year. The vast majority of this was spent on improvements to housing estates.

AVERAGE RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES	2009/10 £
Average annual leasehold routine service charge bill (est)	730
Average weekly rent	108.07

Between 2008/09 and 2009/10, the estimated average annual leasehold service charge bill rose from £705 to £730, and the average weekly rents rose by an average of £2.86 to £108.07.

## COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET - What the council owns and how it's funded

BALANCE SHEET	31 MARCH 2010 £M
Buildings and land owned by the council	1,609
Vehicles, plant and machinery	11
Stocks and work in progress	1
Investments	348
Money owed to the council	64
Money owed by the council	(221)
Pensions liability	(247)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,465</b>
Financed by:	
Accounting reserves	1,139
General Fund balance	20
Housing reserves	150
Usable capital receipts	28
School balances	15
Other balances	113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,465</b>

The council's balance sheet total reduced by £194 million to £1,465 million between 2008/09 and 2009/10. This was chiefly as a result of the fall in the value of the council dwellings.

