

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Key Elements of Statement of Accounts 2013/14

Foreword to the Accounts (pages 5-10)

The 2013/14 revenue budget included the delivery of over £11m of savings which have been achieved. The Council underspent its revenue budget by £410k in 2013/14, which after allowing for the proposed carry forwards the overall outturn position reduces to an underspend of £83k.

Movement In Reserves Statement (page 11)

- General Fund Reserves maintained at £10.4m, this is in line with our risk assessed level approved by Council.
- Decrease in Capital Receipts Reserve of £6.4m in 2013/14 as these were used to fund capital expenditure in line with our Capital Programme financing assumptions.
- Unusable Reserves increase of £26.7m, mainly due to reduced Pensions Liability in 2013/14, due to gains from changes in actuaries assumptions in valuing the liabilities. Unusable Reserves are merely for accounting adjustments and cannot be used for Council funding.

Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account (page 12)

- Public Health now included in Cost of Services, following transfer of responsibility to the Council in 2013/14. The costs are funded by ring-fenced grant.
- Increase in Housing net expenditure from 2012/13 due to removal of Council Tax Subsidy Grant in 2013/14 following the implementation of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.
- Other Operating Expenditure – was higher in 2012/13 due to greater number of Academies being de-recognised as Council Assets (there was only one in 2013/14).
- Re-measurement of Net Defined Liability – this is the in-year change in pension liabilities – in 2012/13 there was an increase in the liability, whereas in 2013/14 there was a decrease. These are based on the report from the actuaries.

Balance Sheet (page 13)

- Long Term Assets – there have been reclassifications across the asset types following the reconciliation between the Council's Asset Register and Property Service's valuation register.
- Short Term Investments and Cash & Cash Equivalents have significantly reduced between 2012/13 and 2013/14 due to the Council using its cash to finance the PWLB loan repayments during 2013/14. The corresponding entry is in Long Term Borrowing, where the Council's liability has also decreased following the repayment of £50m of PWLB debt.
- The Other Long Term Liabilities is mainly the future Pensions Liability, which decreased in 2013/14 as previously described.