

Draft Summarised Accounts

Canterbury City Council's accounts are an important element in demonstrating the stewardship of public money. They show the resources available to the council and how they are used to deliver services to the local district.

This is a summary of the full Statement of Accounts, showing the financial position for the year ending 31 March 2009

Income & Expenditure Account and Movement in General Fund Balance

The income and expenditure account shows the money paid and money received for the council's day to day services throughout the year.

Revenue Account for the year ending 31 March 2009	Gross expenditure	Gross income	Net expenditure
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Culture and heritage (including impairment)*	16,353	5,080	11,273
Recreation, sport and open spaces	4,854	720	4,134
Tourism	1,245	254	991
Coast protection	1,785	922	863
Waste collection and disposal	3,227	457	2,770
Environmental services	5,321	698	4,623
Planning and parking services	15,812	10,908	4,904
Housing services (including impairment)*	78,395	22,213	56,182
Housing Benefits payments and admin.	33,149	33,135	14
Central services	18,545	11,105	7,440
Impairment losses*	12,312	-	12,312
Net cost of services	190,998	85,492	105,506
Less loan interest, VAT refund and other adjustments			- 2,593
Amount to be met from government grants & local taxation			102,913
Financed by:			
Council Tax		-	9,125
Revenue Support Grant		-	1,535
Contribution from Non-domestic Rate pool		-	11,024
LABGI** grant		-	299
Area based grant		-	72
Total			- 22,055
Deficit for the year			80,858
Reversal of impairment losses*			-80,939
Other net statutory & non-statutory amounts credited to the General Fund			791
Decrease in General Fund Balance for the year			710
General fund balance as at 31 March 2008			- 2,342
General fund balance as at 31 March 2009			- 1,632
Decrease in General Fund Balance for the year			- 710

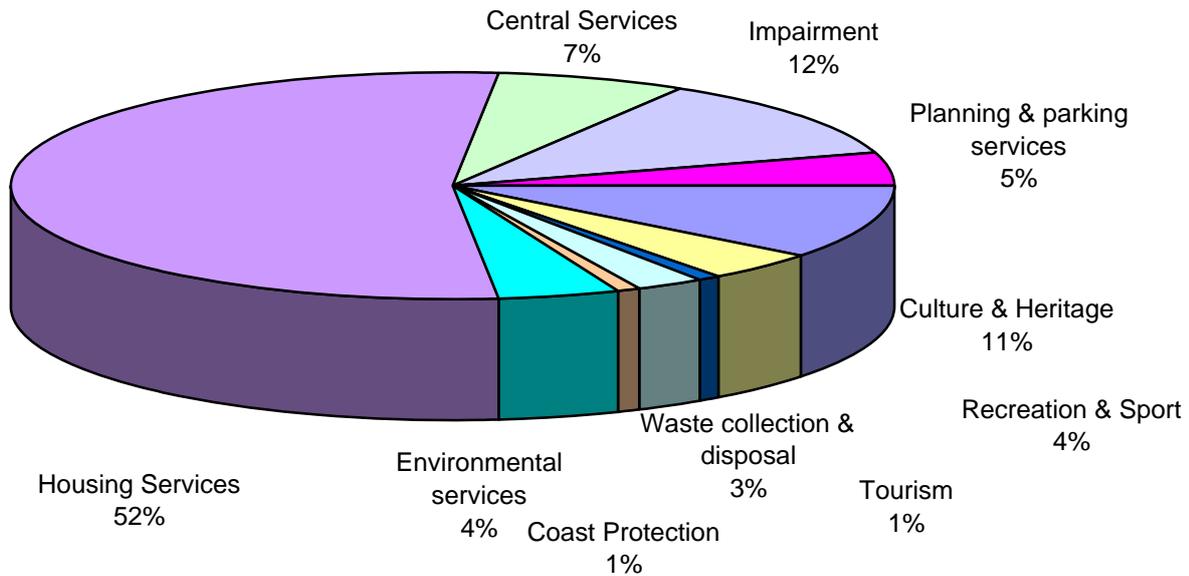
The deficit for the year of £710,000 equates to only 0.6% of net expenditure.

* Impairment losses relate to a general fall in value of some commercial properties and council dwellings

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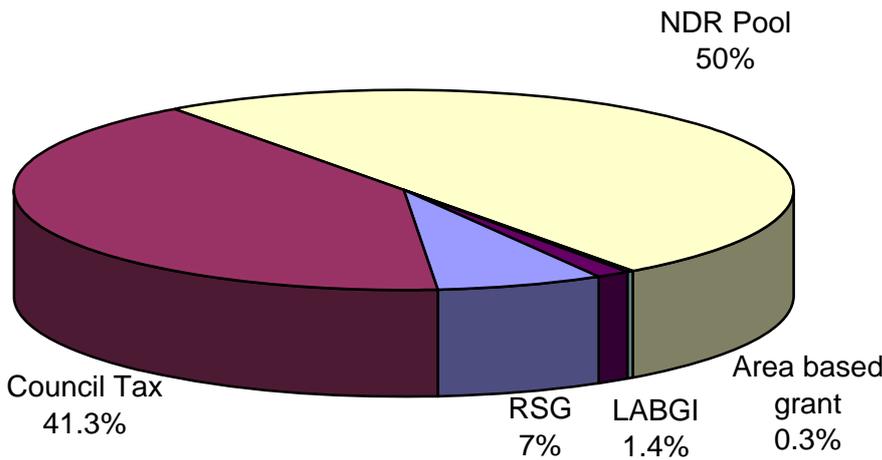
Net expenditure

The pie chart below shows the net result of the council's income and expenditure totalling £105,506,000 and indicates the major categories of services provided.



Finance Income

The pie chart below shows the total finance income of £22,055,000 identifying the various sources.



The Revenue Support Grant (RSG) is paid directly from central government.

Non Domestic Rates (NDR) are the rates paid by businesses in the Canterbury district, which are all paid to a central government pool. The 50% represents our share of the pool.

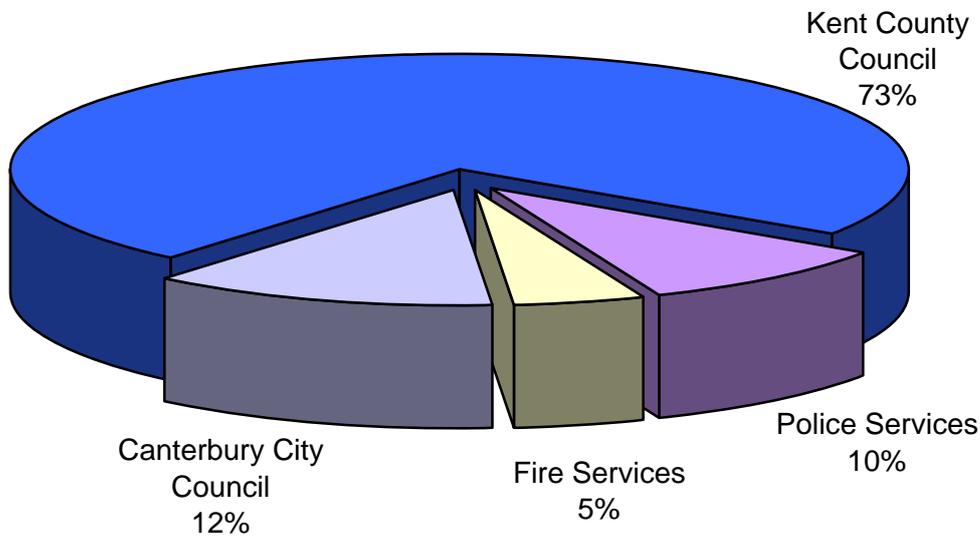
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The Council Tax income is our proportion of the total council tax paid to Canterbury City Council for our services.

Where does your Council Tax go?

The council collects Council Tax for the district of Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and the rural areas. This is held in a separate fund and then distributed as shown in the pie chart below.

As you can see below, only 12% of your Council Tax goes towards services provided by Canterbury City Council.



Cost of Housing Services

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a separately maintained account showing the costs of running the council's housing stock used to accommodate council tenants.

The HRA expenditure is financed by rents and service charges.

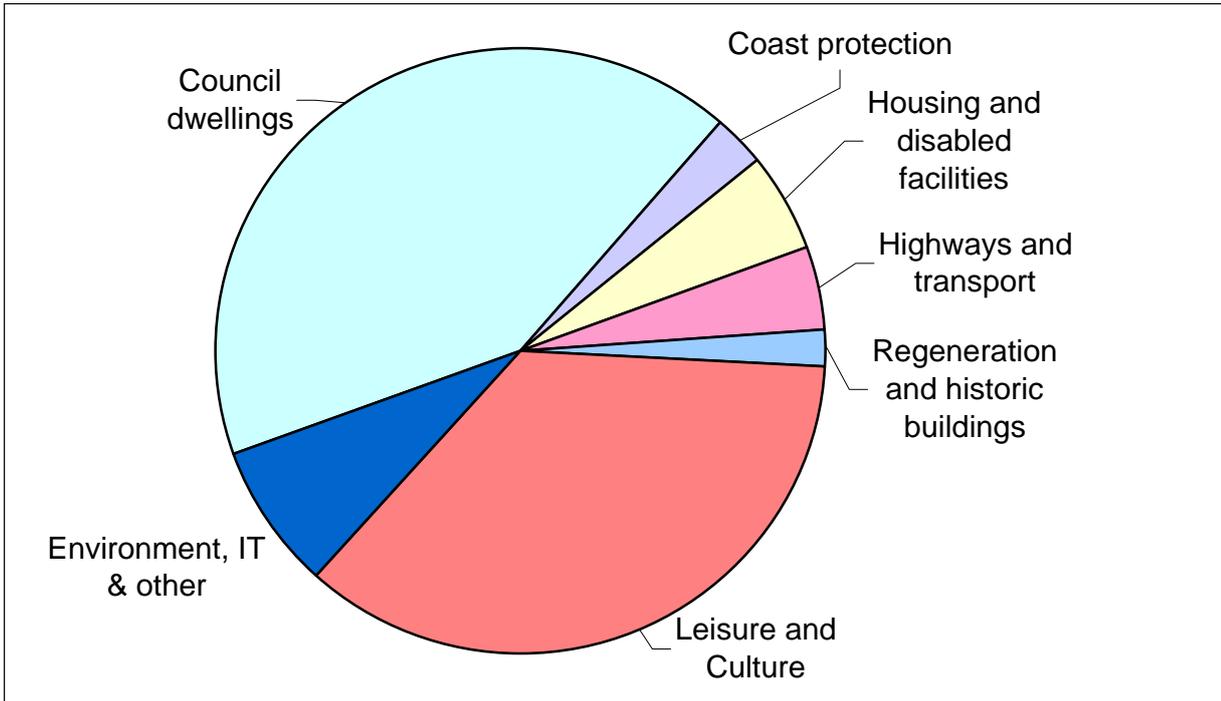
	£ '000
Income	
Dwelling rents	18,854
Non-dwelling rents	489
Charges for services and facilities	1,401
Total income	20,744
Expenditure	
Repairs and maintenance	4,343
Management of housing stock	4,872
Subsidy payable to government	5,422
Depreciation charges	2,633
Impairment losses*	58,018
Insurance and rents	422
Total expenditure	75,710
Net cost of HRA Services	54,966
Corporate costs	119
Investments, interest and borrowing	230
Total deficit for the year	55,315
Financing capital expenditure	3,462
Reversal of impairment losses*	- 58,018
Other statutory amounts debited to HRA balance	1,138
Increase in HRA balance for the year	1,897
HRA balance as at 31 March 2008	- 7,687
HRA balance as at 31 March 2009	- 5,790
Increase in HRA balance for the year	1,897

The Council is responsible for managing a housing stock of 5286 properties as at 31 March 2009

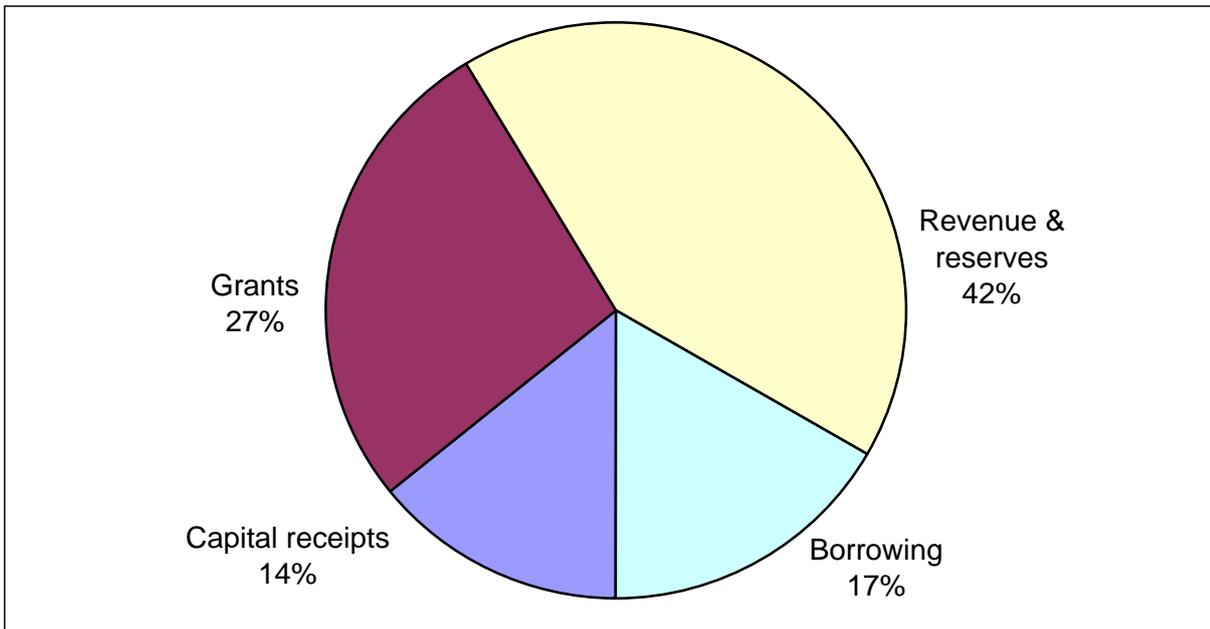
* Impairment losses relate to the general reduction in value of council houses.

Capital spending

Unlike the revenue account, capital spending is incurred on either acquiring new assets or enhancing existing assets. The council receives the benefit from capital expenditure over a long period of time. The pie chart below shows capital expenditure for 2008/09.



The pie chart below shows how capital expenditure was financed in 2008/09



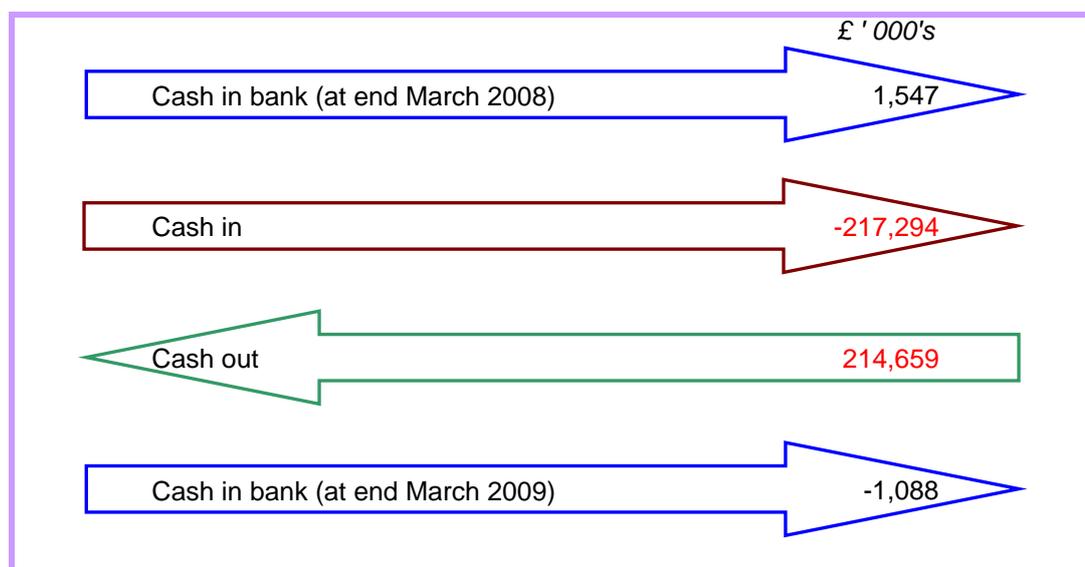
Financial Position

At the end of each year, we draw up a balance sheet that represents how much Canterbury City Council's land and buildings are worth, how much is owed to others, how much others owe us and the amount of cash we have.

As at 31 March 2009	£ '000
Value of land and property	423,458
Investments and cash in bank	36,676
Money owed to Canterbury City Council	10,948
Money owed by Canterbury City Council	- 14,129
Loans outstanding	- 28,174
Other long term liabilities	- 64,567
Total assets less total liabilities	364,212
Financed by:	
Revenue balances	7,633
Reserves and revaluation reserve	- 16,651
Capital financing	373,230
Total equity	364,212

Cash flow

The cash flow summarises the inflows and outflows of cash arising from dealings with third parties.



Audit approval

The council's accounts are audited each year by the Audit Commission. This is to ensure the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure for the year. At the time of going to print, the draft 2008/09 accounts are unaudited.

The Audited Statement of Accounts will be available from www.canterbury.gov.uk/finance from 1 October 2009

Further information

We compiled the figures in the Statement of Accounts using proper accounting practice. However, we have made some modifications to this summary to provide meaningful information.

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