



MANCHESTER
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Annual Statement of Accounts 2022/23

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Our 2022/23 Narrative Report

Introduction

Our Narrative Report aims to demonstrate a clear link between our resources, our strategy and our performance in a transparent and accessible way. It shows how we've helped deliver intended outcomes and created value throughout 2022/23, and how we are planning ahead to respond as effectively as possible to future challenges.

Our thriving and vibrant city

The city's diverse and growing population was estimated to be 607,000 in 2023 and forecast to be home to 627,000 by 2025.¹ The 2021 census showed 43% of the residents are from Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority backgrounds compared to 33% in 2011. The city's growing economy has been crucial to its overall success and resilience. Manchester is the third most visited city in the UK and is renowned both nationally and internationally as a vibrant, inclusive and outward-looking city.

While the city has made great progress, there are significant challenges including tackling health inequalities, developing a more inclusive economy, reducing homelessness, increasing affordable housing, and supporting residents who are impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

¹Estimate based on in-house forecasting model (MCCFM) which accounts for residential building underway in 2022 and is dependent on strong recovery from impacts of COVID-19.

We closely monitor the implications of Government policy so that we are well placed to anticipate and mitigate negative impacts and grasp opportunities.

We will continue to work together with other authorities in our [city region](#) and use our collective powers and budgets to make local decisions aligned to the needs of our communities, partners and stakeholders.

Our Council

Our commitment to good governance

We make decisions affecting Manchester and its residents on a daily basis. We are made up of 96 councillors elected by residents across the city's 32 wards. These elected representatives have the authority to make decisions affecting the city. Approximately 7,300 Council staff (March 2023) deliver public services across five directorates: Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Neighbourhoods, Growth and Development, and the Corporate Core.

We are responsible for conducting our business in accordance with the law and ensuring that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently, and effectively. We are committed to the highest standards of conduct, progressing towards the city's vision with robust controls over the use of resources, evidence-based and open decision making, and

accountability and transparency. We have set out our governance standards in our [Code of Corporate Governance](#) (The Code). The Code explains how the vision and values of the organisation – the Our Manchester principles - are at the heart of the Council's approach to governance. Our [Annual Governance Statement](#) (AGS) reviews the extent to which we have met the Code's standards, and describes the progress made throughout the year in addressing our key governance challenges.

[Our strategy and objectives](#)

Our mission is to support the delivery of the vision for the city set out in the [Our Manchester Strategy](#). This ambitious strategy was launched in 2016 and was developed through extensive consultation with local people, businesses and service providers and shows how the city came together to address its challenges and strive for a place in the top flight of world class cities. The five themes of the Strategy are:

- A thriving and sustainable city
- A highly skilled city
- A progressive and equitable city
- A livable and low-carbon city
- A connected city

In May 2020, the Council's Executive agreed for a reset of the Our Manchester Strategy to be undertaken as part of the Council's COVID-19 recovery planning. Engagement activity with residents, members, businesses, organisations and partners using the Our Manchester approach ran throughout August and September 2020,

and approximately 3,800 people were directly engaged and had their views captured. People told us that their priorities included young people, the economy, health, housing, the environment, and infrastructure, with equality and inclusion as a cross-cutting theme. In 2021, the [Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025](#), reset our priorities to 2025, acknowledging, but also looking beyond the challenges at that time.

Our Corporate Plan describes the Council's contribution to delivering the Our Manchester Strategy, over the medium-term. As this reflects the Council's medium-term priorities, the nine overall themes remained the same in 2022/23. The more detailed priorities which underpin the nine themes have been updated to reflect the context looking ahead to 2023/24. Key changes which have been reflected in our updated priorities include:

- The addition of references to the importance of cross-cutting action to support residents through the Cost-of-Living crisis and the new Anti-Poverty Strategy.
- Highlighting the work on our next Economic Strategy which aims to ensure that the city's economy continues to grow and is more inclusive, and the implementation of our ambitious Housing Strategy for the next ten years.
- Greater focus on engaging children and young people as we move from Our Year 2022 to being a UNICEF Child Friendly City.
- Strengthening our work on tackling inequalities across Council services, with city wide partners, and delivering on our workforce equalities strategy.

Our Corporate Plan priorities are aligned to the strategy for the city and the city region, and they inform the Council Business Plan and Budget Reports. Our [Revenue Budget and Capital Budget](#) aligns to the Our Manchester Strategy and what Manchester people value most.

Our Council Business Plan is the internal document that sets out the activities that we need to deliver to achieve our Corporate Plan priorities. The Business Plan is developed using a collaborative approach with input from key senior officers across all Council Directorates.

Each service plan outlines the successes of the last financial year (2022/23), the key priorities for the coming financial year (2023/24), and the critical tasks needed to achieve them. Recent changes to the plan template include developing new sections on workforce planning, finance, and performance. ‘About You’ conversations between managers and their staff ensure that individual staff performance objectives align to these plans, so that all staff understand their role in achieving the ambitions for the city and our residents.

The diagram below illustrates the ‘golden thread’ that connects our high-level strategies through business and service planning to team plans and About You meetings between officers and their line managers. This diagram clearly illustrates every Council officer’s role in delivering the priorities for the city.



Our Culture and Values

To support the delivery of the Our Manchester Strategy, the Our Manchester approach was developed. This recognised that to deliver the ambitious strategy, we needed to work in a way that was more strengths-based and founded on a common set of principles that would be embedded across the Council and adopted by organisations across the city. There are now five Our Manchester behaviours, with the fifth being added in 2022, as equality, diversity and inclusion was not explicit enough in the original four behaviours:

- We are proud and passionate about Manchester
- We take time to listen and understand
- We own it and are not afraid to try new things
- We work together and trust each other
- We show that we value our differences and treat people fairly

The Our Manchester approach is the way we do things, rather than a thing we do. The behaviours are the Council's organisational values, and work is continuing to embed them into our policies and processes.

Delivering Our Corporate Plan

The following sections detail our strategies, objectives, and achievements for each of Our Plan's nine priorities.

1. Zero-carbon Manchester - We must transform Manchester into a zero-carbon city by 2038 by halving our own direct CO₂ by 2025, reducing citywide CO₂, and improving air quality.

The Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019, which recognises the need for the Council, and the city, to do more to reduce CO₂ emissions and mitigate the negative impacts of climate change. It also demonstrates the Council's commitment to be at the forefront of the global response to climate change and to lead by example. The Council has already adopted a science-based carbon budget for Manchester of 15 million tonnes of CO₂ between 2018 and 2100 following analysis by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. This also commits the city to become zero carbon by 2038 at the latest.

The [Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25](#) (CCAP) - refreshed in September 2022 - was developed to ensure that all aspects of the Climate Emergency Declaration are converted into clear actions, with tonnes of CO₂ (tCO₂) savings included where applicable. The CCAP builds on over a decade of previous activity, which has seen the Council's direct CO₂ emissions reduce by 67% between 2009/10 and 2021/22 (as reported in the latest [CCAP Annual Report](#)). The purpose of the refreshed CCAP is to show progress made in the earlier years of the CCAP, set out new milestones and include new actions, to ensure the Council is remaining on track in reducing its own carbon emissions and leading by example, giving renewed focus on the city-wide actions, the Council's leadership role, and helping others to take action. The Council's carbon budget for the CCAP's 5-year period (2020-25) is 126,336 tCO₂, and just over 50% of the budget has been used to date.

As the Climate Change Action Plan is delivered, [quarterly progress reports](#) are available, which highlight key achievements and statistics. Recent achievements include:

- To date over £30 million has been invested into the Council's Estates Carbon Reduction Programme and as a result emissions from energy use across Council buildings has reduced year on year since 2014-15. Emissions from the operational estate have reduced by 29.7% (7,161 t CO₂) since 2019-20.
- A new Manchester Housing Strategy (2022-2032) was launched in July 2022, which sets out the ambitious low

carbon plans for housing retrofit and new homes across the city. To support this work £22m has been secured in Government funding. £11.6m will help support a £50m programme of retrofit and related works across our Council housing properties over the next two years, and the remaining £10.4m will fully fund housing retrofit of approximately 500 poorly performing properties occupied by fuel poor households in the private sector.

- [Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan](#) was endorsed by the Executive in February 2023. Key objectives for the five-year plan are to make walking the natural choice for short journeys and to double cycling journeys from 6% to 12%.
- In 2022-23 planting season an estimate of 7,860 trees (including 6,250 hedge trees) have been planted across known schemes and five community orchards. Two sites (Kenworthy Woods and Broadhurst Park) were declared Local Nature Reserves sites, taking Manchester's total to ten sites.
- Embedding zero carbon across the Council has accelerated during 2022/23, with zero carbon consideration being included within our Service Plans, supported by the delivery of carbon literacy training with a particular focus on engaging the Senior Leadership Group and Ward Councillors (26% of the workforce is currently carbon literacy certified) and the delivery of bespoke training to support staff who commission services to embed zero carbon considerations into procurement.

Our Climate Change Action Plan sits alongside the citywide [framework](#) produced by Manchester Climate Change Partnership, which was also updated in 2022. The framework sets out what Manchester collectively needs to do to play its full part in limiting the effects of climate change and achieving the carbon reduction targets set for 2020-25. While the Council is currently on target to reduce our direct organisational emissions at the required rate, the city is not, so the Council is supporting and influencing others in the city to decarbonise.

2. Growth that benefits everyone - We will boost productivity in the city to reduce poverty and create an economy that is inclusive and benefits everyone.

The [Our Manchester Industrial Strategy](#) sets out Manchester's vision and plan for creating a more inclusive economy. The Strategy recognises the need to focus on the foundational economy and improving pay and productivity to ensure that Manchester can become a Living Wage City.

At a macro level, the UK economy has generally performed poorly compared to other G7 countries, with weak growth, high inflation, and stagnating wages.

The impact of macro-economic conditions in Manchester has been felt in rising prices and elevated levels of inflation, but with limited wage growth in most sectors. The cost-of-living crisis has meant that a significant number of residents have struggled to meet the costs of housing, energy, and food over the past twelve months.

However, at the same time Manchester's economy has demonstrated resilience in the face of the multiple challenges of recent years, and while success is not felt everywhere, the fundamentals of the city's economy remain strong. Examples of where the city has shown strengths include:

- Jobs growth, with around 31,000 unique job postings in March 2023 alone.
- Growth in more highly skilled and highly paid sectors – over 3,000 of the above postings were for roles in programming and software development.
- Inward investment into Manchester with over 4,000 new jobs created, for example, Starling Bank, Roku and Ernst & Young.
- A strong construction pipeline, and optimism in the market despite economic challenges. Grade 'A' office rent is now the highest of UK core cities and demand is outstripping supply. Several major residential schemes have progressed, but rental prices continue to increase as demand outstrips supply.
- At the end of 2023, over 11,000 new homes were under construction of which 1,200 were affordable. 55,000 square meters of leisure facilities are on site throughout Manchester and a record 1,500 hotel rooms were delivered.

Despite opportunities and success in the city's economy, there remain significant challenges for many of our residents:

- The unemployment rate was 6.3% at the end of 2022, the second highest of English Core Cities.
- The unemployment claimant count of 23,560 in March 2023 compares to 16,390 pre-pandemic, and has been rising since January 2023.
- The economic inactivity rate is 27.9%, with particularly high increases being seen in wards in the north and the east of the city.
- 64% of unemployment benefits claimants aged between 16 and 24 are male, and there are other disproportionate spreads of unemployment across certain demographic groups.

In 2022 Manchester adopted a new [Work and Skills Strategy](#) which is our plan for improving skills, access to training and access to employment for Manchester residents. This is one of the fundamental building blocks to better connect residents to the opportunities being created in the city's economy. In 2022 we also progressed delivery of Manchester's Digital Strategy, with a new team having been appointed to lead the work, and progress has been made with digital inclusion, data literacy, and digital infrastructure design.

Manchester's response to Sir Professor Michael Marmot's report into health inequalities in Greater Manchester is called [Making Manchester Fairer](#). Mortality rates in 2022/23 in the region were 25% higher than the England average, with life expectancy in the Northwest of England declining twice as rapidly during 2020 than in England overall. In Manchester, existing inequalities - particularly

for our most deprived communities, black and ethnic minorities, and those already living in poverty - have deepened.

Making Manchester Fairer is a significant and comprehensive action plan to address these inequalities. In 2022-23 the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan has been developed with leaders from across the public and voluntary sectors, and working with organisations, communities, and residents. The action plan has eight themes:

1. Giving children and young people the best start in life
2. Lifting low-income households out of poverty and debt
3. Cutting unemployment and creating good jobs
4. Preventing illness and early death from big killers - heart disease, lung disease, diabetes and cancer
5. Improving housing and creating safe, warm, and affordable homes
6. Improving our environment and surroundings in the areas where we live, transport, and tackling climate change
7. Fighting systemic and structural discrimination and racism
8. Strengthening community power and social connections

Social value remains an important priority for the Council and a key route to delivering a more inclusive economy in Manchester. In 2023, work is underway to review and improve the Council's approach to social value to make sure that we are using all our levers to generate the greatest impact for our residents, especially from our own procurement and commissioning spend, capital

projects and strategic developments such as Victoria North and Wythenshawe.

We are also ensuring that our procurement and commissioning activity adheres to the Council's [Ethical Procurement Policy](#). We proactively work to ensure that all goods, works and services we procure are sourced ethically in terms of both the way the Council procures and in terms of the standards that we expect our suppliers, service providers and contractors to meet.

A partnership of anchor institutions including the Council worked together to successfully gain Living Wage City recognition for Manchester in 2022. The action plan developed as part of this work will lead to an increase in the number of employers paying a real living wage and the number of Manchester residents being paid a real living wage. In 2023, work will take place to broaden the impact of anchor institutions to a wider group of employers across the public and private sectors.

Finally, in 2023 we are working on a new Economic Strategy for the city that will bring together our existing work in this area alongside our strategic vision and future priorities for building a more inclusive economy in the city.

3. Young People - We will support Manchester's young people to be safe, happy, healthy and successful, and help them to fulfil their potential by giving them the best start in life, with access to good schools, play, leisure and culture.

[Manchester's Children and Young People's Plan 2020 – 2024](#) sets out our vision and priorities for the city's young people. Children and young people matter in Manchester and are our city's key asset. The Plan highlights how agencies and organisations work together with children and young people to ensure that they can enjoy a safe, happy, healthy, and successful future.

Manchester Children's Services was judged 'good' by Ofsted in 2022 and is now amongst the top performing local authorities for services to children in the North-West. We are proud of that recognition and what we have achieved during 2022/23. Our evidence-based approach to early help and support and reformed 'front door' has supported a reduced number of children and their families requiring statutory service, evidenced by the rate of referrals into social care. We have continued to strengthen the [Children Services Locality Delivery Model](#), which this year has included a redesign of the Children with Disabilities Service, so that all children can access a multi-disciplinary, localised and responsive offer for children and their families. We expect this will support the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan in response to the national consultation on the 2022 SEND and AP Green Paper.

To ensure children are safe we have safely reduced the overall number, duration and 'repeat episodes' of children requiring a

Child Protection Plan. The overall rate per 10,000 of children on Child Protection Plans has fallen from 59.5 in 2019/20 to a provisional rate of 36.3 in 2022/23. We have continued to out-perform regionally and nationally in ensuring reviews for our children in care are conducted on time. We have supported more children to live in stable, safe, and loving homes, reducing the number of children in care to a historic low. The overall rate per 10,000 of Cared for Children has fallen from 114 in 2019/20 to a provisional rate of 107 in 2022/23.

In addition, following its launch we continue to progress the delivery of the [Start Well Strategy 2022 – 2025](#) achieved through effective relationships with our partners to focus on improving health outcomes, ensuring a good level of development, ensuring children are ready for schools, reducing infant mortality and reducing inequalities. An independent evaluation of our initially trialed Thriving Babies, Confident Parents programme has demonstrated convincing evidence of positive impact; this has now been mainstreamed.

We have improved the number of children attending and participating in their statutory Looked After Children Reviews so that their voice is heard when important decisions are made about their lives. We have worked with children and families to reshape the way we manage child protection conferences and child centered reviews. A Safeguarding Conference held in July 2022, coproduced with children, has helped inform our ways of working and is now an annual event. It is underpinned by champions that work with children to help deliver the impact that is important to

them. We have developed an Inclusion Strategy Toolkit to underpin our Inclusion Strategy and help foster an environment of equality and reduce vulnerability within schools and settings.

Being healthy has remained high on our agenda including factors that compromise the wellbeing and outcomes of children and young people such as youth violence, mental health and wellbeing. The Safeguarding Partnership has worked in partnership across strategic Boards to support the Community Safety Partnership develop and deliver a strategy for reducing the impact of serious youth violence in Manchester, and Manchester Youth Justice Service is a key contributor to the Greater Manchester Transforming Youth Justice Delivery Plan. A Bee Green Summit and Green Bee Assembly has helped drive focus on tackling climate change in Education settings and the Education Services Climate Change Action Plan builds on this momentum, with pilots launched in 15 schools and green school networks established.

It is also important that young people in Manchester have opportunities to be successful and the building blocks for that start early in life:

- There is increased rates of eligible 2 (75%), 3- and 4-year-olds (91%) accessing free entitlement Early Years provision.
- 94% of Early Years settings and 92% childminders have been judged by Ofsted to be good or better.
- 88.9% of schools have been judged by Ofsted to be good/better – exceeding both national and Northwest averages.

All post -16 education and learning provision in the city has been judged by Ofsted as good or better. We have improved our supported lodgings offer, developed accommodation models with ethical partners and 24 young people have received tenancies through the House Project. Care Consultants have been recruited to support young people's voice within commissioning and decision making.

Post-16 education will be further enhanced through the Greater Manchester devolution trailblazer. We will be able to create the country's first integrated technical education city-region, so it works better for young people and employers, through a new partnership board with the Department for Education.

Our priorities for 2023/24 are:

- We will be one of 15 chosen 'trailblazer' areas to lead the way in delivering positive change in perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships; infant feeding and parenting support.
- We will be enhancing our response to children and families through the introduction of a family safeguarding whole family approach that supports parents to create sustained change.
- We will continue to ensure there is a sufficient range and choice of high-quality early years and school settings by implementing our Early Years capital programme and developing phase 2 of the school place programme, including a new SEND school.

- We will continue to reduce NEET and implement a post-16 Personal Education Plan (PEP) pilot.
- We will have a renewed focus on education of children with a social worker, attendance of children with SEND, and those who are persistently absent.
- We will be building on the success of Our Year 2022 to begin the journey towards achieving UNICEF Child Friendly City status.
- Two kickstarter schemes have been prioritised for investment for phase 1 of the Making Manchester Fairer Investment Fund. The first scheme, Improving Health Equity for Children and Young People, will focus on children, young people and their families who are most affected by health inequalities. The scheme is expected to address the widening gap in school readiness for children in early years, through a holistic approach working with schools and families.

4. [Healthy Cared for People](#) - We will work with partners to enable residents to be healthy and well and will support those who need it the most to improve their lives – tackling health inequalities across the city.

The [Manchester Partnership Board](#) (MPB) is the strategic citywide forum that leads health and social care integration, reporting into the Health and Well Being Board. Manchester has had a shared [Locality Plan](#) since 2016 and a Local Care Organisation since 2018. NHS reforms to introduce Integrated Care Systems nationally, including at the level of Greater Manchester, present an opportunity

to further integrate care, improve the quality of care, improve outcomes and tackle health inequalities in Manchester.

The Council is an integral part of health and social care partnership arrangements, both at Greater Manchester level and within the city of Manchester. The Council's Adult Social Care (ASC) services and commissioning function are fully integrated into the Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO). This is a pioneering public sector organisation that provides NHS community health services and adult social care services in Manchester. This includes social workers, district and community nurses, health visitors, therapists, care staff, support staff and many other health and care professionals. These teams are now working together as part of one single organisation, meaning that care can be better coordinated in communities. The MLCO mission is to:

- Make a positive contribution to help people in Manchester live longer and enjoy better health than many do now.
- To improve community and neighbourhood care for people in the city.

Through working together in integrated health, care, and wellbeing teams, we can support the people of Manchester to:

- Live healthy, independent, fulfilling lives
- Have the same opportunities and life chances, no matter where they live
- Have equal access to health and social care services

- Be part of dynamic, thriving, and supportive communities
- Receive safe, effective, and compassionate care, closer to their homes

Delivered through the MLCO, Better Outcomes, Better Lives is a long-term, practice-led change programme. Embedding strength-based practice across our teams is a key component of this. Through focusing on gaining and maintaining independence, better outcomes are being delivered for citizens. By managing our current and future demand differently, this is also contributing to a more resilient adult social care service. Through focusing on a person's strengths and enabling independence, we can now say:

- 60% of people are now leaving our reablement service with no ongoing care requirements. When the programme began in Jan 2021, this was 53%.
- Across the city, we can see a reduction in the number of commissioned homecare hours – indicating more people are accessing our community offers, enabling their independence.
- We can see a 41% increase in Technology Enabled Care (technology designed to support work to keep people safe in the community such as falls alarms, sensors, GPS trackers and other systems) forms completed since the programme began, from 181 in Jan 2021, to 256 in Oct 2022.
- The reduction in residential placements exceeds the anticipated reduction.

The introduction of the Integrated Care System (ICS) arrangements at Greater Manchester level continues to drive the next phase of health and social care integration. The operating model for Manchester's health and social care integration is key to enabling further progress towards achievement of the priorities for the city. These ambitions are for the city to significantly improve health outcomes, tackle health inequalities and develop a financially and clinically sustainable system.

Tackling health inequalities in Manchester is a key strategic priority for the Council and all health and care partners. This is being taken forward through the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan, as outlined in the Growth that Benefits Everyone section of this report.

The [Homelessness Strategy 2018 - 23](#) sets out the vision, aims and aspirations shared by us and partner organisations who work to reduce homelessness in the city. Our aims are:

- to make homelessness a rare occurrence by increasing prevention and early intervention.
- to make homelessness as brief as possible by improving temporary and supported accommodation.
- to make the experience of homelessness a one-off occurrence by increasing access to settled homes and to reduce the number of people sleeping rough in the city.

These aims continue to remain pertinent. A review of the success of the strategy is currently being undertaken, and a new strategy will be coproduced to commence in 2024.

Alongside our overarching strategy, the Homelessness Improvement Programme sets out to create A Place Called Home for our residents and our mission is structured around four Strategic Objectives: 1) Increasing Prevention; 2) Reducing Rough Sleeping; 3) More Suitable and Affordable Accommodation and 4) Better Outcomes and Better Lives.

Key achievements in 2022/23 include:

- A 35% reduction in Bed and Breakfast placements for families from a high of 227 to 141 and for singles from 587 to 388. This is an overall reduction of 285 households since January 2023. This has been driven by changes in the housing allocation policy and associated changes in conversations frontline staff have with residents.
- 796 Afghan refugees moved-on into settled accommodation and 400 Ukraine guests hosted, with 35 guests moving-on into settled accommodation.
- 893 applicants have been accommodated into private rented accommodation between April 2022 to March 2023. This has enabled 486 singles and 407 families to secure settled accommodation.

5. Housing - We will deliver the right mix of housing so that Mancunians have a choice of good-quality homes that are safe, secure and affordable – including better outcomes for those who are homeless.

The new [Manchester Housing Strategy \(2022-2032\)](#) was approved by the Executive in July 2022 and sets out the role of the housing in the context of the Our Manchester Strategy, built around the following four vision principles:

- Increase affordable housing supply and build more new homes for all residents
- Work to end homelessness and ensure housing is affordable and accessible for all
- Address inequalities and create neighbourhoods where people want to live
- Address the sustainability and zero carbon challenges in new and existing housing

The most significant change the strategy represents is the scale of our ambitions for delivery of affordable homes, and the ways that we build them. We have set a target of delivering 10,000 new affordable homes by 2032. This represents just under a third of the 36,000 new homes we are committed to building in the city over the next ten years. We have begun a programme of work to engage our Registered Provider partners in the Manchester Housing Provider Partnership to identify a future pipeline of sites and accelerate activity on large-scale, well-connected brownfield sites within our ownership. We are also progressing the first phase of sites with This City – the Council’s Housing Delivery Vehicle - which will deliver pioneering Manchester Living Rent housing, priced at or

below the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate to increase housing options for low-income residents in areas of high demand.

We recognise, however, that over the past twelve months, the economic climate and the context for delivery has changed significantly. The construction sector – which was already expected to be impacted by the knock-on effect of the lockdown restrictions on sites during 2020 – has had to contend with high inflation, rising interest rates and the increasing costs of materials and labour. As a result, the number of new homes across all tenures has fallen in 2022-23 with just 1,887 new homes delivered across the city (around 50% lower than in 2021-22) including 397 new affordable homes (26% lower than in 2021-22).

Despite this, there is no evidence to suggest that demand for housing in Manchester has slowed, and as a result the gap between supply and demand continues to grow. It is therefore vital that we continue to look at ways to continue to support delivery. Over the last twelve months, we have supported applications to the Brownfield Housing Fund and Brownfield Land Release Fund and we have recently submitted a list of sites for consideration in the first round of Brownfield funding through the Greater Manchester devolution trailblazer.

Looking forward, the pipeline is showing signs of resilience. At the end of 2022-23, there were over 11,000 new homes under construction - including c.1,250 new affordable homes - and a further 10,000 with planning approval. During the last year we have also seen progress in several high-profile locations across

Manchester. Activity has begun on the first sites in Victoria North at Victoria Riverside and Collyhurst Village, and a detailed planning application has been submitted for the next 1,550 homes in Red Bank. The Executive has approved Development Frameworks for Wythenshawe Civic Centre and Gorton District Centre which outline plans for the delivery of almost 2,000 new homes. We have also begun to engage stakeholders to establish a vision for a series of large-scale development opportunities in East Manchester including Holt Town, Grey Mare Lane and Clayton Canalside which together could deliver over 5,000 new homes over the next ten years.

Work in these locations is key to growing the success we have experienced in the city centre over the past twenty years and connecting it to the rest of Manchester so that we can ensure future growth benefits everyone.

The Housing Services Improvement Plan will deliver improvements to housing for tenants in Council owned housing in the north of the city and ensure that we meet the requirements of the Social Housing Regulator including safe housing. Reducing outstanding Fire Risk Assessments, rectifying outstanding damp and mould cases and improving resident satisfaction with the repairs service are priorities in the Housing Services improvement programme.

6. Neighbourhoods - We will work with communities to create clean, vibrant and diverse neighbourhoods that everyone can be proud of, and make sure that we deliver services closer to residents.

Our waste, recycling and cleansing teams are getting our recycling rates back on track following the dip during the Pandemic. The Manchester recycling rate for 2020/21 was 36.6%, down from 40.4% in 2019/20 (the city's highest rate achieved), but performance dipped due to the impact of the pandemic on waste behaviours. The provisional rate for 2022/23 is 39.7%. The service is one of the only services the council provides which all residents access across c173,000 properties. Our campaigning work saw the number of food recycling caddies ordered triple, rising from an average of 400 per month in May 2022 to more than 1,300 in August 2022. We have organised litter pickers participate in 124 active groups and supported over 560 requests for bag collections following community litter picks, and 1,175 Volunteer hours have supported community litter picks. We now have over 2,000 Facebook members linked into to Keep Manchester Tidy Group and over 134 schools and Early Years settings registered as Eco Schools. The Neighbourhood Compliance Teams ensure compliance with waste disposal and recycling, looking after untidy private land and addressing everything from fly tipping and littering to dog fouling.

The backlog of pothole repairs has been significantly reduced from over 20,000 in 2021/22 with approximately 18,600 repairs completed in 2022/23. Over 2,000 roads were resurfaced as part of the Highways five-year investment plan which started in 2017/18 and finished in 2021/2022. For 2022/2023 there were

approximately 380 roads where large patching, preventative or resurfacing treatments have been completed.

We achieved 3.6 million visits to cultural venues in 2021/22 from 8,865 productions and commissions, supporting 3,500 jobs and generated £213 million Gross Value Added (GVA). We were the only UK city to feature in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2023 list of top 30 global cities. We have remodelled Newton Heath Library and are refreshing other libraries including Hulme, the Forum, Didsbury and North City. We have opened up 'warm places' during the cost-of-living crisis and engaged over 17,000 children in the summer reading challenge.

We have refreshed our sport and physical activity strategy and increased the numbers of residents regularly participating in sport and physical activity by 2.4% (Active Lives Survey results April 2022). Leisure Centres are all almost fully recovered from the impact of lockdowns with the vast majority now outperforming pre-pandemics levels. Total leisure patronage for 22/23 was over 2.7 million, the return to both Swim School and Education Swim has been extremely strong reaching a record 8,740 members on the Learn to Swim Programme delivering over 1,200 lessons per week across 8 sites (to include Withington Baths) and 148 primary and special schools are receiving regular education swim lessons (237 lessons per week) supporting almost 11,000 pupils.

We have seen fourteen capital leisure projects progress and five projects completed in year. Major works at the Aquatics Centre and National Cycling Centre, and Abraham Moss have all made considerable progress. We have hosted a significant programme of

events, carnivals and festivals: from Parklife to the Mela and Caribbean Carnival to Pride. Manchester was a host city for the Women's Euro and the World Rugby League World Cup breaking world records in the process. We also hosted the European Breaking (Breakdancing) Championships and secured the rights to host other major events this year including the world para swimming championships. We have managed to invest £3.5million into the parks estate, supporting over 150 individual community work packages. We have seen an uplift in events and activity in parks which have increased by 16% over the last year. We have also seen income grow year on year now up by 96% since 2016. Parks have seen 13% increase in visits on pre-pandemic levels, with an estimated 4.7million now visiting parks each year.

Our Neighbourhood Teams lead a programme of community engagement activity, working with partners through the Team Around the Neighbourhood and working with members through ward coordination to ensure a resident focused approach when delivering in our neighbourhoods. Our work with key partners such as Greater Manchester Police (GMP) has been strengthened. We have refreshed the Community Safety Strategy, launched the Women's Night-time Safety Charter and adopted a Serious Violence Strategy, as well as expediting Public Spaces Protection Order (E-PSPO) to prohibit the harm caused by people protesting outside Covid vaccination centres.

Place-centred leadership and delivery is at the core of the city's approach to public-service reform, Bringing Services Together for People in Places. The model is based on strong partnership structures and spans strategic oversight to local ward-based

delivery. The city has been divided into a 13-neighbourhood footprint. A key part within Bringing Services Together for People in Places governance arrangements, the Teams Around the Neighbourhoods (TAN) brings together key leads to address key priorities that span a bigger geographical footprint, ensuring a link back to ward-based activity. Multi Agency Prevention and Support (MAPS) case management forums are currently embedded across four neighbourhoods.

[7. Connections - Connect Manchester people and places through good quality roads, sustainable transport and better digital networks](#)

Manchester has made great investments in physical and digital connectivity over the past two decades, including the expansion of the Metrolink network, and Greater Manchester is now on the cusp of significant bus reforms. September 2023 will see the first publicly-controlled bus services begin operation, a process which will be completed by January 2025. Routes, timetables and fares will all be under public control, which will deliver a simpler fare structure, integrated ticketing between bus and Metrolink, real time information and greener, fully accessible buses, 2020 saw the opening of Metrolink's Trafford Park Line, running from Pomona to the Trafford Centre, and in 2022 Metrolink completed the introduction of 27 new tram units as a result of a £72m investment from the Transforming Cities Fund. Preparations continue for the construction of High Speed 2 (HS2), including the development of a new station to be constructed at Manchester Piccadilly, which will also support the regeneration of the surrounding area.

The government awarded Greater Manchester £1.07bn for the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) that will see transport infrastructure improvements across the region over the next five years. The Council is working on schemes for Deansgate, Ancoats Mobility Hub and Victoria North with CRSTS funding, all of which must be in delivery by 2027, along with several other emerging projects which will improve public transport and active travel (for example walking and cycling) across the city.

Manchester Airport is currently undergoing a £1billion transformation programme, which is due to be fully completed in 2024. This work has significantly increased the size of Terminal 2 and will maximise the capacity of the Airport to be able to carry 55 million passengers a year.

The [Greater Manchester Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan](#), known as the Bee Network, details how Greater Manchester will create a genuine culture of cycling and walking. Greater Manchester has received £160m of funding for projects that will improve the highways network, to make it easier and more attractive for people to take shorter journeys on foot or by bike. The Council is delivering walking and cycling infrastructure improvement schemes in Chorlton, the Northern Quarter, Levenshulme and Burnage, Victoria North, and in Deansgate. In addition, a low traffic neighbourhood scheme has been completed in Beswick and walking and cycling improvements have been made at Medlock Street roundabout.

The [Manchester Active Travel and Investment Plan](#) (MATSIP) has been published and will provide a basis for ongoing development of

active travel projects. The MATSIP vision is that everybody in Manchester will be able to walk, wheel or cycle as part of their everyday lives - for school, work, shopping and socialising. We aim to convert existing and future short journeys to walking and cycling.

[The Manchester Digital Strategy: Doing Digital Together](#), running to 2016, sets the vision for Manchester to be a world class digital city. This includes making sure that we have digitally skilled residents, future-proofed infrastructure, a thriving digital economy, and a digitally enabled transition - sustainable and resilient city. Digital inclusion is an integral part of the Doing Digital Together strategy. The strategy puts people at centre and specifically sets out priorities to achieve digital inclusion across the city. Inclusion is about ensuring people have access to the connectivity, devices, and skills they need to make the most of the digital world, but it is more than that. It is also about ensuring that there is diversity within the tech sector and STEM careers, reflecting the diversity of the city. We are now progressing various projects supporting a Delivery Plan which focuses on four thematic areas:

- Remarkable people, extraordinary opportunities
- Connected Places, enhancing lives
- Pioneering the future, prosperity for all
- Rising to challenges, future proofing our city

8. Equality - We will deliver on our equality, diversity and inclusion commitments, creating a progressive city that enables our residents and partners to understand our diverse communities, improving their life chances and celebrating diversity.

Manchester's diversity is its strength and the 2021 Census has demonstrated significant changes to our population which provides opportunities to support our ambitions to be a thriving and sustainable city, as set out in the Our Manchester strategy. However, both COVID-19 and the cost-of-living crisis have compounded known inequalities for communities experiencing racial inequality, and inequalities linked to other protected characteristics.

In summary, our city's diversity has increased as follows:

- Ethnicity: The non-white population has increased from 33.4% to 43.2%, including an increase in all Asian ethnic categories from 17.1% to 20.9%, and an increase in all Black ethnic categories from 8.6% to 11.9%.
- National identity: 77.2% of residents most identified with one of the various British categories, down from 83% in 2011
- Language: 89% (191,800) of households have at least one person who can speak English as their main language. Around 4% (21,400) of residents said they cannot speak English well or very well. Across the city, 94 languages are spoken with the highest numbers being Urdu, Arabic and Polish

- Religion: The Christian population has decreased from 48.7% to 36.2%, Muslim population increased from 15.8% to 22.3%, and those identifying as 'no religion' increased from 24.7% to 32.4%
- Sexual orientation and gender identity: Nationally, 89.4% of respondents identified as straight or heterosexual. Around 3.2% identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or another sexual orientation (LGBTQ+). In Manchester that figure was 6.6%.

There has therefore been a clear case for strengthened focus on and investment in our equalities and inclusion function, and we need to take an increasingly intersectional approach to all that we do. We need to ensure that our workforce reflects our communities at all levels, and that we commission and deliver services which meet the different needs of all of our communities and that we address known inequalities.

The new Joint Director of Equality Inclusion and Engagement is undertaking a more in-depth review of our equalities approach, lead on delivery of this and strengthen the equalities function, embedding equality into our ways of working. A key priority will be to embed meaningful equality impact assessment across the Council. There are also clear opportunities to better align our equalities and workforce programmes, to support delivery of our equalities objectives.

We have continued to collaborate with external organisations such as the Equality and Human Rights Commission where they are undertaking investigations and we have hosted visits from the United Nations (UN) on two areas: Working Group of Experts on

People of African Descent and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. This approach is critical in terms of building trust with key stakeholders including communities who experience inequalities and provides us with access to expertise which will help us to further progress our objectives. In addition, we have supported and developed events co-produced with our communities who experience known inequalities such as International Women's Day and support the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant.

The Corporate EDI Leadership group continues to meet on a monthly basis to oversee delivery of our equalities objectives. Leadership is through the Deputy Leader, a series of other Elected Members with portfolio responsibility for different protected characteristics and the City Solicitor.

[9. Well-Managed Council - We will support our colleagues to be their best and we will make the most of our resources.](#)

The Council overspent against its budget for 2022/23 by £4.5m, during a year where there was very significant inflation and economic turmoil. The main drivers of the overspend were pay award being higher than budgeted, pressures on Children's safeguarding, Home to School Transport demand and price pressures, and lower than budgeted parking income driven by changes to commuter behaviour post pandemic. These pressures were partly offset by an overachievement of investment income and underspends in the Corporate Core Directorate.

Our Medium-Term Financial Strategy forecasts a balanced position for 2023/24 and 2024/25 assuming the planned savings are achieved, and any emerging pressures are mitigated. The risk has moved to 2025/26, as the Medium-Term position remains challenging with significant changes to the distribution of Council funding anticipated, although the timing of the reforms remains unclear.

The new Organisation Development Plan 2021-2023 will further embed the Our Manchester behaviours across the Council. Key themes within the new plan include Purpose, Change, Risk and Decision Making, Diversity and Inclusion, Performance and Development, and Partnerships.

The Council continues to adapt working environments to make efficient use of space and create environments which support agile working across the estate including refurbishing offices, rolling out new end user devices (laptops) and delivering an improvement programme for our connectivity - Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN).

The Future Shape of the Council programme is reshaping how the Council delivers services both internally and externally, by using new technologies, ways of working and new delivery models. Workstreams are focused on developing a more effective Corporate Core, programmes of change to take advantage of system changes such as Residents and Business Digital Experience (RBDXP), Finance and HR systems, Customer Relationship Management, and wider work on improving use of data and digital across the Council.

Our Funding and Spending 2022/23

The tables below show how our gross revenue and gross capital spending programmes were funded and where we targeted our revenue spend and capital investments throughout 2022/23 to help support the people of Manchester to achieve and enjoy a better quality of life.

Revenue funding and spending 2022/23

Revenue spending relates to the day-to-day running costs required for the Council's operations including direct costs such as staffing and utilities costs and services which are commissioned and delivered on the Council's behalf.

The table below reflects a subjective analysis of the Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES).

Although the 2022/23 Council outturn position reported to members shows a £4.5m overspend on Council services and a £2.9m underspend on the Housing Revenue Account, the CIES shows the accounting cost of Council activities including accounting entries, such as depreciation, non-current asset revaluation and impairment, gains or loss on investments and defined benefit pension scheme. This results in a CIES net deficit on the provision of services of £138.5m. This movement is explained further in the Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement section below and in the Expenditure Funding Analysis in Notes 1 and 2 of the Council's Annual Accounts.

Table One: Revenue Funding and Spending

	2022/23 £m
Expenditure	
Employee Benefit Expenses	614.9
Other Service Expenses	994.0
Business Rates Tariff	35.0
Capital Charges including Depreciation and impairment	218.5
Interest Payments	39.4
Pensions Interest Costs	118.6
Precepts and Levies	67.8
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	0.0
Loss on Disposal of Non-current Assets	0.0
Total Expenditure	2,088.3
Income	
Fees, Charges and Other Service Income	(281.5)
Interest and Investment Income	(42.7)
Return on Pension Assets	(102.4)
Capital Charges related income	(53.9)

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Council Tax Income	(198.6)
Business Rates Income	(296.9)
Government Grants and Contributions	(963.5)
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(10.3)
Total Income	(1,949.7)
(Surplus)/Deficit on the Provision of Services	138.5

Capital funding and Spending 2022/23

Capital expenditure relates to spending on the purchase or improvement of assets that have a long-term value to the Council and residents, such as land and buildings.

The total value of capital funding employed in 2022/23 was £403.6m, a significant level of investment reflecting the ambitious capital programme that the Council has agreed. Further details on this and on risk management approach to funding can be found later in this report.

The breakdown of the funding and where it was used is set out in the table below:

Table Two: Capital Funding and Spending

Capital Funding and Spending	2022 / 23 £m
Capital Spending	
Children's Services	31.6
Corporate Services	12.0
Neighbourhoods Directorate	58.3
Growth and Development	96.3
ICT	2.9
Town Hall refurbishment	59.9
The Factory	56.3
Housing – Housing Revenue Account	30.2
Housing – Private Sector	20.4
Highways	35.7
Total Capital Spending	403.6
Capital Funding	
Government Grants	79.1
External Contributions	15.5
Revenue Contributions by the Council	5.0
Borrowing	224.6
Capital Receipts	56.1
Housing Revenue Account – Major Repairs Reserve	23.3
Total Resources Available	403.6

Our Performance

The performance of the Council and its partners against the goals of the city's Our Manchester Strategy is reported in detail each year in the [State of the City Report](#). However, a high-level view of delivery of the shorter-term Council priorities outlined in Our Corporate Plan is summarised below. The State of the City Report should be referred to for the comprehensive performance narrative.

1. Zero Carbon Manchester

- Total provisional estimated Council emissions² in 2022/23 (21,356 tonnes CO₂) were 14% below the annual budget for 2022/23 (24,784 tonnes CO₂). Total Council emissions in 2021/22 (23,410 tonnes CO₂) were 13% below the annual budget for 2021/22 (27,056 tonnes CO₂)³. Source: MCC

2. Growth that Benefits Everyone

- The unemployment rate in March 2023 was 6.1%, which was a desirable decrease from that of March 2022 (6.5%), but still above that of pre-pandemic levels (4.53%). Source: ONS.
- The total number of residents claiming Universal Credit aged 16 and over in March 2023 was 78,272, an undesirable increase from March 2022 (74,884) and substantially above pre-pandemic levels (42,120). Source: DWP.
- The percentage of Manchester residents in work paid less than the Real Living Wage in 2021/22 was 16% compared to

9.7% of the Manchester workforce, a desirable decrease from 2020/21 (23%).

- There were 422,000 jobs in the city in 2021, a desirable increase to the number of jobs in the city in 2020 (412,000). Source: ONS
- Manchester received recognition from the Living Wage Foundation and launched its Living Wage Action Plan in 2022/23 in October 2022 with over 160 employers volunteering their commitment to the plan. The number of accredited Real Living Wage employees has increased from 168 in March 2022 to 240 in March 2023

3. Young People

- The percentage of the city's primary schools rated good or outstanding in 2022/23 was 91.1%, which was a small undesirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (92.9%). Source: Ofsted.
- The percentage of the city's secondary schools rated good or outstanding in 2022/23 was 82.8%, which was a desirable increase from that of 2021/22 (66.7%). Source: Ofsted
- The percentage of primary school sessions attended in HT 1-2 2022/23 was 93.9%, which was an undesirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (94.5%) Source: MCC.

² Council emissions are associated with the Council's buildings, streetlights, waste collection, staff travel and operational fleet.

³ 2019/20 emissions and annual budget exclude traffic signalling for comparative purposes, these emissions are included by TfGM in their emissions accounting.

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- The percentage of secondary school sessions attended in HT 1-2 2022/23 was 92.2%, which was an undesirable decrease from 2021/22 (93.4%) Source: MCC.
- The provisional number of Looked After Children in Manchester in 2022/23 was 1,355 (a rate of 107 per 10,000 children), which was a small desirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (1,385 Looked After Children, a rate of 109 per 10,000 children). Source: MCC.
- The provisional number of Children in Need in Manchester in 2022/23 was 5,481 (a rate of 432 per 10,000 children), which was an undesirable increase to that reported for 2021/22 (5,167 Children in Need, a rate of 417 per 10,000 children). Source: MCC.

4. Healthy, cared-for people

- Life expectancy at birth in Manchester in 2021 was 74.8 years for males and 79.2 years for females. This represents a fall of 0.7 years for males and 0.7 years for females compared with the latest non-overlapping period (2018-20). Source: ONS
- The % of NHS Health Checks received by the total eligible population in 2022/23 was 33%, which was a desirable increase from 2021/22 (19%). Source: Graphnet, NHS Manchester CCG.
- The number of households in temporary accommodation in March 2023 was 2,955, a desirable decrease from March 2022 (3,520). Source: MCC.
- The number of households prevented from becoming homeless via supporting them to stay in existing or alternative accommodation in 2022/23 was 708, which was

an undesirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (737). Source: MCC.

5. Housing

- The number of new homes completed in Manchester in 2022/23 was 1,882, an undesirable decrease of from 2021/22 (3,792). This is lower than in recent years reflecting the slowdown in new developments starting construction during the Covid pandemic in 2020 and the ongoing impacts of rising construction costs and supply chain issues. Source: MCC
- The number of new homes completed in Manchester in 2022/23, which were defined as affordable by the government was 415, an undesirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (532). Source: MCC.
- The number of new builds which became available for buying or renting in Manchester in 2022/23 was 1,904, which was an undesirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (3,792). Source: MCC.

6. Neighbourhoods

- 14,451 tonnes of waste from street cleansing was collected in 2022/23, which was a desirable increase on the 13,587 tonnes collected in 2021/22. Source: Weighbridge data - Viridor/Suez and Redgate Holdings
- There were 27,195 fly tipping requests completed by Biffa in 2022/23, which was an undesirable decrease from requests in 2021/22 (28,413). Source: CRM and Biffa outcomes data

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- In 2022/23 the total number of recorded visits to Manchester's libraries, galleries and sports and leisure facilities was 5,475,204, a desirable increase from 2021/22 (4,084,061). Source: MCC

7. Connections

- The total amount of resurfacing work delivered in 2022/23 (excluding footways) was 349,524m², which was an undesirable decrease from that of 2021/22 (565,943m²). With less traffic on the roads due to Covid in 2021, Highways' Planned Maintenance teams carried out additional work above that which was programmed before COVID-19. This therefore meant that in 2022/23 there were fewer works required to take place. Source: MCC.
- The percentage of residents with access to high-speed broadband (>30Mbps/s) in 2022 was 97.2%, which was a desirable small increase from that of 2021 (96.9%). Source: Ofcom.

8. Equality

- We produce a [Workforce Equality Report](#) on the equality profile of our workforce, which helps us to identify trends and hotspots, so that we can keep progressing equality within the workforce and in turn, across the city.

- In 2022 the mean percentage difference between the average hourly rate of pay of male and female employees was 4.6% (6.6% in 2021). The Council's workforce is 64% female. The closer to zero the difference in the hourly rate of pay is then the lower the Gender Pay Gap. This is published as part of the Council's [Pay Policy Statement](#). (Source: MCC)
- Currently 21% of the Council's workforce identify as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (May 2023). At senior grades (above grade 12) 5% of the workforce identify as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic. (Source: MCC)

9. Well-managed Council

- The percentage of annual due Council Tax collected in 2022/23 was 89.2%, which was a small decrease from that of 2021/22 (89.8%). Source: MCC.
- The percentage of annual due Business Rates collected in 2022/23 was 97.2%, which was an increase from that of 2021/22 (94.8%). Source: MCC.
- days sickness taken per Full Time Equivalent in 2022/23 was 13.66, which was a small increase from 2021/22 (13.34). Source: MCC
- The number of Stage 1 and 2 corporate complaints responded to within 10 working days in 2022/23 was 83.5%, which was an increase from that of 2021/22 (72.7%). Source: MCC

Our Financial Performance 2022/23

Revenue budget 2022/23

The Budget and Council Tax for 2022/23 were approved at the Council meeting on 4 March 2022, with a total net budget for Council services of £690.6m and a gross budget of £1,500.3m.

This reflected as an increase in Council Tax for district purposes of 2.99%, including the 1.99% referendum limit and the 1% Adult Social Care precept.

Table Three: Financial Performance

	Original Gross Budget 2022 / 23 £m	Original Net Budget 2022 / 23 £m	Revised Net Budget 2022 / 23 £m	Budget Changes 2022 / 23 £m
Resources Available				
Business Rates Related Funding	235.6	235.6	235.6	0.00
Council Tax	209.0	209.0	209.0	0.00
Grants and other External Funding	766.1	104.5	119.6	15.0
Use of Reserves	214.7	141.5	141.9	0.4
Sales, Fees and Charges	74.9	0.0	0.0	0.00
Total Resources Available	1,500.3	690.6	706.0	15.4
Resources Required				
<i>Corporate Costs:</i>				
Levies / Statutory Charge	37.9	37.9	37.9	0.00
Contingency	1.1	1.1	0.3	(0.8)
Capital Financing	39.5	39.5	39.5	0.00
Transfer to Reserves	24.6	24.6	26.6	2.0
<i>Sub Total Corporate Costs</i>	<i>103.1</i>	<i>103.1</i>	<i>104.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>
<i>Directorate Costs:</i>				
Additional Allowances and other pension costs	7.3	7.3	7.3	0.00
Insurance Costs	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.00
Inflationary Pressures and budgets to be allocated	28.2	28.2	(5.0)	(33.2)
Directorate Budgets	1,359.7	549.9	597.4	47.4
<i>Subtotal Directorate Costs</i>	<i>1,397.2</i>	<i>587.5</i>	<i>601.7</i>	<i>14.2</i>
Total Resources Required	1,500.3	690.6	706.0	15.4
Shortfall / (surplus)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

In setting the revenue budget the Chief Finance Officer also has the responsibility to report formally on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of general balances and reserves. These balances need to reflect spending requirements, and risks to which the Council might be exposed. Further details can be found in the Council's [Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2023/24 Revenue Budget Report](#)

Our 2022/23 budget is summarised in the table above. There are four columns as follows:

- The Gross Budget of £1,500.3m as approved by Council - which includes all our spend including that which we pay out in benefits, funding passported directly to schools, and social care costs funded directly by residents.
- Our original net budget of £690.6m includes costs funded from the main revenue available to the Council, Business Rates, Council Tax, Government Grants, dividends and reserves.
- Our revised net budget is £706m at Outturn. This has increased because it includes £15.4m of increased resources approved by Executive in 2022/23.
- The 2022/23 budget changes include;
 - £15.4m increase in revenue resources due to £15.0m increased government grants announced during the year allocated to Directorate budgets, and £0.4m increase in use of reserves relating to 2021/22 carry forwards agreed after 2022/23 budget setting.
 - Budget realignments relating to: £33.2m inflationary and £0.8m of contingency budgets held corporately at budget setting allocated to directorate budgets, and £2m of Childrens Social Care Budget transferred to Reserves.

The table below shows the budget per Directorate for 2022/23

Table Four: Revenue Budget

	Original Gross Budget	Original Net Budget	Revised Net Budget	Net Budget Changes
	2022 / 23	2022 / 23	2022 / 23	2022 / 23
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Children's Services	499.6	129.0	130.1	1.0
Adult Social Care	190.9	184.4	189.6	5.2
Public Health	42.7	42.7	42.7	0.0
Neighbourhoods	193.8	91.6	101.5	9.8
Homelessness	61.7	27.4	28.5	1.1
Growth and Development	38.0	(9.8)	(8.8)	1.0
Corporate Core	333.0	84.5	113.9	29.4
Total	1,359.7	549.9	597.4	47.4

Revenue position 2022/23

This section provides a high-level analysis of our financial performance within 2022/23 and complements the more detailed financial statements published within the accounts. It shows how our position at the end of the financial year relates to our budget and the key variances.

Our net revenue budget is the total amount of corporate resources available to us. It is mainly funded from retained business rates, council tax receipts, government grants, dividends and use of reserves. The table above shows our year-end position (spend) compared to this budget.

Table Five: Revenue Position

	Revised Budget	Outturn	Total Variance
	£m	£m	£m
Total Available Resources	(706.0)	(708.0)	(1.9)
Total Corporate Budgets	108.7	113.9	5.3
Children's Services	130.1	132.3	2.2
Adult Social Care	189.6	189.7	0.1
Public Health	42.7	42.7	0.0
Neighbourhoods	101.5	103.6	2.1
Homelessness	28.5	28.4	(0.0)
Growth and Development	(8.8)	(10.3)	(1.5)
Corporate Core	113.9	112.2	(1.7)
Total Directorate Budgets	597.4	598.6	1.2
Total Use of Resources	706.0	712.5	6.5
Total overspend	0	4.5	4.5

At the end of the year, we had overspent against our net revenue budget by £4.5m. The main variations are shown in the table above. There was planned use of General Fund Reserve of £3.4m, therefore a total £7.9m was transferred from the General Fund Reserve during 2022/23.

[Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) position 2022/23](#)

The Council also operates a Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which contains the costs of owning and maintaining properties let to tenants, and rental income from those properties. This is held separately from the net revenue budget position shown in the previous table. The Council was responsible for managing an average of 15,342 dwellings during 2022/23. The original approved budget 2022/23 included a contribution of £13.188m from reserves, but due to the overall underspend of £2.895m it has only been necessary to draw £10.125m from reserve. The underspend is due to a combination of:

- Significant slippage in the planned capital programme, offset by:

- Increased repairs and maintenance costs mostly due to high inflation, higher PFI contractor payment, increased communal heating costs due to the increase in energy prices and increased depreciation costs.

General reserves now stand at £59.281m. In addition, there are further HRA reserves relating to other potential liabilities of £45.159m. It is anticipated that because of planned capital expenditure HRA reserves will reduce considerably over the next two years.

Capital position 22/23

Our revised capital budget for the 2022/23 year was £579.4m, and the table below shows our year-end position (spend) compared to this budget

Table Six: Capital Position

Manchester City Council programme	Capital Budget for 2022/23 £m	Capital expenditure in 2022/23 £m	Overspend or (underspend) for 2022/23 £m
Highways	54.2	35.7	(18.5)
Neighbourhoods Directorate	84.2	58.3	(25.9)
Growth and Development	120.2	96.3	(23.9)
Town Hall refurbishment	82.3	59.9	(22.4)
The Factory	79.4	56.3	(23.1)
Housing – private sector	36.5	20.4	(16.1)
Housing – HRA	45.9	30.2	(15.7)
Children’s Services	48.2	31.6	(16.6)
ICT	7.9	2.9	(5.0)
Corporate Services	20.6	12.0	(8.6)
Total	579.4	403.6	(175.8)

The capital outturn position for the 2022/23 financial year is relatively high when compared to the average outturn over the past three years and represents the continued significant investment in Manchester with over 220 live projects progressing during the year. At the end of the year, we had underspent against our capital budget by £175.8m. The Council’s underspend at outturn is largely due to the timing of spend and will be carried forward into future years. The main variances relate to Our Town Hall, The Factory, Housing Infrastructure Fund, Carbon Reduction Programme and Public Sector Decarbonisation and This City. Further details on these variances and the wider capital programme can be found in a report to Executive in June 2023. The nature of the capital budget requires flexibility to manage the funding across the life of projects in a transparent manner. As such some

variations within the year are to be expected as projects are developed, and budgets are re-profiled annually and changes are reported to members for approval.

Our Risks and Outlook

At the last refresh, the Corporate Risk Register (CRR) comprised 5 high, 8 medium and 1 low risks. The highest scored strategic level risks on the register reflect financial resources of the Council and residents; availability of the right amount and type of housing; Citywide climate change action; and ICT security.

Much of the risk management focus over the last 12 months has been on the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis, inflation and

financial resilience; for the City, for our residents and for the Council. Actions taken in response to this have offered some mitigation and the setting of the budget for 2023/24 and medium-term review and capital financial strategies have been successfully approved.

For 2023/24 the Council will refresh its risk management strategy and strengthen governance of risk review at directorate level and with partners as part of the place base health system

Risk Description	Planned Mitigating Actions
<p>Considerable challenges for residents with ongoing high costs of energy and other essentials compounded by range of wider impacts including the legacy of Covid19, unemployment, poor health and wider economic uncertainty.</p>	<p>Family Poverty Strategy, Making Manchester Fairer, Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester 2022-2027 and the Our Manchester Strategy are in place and support residents in partnership with VCSE and other City and GM partners. Council support programmes remain in place to help those most in need.</p>
<p>Uncertainty over the future financial position of the Council impacted by inflationary impacts, cost of borrowing, demographic and demand pressures, reduced income to the Council for universal services and pressure on Council services as a result of pressures faced by partners across the City including the community and voluntary sector</p>	<p>Budget 2023/24 and medium-term revenue and capital finance strategies agreed. Ongoing review of contracts by Procurement and Commissioning Team and oversight by Commercial Board; and review of capital projects by Capital Strategy Board, ICT Board and Estates Board. Regular reporting of financial position and pressures via S151 officer to Strategic Management Team, Executive and Scrutiny.</p>

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<p>The Council does not undertake its leadership role effectively for Manchester to become a zero-carbon and stay within the science-based budget for the City.</p>	<p>Climate Change Strategy and Framework 2020-25. Governance through Manchester Climate Change Partnership, Agency and Youth Board; including oversight of Annual Climate Change Report.</p>
<p>A successful cyber-attack on the Council’s infrastructure would have significant impact on the availability of all ICT systems over a sustained long-term period. This could impact some or all internally operated services and those consumed by our customers and residents. Ransomware remains one of the costliest types of cyber-attacks to recover from. The financial cost to recover physical hardware such as servers, laptops and databases would be significant. The cost of data that is lost to encryption is incalculable.</p>	<p>Identity management controls including Multi Factor Authentication for cloud accounts, introduction of Intrusion Detection (IDS) on perimeter firewalls, managed host-based protection, and secure build configuration on all end user devices. Regular vulnerability assessments and ongoing security patch management to all managed devices reflected in PSN Code of Connection Compliance agreed 2022 and 2023. Ongoing action includes implementation of replacement endpoint malware/Anti-Virus solution and hardware refresh; and Communications and mandatory training for all staff and members.</p>
<p>Scale and type of available housing is not sufficient to meet demand of current and future residents of the City are not achieved and targets for affordable housing are not met. This includes the right quality of housing to meet expected standards and the reasonable needs of residents.</p>	<p>Manchester Housing Strategy 2022-2032 with target to increase housing supply and affordable housing growth. Links between this and wider strategies around for example school place planning, health planning, travel and the Local Plan. Governance of strategic and operational housing; and regulatory functions with reporting to Housing Board, SMT, Executive and Economy Scrutiny Committee.</p>

Medium Term Financial Strategy

Our [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#) was refreshed and approved in March 2023. The report considers the local and national financial climate, describes some of the key challenges we are facing and the key changes in our resources before setting out the savings requirement for the financial year 2023/24.

In line with the one-year finance settlement the report set out a balanced one-year budget for 2023/24 an indicative balanced budget for 2024/25 and the forecast position for 2025/26. The longer-term implications have been considered and these are set out, along with the strategy for ensuring financial sustainability in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The MTFS sets out the risks and uncertainties faced and the approach to ensuring financial resilience.

The 2023/24 financial settlement was at the positive end of expectations. It provided a uniform roll-over of the core funding elements with inflationary increases to Revenue Support Grant and Business Rates related income; new grants and expectations for Social Care; and increased Council Tax referendum limits. The additional funding announced, alongside approved savings and mitigations totalling £25.2m enabled a balanced budget to be approved for 2023/24. The budget savings are detailed in the directorate [budget reports](#).

The budget also included approval to increase Manchester's Council Tax by 4.99% in 2023/24; 2.99% attributable to the Council element and 2% for the Adult Social care precept. In addition, there were increases to the Greater Manchester Mayoral and Police and

Crime Commissioner precepts. The increase in the funding for adults services funding will be used to support the most vulnerable people.

The Medium-Term budget strategy has been developed with capacity to manage financial shocks and provide investment to priority areas where necessary. This included, for example using the budget smoothing reserve to support the budget over the medium term whilst savings plans are developed and implemented. The depth and breadth of the pandemic could not have been foreseen and the Council, like many other authorities across the country, is still facing a significant long-term financial challenge as a result. In addition to the COVID legacy we are experiencing significant additional costs due to high inflation, pay awards and rising interest rates. Considerable uncertainty remains beyond 2023/24. Despite the indicative two-year Finance Settlement, some uncertainty remains in particular as the main sources of local authority funding in business rates and council tax are volatile and there are potential future reforms planned to local authority funding.

The Our Manchester Strategy ambitions, and Corporate Plan are the touchstone for decisions taken about what to prioritise and set the framework for the Medium Term Financial and Capital Strategies. Despite the pressures being faced the Council remains determined to deliver the agreed priorities for Manchester. Officers have estimated the future resources available based on the information available. This results in forecast gap of £40.4m by 2025/26. The focus will now be on identifying savings and mitigations to keep the council on a sustainable financial footing.

Financial Statements

The Statement of Accounts provide an overview of the Council's financial position for 2022/23. The deadline to produce the draft Annual Accounts was extended to the end of July for two years under the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 which amended the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. This deadline has now reverted to 31 May and the public inspection period is expected to include the first 10 working days of June. The publication deadline for audited accounts is 30 September 2023.

This means that draft accounts should be confirmed by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) and published by 30 May 2023. A revised timetable has been discussed with the External Auditors with publication by the end of July and the audit due to be completed in early 2024. This considers the delays in signing off the 2020/21 and 2021/22 accounts linked to national issues for accounting for infrastructure assets.

CIPFA recognised the difficulties facing local authorities in a [statement released on 24 May 2023](#), stating "some senior leaders in local government finance have told us [CIPFA] the 31 May deadline will not be achievable without considerable risk to their organisations and their professional standing.... It is important that all those involved understand the reality that a balance is struck between the timeliness and the quality of unaudited financial statements produced in the coming weeks"

The Basis of the Preparation and Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts

The accounts that follow have been prepared to be:

- a) Relevant: The accounts provide information about the Council's performance and position that is useful for assessing the stewardship of public funds and for making economic decisions.
- b) Reliable: The financial information:
 - Has been prepared to reflect the reality or substance of the transaction and the activities underlying them are
 - free from deliberate or systematic bias
 - free from material error
 - complete within the bounds of materiality and
 - prudently prepared
- c) Comparable: In complying with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23 ('the Code') and consistent Local Authority reporting.
- d) Understandable: These accounts are based on accounting concepts, treatments and terminology that require reasonable knowledge of accounting and Local Government. However, every effort has been made to use plain language

and where technical terms are unavoidable, they have been explained in the glossary of terms.

Throughout, consideration has been given to the significance ('materiality') of an item i.e., whether its misstatement or omission might reasonably be expected to influence assessments of the Council's financial management.

Underlying Assumptions

The annual accounts of all authorities are prepared following the standard assumptions set out below, to ensure that all Council's reports are consistent and comparable.

Accruals Basis

- The financial statements, other than the cash flow, are prepared on an accruals basis. Income and expenditure are recognised in the accounts in the period in which it is earned or incurred not as the cash is received or paid.

Going Concern

- The Council prepares its Statement of Accounts on a going concern basis, on the assumption that it will continue in existence into the foreseeable future. Further information on going concern is shown within the accounting policies.

Primacy of Legislation Requirements

- In accordance with the Code, where an accounting treatment is prescribed by law then it has been applied, even if it contradicts accounting standards. The following is an example of legislative accounting requirements having been applied when compiling these accounts -

The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Council to set aside a minimum revenue provision.

The Financial Statements: Purpose and Summary

The annual statement of accounts has been prepared in accordance with the 2022/23 CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting (The Code) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Changes in accounting requirements over the past few years have led to an increase in complexity of the accounts and the level of detail they contain.

One of the purposes of this introduction is to provide a guide to the Council's accounts and the most significant financial matters contained within the statements.

The financial statements are:

- The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES)
- The Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS)
- The Balance Sheet
- The Cash Flow Statement

Each statement is preceded by a note explaining its purpose and followed by notes explaining the main items within the statements.

These statements are followed by three further statements:

- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) sets out the costs and income of owning and maintaining council properties which are let to tenants. The costs and income are also shown within the main statements.
- The Collection Fund includes the collection of local taxes (council tax and business rates) and their distribution to the Council, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Police and Crime Commissioner) and Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue).
- The Group Accounts show the full extent of the Council's economic activities by including the Council's involvement with its group companies and organisations. The Group Accounts are of equal prominence to the Council in compiling the financial statements.

These are also followed by notes explaining these statements.

Accounting Changes

The way the accounts are presented is governed by the accounting policies that the Council has to follow. This has undergone major change in order to bring public sector accounting in line with that of the private sector. The most significant change was the move to

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in 2010/11. These accounts are compliant with the IFRS based Code.

The intended adoption of IFRS16 Leases for the 2022/23 accounts has again been deferred. IFRS16 is now being introduced for local authorities from 1 April 2024, although earlier adoption is allowable, which means that the annual accounts for 2024/25 will be the first set of accounts produced in accordance with this standard.

Accounting policies are set out in note 5 to the financial statements.

Business Rates 100% Retention Pilot

The ten Greater Manchester authorities including Manchester are part of the Greater Manchester 100% of Business Rates pilot. As 1% of business rates is transferred to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (fire and rescue element) the Council retains 99% of business rates.

Any business rates income in excess of Manchester's assessed funding need is still paid back to central government to be redistributed in the form of tariffs and top ups but the Council now retains all of the growth it achieves in its business rates base. Under this regime Revenue Support Grant and Public Health grant are not received but are met from within the Business Rates income with the assessed funding need adjusted accordingly.

The Government has guaranteed that the individual authorities within Greater Manchester will not be any worse off under the

100% Rates Retention Pilot than they would otherwise have been. This is referred to as the 'No Detriment' principle.

Greater Manchester, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Business Rates Pool

The Greater Manchester, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Business Rates Pool was dissolved at the end of 2020/21. This was in response to the uncertainty and collection volatility caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. No business rates pool was in place in 2022/23.

The Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

The analysis within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) is shown by Council Directorates. This format aims to be meaningful for users of the financial statements as it follows that of the budget and financial monitoring reports produced by the Council.

As the Council operates and manages most of its corporate and support services separately from the other Directorates these services are shown separately and not apportioned across the other Directorates.

The Directorate figures in the CIES show the accounting cost of Council activities including the notional accounting entries, such as depreciation, that have to be made. Information is provided in note 9 showing a subjective analysis of the surplus / deficit on the provision of services.

The CIES is broken down into three sections:

- Net cost of services;
- Other operating expenditure; and
- Other income and expenditure on the provision of services.

This Net Cost of Services is the cost of providing the Council's services as reported in the revenue monitoring reports, however it also includes accounting adjustments for items such as depreciation and impairment. These would be a significant cost in a commercial organisation, but legislation is in place that ensures these costs are not required to be funded by council taxpayers. (The details of the accounting adjustments are shown in the Expenditure and Funding Analysis Note). These items are transferred to unusable reserves in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The Total Net Cost of Services (including the technical accounting adjustments) totals £811.9m.

Other Operating Expenditure includes costs such as levies paid and payments made in relation to the pooling of HRA capital receipts (capital receipts relating to right to buy sales council dwellings are pooled between the Council and central government which for 2022/23 under HMT agreement is nil) as well as technical adjustments such as the gain / loss on the disposal of non-current assets. These total £57.6m.

Table Seven: The Financial Statements - Outturn to I&E CIES

Corporate Expenditure and Income includes:

- other income and expenditure on the provision of services such as interest paid and received, investment property rental income and the change in values of investment properties (net income totalling £31.4m)
- general income due to the Council from Council taxpayers, National Non-Domestic ratepayers (NNDR) and general government grants) totalling £699.5m

- the gain or loss on investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income; and
- re-measurement of the defined benefit pension scheme relating to changes in pension assumptions.

Note 10 to the accounts shows the notional accounting adjustments that do not affect the Council's 'bottom line' i.e., the level of council tax or housing rents.

These three sections are totalled to produce an overall accounting deficit on the provision of services of £138.5m.

The CIES is then reconciled to the change in the balance sheet by adding the impact of the following accounting entries:

- the surplus / deficit on the revaluation of non-current assets;
- impairment losses on non-current assets charged to the revaluation reserve;

	General Fund £m	Housing Revenue Account £m	Total £m
Over / (Under)spend	4.5	(2.9)	1.6
Budgeted transfer (to) / from general reserves	3.0	13.2	16.2
Net transfer (to) / from general reserves	7.5	10.3	17.8
Transfers (to) / from earmarked reserves	130.0	0.0	130.0
Other income and expenditure classification	(2.5)	2.5	0.0
Notional accounting adjustments	(0.9)	(8.3)	(9.2)
Deficit / (Surplus) per CIES	134.1	4.4	138.5

The Council's Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS)

This statement sets out the movements in the main reserves and balances of the Council from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023.

The reserves are distinguished between

- usable (those that can be used to finance expenditure) and
- unusable (those that contain technical accounting adjustments and cannot be used to finance expenditure).

Of the usable reserves only the General Fund Reserve has not been allocated for specific purposes. The usable reserves are cash backed. The unusable reserves are mostly non-cash backed.

In setting its budgets the council has a duty to ensure it has the appropriate levels of reserves and that it closely monitors its liquidity to underpin its financial resilience. Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires that when a local authority is making its budget calculations, the Chief Finance Officer ('CFO') of the authority must report to the Council on: the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations; and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. This is reported to Council annually as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy. Council also receives the forecast reserves position for the following three years.

Usable Reserves

The Council holds a number of reserves all of which, aside from the General Fund Reserve, have been set aside to meet specific future expenditure or risks including Private Finance Initiative (PFI) costs, statutory reserves, school balances and grants which cross over financial years. The Council is not permitted to borrow to fund revenue and there is a requirement to balance budgets on an annual basis.

Based on the numbers alone it appears the Council is at the more resilient end of the reserve spectrum, however there are considerable risks within this position. The Council is an extremely complex organisation with a wide scale and diversity of assets, interests, liabilities and other responsibilities. By their nature many of the risks are unknown and cannot be quantified, particularly in the current challenging financial climate. It is therefore essential that the Council maintains adequate general reserves.

The reserves should be viewed in the context of the future budget position, which is extremely challenging. They also include the capital financing reserve which was established to reflect the commitment that the capital financing costs for the Our Town Hall project, which is the biggest restoration project outside of London, remains affordable and does not impact on the revenue budget position. The resilience of the Council has been eroded and the Council's reserves are expected to significantly reduce over the Medium Term. The forecast impact on the Council's reserve position was set out in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy report to 15 February 2023 Executive meeting. This showed earmarked

reserves were expected to reduce from £202m in April 2022 to £71m by April 2026. This incorporates an indicative use of a further £21m in 2023/24 which is available to support the future budget position. The only unearmarked reserve is the General Fund reserve at £25.8m.

The reserves for COVID-19 related grants and contributions have mostly been applied with £7.3m remaining which mainly relates to the Taxation Income Guarantee scheme (TIG). TIG funding was received from Government and provided 75% compensation for business rates losses in 2020/21. TIG will be fully applied in 2023/24 to support the budget position and reflects the carry forward amount.

The annual reduction in usable reserves is £116.4m. The usable reserves (as reported at Note 38 to the financial statements) are held for the following purposes:

Table Eight: Usable Reserves

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Type of Reserve	31 March 2022 £m	31 March 2023 £m
Capital (cannot be applied to revenue spend):		
Reserves held for capital purposes including capital receipts and capital grants unapplied	201.0	232.4
Sub Total	201.0	232.4
Revenue:		
Statutory reserves that have to be set aside e.g. On street parking reserve, bus lane enforcement	22.6	24.1
Reserves held for PFIs to meet contracted future costs	2.2	1.9
Reserves held to smooth risk or for assurance including the budget smoothing reserve of £48.7m, insurance reserve of £18.9m and airport dividend reserve of £14.2m	138.1	122.8
Business rates reserve	15.7	9.9
Revenue reserves held to support capital including the Capital Fund and the Capital Financing Reserve	135.6	149.1
Reserves held to encourage economic growth or for public sector reform e.g. Our Manchester reserve	16.6	11.1
Small specific reserves	4.1	3.1
Grants and contributions held to meet expenditure commitments over more than one year	23.1	19.6
COVID-19 related grants and contributions held to meet expenditure commitments over more than one year	124.4	7.3
Sub Total Earmarked Revenue Reserves	482.4	349.1
Housing Revenue Account reserve	106.1	95.8
General Fund reserve	26.5	25.8
Schools' reserves (these belong to schools and are for their use only)	20.1	16.5
Total Usable reserves	836.1	719.7

Reserves held for capital purposes have increased by £31.4m in line with the delivery of the planned capital programme and reflects capital receipts received to be utilised in future years in line with the approved capital strategy.

Reserves to smooth risk include several reserves that support the Council's budget position over the life of its Medium-Term Financial Plan. Just over £48.7m relates to the smoothing reserve which is used to smooth the impact of budget shortfalls whilst savings are developed and implemented. This is being applied over the medium term to support the budget as set out in the MTFs.

COVID-19 related grants – The Council has administered a considerable number of COVID-19 grant schemes over the last three years on behalf of Government to support businesses and residents during the pandemic. There was £124.4m remaining at 31 March 2022 which related to:

- Business Rates Relief awarded to retail hospitality and leisure properties in the city was applied to offset the collection fund deficit resulting from the lost income. The discount was 100% in 2021/22 reducing to 66% in 2022/23.
- Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) grant of £24m was received in 2021/22 and held in reserve. The majority of this was awarded in 2022/23 and the unapplied grant returned to Government.
- The government provided a Taxation Income Guarantee Scheme which reimbursed the council for 75% of losses in 2020/21 Business Rates Income. The collection fund deficit resulting from the lost income was spread over three years

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as mandated by government. This reserve has mostly been applied, with £7.3m remaining which will be used in 2023/24.

The position on the **General Fund Reserve** is as follows.

The budget for 2022/23 assumed a transfer from general reserves of £2.973m to support the budget plus £400k to fund carry forwards approved in 2021/22. The 2022/23 revenue outturn position was an overspend of £4.543m, which brought the total transfer from general reserve to £7.916m. As planned throughout 2022/23 the surplus balance in the budget smoothing reserve was used to support the pressures and a transfer of £7.266m to the General Fund Reserve enacted. The General Fund Reserve, after this transfer, stands at £25.847m as at 31 March 2023.

Unusable Reserves

Unusable reserves hold unrealised gains or losses for assets not yet disposed of and accounting adjustments which are required by statute. These reserves cannot be used to fund capital or revenue expenditure.

The unusable reserves are shown in the following table:

Table Nine: Unusable reserves

Unusable Reserve	31 March	31 March
	2022	2023
	£m	£m
Revaluation Reserve	(1,626.9)	(1,627.9)
Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve	(14.2)	(14.9)
Pensions Reserve	583.8	(645.1)
Capital Adjustment Account	(1,441.7)	(1,453.8)
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	(6.5)	(7.8)
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	4.7	4.5
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	63.8	(34.9)
Short-term Accumulated Absences Account	6.6	5.7
Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve	2.7	1.4
Total	(2,427.7)	(3,772.7)

The pension reserve of £645.1m has increased by £1,228.9m from the previous year.

The purpose of IAS19 is to provide a consistent accounting valuation of all Council's pension liabilities based on the pension benefits earned by staff at the balance sheet date. The IAS19 calculations are carried out using a prescribed method. This is different to the formal actuarial triennial valuations of the fund which set the level of contributions that need to be paid into the pension fund. With the triennial funding valuation any calculated deficit can be spread and paid off over a number of years by an addition to the contribution rate.

Overall, the net worth of the Council has increased by £1,228.6m during 2022/23, made up of an increase in unusable reserves £1,345.0m and a decrease in usable reserves £116.4m.

The total increase in unusable reserves of £1,345.0m is mainly due to:

- £12.1m increase in the capital adjustment account. This includes the costs of depreciation and impairment losses in addition to amounts set aside to finance capital expenditure including grants, contributions and capital receipts
- £1,228.9m increase in the pension reserve due to changes in the financial assumptions used in the valuation provided by the external actuary

- £98.6m reduction in the Collection Fund Adjustment Account mainly due to previous year adjustments on Business Rates relating to Government COVID funding.

The decrease in usable reserves of £116.4m is mainly due to a £117.1m decrease due to the planned use of COVID-19 government funding. The remaining grant of £9.2m will be applied in 2023/24.

Other significant movements are as follows:

- £31.3m Increase in reserves held for capital purposes
- £15.2m decrease in reserves to smooth risk, this mainly relates to the planned use of the airport dividend reserve. A balance of £4.2m remains which will be applied over the next two years to support the budget.
- £10.3m reduction in HRA reserves
- £5.8m decrease in Business Rates reserve due to the timing of grant receipts and spend.

The increase in the net worth is matched by an increase in value of net assets of the Council.

The Council's Cash Flow Statement

This shows the reasons for the change in cash, cash equivalents (investments made for a period of less than three months) and the bank balance during the year. The cash balance at 31 March 2023 had reduced by £48.3m from 31 March 2022.

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The Council's Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows a summary of the Council's financial position as at the 31 March 2023, the last day of the financial year. This shows what the Council owns (its assets) and its debts (its liabilities) as well as the net worth of the Council assets less liabilities.

The net worth of the Council is £4,492.359m. This is split between usable reserves of £719.661m and unusable reserves of £3,772.698m.

Table Ten: Balance Sheet

Assets	£000	Liabilities	£000
Council Dwellings	738,352	Borrowing	1,052,249
Infrastructure Assets	553,237	Provisions for Future Liabilities	273,066
Other Property and Equipment	1,977,601	Liability for Pension Scheme	42,103
Heritage Assets	639,275	Capital Grants Received in Advance	12,943
Investment Properties	537,407	Money owed by the Council	250,003
Other Assets	790,539		
Investments	162,745		
Money owed to the Council	723,568		
Total	6,122,724	Total	1,630,365
		Net Worth of the Council	4,492,359

The Council's Group Accounts

The Council conducts activities through a variety of undertakings, either under ultimate control or in partnership with other organisations. The standard financial statements consider the Council as a single entity accounting for its interests in other undertakings as investments. For a full picture of the Council's involvement in other activities group accounts are prepared. These reflect the figures contained in the single entity accounts consolidated with figures for the Council's material subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

Subsidiaries are defined as organisations that the Council controls by having power over the organisation, exposure or rights to variable returns from its investment and the ability to use its power over the organisation to affect the amount of the return. The subsidiaries considered to be material are Destination Manchester Limited (DML) and Manchester Heat Network (MHN).

Associates are defined as organisations where the Council has significant influence. Significant influence is defined as the power to participate in financial and operating policy decisions of the investee. The assumption is that a holding of more than twenty percent of the voting power of an investee would bring significant influence. The Council has no associates considered to be material.

Joint Ventures are defined as arrangements under which two or more parties have contractually agreed to share control such that decisions about activities that significantly affect returns require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control and have the rights to the net assets of the arrangement. The joint venture considered to be material is Manchester Airports Holdings Limited (MAHL).

In producing the group accounts the Council is required by the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting to make consolidation adjustments to take account of any differences in accounting policies between the Council and its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures so that the group accounts are prepared on a standard set of accounting policies.

Land and buildings in the Council's single entity accounts are valued at current value (i.e., the amount that would be paid for an asset in its existing use). Where sufficient market evidence is not available, the value is estimated at depreciated replacement cost, using the modern equivalent asset method (i.e., the market value of the land on which the building sits plus the current gross replacement cost of the building less an allowance for physical deterioration of the building).

Manchester Airport Holdings Limited accounts are prepared using deemed cost for land and buildings. Deemed cost is the cost or valuation of assets as at 1 April 2005. Consequently property, plant and equipment is included in MAHL's accounts at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation. A valuation of MAHL's land and building assets has been

undertaken in order to align the accounting policy with that of the Council. This valuation has been used for the Council's group accounts.

The land and building assets of Destination Manchester Limited and Manchester Heat Network are included in their accounts at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Valuations of their land and building assets have been undertaken in order to align the accounting policy with that of the Council. These valuation has been used for the Council's group accounts.

All other accounting policies within the group have been aligned to those of the Council.

The Group Accounts contain the Group Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement, the Group Movement in Reserves Statement, the Group Balance Sheet, the Group Cash Flow Statement and notes to the Group Accounts.

Table Eleven: Group Balance Sheet

Group Position			
Assets	£000	Liabilities	£000
Council Dwellings	738,352	Borrowing	1,052,248
Infrastructure Assets	553,237	Provisions for Future Liabilities	275,228
Other Property and Equipment	2,040,242	Liability for Pension Scheme	42,103
Heritage Assets	639,275	Capital Grants Received in Advance	12,943
Investment Properties	537,407	Money owed by the Group	263,345
Other Assets	805,476		
Investments	914,339		
Money owed to the Group	695,086		
Total	6,923,414	Total	1,645,867
	Net Worth of the Council's Group		5,277,547

Housing Revenue Account

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a record of revenue expenditure and income relating to an authority's housing stock. Its primary purpose is to ensure that expenditure on managing tenancies and maintaining dwellings is balanced by rents charged to tenants. Consequently, the HRA is a statutory account, ring-fenced from the rest of the General Fund, so that rents cannot be subsidised from council tax (or vice versa).

The HRA Income and Expenditure Statement shows the economic cost in the year of providing housing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from rents and government grants. Authorities charge rents to cover expenditure in accordance with the legislative framework; this may be different from the accounting cost. The increase in the year, on the basis upon which rents are raised, is shown in the movement on the Housing Revenue Account Statement.

Collection Fund

The Collection Fund is a fund administered by the Council that shows the transactions of the billing authority (the Council), in relation to the collection of Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates (NDR), or business rates, and how the income from these sources has been distributed to precepting authorities and the Council's General Fund. The expenditure includes the precept payment for the services delivered across the city by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, specifically for the Mayoral, Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue services. It is a statutory requirement to maintain a Collection Fund to account for all the Council tax and Business rates income and expenditure the Council collects each year.

The COVID 19 pandemic has had a material impact on the Collection Fund and several government schemes have been announced in response to the pandemic and collection of local taxation.

As per the announcement in the 2020/21 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement any in-year deficit forecast in business rates or council tax must be spread over 3 years, from 2021/22 to 2023/24, in equal thirds instead of being fully reflected in 2021/22. This spreadable deficit was determined by the estimate calculated and declared in January 2021 and is still impacting the declared position in 2021/23. In addition, for business rates the introduction of Expanded Retail Discount, which offered 50% relief to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses capped nationally at £110k per business resulted in an additional relief award of £24.6m and COVID Additional Relief Fund (CARF) which was applied in 2022/23, for liabilities in respect of 2021/22, provided additional relief of £24.0m.

Government introduced the Council Tax Energy Rebate scheme in 2022/23 to support residents in light of increasing energy costs. This was broken into two schemes, the Core scheme which provided £150 to dwellings in Band A to D and a Discretionary scheme which provided further support to the most vulnerable residents. Although, in most cases, this grant was paid via BACS or a redeemable Post Office voucher, where the Council was unable to confirm bank details or provide a Post Office voucher there were credits made against council tax accounts. To 31 March 2023 the Council applied 12,744 council tax credits

totalling £1.912m, which was deducted from their annual council tax bill. This scheme was fully funded and a corresponding credit was made to the Collection Fund.

Council tax collection in 2022/23 was 89.17% down 0.64% from 89.81% in 2021/22; and down 0.98% from 90.15% in 2020/21. Business rates collection in 2022/23 was 97.29%, up 2.50% from 94.79% in 2021/22; and up 9.38% from 87.91% in 2020/21.

Borrowing Limit

In 2022/23 the Council had an authorised limit for borrowing of £2,196.1m (£2,006.1m for external debt and £190.0m for other long-term liabilities such as PFIs and finance leases). The actual level of external debt at 31 March 2023 is £1,052.2m. The borrowing limit is based on the Council's Capital financing Requirement or CFR. The Council may meet this need from external borrowing or from 'internal borrowing' from its cash flow and cash backed reserves.

During 2022/23 the Council has repaid temporary and market debt and borrowed long term debt to manage cash flow. The Council has also repaid c.£4.1m of government debt which was due for repayment.

The external debt is made up of the following figures on the balance sheet:

Table Twelve: External Borrowing

External Borrowing	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m
Long-term Borrowing	819.7	933.1
Short-term Borrowing	20.6	119.1
Total	840.3	1,052.2

Long term borrowing is reclassified as short-term borrowing when it is due to be repaid within the next twelve months.

Whilst the 2022/23 Capital Programme was funded notionally by borrowing of £224.6m, the debt outstanding on the balance sheet at 31 March 2023 has increased by £211.9m as the Council's Treasury Management Strategy is to use cash backed reserves, i.e., internal borrowing, in lieu of external borrowing where possible.

Historically, given the previous low level of interest rates, the Council retains minimal cash balances and reduces the use of external borrowing as borrowing rates are substantially higher than investment returns.

Major Acquisitions and Disposals

There were no significant acquisitions of non-current assets during 2022/23.

Significant disposals in 2022/23 included Lily Lane Primary School converting to academy status (£5.6m), the Civic Quarter Heat Network which transferred (£25.2m) and Market Place car Park (£5.7m)

Investment in Manchester Airport Group

The Council's shareholding remains at 35.5%. The Council did not receive any dividend income during the year from this investment, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the aviation industry. The Council has outstanding loans totalling £313.9m with MAHL.

Investment in Manchester Airport Car Park Limited

In March 2020 the Council, along with the other nine Greater Manchester Authority shareholders in the Manchester Airport Group, made an equity investment in Manchester Airport Car Parking Ltd to finance the development of a new airport carpark, which opened at the end of 2020. The Council's total investment was to assist in funding the capital build of a car park in return for the issue of 3 C shares in Manchester Airport Car Park Limited. Manchester City Council holds 10% of the issued C shares in Manchester Airport Car Park Limited. The shareholding is classed as a financial instrument and held at cost on the Council's Balance Sheet. The Council's Shareholding in Manchester Airport Car Park Limited is valued at £5.6m.

Private Finance Initiatives (PFI)

PFI's involve a private sector contractor building or improving buildings used in the provision of public services and operating and maintaining the asset for an agreed period of time.

As at 31 March 2023, the Miles Platting Housing, Plymouth Grove Housing, Brunswick Housing, Temple School, Wright Robinson Sports College and Street Lighting PFI schemes were ongoing.

The schemes were funded as follows:

Scheme	Funding Source
Housing schemes	PFI grant and Housing Revenue Account
Schools' schemes	PFI grant and Dedicated Schools Grant
Street Lighting scheme	PFI grant and Council resources

Further details on these schemes are shown in Note 11.

Private Public Partnership (PPP) Schemes

The Council has developed the following PPP Schemes with private sector contractors to provide services to the Council and its residents:

Indoor Leisure PPP – the renovation, maintenance and management of some indoor leisure facilities has been undertaken via a trust for more than ten years. A contract has again been

awarded to Greenwich Leisure Ltd for the operation and maintenance of Leisure Buildings and Provision of Leisure Management Services.

Wythenshawe Forum PPP – the Council has established a trust, which has responsibility for the renovation, maintenance and facilities management of Wythenshawe Forum.

The City's sports and activity provision is delivered by MCR active in partnership with our operating partner Greenwich Leisure Limited managing the National Cycling Centre, the National Squash Centre, the National Taekwondo Centre, the Regional Athletics Centre, the Regional Tennis Centre, the Regional Gymnastics Centre and Belle Vue Leisure Centre / Regional Hockey Facility.

Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the balance sheet date are those events that occur between the end of the reporting period (i.e., 31 March) and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. The Council is required to disclose any material events as a note to the accounts. Post balance sheet events have been reviewed up to the date that the accounts have been authorised for issue by the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.

Statement of Responsibilities for the Annual Statement of Accounts

The Council's Responsibilities

The Council 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 Council, that officer is the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer;
- manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets; and
- approve the statement of accounts.

The City Treasurer's Responsibilities

The City Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the Council's and Group'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) 2022/23; as amended by the Update to the Code and Specifications for Future Codes for the Infrastructure Assets ("the Code update"), published in November 2022.

In preparing this statement of accounts, the City Treasurer has:

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

The City Treasurer has also:

- kept proper accounting records which were up to date; and
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The statement of accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council and Group as at 31 March 2023 and their income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023.



Tom Wilkinson
City Treasurer
5 December 2024

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This account summarises the resources that have been generated and consumed in providing services and managing the Council during the last year. It includes all day-to-day expenses and related income on an accruals basis, as well as transactions measuring the value of non-current assets actually consumed and the real projected value of retirement benefits earned by employees in the year. A full explanation is provided as part of financial statements section of the narrative report.

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

Restated 2021/22 Gross Expenditure £'000s	Restated 2021/22 Gross Income £'000's	Restated 2021/22 Net Expenditure £'000's		Notes	2022/23 Gross Expenditure £'000's	2022/23 Gross Income £'000's	2022/23 Net Expenditure £'000's
			Continuing operations				
300,116	(73,356)	226,760	Adults Social Care		318,663	(70,299)	248,365
60,955	(41,861)	19,094	Homelessness		75,829	(56,204)	19,625
594,924	(407,674)	187,250	Children's Services		641,954	(438,379)	203,575
363,086	(231,733)	131,353	Corporate Core		378,702	(228,163)	150,539
195,720	(82,055)	113,665	Neighbourhoods and Highways		209,438	(54,188)	155,250
58,470	(35,962)	22,508	Growth and Development		58,812	(31,000)	27,812
7,354	(10,333)	(2,979)	Corporate Items		2,707	(7,029)	(4,323)
5,823	0	5,823	Council - Wide Costs		6,585	0	6,585
78,978	(86,331)	(7,354)	Housing Revenue Account		94,275	(89,849)	4,426
1,665,425	(969,305)	696,119	Net cost of services		1,786,965	(975,111)	811,854
			Other operating expenditure				
11,626	(6,069)	5,557	(Gains) / Losses on disposal of non-current assets	20	0	(10,270)	(10,270)
67,210	0	67,210	Levies		67,844	0	67,844
2,554	0	2,554	Payments to government housing capital receipts pool		0	0	0
81,390	(6,069)	75,321	Total other operating expenditure		67,844	(10,270)	57,574

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Restated 2021/22 Gross Expenditure £'000s	Restated 2021/22 Gross Income £'000's	Restated 2021/22 Net Expenditure £'000's		Notes	2022/23 Gross Expenditure £'000's	2022/23 Gross Income £'000's	2022/23 Net Expenditure £'000's
156,008	(170,108)	(14,100)	Financing and investment income and expenditure	13	198,104	(229,494)	(31,390)
38,734	(765,418)	(726,684)	Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure	14	35,361	(734,858)	(699,496)
1,941,556	(1,910,900)	30,656	(Surplus) or Deficit on provision of services		2,088,275	(1,949,733)	138,542
			Items that will not be subsequently classified in the (Surplus) / Deficit on Provision of Services				
		(274,388)	(Surplus) / deficit on revaluation of assets	39a			(73,897)
		11,826	Impairment losses on non-current assets charged to the Revaluation Reserve	39a			20,350
		37,967	Business Combination - Transferred pension liabilities				0
		(591,288)	Re-measurements of the net defined benefit liability	41-43			(1,312,917)
			Items that will be subsequently classified in (Surplus) / Deficit on Provision of Services				
		(3,925)	(Surplus) / deficit from investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	39b			(654)
		(819,807)	Total other comprehensive income and expenditure				(1,367,118)

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Restated 2021/22 Gross Expenditure £'000s	Restated 2021/22 Gross Income £'000's	Restated 2021/22 Net Expenditure £'000's		Notes	2022/23 Gross Expenditure £'000's	2022/23 Gross Income £'000's	2022/23 Net Expenditure £'000's
		(789,151)	Total comprehensive income and expenditure				(1,228,578)

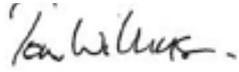
Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows the Council's balances on assets, liabilities and net worth at the end of the financial year.

Restated 31 March 2022 £000's		Note	31 March 2023 £000's
	Non-current assets		
2,578,070	Other Property, plant and equipment Assets	19b	2,715,953
552,732	Infrastructure	19a	553,237
637,312	Heritage assets	22	639,275
493,722	Investment properties	28	537,407
196	Intangible non-current assets		135
152,392	Long-term investment in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	31	160,093
3,198	Other long-term investments	31	2,653
488,410	Long-term debtors	32	508,156
0	Net Pensions asset	41	687,220
4,906,032	Total non-current assets		5,804,128
	Current assets		
604	Inventories and long-term contracts		636
168,999	Short-term debtors	32	215,412
143,350	Cash and cash equivalents	46	95,021
5,569	Short-term assets held for sale	24	7,526
318,522	Total current assets		318,595
5,224,554	Total assets		6,122,724
	Current liabilities		
(20,610)	Short-term borrowing	37	(119,147)
(301,236)	Short-term creditors	33	(249,238)
(23,250)	Short-term provisions	36	(11,143)
(9,954)	Short-term deferred liabilities	35	(10,671)
(355,050)	Total current liabilities		(390,200)
4,869,504	Total assets less current liabilities		5,732,524
	Long-term liabilities		
(893)	Long-term creditors	33	(765)
(99,939)	Long-term provisions	36	(125,355)
(819,672)	Long-term borrowing	34	(933,101)
(135,115)	Long-term deferred liabilities	35	(125,897)
(9,505)	Capital grants receipts in advance	33	(12,943)
(540,599)	Net Pensions liability	41	(42,103)
(1,605,722)	Total long-term liabilities		(1,240,165)
3,263,782	Net assets		4,492,359
	Financed by:		
(836,098)	Usable reserves	38	(719,661)
(2,427,684)	Unusable reserves	39	(3,772,698)
(3,263,782)	Total reserves		(4,492,359)

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I certify that the balance sheet presents a true and fair view of the position of the council as at 31 March 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Wilkinson'.

Tom Wilkinson,
City Treasurer
5 December 2024

Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Council, analysed into "usable reserves" (i.e., those that can be applied to fund expenditure) and unusable reserves. The surplus / deficit on the provision of services line includes accounting adjustments for such items as depreciation that would be a significant cost in a commercial organisation, but which do not need to be funded by Council Tax. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account for council tax setting and dwellings rent setting purposes.

		General Fund Reserves £000	Housing Revenue Account £000	Capital Receipts Reserves £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	Major Repairs Reserve £000	Total Usable Reserves £000	Total Unusable Reserves £000	Total Council Reserves £000
Balance at 1 April 2021		(606,341)	(111,166)	(93,956)	(94,005)	(6,069)	(911,537)	(1,563,094)	(2,474,631)
Movement in reserves during 2021/22									
Total comprehensive income and expenditure	CIES	35,050	(4,394)	0	0	0	30,656	(819,807)	(789,152)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	2b and 10	42,300	9,472	(20,418)	15,633	(2,205)	44,783	(44,783)	0
(Increase) or decrease in year		77,350	5,078	(20,418)	15,633	(2,205)	75,438	(864,590)	(789,152)
Balance at 31 March 2022		(528,991)	(106,089)	(114,374)	(78,372)	(8,274)	(836,098)	(2,427,684)	(3,263,782)
Movement in reserves during 2022/23									
Total comprehensive income and expenditure	CIES	136,574	1,967	0	0	0	138,542	(1,367,118)	(1,228,578)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	2b and 10	948	8,328	(39,584)	8,579	(373)	(22,105)	22,105	0
(Increase) or decrease in year		137,523	10,295	(39,584)	8,579	(373)	116,435	(1,345,013)	(1,228,578)
Balance at 31 March 2023		(391,467)	(95,794)	(153,958)	(69,793)	(8,647)	(719,661)	(3,772,698)	(4,492,359)

Cash Flow Statement

The Cash Flow Statement shows the reason for changes in the Council's cash balances (including investments for periods of less than three months) during the year. It shows whether that change is due to operating activities, investing or financing activities (such as repayment of borrowing or other long-term liabilities).

Restated 2021/22 £000s		Note	2022/23 £000s
(30,656)	Net (deficit) / surplus on the provision of services		(138,542)
292,714	Adjustments to net (deficit) / surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements	47	221,453
(110,973)	Adjustments for items included in the net (deficit) / surplus on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	48	(165,683)
151,085	Net cash flows from operating activities		(82,772)
(121,321)	Investing activities	50	(165,871)
64,321	Financing Activities	51	200,314
94,085	Net increase or (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(48,329)
49,265	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		143,350
143,350	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	46	95,021

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Note 1. Expenditure and Funding Analysis

The Expenditure and Funding Analysis shows for each of the Council's directorates, a comparison of the net expenditure as per the revenue outturn reports to Executive and the net expenditure in the CIES and explains the differences between the two.

2021/22 Service	As reported to Members £000's	Adjustments to arrive at net amount chargeable to the general fund and HRA balances £000's Note 2a	Net expenditure chargeable to the general fund and HRA balances £000's	Adjustments between funding and accounting basis £000's Note 2b	Restated Net expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement £000's
Adult Social Care	226,617	(14,862)	211,755	15,005	226,760
Homelessness	28,918	(12,124)	16,793	2,301	19,094
Children's Services	117,088	9,162	126,251	61,000	187,250
Corporate Core	103,693	930	104,624	26,730	131,353
Neighbourhoods and Highways	101,401	(29,887)	71,513	42,151	113,665
Growth and Development	(8,395)	16,012	7,618	14,891	22,508
Corporate Items	7,326	(2,410)	4,916	(7,895)	(2,979)
Council-Wide Costs	0	0	0	5,823	5,823
Housing Revenue Account	5,078	(2,945)	2,133	(9,487)	(7,354)
Net Cost of Services	581,727	(36,125)	545,603	150,520	696,120
Other Income and Expenditure	(576,341)	113,170	(463,171)	(202,290)	(665,463)
Deficit / (surplus) on Provision of Services	5,386	77,045	82,432	(51,772)	30,656

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

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2022/23 Service	As reported to Members £000's	Adjustments to arrive at net amount chargeable to the general fund and HRA balances £000's Note 2a	Net expenditure chargeable to the general fund and HRA balances £000's	Adjustments between funding and accounting basis £000's Note 2b	Net expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement £000's
Adult Social Care	232,399	(1,105)	231,294	17,071	248,365
Homelessness	28,426	(8,845)	19,581	44	19,625
Children's Services	132,266	4,632	136,899	66,677	203,575
Corporate Core	112,214	(1,178)	111,035	39,503	150,539
Neighbourhoods and Highways	103,588	(13,558)	90,032	65,219	155,250
Growth and Development	(10,289)	13,081	2,792	25,020	27,812
Corporate Items	10,019	(7,987)	2,032	(6,354)	(4,323)
Council-Wide Costs	0	0	0	6,585	6,585
Housing Revenue Account	10,293	2,462	12,755	(8,329)	4,426
Net Cost of Services	618,918	(12,498)	606,420	205,433	811,854
Other Income and Expenditure	(601,109)	142,504	(458,605)	(214,708)	(673,312)
Deficit / (surplus) on Provision of Services	17,809	130,007	147,815	(9,273)	138,542

Movement in General Fund and HRA Balance	2021/22	2022/23
Opening General Fund and HRA Reserves	717,507	635,078
Surplus on General Fund and HRA Reserves in year	(82,429)	(147,815)
Closing General Fund and HRA Reserves at 31 March	635,078	487,263

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Adjustments to arrive at the net amount chargeable to the general fund and HRA balances (shown in note 2a) include those that have to be shown in different lines in the CIES from where they are reported in the outturn report (e.g. interest paid or received, expected credit losses), transfers to or from reserves that are shown in the MIRS but are included within the figures reported in the outturn, recharges between services that have to be excluded from the CIES and any remaining service specific COVID grants recorded corporately in the outturn report and shown within the service area in the CIES.

Adjustments between funding accounting basis (shown in note 2b) are items excluded from the reported outturn as they are technical adjustments that net to nil across council services but are required to be shown within the CIES. These are classified as either capital, pensions, collection fund or other adjustments. Further detail is shown in note 10.

The split of the general fund and HRA reserves is shown in the movement in reserves statement.

Note 2. Note to the Expenditure and Funding Analysis

(a) Adjustments to arrive at net amount chargeable to the general fund and HRA balances

2021/22	Adjustments relating to other income and expenditure (i) £000's	Adjustments relating to transfers to / from reserves (ii) £000's	Adjustments relating to internal recharges (iii) £000's	Adjustments relating to COVID Grants (iv) £000's	Restated Total Adjustments £000's
Adults Social Care	(1,479)	(2,574)	(1,314)	(9,495)	(14,862)
Homelessness	(431)	(1,914)	(8,361)	(1,418)	(12,124)
Children's Services	1,821	9,590	787	(3,037)	9,162
Corporate Core	(3,425)	5,398	14,181	(15,223)	930
Neighbourhoods	(24,452)	4,612	(4,008)	(6,039)	(29,887)
Growth and Development	13,245	4,494	(1,728)	0	16,012
Corporate Items	92	(2,945)	443	0	(2,410)
Housing Revenue Account	(2,945)	0	0	0	(2,945)
Net Cost of Services	(17,573)	16,661	0	(35,212)	(36,122)
Other Income and Expenditure from the Expenditure and Funding Analysis	17,573	60,385	0	35,212	113,168
Difference between General Fund and HRA Surplus / Deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	0	77,046	0	0	77,046

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

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2022/23	Adjustments relating to other income and expenditure (i) £000's	Adjustments relating to transfers to / from reserves (ii) £000's	Adjustments relating to internal recharges (iii) £000's	Adjustments relating to COVID Grants (iv) £000's	Total Adjustments £000's
Adults Social Care	(2,831)	3,507	(1,781)	0	(1,105)
Homelessness	0	(1,015)	(7,830)	0	(8,845)
Children's Services	1,976	3,171	(515)	0	4,632
Corporate Core	(15,498)	2,141	12,207	(28)	(1,178)
Neighbourhoods and Highways	(20,075)	8,135	(1,618)	0	(13,558)
Growth and Development	9,669	4,575	(1,163)	0	13,081
Corporate Items	98	(8,785)	700	0	(7,987)
Council-Wide	0	0	0	0	0
Housing Revenue Account	2,462	0	0	0	2,462
Net Cost of Services	(24,199)	11,729	0	(28)	(12,498)
Other Income and Expenditure from the Expenditure and Funding Analysis	24,199	118,277	0	28	142,504
Difference between General Fund and HRA Surplus / Deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	0	130,007	0	0	130,007

(i) Adjustments relating to other income and expenditure include levies, PFI grants, transactions relating to investment properties and service specific interest payments and receipts which are reported as part of service costs in the outturn report but are not included in net cost of services in the CIES.

(ii) Transfers to and from reserves which are included in the outturn report but are not shown within the CIES.

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(iii) Internal recharges between services are included in the outturn report but are not shown within the CIES.

(iv) COVID grants provided by Government in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. This reflects service specific COVID grants recorded corporately in the outturn report and shown within the service area in the CIES.

(b) Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis

2021/22	Adjustments for Capital Purposes (i) £000	Pension Adjustments (ii) £000	Collection Fund Adjustments (iii) £000	Other Adjustments (iv) £000	Restated Total Adjustments £000
Adults Social Care	1,716	13,282	0	7	15,005
Homelessness	37	2,262	0	2	2,301
Children's Services	26,175	34,572	0	253	61,000
Corporate Core	7,728	18,993	0	9	26,729
Neighbourhoods	28,703	13,433	0	16	42,151
Growth and Development	10,435	4,523	0	(68)	14,891
Corporate Items	0	(7,512)	0	(383)	(7,895)
Council-Wide Costs	6,224	(402)	0	0	5,823
Housing Revenue Account	(9,838)	353	0	0	(9,486)
Net Cost of Services	71,179	79,503	0	(163)	150,520
Other Income and Expenditure from the Expenditure and Funding Analysis	(114,437)	21,747	(113,265)	3,665	(202,290)
Difference between General Fund and HRA Surplus / Deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	(43,257)	101,250	(113,265)	3,502	(51,772)

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

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2022/23	Adjustments for Capital Purposes (i) £000	Pension Adjustments (ii) £000	Collection Fund Adjustments (iii) £000	Other Adjustments (iv) £000	Total Adjustments £000
Adults Social Care	1,994	15,071	0	6	17,071
Homelessness	40	0	0	4	44
Children's Services	43,594	25,261	0	(2,179)	66,677
Corporate Core	22,982	16,536	0	(15)	39,503
Neighbourhoods and Highways	53,232	11,983	0	3	65,219
Growth and Development	19,752	5,283	0	(15)	25,020
Corporate Items	1,300	(6,538)	0	(1,116)	(6,354)
Council-Wide Costs	4,176	2,409	0	0	6,585
Council Wide Housing Revenue Account	0	0	0	0	0
	(8,612)	283	0	0	(8,329)
Net Cost of Services	138,459	70,287	0	(3,312)	205,433
Other Income and Expenditure from the Expenditure and Funding Analysis	(127,767)	13,700	(98,642)	(2,000)	(214,708)
Difference between General Fund and HRA Surplus / Deficit and Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	10,692	83,987	(98,642)	(5,312)	(9,273)

(i) Adjustments relating to capital include depreciation, amortisation of intangible assets impairment, revenue funded from capital under statute, movements in investment property valuations, gain / loss on disposal of non-current assets, capital grants and contributions, HRA PFI adjustments, soft loans, minimum revenue provision and revenue contribution to capital outlay.

(ii) Adjustments relating to pensions are the removal of employee pension costs for the Local Government Pension Scheme and their replacement with current service costs and past service costs plus the net interest on the defined pension liability.

(iii) This represents the difference between what is chargeable under statutory regulations for council tax and NNDR i.e., the amount estimated in the preceding January and the actual income due on an accruals basis. This difference is held within the Collection Fund.

(iv) Other adjustments include employee benefit accruals and the payment to the housing capital receipts pool.

Note 3. Prior Period Reclassification

The comparator year is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23.

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES)

The tables show how the net expenditure, gross expenditure and gross income have been restated.

	As reported in the 2021/22 CIES £000	Restated Amounts £000	As restated 2021/22 £000
Net Expenditure			
Adults Social Care (a)	226,519	241	226,760
Homelessness (a)	19,335	(241)	19,094
Children's Services (a)	189,282	(2,032)	187,250
Corporate Core (a)	129,321	2,032	131,353
Neighbourhoods and Highways (b)	115,842	(2,177)	113,665
Growth and Development	22,508	0	22,508
Corporate Items	(2,979)	0	(2,979)
Council Wide Costs	5,823	0	5,823
Housing Revenue Account	(7,353)	0	(7,354)
Total Net Cost of Services	698,296	(2,177)	696,119

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	As reported in the 2021/22 CIES £000	Restated Amounts £000	As restated 2021/22 £000
Gross Expenditure			
Adults Social Care (a)	300,869	(753)	300,116
Homelessness (a)	60,202	753	60,955
Children's Services (a)	596,956	(2,032)	594,924
Corporate Core (a)	361,054	2,032	363,086
Neighbourhoods and Highways	195,720	0	195,720
Growth and Development	58,470	0	58,470
Corporate Items	7,354	0	7,354
Council Wide Costs	5,823	0	5,823
Housing Revenue Account	78,978	0	78,978
Total Net Cost of Services Gross Expenditure	1,665,425	0	1,665,425

	As reported in the 2021/22 CIES £000	Restated Amounts £000	As restated 2021/22 £000
Gross Income			
Adults Social Care (a)	(74,350)	994	(73,356)
Homelessness (a)	(40,867)	(994)	(41,861)
Children's Services	(407,674)		(407,674)
Corporate Core	(231,733)		(231,733)
Neighbourhoods and Highways (b)	(79,878)	(2,177)	(82,055)
Growth and Development	(35,962)		(35,962)
Corporate Items	(10,333)		(10,333)
Council Wide Costs	0		0
Housing Revenue Account	(86,331)		(86,331)
Total Net Cost of Services Gross Income	(967,128)	(2,177)	(969,305)

The reclassifications are due to;

- a) The transfer of services between directorates including Asylum Service being reported under Homelessness rather than Adults Social Care; and transfer of legal expenditure associated with Children's Services now being reported under Corporate Core.
- b) The restatement of the Neighbourhoods income due to a reclassification from a contingent asset to a debtor of £2.177m relating to the Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street).

Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (OCIES)

This adjustment reflects the change in valuation method of the Manchester Airport C-Shares held by the Council from fair value to cost value, a change of £810k. As the Council prepare Group Accounts which include Manchester Airport as a joint venture, it has been deemed

most appropriate to hold the C-Shares at cost within the Council's single entity balance sheet.

Balance Sheet

There have been four restatements to the balances sheet figures as follows:

- Long-term investment in joint venture / subsidiaries and associates was increased by £10.88m, £810k relating to
 - The Manchester Airport C Shares valuation
 - £10.07m of investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures were incorrectly included in 'other' long term investments. This adjustment corrects the balance sheet classification of these investments
- Other Long-term investments which reduced by £10.07m as outlined above
- Long Term Debtors increased by £2.177m for relating to the Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street)
- Unusable Reserves £2.987m relating to:
 - The Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street) £2.177m
 - The MAG C Shares Valuation £810k

The figures in the associated notes have also been updated to reflect the changes, the notes that have been restated are:

- Note 1. Expenditure and Funding Analysis – The change relates to the Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street) and MAG Shares Valuation
- Note 2. Note to the Expenditure and Funding – The change relates to the Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street) and the MAG Shares Valuation
- Note 9. Expenditure and Income Analysis – The change relates to the Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street)
- Note 10. Adjustments between accounting and funding basis under regulations - The change relates to the Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street)
- Note 31. Investments – Changes relate to Increasing the long-term investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures and reducing of 'other long-term investments, to correct the category for subsidiaries, also to reflect the remeasurement of MAG C Shares.
- Note 32. Debtors and Payments in Advance – The Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street)
- Note 39. Unusable Reserves – The Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street)
- Note 47. Cash Flow Statement - Adjustments to net surplus / deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements – The change relates to the Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street).
- Note 48. Cash Flow Statement - Adjustments for items included in the net surplus / deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities. The change relates to the Council's Equity Share Assistance scheme (Bowe Street).

Group Accounts

These amendments have also been reflected in the Group Accounts.

Note 4. Impact of Accounting Changes Issued but Not Yet Adopted

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) requires changes in accounting policy to be applied retrospectively unless alternative transitional arrangements are specified in the Code. Further the Code requires an authority to disclose information relating to the impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted by the Code for the relevant financial year (2022/23).

Accounting changes that are introduced by the 2023/24 Code that will be adopted by the Council and its Group are set out below:

- IFRS16 Leases (but only for those local authorities that have decided to voluntarily implement IFRS 16 in the 2023/24 year)
- Where an authority adopted IFRS16 in 2022/23 but chose to defer implementation of IFRS16 to PFI/PPP arrangements until 2023/24 information on that more specific accounting change will be required in its 2022/23 statement of accounts
- Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8) issued in February 2021
- Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) issued in February 2021
- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to IAS 12) issued in May 2021
- Updating a Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3) issued in May 2022

The Council has not implemented IFRS16 for the 2023/24 financial year, and therefore there is no impact on the 2022/23 accounts.

Note 5. Accounting Concepts and Policies

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2022/23 financial year and its position at the year-end 31 March 2023. The Council is required to prepare an Annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 which require the accounts to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23 ('The Code') as amended by the Update to the Code and Specifications for Future Codes for the Infrastructure Assets ("the Code update"), published in November 2022. The Code is issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and statutory guidance issued under Section 21(2) of the Local Government Act 2003.

As local authorities need to reflect statutory conditions, specific statutory adjustments are complied with so that the Council's accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position and transactions of the Council. All accounting policies are disclosed where they are material.

The accounting convention adopted in the Statement of Accounts is principally historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain categories of non-current assets and financial instruments.

5.1. Underlying Assumptions

5.1.1 Going Concern

The Accounting Code, (standard IAS 1) requires management to make an assessment of an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to disclose any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The authority discloses that the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and that the Council will continue in existence for the foreseeable future. The Council has based its considerations of Going Concern around the continuous provision of service.

The Council consolidates its investments in MAHL, DML and MHN in its Group financial statements. In considering the going concern of the Council and the Group the Council has taken into account the going concern of these entities.

5.2. Accounting Policies

5.2.1 Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Property, Plant and Equipment assets have physical substance and are held for use in the provision of services, for rental to others or for administrative purposes and are expected to be used for more than one year (e.g. land and buildings).

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation and enhancement of property, plant and equipment has been capitalised on an accruals basis provided that it yields benefit to the Council, and the services it provides, for more than one financial year. Expenditure on repairs and maintenance is charged to revenue as it is incurred.

Capital expenditure is initially added to the value of an asset but if expenditure is not considered to increase the value of the asset the value is reduced by this expenditure.

Measurement

Property, plant and equipment are initially shown on the Balance Sheet at cost, comprising the purchase price and all expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use. The Council does not capitalise borrowing costs incurred whilst the assets are under construction.

The Council's property, plant and equipment assets are valued on the balance sheet using methods of valuation on the basis required by CIPFA and in accordance with the statement of asset valuation principles and guidance notes issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Land and buildings and other operational assets are valued at current value, determined as the value that would be paid for the asset in its existing use. Where enough market evidence

is not available, for example schools and leisure centres, current value is estimated at depreciated replacement cost, using the modern equivalent asset method.

Short life assets, such as vehicles, are held at depreciated historical cost as a proxy for current value on the grounds of materiality.

Council dwellings are valued at existing use value – social housing.

Community assets are measured at depreciated historical cost.

Assets under construction are held at historical cost and are not depreciated until brought into use.

Surplus assets are valued at fair value based on the highest or best use of the asset from a market participant's perspective. These are assets that are not in use by the Council but do not meet the definition of investment property or assets held for sale. Surplus assets mainly relate to land that is being held for regeneration purposes and future sale.

Council dwellings are revalued annually. Other assets included in the Balance Sheet at current or fair value are valued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their value at year end, but as a minimum every five years. Valuations are undertaken during the year by internal council valuers and external valuers commissioned by the Council. The external valuers provide indexation factors for the percentage increase in value from the date of the last valuation to 31 March 2023 for each category of asset and these are applied to the assets where material.

Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Where the increase is reversing a previous loss charged to the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services on the same asset, the increase in valuation is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where decreases in value are identified and there is a balance of revaluation gains in the Revaluation Reserve relating to the asset, the value of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains). Where there is a nil or insufficient balance in the Revaluation Reserve the value of the asset is written down against the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where revaluation gains or losses are credited or charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed in the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Capital Adjustment Account.

The Revaluation Reserve contains gains recognised since 1 April 2007 only, the date of its formal implementation. Revaluation gains arising before that date are included in the Capital Adjustment Account.

The land and building elements of all properties are valued separately and treated as separate assets for accounting purposes. In addition to this and subject to an appropriate materiality level, any individual component within buildings which has a cost that is significant in relation

to the total cost of the building is accounted for separately unless the components have a similar useful life to the main building.

In considering assets for potential componentisation (i.e., the significant elements of the asset are valued separately) the Council has included all general fund buildings with a carrying value of more than £2m. Within each building the Council has set the threshold for recognition of components as 20% of the cost of the building. The following components have been valued separately in council dwellings – main building, roof, windows, external doors, kitchens, bathrooms, heating and electrical systems.

5.2.2 Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation has been calculated using a straight-line method (i.e., apportioned equally over each year of the life of the asset) for all assets. The estimated useful life of each property is determined by a qualified valuer. Land and assets not yet available for use (assets under construction) are not depreciated. Each component of property, plant and equipment that is significant in relation to the total cost of the asset is depreciated separately based on its estimated useful life.

Depreciation is charged to the service with a corresponding reduction in the value of the asset. The depreciation charge is reversed in the Movement in Reserves Statement and a transfer made to the Capital Adjustment Account. Residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed at each financial year end.

Depreciation has been charged to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in accordance with proper practices and credited to the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR).

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 charged on their historical cost being transferred from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account.

5.2.3 Derecognition of Property, Plant and Equipment

An item of property, plant or equipment is derecognised by disposal or when no future economic benefit or service potential is expected from its use.

The carrying amount of a replaced or restored part of an asset is derecognised with the carrying amount of the new component being recognised.

When an asset is disposed of the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet is written off to Other Operating Expenditure within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Sale proceeds from disposals are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal.

Any revaluation gains on the Revaluation Reserve, for assets disposed of or decommissioned, are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Income from an asset disposal in excess of £10,000 is classed as a capital receipt. Capital receipts from Right to Buy (RTB) sales of council dwellings are pooled between the Council

and central government. The net RTB receipts received (after reduction of regional transaction costs and allowable debt) are split based on a share ratio provided by central government. If the government share of capital receipts, as calculated by the Office of Budget Responsibility, is exceeded the Council retains the remainder of the receipts to be used for the provision of new homes. If these receipts are not used within three years, they must be returned to the government (with interest at 4% above base rate). Non-RTB receipts are exempt from the capital pooling rules.

The balance of capital receipts is credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve and used to fund new capital expenditure or repay debt.

The written off value of disposals is reversed through the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Capital Adjustment Account.

5.2.4 Highways Infrastructure Assets

The Council has determined in accordance with Regulation 30M of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 to implement the statutory override, in that the carrying amounts of replaced and derecognised infrastructure assets may be at a nil value.

Highways infrastructure assets include carriageways, footways and cycle tracks, structures (e.g. bridges), street lighting, street furniture and land which together form a single integrated network.

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition or replacement of components of the network is capitalised on an accrual basis, provided that it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Measurement

Highways infrastructure assets are generally measured at depreciated historical cost. However, this is a modified form of historical cost – opening balances for highways infrastructure assets were originally recorded in balance sheets at amounts of capital undischarged for sums borrowed as at 1 April 1994, which was deemed at that time to be historical cost. Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for by the carrying amount of the asset being written down to the recoverable amount.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on the parts of the highways network infrastructure assets that are subject to deterioration or depletion and by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis. Annual depreciation is the depreciation amount allocated each year. Useful lives of the various parts of the highways network are assessed by the Highways Asset Manager using industry standards where applicable as follows:

Part of the highways network	Useful life
Carriageways	21 years

Footways and cycle track	40 years
Structures (bridges, tunnels and underpasses)	73 years
Street lighting	25 years
Street furniture	25 years
Public Realm	50 years

Disposals and derecognition

When a component of the network is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the component in the Balance Sheet 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, also 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).

The written-off amounts of disposals are not a charge against council tax, as the cost of non-current assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing.

Amounts are transferred to the capital adjustment account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement

Statutory provisions have been issued which allow local authorities to follow an accounting treatment which supports the assumption that derecognition of the carrying amount is zero. The Council has applied the statutory override.

5.2.5 Private Finance Initiatives (PFIs) and Similar Contracts

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

The original introduction of these assets onto the balance sheet is matched by the recognition of a deferred liability for amounts due to the operator to pay for the assets. Where the assets come into use at different stages the asset and matching liability are introduced in stages. For some PFI schemes the liability is written down by an initial capital contribution. This capital contribution was either in the form of a cash contribution or assets transferred to the contractor.

Property, Plant and Equipment relating to PFIs and similar contracts, recognised on the Balance Sheet, is revalued, depreciated and impaired in the same way as other property, plant and equipment owned by the Council.

The amounts payable to the operator each year are analysed as follows:

Value of the service received (including facilities management) during the year - debited to the relevant service line in the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Interest cost based on the outstanding deferred liability - debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services.

Payment towards liability - debited to the deferred liability on the Balance Sheet thus reducing the liability. For non-HRA contracts this reduction in the charge in the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services is replaced by an equivalent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) in the Movement in Reserves Statement. For HRA contracts this reduction in unitary charge is reversed in the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Lifecycle replacement costs relate to the costs required to replace and maintain the assets over the project lifespan. Where required these are posted to the Balance Sheet as a prepayment and then recognised as a revenue cost when the works are carried out in line with the contract, unless they are identified as capital in nature in which case they will be recognised as capital expenditure.

Government grants received towards the funding of general fund PFI related payments are shown within the Taxation and Non-specific Grant Income line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. HRA PFI related grants are shown within the HRA income line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

5.2.6 Heritage Assets

Heritage assets are those assets that are intended to be preserved for future generations because of their cultural, environmental or historical associations. They are held by the Council in pursuit of its overall objectives in relation to the maintenance of heritage. Heritage assets include civic regalia, museum and gallery collections and works of art. Community assets (including parks and cemeteries) are not heritage assets, but are accounted for as property, plant and equipment.

Operational heritage assets (i.e., those that, in addition to being held for their heritage characteristics, are also used by the Council for other activities or to provide other services) are accounted for as operational assets rather than heritage assets and valued in the same way as other assets of that general type (e.g., buildings such as the Central Library).

Heritage assets are shown in the Balance Sheet at market value where this is available. For those assets where no market value is available the insurance valuation is used. Where a valuation is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to the users of the financial statements the assets are held at cost. Where the cost information is not available, they are not recognised in the balance sheet.

Depreciation is not provided for as these assets are considered to have infinite lives.

Any impairment is recognised and measured in accordance with the Council's general policies on impairment (policy 5.2.9). The proceeds of any disposals are accounted for in accordance with the Council's general provisions relating to the de-recognition of property, plant and equipment (policy 5.2.3).

5.2.7 Investment Properties

Investment Properties are those that are used solely to earn rentals and / or for capital appreciation. The definition is not met if the property is used in any way to provide services by the Council or is held for sale.

Investment Properties are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition they are measured at fair value - highest and best use. The fair value reflects market conditions at the balance sheet date. A gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of investment property is recognised in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Investment Properties are not depreciated but are revalued annually according to market conditions at year end.

An investment property is derecognised on disposal. Gains or losses arising from the disposal are recognised in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Revaluation and disposal gains and losses are reversed in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and sale proceeds over £10,000 to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

Rentals received in relation to investment properties are credited to the Financing and Investment income line in the Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

5.2.8 Schools

In accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting the Council has assessed the legal framework underlying each school. The Council controls the non-current assets of community schools and foundation schools, vested with the governing body as a Trustee, as future economic benefits associated with the assets will flow to the Council and therefore the land and buildings of those schools are shown on the Council's balance sheet. The land and buildings of voluntary aided, voluntary controlled and foundation schools, where the trust is not the governing body are owned and controlled by the trustees of the schools or the foundation body and are therefore not shown on the balance sheet of the Council.

Any schools held on the balance sheet, which are transferred to academy status form part of the loss on disposal of non-current assets. This includes schools managed under a PFI contract.

Capital expenditure on schools shown on the Council's balance sheet is added to the value of those schools. Capital expenditure on schools not on the Council's balance sheet is treated as REFCUS (Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute) expenditure and written off each year to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the Children's Services line. This is reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement and a transfer made to the Capital Adjustment Account.

All revenue income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of maintained schools, after the removal of transactions between schools and the Council, are included in the Council's single entity accounts.

Individual schools' balances are included in the balance sheet of the Council as any unspent delegated schools budget remains the property of the Council although these can only be spent by the school.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is allocated between the central council budgets and budgets allocated to individual schools (delegated school budgets). Expenditure from central council budgets and delegated schools' budgets is charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the Children's Services line.

Accounting regulations were introduced relating to the Dedicated Schools Grant deficit balances for three years for accounting periods beginning 1 April 2020. The financial statements continue to be produced under IFRS with the DSG being accounted for in the normal way (through the CIES). A deficit must be carried forward to be funded from future DSG income. An accounting adjustment is then made via the MIRS to move any DSG deficit balances to an unusable reserve established for that purpose.

5.2.9 Impairment

Assets are reviewed for impairment at the end of each reporting period. Examples of impairment include a significant reduction in a specific assets value and evidence of physical damage (e.g., fire damage).

The amount of impairment is charged to the Revaluation Reserve to the extent that the impairment does not exceed the amount in the Revaluation Reserve for the same asset. Thereafter the impairment is charged to the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services.

This charge is reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the reversal is credited to the relevant service line 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.

5.2.10 Provision for Redemption of Debt

The Council is required to make provision for the repayment of an element of the accumulated General Fund capital expenditure, financed by borrowing, through a revenue charge, in accordance with the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) requirements. Regulations replaced the detailed formula for calculating MRP with a requirement to be prudent. The MRP policy (which details the basis of the provision) is agreed annually by the Council within the Treasury Management Strategy.

For all non-HRA capital expenditure funded by supported borrowing, otherwise known as supported capital expenditure, the Council's policy is to charge 2% of the capital financing requirement.

For all non-HRA unsupported borrowing MRP is calculated using the estimated life of the asset. Dependent upon the nature of the capital expenditure, a straight line (equal amount of MRP over the life of the asset) or annuity method (equal amount of MRP plus interest over the life of the asset) is used to link MRP to the future flow of benefits from the asset.

MRP starts in the year after the capital expenditure is incurred or in the case of new assets, in the year following the asset coming into use.

MRP is provided for non-HRA PFI related assets on the Council's Balance Sheet. This equates to the amount of unitary charge charged against the deferred liability on the Balance Sheet.

MRP is provided for assets held under finance leases (including embedded leases) where the Council is the lessee. This equates to the amount of the lease payment charged against the deferred liability on the Balance Sheet.

There is no MRP charge to the Housing Revenue Account.

5.2.11 Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute (REFCUS) is expenditure of a capital nature that does not result in the creation of a non-current asset on the Balance Sheet. These are generally grants and expenditure on property not owned by the Council. Expenditure is charged to the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services as it is incurred. This is reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement and a transfer made to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Details of the accounting policy relating to grants and external contribution funding of REFCUS expenditure is shown in policy 5.2.16c.

5.2.12 Non-Current Assets held for Sale

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than its continued use it is reclassified as an asset held for sale. Before an asset can be classed as held for sale it must be available for immediate sale in its present condition, the sale must be highly probable, the asset must be actively marketed and the sale should be expected to be completed within one year of the date of classification. In situations where it is not necessary to carry out active marketing, for example because the Council is able to identify prospective purchasers willing to pay a reasonable price without marketing (such as transfers to a joint venture) or because a buyer initiates the transaction (such as right to buy sales), this test is not applicable. Where events or circumstances extend the period beyond one year and there is sufficient evidence that the Council remains committed to the plan to sell the assets they are classed as long-term assets held for sale.

The held for sale asset is carried at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value less costs to sell. Where this results in a loss in value this loss is posted to Other Operating Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Once an asset is classed as held for sale it is no longer depreciated.

If assets no longer meet the classification as assets held for sale they are reclassified back to non-current assets 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 classed as held for sale) or their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell.

5.2.13 Accruals of Income and Expenditure

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

Revenue from contracts with service recipients, whether for services or the provision of goods, is recognised when (or as) the goods or services are transferred to the service recipient in accordance with the performance obligations in the contract.

Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed.

An impairment loss allowance is made for debts that are not considered to be collectable – referred to as impairment of financial assets. This allowance is calculated based on the expected amount that will not be collected for differing types of debt applied to the amount of outstanding debt. The balance of debtors on the Balance Sheet is reduced by the amount of allowance made.

Expenses in relation to services received (including services provided by employees) are recorded as expenditure when the 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 have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet.

5.2.14 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of no more than twenty-four hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid 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.

Cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that form an integral part of cash management.

5.2.15. Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council an obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation, but the timing of the transfer is uncertain. Examples include a legal case that will probably result in a payment of compensation.

Contributions to provisions are charged to the appropriate service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year the Council becomes aware of the obligation based on the best estimate of the likely settlement. When payments are made, they are

charged to the provision. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year and where it becomes likely that a transfer of economic benefits will not be required the contribution to the provision is reversed and credited back to the service line.

Provisions are classified as either short or long-term depending on the likely date of settlement.

5.2.16 Government Grants and Contributions

Government grants and contributions are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Council will comply with the conditions attached to them and the grant or contribution will be received. Grants and contributions are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement except where the grant or contribution has a condition that has not been met. Conditions are stipulations that must be satisfied, or the grant or contribution must be returned. Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions are not yet met are carried in the Balance Sheet as receipts in advance.

a. Revenue Grants and Contributions

Revenue grants and contributions are credited to the relevant service line for specific grants and the Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income line for grants that cover general expenditure (e.g., New Homes Bonus Grant) except where the grant or contribution has a condition that has not been met. When the specific grant has been recognised but the expenditure relating to it has not been incurred the Council has elected to make a contribution equivalent to the unspent amount of grant to an earmarked reserve. This reserve will be released in future financial years when the expenditure to which the grant relates is incurred.

b. Capital Grants and Contributions

Capital grants and contributions are credited to Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement except where the grant or contribution has a condition that has not been met. The amount of the grant or contribution that has been used to finance expenditure is transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The balance of the grant or contribution that has not been used to finance expenditure is transferred to the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve via the Movement in Reserves Statement. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account when they are used to fund capital expenditure.

c. Grants and Contributions attributable to Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute (REFCUS)

These grants and contributions are credited to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement except where the grant or contribution has a condition that has not been met. The amount of the grant or contribution that has been used to finance expenditure is transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The balance of the grant or contribution that has not been used to finance expenditure is transferred to the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve via the Movement in

Reserves Statement. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account when they are used to fund expenditure.

5.2.17 Reserves

The Council sets aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by appropriating amounts 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. The reserve is then appropriated back into the Movement in Reserves Statement so that there is no net charge for the expenditure on the General Fund balance.

Certain reserves are kept to manage specific accounting treatments and do not represent usable resources for the Council. These are shown as unusable reserves in the Movement in Reserves Statement and Balance Sheet.

5.2.18 Revenue Recognition

Revenue is a subset of income and is defined as the gross inflow of economic benefits or service potential during the reporting period when those inflows result in an increase in net worth.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. In most cases, the consideration receivable is in the form of cash and cash equivalents and the amount of revenue is the amount of cash and cash equivalents receivable.

Where the Council is acting as an agent of another organisation the amounts collected for that organisation are excluded from revenue.

Revenue is recognised when the performance obligations in a contract have been satisfied. This recognition can be over time when the service recipient simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits (e.g., home care services) or at a point in time.

5.2.19 Value Added Tax (VAT)

VAT is only included in expenditure, either revenue or capital, to the extent that it is not recoverable from HM Revenues and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income.

5.2.20 Leases

Leases are classified as either finance or operating leases based on the extent to which risks and rewards incidental to ownership of a leased asset lie with the lessor or lessee. Whether the lease is a finance lease, or an operating lease depends on the substance of the transaction rather than the contract. Leases are classed as finance leases where the terms of the lease transfer the majority of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the property, plant or equipment from the lessor to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Land and building elements of a lease are considered separately for the purpose of lease classification.

Arrangements that do not have the legal status of a lease but convey the 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 asset. This is referred to as an embedded lease.

Finance Leases

Lessee

Property, Plant and Equipment held under finance leases are recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its current value at the time of inception (or the present value of the minimum lease payments if lower). The asset recognised is matched by a deferred liability for the obligation to pay the lessor.

Lease payments are apportioned between a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property, plant or equipment which is applied to write down the deferred liability and a finance charge which is recognised in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

These property, plant and equipment recognised are subject to depreciation. The MRP on these assets equates to the amount of the lease payment that is applied to write down the deferred liability.

The deferred liabilities are classified as either short or long-term in line with the lease repayments.

Operating Leases

Lessee

Leasing payments for operating leases are charged to revenue on a straight-line basis over the term 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) and are shown within service expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Lessor

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the period 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) and is shown in the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Assets held for use as operating leases are recorded as assets in the Council's Balance Sheet.

5.2.21 Benefits Payable during Employment

Short-term employee benefits are those due to be settled within twelve months of the year end. They include such benefits as wages and salaries, paid annual leave, flexi time leave and paid sick leave for current employees. They are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees undertake the service for the Council. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlement (including flexi time leave), earned by employees but not taken before the year end, which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is made at the wages and salary rates applicable in the following financial year, being the period in which the employee takes the benefit and includes employer national insurance and pension contributions.

The accrual is charged to the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services but then reversed through the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Short-Term Accumulated Absences Account so that holiday absences are charged against Council Tax or Housing Rents in the financial year in which the absence occurs.

5.2.21 Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Council to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date or an officer's decision to accept voluntary severance and are shown on an accruals basis in the Deficit / Surplus on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement at the earlier of when the Council can no longer withdraw the offer or when it recognises the costs for a restructuring that involves termination benefits.

Where the employee makes the decision, the liability is recognised at the earlier of when the employee accepts the offer or when a restriction on the Council's ability to withdraw the offer takes effect.

5.2.22 Post-Employment Benefits

a. Teachers' Pension Scheme

The payment of statutory pensions to former teachers is administered by Capita Teachers' Pensions on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE). Contributions from teachers together with the employer's contribution are paid by the Council. The arrangements for this scheme mean that liabilities for benefits cannot be identified to the Council. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contribution scheme – no liability for future payments of benefits is recognised in the Balance Sheet and the Children's Services line within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is charged with the employer's contributions payable in the year.

The Council is responsible for the costs of any additional benefits awarded upon early retirement outside of the terms of the Teachers' scheme. These benefits are fully accrued in the pension liability.

b. National Health Service (NHS) Pension Scheme

Under the arrangements for Public Health, staff performing public health functions who were compulsorily transferred from the Primary Care Trusts to local authorities and had access to the NHS Pension Scheme on 31 March 2013 retained access to that Scheme on transfer at 1 April 2013.

The NHS pension scheme is an unfunded, defined benefit scheme that covers NHS employers and is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. This means that liabilities for benefits cannot be identified to the Council. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contribution scheme – no liability for future payments of benefits is recognised in the Balance Sheet and the Adult Social Care line within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is charged with the employer's contributions payable in the year.

c. Local Government Pension Scheme

The Council pays an employer's contribution into the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, which is a fully funded defined benefits scheme administered by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council from whom an Annual Report is available.

The liabilities of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund 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 and projections of projected earnings for current employees.

Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate based on the indicative rate of return on a basket of high-quality corporate bonds, government gilts and other factors.

The assets of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund attributable to the Council are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value:

- quoted securities – current bid price
- unquoted securities – professional estimate
- unitised securities – current bid price
- property – market value.

The change in the net pension liability is analysed into the following components:

The current service cost (the increase in the liability as a result of pension earned by Council employees in the year) is charged to the net cost of services.

Past services costs (the increase in the liability arising from current year decisions whose effect relate to years of service earned in earlier years) are shown within council wide items as they are costs that are not attributable to a particular service. An example of when past service costs would occur is where there was a change in the basis of up-rating annual pensions.

Gains and losses on settlements and curtailments (the result of actions to relieve the Council of liabilities or events that reduce the expected future service or accrual of benefits of employees) are shown as council wide items.

The effect of business combinations and disposals and liabilities following the transfer of former Northwards staff back to the Council are also shown as council wide items.

The net interest on the net defined benefit liability, i.e., net interest expenses for the period that arises from the passage of time, is shown within the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line.

Re-measurements comprising:

- The return on plan assets excluding amounts included in net interest on the defined benefit liability;

- change in demographic assumptions re-measurements; and
- actuarial gains and losses on changes in financial assumptions – changes in the net pension liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because actuaries have updated their financial assumptions (such as percentage increase in salaries) are shown within Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund and HRA balance 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 according to 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 such amounts payable but unpaid at the year end. The balance that arises on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact to the General Fund

and HRA of being required to account for retirement benefits based on the cash flows rather than as benefits are earned by employees. The balance will be presented differently as a result of the upfront payment as set out below:

Upfront pension payment

The Council is liable to make contributions towards the cost of post-employment benefits. For the three-year period 2020/21 – 2022/23. The Council previously agreed with the Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) that the employer's contribution to the Local Government Pension Scheme could be paid as a single up-front payment. The Council made this payment in order to make a budget saving. In line with the Council's accounting policies, the amounts paid each year are offset against the pension liability on the balance sheet. These amounts will then be reflected in the pensions reserve in the years to which they relate. In the final year of the triennial period all amounts will have been reflected in the pension reserve to align to the pension liability.

Financial Instruments

5.2.23 Financial Assets

Financial Assets e.g., investments and debtors are classified into three types – amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and fair value through profit or loss (FVPL).

The categorisation of financial assets into these types is dependent on the reason for holding these assets (to collect cash flows, to sell assets or achieve objectives by other means).

Financial assets are brought onto the balance sheet at fair value when the Council becomes a party to contractual provisions.

Amortised Cost

These assets relate to financial instruments where the amounts received relating to them are solely principal and interest and they are held to generate cash flows (e.g., investments of surplus cash with the government's debt management office or loans to third parties).

The interest received on these assets is spread evenly over the life of these instruments.

Any gain or loss in the value of these assets is recognised in the net surplus / deficit on the net provision of services at the point of de-recognition (disposal) or reclassification.

Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI)

These assets relate to financial instruments where the amounts received relating to them are solely principal and interest, but they are held to collect cash and sell the assets (e.g., money market funds).

The interest received on these assets is spread evenly over the life of these instruments.

Changes in the fair value of these assets are charged to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure. Cumulative gains and losses are charged to the surplus / deficit on provision of services when they are disposed of.

Under capital accounting regulations where these assets were treated as capital expenditure the gain or loss is reversed to an unusable reserve - the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve.

Fair Value through Profit and Loss (FVPL)

These assets relate to financial instruments where the amounts received relating to them are not principal and interest (e.g., equity investments).

Dividends received are accounted for at the point they are declared.

Charges in fair value are charged to the surplus / deficit on the net provision of services as they occur.

Under capital accounting regulations where these assets were treated as capital expenditure the gain or loss is reversed through the Movement in Reserves Statement and charged to an unusable reserve - the Capital Adjustment Account.

An equity instrument that has been classed as FVPL can be designated as FVOCI if it is not held for trading (e.g., a strategic investment). Once this designation has been made it cannot be reversed. This designation would mean that any gains and losses would be held in the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve.

Credit loss

The Council will recognise a loss allowance for expected credit losses, if applicable, on assets where cash flows are solely principal and interest (i.e., financial instruments measured at amortised cost or FVOCI unless they have been designated as such). This does not apply where the counterparty is central government or another local authority.

At each year end the loss allowance for a financial instrument is calculated as equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition.

If at year end the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to twelve month expected credit losses.

Where the financial asset was treated as capital expenditure any losses will be reversed via the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Capital Adjustment Account.

The Council has made several loans to individuals at less than market rates of interest (these are known as soft loans). When the loans are made the amount of interest foregone over the life of the loan is charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (debited to the appropriate service line) and the outstanding principal is reduced on the Balance Sheet. This represents the present value of the interest that will be foregone over the life of the loan agreement. Statutory provisions require that the impact of the soft loans on the General Fund balance is the interest receivable in the year, so the amount of foregone interest charged is managed by a transfer from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account to the Movement in Reserves Statement.

5.2.24 Embedded Derivatives

The Council has given equity mortgages and loans to individuals to assist with the purchase and improvement of properties. The repayments of these are based on a proportion of the value of the property in a number of years. This type of loan is classed as an embedded derivative as the amount of repayment is linked to future property values. When these mortgages and loans are granted, long-term debtors and deferred capital receipts are written onto the balance sheet. At the end of each financial year the long-term debtors and deferred capital receipt are adjusted in line with the change in property values.

5.2.25 Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities (e.g., borrowings and creditors) are recognised when there is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Council. For instance, when the Council takes out a loan, the advance of cash from the lender initiates the obligation to repay at some future date, and the loan would be recognised as a liability on the Balance Sheet when the advance is received.

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 interest rate 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).

For many of the borrowings that the Council has, this means that the amount shown in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal repayable plus accrued interest, and the amount charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable per the loan agreement.

For Lender Option Borrower Option (LOBO) loans the effective interest rate has been calculated over the life of the loan. This is an average and differs from the amounts actually paid in the year. The difference between the calculated interest charge and interest paid has been adjusted in the carrying amount of the loan on the balance sheet. The amount charged in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the effective interest rate for the life of the loan rather than the amount payable per the loan agreement.

Where the Council is in receipt of loans that are interest free or at less than prevailing market interest rates if material, the effective interest rate is calculated so that the value of the financial assistance to the Council by the lender is separated from the financial cost of the transaction. This gain is calculated by working out the net present value of all future cash payments using the interest rate for a similar loan taken by the Council. This results in a lower figure for the fair value of the loan with the difference from the loan received treated as a government grant. This gain is reversed out in the Movement in Reserves Statement to the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account.

Gains and losses on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year of repurchase or settlement. However, if the repurchase takes place as part of a restructuring of the loan portfolio that involves the modification or exchange of existing instruments, the premium or discount is deducted from or added to the amortised cost of the new or modified loan. In this scenario the write down to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is spread over the life of the loan by an adjustment to the effective interest rate.

Where premiums and discounts (amounts paid or received on the rescheduling of a loan) have been charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, regulations allow the impact of premiums on the General Fund balance to be spread over the longer of the outstanding period of the replaced loan or the period of the replacement loan or any other shorter period that the Council wishes to choose. Discounts are required to be credited to revenue over a maximum period equal to the outstanding term of the replaced loan or ten years (if shorter). The difference between the amount charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the net charge against the General Fund balance is transferred to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement of Reserves Statement.

Following the HRA debt settlement there are no outstanding HRA premiums and discounts.

[5.2.26 Contingent Assets and Liabilities](#)

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 (as applicable) where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefits or service potential.

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 as applicable.

5.2.27 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 estimation techniques 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 otherwise stated) by adjusting opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period.

5.2.28 Material Items of Income and Expenditure

Where items of income and expenditure are material, their nature and amount are disclosed separately either on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement or in the notes to the accounts, depending on how significant the items are to an understanding of the Council's financial performance.

5.2.29 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the balance sheet date are those events that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue.

Where these provide evidence of conditions in existence at the balance sheet date, the amounts recognised in the accounts are adjusted (e.g., settlement of a court case that confirms the amount of obligation at the balance sheet date). Where these are indicative of conditions that arose after the balance sheet date the amounts in the accounts are not adjusted (e.g., significant decline in market investments after 31 March). This is known as a non-adjusting event and is disclosed as a note to the accounts.

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

5.2.30 Interests in Companies and Other Entities

The Council has material interests in companies and other entities and therefore group accounts have been prepared for the Council and its material interest in subsidiaries, associates, and joint ventures. Inclusion in the Council group is dependent upon the extent of the Council's interest and power to influence an entity. The determining factor for assessing

the extent of interest, power or power to influence is either through ownership of an entity, a shareholding in an entity or representation on an entity's board of directors. An assessment of all the Council's interests has been carried out during the year, in accordance with the Code of Practice, to determine the relationships that exist and whether they should be included in the Council's group accounts. In the Council's single entity accounts the Council's interests in those companies included in its group accounts are recorded as long-term investments at cost.

5.2.31 Joint Operations and Joint Ventures

Joint Operations are arrangements where the parties are bound by a contractual arrangement, have joint control of the arrangement and have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangements have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. The Council recognises its share of the assets, liabilities, income and expenditure of the joint operation and joint ventures in its single entity accounts.

5.2.32 Local Taxation

The Council, as a billing authority act as an agent, collecting Council Tax and national non-domestic rates (NNDR) on behalf of the major preceptors and, as principals, collecting Council Tax and NNDR for themselves. Billing authorities are required by statute to maintain a separate fund (i.e., the Collection Fund) for the collection and distribution of amounts due in respect of Council Tax and NNDR. Under the legislative framework for the Collection Fund, billing authorities and major preceptors share proportionately the risks and rewards that the amount of Council Tax and NNDR collected could be less or more than predicted.

The Council Tax and NNDR income included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the Council's share of accrued income for the year. However, regulations determine the amount of Council Tax and NNDR that must be included in the Council's General Fund. Therefore, the difference between the income included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the amount required by regulation to be credited to the General Fund is taken to the Collection Fund Adjustment Account and included as a reconciling item in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The Balance Sheet includes the Council's share of the end of year balances in respect of Council Tax and NNDR relating to arrears, impairment allowances for doubtful debts, overpayments and prepayments and appeals.

5.2.33 Fair Value Measurement

The Council measures some of its assets and liabilities at fair value at the balance sheet date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability at the measurement date. The fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The Council uses external experts to provide a valuation of its assets and liabilities in line with the highest and best use definition within the accounting standard. The highest and best use of the asset or liability being valued is considered from the perspective of a market participant.

Inputs to the valuation techniques in respect of the Council's fair value of its assets and liabilities are categorised within the fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Council can access at the measurement date
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 – unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Note 6. Critical Accounting Judgements

In applying the accounting policies set out in note 65 the Council has to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are:

6.1 Schools Non-Current Assets

The Council have assessed the legal framework underlying each type of school.

Community schools' property, plant and equipment are owned by the Council and remain on the balance sheet as future economic benefits associated with the assets will flow to the Council.

The plant, property and equipment of voluntary aided, voluntary controlled and foundation schools are owned and controlled by the religious body or the trustees of the schools and are therefore not shown on the balance sheet of the Council unless the trustees are the governing body.

The Council does not control the schools' property, plant and equipment owned by the religious bodies or the trustees, there have been no past events which have transferred the ownership or control of the property, plant and equipment to the Council and any future benefits from the property, plant and equipment would be for the benefit of the religious body or trustee and not the Council.

An asset must be controlled by the Council for that asset to be recognised in the single entity accounts. Usage of the asset does not demonstrate control in form or substance without rights that are either legal or substantive.

The religious bodies or trustees own the assets, there have not been a reassignment of those assets to the Council and the rights to the asset are still maintained by the religious body or the trust. The religious bodies or trustees have a legal right to take back these assets.

The religious bodies or trustees have provided a licence for the Council to use the asset however these licenses are not provided in a written form. These licences do not create control of the asset by the Council. The religious bodies or trustees assert their continued control over the asset by permitting the asset to be used for precisely the purpose that the school wishes by the objectives of the religious bodies or trustees being the same as the governing bodies.

The religious bodies or trustees have decided that their asset is to be used as a school and therefore continue to have the rights to the resources in the asset. The continued agreement to permit the schools to use the asset means that the religious bodies or trustees are perpetually reasserting their control, and this has not been passed to the school.

The right of termination of the arrangement at any time by the religious body or trust provides evidence that the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have not transferred to the Council.

Details of the value of schools' land and building assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

6.2 PFI and Similar Arrangements

The Council is deemed to control the services provided via its PFI arrangements and to control the residual value of the assets at the end of the contract. The accounting policy for PFIs and similar contracts has been applied to these arrangements and the assets valued at £260.823m (£261.071m in 2021/22) are recognised as Property, Plant and Equipment in the Council's Balance Sheet.

The operators' models were examined to identify the service element of the unitary charge. Where that charge could not be clearly separated the relevant costs were obtained from the models and a margin was applied to the costs to provide an amount for the service costs. The margin used was based on advice received from expert external advisors. The service element of the unitary charge is inflated annually by an agreed indicator (e.g., RPI) as per the contract.

The implicit interest rate (IIR) was calculated by discounting the non-service element of the unitary charge at a rate that brings it back to the fair value of the asset. The fair value of the asset is taken as the construction or refurbishment costs of the scheme. The IIR calculated is compared to the closing swap rate in the financial model to check the reasonableness of the assumptions made.

6.3 Investment Properties

The Council has reviewed all assets to ensure they meet the accounting policy for investment properties (i.e., they are solely used to earn rentals and / or for capital appreciation) and as a result, assets valued on that basis totalling £537.407m (£493.722m in 2021/22) are recognised as Investment Properties in the Council's Balance Sheet.

6.4 Classification of Financial Assets

Under IFRS9 (Financial Instruments) the Councils equity holdings would be classified as being valued at Fair Value through Profit and Loss. However, it is the Council's view that the majority of its equity instruments are strategic investments (i.e. are not held for trading) and it has designated these at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income as a reasonable and reliable accounting policy for the investment.

6.5 Pooled Budgets

The new Pooled Budget arrangements commenced on 1 April 2021. The accounting arrangements for the Pool are dependent on whether the Council, has control of the fund. The agreement with the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) states that relevant decisions must have unanimous agreement, all members of the fund hold providers to account for delivery of services and risks are borne in line with the agreement. The Council's view is that the Pool should be accounted for as a joint operation and as a result account for its share of the fund's assets, liabilities, expenditure and income.

6.6 Lender Option Borrower Option (LOBO) loans

The Council has £310.000m of (LOBO) loans. These loans contain options which allow, on specific dates, the lender to alter the interest rate on the loan, and the Council then has an

option to decide to either accept the new rate or repay the loan without penalty. These loans have a fixed rate of interest, but the options mean it could change over the life of the loan. This means that there cannot be any certainty as to whether the loans will be paid early, and therefore the Council has treated these loans as fixed loans which will run to their existing maturity.

6.7 Composition of the Council's Group

The Council undertakes its activities through a variety of undertakings, either under ultimate control or in partnership with other organisations. Those considered to be material are included in the group accounts. Profit and loss, net worth and value of non-current assets for each organisation are considered as a percentage of the Council's single entity accounts to determine those that are material. Turnover, assets and liabilities (including the pension liability) are assessed individually. An entity could be material but still not consolidated (if all of its business is with the Council and eliminated on consolidation) – i.e., the consolidation would mean that the group accounts are not materially different to the single entity accounts. The assessment of materiality also considers qualitative factors such as whether the Council depends significantly on these entities for the continued provision of its statutory services or where there is concern about the level to which the Council is exposed to commercial risk.

Note 7. Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Council 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 Council's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023 for which there is a risk of adjustment in the following financial year are:

7.1 Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Property, plant and equipment (with the exception of infrastructure, community assets, assets under construction and small value items of vehicles, plant and equipment) are revalued on a periodic basis and tested annually for indicators of impairment. Judgements are required to make an assessment as to whether there is an indication of impairment. This includes examination of capital expenditure incurred in the financial year to ascertain whether or not it has resulted in an increase in value of an asset. Advice has been provided by valuers engaged by the Council. If the actual results differ from the assumptions the value of PPE will be over or understated. This would be adjusted when the assets were next revalued.

The total PPE carrying value of £2,716m includes the following categories of asset that are subject to revaluation; operational land and buildings, council dwellings and surplus assets. If these assets had a revaluation increase of 1% the carrying value would rise by £21.618m.

7.2 Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment.

Assets are depreciated based on 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 Council will be able to maintain the expenditure on repairs and maintenance resulting in uncertainty in the useful lives assigned to assets by the Valuers. If the useful life of assets is reduced depreciation increases and the carrying amount of assets falls.

It is estimated that the annual depreciation charge would increase by £3.639m for every year the useful lives are reduced.

However, due to capital regulations, there would be no impact on the general fund balance.

Percentages have been provided, based on professional judgement, for various components of council houses and flats. These percentages have been applied to the valuations of houses and flats to obtain valuations of the components to which useful lives are applied to calculate the depreciation on council dwellings. If these percentages were amended, the value of the council dwellings and the related depreciation would be over or under stated.

7.3 Revaluation of Investment Property

Investment properties are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition they are measured at fair value – highest and best use. The fair value reflects market conditions at the balance sheet date.

It is estimated that the carrying value of investment property of £537.795m would increase by £5.377m for every 1% increase in valuation.

7.4 Provision for Business Rate Appeals

The Council has made an in-year provision for a reduction in business rate income of £130.1m due to appeals made against rateable values set by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA). This is based on percentage reductions in rateable values (RV) for hereditaments where there was an outstanding appeal on 31 March 2023. This provision includes the estimated impact on 2022/23 income of appeals anticipated to be lodged in future years. The percentages used for appeals against the 2010 valuation list are based on information from the VOA on the percentage reductions, per category of property and type of appeal, to the valuation list following previously settled appeals. The percentage used for the reduction in the 2017 valuation list is based on the percentage that the 2010 list has fallen by adjusted by the reduction in value that has already occurred as a result of the check, challenge, and appeal process. Appeals raised against hereditaments with larger RVs have been considered separately, along with the interest payable to ratepayers settled after 31 March 2023. This is in line with the Non-Domestic Rating (Payment of Interest) Regulations 1990, which provides that the rate of interest on refunds of overpaid rates, arising from alterations to the rating list should be set at 1% below the standard rate of interest on 15 March of the preceding year. On 15 March 2023 the standard rate was 4.0%; therefore, the rate of interest to be applied in the rating year 2023/24 is 3.0%.

An increase of 1% in the percentage reduction would have the effect of adding £3.106m to the total provision required (Council's share £3.074m at 99%).

7.5 Net Pensions Asset

The Net Pension Asset is made up of the gross pension liabilities and the gross pension assets as per the actuarial report.

Estimation of the net asset to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the expected rate of price inflation, the rate at which salaries and pensions are expected to increase, mortality rates and the rate of commutation of pensions. A firm of external actuaries are engaged by the Pension Fund to provide expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the scheme obligations are provided by the Actuary. For instance, a 0.1% decrease in the real discount rate assumption would result in a change in the net pension asset/liability of £53.207m, a 1-year increase in member life expectancy being £127.076m, a 0.1% increase in the salary increase rate would result in a £6.191m change in the net pension asset/liability and a 0.1% increase in the pension rate increase (CPI) would result in a £47.759m change in the net pension asset/liability.

Note 8. Significant items warranting additional disclosure

The following items of material expenditure occurred during the year:

Impairment including downward revaluation and reversal of past impairment
 Impairment and revaluation of property plant and equipment and revaluation of investment properties of £69,992,000 (£27,878,000 in 2021/22) has been included within the surplus / deficit on provision of services:

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Adults Social Care	62	173
Children's Services	606	7,076
Corporate Core	0	2,098
Neighbourhoods and Highways	1,415	12,458
Growth and Development	0	17,130
Council Wide Costs	5,829	4,083
Housing Revenue Account	1,952	8,511
Investment properties	18,014	18,463
Total	27,878	69,992

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Note 9. Expenditure and Income Analysis

The Council's expenditure and income is analysed as follows:

	Restated 2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Expenditure		
Employee Benefit Expenses	597,261	614,901
Other Service Expenses	951,972	994,014
Business Rates Tariff	38,334	35,033
Capital Charges including Depreciation and impairment	145,947	218,514
Interest Payments	35,544	39,385
Pensions Interest Costs	91,110	118,583
Precepts and Levies	67,210	67,844
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	2,554	0
Loss on Disposal of Non-current Assets	11,626	0
Total Expenditure	1,941,556	2,088,275
Income		
Fees, Charges and Other Service Income	(281,969)	(281,463)
Interest and Investment Income	(38,317)	(42,681)
Return on Pension Assets	(69,294)	(102,400)
Capital Charges related income	(49,291)	(53,850)
Council Tax Income	(186,646)	(198,619)
Business Rates Income	(267,535)	(296,936)
Government Grants and Contributions	(1,011,780)	(963,513)
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(6,069)	(10,270)
Total Income	(1,910,900)	(1,949,733)
Deficit / (Surplus) on the Provision of Services	30,656	138,542

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The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

Note 10. Adjustments between accounting and funding basis under regulations

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Council in the year in accordance with proper accounting practice, to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Council to meet future capital and revenue expenditure. It shows the technical items that are removed that do not impact on the funded position and replaces them with other items that are funded.

The table below shows the adjustments made in 2021/22

	Restated Usable Reserves £000s						Restated Unusable Reserves £000's
	General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves
Reversal of items debited or credited to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement:							
Depreciation	(61,390)	0	0	0	(23,259)	(84,649)	84,649
Amortisation of intangible assets	(64)	0	0	0	0	(64)	64
Impairment / revaluation losses charged to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement	(7,911)	(1,952)	0	0	0	(9,863)	9,863
Movement in fair value of investment property	18,842	0	0	0	0	18,842	(18,842)
Financing of capital expenditure on council dwellings	0	0	0	0	21,054	21,054	(21,054)
Capital grants and contributions	71,339	2,253	0	26,232	0	99,823	(99,823)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(22,716)	(40)	0	(10,598)	0	(33,355)	33,355
Gain / (loss) on disposal of non-current assets	(11,626)	6,069	0	0	0	(5,557)	5,557
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the CIES	(156,966)	(574)	0	0	0	(157,540)	157,540

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	Restated Usable Reserves £000s						Restated Unusable Reserves £000's
	General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves
Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in year	56,082	208	0	0	0	56,290	(56,290)
Private finance initiative charges to the HRA	0	3,492	0	0	0	3,492	(3,492)
Differences between statutory accounting and amounts recognised as income and expenditure in relation to financial instruments	1,519	0	0	0	0	1,519	(1,519)
Amount by which council tax and business rates income adjustment included in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement is different from the amount taken to the general fund in accordance with regulation	113,265	0	0	0	0	113,265	(113,265)
Statutory provision for the repayment of debt - minimum revenue provision	30,122	0	0	0	0	30,122	(30,122)
Statutory provision for the repayment of debt - private finance initiatives	4,231	0	0	0	0	4,231	(4,231)
HRA capital receipts to housing central pool	(2,554)	0	2,554	0	0	0	0
Revenue contribution to finance capital	7,231	17	0	0	0	7,248	(7,248)
Premiums and discounts charged to revenue	532	0	0	0	0	532	(532)
Principal repayment of ex-GMC debt	2,678	0	0	0	0	2,678	(2,678)
Capital receipts received	0	0	(25,162)	0	0	(25,162)	25,162
Use of capital receipts reserve to finance capital expenditure	0	0	12,286	0	0	12,286	(12,286)

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	Restated Usable Reserves £000s						Restated Unusable Reserves £000's
	General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves
Write down of long-term debtor	(24)	0	0	0	0	(24)	24
Capital receipts for long-term debtors	0	0	(10,095)	0	0	(10,095)	10,095
Transfer to short term accumulated absences account	155	0	0	0	0	155	(155)
Reclassification of Dedicated School Grant (DSG)	(445)	0	0	0	0	(445)	445
Total adjustments	42,300	9,472	(20,418)	15,633	(2,205)	44,782	(44,782)

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

The table below shows the adjustments made in 2022/23

	Usable Reserves £000s						Unusable Reserves £000's
	General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves
Reversal of items debited or credited to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement:							
Depreciation	(76,104)	(23,683)	0	0	0	(99,788)	99,788
Posting of HRA resources from revenue to Major Repairs Reserve	0	23,683	0	0	(23,683)	0	0
Amortisation of intangible assets	(61)	0	0	0	0	(61)	61

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	Usable Reserves £000s					Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves £000's Total Unusable Reserves
	General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve		
Impairment / revaluation losses charged to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement	(43,018)	(8,511)	0	0	0	(51,529)	51,529
Movement in fair value of investment property	22,983	0	0	0	0	22,983	(22,983)
Financing of capital expenditure on council dwellings	0	0	0	0	23,310	23,310	(23,310)
Capital grants and contributions	68,416	5,046	0	21,122	0	94,584	(94,584)
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	(36,059)	(72)	0	(12,544)	0	(48,675)	48,675
Gain / (loss) on disposal of non-current assets	2,905	7,365	0	0	0	10,270	(10,270)
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the CIES	(142,959)	(632)	0	0	0	(143,591)	143,591
Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in year	59,255	349	0	0	0	59,604	(59,604)
Private finance initiative charges to the HRA	0	4,784	0	0	0	4,784	(4,784)
Differences between statutory accounting and amounts recognised as income and expenditure in relation to financial instruments	3,131	0	0	0	0	3,131	(3,131)
Amount by which council tax and business rates income adjustment included in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement is different from the amount taken to the general fund in accordance with regulation	98,643	0	0	0	0	98,643	(98,643)
Statutory provision for the repayment of debt - minimum revenue provision	32,698	0	0	0	0	32,698	(32,698)

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	Usable Reserves £000s					Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves £000's Total Unusable Reserves
	General Fund Reserves	Housing Revenue Account Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve		
Statutory provision for the repayment of debt - private finance initiatives	4,758	0	0	0	0	4,758	(4,758)
HRA capital receipts to housing central pool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue contribution to finance capital	4,971	0	0	0	0	4,971	(4,971)
Premiums and discounts charged to revenue	506	0	0	0	0	506	(506)
Principal repayment of ex-GMC debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital receipts received	0	0	(78,711)	0	0	(78,711)	78,711
Use of capital receipts reserve to finance capital expenditure	0	0	56,158	0	0	56,158	(56,158)
Write down of long-term debtor	(1,300)	0	0	0	0	(1,300)	1,300
Capital receipts for long-term debtors	0	0	(17,031)	0	0	(17,031)	17,031
Transfer to short term accumulated absences account	893	0	0	0	0	893	(893)
Reclassification of Dedicated School Grant (DSG)	1,285	0	0	0	0	1,285	(1,285)
Total adjustments	945	8,329	(39,584)	8,579	(373)	(22,105)	22,105

Note 11. Private Finance Initiatives and Service Concessions

Undischarged obligations arising from PFI and service concession transactions as at 31 March 2023 were as follows:

Payments/ Scheme	Liability Repayment £000	Lifecycle Costs £000	Interest Charges £000	Service Charges £000	Total £000	Scheme Details
Miles Platting Housing						

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Payments/ Scheme	Liability Repayment £000	Lifecycle Costs £000	Interest Charges £000	Service Charges £000	Total £000	Scheme Details
						Miles Platting – housing refurbishment, maintenance and estate management - services commenced in 2006/07. Total obligation as at start of contract of £496,894,000 to be met from PFI Grant and the Housing Revenue Account. Indexation – RPI Contract expiry - 2037
Payments within 1 year	2,073	3,476	2,343	9,005	16,897	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	9,228	13,902	8,062	39,163	70,355	
Payments within 6 to 10 years	13,515	17,378	6,718	57,094	94,705	
Payments within 11 to 15 years	13,967	13,902	2,299	51,040	81,208	
Sub total	38,783	48,658	19,422	156,302	263,165	
						Plymouth Grove – housing refurbishment, maintenance and estate management - services commenced in 2003/04. Total obligation as at start of contract of £145,785,000 to be met from PFI Grant and the Housing Revenue Account. Indexation – RPI Contract expiry - 2033
Plymouth Grove Housing						
Payments within 1 year	745	730	1,317	2,883	5,675	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	4,067	2,918	4,355	12,139	23,478	
Payments within 6 to 10 years	7,704	3,648	2,633	17,304	31,289	
Sub total	12,515	7,296	8,305	32,326	60,442	
						Temple School – design, build and maintenance of Temple Primary School – services commenced in 2001/02. Total obligation as at start of contract of £14,617,000 to be met from PFI Special Grant and Dedicated Schools Grant
Temple School						
Payments within 1 year	361	0	120	316	797	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	861	0	130	656	1,647	
Sub total	1,222	0	250	973	2,444	

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Payments/ Scheme	Liability Repayment £000	Lifecycle Costs £000	Interest Charges £000	Service Charges £000	Total £000	Scheme Details
						(DSG). Lifecycle costs for the scheme form part of the service charge, but are not separately identifiable. Indexation – RPI Contract expiry - 2026
Wright Robinson Sports College						Wright Robinson Sports College - design, build and maintenance of sports college - services commenced in 2007/08. Total obligation as at start of contract of £116,428,000 to be met from PFI Special Grant and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Indexation – RPI Contract expiry - 2032
Payments within 1 year	1,387	461	1,058	1,888	4,795	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	6,505	1,844	3,276	8,156	19,781	
Payments within 6 to 10 years	8,493	1,871	1,435	9,346	21,145	
Sub total	16,386	4,177	5,769	19,390	45,721	
Public Lighting						Public Lighting – refurbishment and maintenance of street lighting and illuminated street signage – services commenced in 2004/05. Total obligation as at start of contract of £164,300,000 to be met from PFI Special Grant and council resources. Indexation – RPI applied Contract expiry - 2030
Payments within 1 year	2,479	620	1,000	2,861	6,959	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	11,412	2,479	2,577	12,268	28,736	
Payments within 6 to 10 years	4,561	775	265	4,321	9,921	
Sub total	18,452	3,873	3,842	19,450	45,617	

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Payments/ Scheme	Liability Repayment £000	Lifecycle Costs £000	Interest Charges £000	Service Charges £000	Total £000	Scheme Details
Brunswick Housing						Brunswick – housing refurbishment, maintenance and estate management - services commenced in 2013/14. Total obligation as at start of contract of £258,236,000 to be met from PFI Grant and the Housing Revenue Account. Indexation – RPIX Contract expiry - 2038
Payments within 1 year	1,910	0	3,929	2,547	8,386	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	7,391	0	14,195	10,886	32,473	
Payments within 6 to 10 years	9,892	0	14,814	14,957	39,663	
Payments within 11 to 15 years	19,787	0	8,393	17,317	45,498	
Payments within 16 to 20 years	6,431	0	322	2,670	9,424	
Sub total	45,411	0	41,654	48,377	135,443	
						Refuse vehicles utilised in the provision of refuse collection services to the Council. The service contract commenced in 2015 and the purchase of new vehicles to be utilised in the contract commenced in 2016. Indexation – Various Contract expiry – 2032
Refuse Vehicles Service Concession						
Payments within 1 year	908	0	50	14,670	15,628	
Payments within 2 to 5 years	2,517	0	80	59,914	62,511	
Payments within 6 to 10 years	374	0	6	66,039	66,419	
Sub total	3,799	0	136	140,623	144,558	
Total	136,568	64,004	79,378	417,441	697,390	

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The service charge included above excludes inflation applied annually using the relevant index.

The service charge shown assumes no deductions will be made for poor performance.

The Brunswick Housing liability is being introduced onto the balance sheet as the work is undertaken.

The Refuse Vehicle Service Concession liability is being introduced onto the balance sheet as assets are purchased.

The Council has six PFI Schemes and one Service Concession as follows:

- Miles Platting, HRA (Housing) Services PFI Scheme
- Plymouth Grove, HRA (Housing) Services PFI Scheme
- Temple Primary School, Children's Services PFI Scheme
- Wright Robinson Sports College, Children's Services PFI Scheme
- Public Lighting, Neighbourhood Services PFI Scheme
- Brunswick, HRA (Housing) Services PFI Scheme
- Refuse Vehicles Service Concession

Each PFI scheme specifies the start dates for the contractor to begin the work as well as improvement dates for cyclical planned maintenance. The contractor makes the property, plant and equipment needed to provide the services available to the Council for the length of the contract. At the end of the contract the ownership of the property, plant and equipment passes to the Council at no extra charge. The management and maintenance contract with the contractor expires at the end of the PFI Scheme, the contractor does not have an automatic right to renew the contract for a further period but is entitled to re-tender for the contract. If the Council defaults on the terms, the contractor can terminate the PFI Scheme. The Council is entitled to terminate the contract if the contractor defaults.

HRA (Housing) PFI Schemes

In each of the Housing PFI schemes (Miles Platting, Plymouth Grove, Brunswick) the contractor is contracted to improve a specified group of properties in an area to specified standards (the actual number may be affected by demolitions and tenants exercising their Right to Buy (RTB)).

Each Housing PFI scheme sets out a minimum specification for the standard of maintenance and service provision to the individual properties by the contractor. There are clauses which set out the financial deductions to be applied if these standards are not met.

Children's Services PFI Schemes

The School PFI schemes oblige the contractor to construct, fit out and equip new school buildings and facilities as defined and specified in each of the contracts. The contractor is then obliged to manage and maintain the new facilities for the duration of the life of the PFI scheme.

The School PFI schemes have minimum specifications for service provision/availability. If these are breached (e.g., unavailability of a sports pitch), then financial penalties are payable by the contractor.

Work to increase the number of pupil places at Temple Primary School has been completed. The Council funded the capital works at the school. The PFI contract has been amended to include the management and maintenance of the new facility.

Neighbourhoods PFI Scheme

The Public Lighting PFI scheme specified that 41,698 streetlights were certified to be replaced during the Initial Apparatus Replacement Programme, plus others to be replaced at others expense (e.g. housing developers). The scheme also includes an Annual Apparatus Replacement Programme where the contractor is required to replace streetlights on a cyclical basis.

Changes to the Public Lighting PFI contract were negotiated in 2017/18. These related to the procurement and installation of low energy LED street lighting technology and a management system for centralised control. The equipment is designed to deliver long term sustainable benefits and revenue savings, whilst providing high quality lighting to recognised standards.

Refuse Vehicles Service Concession

The contract to provide refuse collection service to the Council stipulates that new vehicles will be purchased by the contractor to provide these services. The nature of the contract means that it must be classified under the IFRIC12 standard as a Service Concession and the vehicles capitalised on the Council's balance sheet.

Note 12. National Health Services Act 2006 Pooled Funds

Section 75 of the National Health Services Act 2006 enables the establishment of joint working arrangements between NHS bodies and local authorities. Pooled funds enable health bodies and local authorities to work together to address specific health issues.

On 1 April 2021, new arrangements came into place between Manchester City Council (MCC) and Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) to 'supercharge' Manchester's Local Care Organisation. This included the creation of a new Section 75 (S75) agreement between MCC and MFT which included Adult Social Care services, which were previously made part of the S75 agreement between the Greater Manchester Integrated Commissioning Board (GMICB) and MCC.

The Manchester Local Care Organisation was established in 2018 as the delivery vehicle for reducing health inequalities and improving population health of people in Manchester, underpinned by a S75 agreement to facilitate and support the strengthening of the Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO) ensuring delivery of integrated community health and adult social care services in Manchester. The pooling of the Better Care Fund forms part of these arrangements. The total MLCO Pooled budget for both health and social care is £301m.

MCC and MFT Pooled funding and Expenditure:	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's
Funding		
Manchester City Council	(184,046)	(189,588)

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Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	(105,899)	(111,259)
Total Funding	(289,945)	(300,847)
Expenditure		
Manchester City Council	181,615	189,714
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	108,357	109,580
Total Expenditure	289,972	299,294
Overspend / (Underspend)	27	(1,553)

Better Care Fund

The Better Care Fund has been established by the Government to provide funds to local areas to support the integration of health and social care. It was a requirement of the Better Care Fund that Greater Manchester Integrated Commissioning Board and the Council establish a pooled fund from 1 April 2015 for this purpose.

	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's
Funding		
Manchester City Council	(39,299)	(42,454)
Manchester CCG/GM ICB	(81,915)	(86,269)
Total Funding	(121,214)	(128,723)
Expenditure		
New Delivery Models of Integrated Care	81,840	87,623
Protection of Adult Social Care	15,100	15,955
Reablement	13,788	14,583
Care Act Responsibilities	2,003	2,116
Capital Expenditure	8,164	8,483
Total Expenditure	120,895	128,760
Overspend / (Underspend)	(319)	37

The overspend of £37k is due to additional spend on community health equipment.

The Council is the local Social Services Authority for Manchester within the meaning of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 and a commissioner and provider of health and social care services to people of all ages in Manchester. The aims and benefits of the partners in entering into this agreement are to:

- give the Council and the GM ICB greater transparency and control over the use of funding to support local integration of health and care services
- realise benefits from integration in terms of efficiencies in how services are delivered, reducing reactive unplanned health and social care activity, and improving long term health outcomes for people.

- deliver reform of the local health and care system based on agreed strategic objectives for the Locality Plan and national conditions for use of the Better Care Fund
- protect health and / or social care as relevant to the partners in so far as this delivers the Better Care Fund national conditions.

Note 13. Financing and investment income and expenditure

The table below analyses the figures included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	Gross Expenditure 2021/22 £000's	Gross Income 2021/22 £000's	Gross Expenditure 2022/23 £000's	Gross Income 2022/23 £000's
Interest payable on debt	24,581	0	28,968	0
Interest payable on PFI unitary payments	10,963	0	10,417	0
Interest income / expense on the defined benefit pension scheme	91,110	(69,294)	118,583	(102,400)
Investment interest income	0	(37,816)	0	(42,233)
Rentals received on investment properties	0	(25,658)	0	(42,967)
Expenses incurred on investment properties	3,920	0	19,126	0
Change in fair value of investment properties	18,014	(36,856)	18,463	(41,446)
Dividend receivable	0	(501)	0	(448)
Impairment loss on debtors	6,709	0	4,897	0
Impairment of financial assets	711	0	(2,350)	0
(Gain)/Loss on trading accounts	0	17	0	0
Total	156,008	(170,108)	198,104	(229,494)

Note 14. Taxation and non-specific grant income

The table below analyses the figure included in the taxation and non-specific grant income line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	
Council Tax Income	(186,646)	(198,619)	(a)
Business Rates Income	(267,514)	(296,936)	(b)
Business Rates Tariff	38,334	35,033	(c)
Business Rates Section 31 Grants	(128,544)	(64,003)	(d)
Enterprise Zone Relief Grant	(860)	(486)	
Tax Income Guarantee	(276)	0	
Education Services Grant	(1,200)	(1,150)	
New Homes Bonus Grant	(8,330)	(9,857)	(e)
Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support Administration Grant	(3,999)	(3,987)	
Local Council Tax Support Grant	(5,711)	0	(f)
Returned Business Rates Growth Levy Share	0	(1,499)	(g)
Private Finance Initiative Grant (General Fund)	(6,580)	(6,580)	
Improved Better Care Fund	(30,816)	(31,749)	(h)
Lower Tiers Services Grant	(1,237)	(1,328)	
Children's and Adults Social Care Grant	(23,877)	(31,924)	(i)
Services Grant	0	(12,324)	(j)
COVID-19 Emergency Funding	(22,229)	0	(k)
COVID-19 Sales, Fees and Charges	(3,595)	0	
COVID New Burdens Grant	(233)	(801)	
Other Revenue Grants	(179)	(152)	
Adjustment on concessionary interest loan	400	329	
Capital Grants and contributions	(73,592)	(73,462)	(l)
Total taxation and non-specific grant income	(726,684)	(699,496)	

- a. Council Tax Income has increased by £12m due to an increase in the Council Tax Base of 6.7% and Council Tax Rate increase of 3.99%.
- b. Roll back of Extended Retail and Nursery Discount from an average of 75% in 2021/22 to 50% in 2022/23 with national caps to retail, hospitality, leisure and nurseries businesses. In addition, Business rates collection in 2022/23 was 97.29%, up 2.50% from 94.79% in 2021/22; and up 9.38% from 87.91% in 2020/21
- c. Business Rates Tariff is the amount paid to government to adjust income from business rates and bring it into line with the government's assessment of baseline funding level required.
- d. Business Rates Section 31 grants are paid by government to compensate authorities for loss of business rates income due government policy announcements. These include the extension small business rates relief, capping the increase in business rates to 2% along with other measures announced in the Government's Budget Statements. The reduction in Extended Retail and Nursery Discount in 2022/23 has been the main reason for the reduction in Section 31 grants.
- e. New Homes Bonus (NHB) grant reduced from a three year to a two year legacy payment in 2021/22 and continued in 2022/23 in line with the government plan to wind down this funding incentive. The government has consulted on a replacement for New Homes Bonus, although this has been confirmed for 2023/24 also.
- f. Local Tax Support Grant, was announced in the Spending Review for 2021/22, to provide additional local council tax support in 2021/22 to support households facing financial difficulties because of the pandemic. This funding was removed in 2022/23.
- g. Returned Business Rates Levy Share. As part of the Final Settlement announcement in February 2023, Government announced return of the Levy account surplus to authorities. The Levy account receives levies on rates growth above a baseline set by Government from certain authorities. Under statute this funding is to be returned to local authorities and the Council's share is £1.499m.
- h. The Improved Better Care Fund is allocated to local authorities to fund social care. From 2017 the Spending Review made available social care funds for local government. The Council's allocation in 2022/23 increased by £934k to £31.749m.
- i. The Children's and Adults Social Care Grant was announced in the October 2018 budget with the stated aim of reducing demand on the NHS and improving the social care offer for older people, people with disabilities and children.
- j. Services Grant is a new government grant from 2022/23 to provide funding to all tiers of local government in recognition of the vital services delivered at every level of local government.

k. COVID Emergency Funding and COVID Sales, Fees and Charges income loss funding ended in 2021/22, with no further un-ringfenced funding provided in 2022/23.

l. The Capital Grants and Contributions include Basic Need Grant (to fund additional school places), Schools Capital Maintenance Funding, Disabled Facilities Grant for adaptations to homes, Arts Council England grant funding for the Factory project, Public Sector Decarbonisation grant funding, Housing Infrastructure Fund grant funding and contributions from developers.

Note 15. Revenue grants credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

The table below analyses the revenue grants credited to Net Cost of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

	Restated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s	
Dedicated Schools Grant	(328,019)	(342,602)	
Pupil Premium	(23,783)	(24,530)	
Housing and Council Tax Support	(169,755)	(165,590)	(a)
Private Finance Initiative Grant (Housing Revenue Account)	(23,374)	(23,374)	
Learning and Skills Council Grants	(7,825)	(8,031)	
Asylum Seekers Grant	(9,827)	(11,529)	(b)
Universal Free School Meals Grant	(3,157)	(3,060)	
Sixth Form Funding Grant	(445)	(541)	
Troubled Families Grant	(3,090)	(3,782)	
Independent Living Fund	(1,984)	(1,984)	
Youth Justice Board Grants	(1,291)	(2,205)	
Department for Education - (Inherited Staff Liabilities)	(861)	(694)	
Homelessness, Rough Sleepers, Accommodation for Ex Offenders and Staying Put Grant	(11,666)	(5,048)	(c)
Homeless Prevention Grant	(1,158)	(3,905)	(d)
PE and Sports Grant	(2,138)	(1,874)	
Teachers Pay Grant	(194)	(181)	
Additional School Grant including Teacher Pension grant for maintained schools and COVID emergency support for schools	(7,174)	(14,571)	(e)
Public Health Grants	(1,383)	(2,104)	
COVID 19 Grants	(23,885)	0	(g)
Business Support Grant	(5,310)	0	(g)
Household Support Fund	(6,453)	(12,906)	(h)
Afghan Resettlement Grant	0	(11,095)	(i)
Domestic Abuse Grant	0	(3,628)	(j)

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	Restated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s	
New Burdens Council Tax Energy Rebate Scheme	0	(317)	
Market Sustainability Fair Cost of Care	0	(1,800)	(k)
SAFE Taskforce (schools)	0	(1,589)	(l)
Council Tax Energy Rebate (Discretionary scheme)	0	(1,626)	(m)
Family Hub Grant	0	(888)	
Domestic Abuse Grant	0	(1,658)	(n)
Other Grants	(4,028)	(4,482)	(o)
Total revenue grants credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(636,801)	(655,593)	

(a) Housing and Council Tax Support grants have reduced in line with lower expenditure as a result of fewer claimants and more residents moving to Universal Credit.

(b) Asylum Seekers Grant increase is due to an increased number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children along with those leaving care.

(c) Homelessness grants have reduced due to removal of one off ringfenced grants received in 2021/22. In 2022/23 this includes Homelessness Grant, Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant, Staying Put Grant, Accommodation for Ex Offenders and Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme.

(d) Home Office Prevent Strategy is part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy, which aims to prevent people from becoming a terrorist or supporting terrorism of any form.

(e) Additional School increase is due to Supplementary grant of £5.621m announced by the Government following the Autumn 2021 Spending Review, the additional funds are intended to reflect the additional cost of the Health and Social Care Levy and other inflationary cost increases that local authorities and schools faced in 2022/23. From 2023/24 this will be part of school's core funding; and the new £456k Alternative Provision Taskforce Grant. The 2022/23 level also includes new Ukraine and Afghan School Grant and £0.513m Teachers Pension Grant.

(g) COVID 19 grants and Business Support Grant ended in 2021/22.

(h) Household Support Fund was distributed by councils in England to directly help those who needed it most. The grant was distributed through small payments to support vulnerable households meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities. This was extended to 2022/23, and then to 2023/24 in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

(i) Afghan Resettlement Grant to support the resettlement of Afghan nationals into the UK. The council received £11.095m in 2022/23.

(j) Homes for Ukraine Grant - The government has provided funding at a rate of £10,500 per person to councils to enable them to provide support to families to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities. The Council received £3.628m in 2022/23.

(k) Market Sustainability Fair Cost of Care funding of £1.800m for the Manchester Local Care Organisation to support the sustainability of the 65+ care home market and the 18+ domiciliary care market (including domiciliary care providers who operate in extra care settings).

(l) SAFE Taskforce (schools) funding of £1.589m for young people who are most at risk of serious violence or gang exploitation and provide targeted support to keep them engaged in education and attending lessons.

(m) Council Tax Energy Rebate Discretionary scheme funding of £1.626m to provide support to people on low incomes or in vulnerable groups in addition to the Council Tax Energy Rebate Core Scheme.

(n) Domestic Abuse Grant of £1.658m following introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 which places new duties on local authorities across England to ensure that victims of domestic abuse and their children can access the right support in safe accommodation when they need it.

(o) Other Grants of lower amounts including Community voices, Home Office grant for elections, Talk English Grant, DEFRA, HMP Library services and Department of Transport grant.

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Note 16. Officers' Emoluments and Senior Employees' Remuneration

Employee Remuneration

The Accounts and Audit Regulations require the disclosure of employees' remuneration in excess of £50,000 excluding the remuneration details of the Council's senior employees, which are disclosed separately. ^(OBJ)

Non schools-based staff

The number of non-schools-based staff in each salary band over £50,000 split between those staff who have not received severance or other related payments and those who have is shown below.

	2021/22 Staff Who Have Not Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2021/22 Staff Who Have Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2021/22 Total	2022/23 Staff Who Have Not Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2022/23 Staff Who Have Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2022/23 Total
£50,000 - £54,999	140	0	140	194	0	194
£55,000 - £59,999	65	0	65	87	0	87
£60,000 - £64,999	19	0	19	29	0	29
£65,000 - £69,999	24	0	24	20	0	20
£70,000 - £74,999	14	0	14	24	0	24
£75,000 - £79,999	18	0	18	18	0	18
£80,000 - £84,999	10	0	10	13	0	13
£85,000 - £89,999	11	0	11	5	0	5
£90,000 - £94,999	10	0	10	20	0	20
£95,000 - £99,999	2	0	2	2	0	2
£100,000 - £104,999	5	0	5	2	0	2
£105,000 - £109,999	4	0	4	4	0	4
£110,000 - £114,999	2	0	2	4	0	4
£120,000 - £124,999	2	0	2	1	0	1
£125,000 - £129,999	0	0	0	2	0	2
£135,000 - £139,999	1	0	1	1	0	1

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	2021/22 Staff Who Have Not Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2021/22 Staff Who Have Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2021/22 Total	2022/23 Staff Who Have Not Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2022/23 Staff Who Have Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2022/23 Total
£145,000 - £149,999	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	328	0	328	426	0	426

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Schools based staff

The number of schools-based staff in each salary band over £50,000 split between those staff who have not received severance or other related payments and those who have is shown below.

	2021/22 Staff Who Have Not Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2021/22 Staff Who Have Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2021/22 Total	2022/23 Staff Who Have Not Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2022/23 Staff Who Have Received Severance or Other Related Payments	2022/23 Total
£50,000 - £54,999	87	0	87	85	0	85
£55,000 - £59,999	51	0	51	60	0	60
£60,000 - £64,999	31	0	31	22	0	22
£65,000 - £69,999	16	0	16	24	0	24
£70,000 - £74,999	15	0	15	17	0	17
£75,000 - £79,999	16	0	16	15	0	15
£80,000 - £84,999	4	0	4	10	0	10
£85,000 - £89,999	7	0	7	6	0	6
£90,000 - £94,999	9	0	9	7	0	7
£95,000 - £99,999	1	0	1	2	0	2
£100,000 - £104,999	1	0	1	2	0	2
£105,000 - £109,999	2	0	2	0	0	0
£110,000 - £114,999	0	0	0	1	1	2
£115,000 - £119,999	2	0	2	1	0	1
£120,000 - £124,999	0	0	0	2	0	2
£130,000 - £134,999	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	243	0	243	254	1	255

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Senior Employees' Remuneration

The following Council employees are classed as senior employees as they received a salary in excess of £150,000 (disclosed by name) or received a salary in excess of £50,000 and are part of the Council's Strategic Management Team or are in a designated post that is required to be disclosed (disclosed by job title)

Senior Employees' Remuneration	Salary, Fees or Allowances	Salary, Fees or Allowances	Employer's Contribution to Pension	Employer's Contribution to Pension	
	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	
Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), Joanne Roney	211,584	213,509	39,143	39,499	
Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer (Section 151 Officer), Carol Culley	159,566	161,491	29,520	29,876	
City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer), Fiona Ledden	148,701	150,626	27,510	27,866	
Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	138,357	68,851	25,596	0	a
Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	0	109,481	0	20,033	b
Strategic Director of Children and Education Services, Paul Marshall	148,701	150,626	27,510	27,866	
Executive Director of Adult Social Services, Bernadette Enright	138,357	150,626	25,596	27,866	
Director of Education	120,486	122,411	22,290	22,646	
Strategic Director (Development)	41,572	0	7,691	0	c
Strategic Director (Development)	58,810	131,377	10,880	24,305	d
Director of Population, Health and Wellbeing (Director of Public Health)	110,486	116,458	15,888	16,747	
Assistant Chief Executive	0	108,121	0	18,978	e
Project Director (Our Town Hall), Paul Candelent	0	150,626	0	27,866	f
Total	1,276,620	1,634,203	231,624	283,548	

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There were no expenses allowances, severance payments or employer contributions to early retirement costs in relation to any of the officers disclosed above in 2021/22 and 2022/23

- (a) The post-holder was on phased retirement during 2022/23 and left the Council on 31 March 2023
- (b) The current post-holder commenced on 1 June 2022
- (c) The post-holder commenced on 22 June 2020 and left the Council on 11 July 2021
- (d) The current post-holder commenced on 18 October 2021
- (e) The Assistant Chief Executive is a redesignated post effective from 1 April 2022 and reports directly to the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) from that date
- (f) The Project Director for the Our Town Hall project qualified for inclusion in this year's note as the salary for the post satisfied the definition of a senior employee. ^(OB)

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Note 17. Exit Packages

The number of agreed exit packages and the total cost of these within each band is shown below. The total cost figures shown include severance, early retirement and any compensation for loss of office payments that have been agreed at the year end.

Non schools-based staff

	2021/22 Number of Staff Departures Agreed	2021/22 Total Cost of Exit Packages £000s	2022/23 Number of Staff Departures Agreed	2022/23 Total Cost of Exit Packages £000s
£0 - £20,000	42	378	10	47
£20,001 - £40,000	16	392	2	53
£40,001 - £60,000	1	51	1	55
Total	59	821	13	155

There were no compulsory redundancies in relation to non schools-based staff during 2021/22 and 2022/23

Schools-based staff

	2021/22 Number of Compulsory Redundancies	2021/22 Number of Other Staff Departures Agreed	2021/22 Total Number of Exit Packages	2021/22 Total Cost of Exit Packages	2022/23 Number of Compulsory Redundancies	2022/23 Number of Other Staff Departures Agreed	2022/23 Total Number of Exit Packages	2022/23 Total Cost of Exit Packages
£0 - £20,000	0	66	66	473	2	54	56	468
£20,001 - £40,000	0	6	6	180	0	6	6	141
£40,001 - £60,000	0	1	1	51	0	3	3	141
Total	0	73	73	704	2	63	65	750

The table above accounts for 2 compulsory redundancies within schools at a cost of £33,767

Note 18. Audit Fees

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The following amount of fees have been incurred for work carried out by the external auditors:

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Fees payable to Mazars with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor	276	189

Note 19a. Property, Plant and Equipment

Movements on property, plant and equipment during 2022/23 were as follows:

	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	Total £000s
Movement in 2022/23							
Gross book value brought forward	744,818	1,308,532	141,109	41,033	329,963	156,858	2,722,313
Accumulated depreciation and impairment brought forward	(341)	(66,795)	(73,277)	(853)	0	(2,977)	(144,243)
Net book value carried forward as at 1 April 2022	744,477	1,241,737	67,832	40,180	329,963	153,881	2,578,070
Additions	21,130	48,755	5,686	1,614	192,269	993	270,447
Revaluations recognised in revaluation reserve	25,884	25,726	0	0	0	20,378	71,988
Downward Revaluations recognised in deficit / surplus on the provision of services	(7,576)	(33,956)	0	0	0	(3,598)	(45,130)
Derecognition – disposals	0	(5,563)	0	0	0	(945)	(6,508)
Transferred (to) held for sale assets	(12,565)	(27,208)	0	0	0	(19,267)	(59,040)

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	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	Total £000s
Other transfers	3,815	(12,281)	(213)	686	4,082	151	(3,760)
Other movements in cost or valuation - newly recognised PFI assets	935	0	614	0	0	0	1,549
Depreciation	(23,332)	(30,839)	(11,137)	0	0	(92)	(65,400)
Impairments charged to the deficit / surplus on the provision of services	(935)	(4,925)	(53)	0	0	0	(5,913)
Impairments covered by the revaluation reserve	(13,481)	(6,869)	0	0	0	0	(20,350)
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2023	738,352	1,194,577	62,729	42,480	526,314	151,501	2,715,954
Gross book value carried forward	739,065	1,269,816	146,645	43,333	526,314	153,259	2,878,432
Accumulated depreciation and Impairment carried forward as at 31 March 2023	(713)	(75,239)	(83,916)	(853)	0	(1,758)	(162,479)
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2023	738,352	1,194,577	62,729	42,480	526,314	151,501	2,715,954

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Movements on property, plant and equipment during 2021/22 were as follows:

	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	Total £000s
Movement in 2021/22							
Gross book value brought forward	623,171	1,157,178	119,666	34,077	229,320	163,044	2,326,456
Accumulated depreciation and impairment brought forward	24	(58,776)	(63,389)	(853)	0	(2,860)	(125,854)
Net book value carried forward as at 1 April 2021	623,195	1,098,402	56,277	33,224	229,320	160,184	2,200,602
Additions	19,822	27,649	20,290	4,458	139,356	1,557	213,132
Revaluations recognised in revaluation reserve	133,072	133,105	0	0	0	7,370	273,547
Downward Revaluations recognised in deficit / surplus on the provision of services	0	(1,872)	0	0	0	(5,700)	(7,572)
Derecognition – disposals	0	(5,750)	0	0	0	(7,671)	(13,421)
Transferred (to) held for sale assets	(8,167)	(4,524)	0	0	0	(4,097)	(16,788)
Other transfers	12,437	23,839	1,174	2,498	(38,713)	2,634	3,869
Other movements in cost or valuation - newly recognised leased / PFI assets	811	0	(21)	0	0	0	790
Depreciation	(22,958)	(28,920)	(9,826)	0	0	(396)	(62,100)
Impairments charged to the deficit / surplus on the provision of services	(1,952)	(148)	(62)	0	0	0	(2,162)
Impairments covered by the revaluation reserve	(11,783)	(44)	0	0	0	0	(11,827)
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	744,477	1,241,737	67,832	40,180	329,963	153,881	2,578,070
Gross book value carried forward	744,818	1,308,532	141,109	41,033	329,963	156,858	2,722,313

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	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	Total £000s
Accumulated depreciation and Impairment carried forward as at 31 March 2022	(341)	(66,795)	(73,277)	(853)	0	(2,977)	(144,243)
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	744,477	1,241,737	67,832	40,180	329,963	153,881	2,578,070

Note 19b. Infrastructure assets

In accordance with the temporary relief offered by the Update to the Code on Infrastructure Assets this note does not disclose gross cost and accumulated depreciation for infrastructure assets because historical reporting practices and resulting information deficits mean that this would not faithfully represent the asset position to the users of the financial statements.

The Council has chosen not to disclose this information as the previously reported practices and resultant information deficits mean that gross cost and accumulated depreciation are not measured accurately and would not provide the basis for the users of the financial statements to take economic or other decisions relating to infrastructure assets.

The Council has determined that in accordance with the new Regulation 30M of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 that the carrying amounts to be derecognised for infrastructure assets when there is replacement expenditure is nil.

	£000s
Net book value as at 1 April 2022	552,732
Movement in 2022/23	
Additions	35,194
Other transfers	(302)
Depreciation	(34,387)
Net book value carried forward at 31 March 2023	553,237

	£000s
Net book value as at 1 April 2021	538,992
Movement in 2021/22	
Additions	38,224
Other transfers	(1,935)
Depreciation	(22,549)
Net book value carried forward at 31 March 2022	552,732

Note 20. Disposal of Assets

The note below shows the value of assets disposed of and the gain and loss on disposal.

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Disposals of Assets		
Held for Sale - Council dwellings (right to buy)	8,302	12,565
Other HRA disposals		86
Held for Sale - General Fund	9,132	50,699
Academy Disposals	0	5,563
Other General Fund Disposals	13,285	859
Total	30,719	69,772

(Gains) and Losses on Disposal of Non-current Assets

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Held for Sale - Council dwellings (right to buy)	(4,725)	(4,846)
HRA Other	(1,344)	(2,519)
Held for Sale General Fund	1,611	5,247
Academy Disposals	0	5,563
Other General Fund Disposals and other Capital Receipts	10,015	(13,715)
Total	5,557	(10,270)

Note 21. Accounting for Local Government Schools

The Council has the following maintained schools:

	Community	Voluntary Controlled	Voluntary Aided	Foundation
Number of schools at 31 March 2023	53	13	40	2
Value of land and buildings at 31 March 2023	£388,418,000	N/A	N/A	£16,787,000
Value of land and buildings at 31 March 2022	£384,121,000	N/A	N/A	£18,883,000

Non-Current assets

The treatment of land and buildings for each type of school is based on the legal framework underlying each type of school. The Council controls the non-current assets of community schools and foundation schools that are vested with the governing body and therefore the land and buildings of those schools are shown on the Council's balance sheet. The land and buildings of voluntary aided, voluntary controlled and foundation schools that are vested with an external trust are owned and controlled by the trustees of the schools or the foundation body and are therefore not shown on the balance sheet of the Council.

Capital expenditure on community and foundation schools vested with the governing body schools is added to the balances for those schools as reported in property, plant and equipment (note 19a). Capital expenditure on voluntary aided, voluntary controlled and foundation schools vested with an external trust is treated as REFCUS (Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute) expenditure and written off each year to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement within the Children's Services line.

Revenue Funding

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is a ring-fenced government grant used to fund the running costs of schools and is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement within gross income on the Children's Services line based on amounts due from the Department for Education. The running costs of all categories of schools, apart from academies, are shown within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The DSG is allocated between central council budget and budgets allocated to individual schools (delegated school budgets). Expenditure from central council budgets and delegated schools' budgets is charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement under the Children's Services line.

Individual schools' balances, for all categories of schools apart from academies, are included in the balance sheet of the Council within usable reserves (note 38).

Included within the Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet are the following amounts relating to each category of school.

	Community £000s	Voluntary Controlled £000s	Voluntary Aided £000s	Foundation £000s	Total £000s
Opening schools' reserves	12,167	2,082	5,061	776	20,086
Funding, including DSG	177,795	33,746	98,896	7,213	317,650
Net expenditure incurred by schools	(179,468)	(33,776)	(100,464)	(7,513)	(321,221)
Closing schools' reserves	10,494	2,052	3,493	476	16,515

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Note 22. Heritage Assets

Movements on heritage assets during 2022/23 were as follows:

	Fine Art Works £000's	Civic Plate £000's	Town Hall Sculptures £000's	Monuments, Statues, Fountains, Buildings and other Civic Regalia £000's	Total £000's
Cost or valuation					
Balance at 1 April 2022	613,434	2,959	2,962	17,957	637,312
Additions/ Donations				53	53
Revaluations	1,909				1,909
Balance at 31 March 2023	615,343	2,959	2,962	18,010	639,274

Movements on heritage assets during 2021/22 were as follows:

	Fine Art Works £000's	Civic Plate £000's	Town Hall Sculptures £000's	Monuments, Statues, Fountains, Buildings and Civic Regalia £000's	Total £000's
Cost or valuation					
Balance at 1 April 2021	611,958	2,959	2,962	17,923	635,802
Additions/ Donations	0	0	0	34	34
Revaluations	1,476	0	0	0	1,476
Balance at 31 March 2022	613,434	2,959	2,962	17,957	637,312

a) Heritage Assets Nature and Scale of Assets Held

Manchester City Galleries (Manchester Art Gallery, Platt Hall and Queens Park Conservation Studios) currently holds around 46,900 objects in trust on behalf of the People of Manchester. The collection comprises of approximately 14,400 items of fine art, 10,400 items of decorative art, and 22,000 items of costume.

In addition to the MCG collections, the Libraries, Information and Archives Service holds a collection of rare books, records and archives that have heritage significance relating to Manchester but are also of national significance.

Heritage furniture, civic plate and Lord Mayor's regalia, sculpture, paintings from the Town Hall collection (and also some paintings from the MCG collection) are displayed in appropriate public spaces, selected offices and meeting rooms.

Manchester City Galleries' (MCG) collections are covered by the Greater Manchester Act 1981 whereby financially motivated disposal is prohibited by the Act. Further details can be found in the following documents:

- Manchester Art Gallery Collection Development Policy 2021
- Resource and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee 17 November 2011 – Heritage Assets Report

b) Heritage Asset Management and Preservation

Manchester City Galleries Collection

The management and care of the collection is overseen by the Senior Operational Lead, in partnership with the Senior Curator, Collection Manager and Conservation Manager.

Public access to the collections and collection information is delivered in a variety of ways:

- Gallery displays and temporary exhibitions at Manchester Art Gallery.
- Education and learning activities.
- Web-based information, including the galleries website with searchable database, social networking sites, and the Art UK website.
- Access in store to researchers and interested individuals/groups by arrangement.
- Loans out to UK and international museums and galleries, or other venues.

The collections are assessed and conserved in the conservation studios at Queens Park by highly specialised, fully trained conservators.

The condition of the art works is maintained through a programme of effective collection care to reduce damage and deterioration by reducing risk from physical damage (including handling), theft and vandalism, fire and water/flood, inappropriate relative humidity, light and pollutants.

Further details can be found in the following documents:

- Manchester City Galleries Constitution
- Manchester Art Gallery Business Plan 2023-2026
- Manchester City Galleries Procedures Manual 2016

- Manchester City Galleries Collections Development Policy 2021-2024
- Manchester City Galleries Loans Policy 2019-2021
- Manchester City Galleries Conservation and Collection Care Policy 2016 -2019
- Manchester City Galleries Handling Guidelines 2016
- Manchester City Galleries Collection Information Policy 2020-2023

[The Town Hall Collection](#)

The Town Hall Collection includes sculpture, fine art, silver, textiles, photographs and social history material. The collection is currently the responsibility of the Our Town Hall Curatorial Manager who manages a Collections Officer and a Paintings Conservator. Details of the collections are held on the EMu collections management database.

As part of the Our Town Hall project, considerable conservation work is being undertaken on the collection. This focuses primarily on the collection that will be returned to public display or for use in public rooms. The paintings, furniture and sculpture collection will all be assessed and conserved accordingly.

The Collection is managed according to the Town Hall Collections Development Policy which was approved by the Our Town Hall Strategic Board in 2022.

[The Lord Mayor's Regalia](#)

The Lord Mayors regalia is frequently used and is therefore cared for and managed by the Civic and Ceremonial team. The material is kept in two safes in the Town Hall Extension.

[c\) Heritage Assets Accounting Policies](#)

[Manchester City Galleries Collections](#)

Specified items (those valued over £100,000) are included in the balance sheet at market valuation.

In the case of loss or damage the recoverable amount may be less than the full market valuation as works over £200,000 are insured at 75% of market value up to a threshold cap of £7,000,000.

Non-specified works are grouped. Where they have a market valuation, they are included in the balance sheet at that value, otherwise the insurance valuation has been used.

Over the course of the year the valuations of works which are due to go out on loan are checked and amended if necessary. Valuations are also updated on an incidental basis if a curator becomes aware that a particular work may have increased or decreased in value based on comparative works sold at auction. Changes in value during 2022/23 resulted in an increase in value of £1,909,000 (2021/22 £1,476,000 increase).

[Civic Plate / Lord Mayors Regalia / Model of HMS Manchester](#)

These items are included in the balance sheet at insurance valuation.

[Sculptures](#)

The sculptures are deemed to have indefinite lives; hence the Council does not consider it appropriate to charge depreciation.

Furniture

These items are included in the balance sheet at a nominal value until a more detailed and appropriate valuation can be obtained. The assets within this category are deemed to have indeterminate lives; hence the Council does not consider it appropriate to charge depreciation.

The majority of the heritage furniture, paintings and social history material (including civic gifts) from the Town Hall have been moved to an offsite storage location during the Town Hall restoration project. A selection of furniture and the Lord Mayor's regalia has been retained for use in the Lord Mayor's rooms in Central Library. The Town Hall sculpture collection has been relocated to various venues within the Council's Estate, or on loan to other venues in the city.

Statues and Monuments in the Public Realm

These items are included in the balance sheet at a nominal value plus some relocation and enhancement costs.

The assets will be included at this value until a more detailed and appropriate valuation can be obtained.

The assets within this category are deemed to have indefinite lives; hence the Council does not consider it appropriate to charge depreciation.

d) Heritage Assets carried as other asset types

Listed Buildings

Manchester has 84 listed buildings and related assets such as the Town Hall, Central Library, Heaton Hall, bridges and areas of parks. The Council also has custody of scheduled ancient monuments including the City Centre Hanging Bridge and the moated sites to Clayton Hall and Peel Hall in addition to a number of other monuments, statues and fountains.

Listed buildings, such as the Town Hall complex, are actively used in the delivery of Council services. In accounting terms, they have been classified as operational assets and reported and valued as Property, Plant and Equipment in the same way as other assets of this type.

Statues / Fountains

Statues and Fountains situated in open spaces are classified as street furniture. As no insurance valuation is available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements these assets have not been recognised in the balance sheet.

Rare Books, Records and Archives

Rare books, records and archives that have heritage significance relating to Manchester. As no insurance or market valuation is available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements these assets have not been recognised in the balance sheet.

Note 23. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

The Council's non-current assets are valued on the balance sheet in accordance with the statement of asset valuation principles and guidance notes issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS):

- plant and machinery are included in the valuations of buildings when it is an integral part of the building
- properties classified as operational, excluding council dwellings, were valued on the basis of net realisable value in existing use or, where a market did not exist, on the basis of depreciated replacement cost
- council dwellings were valued at existing use value - social housing
- community assets and infrastructure have been valued at historic cost net of depreciation
- assets under construction are held at historic cost until brought into use.
- surplus assets have been valued on the basis of market value for the highest or best use

Depreciation has been calculated using a straight-line method (i.e., apportioned equally over each year of the life of the asset) for all assets. The estimated useful life of each property is determined by a qualified valuer and updated at each valuation. Land and assets not yet available for use (assets under construction) are not depreciated.

Council dwellings are valued annually. All other assets, with the exception of those valued at historic cost net of depreciation, are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their value at year end, but as a minimum every five years. Valuations have been undertaken during the year by internal Council valuers, Jacobs, Avison Young and Capita; external valuers commissioned by the Council. Avison Young have provided indexation factors for the percentage increase in value from the date of the last valuation to 31 March 2023 for various categories of asset. These have been applied to the asset values.

The Valuers have determined the appropriate method of valuation having regard to the assets' physical and economic characteristics. Assets are valued using the depreciated replacement cost approach where there is no active market for the asset being valued, that is, where there is no relevant evidence of recent sales transactions due to specialist nature of the asset. Where recent transactions can be identified, the Valuer has adopted the existing use value method, where rental value is capitalised at a rate determined by the type, quality and location of the asset. The assumptions made by the valuer include the application of an appropriate rental value and capitalisation rate. This is based on comparable evidence of market transactions of similar assets nearby.

A large proportion of the Council's property, plant and equipment (PPE) asset value is comprised of properties valued using the Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC) method of valuation.

Inspections of PPE were carried out in 2022/23 as part of the Council's revaluation process. As a result of these inspections the Council recognised revaluations of PPE in the revaluation reserve of £71.988m reflecting the revaluation movement since the last revaluation of these assets.

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The Council also performed impairment reviews where there were impairment indicators, such as a change in use or capital expenditure in excess of £500,000 during the year. Downward valuations were charged against the revaluation reserve to the extent there was a credit balance in the reserve for the individual asset. Amounts in excess of the credit balance in the reserve were charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. This has resulted in £ 51.043m in relation to PPE being charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. In keeping with the presentation of Note 19a, infrastructure assets are omitted from this table. Infrastructure assets are carried at historical cost.

The following table lists the value of each type of property, plant and equipment with the year of their last valuation. (Note infrastructure assets are carried at historical cost and are omitted from this table.):

	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	Total £000s
Historical Cost	0	0	62,457	42,480	526,314	0	631,251
Valuation in Year							
2017/18	0	18	0	0	0	0	18
2018/19	0	60,437	97	0	0	9,961	70,495
2019/20	0	423,487	175	0	0	7,761	431,423
2020/21	0	120,561	0	0	0	30,294	150,855
2021/22	0	39,146	0	0	0	48,174	87,320
2022/23	738,352	550,928	0	0	0	55,311	1,344,591
Total	738,352	1,194,577	62,729	42,480	526,314	151,501	2,715,953

Surplus Assets

Fair Value Hierarchy

Details of the Council's surplus properties and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 31 March is as follows:

		31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Other significant inputs*	Level 2	5,891	2,588
Significant unobservable inputs*	Level 3	147,990	148,913
Total		153,881	151,501

*The fair value hierarchy categorisation at the end of note provides additional information.

All surplus property has been valued in accordance with IFRS13 under the fair value hierarchy. The fair value measurement requires the valuer to determine:

- the highest and best use of the asset and whether it is used in combination with other assets or on a stand-alone basis
- what is legally, physically and financially feasible
- the market in which an orderly transaction would take place for the asset
- the appropriate valuation technique to use maximising the use of relevant observable inputs (market data such as market rents and yields or actual information about transactions such as lease details or covenant strength) and minimising unobservable inputs (these are inputs where market data is not available and are developed using the best information available about the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset such as comparable land or property values. Where such evidence is not available the use of sales values and cost of development to produce a residual value has been used).

The fair value of surplus assets has been measured using the market valuation technique and has taken account of the following factors - market evidence of capital values, location, size, layout, knowledge of planning requirements and potential development costs. As the future use of these assets is yet to be determined, the current use cannot be assumed to be highest and best, however in estimating the fair value of surplus properties, the highest and best use of the properties has been adopted in accordance with the Code.

There have been £3.1m transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy during 2022/23.

Reconciliation of Fair Value Measurements Categorised within Level 3 of the Fair Value Hierarchy

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Balance at 1 April	146,935	147,990
Transfers to surplus assets	2,164	(11,587)
Transfers between levels	0	3,176
Total (losses) included in deficit / surplus on provision of services resulting from changes in the fair value	(3,585)	(3,598)
Total gains / (losses) included in other comprehensive income and expenditure	4,370	12,856
	149,884	148,837
Additions	258	254
Disposals	(1,756)	(86)
Depreciation	(396)	(92)
Balance at 31 March	147,990	148,913

Total losses included in surplus / deficit on provision of services resulting from changes in the fair value are shown within council wide costs in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Level 1

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the balance sheet date. A quoted market price in an active market provides the most reliable evidence of fair value.

Level 2

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.

Level 2 inputs include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example:

- Interest rates and yield curves

Level 3 Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Note 24. Assets Held for Sale

Assets are categorised as held for sale when an asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition, the sale is highly probable, it is being actively marketed (if applicable) and the sale is expected to be within one year of classification as held for sale.

Movements on assets held for sale during the year were as follows:

	Assets Held For Sale £000s
Net book value at 31 March 2021	6,339
Movement in 2021/22	
Reclassifications	17,292
Disposals	(17,299)
Revaluations	(763)
Net book value carried forward at 31 March 2022	5,569
Movement in 2022/23	
Additions	6,667
Reclassifications	59,040
Disposals	(63,265)
Revaluations	(485)
Net book value carried forward at 31 March 2023	7,526

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Note 25. Assets Recognised Under PFI and Similar Arrangements

Movements on PFI and similar arrangements assets and liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Energy Services £000s	Plymouth Grove Housing £000s	Miles Platting Housing £000s	Brunswick Housing £000s	Public Lighting £000s	Refuse Vehicles Service Concession £000s	Total £000s
Net book value at 31 March 2021	63	29,419	72,470	56,516	64,557	4,824	227,849
Movement in 2021/22							
Expenditure	0	216	2	103	139	0	460
Newly recognised assets	0	0	0	0	0	198	198
Reclassifications	0	(570)	(625)	(174)	0	0	(1,369)
Depreciation	(8)	(1,103)	(2,704)	(1,890)	(2,588)	(755)	(9,048)
Revaluations	0	6,698	30,392	8,063	0	(220)	44,933
Impairments	0	0	0	(1,952)	0	0	(1,952)
Net book value carried forward at 31 March 2022	55	34,660	99,535	60,666	62,108	4,047	261,071
Movement in 2022/23							
Expenditure	0	973	0	0	27	0	1000
Newly recognised assets	0	0	0	935	0	614	1,549
Reclassifications	0	(560)	(1,929)	(846)	0	0	(3,335)
Depreciation	(8)	(1,005)	(3,144)	(1,844)	(3,293)	(862)	(10,156)
Revaluations	0	2,014	5,170	(5,944)	0	0	1,240
Impairments	0	(584)	0	(1,643)	0	0	(2,227)
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2023	47	35,498	99,632	51,324	58,842	3,799	249,142

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	Temple Primary School £000s	Plymouth Grove Housing £000s	Miles Platting Housing £000s	Brunswick Housing £000s	Public Lighting £000s	Wright Robinson Sports College £000s	Refuse Vehicles Service Concession £000s	Total £000s
Deferred liability brought forward as at 1 April 2021	1,824	13,971	42,669	48,561	22,995	18,914	4,824	153,758
Movement in 2021/22								
Additional liability	0	0	0	811	0	0	198	1,009
Disposals and derecognitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	(220)	(220)
Write down of liability	(283)	(747)	(1,891)	(2,366)	(2,212)	(1,224)	(755)	(9,478)
Deferred liability carried forward as at March 2022	1,541	13,224	40,778	47,006	20,783	17,690	4,047	145,069
Movement in 2022/23								
Additional liability	0	0	0	935	0	0	615	1,550
Disposals and derecognitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	(1)
Write down of liability	(320)	(709)	(1,996)	(2,529)	(2,331)	(1,303)	(862)	(10,051)
Deferred liability carried forward as at March 2023	1,221	12,515	38,782	45,412	18,452	16,387	3,799	136,567

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Note 26. Assets Held as Lessee

Operating Leases

The Council has obtained the right to use printers and multi-functional devices by entering into operating leases.

The Council has entered into a number of leases relating to offices and land. The leases vary in length from short-term leases to those with terms over 600 years.

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

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Not later than one year	4,650	4,650
Later than one year and not later than five years	16,127	15,710
Later than five years	65,182	55,081
Total	85,959	75,441

Lease payments made:

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Minimum lease payments	4,729	4,797
Total	4,729	4,797

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

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Corporate Core	361	307
Growth and Development	4,368	4,490
Total minimum lease payments	4,729	4,797

Note 27. Assets Held as Lessor

Operating Leases

The Council has leased out a number of offices, industrial premises and land to various organisations for both community use and economic development purposes. The leases vary in length and are all classed as operating leases.

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

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Not later than one year	16,057	15,392
Later than one year and not later than five years	61,919	59,544
Later than five years	930,920	946,634
Total minimum lease payments	1,008,896	1,021,570

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

Note 28. Investment Properties

The value of income generating investment properties classed as operating leases is £537.407m (£493.722m at 31 March 2022).

These assets are classed as investment properties because they are held to either solely earn rentals or for capital appreciation. They are not used by the Council in delivering its services. As these assets are classed as investment properties, no depreciation charge has been made in 2021/22 or 2022/23.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Rental income from investment property	(25,658)	(42,967)
Direct operating expenses arising from investment property	3,920	19,126
Net (gain)	(21,738)	(23,841)

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

	Investment Properties £000s
Net book value carried forward as at 1 April 2021	476,130
Movement in 2021/22	
Expenditure	1,188
Reclassifications	(2,437)
Movement in fair value of investment property	18,841
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	493,722
Movement in 2022/23	
Expenditure	16,621
Reclassifications	4,081
Movement in fair value of investment property	22,983
Net book value carried forward as at 31 March 2023	537,407

Fair Value Hierarchy

All properties within the Council's investment portfolio have been value assessed as Level 2 on the fair value hierarchy for valuation purposes (accounting policy 5.2.33 provides an explanation of the fair value levels).

Valuation Techniques Used to Determine Level 2 Fair Values for Investment Properties

The fair value of investment property has been measured using a market approach, which takes into account quoted market prices for similar assets in active markets, existing lease terms and rentals, research into market evidence including market rentals and yields, covenant strength for existing tenants and data and market knowledge gained in managing the Council's investment asset portfolio. Market conditions are such that similar properties are actively purchased and sold and the level of observable inputs are significant, leading to the properties being categorised as level 2 on the fair value hierarchy.

There has been no change in the valuation techniques used during the year for investment properties.

Highest and Best Use

In estimating the fair value of the Council's investment properties, the highest and best use is their current use.

Valuers

The investment properties were valued in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) by Colliers, external valuers engaged by the Council.

Note 29. Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	1,648,796	1,768,251
Expenditure		
Property, plant and equipment	213,132	270,466
Infrastructure	38,224	35,194
Investment properties	1,188	16,621
Held for Sale	0	6,667
Heritage assets	34	53
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute*	33,355	48,675
Long term debtors	7,114	19,308
Investment in share capital	164	6,630
	293,211	403,614
Assets acquired under finance lease / PFI arrangements	1,009	1,550
Funding Resources		
Revenue contributions	(7,248)	(4,971)
Capital Receipts	(12,286)	(56,158)
Major Repairs Reserve	(21,054)	(23,310)
Government grants	(82,124)	(79,100)
External contributions	(17,699)	(15,484)
Minimum Revenue Provision	(34,353)	(37,457)
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	1,768,251	1,956,935
HRA	300,048	300,983
Non HRA	1,468,203	1,655,952
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	1,768,251	1,956,935
Explanation of Movement in Year		
Minimum Revenue Provision	(34,353)	(37,457)
Increase in underlying need to borrow	152,800	224,591
Assets acquired under finance lease / PFI arrangements	1,009	1,550
	119,456	188,684

* Legislation allows some expenditure to be classed as capital expenditure even though it does not result in the recognition of a non-current asset on the Council's balance sheet (i.e., grants and expenditure on property not owned by the Council). This enables the expenditure to be funded by capital resources, rather than charging the General Fund and impacting upon the year's council tax.

Further analysis of the capital expenditure incurred is shown in the narrative report.

Note 30. Contracted Capital Commitments

Many capital schemes take two or more years to complete. At the Balance Sheet date, the main contractual commitments relating to ongoing schemes for the enhancement of assets were as follows:

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Housing	308	0
Education	13,362	0
Indoor Leisure	28,691	8,314
The Factory	36,684	0
Our Town Hall	156,470	100,946
Culture	0	7,761
Gorton Health Hub	8,919	0
Public Sector Decarbonisation	6,586	6,909
Housing Investment Fund	969	31,461
This City	0	1,787
Hammerstone Road Depot	3,234	13,335
Total	255,223	170,513

Note 31. Investments

The Council has the following long-term investments:

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Investments in organisations included in the group statements		
Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd Share Capital	112,354	112,354
Manchester Airport Ltd (C Shares)	5,610	5,610
Destination Manchester Ltd Share Capital	10,200	10,200
Manchester Heat Network Holdco	0	6,630
Other long-term investments		
Investments in subsidiaries not included in the group statements		
Manchester Mortgage Corporation Plc Share Capital	136	131
Investments in associates and joint ventures not included in the group statements		
Eastlands Development Company Limited	1,279	1,276
Matrix Homes Ltd	5,655	5,888
Manchester Science Park	6,244	6,244
Apis Assay Technologies	3,826	4,561
Mayfield Developments	7,087	7,198
	152,392	160,092
Total other long-term investments	3,198	2,653
Total Long-Term Investments	155,590	162,745

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

The investments in Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd and Destination Manchester Ltd are shown at cost.

All other investments are held at fair value, at the quoted price based on the Council's share of the reserves of the Company.

Note 32. Debtors and Payments in Advance

As the balance sheet date represents the position at the end of the financial year, there are monies owed to the Council at that date which are yet to be received in cash. The following analysis shows the amounts owed to the Council at 31st March.

The Council also makes an impairment loss allowance for outstanding monies which it is anticipated will not be recovered. These amounts are then deducted from the total value of debtors shown in the accounts. An analysis of this impairment of debt is also shown below:

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Short term debtors and payments in advance		
Debtors included in the Financial Instruments note		
Government departments	25,128	31,283
Other local authorities	28,351	14,603
NHS bodies	10,324	21,072
Housing rents	8,444	9,378
Destination Manchester Ltd / Manchester Central Ltd	750	750
All other bodies (external to government) - trade organisations and individuals	127,019	168,155
	200,016	245,241
Impairment of Debt		
Housing rents	(6,970)	(7,315)
Other	(75,031)	(76,892)
	118,015	161,035
Debtors not included in the Financial Instruments note		
HM Revenue and Customs	20,685	17,963
Other Local Authorities payments in advance	94	1
Council tax	77,526	91,506
Business rates	51,002	44,627
All other bodies (external to government) payments in advance	7,748	6,871
Impairment of Debt		
Council tax	(60,574)	(69,242)
Business rates	(45,497)	(37,348)
Total	168,999	215,412

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

Long Term Debtors

These are amounts which are owed to the Council which are being repaid over various periods longer than one year. Long-term debt which has become due in less than twelve months has been classified as short-term debt.

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	
Amounts falling due after one year			
Debtors included in the Financial Instruments note			
Private Sector Housing Loans	11,698	12,542	(a)
Equity Mortgages	1,611	1,063	(b)
Matrix Homes	10,145	11,135	(c)
Biffa Municipal	3,247	2,862	(d)
Manchester Quays Riverside	4,288	0	(e)
Manchester College	18,987	8,212	(f)
Manchester Airport Holdings Ltd	390,706	409,954	(g)
Destination Manchester Ltd / Manchester Central Ltd	14,157	13,407	(h)
Northern Gateway (Far East Consortium)	6,670	7,931	(i)
Advertising Debtors	1,183	307	(j)
Manchester Heat Network Tradeco	0	14,500	(k)
Other	4,825	6,170	(l)
	467,518	488,082	
Debtors not included in the Financial Instruments note			
PFI prepayments	20,892	20,074	(m)
Total	488,410	508,156	

a - These debtors relate to loans to individuals given to carry out works to their properties or to provide relocation assistance following compulsory purchase orders. These loans are accounted for as embedded derivatives or soft loans. The amount relating to embedded derivatives is an estimate of the amount to be repaid based on the amount of loans outstanding adjusted by the Land Registry House Pricing Index. The amount relating to soft loans is based on the amount to be repaid reduced by the amount of foregone interest as these loans are offered at below market rates of interest.

b - These debtors relate to the balance due to the council from the mortgagee 10 years after the granting of equity mortgages.

c - This debtor relates to a loan for the grant of long-term leases to Matrix Homes and includes accrued long-term interest.

d - This debtor relates to a loan made to the company to purchase equipment to provide services to the Council.

e - This debtor relates to a loan made to Manchester Quays Riverside Ltd in connection with the St John's development.

f - This debtor relates to a loan made to Manchester College

g - These debtors relate to long-term loan advances made to Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd to assist in the financing of approved capital works. A loan of £83.168m was renegotiated during 2009/10 and includes debt that was previously the responsibility of the Greater Manchester Debt Administration Fund. Advances totalling £124.25m have been made during 2018/19 and £106.452m in 2020/21. These loans are to contribute towards capital works at Manchester and Stansted Airports. This long-term debtor also includes accrued interest of £96.084m.

h – This debtor relates to loans made to the company.

i - This debtor relates to loans made to the Far East Consortium in connection with the Northern Gateway development.

j - This debtor relates to advertising income, the settlement of which has been deferred.

k – This debtor relates to a loan for equipment provided to the company.

l - This debtor relates to loans made to other organisations.

m - These debtors relate to amounts paid to contractors as part of the unitary charge where works will take place at a later date.

Note 33. Creditors and Receipts in Advance

As the Council's Balance Sheet represents the financial position at the end of the financial year, these are monies owed by the Council at that date which have yet to be paid. There are also amounts which the Council has received before the end of the financial year which relates to services which have not yet been provided. This analysis shows the amounts owed which had not yet been paid and the amounts received in advance as at 31 March.

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Short Term Creditors and Receipts in Advance		
Creditors classed as Financial Instruments		
Government departments	60,709	25,919
Other local authorities	14,356	17,301
NHS bodies	3,591	853
Public corporations	47	0
Financial institutions	911	615
Housing rents	2,922	2,818
Other bodies (external to government) - trade organisations and individuals	121,810	126,392
	204,345	173,899
Creditors not classed as Financial Instruments		
Government departments receipts in advance (a)	36,263	6,012
Other local authorities' receipts in advance	972	5,349
NHS bodies receipts in advance	1,261	505
Other public bodies receipts in advance	30	0
Other bodies (external to Government) receipts in advance	7,592	3,697
HM Revenue and Customs	12,016	12,940
Council tax	10,896	8,979
Business rates	27,861	37,857
Total	301,236	249,238

Long Term Creditors

These are amounts which are owed by the Council which are being repaid over various periods longer than one year. Long-term creditors which have become due in less than twelve months have been reclassified as short-term creditors.

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Amounts falling due after one year		
Creditors classed as Financial Instruments		
Equity mortgages - share of proceeds	548	361
Homes and Communities Agency re Matrix Homes	345	404
Total	893	765

Capital Grants Receipts in Advance

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Carrington Reinstatement Deposit	801	801
Contributions from Private Developers	8,704	12,142
Total	9,505	12,943

Note 34. Analysis of Long-term Borrowing

a. To Balance Sheet Date

The table below shows the outstanding long-term borrowing at 31 March:

	31 March 2022 £000s	Range of Interest Rates Payable		Average Interest %	31 March 2023 £000s
		From %	To %		
Analysis of loans by type					
Public Works Loans Board	400,000	1.34	3.66	2.33	500,000
Market Loans	403,874	0.10	4.50	4.36	400,753
Government Debt	14,940	0.00	4.10	2.33	31,490
Stocks	858	4.00	4.00	4.00	858
Total Outstanding	819,672				933,101
Analysis of loans by maturity					
1-2 years	6,571				30,904
2-5 years	11,886				31,125
5-10 years	782				70,815
after 10 years	800,433				800,256
Total by maturity	819,672				933,101

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b. To Maturity

The table below includes the outstanding long-term borrowing at the balance sheet date (as per the table above) plus interest due to the date of maturity of the outstanding loans. This provides details of future commitments if the loans are held to the date of maturity.

	31 March 2022 £000s	Range of Interest Rates Payable		Average Interest %	31 March 2023 £000s
		From %	To %		
Analysis of loans by type					
Public Works Loans Board	720,261	1.34	3.66	2.33	712,251
Market Loans	1,075,806	0.10	4.50	4.36	1,055,302
Government Debt	14,940	0.00	4.10	2.33	32,160
Stocks	1,821	4.00	4.00	4.00	1,787
Total Outstanding	1,812,828				1,801,500
Analysis of loans by maturity					
1-2 years	31,964				56,898
2-5 years	87,857				77,166
5-10 years	127,539				127,503
after 10 years	1,565,468				1,539,933
Total by maturity	1,812,828				1,801,500

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Note 35. Deferred Liabilities

The note below shows the amounts owed by the Council, split between short-term (amounts owed in less than 12 months) and long-term (amounts owed in more than 12 months) on the balance sheet.

	31 March 2022 £000s	Short Term 31 March 2022 £000s	Long Term 31 March 2022 £000s	Repaid in year £000s	Disposals and Derecognitions in year £000s	Additions in year £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	Short Term 31 March 2023 £000s	Long Term 31 March 2023 £000s
Private Finance Initiatives	141,022	9,189	131,834	(9,189)	0	935	132,768	9,763	123,005
Service Concession	4,047	766	3,282	(862)	(1)	615	3,799	908	2,891
Total	145,069	9,954	135,115	(10,051)	(1)	1,550	136,567	10,671	125,897

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Note 36. Provisions

Provisions are established to meet liabilities or losses which are likely or certain to be incurred, but the amounts or timings are uncertain.

These have been split between short-term (amounts owed in less than 12 months) and long-term (amounts owed in more than 12 months) on the balance sheet.

The Council has established the following provisions:

	31 March 2022 £000s	Short Term 31 March 2022 £000s	Long Term 31 March 2022 £000s	Contributions in year £000s	Amounts released/used in year £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	Short Term 31 March 2023 £000s	Long Term 31 March 2023 £000s	
Compensation provisions	7,020	5,145	1,875	576	(3,170)	4,426	2,530	1,898	a
Insurance provision (including HRA)	2,400	1,768	632	1,090	(771)	2,719	1,048	1,671	b
Provision for business rate appeals	112,970	15,671	97,299	24,652	(8,779)	128,845	7,138	121,705	c
Various other provisions	799	666	133	155	(445)	509	428	81	
Total	123,189	23,250	99,939	26,473	(13,165)	136,499	11,144	125,355	

a - The compensation provisions have been set up to compensate claimants for claims received by the Council as at 31 March 2023. These claims will be paid as the amount of compensation is agreed for each case. The amounts of the provisions have been calculated based on an estimate of the likely settlement of the claims. There is no expected reimbursement to fund these claims.

b - The insurance provision includes amounts in relation to Municipal Mutual Insurance. In January 1994, the Council's then insurer, Municipal Mutual insurance (MMI) made a Scheme of Arrangement with its creditors. Under this scheme, claims are initially paid out in full, but if the eventual winding up of the company results in insufficient assets to meet all liabilities, a clawback clause will be triggered, which could affect claims already paid.

c - Following the partial localisation of business rates from 1 April 2013 the Council is required to make a provision for its share of the estimated settlement value of appeals against business rates. For the 2010 list this provision has been estimated using information received from the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) on appeals settled and outstanding. For the 2017 rating list the assumption has been made that the reduction in income due to appeals will be a similar percentage to the prior lists, based on experience and local knowledge. The Council cannot be certain as to when these appeals will be settled as it is dependent on the timing of their settlement by the VOA. The Council's share of the provision is 99% as a result of the Council participating in the 100% rates retention pilot (the remaining 1% is attributable to the GMCA fire and rescue element). Settled appeals will be charged to the provision once determined by the VOA.

Note 37. Financial Instruments

The Council's treasury management policy complies with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (Revised December 2021). In accordance with best practice, the City Treasurer has undertaken a review of the policy and is satisfied that the policy is relevant and complete.

The Council's treasury management activities are managed through a Central Loans and Investment Account. Operating a Central Loans and Investment Account enables the Council to borrow on advantageous terms, minimise administration costs and dampen the effects of large interest rate changes. In 2022/23 the average net rate of interest paid and received was 3.16% (3.23% in 2021/22).

A financial instrument is any contract that results in a financial asset in one entity and a financial liability or equity shareholder in another,

Financial Instruments Balances

	Long-Term		Current		Total	
	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost:						
Borrowings	819,672	933,101	20,610	119,148	840,282	1,052,250
Deferred Liabilities	135,115	125,897	9,954	10,671	145,069	136,568
Creditors	893	765	204,345	173,899	205,238	174,664
Total Financial Liabilities	955,680	1,059,763	234,909	303,718	1,190,589	1,363,482
Financial Assets						
Amortised cost	462,816	483,998	261,365	256,056	724,181	740,054
Designated Fair value through other comprehensive income	31,480	38,078	0	0	31,480	38,078
Fair value through profit and loss	3,272	2,267	0	0	3,272	2,267
Total Financial Assets	497,568	524,344	261,365	256,056	758,933	780,400

The Council's treasury management strategy during the year was to seek long-term borrowing whilst rates were low, and therefore, in the table above, long-term borrowings have increased.

Assets that are classed as fair value are valued at a quoted market value where this is available (level 1 of the fair value hierarchy). Where investments are not quoted the value of

that investment has been taken as the Council's share of the reserves of the company invested in (level 2 of the fair value hierarchy).

Fair Value of Assets and liabilities

	Carrying Amount		Fair Value	
	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Liabilities				
Public Work Loans Board	401,878	502,108	352,040	311,094
Market debt	418,829	413,118	607,397	398,780
Government debt	18,707	136,154	17,885	131,291
Stocks	867	868	1,104	778
Total Borrowings	840,281	1,052,249	978,426	841,943
Ex GMC debt	0	0	0	0
PFI and service concessions liabilities	145,069	136,568	145,069	136,568
Trade creditors	205,238	174,664	205,238	174,664
Total Financial Liabilities	1,190,588	1,363,481	1,328,733	1,153,175
	Carrying Amount		Fair Value	
	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	143,350	95,021	143,350	95,022
Long term investments	34,752	40,346	34,752	40,346
Trade debtors	580,831	645,033	614,171	678,638
Total Financial Assets	758,933	780,400	792,273	814,005

Assets and liabilities are carried at amortised cost where part of their carrying amount (as per the balance sheet) will either be written down or written up via the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement over the term of the financial instrument.

For the purposes of the notes to the accounts, all assets and liabilities are given a fair value, although this is only shown in the balance sheet for fair value through profit and loss and fair value through other comprehensive income assets. For many financial instruments the fair value will be the same as the outstanding principal amount, but for others there could be a significant difference.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability at the measurement date in the principal market for the asset or liability or in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market.

The fair values for PWLB, market and Government debt were determined by reference to new loan rates on the Gilt market as at the balance sheet date as there is no active market for similar assets at this time and include accrued interest as this provides a sound approximation for the fair value for these instruments (level 2). By way of comparison, if the fair values were calculated with reference to PWLB redemption rules and prevailing PWLB

redemption rates, they would be £366.1m for PWLB debt, £131.6m for Government debt and £475.6m for market debt.

Fair value for PFI and service concessions cannot be obtained as there is no comparable information available and has therefore been shown at the carrying amount.

Income, expense, gains and losses

	2021/22		2022/23	
	Surplus / Deficit on the provision of services £000s	Other comprehensiv e income and expenditure £000s	Surplus / Deficit on the provision of services £000s	Other comprehensi ve income and expenditure £000s
Net (gains)/losses on:				
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	3,272	0	2,267	0
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	711	0	(2,350)	0
Investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	0	(3,115)	0	(154)
Total net (gains)/losses	3,983	(3,115)	(83)	(154)
Interest income	(37,816)	0	(42,233)	0
Interest expense	35,544	0	39,385	0

Nature and extent of risk arising from Financial Instruments and the management of those risks

Key Risks

The Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks:

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 Risk - the possibility that the Council might be required to renew financial instruments on maturity at a disadvantageous interest rate 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 movements.

Overall Procedures for Risk

The Council's overall risk management procedures focus on the unpredictability of financial markets and implementing restrictions to minimise these risks.

The procedures for risk management are set out through a legal framework in the Local Government Act 2003 and the associated regulations. These require the Council to comply with the CIPFA Prudential Code, the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Investment Guidance issued through the Act. Overall, these procedures require the Council to manage risk in the following ways:

- By formally adopting the requirements of the Code of Practice.
- By the adoption of a Treasury Policy statement and Treasury Management clauses within its constitution.
- By approving annually in advance prudential indicators for the following three years limiting:
 - The Council's overall borrowing.
 - Its maximum and minimum exposures in the maturity structure of its debts.
 - Its maximum and minimum exposures to investments maturing beyond a year.
 - By approving an investment strategy for the forthcoming year, setting out its criteria for both investing and selecting investment counter parties with Government Guidance.

These are required to be reported and approved annually before the start of the year to which they relate. These items are reported with the annual Treasury Management Strategy and actual performance is also reported semi-annually to Members.

The annual Treasury Management Strategy was approved by full Council on 4 March 2022. The strategy is available on the Council's website.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the Council's customers. This risk is managed through the Annual Investment Strategy which was approved by full Council on 4 March 2022. This strategy is available on the Council's website. Some of the key areas of the strategy are as follows:

Specified Investments are investments in sterling denomination, with maturities up to a maximum of one year. All specified investments meet the minimum "high" ratings criteria where applicable. Examples of the investments used are:

- Term deposits – Other Local Authorities
- Term deposits – Banks and building societies
- Money Market Funds

Non-specified investments are any other type of investment than specified. The Council does not make use of this type of investment.

Investment Limits

The financial investment limits of banks and building societies are linked to their Fitch (or equivalent) long-term ratings, as follows:

Banks and Building Societies

Fitch or Equivalent AA+ and above	£20 million
Fitch or Equivalent AA/AA-	£15 million
Fitch or Equivalent A+/A	£15 million
Fitch or Equivalent A-	£10 million
Fitch or Equivalent BBB+	£10 million

Other

Debt Management Office	£200 million
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	£200 million
Other local authorities	£20 million

Credit quality of counter parties (issuers and issues) and investment schemes will be determined by reference to credit ratings published by Fitch, Moodys and Standard and Poor's rating agencies. The Council's minimum long-term, short-term, and other credit rating criteria, which are considered sufficient for each category of investment, will be adhered to at all times. Since the 2009/10 financial year, in response to the continuing economic uncertainty and financial difficulties faced by some banks the Council has restricted fixed deposits to UK banks and building societies and has limited fixed deposits to a time period of 3 months. The Council continued to rely on market intelligence as well as credit ratings, credit outlooks and additional information to alert it to institutions possibly facing financial difficulties.

As at the balance sheet date, the amounts included within the cash and cash equivalents figure above held with banks and financial institutions (excluding other local authorities) can be analysed by potential credit loss:

Deposit	Fitch Short Term rating	Moody's Short-Term rating	S&P short term rating	Amount at 31 March 2022 £000's	Assessed Risk of Default	Estimated value at risk £000's
Bank of Scotland	F1	P-1	A-1	12	0.02%	0
NatWest Bank	F1	P-1	A-1	1	0.05%	0
Barclays Bank	F1	P-1	A-1	18,256	0.02%	4

The Council does not expect any losses from these investments.

Monitoring of credit ratings

A - All credit ratings will be monitored on a continual basis and reviewed weekly. The Council is alerted by Link Asset Services, its external Treasury Management advisors, to changes in the Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's rating agencies ratings daily.

B - If a downgrade results in the counter party/investment scheme no longer meeting the Council's minimum criteria, its further use as a new investment will be withdrawn immediately.

C - If a counter party/investment scheme is upgraded so that it fulfils the Council's criteria, the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer will have the discretion to include it on the lending list.

For all financial assets held at amortised cost the Council has reviewed the creditworthiness of each relevant organisation to ascertain the likely 12-month impairment. For those with indications of financial distress the Council has provided for lifetime impairment losses.

The trade debtor amount is £730,703,000 and the estimated exposure to default is £84,206,000.

Liquidity Risk

The Council has ready access to borrow from the money markets to cover any day-to-day cash flow need, and from the PWLB and money markets for access to longer term funds. 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 Council manages its liquidity risk 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 a comprehensive cash flow management system as required by the CIPFA Code of Practice, this seeks to ensure that cash is available when it is needed.

The maturity analysis of financial assets, net of any impairment, is as follows:

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Less than 1 year	266,941	263,976
Between 1 year and 2 years	22,424	3,440
Between 2 and 3 years	2,810	2,436
More than 3 years	466,758	510,549
Total	758,933	780,400

Refinancing and Maturity Risk

The Council maintains a significant debt and investment portfolio. Whilst the cash flow procedures listed 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 both the maturing of longer-term financial liabilities and longer-term financial assets.

The approved prudential indicator limits for the maturity structure of debt and the limits placed 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 management team address the operational risks within the approved parameters. This includes monitoring the maturity profile of financial liabilities and amending the profile through either new borrowing or the rescheduling of the existing debt; and 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.

The Council has £310,000,000 lender option borrower option (LOBO) loans. These have fixed rates of interest, but the lender may seek to increase interest rates at which point the Council has the option to repay the loan. As there is no certainty as to whether these loans will be repaid early, the Council has treated these loans as fixed loans which will run to maturity.

The maturity profile of financial liabilities is as follows:

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Less than 1 year	233,975	302,910
Between 1 year and 2 years	16,302	41,604
Between 2 and 5 years	43,066	62,407
Between 5 and 10 years	47,806	115,354
More than 10 years	849,439	841,206
Total	1,190,588	1,363,481

Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

The Council is exposed to interest rate movements on its borrowings and investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the Council, 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:

- borrowings at variable rates – the interest expense charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement will rise.

- borrowings at fixed rates – the fair value of the borrowing liability will fall.
- investments at variable rates – the interest income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement will rise.
- investments at fixed rates – the fair value of the assets will fall.

Borrowings are not carried at fair value on the balance sheet, so nominal gains and losses on fixed rate borrowings would not impact on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. However, changes in interest payable and receivable on variable rate borrowings and investments will be posted to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and affect the General Fund Balance.

The Council has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The Annual Treasury Management Strategy draws together the Council's prudential 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 management team will monitor 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. Similarly, the drawing of longer-term fixed rate borrowing would be postponed.

The Council tries to maximise its income on temporary investment and minimise its interest costs on temporary and long-term borrowing.

The maximum interest rate increase that could be expected in the current climate is assessed at 1%. This would only apply to the net short-term investments. The Council also has a number of LOBO loans that can be called at periods. There is the risk that these may have to be refinanced at a higher rate.

- LOBO risk (loans potentially subject to call £90,000,000 @ 1%) = £900,000.

Price Risk

The Council, excluding the pension fund, does not generally invest in equity shares but does have shareholdings at a value of £161,435,000 in a number of organisations including those within its group. Whilst these holdings are generally illiquid, the Council is exposed to losses arising from movements in the prices of the shares or impairment of the assets held. As the shareholdings have arisen in the acquisition of specific interests, the Council is not in a position to limit its exposure to price movements by diversifying its portfolio. Instead, it only acquires shareholdings in return for "open book" arrangements with the company concerned so that the Council can monitor factors that might cause a fall in the value of specific shareholdings.

Foreign Exchange risk

The Council has no financial assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. It therefore has no exposure to loss arising from movements in exchange rates.

Note 38. Usable Reserves

The Council maintains a number of reserves on the Balance Sheet. Some are held for statutory reasons, some are needed to comply with proper accounting practice, and others have been set up voluntarily to earmark resources for future spending plans.

Movements on the Council's usable reserves in 2021/22 were as follows:

	Balance 31 March 2021 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2022 £000s
a) Reserves Held for Capital Purposes					
Capital Receipts Reserve	(93,956)	0	(35,257)	14,839	(114,374)
Major Repairs Reserve	(6,069)	0	(23,259)	21,054	(8,274)
Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve	(94,005)	0	(84,189)	99,824	(78,370)
Total Reserves Held for Capital Purposes	(194,030)	0	(142,705)	135,717	(201,018)
Reserves Held for Revenue Purposes					
b) Schools Reserves					
Local Management of Schools	(21,479)	0	0	1,393	(20,086)
Total reserves held for schools	(21,479)	0	0	1,393	(20,086)
c) Statutory Reserves					
Bus Lane Enforcement Reserve	(10,461)	0	(3,733)	5,944	(8,249)
On-street Parking Reserve	(1,533)	0	(6,405)	3,745	(4,194)
Ancoats Square Reserve	(2,767)	0	0	69	(2,698)
Highways Commuted Sums Reserve	(3,043)	0	(1,439)	89	(4,393)
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(2,449)	0	(607)	0	(3,055)
Total Statutory Reserves	(20,253)	0	(12,185)	9,847	(22,589)
d) Reserves held for PFIs					
Public Lighting PFI Reserve	(210)	0	(45)	0	(255)
Temple School PFI Reserve	(558)	0	(9)	84	(483)
Wright Robinson Sports College PFI Reserve	(1,436)	0	(40)	0	(1,476)
Total Reserves held for PFIs	(2,204)	0	(94)	84	(2,214)
e) Small specific reserves					
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(4,265)	0	(751)	917	(4,099)
Total small specific reserves	(4,265)	0	(751)	917	(4,099)

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	Balance 31 March 2021 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2022 £000s
f) Reserves held to smooth risk / assurance					
Insurance Fund Reserve	(18,064)	0	(2,770)	0	(20,834)
Crime and Disorder Reserve	(833)	0	0	412	(421)
Investment Estate Reserve	(1,233)	0	(466)	700	(999)
Collections Initiative Reserve	(2,986)	0	(1,261)	234	(4,013)
Manchester International Festival Reserve	(12,160)	0	0	1,060	(11,100)
Adult Social Care Reserve	(16,499)	0	(9,065)	4,082	(21,482)
Transformation Reserve	(9,213)	0	0	271	(8,942)
Airport Dividend Reserve	(43,953)	0	0	4,913	(39,040)
Planning Income Reserve	(3,579)	0	(129)	206	(3,502)
Budget Smoothing Reserve	(14,721)	0	(20,477)	13,234	(21,965)
Children's Services Reserve	(2,277)	0	(854)	300	(2,831)
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(2,688)	0	(435)	216	(2,907)
Total reserves held to smooth risk / assurance	(128,206)	0	(35,457)	25,628	(138,036)
g) Business Rates Reserve					
Business Rates Reserve	(29,175)	0	(2,135)	15,643	(15,667)
Total Business Rates Reserve	(29,175)	0	(2,135)	15,643	(15,667)
h) Revenue reserves held to support capital schemes					
Capital Fund Reserve	(87,664)	0	(14,558)	12,029	(90,193)
Capital Financing Reserve	(34,730)	0	0	0	(34,730)
English Institute of Sport Reserve	(1,009)	0	(5,613)	6,615	(7)
Investment Reserve	(11,782)	0	0	1,066	(10,716)
Total revenue reserves held to support capital schemes	(135,185)	0	(20,171)	19,710	(135,646)
i) Reserves held for economic growth and public sector reform					
Clean and Green Places Reserve	(390)	0	0	63	(327)
Social Care Reserve	(7,984)	0	(1,557)	7,476	(2,065)
Our Manchester Reserve	(3,057)	0	(240)	1,488	(1,808)
Town Hall Reserve	(12,396)	0	0	2,023	(10,374)
Supporting Families Reserve	(1,927)	0	0	237	(1,690)
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	0	0	(326)	0	(326)

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	Balance 31 March 2021 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2022 £000s
Total reserves held for economic growth and public sector reform	(25,754)	0	(2,123)	11,287	(16,590)
j) Grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year (shown as reserves due to the required accountancy treatment)					
English Partnership Reserve	(789)	0	0	0	(789)
Other Grants and Contributions Reserve	(1,100)	0	(260)	536	(824)
Integration Reserve	(14,977)	0	(6,359)	5,945	(15,392)
Manchester Adult Education Service Reserve	(1,449)	0	0	0	(1,449)
Supporting People Reserve	(1,925)	0	(1,934)	0	(3,859)
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(770)	0	(117)	74	(814)
Total grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year	(21,010)	0	(8,670)	6,555	(23,127)
k) COVID-19 Grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year (shown as reserves due to the required accountancy treatment)					
COVID 19- Contain Outbreak Management Fund	(18,302)	0	(5,333)	18,302	(5,333)
COVID 19- Additional Restriction Grant	(7,680)	0	0	7,680	0
COVID 19- Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	(1,599)	0	0	1,599	0
COVID 19- other under £1.0m	(2,467)	0	(436)	1,087	(1,816)
Business Rates S31 Grant - Taxation Income Guarantee Scheme	(19,219)	0	(276)	10,288	(9,207)
Business Rates S31 Grant - Extended Retail Relief	(142,740)	0	(80,426)	139,075	(84,091)
Business Rates S31 Grant – Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF)	0	0	(23,993)	0	(23,993)
Total COVID-19 grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year	(192,007)	0	(110,464)	178,031	(124,440)

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	Balance 31 March 2021 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2022 £000s
Total reserves held for revenue purposes	(579,538)	0	(192,050)	269,095	(502,494)
l) General Fund Reserve					
General Fund Reserve	(26,803)	0	0	306	(26,497)
Total all general fund reserves	(606,341)	0	(192,050)	269,401	(528,991)
m) Housing Revenue Account Reserve					
Housing Revenue Account Reserve	(111,167)	0	0	5,078	(106,088)
Total All Usable Reserves	(911,537)	0	(334,755)	410,196	(836,098)

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Movements on the Council's usable reserves in 2022/23 were as follows:

	Balance 31 March 2022 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	
a) Reserves Held for Capital Purposes						
Capital Receipts Reserve	(114,374)	0	(95,742)	56,158	(153,958)	a(1)
Major Repairs Reserve	(8,274)	0	(23,683)	23,310	(8,647)	a(2)
Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve	(78,370)	0	(86,006)	94,584	(69,792)	a(3)
Total Reserves Held for Capital Purposes	(201,018)	0	(205,431)	174,052	(232,397)	
Reserves Held for Revenue Purposes						
b) Schools Reserves						
Local Management of Schools	(20,086)	0	0	3,570	(16,516)	b(1)
Total reserves held for schools	(20,086)	0	0	3,570	(16,516)	
c) Statutory Reserves						
Bus Lane Enforcement Reserve	(8,249)	0	(3,344)	5,014	(6,579)	c(1)
On-street Parking Reserve	(4,194)	0	(6,680)	3,696	(7,178)	c(2)
Ancoats Square Reserve	(2,698)	0	0	94	(2,604)	
Highways Commuted Sums Reserve	(4,393)	0	(408)	95	(4,706)	
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(3,055)	17	(281)	259	(3,060)	
Total Statutory Reserves	(22,589)	17	(10,713)	9,158	(24,127)	
d) Reserves held for PFIs						
Public Lighting PFI Reserve	(255)	0	(4)	259	(0)	
Temple School PFI Reserve	(483)	0	(8)	100	(391)	
Wright Robinson Sports College PFI Reserve	(1,476)	0	(147)	78	(1,545)	
Total Reserves held for PFIs	(2,214)	0	(159)	437	(1,936)	
e) Small specific reserves						
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(4,099)	1,058	(791)	711	(3,121)	
Total small specific reserves	(4,099)	1,058	(791)	711	(3,121)	
f) Reserves held to smooth risk / assurance						
Insurance Fund Reserve	(20,834)	3,000	(1,269)	125	(18,978)	f(1)
Collections Initiative Reserve	(4,013)	1,071	(2,070)	207	(4,805)	
Manchester International Festival Reserve	(11,100)	0	0	2,098	(9,002)	f(2)
Adult Social Care Reserve	(21,482)	11,042	0	2,519	(7,921)	

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	Balance 31 March 2022 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	
Transformation Reserve	(8,942)	0	(24)	1,064	(7,902)	f(3)
Airport Dividend Reserve	(39,040)	0	0	24,851	(14,189)	f(4)
Planning Income Reserve	(3,502)	0	(341)	203	(3,640)	
Budget Smoothing Reserve	(21,965)	(13,981)	(14,003)	1,215	(48,734)	f(5)
Children's Services Reserve	(2,831)	0	(2,313)	725	(4,419)	
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(4,327)	1,554	(578)	97	(3,254)	
Total reserves held to smooth risk / assurance	(138,036)	2,686	(20,598)	33,104	(122,844)	
g) Business Rates Reserve						
Business Rates Reserve	(15,667)	3,607	(22,314)	24,465	(9,909)	g
Total Business Rates Reserve	(15,667)	3,607	(22,314)	24,465	(9,909)	
h) Revenue reserves held to support capital schemes						
Capital Fund Reserve	(90,193)	(2,722)	(27,757)	15,193	(105,479)	h(1)
Capital Financing Reserve	(34,730)	0	0	0	(34,730)	h(2)
English Institute of Sport Reserve	(7)	0	(5,625)	5,632	0	
Investment Reserve	(10,716)	0	0	1,823	(8,893)	h(3)
Total revenue reserves held to support capital schemes	(135,646)	(2,722)	(33,382)	22,648	(149,102)	
i) Reserves held for economic growth and public sector reform						
Social Care Reserve	(2,065)	656	0	1,409	0	
Our Manchester Reserve	(1,808)	703	0	728	(377)	
Town Hall Reserve	(10,374)	0	(14)	2,489	(7,899)	l(1)
Supporting Families Reserve	(1,690)	0	(750)	100	(2,340)	
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(653)	0	(10)	153	(510)	
Total reserves held for economic growth and public sector reform	(16,590)	1,359	(774)	4,879	(11,126)	
j) Grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year (shown as reserves due to the required accountancy treatment)						
English Partnership Reserve	(789)	0	0	220	(569)	
Other Grants and Contributions Reserve	(824)	0	(323)	110	(1,037)	
Integration Reserve	(15,392)	2,809	(1,136)	8,577	(5,143)	
Manchester Adult Education Service Reserve	(1,449)	0	0	27	(1,422)	
Supporting People Reserve	(3,859)	0	(87)	1,309	(2,637)	
Public Health Reserve	0	(1,547)	(4,155)	11	(5,691)	

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	Balance 31 March 2022 £000s	Transfers between reserves £000s	Transfers to reserves £000s	Transfers from reserves £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Other smaller reserves under £1.0m	(814)	0	(2,348)	33	(3,129)
Total grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year	(23,127)	1,261	(8,049)	10,287	(19,628)
k) COVID-19 Grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year (shown as reserves due to the required accountancy treatment)					
COVID 19- Contain Outbreak Management Fund	(5,333)	0	0	5,333	0
COVID 19- other under £1.0m	(1,816)	0	0	1,816	0
Business Rates S31 Grant - Taxation Income Guarantee Scheme	(9,207)	0	0	1,895	(7,312)
Business Rates S31 Grant - Extended Retail Relief	(84,091)	0	0	84,091	0
Business Rates S31 Grant – Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF)	(23,993)	0	0	23,993	0
Total COVID-19 grants and contributions used to meet commitments over more than one year	(124,440)	0	0	117,128	(7,312)
Total reserves held for revenue purposes	(502,494)	7,266	(96,780)	226,387	(365,621)
l) General Fund Reserve					
General Fund Reserve	(26,497)	(7,266)	0	7,916	(25,847)
Total all general fund reserves	(528,991)	0	(96,780)	234,303	(391,468)
m) Housing Revenue Account Reserve					
Housing Revenue Account Reserve	(106,088)	0	(204)	10,497	(95,795)
Total All Usable Reserves	(836,098)	0	(302,415)	418,852	(719,661)

- a) Reserves Held for Capital purposes have increased by £31.4m in line with the delivery of the planned capital programme and reflects capital receipts received to be utilised in future years in line with the approved capital strategy as detailed below.

a(1) - Capital Receipts Reserve

Proceeds of non-current assets sales available to meet future capital investment.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(93,956)	(114,374)
Capital receipts received in year	(35,257)	(95,742)
Paid to housing national pool	2,554	0
Applied to fund capital expenditure	12,286	56,158
Balance at 31 March	(114,374)	(153,958)

a(2) - Major Repairs Reserve

Resources available to meet capital investment in council housing.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(6,068)	(8,274)
HRA depreciation	(23,259)	(23,683)
Financing of capital expenditure on council dwellings	21,053	23,310
Balance at 31 March	(8,274)	(8,647)

a(3) - Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve

Capital grants and contributions available to meet future capital expenditure.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(94,004)	(78,370)
Grants received in year	(84,190)	(86,006)
Transferred to Capital Adjustment Account: General Grants and Contributions	89,226	82,040
Transferred to Capital Adjustment Account: Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute (REFCUS) Grants and Contributions	10,599	12,544
Balance at 31 March	(78,370)	(69,792)

Of the balance above £29.0m relates to Basic Need grant allocations.

- b(1) The LMS Reserve is committed to be spent on the Education service and is not available for the general use of the Council. This is held by schools under delegated schemes.

- c(1) The Bus Lane Enforcement Reserve was established to hold surpluses generated from bus lane enforcement and will be spent on public transport related activities and highways improvements.
- c(2) The On-street Parking Reserve was established to hold surpluses generated from on-street parking and will be spent on transport related activities and road and environmental improvements.
- f(1) The Insurance Fund was established to fund risks that are self-insured, such as those that fall below the insurance policy deductible amounts and historic claims where the period of exposure predates when the commercial liability policies were procured.
- f(2) Manchester International Festival - business rates growth is held in a reserve to fund the grant agreement with MIF over a 10-year period.
- f(3) The Transformation Reserve was set up to fund future service transformation costs which includes the revenue costs associated with the replacement of the ERP system.
- f(4) The Airport Dividend Reserve will be applied to the budget to meet the anticipated budget shortfall over the MTFS as part of the measures set out in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy. It is expected to be fully utilised by March 2025.
- f(5) The Budget Smoothing Reserve has been created through underspends in previous years. It is used to smooth the impact of budget shortfalls whilst savings are developed and implemented over the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- g) The Business Rates Reserve was established to mitigate business rates income risk due to the volatility of the assumptions and the future reset of the business rates base, which would see a loss of the Council's income growth since 2013.
- h(1) The Capital Fund was established to fund revenue contributions to major capital schemes.
- h(2) The Capital Financing Reserve was established to fund increases in borrowing costs due to the Council's capital investment programme.
- h(3) The Investment Reserve has been set up to deliver priority regeneration projects.
- i(1) The Town Hall Reserve has been set up to fund revenue expenditure on the Town Hall Complex Programme. This reserve is expected to fund relevant spend until the end of the Town Hall project.
- j) IFRS accounting standards require these grants to be recognised in the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement when they are due. The Council has chosen to transfer these grants to reserves to meet future spending commitments.
- k) COVID-19 related grants – The Council has administered a considerable number of COVID-19 grant schemes over the last three years on behalf of Government to support businesses and residents during the pandemic. There is a balance of £7.3m at 31 March 2023 with the majority being applied in 2022/23

l) The General Fund Reserve is the only unallocated reserve, held to meet costs arising from unplanned events, it also acts as a buffer to help mitigate against the financial risks the Council faces and is used to smooth expenditure across years.

m) HRA reserve holds resources available to meet future running costs for council housing.

Note 39. Unusable Reserves

The balances on the Council's unusable reserves were as follows:

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s	Note
Revaluation balances			
Revaluation Reserve	(1,626,935)	(1,627,914)	(a)
Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve	(14,205)	(14,859)	(b)
Adjustment accounts			
Pensions Reserve	583,813	(645,117)	(c),43
Capital Adjustment Account	(1,441,695)	(1,453,785)	(d)
Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve	(6,457)	(7,771)	(e)
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	4,723	4,497	(f)
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	63,777	(34,866)	(g)
Short-term Accumulated Absences Account	6,593	5,699	(h)
Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve	2,702	1,417	(i)
Total	(2,427,684)	(3,772,698)	

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

a - Revaluation Reserve

The revaluation reserve represents the level of revaluation gains net of impairments charged on the Council's non-current assets from 1 April 2007 onwards.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(1,397,896)	(1,626,935)
Revaluations relating to property, plant and equipment	(273,546)	(71,988)
Revaluations relating to other non-PPE assets	(842)	(1,909)
Revaluation gain depreciation	21,781	26,142
Impairment not charged to CIES	11,826	20,350
Disposals transferred to Capital Adjustment Account (CAA)	11,742	26,426
Total	(1,626,935)	(1,627,914)

b - Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve

The reserve contains the gains made by the authority arising from increases in the value of its investments that are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. The balance is reduced when investments with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost
- disposed of and the gains are realised

	Restated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(10,280)	(14,205)
Upward revaluation of investments	(4,776)	(1,118)
Downward revaluation of investments	851	464
Balance at 31 March	(14,205)	(14,859)

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

c - Pensions Reserve

The balance on the Pensions Reserve absorbs the differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post-employment benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. The Council accounts for post-employment benefits in the CIES 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 Council makes employer's contributions to pension funds or eventually pays any pension for which it is directly responsible.

In 2022/23 the actuarial valuation has seen a significant movement from a deficit to a surplus position. Under the International Accounting Standards (IAS19) the Council must disclose the lower of the actuarial valuation or the Asset Ceiling calculation. The Actuarial valuation was the lowest of the two, and therefore is the reported figure included within the accounts for 2022/23.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	1,035,884	583,813
Net Movement in Year	(452,071)	(1,228,930)
Balance at 31 March	583,813	(645,117)

d - Capital Adjustment Account (CAA)

The Capital Adjustment Account includes the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting 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 current value figures to a historical cost basis). The Account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The Account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties that have yet to be consumed by the Council.

The Account also contains revaluation gains accumulated on Property, Plant and Equipment before 1 April 2007, the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(1,377,853)	(1,441,695)
Repayment of ex GMC debt	(2,654)	0
Minimum revenue provision	(34,353)	(37,457)
Reversal of PFI charges to HRA	(3,492)	(4,784)
Capital grants and contributions	(99,823)	(94,584)
Revenue contributions used	(7,248)	(4,971)
Movement in fair value of investment property	(18,842)	(22,983)
Revaluation gain depreciation	(21,781)	(26,143)
Disposals transferred from revaluation reserve	(11,742)	(26,426)
Depreciation	84,649	99,788
Major Repairs Allowance	(21,054)	(23,310)
Capital Receipts Used	(12,286)	(56,158)
Other Disposals	30,720	69,772
Amortisation of intangible assets	64	61
Repayment of long-term debtors	10,095	17,031
(Gain) on repayment of housing loan	(24)	220
Write down of revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	33,355	48,675
Impairment of non-current assets	9,863	51,529
Impairment of financial instrument assets	711	(2,350)
Balance at 31 March	(1,441,695)	(1,453,785)

e - Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve

The Deferred Capital Receipts Reserve holds the gains recognised on the granting of equity mortgages, equity loans and the disposal of council houses under right to buy legislation but for which cash settlement has yet to take place. Under statutory arrangements, the Council does not treat these gains as usable for financing new capital expenditure until they are backed by cash receipts. When the deferred cash settlement takes place, amounts are transferred to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

Equity Mortgages

These relate to a joint home build scheme between the Council and Redrow Homes. The Council has provided homebuyers, purchasing the properties, equity mortgage loans for up to 25% of the property value. Some of the loans become repayable 10 years after the purchase of the property or earlier if the homeowner decides to sell the property before this time, others are repayable only on sale or transfer. There is also the option for the homebuyer to repay the loan before either of these events. The outstanding balance is adjusted each year in line with the Land Registry House Pricing Index.

Equity Loans

a) Home Improvement Loans

These are equity share loans offered to homeowners to carry out essential renovation works. The minimum loan value available is £7,000 up to a maximum of £25,000 or 33% of the value of the improved home. The equity share is secured by a legal charge and loans are repayable on the death of the purchaser, or the sale of the property or when the purchaser ceases to occupy the property as their main home. The outstanding balance is adjusted each year in line with the Land Registry House Pricing Index.

b) Relocation Assistance Loans

These are equity share loans provided to assist owner-occupiers displaced by demolition to purchase a replacement property. Loan values are available which meet the difference between the value of the property to be demolished and the cost of buying another property subject to specified limits. The equity share is secured by a legal charge and loans are repayable on the death of the purchaser, or the sale of the property or when the purchaser ceases to occupy the property as their main home. The outstanding balance is adjusted each year in line with the Land Registry House Pricing Index.

	Restated Opening Balance 1 April 2022 £000s	Gains on disposal £000s	Principal Repayments £000s	Fair Value Adjustments £000s	Closing Balance 31 March 2023 £000s
Equity Mortgages	(3,241)	(132)	366	(315)	(3,322)
Equity Loans	(3,216)	0	0	(1,233)	(4,449)
Total Deferred Capital Receipts	(6,457)	(132)	366	(1,548)	(7,771)

f - Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

Balancing account to allow for differences in statutory requirements and proper accounting practices for borrowings and investments.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	4,924	4,723
Soft loans in year movements	(70)	(48)

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Adjustment for interest free loans	401	329	f(a)
Premium and discounts	(532)	(506)	
Balance at 31 March	4,723	4,498	

f (a) The Council has received interest free loans of £8.5m from the Homes England repayable in 2024 and £20.5m from Salix repayable until 2025. This amount represents the saving to the Council over the remaining length of the loans of them being interest free.

g - Collection Fund Adjustment Account

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

Council Tax	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(975)	(10,763)
Movement in Year	(9,788)	10,344
Balance at 31 March	(10,763)	(419)

Business Rates	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	178,017	74,540
Movement in Year	(103,477)	(108,987)
Balance at 31 March	74,540	(34,447)

Total	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	177,042	63,777
Movement in Year	(113,265)	(98,643)
Balance at 31 March	63,777	(34,866)

h - Short-term Accumulated Absences Account

The Short-term 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 31 March. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the general fund balance is neutralised by transfers to and from this account.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	6,748	6,593
Movement in Year	(155)	(893)

Balance at 31 March	6,593	5,700
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i - Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve

The DSG deficit is presented as an unusable reserve. This is the result of the introduction on 29 November 2020 of a new Statutory Instrument to amend the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting Regulations 2003) by establishing new accounting practices in relation to the treatment of schools' budget deficits. The aim is to ensure that DSG deficits are ringfenced and held separately from General Fund resources so that specific measures can be put in place to address the deficits without placing pressures on resources required for other essential services.

Note 40. Dedicated Schools Grant

The Council's expenditure on schools is funded primarily by grant monies provided by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). DSG is ring-fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools' Budget as defined in the Schools Finance and Early Years (England) Regulations 2018. The schools budget includes elements for a range of educational services provided on an authority-wide basis and for the Individual Schools Budget (ISB), which is divided into a budget share for each maintained school.

Details of the deployment of DSG received in 2021/22 were as follows:

	Central Expenditure £000s	Individual Schools Budget £000s	Total £000s
Final DSG for 2021/22 before academy and high needs recoupment			599,205
Academy and high needs figure recouped for 2021/22			(271,077)
Total DSG after academy and high needs recoupment for 2021/22			328,128
Plus brought forward from 2020/21			0
Less carry forward to 2022/23 agreed in advance			(1,500)
Agreed initial budgeted distribution in 2021/22	18,716	307,912	326,628
In year adjustments	0	304	304
Final budgeted distribution for 2021/22	18,716	308,217	326,933
Less: actual central expenditure	15,629	0	15,629
Less: actual ISB deployed to schools	0	313,248	313,248
Plus: local authority contribution for 2021/22	0	0	0
In year Carry forward to 2022/23 surplus / (deficit)	3,087	(5,031)	(1,945)
Plus carry forward to 2022/23 agreed in advance			1,500
Carry forward surplus / (deficit) to 2022/23			0
DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2020/21			(2,258)
Addition to DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2021/22			(445)
Total of DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2021/22			(2,701)
Net DSG position at the end of 2021/22			(2,701)

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The DSG reserve was negative because the centrally retained DSG had overspent, largely due to expenditure within the high needs block which supports the education of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It is classed as an unusable reserve.

Details of the deployment of DSG receivable in 2022/23 are as follows:

	Central Expenditure £000s	Individual Schools Budget £000s	Total £000s
Final DSG for 2022/23 before academy and high needs recouplement			633,392
Academy and high needs figure recouped for 2022/23			(289,459)
Total DSG after academy and high needs recouplement for 2022/23			343,933
Plus brought forward from 2021/22			0
Less carry forward to 2023/24 agreed in advance			(1,350)
Agreed initial budgeted distribution in 2022/23	42,302	300,281	342,583
In year adjustments	0	(118)	(118)
Final budgeted distribution for 2022/23	42,302	300,163	342,465
Less: actual central expenditure	42,518	0	42,518
Less: actual ISB deployed to schools	0	300,206	300,206
Plus: local authority contribution for 2022/23	193	0	193
In year Carry forward to 2023/24 surplus / (deficit)	(22)	(43)	(65)
Plus Carry forward to 2023/24 agreed in advance			1,350
Carry forward surplus / (deficit) to 2023/24			1,285
DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2021/22			(2,702)
Addition to DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2022/23			0
Total of DSG unusable reserve at the end of 2022/23			(2,702)
Net DSG position at the end of 2022/23			(1,417)

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) reserve is again negative due to overspend on budgets deployed to schools, largely due to expenditure within the high needs block which supports the education of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The DSG deficit is not expected to increase in 2022/23 and to ensure that the DSG deficit does not increase further, a detailed recovery plan of the high needs block is underway with operational leadership and guidance from the Children's Leadership Team.

The original budget for the Central Expenditure includes the following which are transferred to schools during the year:

- provisions for funding for Special Education Needs
- increases in pupil numbers

- contingencies within schools

Note 41. Local Government Pension Scheme

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers and other employees, the Council offers retirement benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Council has a commitment to make the payments that need to be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Council participates in three pension schemes:

a) The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Local Government Pension Scheme is a fully funded defined benefits scheme. The scheme is operated under the regulatory framework for the Local Government Pension Scheme and the governance of the scheme is the responsibility of Tameside MBC who administer the scheme on behalf of the Greater Manchester Authorities. Tameside MBC delegates its functions in relation to the Greater Manchester Pension Scheme to the Pension Fund Management Panel, the Pension Fund Advisory Panel, Pension Fund Working Groups and the Executive Director of Pensions. The Pension Fund Management Panel is the key decision maker for investment management, monitoring investment activity and performance, overseeing administrative activities and providing guidance to officers in exercising delegated powers. All the Greater Manchester authorities are represented on the Management Panel.

The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013. As a result, benefits earned from 1 April 2014 are based on career average revalued earnings.

There are risks and uncertainties associated with whatever assumptions are adopted. The Accounting Standard requires the assumptions to be determined on a best estimate basis. However, the assumptions are in effect projections of future investment returns and demographic experience many years into the future and there is inevitably a great deal of uncertainty in what constitutes best estimate for such projections.

The Accounting Standard requires the discount rate to be set with reference to yields on high quality corporate bonds irrespective of the investment strategy of the Fund. As such, the figures are unlikely to reflect either the actual eventual cost of providing benefits or the likely level of contributions to fund the employer's obligations to the Fund. The Balance Sheet position may change significantly due to relative changes in the equity and bond markets at the reporting date.

The main risk to the Council is that if the assumptions are more prudent than other employers it would lead to a poorer reported financial position or if less prudent an improved financial position. This does not have an impact on the underlying cost of the Fund nor the level of contributions that will be derived from future funding valuations.

In order to assess the value of the employer's liabilities in the Fund at 31 March 2023 the actuary has rolled forward the value of liabilities calculated at the latest formal valuation, 31 March 2022, allowing for the different financial assumptions required under the Accounting Standards at the accounting date. In calculating the current service cost, allowance has been made for changes in the employer's pensionable payroll as estimated from contribution information. In calculating the asset share the employer's share of assets allocated at the

latest valuation has been rolled forward, allowing for investment returns, the effect of contributions paid into, and benefits paid from the Fund by the employer and its employees.

The estimated liability or asset will not reflect any difference in demographic experience from that assumed, the impact of differences in salary and pension increases and changes for specific individuals and the effect of any changes in the age and length of service structure of the liabilities. It is not possible to reflect these without undertaking a full valuation. There is no reason to believe that this will introduce any undue distortions in the results.

b) The Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme is a defined benefit scheme, administered by Capita Teachers' Pensions on behalf of the Department for Education. Further information is included in Note 42.

c) The NHS pension scheme

Under the arrangements for Public Health, staff performing public health functions who were compulsorily transferred from the Primary Care Trusts to local authorities and had access to the NHS Pension Scheme on 31 March 2013 retained access to that Scheme on transfer at 1 April 2013.

The NHS pension scheme is an unfunded, defined benefit scheme that covers NHS employers and is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. Further information is included in Note 43.

Transactions Relating to Retirement Benefits

The costs of retirement benefits in the net cost of services are recognised when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge required to be made against the Council Tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of retirement benefits is reversed out in the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and Movement in Reserves Statement during the year:

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		
Net Cost of Services:		
current service cost	136,126	124,999
past service costs	4,379	4,114
effect of settlements	(4,781)	(1,705)
Total Service Cost:	135,724	127,408
Financing and investment income and expenditure		
interest income on scheme assets	(69,294)	(102,400)
interest cost on defined benefit obligation	91,110	118,583
Total Net Interest	21,816	16,183
Total post-employment benefits charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	157,540	143,591
Re-measurement of the Net Defined Benefit Liability comprising:		
return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	(323,926)	35,728
actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in demographic assumptions	(81,581)	(33,208)
actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in financial assumptions	(275,781)	(1,545,521)
effect of business settlements and curtailments	37,967	
other experience re-measurements	90,000	230,084
Total remeasurements recognised in other comprehensive income and expenditure	(553,321)	(1,312,917)
The post-employment benefits charged to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement	395,781	1,169,326
Movement in Reserves Statement		
Reversal of the charges to the surplus / deficit on the provision of services and the amounts chargeable to the general fund under regulation	(157,540)	(143,591)
Employer's contribution payable to scheme	46,728	50,873

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	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Employer's contribution re: unfunded deficit	9,562	8,731

Assets and Liabilities in Relation to Retirement Benefits

Present value of the scheme liabilities:

	Funded Liabilities: Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	4,467,117	4,382,178
Current service cost	136,126	124,999
Effect of settlements	(9,667)	(2,985)
Interest cost on defined benefit obligations	91,110	118,583
Effect of business combinations and disposals	116,822	0
Contributions by scheme participants	17,169	19,094
Changes in financial assumptions	(275,781)	(1,545,521)
Changes in demographic assumptions	(81,581)	(33,208)
Other experience re-measurements	37,414	230,084
Unfunded benefits paid	(9,562)	(8,731)
Benefits paid	(111,368)	(111,713)
Past service cost including curtailments	4,379	4,114
Balance at 31 March	4,382,178	3,176,894

Fair value of the scheme assets:

	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Balance at 1 April	(3,517,661)	(3,841,579)
Interest income on plan assets	(69,294)	(102,400)
Return on assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	(323,926)	35,728
Effect of business combinations and disposals *	(78,855)	0
Other experience	52,586	0
Effect of settlements	4,886	1,280
Contributions in respect of unfunded benefits	(9,562)	(8,731)
Employer contributions	(3,514)	(7,659)

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	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Contributions by scheme participants	(17,169)	(19,094)
Benefits paid	111,368	111,713
Unfunded benefits paid	9,562	8,731
Balance at 31 March	(3,841,579)	(3,822,011)

*The effect of business combinations and disposals is the share of the pension fund assets and liabilities of former Northwards staff following the transfer of staff back to the Council.

The Council's share of pension fund assets is rolled forward, by the actuary, from the latest formal valuation date. The roll forward amount is then adjusted for investment returns, the effective contributions paid into and estimated benefits paid from the fund by the Council and its employees. As such this estimate may differ from the actual assets held by the Pension Fund at 31 March.

Net Liability for Year

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Present value of funded liabilities	(4,280,227)	(3,094,110)
Present value of unfunded liabilities	(47,795)	(40,681)
Fair value of assets	3,841,579	3,822,011
Net (Liability) / Asset arising from Defined Benefit obligation	(486,443)	687,220
Present value of unfunded teachers liabilities	(54,156)	(42,103)
Net (Liability) / Asset arising from Defined Benefit obligation	(540,599)	645,117

The total asset of £645.1m is included within the net worth of the Council. This has increased by £1.228.1m as recorded in the balance sheet resulting in a positive overall balance of £4,492.4m.

The Council made a payment of £129.6m in 2020/21 to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund for three years up front employer pension contributions. This resulted in a reduction in the percentage rate paid.

Note Basis for Estimating Assets and Liabilities

Assets and liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis by Hymans Robertson, an independent firm of actuaries. The main assumptions used in their calculations have been:

	2021/22	2022/23
Mortality assumptions:		
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners		
Men	20.3 years	19.6 years
Women	23.2 years	23.0 years
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners *		
Men	21.8 years	21.2 years
Women	25.4 years	24.6 years
Rate of increase in salaries	3.98%	3.80%
Rate of increase in pensions	3.20%	3.00%
Discount rate	2.70%	4.75%
Take-up of option to convert annual pension into retirement lump sum - pre-April 2008	50.00%	
Take-up of option to convert annual pension into retirement lump sum - post April 2008	50.00%	
Take-up of option to convert annual pension into retirement lump sum		50%

* Figures assume members aged 45 as at the last formal valuation date.

The estimate of the defined benefit obligation is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the table below. The table shows the effect of changes to each assumption in isolation. It is possible for the experience of the Fund to deviate from more than one of the assumptions simultaneously and so the precise effect on the valuation is more complex.

Changes in assumptions at 31 March 2022	% Increase to Employer Liability	£000s
0.1% decrease in Real Discount Rate	2%	53,207
1 year increase in member life expectancy	4%	127,076
0.1% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	0%	6,191
0.1% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	2%	47,759

The principal demographic assumption is the longevity assumption (i.e., member life expectancy). For sensitivity purposes it is estimated that a one-year increase in life expectancy would approximately increase the Employers Defined Benefit Obligation by around 3-5%. In practice the actual cost of a one-year increase in life expectancy will depend on the structure of the revised assumption.

	2021/22	2022/23
Mortality assumptions:		
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners		
Men	20.6 years	19.6 years
Women	23.7 years	23.0 years
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners *		
Men	21.8 years	21.2 years
Women	25.4 years	24.6 years
Rate of increase in salaries	3.98%	3.80%
Rate of increase in pensions	3.20%	3.00%
Discount rate	2.70%	4.75%
Take-up of option to convert annual pension into retirement lump sum - pre-April 2008	50.00%	
Take-up of option to convert annual pension into retirement lump sum - post April 2008	50.00%	
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The asset values are at bid value as required under IAS19. The assets consist of the following categories, by proportion of the total assets held:

Asset Category	Restated Year Ended 31 March 2022				Year Ended 31 March 2023			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets £000s	Quoted Prices not in Active Markets £000s	Total £000s	%	Quoted Prices in Active Markets £000s	Quoted Prices not in Active Markets £000s	Total £000s	%
Equity securities								
Consumer	254,241.	0	254,241.	7	229,641	0	229,641	6
Manufacturing	250,828	0	250,828	7	211,297	0	211,297	6
Energy and utilities	207,590	0	207,590	5	188,669	0	188,669	5
Financial institutions	379,732	0	379,732	10	326,083	0	326,083	9
Health and care	201,011	0	201,011	5	191,425	0	191,425	5
Information technology	187,603	0	187,603	5	269,756	0	269,756	7
Other	42,953	0	42,953	1	43,454	0	43,454	1
Debt securities								
Corporate bonds (investment grade)	147,525	0	147,525	4	152,318	0	152,318	4
UK Government	71,572	0	71,572	2	91,336	0	91,336	2
Other	121,672	0	121,672	3	113,765	0	113,765	3
Private equity								
All	0	281,018	281,018	7	0	285,889	285,889	7
Real estate								
UK property	0	174,190	174,190	5	0	148,700	148,700	4
Investment funds and unit trusts								

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Asset Category	Restated Year Ended 31 March 2022				Year Ended 31 March 2023			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets £000s	Quoted Prices not in Active Markets £000s	Total £000s	%	Quoted Prices in Active Markets £000s	Quoted Prices not in Active Markets £000s	Total £000s	%
Equities	240,379	0	240,379	6	204,158	0	204,158	5
Bonds	376,823	0	376,823	10	339,168	0	339,168	9
Infrastructure	0	257,330	257,330	7	0	305,423	305,423	8
Other	69,681	450,092	519,773	14	93,172	530,805	623,977	16
Derivatives								
Other	(21,361)	0	(21,361)	(1)	0	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents								
All	148,706	0	148,706	4	96,955	0	96,955	3
Total	2,678,949	1,162,630	3,841,579	100	2,551,197	1,270,817	3,822,014	100

Note 42. Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Scheme is a defined benefit scheme; however, the scheme is unfunded. The Department for Education (DfE) uses a notional fund as the basis for calculating the employer's contribution rate paid by local education authorities. However, it is not possible for the Council to identify its share of the underlying financial position and performance of the scheme attributable to its own employees, with sufficient reliability for accounting purposes. Although the teachers' pension scheme is a defined benefits scheme, for the purposes of the statement of accounts it is therefore accounted for on the same basis as a defined contributions scheme.

The Council is responsible for the costs of any additional benefits awarded upon early retirement outside of the terms of the Teachers' Scheme. These benefits are fully accrued in the pensions' liability described in Note 43. The pension costs charged to the accounts are at the contribution rate set by the DfE on the basis of a notional fund. In 2021/22 the Council's contribution to the DfE in respect of teachers' pension costs was £23.38m (£23.103m in 2020/21), the set contribution rate being 23.68% (2021/22 in 23.68%). The total contributions expected to be made to the Teachers' Pension Scheme by the Council in the year to 31 March 2024 is £22.640m.

In addition, the Council is responsible for all pension payments relating to added years it has awarded, together with related increases. In 2022/23 these amounted to £4.85m (£5.127m in 2021/22) of which £0.694m (£0.861m in 2021/22) relates to former further education employees and is refunded by the Department for Education.

Note 43. National Health Service Pension Scheme

The NHS pension scheme is an unfunded, defined benefit scheme that covers NHS employers and is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. This means that liabilities for benefits cannot be identified to the Council. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contribution scheme – no liability for future payments of benefits is recognised in the Balance Sheet and the Adults Social Care line within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is charged with the employer's contributions payable in the year.

In 2022/23 the Council's contribution in respect of former NHS staff pension costs was £103,000 (£90,000 in 2021/22), the set contribution rate being 14.4% (14.4% in 2021/22).

Note 44. Contingent Assets and Liabilities

Contingent Assets

There are no Contingent Assets reported.

Contingent Liabilities

There are no Contingent Liabilities reported.

Note 45. Related Party Transactions

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting requires the disclosure of any material transactions with related parties to ensure that stakeholders are aware that these transactions have taken place and the amount and implications of such transactions.

Income	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Central Government - revenue grants	821,407	786,400
Central Government - capital grants	73,592	73,462
Greater Manchester Combined Authority - capital contribution	28,131	22,141
Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd - repayment of interest	34,608	36,638
Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd - net rent	9,357	9,468
Manchester Heat Network	0	32
Manchester Heat Network - Asset Novation	0	22,780
Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group / Integrated Care Board	12,982	12,808
Destination Manchester Ltd - interest on loans	650	824
Destination Manchester Ltd - repayment of loan principal	1,500	750
Manchester Professional Services Limited	89	89
Manchester Creative Digital Assets Ltd	4,418	4,877
Manchester Working Limited	0	33
Lord Mayor Charity Appeal Trust	131	146
Wythenshawe Forum Trust Limited	154	156
Total	987,019	970,604

Expenditure	Re-stated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Manchester Heat Network	0	5,861
Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group	5,035	5,655
Manchester Working (capital and revenue spend)	4,778	3,999
Manchester Professional Services Limited	31	44
Manchester Creative Digital Assets Ltd	3,906	2,942
CityCo (Manchester) Ltd	160	142
Lord Mayor Charity Appeal Trust	53	13
National Car Parks (NCP) Limited	34	28
Factory International	1,560	1,750

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Expenditure	Re-stated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Wythenshawe Forum Trust Limited	897	962
Total	16,454	21,397

The restatement for 2021/22 opening balance reflects the inclusion of £1.560m Factory International.

Amounts owed from and to:	Amounts owed from		Amounts owed to	
	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Central Government	45,812	49,246	108,988	44,871
Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd	390,707	409,954	0	0
Destination Manchester Ltd	14,907	14,157	7	1
Manchester Heat Network	452	14,577	0	0
Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group/ Integrated Care Board	1,354	1,519	1,830	51
Manchester Working Ltd	2	1	0	0
Manchester Professional Services Ltd	20	20	0	0
Manchester Creative Digital Limited	723	712	29	29
Lord Mayor Charity Appeal Trust	37	35	0	0
National Car Parks (NCP) Ltd	158	391	0	0
Factory International	0	0	10,574	10,034
Wythenshawe Forum Trust Limited	17	0	25	2
Total	454,189	490,612	121,453	54,988

Members and Chief Officers

Members of the Council have a direct control over the Council's financial and operating policies. Details of member's interest, both pecuniary and non-financial are recorded in the register of member's interest (available for public inspection). During 2022/23 there were no material transactions with Members or Chief Officers (Senior Management Team).

[a. Central Government](#)

Central Government has effective control over the general operations of the Council. It is responsible for providing the framework within which the Council operates and provides the majority of its funding in the forms of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Authority has with other parties (e.g., council tax bills and housing benefits).

[b. Other Public Bodies](#)

The Council receives capital contributions from Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) relating to various projects.

[c. Entities controlled or significantly influenced by the Council](#)

The Council has a number of subsidiaries over which it has control and associate and joint venture companies over which it exerts significant influence. Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd is a joint venture. Destination Manchester Ltd and Manchester Heat Network are subsidiaries. The Council and these organisations have related party transactions that are material.

[Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd](#)

The Council is a related party to Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd. The Council owns 35.5% of the share capital of the company. The principal activities of the Group during the year were ownership, operation and development of airport facilities. Cllr Beverley Craig, the Leader of the Council, is a non-executive director to Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd.

[Destination Manchester Ltd \(DML\)](#)

Destination Manchester Ltd.'s ultimate parent and controlling party is Manchester City Council. Destination Manchester Ltd owns and manages the Manchester Central Convention Complex, which holds major conferences and exhibitions. The director who served the company during the year was the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, Carol Culley.

[Manchester Heat Network \(MHN\)](#)

Manchester Heat Network Group (trading as Manchester Energy Network) is fully owned by Manchester City Council. The principal activity of the companies is the provision of energy services.

[d. Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group \(CCCG\) and Integrated Care Board \(ICB\)](#)

The Council and Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group entered into a Section 75 Better Care Fund Agreement in March 2022. The S75 Agreement sets out the terms on which the Partners have agreed to collaborate and to establish a framework, through which the Partners can secure the future position of health and social care services through Lead Commissioning Arrangements or Joint Commissioning Arrangements in relation to the BCF and IBCF. On 1 July 2022, the MCCG ceased to exist and was replaced by the GM ICB. On 1 July 2022, the S75 Agreement was transferred from MCCG to the GM ICB.

e. Other related parties

The following are related parties where there were no transactions in 2021/22 or 2022/23 which are considered material to either party:

Manchester Mortgage Corporation, Manchester Parking Limited, This City Manchester Limited, Manchester Active Limited, Manchester Knowledge Capital Limited, Northern Gateway Operations Limited, One Education Limited, Sports City Manchester Company, Manchester Art Gallery Trading Company Limited, Castlefield Heritage Trust, The Whitworth Baths.

Note 46. Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Call accounts	13,690	18,287
Cash equivalents	109,008	59,054
Cash at bank	20,652	17,681
Total	143,350	95,021

Note 47. Cash Flow Statement - Adjustments to net surplus / deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Depreciation of non-current assets	84,649	99,787
Impairment and revaluation losses of non-current assets	6,371	46,745
Amortisation of intangible non-current assets	64	61
Movement in contract assets, liabilities and costs	(2,189)	717
Increase (decrease) in provision for impairments / doubtful debts re loans and advances	711	(2,350)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	56,954	(47,737)
(Increase) decrease in debtors	(6,616)	(68,468)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(63)	(32)
Movement in pension liability	146,192	131,263
Carrying amount of non-current assets and non-current assets held for sale, sold or derecognised	30,720	69,772
Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus of deficit on the provision of services	(24,079)	(8,305)
Total	292,714	221,453

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

Note 48. Cash Flow Statement - Adjustments for items included in the net surplus / deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment, investment properties and intangible assets	(26,783)	(79,677)
Any other items for which the cash effects are investing or financing cash flows	(84,190)	(86,006)
Total	(110,973)	(165,683)

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 for further information.

Note 49. Cash Flow Statement - Operating Activities

The net cash flows from operating activities include the following items:

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Interest received	5,903	18,507
Interest paid	(35,346)	(38,111)
Dividends received	501	448

Note 50. Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Purchase of plant, property and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(239,788)	(331,166)
Purchase of short-term and long-term investments	(164)	(6,630)
Other payments for investing activities	(8,362)	(19,492)
Proceeds from the sale of plant, property and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	24,952	78,688
Other receipts from investing activities	102,041	112,729
Net cash flows from investing activities	(121,321)	(165,871)

Note 51. Cash Flow Statement - Financing Activities

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Cash receipts of long and short-term borrowing	319,450	228,961
Cash payments for the reduction of outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases and PFI contracts	(12,132)	(10,051)
Repayments of short and long-term borrowing	(242,997)	(18,596)
Net cash flows from financing activities	64,321	200,314

Note 52. Cash Flow Statement - Reconciliation of liabilities arising from Financing Activities

	1 April 2022 £000s	Financing cash flows £000s	Non-cash changes		31 March 2023 £000s
			Acquisition £000s	Other non-cash charges £000s	
Long-term borrowings	819,672	100,000	0	13,429	933,101
Short-term borrowings	20,610	110,365	0	(11,827)	119,148
Ex GMC debt	0	0	0	0	0
PFI liabilities	141,022	(9,189)	935	0	132,768
Service concessions	4,047	(862)	615	(1)	3,799
Total liabilities from financing activities	985,351	200,314	1,550	1,601	1,188,816

	1 April 2021 £000s	Financing cash flows £000s	Non-cash changes		31 March 2022 £000s
			Acquisition £000s	Other non-cash charges £000s	
Long-term borrowings	578,555	250,000	0	(8,883)	819,672
Short-term borrowings	184,675	(173,547)	0	9,482	20,610
Ex GMC debt	2,654	(2,654)	0	0	0
PFI liabilities	148,934	(8,723)	811	0	141,022
Service concessions	4,824	(755)	198	(220)	4,047
Total liabilities from financing activities	919,642	64,321	1,009	379	985,351

Note 53. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

There are two reported events after the Balance Sheet date:

This includes the consideration of 5 schools that have converted to academy status as reported below after the balance sheet date, (including the closing balance sheet value):

- *Crosslee County Primary £5,918,035*
- *Abraham Moss High School £24,942,411*
- *Medlock Primary £7,401,219*
- *Park View Community Primary £6,500,333*
- *Peel Hall Primary School £3,663,796*

In relation to IAS 19, the Court of Appeal has recently issued its judgment in the Virgin Media case (Virgin Media Ltd v NTL Pension Trustees II Ltd & Ors) which could affect any scheme which was contracted-out of the State Second Pension on a final salary basis in the period between 6 April 1997 and 5 April 2016. The case centred on a change to benefits made in 1999 to the way in which deferred members' pensions were revalued in relation to inflation. The impact of the ruling on LGPS liabilities is not known and no adjustments to reflect the impact of the ruling have been made to the financial statements for the year.

[Note 54. Authorisation for Issue of the Statement of Accounts](#)

The 2022/23 Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by Carol Culley, the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer on 14 August 2023. All events after the Balance Sheet date until this date have been considered for disclosure as events after the Balance Sheet date.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Income and Expenditure Statement

The HRA reflects a statutory obligation to account separately for council housing provision. The HRA Income and Expenditure Statement shows the major elements of HRA expenditure and how they are met from rents, grants and other income. The account does not reflect all the transactions required by statute to be charged or credited to the HRA for the year. The Movement on the HRA Statement gives details of the additional transactions which are required by statute.

2021/22 £000s	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Income and Expenditure Statement	2022/23 £000s	Note
	Expenditure		
32,660	Repairs and maintenance	37,714	
20,727	Supervision and management	24,089	
321	Rents, rates, taxes and other charges	190	
25,211	Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	32,195	d,e
19	Debt management costs	15	
40	Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	72	f
78,978	Total Expenditure	94,275	
	Income		
(61,440)	Dwelling rents	(63,829)	
(386)	Non-dwelling rents	(368)	
(1,087)	Charges for services and facilities	(2,264)	
(44)	Contributions towards expenditure	(14)	
(23,374)	Private Finance Initiative Grant	(23,374)	
(86,331)	Total Income	(89,849)	
(7,353)	Net (Income) of HRA Services as included in the Council's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	4,426	
98	HRA services share of corporate and democratic core	98	
14	HRA share of other amounts included in the Council's net cost of services but not allocated to specific services (past service costs)	14	
(7,241)	Net (Income) / Expenditure of HRA Services	4,538	
	HRA share of the operating income and expenditure included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		
(6,069)	(Gain) on disposal of HRA non-current assets	(7,365)	
11,016	Interest payable and similar charges	10,666	
109	Movement in the allowance for bad debts	313	
(25)	Interest and investment income	(1,190)	
69	Net interest on the net defined benefit liability	49	
(2,253)	Capital grants and contributions	(5,046)	
(4,394)	(Surplus) / Deficit for the year on HRA services	1,964	

Movement on the Housing Revenue Account statement

2021/22 £000s	Movement on the Housing Revenue Account Statement	2022/23 £000s
(111,165)	Balance on the HRA at the end of the previous year	(106,087)
(4,394)	(Surplus) / Deficit for Year on the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement	1,964
	Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under the legislative framework	
17	Capital expenditure funded by the HRA	0
6,069	Gain/(Loss) on disposal of HRA non-current assets	7,365
0	Transfer to short-term accumulating absences account	0
(367)	HRA share of employer contributions from pension scheme	(283)
(1,952)	Impairment of non-current assets	(8,511)
(40)	Amortisation of Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	(72)
3,492	Reversal of PFI Charges	4,784
2,253	Capital grants and contributions receivable	5,046
5,078	Net (Increase) / Decrease in Year on the HRA	10,293
(106,087)	Balance on the HRA at the end of the current year	(95,793)

Notes to the Housing Revenue Account

(a) Housing Stock

The Council was responsible for managing an average of 15,342 dwellings during 2022/23.

The stock at each year end was made up as follows:

	31 March 2022	31 March 2023
Houses and bungalows	8,665	8,484
Flats	6,708	6,672
Others	77	77
	15,450	15,233

The change in stock is as follows:

	2021/22	2022/23
Stock at 1 April	15,620	15,450
Sales - Right to Buy	(174)	(233)
Right to Buy– buy-back scheme	4	(46)
New buildings	0	61
Acquisitions	0	1
Stock at 31 March	15,450	15,233

The balance sheet value of the HRA's non-current assets was as follows:

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Operational		
Council dwellings	744,477	738,353
Other land and buildings	4,844	6,123
Vehicles, plant and equipment	3,273	3,053
Infrastructure	1,792	1,792
Total operational	754,386	749,321
Non-operational		
Surplus properties	565	139
Assets under construction	7,022	15,068
Total non-operational	7,587	15,207
Total non-current assets	761,973	764,528

(b) Vacant Possession of Dwellings

The vacant possession value of dwellings within the Council's HRA at 1 April 2022 was £1,834,228,500 and at 31 March 2023 was £1,840,278,500. The difference between the vacant possession value and balance sheet value of dwellings within the HRA shows the economic cost of providing council housing at less than open market rents.

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(c) Capital Expenditure, Funding and Receipts

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Expenditure		
Property, plant and equipment	24,169	30,132
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	40	72
Total Expenditure	24,209	30,204
Funded by		
Revenue contributions	17	0
Capital receipts	885	2,962
Major repairs reserve	21,054	23,310
Government grants	2,253	3,859
External contributions	0	73
Total Funded by	24,209	30,204
Receipts		
Council dwellings	14,370	20,016
Total receipts	14,370	20,016

(d) Depreciation

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Council dwellings	22,964	23,333
Other land and buildings	108	114
Vehicles, plant and equipment	112	236
Infrastructure	75	0
Total	23,259	23,683

(e) Impairment Charges

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Downward revaluation of assets	0	7,576
Damaged properties / demolitions / other	1,952	935
Total	1,952	8,511

(f) Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute

Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute of £71,800 (£40,000 in 2021/22) has been charged to the HRA.

(g) Contribution from the Pension Reserve

The cost of the HRA has increased after the replacement of employer's pension contributions by current service costs and a share of the corporate items (pensions interest costs, expected return on pensions assets, past service costs, settlements and curtailments). The HRA share of the contribution from the pensions reserve in 2022/23 is £283,000. The overall amount to be met from rent payers remains unchanged.

(h) Rent Arrears

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Arrears at 31 March	8,444	8,895

The balance is the Opening position. Adjustments to arrears are made in the new financial year, at the point of bringing all other rent balance sheet codes back to zero for the new rent year.

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Provision at 1 April	6,663	6,970
Contributions in year	307	366
Amounts written (off)/back in the year	0	(22)
Provision as at 31 March	6,970	7,314

(i) Management of the HRA stock

The majority of the Council's stock was managed via an Arms-Length Management Organisation until July 2021, at which point management of the stock transferred back to the Council, along with all staff and assets/liabilities. The costs and savings associated with this have been included within the accounts.

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Collection Fund

This statement reflects statutory requirements for billing authorities to maintain a separate collection fund to account for the income from council tax and business rates and its distribution to the Council, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Police and Crime and Fire and Rescue elements.

2021/22 £000s				2022/23 £000s		
Business Rates	Council Tax	Total		Business Rates	Council Tax	Total
			Income			
0	230,009	230,009	Council Tax income	0	250,920	250,920
0	6,576	6,576	Local Council Tax Hardship Fund / Energy Rebate	0	1,912	1,912
295,835	0	295,835	Collectable from business ratepayers	329,922	0	329,922
151,938	2,209	154,147	Apportionment of Previous Year Deficit			
			- Manchester City Council	106,690	0	106,690
0	320	320	- GMCA Police and Crime Commissioner	0	0	0
1,535	125	1,660	- GMCA Mayoral and Fire and Rescue	1,024	0	1,024
449,308	239,239	688,547	Total Income	437,636	252,832	690,468
			Expenditure			
			Apportionment of Previous Year Surplus			
0	0	0	- Manchester City Council	0	12,257	12,257
0	0	0	- GMCA Police and Crime Commissioner	0	1,788	1,788
0	0	0	- GMCA Mayoral and Fire and Rescue	0	745	745
			Precepts and demands			
320,831	179,066	499,897	- Manchester City Council	301,081	196,706	497,787
0	26,119	26,119	- GMCA Police and Crime Commissioner	0	29,136	29,136
3,241	10,882	14,123	- GMCA Mayoral and Fire and Rescue	1,953	13,138	15,091

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2021/22 £000s				2022/23 £000s		
Business Rates	Council Tax	Total		Business Rates	Council Tax	Total
			Business rates			
3,248	0	3,248	- Transitional protection payment	2,353	0	2,353
409	0	409	- Enterprise Zone Growth Disregard	498	0	498
			Charges to Collection Fund			
0	4,350	4,350	- Write offs of uncollectable amounts	0	798	798
3,083	7,084	10,167	- Increase in Allowance for Impairment	(2,695)	10,679	7,984
12,856	0	12,856	- Contribution to Provision for Appeals	23,244	0	23,244
1,117	0	1,117	- Costs of collection	1,114	0	1,114
344,785	227,501	572,286	Total Expenditure	327,548	265,247	592,795
104,523	11,738	116,260	Movement on fund balance	110,087	(12,415)	97,672
(179,816)	1,186	(178,630)	Fund balance brought forward	(75,293)	12,924	(62,369)
(75,293)	12,924	(62,370)	Fund Balance Carried Forward	34,794	509	35,303

Notes to the Collection Fund Statement

(a) Business Rates

The Council collects business rates for its area on behalf of itself and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue). These rates are based on rateable values for properties set by the Valuation Office Agency which are multiplied by a uniform business rate set by central government. The multiplier for the year was set at 49.9p (49.9p in 2021/22) for smaller businesses and for larger businesses 51.2p (51.2p in 2021/22). The total business rates rateable value at 31 March 2023 was £900,241,051 (£896,353,448 at 31 March 2022).

(b) Calculation of the Council Tax Base

For 2022/23 there were 245,402 residential properties in Manchester which were placed in one of eight valuation bands, depending on their capital value, by the Listing Officer of the government's Valuation Office. There are 211,234 equivalent number of dwellings after taking account of discounts, exemptions and disabled relief. These equate to 164,964 equivalent Band D properties, which are used for the calculation of the tax base.

The table below shows the total number of equivalent properties after discounts, exemptions and disabled relief and the number of chargeable Band D equivalents.

Valuation Band	Total Equivalent Number of Dwellings after Discounts, Exemptions and Disabled Relief	Chargeable Band D Equivalents
A	113,680	75,757
B	36,635	28,494
C	33,116	29,436
D	17,712	17,712
E	5,951	7,273
F	2,893	4,178
G	1,138	1,897
H	109	217
	211,234	164,964

The number of chargeable Band D equivalents for 2021/22 was 161,657.

(c) Share of Fund Balance

The shares of the closing fund balances are shown in the tables below.

Business Rates	(Deficit) 2021/22 £000s	(Deficit) 2022/23 £000s
Manchester City Council	(74,540)	34,447
GMCA Fire and Rescue	(753)	347
Total (Deficit)	(75,293)	34,794
Council Tax	Surplus 2021/22 £000s	Surplus 2022/23 £000s
Manchester City Council	10,697	419
GMCA Police and Crime Commissioner	1,564	62
GMCA Mayoral and Fire and Rescue	663	28
Total Surplus	12,924	509

The COVID 19 pandemic has had a material impact on the Collection Fund and several government schemes have been announced in response to the pandemic and collection of local taxation.

As per the announcement in the 2020/21 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement any in-year deficit forecast in business rates or council tax must be spread over 3 years, from 2021/22 to 2023/24, in equal thirds instead of being fully reflected in 2021/22. This spreadable deficit was determined by the estimate calculated and declared in January 2021 and is still impacting the declared position in 2021/23. In addition, for business rates the introduction of Expanded Retail Discount, which offered 50% relief to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses capped nationally at £110k per business resulted in an additional relief award of £24.6m and COVID Additional Relief Fund (CARF) which was applied in 2022/23, for liabilities in respect of 2021/22, provided additional relief of £24.0m.

Government introduced the Council Tax Energy Rebate scheme in 2022/23 to support residents in light of increasing energy costs. This was broken into two schemes, the Core scheme which provided £150 to dwellings in Band A to D and a Discretionary scheme which provided further support to the most vulnerable residents. Although, in most cases, this grant was paid via BACS or a redeemable Post Office voucher, where the Council was unable to confirm bank details or provide a Post Office voucher there were credits made against council tax accounts. To 31 March 2023 the Council applied 12,744 council tax credits totalling £1.912m, which was deducted from their annual council tax bill. This scheme was fully funded and a corresponding credit was made to the Collection Fund.

(d) Collection Fund collection rates and debtors

Council tax collection in 2022/23 was 89.17% down 0.64% from 89.81% in 2021/22; and down 0.98% from 90.15% in 2020/21. Business rates collection in 2022/23 was 97.29%, up 2.50% from 94.79% in 2021/22; and up 9.38% from 87.91% in 2020/21.

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An analysis of business rates and council tax debtors outstanding for over 30 days not impaired is shown below.

	31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Less than three months	933	1,227
Three to six months	1,064	1,400
Six months to one year	2,151	2,830
More than one year	18,309	24,086
Total	22,457	29,543

Group Accounts

Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This account summarises the resources that have been generated and consumed in providing services and managing the Group during the last year. It includes all day-to-day expenses and related income on an accruals basis.

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 and Note 14 for further information.

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Re-stated 2021/22 Gross Expenditure £000s	Re-stated 2021/22 Gross Income £000s	Re-stated 2021/22 Net Expenditure £000s		2022/23 Gross Expenditure £000s	2022/23 Gross Income £000s	2022/23 Net Expenditure £000s
			Continuing operations			
300,116	(73,356)	226,760	Adult Social Care	318,663	(70,299)	248,364
60,955	(41,861)	19,094	Homelessness	75,829	(56,204)	19,625
594,924	(407,674)	187,250	Children's Services	641,954	(438,379)	203,575
363,086	(231,733)	131,353	Corporate Core	378,702	(228,163)	150,539
195,720	(82,055)	113,665	Neighbourhoods and Highways	209,438	(54,188)	155,250
58,470	(35,962)	22,508	Growth and Development	58,812	(31,000)	27,812
7,354	(10,333)	(2,979)	Corporate Items	2,707	(7,029)	(4,322)
5,823	0	5,823	Council-Wide Costs	6,585	0	6,585
78,978	(86,331)	(7,354)	Housing Revenue Account	94,275	(89,849)	4,426
1,467	(7,046)	(5,579)	Destination Manchester Ltd	21,841	(25,575)	(3,734)
3,544	(3,314)	230	Manchester Heat Network Ltd	5,670	(2,758)	2,912
1,670,436	(979,665)	690,769	Cost of services	1,814,476	(1,003,444)	811,032
			Other operating expenditure			
11,626	(6,069)	5,557	(Gains) Losses on disposal of non-current assets	0	(10,270)	(10,270)
67,210	0	67,210	Levies	67,844	0	67,844
2,554	0	2,554	Payments to government housing capital receipts pool	0	0	0
81,390	(6,069)	75,321	Total other operating expenditure	67,844	(10,270)	57,574
156,657	(170,121)	(13,464)	Financing and investment income and expenditure	198,104	(228,803)	(30,699)

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Re-stated 2021/22 Gross Expenditure £000s	Re-stated 2021/22 Gross Income £000s	Re-stated 2021/22 Net Expenditure £000s		2022/23 Gross Expenditure £000s	2022/23 Gross Income £000s	2022/23 Net Expenditure £000s
38,734	(765,418)	(726,684)	Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure	35,361	(734,860)	(699,499)
1,947,216	(1,921,273)	25,943	(Surplus) / Deficit on provision of services	2,115,785	(1,977,377)	138,409
274,710	(276,063)	(1,353)	Share of operating results of joint venture	437,032	(369,320)	67,712
897	0	897	Tax expenses of subsidiary	617	0	617
11,001	0	11,001	Tax expenses of joint venture	0	(11,782)	(11,782)
2,233,824	(2,197,336)	36,488	Group (Surplus) / Deficit on provision of services (Note 1)	2,553,435	(2,358,479)	194,956
		(313,853)	(Surplus) on revaluation of non-current assets			(134,452)
		11,826	Impairment losses on non-current assets charged to the revaluation reserve			20,350
		37,967	Business Combination – transferred pension liabilities			
		(591,288)	Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability			(1,312,917)
		48,156	Share of other comprehensive income and expenditure of joint ventures			(60,692)
			Items that will be subsequently classified in (Surplus) / Deficit on Provision of Services			
		(3,925)	(Surplus) / Deficit from investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income			(654)

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Re-stated 2021/22 Gross Expenditure £000s	Re-stated 2021/22 Gross Income £000s	Re-stated 2021/22 Net Expenditure £000s		2022/23 Gross Expenditure £000s	2022/23 Gross Income £000s	2022/23 Net Expenditure £000s
		(811,117)	Total other comprehensive income and expenditure			(1,488,365)
		(774,628)	Total comprehensive income and expenditure			(1,293,407)

Group Movement In Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the Council's single entity usable and unusable reserves, as well as the Council's share of the group reserves.

	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves	Council Share of Group Reserves	Total Group Reserves
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Balance at 31 March 2021	(606,341)	(111,166)	(93,956)	(94,005)	(6,069)	(911,537)	(1,563,094)	(734,879)	(3,209,510)
Movement in reserves during 2021/22									
Total comprehensive income and expenditure	35,050	(4,394)	0	0	0	30,656	(819,807)	14,523	(774,629)
Total adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	42,300	9,472	(20,418)	15,633	(2,205)	44,783	(44,783)	0	0
(Increase) / decrease in year	77,351	5,077	(20,418)	15,633	(2,205)	75,439	(864,590)	14,523	(774,629)
Balance at 31 March 2022	(528,990)	(106,089)	(114,374)	(78,372)	(8,274)	(836,098)	(2,427,684)	(720,356)	(3,984,139)
Movement in reserves during 2022/2023									
Total comprehensive income and expenditure	136,574	1,967	0	0	0	138,542	(1,367,118)	(64,831)	(1,293,408)
Total adjustments between accounting	948	8,328	(39,584)	8,579	(373)	(22,105)	22,105	0	0

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	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Major Repairs Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves	Council Share of Group Reserves	Total Group Reserves
basis and funding basis under regulations									
(Increase) / decrease in year	137,523	10,295	(39,584)	8,579	(373)	116,435	(1,345,013)	(64,831)	(1,293,408)
Balance at 31 March 2023	(391,467)	(95,794)	(153,958)	(69,793)	(8,647)	(719,661)	(3,772,698)	(785,187)	(5,277,547)

*A breakdown of the Council's usable and unusable reserves can be found in the Council's accounts Notes 38 and 39.

The Council's share of the group reserves is split between usable reserves and unusable reserves, it includes accounting adjustments to align accounting policies for property, plant and equipment and government grants. The unusable reserves include the amounts to align the accounting policies plus the share of other comprehensive income and expenditure of the joint venture and subsidiaries.

Group Balance Sheet

The Group Balance Sheet summarises the financial position of the Council and its consolidated joint venture and subsidiaries. It shows the value of group assets and liabilities at the end of the financial year.

Restated 01 April 2021 £000s	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s		Note	31 March 2023 £000s
		Non-current assets		
538,992	552,732	Infrastructure Assets		553,237
2,226,784	2,616,388	Property, plant and equipment	4	2,778,594
635,802	637,312	Heritage assets		639,275
476,130	493,722	Investment properties		537,407
259	197	Intangible non-current assets		135
863,220	848,869	Long-term investment in joint venture / subsidiaries and associates	5	911,686
12,403	3,199	Other long-term investments	5	2,653
430,226	474,253	Long-term debtors		480,178
0	0	Net pension assets		687,220
5,183,816	5,626,671	Total non-current assets		6,590,385
		Current assets		
583	733	Inventories		779
212,762	172,962	Short-term debtors		214,908
58,639	154,168	Cash and cash equivalents	6	109,816
6,339	5,569	Short-term assets held for sale		7,526
278,323	333,433	Total current assets		333,029
5,462,139	5,960,104	Total assets		6,923,414
		Current liabilities		
(184,675)	(20,610)	Short-term borrowing		(119,147)
(241,293)	(314,406)	Short-term creditors	7	(262,580)
(19,992)	(23,250)	Short-term provisions		(11,143)
(12,143)	(9,954)	Short-term deferred liabilities		(10,671)
(458,103)	(368,220)	Total current liabilities		(403,541)
5,004,036	5,591,884	Total assets less current liabilities		6,519,873
		Long-term liabilities		
(1,026)	(893)	Long-term creditors		(765)
(110,306)	(99,939)	Long-term provisions		(125,355)
(578,556)	(819,672)	Long-term borrowing		(933,101)
(145,762)	(137,139)	Long-term deferred liabilities		(128,059)
(9,420)	(9,505)	Capital grants receipts in advance		(12,943)
(949,456)	(540,599)	Net pensions liability		(42,103)
(1,794,526)	(1,607,746)	Total long-term liabilities		(1,242,326)

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Restated 01 April 2021 £000s	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s		Note	31 March 2023 £000s
3,209,510	3,984,138	Net assets		5,277,547
		Financed by:		
(911,537)	(836,098)	Single Entity Usable reserves		(719,661)
(1,563,094)	(2,427,684)	Single Entity Unusable reserves		(3,772,698)
(151,946)	(191,411)	Group revaluation reserve		(251,966)
(582,933)	(528,946)	Group Income and Expenditure Reserve		(533,222)
(3,209,510)	(3,984,138)	Total reserves		(5,277,547)

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Note 3 and Note 14 for further information.

Group Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Group during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Group generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities.

Restated 2021/22 £000s		Note	2022/23 £000s
(36,487)	Net (deficit) / surplus on the provision of services		(194,958)
290,968	Adjustments to net deficit / surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements	9	227,210
(100,431)	Adjustments for items included in the net deficit / surplus on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	10	(111,071)
154,049	Net cash flows from operating activities		(78,820)
(123,042)	Investing activities	12	(165,097)
64,524	Financing activities	13	199,564
95,531	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(44,353)
58,639	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		154,168
154,170	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	6	109,815

Notes to the Group Accounts

Note 1. Reconciliation of the Single Entity Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Surplus / Deficit to the Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Surplus / Deficit

This shows how the group entities have contributed to the overall surplus / deficit shown in the group income and expenditure account.

2021/22 £000s		2022/23 £000s
30,656	Deficit /(Surplus) on the Authority's single entity Income and Expenditure Account for the year	138,540
650	Distribution from group entities included in the Authority's single entity deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account	0
(4,464)	Add (surplus) / deficit attributable to subsidiary	486
9,649	Add deficit / (surplus) attributable to joint venture including dividends paid (after corporation tax)	55,930
36,490	Group income and expenditure account deficit / (surplus) for the year	194,956

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Note 2. Group Accounting Policies

Introduction

As a modern local authority Manchester City Council often chooses to conduct activities through a variety of undertakings, either under ultimate control of or in partnership with other organisations. The standard financial statements consider the Council only as a single entity, accounting for its interests in other organisations only to the extent of its investment, and not current performance and balances. Thus, a full picture of the Council's economic activities, financial position, service position, accountability for resources and exposure to risk is not presented in the Council's single entity financial statements.

As a result, group financial statements are produced to reflect the extent of Manchester City Council's involvement with its group undertakings in order to provide a clearer picture of the Council's activities as a group. The group accounts contain core financial statements similar to those included in the Council's single entity statements, consolidated with figures from organisations considered to be part of the group.

The Group Accounts are of equal status to the single entity accounts but to achieve a meaningful presentation to the reader of the accounts they are positioned after the single entity financial statements and notes.

The group statements include:

- Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
- Group Balance Sheet
- Group Movement in Reserves Statement
- Group Cash Flow Statement.

The group financial statements are presented in accordance with the IFRS based Code.

Notes to the Group Accounts are included where they are materially different to the single entity accounts.

Manchester City Council Group

Inclusion in the Manchester City Council Group is dependent upon the extent of the Council's interest and control over the entity. An assessment of all of the Council's interests has been carried out to determine which of the following categories they fall under. Where an entity is immaterial, they are not included in the group accounts.

Subsidiaries – where the Council exercises control and gains benefits / exposure to risks arising from this control. Subsidiaries of the Council have been considered for materiality; Destination Manchester Limited (DML) and Manchester Heat Network limited are the only two subsidiaries consolidated into the Council's group accounts. The Council owns 100% of both companies.

Associates – where the Council exercises a significant influence and has a participating interest. Associates of the Council have been considered for materiality; there are no associates consolidated into the Council's group accounts.

Joint Ventures - where the Council and another party exercise joint control with decisions relating to the organisation requiring unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. Those entities considered to be material are included in the group. Joint Ventures are accounted for on an equity basis, by including their net operating results in the group income and expenditure account. Investments in these entities are adjusted on the balance sheet for the Council's share of their results. The group contains one material joint venture which is Manchester Airports Holdings Limited (MAHL). The Council owns 35.5% of MAHL. MAHL owns Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands airports.

Manchester Airports Holdings Limited audited accounts are available at their website

The Group Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 2022/23 Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom, issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

Consolidation of Subsidiaries

The Council's subsidiaries have been consolidated using the acquisition accounting basis. This is a full, line by line consolidation of the financial transactions and balances of the Council and its subsidiary. To avoid overstating the figures within the group financial statements, all transactions and balances between members of the group (the Council and its subsidiary) have been eliminated.

Consolidation of Joint Venture

The Council's joint venture has been consolidated using the equity method. An investment is brought into the group balance sheet and adjusted by the Council's share in the joint venture's net asset movement. The Council's share of the joint venture's operating results for the year is included within the group income and expenditure account.

Non-Current Assets

Non-current assets have been consolidated using the valuation basis specified by the Code unless the entity has a distinct class of asset that the Council does not recognise. In this case the entity's valuation basis was used.

Land and buildings in the Council's single entity accounts are valued at current value (i.e., the amount that would be paid for an asset in its existing use). Where sufficient market evidence is not available, current value is estimated at depreciated replacement cost, using the modern equivalent asset method (i.e., the market value of the land on which the building sits plus the current gross replacement cost of the building less an allowance for physical deterioration of the building).

Infrastructure is included in the Council's accounts at depreciated historical cost.

Where group organisations use different accounting policies to the Council, their accounts have been restated to align their accounting policies with those of the Council where the effect of not doing so would be material to the reader's interpretation of the accounts.

Manchester Airport Holdings Limited (MAHL) accounts are prepared using deemed cost for land and buildings. Deemed cost is the cost or valuation of assets as at 1 April 2005. Consequently property, plant and equipment are included in MAHL's accounts at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation. A valuation of MAHL's land and building assets has been undertaken in order to align the accounting policy with that of the Council. This valuation has been used for the Council's group accounts. In undertaking this valuation specialised assets, such as airport terminals, have been valued at depreciated replacement cost using the modern equivalent asset method and income generating assets, such as car parks, have been valued at market value.

Infrastructure, such as runways and taxiways, are included in MAHL's accounts on the same basis as the Council's infrastructure assets (depreciated historical cost) and therefore no adjustment has been made to the valuation for group account purposes.

The land and building assets of Destination Manchester Limited (DML) and Manchester Heat Network are included in their accounts at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. A valuation of their land and building assets has been undertaken in order to align their accounting policies with that of the Council. This valuation has been used for the Council's group accounts.

[International Financial Reporting Standards \(IFRS\)](#)

The Council produces its financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Where UK GAAP is being used by group entities, their financial statements are adjusted to reflect IFRS where any changes have a material effect on the presentation of the group financial statements.

Note 3. Expenditure and Income Analysis

	Restated 2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Expenditure		
Employee Benefit Expenses	597,261	614,901
Other Service Expenses	956,983	1,021,526
Business Rates Tariff	38,334	35,033
Capital Charges including Depreciation and impairment	145,947	218,514
Interest Payments	36,194	39,385
Pensions Interest Costs	91,110	118,583
Precepts and Levies	67,210	67,844
Payments to Housing Capital Receipts Pool	2,554	0
Loss on Disposal of Non-current Assets (general fund)	11,626	0
Share of operating results of joint venture	285,711	437,032
Corporation Tax	897	617
Total Expenditure	2,233,826	2,553,435
Income		
Fees, Charges and Other Service Income	(294,507)	(355,077)
Interest and Investment Income	(38,330)	(41,991)
Return on Pension Assets	(69,294)	(102,400)
Capital Charges related income	(47,114)	(53,850)
Income from Council Tax	(186,646)	(198,619)
Business Rates Income	(267,535)	(296,936)
Government Grants and Contributions	(1,011,780)	(918,232)
Share of operating results of joint venture	(276,063)	(381,102)
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets (HRA)	(6,069)	(10,270)
Total Income	(2,197,337)	(2,358,478)
Deficit / (Surplus) on the Provision of Services	36,489	194,956

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

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Note 4. Property Plant and Equipment

Movements on tangible non-current assets in the group during 2021/22 were as follows:

	Restated Property, Plant and Equipment						Restated Total £000s
	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	
Gross book value brought forward	623,171	1,183,888	132,394	34,077	229,320	163,044	2,365,894
Accumulated depreciation and impairment brought forward	24	(58,776)	(74,978)	(853)	0	(2,860)	(137,443)
Net Book Value carried forward as at 31 March 2021	623,195	1,125,112	57,416	33,224	229,320	160,184	2,228,451
Movement in 2021/22							
Additions	19,822	27,649	20,500	4,458	139,356	1,557	213,342
Revaluations recognised in revaluation reserve	133,072	133,105	0	0	0	7,370	273,547
Revaluations recognised in deficit on the provision of services	0	(1,872)	0	0	0	(5,700)	(7,572)
Derecognition – disposals	0	3,689	(475)	0	0	(7,671)	(4,457)
Transferred from held for sale	(8,167)	(4,524)	0	0	0	(4,097)	(16,788)
Other transfers	12,437	23,839	1,174	2,498	(38,713)	2,634	3,869
Newly recognised PFI assets	811	0	(21)	0	0	0	790
Depreciation	(22,958)	(28,920)	(8,532)	0	0	(396)	(60,806)
Impairments charged to the (surplus) / deficit on the provision of services	(1,952)	(148)	(62)	0	0	0	(2,162)

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	Restated Property, Plant and Equipment						Restated Total £000s
	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	
Impairments covered by the revaluation reserve	(11,783)	(44)	0	0	0	0	(11,827)
Net Book Value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	744,477	1,277,885	70,000	40,180	329,963	153,881	2,616,386
Gross book value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	744,818	1,344,681	153,572	41,033	329,963	156,858	2,770,925
Accumulated depreciation and impairment carried forward as at 31 March 2022	(341)	(66,795)	(83,572)	(853)	0	(2,977)	(154,538)
Net Book Value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	744,477	1,277,886	70,000	40,180	329,963	153,881	2,616,388

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Movements on tangible non-current assets in the group during 2022/23 were as follows:

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	Property, Plant and Equipment						Total £000s
	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	
Gross book value brought forward	744,818	1,344,681	153,572	41,033	329,963	156,858	2,770,926
Accumulated depreciation and impairment brought forward	(341)	(66,795)	(83,572)	(853)	0	(2,977)	(154,538)
Net Book Value carried forward as at 31 March 2022	744,477	1,277,886	70,000	40,180	329,963	153,881	2,616,388
Movement in 2022/23							
Additions	21,130	57,193	20,280	1,614	192,269	993	293,479
Revaluations recognised in revaluation reserve	25,884	25,726	0	0	0	20,378	71,988
Downward Revaluations recognised in deficit on the provision of services	(7,576)	(31,053)	(1,136)	0	0	(3,598)	(43,363)
Derecognition – disposals	0	(5,563)	(3,758)	0	0	(945)	(10,266)
Transferred from held for sale	(12,565)	(27,208)	0	0	0	(19,267)	(59,040)

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	Property, Plant and Equipment						Total £000s
	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	
Other transfers	3,815	(12,281)	(213)	686	4,082	151	(3,760)
Newly recognised PFI assets	935	0	614	0	0	0	1,549
Depreciation	(23,332)	(30,839)	(7,853)	0	0	(92)	(62,116)
Impairments charged to the (surplus) / deficit on the provision of services	(935)	(4,925)	(53)	0	0	0	(5,913)
Impairments covered by the revaluation reserve	(13,481)	(6,869)	0	0	0	0	(20,350)
Net Book Value carried forward as at 1 April 2023	738,352	1,242,067	77,881	42,480	526,314	151,501	2,778,596
Gross book value carried forward as at 31 March 2023	739,065	1,317,306	168,808	43,333	526,314	153,259	2,948,085
Accumulated depreciation and impairment carried forward as at 31 March 2023	(713)	(75,239)	(90,927)	(853)	0	(1,758)	(169,489)

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	Property, Plant and Equipment						
	Council Dwellings £000s	Other Land and Buildings £000s	Vehicles, Plant, and Equipment £000s	Community Assets £000s	Assets Under Construction £000s	Surplus Assets £000s	Total £000s
Net Book Value carried forward as at 1 April 2023	738,352	1,242,067	77,881	42,480	526,314	151,501	2,778,596

Note 5. Long-term Investments

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Investments in organisations included in the group statements		
Manchester Airports Holdings Ltd	824,640	886,387
Investments in subsidiaries not included in the group statements		
Manchester Mortgage Corporation Plc Share Capital	136	131
Investments in associates and joint ventures not included in the group statements		
Eastlands Development Company Limited	1,279	1,276
Matrix Homes Ltd	5,655	5,888
Manchester Science Park	6,244	6,244
Apis Assay Technologies	3,826	4,561
Mayfield Developments	7,087	7,198
	848,869	911,686
Other long-term investments	3,198	2,653
Total Long-Term Investments	852,067	914,339

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Note 6. Analysis of Bank Overdraft and Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Bank Overdraft and Cash and Cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	31,471	33,082
Call accounts	13,689	59,054
Cash equivalents	109,008	17,680
Total	154,168	109,816

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Note 7. Short-Term Creditors

As the Group's Balance Sheet represents the financial position at the end of the financial year, these are monies owed by the Group at that date which have yet to be paid. There are also amounts which the Council has received before the end of the financial year which relates to services which have not yet been provided. This analysis shows the amounts owed which had not yet been paid and the amounts received in advance as at 31 March. Amounts owed by the Council to Destination Manchester Ltd or Manchester Heat Network have been removed as they are classed as intra-company transactions.

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	Restated 31 March 2022 £000s	31 March 2023 £000s
Manchester City Council	301,236	249,238
	301,236	249,238
Subsidiaries		
Trade Creditors	3,247	3,881
Accruals and deferred income	8,354	7,777
Corporation tax	477	283
Other taxes and social security costs	614	1,401
Other Creditors	478	0
	13,170	13,342
Total	314,406	262,580

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Further details can be found in the Council's accounts Note 33.

Note 8. Related Party Transactions

As at 31 March 2023 the amount of loans outstanding owed by Manchester Airports Holdings Limited to Manchester City Council was £409.954m (£390.706m at 31 March 2022).

Destination Manchester Limited had outstanding loans from the Council of £14.157m at 31 March 2023 (£14.907m at 31 March 2022)

Manchester Heat Network had outstanding loans from the Council of £14.5m at 31 March 2023 (nil at 31 March 2022)

The Director of Destination Manchester Limited during 2022/23 was Carol Culley, Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.

There is one non-executive Director on the board of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited who is a representative of the Council. This is Councillor Beverley Craig, Leader of the Council.

Note 9. Cash Flow Statement - Adjustments to net deficit / surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements

	Restated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Depreciation of non-current assets	84,649	99,787
Impairment and revaluation losses of non-current assets	6,371	46,745
Amortisation of intangible non-current assets	64	61
Movement in contract assets, liabilities, and costs (IFRS 15)	(2,189)	717
Increase/(decrease) in impairment for bad debts	711	(2,350)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	56,954	(47,737)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,616)	(68,468)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(63)	(32)
Movement in pension liability	146,192	131,263
Carrying amount of non-current assets and non-current assets held for sale, sold or derecognised	30,720	69,772
Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(25,826)	(2,548)
Total	290,967	227,210

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Note 10. Cash Flow Statement - Adjustments for items included in the net deficit / surplus on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities

	Restated 2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment, investment properties and intangible assets	(24,606)	(79,677)
Any other items for which the cash effects are investing or financing cash flows	(75,825)	(31,394)
Total	(100,431)	(111,071)

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23, refer to Notes to the Group Accounts - Note 14 for further information.

Note 11. Cash Flow Statement - Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Interest received	5,903	18,507
Interest paid	(35,346)	(38,619)
Dividends received	501	448
Taxation	(358)	(811)

Note 12. Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Purchase of plant, property and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(239,788)	(331,612)
Purchase of short term and long-term investments	(164)	0
Other payments for investing activities	(8,362)	(2,122)
Proceeds of plant, property and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	24,952	55,908
Other receipts from investing activities	100,320	112,729
Total	(123,042)	(165,097)

Note 13. Cash Flow Statement - Financing Activities

	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s
Cash receipts of long and short-term borrowing	(242,997)	228,961
Cash payments for the reduction of outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases and PFI contracts	(12,132)	(10,051)
Repayments of long- and short-term borrowing	319,450	(18,596)
Other payments for financing activities	203	(750)
Net cash flows from financing activities	64,524	199,564

Note 14. Prior Period Restatement

The comparator is reclassified so that 2021/22 is presented in a comparable way to 2022/23.

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Group CIES Restatements	Audited 2021/22	Restatements to prior year identified during 22/23 Audit					Restated 2021/22
	Net Expenditure	a) MHN	b) DML	c) MAHL	d) MCC	Total	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Neighbourhoods and Highways	115,842				(2,177)	(2,177)	113,665
Destination Manchester Ltd	(13,126)		7,547			7,547	(5,579)
Manchester Heat Network Ltd	0	230				230	230
Share of operating results of joint venture	108,950			(110,303)		(110,303)	(1,353)
Tax expenses of joint venture	11,005			(4)		(4)	11,001
(Surplus) on revaluation of non-current assets	(274,388)		(9,440)	(30,025)		(39,465)	(313,853)
Share of other comprehensive income and expenditure of joint ventures	63,097			(14,941)		(14,941)	48,156
(Surplus) / Deficit from investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	(3,115)				(810)	(810)	(3,925)
Total Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement restatement		230	(1,893)	(155,272)	(2,987)	(159,922)	

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Group Balance Sheet Restatements	Audited	Restatements to prior year identified during 22/23 Audit					Restated
	31 March 2022	a) MHN	b) DML	c) MAHL	d) MCC	Total	31 March 2022
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Property, plant and equipment	2,615,051		1,337			1,337	2,616,388
Intangible non-current assets	5,558		(5,361)			(5,361)	197
Long-term investment in joint venture / subsidiaries and associates	435,466		(3,673)	406,196	10,880	413,403	848,869
Other long-term investments	13,269				(10,070)	(10,070)	3,199
Long-term debtors	472,076				2,177	2,177	474,253
Short-term debtors	169,851	3,111				3,111	172,962
Cash and cash equivalents	153,867	302				302	154,168
Short-term creditors	(310,763)	(3,643)				(3,643)	(314,406)
Single Entity Unusable reserves	(2,424,697)				(2,987)	(2,987)	(2,427,684)
Group Entities revaluation reserve	0		(9,440)	(181,971)		(191,411)	(191,411)
Group Entities income and expenditure reserve	(322,088)	230	17,137	(224,225)		(206,858)	(528,946)

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Group Cashflow Restatements	Audited	Restatements to prior year identified during 22/23 Audit					Restated
	31 March 2022	a) MHN	b) DML	c) MAHL	d) MCC	Total	31 March 2022
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Net deficit on the provision of services	(141,194)	(230)	(7,547)	110,307	2,177	104,707	(36,487)
Adjustments to net deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements	285,065	532	7,547		(2,177)	5,902	290,968
Adjustments for items included in the net deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	9,876			(110,307)		(110,307)	(100,431)
Total cashflow restatements		302	0	0	0	302	

- a) Manchester Heat Network (MHN) – During the 2022/23 audit it was agreed that the wholly owned subsidiary Manchester Heat Network should be consolidated in the group accounts. The prior year comparator has also been added.
- b) Destination Manchester Limited (DML) – During the audit of the group accounts three amendments were made in relation to DML. The prior year has been adjusted for comparability as follows:
- Goodwill The draft consolidation included a negative goodwill. This is not permitted to be recognised on the balance sheet under international financial reporting standards and has been removed in both years. The impact is:
Credit: CIES Cost of services CIES £556k

Credit: Balance Sheet Intangible non-current assets £5.361m Credit: Debit: Balance Sheet Long-term investment in joint venture / subsidiaries and associates £3.673m Debit: Group Entities income and expenditure reserve £9.034m

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Credit: Cashflow Adjustments to net deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements £556k
Debit: Cashflow Net deficit on the provision of services £556k

- PPE

There was a correction to the value of assets in relation to Vehicles, Plant and Equipment. The impact is:
Credit: CIES Cost of services £1.337m Debit: Balance Sheet: Property, plant and equipment £1.337m
Credit: Cashflow Adjustments to net deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements £1.337m
Debit: Cashflow Net deficit on the provision of services £1.337m

- Revaluation reserve

It was identified that the group accounts did not include a revaluation reserve for group entities. The adjustment shows the creation of a revaluation reserve for the PPE revalued asset within DML. The impact is:
Debit: CIES Cost of services £9.440m Credit: CIES: Surplus on revaluation of non-current assets £9.440m
Credit: Balance Sheet Group Entities revaluation reserve £9.440m Debit: Group Entities income and expenditure reserve £9.440m
Credit: Cashflow Net deficit on the provision of services £9.440m Debit: Cashflow Adjustments to net deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements £9.440m

- c) Manchester Airport Holding Limited (MAHL): The Council have obtained and assessed external expert advice on the consolidation of the Manchester Airport Group. This resulted in a revised consolidation approach then was previously used to ensure compliance with accounting standards and the CIPFA Code. These adjustments show the correcting entries to the prior year for comparability. This included the creation of a revaluation reserve for the PPE revalued asset within MAHL.
- d) Manchester City Council: Refer to note 3 of the single entity accounts

Note 15. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the balance sheet date are those events that occur between the end of the reporting period (i.e. 31 March 2023) and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. The Council is required to disclose any material events as a note to the accounts. Please note the adjustments already outlined in the MCC single entity accounts along with the following;

The following post balance sheet events relevant to the group accounts are Manchester Airports Group (MAG) has carried out 2 bond issues since the balance sheet date 31 March 2023.

- On September 2023, MAG successfully raised £360 million through the issuance of an 18-year bond at a rate of 6.125% the bond settled on 14 September 2023
- MAG has carried out another bond issue in November 2024, MAG raised £300 million through the issuance of an 18-year bond. The settlement date for this bond was November 7, 2024.

Glossary of Financial Terms

Actuarial Gains and Losses

For a defined benefit pension scheme, the changes in actuarial deficits or surpluses that arise because events have not coincided with the actuarial assumptions made for the last valuation (experience gains and losses) or the actuarial assumptions have changed.

Agency Services

Services that are performed by or for another authority or public body, where the authority responsible for the service reimburses the authority carrying out the work for the cost of that work.

Amortisation

A charge to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement spread over a number of years.

Asset

Items of worth that are measurable in terms of value. Current assets are ones that may change in value on a day-to-day basis (e.g., debtors). Non-current assets are assets that yield benefit to the Council for a period of more than one year (e.g., land).

Balances

The reserves of the Council, which include the accumulated surplus of income over expenditure.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on the acquisition or enhancement of property, plant and equipment that have a long-term value to the Council. This includes grants or advances paid to third parties to assist them in acquiring or enhancing their own property, plant and equipment.

Capital Receipts

Money received from the sale of property, plant and equipment or repayment of a capital advance.

Collection Fund

The fund maintained by the Council into which are paid the amounts of Council Tax and Business Rates that it collects, and out of which are to be paid precepts issued by precepting authorities, its own demands and shares of business rates to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (fire and rescue element).

Community Assets

These are assets that the Council intends to hold in perpetuity, which have no determinable finite useful life and may have restrictions on their disposal (e.g., parks).

Contingent Assets

Sums due from individuals or organisations that may arise in the future, but which cannot be determined in advance.

Contingent Liabilities

Sums due to individuals or organisations that may arise in the future, but which cannot be determined in advance.

Core Cities

Core Cities are a unique and united local authority voice to promote the role of cities in driving economic growth, representing the councils of England, Wales and Scotland's largest city economies outside London - Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Sheffield.

These cities drive local and underpin national economies. Working in partnership, they aim to enable each City to enhance their economic performance and make them better places to live, work, visit and do business.

Creditors

Amounts owed by the Council for goods and services provided by the balance sheet date, where payment has not been made at that date.

Current Service Cost

The increase in present value of a defined benefit pension scheme's liabilities expected to arise from employee service in the current financial year.

Curtailments

For a defined benefit pension scheme, an event that reduces the expected years of future service of present employees or reduces the accrual of defined benefits for a number of employees for some or all of their future service.

Debtors

Sums of money owed to the Council at the balance sheet date but not received at that date.

Dedicated Schools Grant Adjustment Account

A ringfenced reserve established by the 2020/21 Code to hold any DSG deficit separately from the Council's General Fund Earmarked reserves

Defined Benefit Scheme

A pension or other retirement benefit scheme other than a defined contribution scheme. Usually, the scheme rules define the benefits independently of the contributions payable, and the benefits are not directly related to the investments of the scheme. The scheme may be funded or unfunded.

Defined Contribution Scheme

A pension or other retirement benefit scheme into which an employer pays regular contributions fixed as an amount or percentage of pay and will have no legal or constructive

obligation to pay further contributions if the scheme does not have sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Depreciated Replacement Cost

A method of valuation that provides a proxy for the market value of specialist properties.

Depreciation

The measure of the wearing out, consumption or other reduction in the useful economic life of property, plant and equipment.

Expenditure

Amounts paid by the Council for goods received or services rendered of either a capital or revenue nature. This does not necessarily involve a cash payment - expenditure is deemed to have been incurred once the goods or services have been received even if they have not been paid for.

Fair Value

The fair value of an asset is the price at which it could be exchanged in an arm's length transaction.

Fees and Charges

Income arising from the provision of services, e.g., the use of leisure facilities.

Finance Lease

A finance lease is one that transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of items of property, plant and equipment to a lessee.

General Fund

The total services of the Council except for the Housing Revenue Account and the Collection Fund. Council Tax, Government Grants and Business Rates meet the net cost of this.

Impairment

A reduction in the value of a property, plant and equipment or financial asset below its carrying amount on the balance sheet.

Income

Amounts due to the Council for goods supplied or services rendered of either a capital or revenue nature. This does not necessarily involve cash being received - income is deemed to have been earned once the goods or services have been supplied even if the cash has not been received.

Infrastructure Assets

These are inalienable assets, expenditure on which is recoverable only by continued use of the asset created. Examples of such assets are highways and footpaths.

Interest Cost (Pensions)

For a defined benefit scheme, the expected increase during the period in the present value of the scheme liabilities that arise from the passage of time.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

These are statements prepared by the International Accounting Standards Board to ensure consistency in accountancy matters. Many of these standards now apply to local authorities and any departure from these must be disclosed in the published accounts.

Inventory

Raw materials and consumable items the Council has purchased to use on a continuing basis and has not used by the end of the financial year.

Investment Properties

These are property or land that is held solely to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or both.

Liabilities

Amounts due to individuals or organisations that will have to be paid at some time in the future. Current liabilities are payable within one year of the balance sheet date.

Long-term Contracts

A contract entered into for the design, manufacture or construction of a single substantial asset or service where the time taken to complete the contract is such that the contract activity falls into different accounting periods.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

This is the amount that is charged to an authority's Movement in Reserves Statement each year and set aside as a provision for credit liabilities.

National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR)

All non-domestic properties have been valued and the Government determines a national rate poundage each year, which is payable to all local authorities. The Council collects the national non-domestic rate and passes 1% to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (fire and rescue element).

Notional accounting adjustments

Adjustments made to the figures within the accounts that reverse entries required in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards that do not need to be funded as part of the Council's budget e.g., impairment.

Observable Inputs

Those that are developed using market data, such as publicly available information about actual events or transactions, and that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability.

Operating Lease

A lease other than a finance lease.

Outturn

Actual net expenditure and income that is then compared to the budget.

Past Service Cost

For a defined benefit pension scheme, the increase in present value of the scheme liabilities related to employee service in prior periods arising in the current period as a result of the introduction of, or improvement to, retirement benefits.

Precept

The amount levied by various joint authorities, which is collected by the Council on their behalf.

Provisions

These are sums set aside to meet liabilities or losses that have been incurred but where the amount and/or timing of such costs are uncertain.

Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)

A Government agency that lends money to local authorities. Local authorities are able to borrow some or all of their requirements to finance capital expenditure from this source.

Residual Value

The net realisable value of property, plant or equipment at the end of its useful life.

Reserves

These are sums set aside to meet possible future costs where there is no certainty about whether or not these costs will be incurred.

Revenue Contributions

The method of financing capital expenditure directly from revenue.

Revenue Expenditure

Expenditure incurred on the day-to-day running of the Council. This mainly includes employee costs, general running expenses and capital financing costs.

Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute (REFCUS)

These are items of capital expenditure that do not result in, or remain matched by, the Council's property, plant and equipment.

Settlement

An irrevocable action that relieves the employer of the primary responsibility for a pension obligation and eliminates significant risks relating to the obligations and the assets used to affect the settlement.

Unobservable Inputs

Inputs for which market data is not available and that are developed to estimate fair value using the best information available to the Council about the assumptions that buyers or sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability. The most significant of these inputs used in fair value measurement include management assumptions around rent growth and vacancy levels of properties.



Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement provides an overview of how the Council's governance arrangements operate, including how they are reviewed annually to ensure they remain effective. Governance comprises the systems and processes, culture and values by which the Council is directed and controlled, and through which it is accountable to, engages with and leads the community.
- 1.2 A summary of significant governance challenges which the Council faces is given, alongside an explanation of what actions have been taken to bring about required improvements, and what work is still to be done. This provides transparency and gives assurance that the Council is committed to continuously improve the way in which it functions. More detail on particular topics can be accessed by clicking on the hyperlinks, which are highlighted and underlined throughout the document.
- 1.3 The Council operates in a complex and constantly evolving financial, policy and legislative environment. The role, responsibilities and funding models of local government continue to be in a period of rapid transition. The city continues to progress the delivery of its ambitious Our Manchester strategy, with staff, residents and stakeholders across the city engaged in working towards the realisation of the vision. The Council's Corporate Plan sets out its priority actions for delivering the strategy for the city.
- 1.4 Key challenges for the Council and the city include tackling health inequalities and supporting residents who are experiencing the effects of poverty. Effective leadership and governance of the response to these challenges is critical. Making Manchester Fairer is the city's action plan to tackle the preventable gap between people with the worst health and people with the best health.
- 1.5 The Integrated Care System (ICS) arrangements at Greater Manchester level continues to drive the next phase of health and social care integration. The operating model for Manchester's health and social care integration is key to enabling further progress towards achievement of the priorities for the city. These ambitions are for the city to significantly improve health outcomes, tackle health inequalities and develop a financially and clinically sustainable system.
- 1.6 The changes taking place present both opportunities and challenges. Therefore, the Council must continue to deliver in a broad programme of innovation and reform work so that it can maintain services for residents which are efficient, effective and deliver value for money using available resources. This document explains the governance mechanisms in place to ensure appropriate oversight of this work.

2. Scope of Responsibility

- 2.1 Manchester City Council (the Council) is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards. It is also responsible for ensuring that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Council 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.

- 2.2 In discharging these responsibilities, the Council must put in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and effective exercise of its functions, which includes arrangements for the management of risk. The Council first adopted a Code of Corporate Governance in 2008, which was last updated in November 2022. The Code of Corporate Governance sets out the Council's governance standards. These standards ensure the Council is doing the right things, in the right way in a timely, inclusive, open, honest, and accountable manner. Some of these standards are required by law, while others are a matter for the Council to choose.
- 2.3 The approach to the production of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) is reviewed annually to ensure that it remains consistent with the principles of the most recent Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (CIPFA/SOLACE) joint framework for delivering good governance in local government. CIPFA issued an update to the Framework in 2016, which has informed the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) from 2016/17 onwards.
- 2.4 This AGS explains how the Council has complied with the Code of Corporate Governance. The AGS also meets the requirements of the [Accounts and Audit \(England\) Regulations 2015](#) regulation 6(1) which requires all relevant bodies to prepare an Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

3. [The Purpose of the Governance Framework](#)

- 3.1 The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, culture and values by which the Council is directed and controlled, and through which it is accountable to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Council to monitor the achievement of the city's strategic objectives as set out in the [Our Manchester Strategy - Forward to 2025](#), and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost effective services. A new Our Manchester Strategy for 2025-2035 is currently in development. The Council's Corporate Plan sets out the Council's contribution to the Our Manchester Strategy vision for the city. The objectives in the Our Manchester Strategy and Our Corporate Plan are underpinned by the five Our Manchester behaviours;

- We are proud and passionate about Manchester
- We take time to listen and understand
- We own it and are not afraid to try new things
- We work together and trust each other
- We show that we value our differences and treat people fairly

- 3.2 The system of internal control is a significant part of the framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the Council's aims and objectives and can therefore not provide absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control identifies and prioritises risks; evaluates the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised; and aims to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

4. The Governance Framework

Corporate governance describes how organisations direct and control what they do. The Council operates to a [Code of Corporate Governance](#), updated versions of which are reviewed by Audit Committee. The Code is updated when appropriate, to ensure it reflects the Council's current governance arrangements.

The information below includes key examples of how the Council has adhered to its governance commitments set out in the Code and includes hyperlinks to sources of further information, which include more detail about how the Council has implemented its commitments.

The Council has a broad range of strategies and policies in place, and therefore this is not intended to be an exhaustive list. There is a particular focus in this statement on 'first tier' strategies which deliver on the five key themes of the Our Manchester Strategy (Thriving & Sustainable, Highly Skilled, Progressive & Equitable, Liveable & Zero Carbon, Connected City). More detail about particular areas of interest can be found on the Council's website manchester.gov.uk.

There are seven core principles of good governance in the public sector, which are set out below (principles 'A' through to 'G'). Each core governance principle has a set of sub-principles beneath it with a description of how we meet those principles. Where applicable, hyperlinks are also provided where you can access more information about key examples of governance in action.

Principle A - Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law.

A1 - Behaving with Integrity

- The Council's 'Our Manchester' approach included four behaviours that demonstrate the attitude and ways of working to achieve the Our Manchester Strategy, with a new fifth behaviour introduced in 2022:
 1. We are proud and passionate about Manchester
 2. We take time to listen and understand
 3. We own it and are not afraid to try new things

4. We work together and trust each other
5. We show that we value our differences and treat people fairly

These behaviours represent how we should do things, how we should treat others, what we should say, and how we should say it.

- We're prioritising workforce equality and diversity by creating a more inclusive Council, through delivering the Workforce Equalities Strategy 2022 [Equalities Strategy Implementation Update](#)

A2 - Demonstrating Strong Commitment to Ethical Values

- The Standards Committee champion high standards of ethical governance from elected members and the Council as a whole. A summary of its work is included in its Annual Report to Council. [Standards Committee Annual Report](#)

A3 - Respecting the Rule of Law

- The Council's City Solicitor undertakes the role of Monitoring Officer. The Monitoring Officer ensures that Council decisions are taken in a lawful and fair way, correct procedures are followed, and that all applicable laws and regulations are complied with. The City Solicitor is also responsible for reporting any actual or potential breaches of the law or maladministration to the Full Council and/or to the Executive, and for ensuring that procedures for recording and reporting key decisions are operating effectively. [Our Constitution](#) - article 12.3(b)
- The Chief Finance Officer (Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer) has statutory reporting duties in respect of unlawful and financially imprudent decision making. [Our Constitution](#) - article 12.4(a)
- The Council ensures that it complies with CIPFA's Statement on the Role of the Chief Finance Officer in Local Government (2016)

Principle B - Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement

B1 - Ensuring Openness

- The Council's website is set out in a clear and easily accessible way, using infographics and plain language. The information which residents use most, such as about Council Tax, and Waste and Recycling can be accessed quickly and easily from the main page. Design of the site has considered and incorporated understanding of the needs of people with accessibility requirements. [Manchester City Council website](#)

All Council and Committee meetings are held in public (other than in limited circumstances where consideration of confidential or exempt information means

- that the public are excluded), with agenda and reports available on the Council's website. Live-streamed webcasts of Council, Executive and Scrutiny committee meetings are available online, as well as in an archive which can be accessed on-demand. [Council Meeting Agendas and Reports](#) [Webcasts of Council Meetings](#)

B2 - Engaging Comprehensively with Institutional Stakeholders

- The Our Manchester Forum supports development of effective relationships across leaders of the city's key private, public, voluntary and community sector organisations and our residents. The Forum benefits the city by driving forward the priorities set out in the Our Manchester Strategy to put Manchester in the top-flight of world class cities by 2025. [Our Manchester Forum Information - The Manchester Partnership](#)
- The Council maintains a list of major partnerships in a Register of Significant Partnerships. This contains an assessment of the level of assurance for the governance arrangements of each partnership, shining a light on areas where improvements may be required - so that these can then be addressed. [Register of Significant Partnerships](#)

B3 - Engaging with Individual Citizens and Service Users Effectively

- Our Manchester Strategy 2016 - 2025 reset was underpinned by a comprehensive engagement exercise in 2020. Approximately 3,800 people were directly engaged with and their views captured, informing . The next Our Manchester Strategy for 2025-2035 has included comprehensive engagement with over 10,000 residents, businesses and visitors to the city, including over 150 face to face and in person events. This is summarised in a report to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee 18 July 2024 [Progress update on the development of the Our Manchester Strategy 2025-2035.pdf](#)
- To promote transparency and wider engagement with Council decisions, residents can sign up for email e-bulletins and use social media to interact with the Council. [E-bulletins and Social Media](#)
- The Council ensures that community engagement is an integral part of how we work with residents and communities. Engagement activity has been key in the development of recent plans and strategies including [Public Engagement for Manchester Active Travel Strategy](#), [Zero Carbon Focused Communications and Engagement update](#) and the [Children and Young People Participation and Engagement Plan](#).

- Community consultation and involvement is delivered in accordance with the [Campaigning and Engagement Framework \(CEF\)](#).

Principle C - Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits

C1 - Defining Outcomes

- An extensive consultation in 2015 led to the 10-year strategy for the city – the Our Manchester Strategy 2016-2025 – which included a new approach to working across the whole organisation and with residents, partners and other key stakeholders. [Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025](#). Our vision remains for Manchester to be in the top-flight of world class cities by 2025, when the city will be:
 - Thriving and Sustainable – vibrant with a cutting-edge economy involving and fairly rewarding all our people.
 - Highly Skilled – work-ready, well-educated young people and all residents supported to take up opportunities.
 - Progressive and Equitable – so all can thrive, with better joined-up support, care and health services.
 - Liveable and Zero-Carbon – safe, enjoyable neighbourhoods with affordable housing, zero-carbon by 2038 using green growth and design, energy, and more climate-resilience.
 - Connected – more walking, cycling and green transport, and accessible digital technology used by and working for everyone.
- Our Corporate Plan sets out the Council’s contribution to the Our Manchester vision. These priorities align with the Our Manchester Strategy and further strengthen the Council and city-wide focus on the importance of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. The priorities are;
 - Zero carbon Manchester
 - Growth that benefits everyone
 - Young People
 - Healthy, Cared for people
 - Housing
 - Neighbourhoods
 - Connections
 - Equality
 - Well-managed Council
- We will help to deliver these priorities through new ways of working and by demonstrating the Our Manchester Behaviours.

C2 - Sustainable Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits

- The Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and developed a Climate Change Action Plan which was approved by Executive in March 2020. Quarterly reports are provided on the progress that has been made in delivering the Plan. [Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 \(item 37\)](#) [Annual report for the tax year 2023/24 | Reporting progress against our climate change action plan | Manchester City Council](#)
- Making Manchester Fairer is the city's action plan to tackle health inequalities – the preventable gaps between people with the worst health and people with the best health – over the five years 2022-27, and with a view to the long-term. The plan is based on what Manchester's residents and staff from a range of organisations and agencies have told the Council in recent years, as well as the evidence of what works from research and experts on health inequalities. [Making Manchester Fairer Plan](#)
- Our Anti-Poverty Strategy draws upon evidence from residents, organisations, and national research to produce evidenced based recommendations to tackle poverty, its causes, and consequences. [Making Manchester Fairer: Anti-Poverty Strategy 2023-2027](#)
- The Investing in Success Economic Strategy for the city was developed during 2023 which sets out Manchester's approach to growth including focusing on developing a strong, competitive, inclusive, and resilient economy which will maximise benefits of the city's residents and businesses. This reflects the economic context for Manchester and the UK has changed considerably since the Our Manchester Industrial Strategy was developed in 2019, and Powering Recovery: Manchester's Recovery and Investment Plan was published in 2020. [Economic Strategy Update](#)
- The Housing Strategy explains how the Council will ensure provision of homes that residents want and need, while also considering the role of housing in the context of the Our Manchester Strategy, its contribution to the economic recovery of the city, and zero-carbon objectives. [Manchester Housing Strategy \(2022-2032\)](#)
- Our Work and Skills Strategy sets out how we will use learning and employment to meet the Our Manchester Strategy vision of being a more highly skilled city, and how we will help to create a more inclusive and low-carbon economy in Manchester, where more of our residents are connected to the city's success.. [Work and Skills Strategy 2022-27](#)
- The Council's approach to Social Value reflects the impact that COVID-19 has had on the city, and the role that social value can play in supporting the economic recovery. [Refresh of the Social Value Policy \(item 17\)](#)

Principle D - Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes

D1 - Determining Interventions

- Decision makers receive accurate, relevant and timely performance and intelligence to support them with objective and rigorous analysis of options, covering intended outcomes, financial impact and associated risks informing efficient service delivery. This can take the form of regular performance reporting, or bespoke reports. [Executive Reports](#)
- The Future Shape of the Council programme has a workstream focused on Digital, Data and Insights which includes projects on data management to address data quality challenges. This will ensure all data initiatives follow a well-defined approach to enable uniformity and consistency across systems and solutions and improving insights for decision makers. A key part of this is [The Resident and Business Digital Experience Programme \(RBDxP\)](#)

D2 - Planning Interventions

- The Council plans its activity at a strategic level through its budget and business planning cycle and does so in consultation with internal and external stakeholders to ensure services delivered across different parts of the organisations and partners complement each other and avoid duplication. The [Council's Budget 2023/24](#)
- The Council Budget and Business Plan are underpinned by individual service plans which set out the core priorities and activities for each service. The service plans also include a service improvement plan and active contributions to the corporate priorities of Zero-Carbon, Equalities, and a Place-Based approach. Service Plans were further strengthened for the 2023/24 financial year with the inclusion of sections on Finance, Workforce Planning and Performance.

D3 - Optimising Achievement of Intended Outcomes

- The Council integrates and balances service priorities, affordability, and other resource constraints, supporting it to take into account the full cost of operations over the medium and longer term, including both revenue and capital spend budgets. This includes a medium-term financial plan. The report sets out the Framework for the Our Manchester Strategy and Corporate Plan priorities which provide the strategic context for the 2023/24 Budget. [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)

Principle E - Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it

E1 - Developing the Organisation's Capacity

- The Council's Organisation Development Plan (2021-23) (OD Plan) is the way in which we embed Our Manchester. It builds on existing work to transform the culture of the organisation to deliver against the Our Manchester Strategy. The six priority areas in the OD Plan are; Purpose, Change, Decision and Risk, Diversity and Inclusion, Performance and Development, and Partnerships. The Council has a refreshed OD plan 2023-25 is one of the four elements of the [Workforce Strategy](#) and drives work to embed the Our Manchester behaviours, focusing on leadership capabilities This applies to years after 2022/23, supporting effective decision making, meaningful recognition and staff voice, and further work in supporting line managers with performance development
- The Future Shape of the Council programme is reshaping how Manchester delivers services both internally and externally, by using new technologies, ways of working and new delivery models. It is an organisational wide initiative bringing together several programmes designed to strengthen our ability to deliver the Our Manchester Strategy. [Future Shape of the Council](#) . Our Transformation now supersedes the Future Shape Programme which was developed during Financial year23/24. Our Transformation is a strong emphasis on using Corporate Services' enabling role to enhance the Council's effectiveness and efficiency, deriving maximum impact from every resource we have as a council. Our Transformation focuses on the city's residents, and in doing so, supports, equips and enables the Council to do the right things with care, pride and passion. Our Transformation aims to strengthen our partnerships, making use of technology, data, promoting innovation and creativity so we're able to collaborate better. It will ensure that our staff are enabled to work in the Our Manchester way.

E2 - Developing the Capability of the Organisation's Leadership and Other Individuals

- Immediately following local elections, new Council Members receive an induction into the work of the Council and their role as local members. The format and content are reviewed annually with members. The induction training is also open for existing members to attend. [Member Development and Training – Item 7](#)
- As part of the former Our People strategy, improved induction and appraisal processes (“About You”) were introduced. These ensure all staff understand the part they will play in delivering the vision for the city in Our Manchester.
- The Council delivers a comprehensive programme of leadership and management development, which all managers have access to. Progress and support is monitored through the About You process.
- The Council is committed to promoting the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the workforce through both specific interventions and opportunities and as a central part of the role of all managers, through delivery of [The Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#). There is a dedicated intranet page with a wide range of support and guidance for staff and their managers covering a wide range of health and

wellbeing topics and a 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme (phone line) providing a range of support.

Principle F - Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management

F1 – Managing Risk

- The Council operates a risk management framework that aids decision making in pursuit of the organisation’s strategic objectives, protects the Council’s reputation and other assets and is compliant with statutory and regulatory obligations. The Corporate Risk Register is part of this framework and is an articulation of the key risks impacting the Council. It is used to inform decision making, provide assurance over actions being taken to manage key risks and to inform directorate level risk management planning and mitigation activities. Named risk managers are identified in the Register for its key strategic risks. [Annual Corporate Risk Management Report and Corporate Risk Register](#)
- Staff are appropriately trained to ensure that they manage risk effectively using appropriate methodologies and aligned approaches, for example for Manchester Local Care Organisation. Safeguarding risks are managed in line with professional standards.

F2 – Managing Performance

- The Council puts in place Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to monitor service delivery whether services are internal or through external providers. An Integrated Monitoring and Corporate Plan report is provided to Strategic Management Team (SMT) every three months. This brings together analysis of performance, finance, workforce intelligence and risk - to support effective resource allocation, and to shine a light on any challenges so that they can be addressed.

F3 – Effective Overview and Scrutiny

- The Council has six scrutiny Committees, which hold decision makers to account and play a key role in ensuring that public services are delivered in the way residents want. The agenda, reports and minutes are publicly available on the Council’s website [Scrutiny Committees information](#)

F4 – Robust Internal Control

- The Council has robust internal control processes in place, which support the achievement of its objectives while managing risks. The Council’s approach is set out in detail in both the latest Annual Corporate Risk Management report, and its Internal Audit Plan. [Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 - Item 6](#)

- The Council has an Audit Committee, in line with CIPFA's 'Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police (2018)', which provides an independent and high-level resource to support good governance and strong public financial management. The Committee has two Independent Co-opted Members and provides a mechanism for effective assurance regarding risk management and the internal control environment. [Annual Corporate Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register 2022/23](#)
- The Council maintains clear policies and arrangements in respect of counter fraud and anti-corruption. These are the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy; Whistleblowing Policy; Anti Money Laundering Policy and the Anti Bribery Policy. [Committee details - Audit Committee](#)

F5 – Managing Data

- The processing of personal data is essential to many of the services and functions carried out by local authorities. The Council complies with data protection legislation, which includes UK GDPR (United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). This will ensure that such processing is carried out fairly, lawfully, and transparently. [Data Protection](#)
- The Council reviews and supplement its policies, and keep its processing activities under review, to ensure they remain consistent with the law, and any compliance advice and codes of practice issued from time to time by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).
- The Council ensures that officers handling personal data are trained to an appropriate level in the use and control of personal data. It is made clear that all staff and Members are personally accountable for using the Council's information responsibly and appropriately. All staff must undertake protecting information e-learning training, and this forms part of the induction process for new staff. Data protection forms part of the training offer for existing Members to access. It is also part of the induction programme for new Members and is included in the Council's new starters induction pack.
- Information Governance is overseen by the Corporate Information Assurance and Risk Group (CIARG) chaired by the City Solicitor who is the Senior Information Risk Officer for the Council (SIRO).
- The Council makes information available to the public via the information access regimes provided for by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018, provides individuals with various rights. The Council ensures that all valid requests from individuals to exercise those rights are dealt with as quickly as possible, and by no later than the timescales allowed in the legislation. [Freedom of Information](#) [Environmental Information Regulations](#)

F6 – Strong Public Financial Management

- The Council's approach to Financial Management ensures that public money is safeguarded at all times, ensuring value for money. Its approach supports both long-term achievement of objectives, and shorter term financial and operational performance.
- The Chief Finance Officer (Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer) ensures that appropriate advice is given on all financial matters, proper financial records and accounts are kept, and oversees an effective system of internal financial control. The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer ensures well developed financial management is integrated at all levels of planning and control including management of financial risks, systems and processes. The Constitution (Part 5) details the financial regulations which underpin the financial arrangements. [Our Constitution \(Part 5\)](#)
- The Financial Management Code (FM Code) sets out the standards of financial management expected for local authorities and is designed to support good practice and to assist local authorities in demonstrating their financial sustainability. The FM Code was launched in 2019, with the first full year of compliance being 2021/22. Information about the financial resilience assessment which the Council has carried out is set out in Section 5 of this AGS document – 'Annual review of effectiveness of the governance framework' [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)
- Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires that when a local authority is making its budget calculations, the Chief Finance Officer ('CFO') of the authority must report to the Council on the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)
- The performance and outcomes delivered through the companies, Joint Ventures and charities which the Council is a party to is monitored through the Commercial Board (chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer) and Shareholder Panel (chaired by the Deputy City Treasurer). In addition, the Council's loan and equity investments are also tracked through these routes to ensure that expected returns and repayments are in line with contractual agreements and forecasts. Furthermore, the [Register of Significant Partnerships](#) provides additional assurance through the detailed review of a number of entities which is reported to Audit Committee on a bi-annual basis.
- CIPFA's Prudential Code of Practice and Treasury Management Code of Practice sets out the risk framework through which the Council manages its balance sheet and makes capital investment decisions. Alongside the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) guidance on minimum revenue provision, and the guidance on borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) which seeks to limit borrowing solely for yield, the Council has a strong regulatory framework that it adheres to. The Capital Strategy and capital approval process detail the approach to decision making on capital investments, and the Treasury Management Strategy

details the approach for debt management and cash investing, both of which contribute to strong, ongoing financial management of the Council's balance sheet. [Capital Strategy and Budget 2023/24 to 2025/26](#) [Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023/24](#)

Principle G - Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit to deliver effective accountability

G1 – Implementing Good Practice in Transparency

- The Council follows the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, which includes requirements and recommendations for local authorities to publish certain types of data. [Local Government Transparency Code](#)
- The Council's website is set out in clear and easily accessible way, using infographics and plain language. Information on expenditure, performance and decision making is sited together in one place and can be accessed quickly and easily from the homepage. [Manchester City Council website](#)

G2 – Implementing Good Practices in Reporting

- The Council produces a detailed annual State of the City publication, which charts the city's progress towards its vision and priorities in the Our Manchester Strategy. [State of the City Report 2022](#)
- An integrated monitoring and Corporate Plan report is provided to Strategic Management Team (SMT) every three months. This brings together analysis of performance, finance, Corporate Plan delivery highlights and risk - to support effective resource allocation, and to shine a light on any challenges so that they can be addressed.
- A Communities of Identity report will be produced working with communities, Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations, and partners to identify the different experiences of diverse communities in Manchester (due to be taken to Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee in July 2023).

G3 - Assurance and Effective Accountability

- The Council welcomes peer challenge, internal and external review and audit, and inspections from regulatory bodies and gives thorough consideration to arising recommendations. The outcome letter of the Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services for Manchester graded the overall effectiveness of children's services as 'Good'. The report notes that services for children in Manchester have significantly improved since the previous inspection in 2017, and that many areas of service provide consistent practice for most children and their families. This includes when

children first need support, come into care, and leave care. [Inspection of Manchester local authority children's services](#)

- The Council monitors the implementation of internal and external audit recommendations. Assurance reports are presented to Audit Committee and Mazars (the Council's external auditors), summarising the Council's performance in implementing recommendations effectively and within agreed timescales. [Audit Committee meetings](#)
- Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) set out the standards for internal audit and have been adopted by the Council. This process includes the development of an Emergent Audit Plan designed to invite comment from management and the Audit Committee.
- The Council requested a Corporate Peer Review from the Local Government Association (LGA) which took place from 30 November to 3 December 2021. The overall feedback from the peer reviewers was very positive for both the Council and the city. [Manchester City Council Peer Review and Action Plan](#) [LGA Corporate Peer Review](#)

5. Annual review of effectiveness of the governance framework

5.1 The Council has a legal responsibility to conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of its governance framework, including the systems of internal control. After conducting this review, the Council has assurance that its governance arrangements and systems of control are robust and reflect the principles of the Code of Corporate Governance.

5.2 The effectiveness of governance arrangements is monitored and evaluated throughout the year, with activity undertaken including:

- **Strategic Management Team (SMT)** - Responsibility for governance and internal control lies with the Chief Executive and the Strategic Management Team (SMT), which meets on a weekly basis to steer the organisation's activity.
- **Scrutiny and challenge by Council and its Committees** - The Council has four bodies responsible for monitoring and reviewing the Council's governance:
 - 1) **The Executive** - Proposes the budget and policy framework to Council and makes decisions on resources and priorities relating to the budget and policy framework
 - 2) **Audit Committee** - Approves the Council's Annual Accounts, oversees External Audit activity and oversees the effectiveness of the Council's Governance, risk management and internal control arrangements

- 3) **Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee** - Considers the implications of financial decisions and changes to corporate, partnership and city region governance arrangements
 - 4) **Standards Committee** - Promotes high standards of ethical conduct, advising on the revision of the Codes of Corporate Governance and Conduct for Members
- **Consideration of evidence sources to identify the Council's key governance challenges looking ahead to 2023/24 (see Action Plan at Section 7)** - These sources include:
 - Heads of Service online annual governance questionnaires, which provide a self-assessment of compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance. The questionnaire was sent to 52 different service areas, and the response rate was 97%.
 - Significant governance challenges in Partnerships as identified by the Council's Register of Significant Partnerships assessment process.
 - A meeting of key Senior Officers with responsibility for Governance, to identify and discuss emerging governance issues
 - Consideration of risks identified in the Corporate Risk Register
 - Emergent challenges identified by the work of Internal Audit
 - Where appropriate, carrying forward elements of action points from 2022/23 if substantial further challenges remain, and ongoing monitoring is required.
 - **Head of Audit and Risk Management Annual Opinion 2022/23** - In terms of the year to March 2023, the Head of Audit and Risk Management can provide **reasonable** assurance that the Council's governance, risk, and control framework was generally sound and operated reasonably consistently in the year. The full opinion detail is set out in the Annual Audit Opinion 2022/23 report which was taken to June 2023 Audit Committee.
 - **External Auditor's Review of the Effectiveness of Governance Arrangements** - The Council's external auditor is Mazars. They submit progress reports and their Annual Audit Letter to Audit Committee.
 - **CIPFA Financial Management Code 2019 (FM Code)** - The authority has carried out a credible and transparent financial resilience assessment. This includes consideration of the CIPFA Financial Resilience Index which shows the Council to be relatively well placed on earmarked reserves and in a reasonably comfortable mid position on the other indicators. The only ratio classed as high risk relates to the low council tax base which is well understood and has mitigations in place. The index is not intended to represent the entire story on the financial sustainability of a Local Authority but provides some indicators of potential risk. In addition, the Chief Finance Officer has examined the major assumptions used within the budget calculations and associated

risks. The Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy have been updated to reflect the 2023/24 budget position including the current and anticipated financial impacts of continuing high levels of inflation.

- **Annual Report of the Standards Committee** - The Council is committed to promoting the highest standards of conduct by members and has adopted a Code of Conduct for all members as part of its constitution. The Annual Report of the Standards Committee is one of the Council's sources of governance assurance
- **Governance of Significant Partnerships** – Assurance relating to governance arrangements of the Council's significant partnerships is recorded on the Register of Significant Partnerships. Each partnership is self-assessed annually to provide assurance that effective arrangements are in place, and to highlight any governance challenges which need to be addressed.
- **Commercial Governance** – the Council has oversight and assurance for governance in relation to its companies, loans and equity investments via the Commercial Board and Shareholder Panel. Regular performance reporting is reviewed via these forums to ensure that the expected governance standards are met both in terms of the Seven Principles of Public Life and embedding the delivery of zero carbon and social value through organisational approaches.

6. Strategic oversight of actions to address the Council's governance challenges in 2022/23

This section provides a concise high-level summary of strategic actions taken to address the Council's governance challenges for the 2022/23 financial year, and the arrangements for oversight of delivery. The seven challenges were set out in the Action Plan at the end of last year's AGS (2021/22). Where relevant, separate detailed progress updates are provided to Project and Programme Boards, and where applicable reports and information are taken to Committees.

Governance of actions taken and planned

- Activity continues to be delivered as part of the Organisation Development Plan with includes how we manage change, decision making and our approach to risk. This is underpinned by a renewed focus on ensuring we have good quality support in place, with fit-for-purpose processes and policies for staff and managers across the Council. The OD Plan supports the embedding of the Our Manchester behaviours and involves a continuous programme of activity.
- A [HROD Update report](#) to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee in July 2022 provided an overview on HROD activity within the Council, including updates

on Our Ways of Working, Service Design and the Performance Management framework and approach.

- HRODT (Human Resources, Organisational Development and Transformation) have implemented an employee led user-centred design approach called Service Design which builds on the insights and experience of staff. The approach reflects the voice of the workforce and sets out activity across six key priorities:
 - Building a sense of purpose and belonging
 - Decision making and risk
 - Improving our approach to performance and development
 - A new approach to change
 - Diverse and inclusive (in conjunction with the Workforce Equality Strategy)
 - Partnerships and relationships

Next steps include a review of the OD Plan with refreshed priorities for 2023-25.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

Yes

Officer Leads: Director of HRODT, Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer, City Solicitor

How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Action 2 - Future Shape of the Council – Ensure effective governance of the coordination of, and interdependencies between the work programmes which will deliver the next steps to reshape how Manchester City Council operates, including using new technologies, ways of working and new delivery models.

Governance of actions taken and planned

- The Future Shape of the Council programme continues to reshape how Manchester delivers services both internally and externally. It is an organisational wide initiative bringing together several programmes designed to strengthen our ability to deliver the Our Manchester Strategy.
- To integrate and align service changes and internal transformations within the functions of HROD, the remit of the HROD Director was extended to include

Transformation in November 2022. The Future Shape programme team moved to be within the remit of the Director of HRODT.

- The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer is the Executive sponsor for the programme. The Director of HRODT is the SRO and the programme updates are accountable to SMT. The strategic board for Future Shape schedule to meet quarterly with the four main workstream leads meeting every six weeks.
- The Resident and Business Digital Experience Programme (RBDxP) sits under the Future Shape: Digital by Default, Customer Access and Front Door workstreams. Three core user groups have been devised, made up of service users, residents and businesses, to help design digital services, support implementation and ensure that solutions meet user requirements and accessibility needs.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

Yes

Officer Leads: Director of HRODT, Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer

How this is monitored: The Executive, Scrutiny Committees

Action 3 - Governance of the coordination of delivery of our commitments on equality, diversity, and inclusion in relation to Manchester's citizens, and to our workforce. This includes delivery of both the Workforce Equality Strategy and the Race Equality programme. Also in scope is co-ordination of work to mitigate the negative impacts of health inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighted by the Marmot report (Building Back Fairer, 2020).

Governance of actions taken and planned

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion:

The Corporate Equality Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Group (CEDILG) which is chaired by the City Solicitor (the SMT lead for equalities) provides corporate leadership, assurance and direction on equalities diversity and inclusion. They work with staff network chairs in respect of issues raised and provide regular reporting regarding workforce and development.

- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion work continues to have high visibility across the Council. Reflecting the corporate priority of their work, the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) team has moved to be within the remit of the new Joint Director of Equality, Inclusion and Engagement for the Council and the NHS. The work

programme of the EDI team is being aligned with wider work addressing health inequalities highlighted by the Marmot report, and engagement work. The postholder reports into the Director of Population Health.

- The Communities and Equalities Scrutiny committee have considered reports over the past year on: [Safety of Women and Girls](#), the [Armed Forces Covenant Annual report](#), and the [Public Sector Equality Duty \(PSED\) Annual Report 2022](#).
- The [Workforce Equality Strategy Implementation Update](#) was taken to Resources and Governance Scrutiny committee in November 2022. Staff Equality Networks continue to operate, and a new network has been established for Neurodiversity. A training programme called “Let’s Talk About Race” is now embedded as part of the mandatory training package for all staff.
- The Council has procured a new recruitment system, implemented in January 2023, capturing for the first time the protected characteristics data of applicants, which will facilitate the analysis of shortlisted and appointable candidates, and help identify where recruitment procedures may need further development and improvement.

Coordination of work to mitigate health inequalities:

- An [Update on Making Manchester Fairer Task Group](#) was reported to Health Scrutiny Committee in October 2022. The Task Group and Network have oversight of the collective development and delivery of the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan, and include representatives of the Council, Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO), Housing Providers, Police, VCSE, and Health.
- An [Anti-Poverty strategy update](#) was taken to Economy Scrutiny Committee in November 2022 which included the outcome of an Equality Impact Assessment on the strategy, confirming that all communities of identity were more likely to live in or experience poverty. Poverty is a known factor linked to inequality in health outcomes and increased use of health services.

Further work planned for 2023/24 includes a report on Communities of Identity to be taken to Communities and Equalities Scrutiny in July 2023.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

Yes

Officer Leads: Director of HRODT, Director of Inclusive Economy, Director of Public Health, Head of Reform and Inclusion, Chief Executive, City Solicitor, Strategic Director – Development

How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee, Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Action 4 - Governance of the response to national and international demands, including emergency responses. This includes responding effectively to Government-led programmes of support, for example the energy rebate, and support schemes for Afghan and Ukrainian migrants.

Governance of actions taken and planned

- Response to national and international demands entail financial expenditure for the Council and as a result receive scrutiny and governance through the established budget monitoring processes. Responses which incur significant expenditure (that of over £500k) are required by the Council's Constitution to be published on the [Register of Key Decisions](#), to keep Members informed of decisions being made and where appropriate, included in the work programme of the Committee.
- The [Our Manchester Progress Update](#) to Council Executive, provided an overview on the support to Ukrainian evacuees.
- Council Executive meeting in February 2023 reviewed the [Revenue Budget Monitoring Report](#) which included the Energy Rebate Scheme arrangements, the responsibility for which were delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources. The design of any discretionary elements of the scheme were subject to agreement by the Council's Anti-Poverty Group – chaired by the Deputy Leader and reported back to the Executive.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

No

Officer Leads: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, Strategic Director - Neighbourhoods

How this is monitored: Scrutiny Committees

Action 5 - Ensure effective governance of the next phase of health and social care integration. This includes the next steps in the development of Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO) as the delivery vehicle to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and well-being of the people of Manchester, and work to develop the Manchester Operating Model supporting the introduction of the Integrated Care System (ICS) at Greater Manchester (GM) Level from July 2022.

Governance of actions taken and planned

Executive, in October 2022, considered the report on [The Establishment of the GM Integrated Care Partnership Board](#), (GM ICP) and approved the proposal of establishing it as a joint committee, with the proposed terms of reference. The Council's representative on the GM ICP will be the Leader of the Council with the Executive Member for Healthy Manchester and Adult Social Care acting as deputy.

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Greater Manchester (NHS GM) was established with effect from 1 July 2022 replacing ten CCGs in Greater Manchester. The existing Section 75 partnership agreement between the Council and the CCG was transferred to NHS GM on that date.

Council Executive February 2023 considered a report of the Chief Executive on [Health and Care Integration: Establishment of Manchester Partnership Board \(MPB\) as the Locality Board of Manchester](#) bringing together responsibility for the pooled budget with the exercise of NHS GM functions delegated to place level.

Health and Wellbeing Boards will continue to play a key role within integrated care systems. MPB's decisions will be informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Care Strategy that were produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board, and decisions will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in Manchester.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

Yes, and amalgamated with Action 6

Officer Leads: Director of Adult Social Services, Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer, Assistant Chief Executive, Deputy Director of Adult Social Services

How this is monitored: Health Scrutiny Committee

Action 6 - Effective governance with MLCO in preparation for the significant reforms facing Adult Social Care (ASC). This includes the work to move to a Fair Cost of Care, the implementation of the Care Cap, and the planned changes to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection regime.

Governance of actions taken and planned

Fair Cost of Care and Care Cap:

A report on [Charging Reforms and the Fair Cost of Care](#) was taken to Health Scrutiny in November 2022, confirming that a Fair Cost of Care programme has been undertaken in accordance with government requirements and the returns submitted accordingly including:

- Cost of care report for Residential and nursing care for people aged 65+, and Home care for people aged 18+
- Provisional Market Sustainability Plan
- Spend report – containing a breakdown of how funding has been allocated to support 65+ care homes and 18+ domiciliary care markets, and specifies how much funding has been used for implementation activities and funding fees increase

CQC Reforms:

The Health and Care Act 2022 gave the CQC new regulatory powers to undertake independent assessment of local authorities' delivery of regulated care functions and an [Adult Social Care Assurance Report – Care Quality Commission](#) was provided to Health Scrutiny Committee in January 2023.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

Yes, and amalgamated with Action 5

Officer Leads: Director of Adult Social Services, Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer, Deputy Director of Adult Social Services

How this is monitored: Health Scrutiny Committee

Action 7 - Responding to the recommendations from the LGA Peer Review, including developing the next 3–5-year Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy. This will involve early planning to address challenges including financial risks (for example inflation and ASC reforms), uncertainty about our future resources with the one-year Finance Settlement, potential delays to the proposed funding reforms, and restraints on the capital programme including increased borrowing costs.

Governance of actions taken and planned

The initial [Peer Review Report and Action Plan](#) was taken to Resources and Governance Scrutiny in March 2022 with the delivery of actions being overseen through SMT and by Executive Members.

A follow-up visit for the Peer Review team to check in on progress was held in September 2022.

[A report on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy](#) was taken to Council Executive in February 2023.

Is this governance challenge carrying forward to 2023/24?

No

Officer Leads: Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer, Assistant Chief Executive

How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee, The Executive

7. Action Plan: Governance Challenges for 2023/24 Onwards

The review of governance arrangements has identified five main areas where the Council will need to focus its efforts during 2023/24, to address changing circumstances and challenges identified. These are set out in the section below. Completion or substantial progress against these objectives is due by the end of the financial year, in March 2024.

Action 1 – Continuing to embed and deliver the Organisation Development (OD) Plan 2021-23 to further improve Council wide governance arrangements.

- Responsible officers (SMT): Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer, City Solicitor
- Responsible officers (Directors or Heads of Service): Director of HRODT
- How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Action 2 – Effective updating, communication, and accessibility of key policies, including assurance over policy being put into practice. Effectively support the continued development of manager capabilities, to ensure policies are consistently implemented and adhered to.

- Responsible officers (SMT): Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer
- Responsible officers (Directors or Heads of Service): Director of HRODT
- How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Action 3 – Future Shape of the Council – Ensure effective governance of the coordination of, and interdependencies between the work programmes which will deliver the next steps to reshape how the Council operates, including using new technologies, ways of working and new delivery models.

Responsible officers (SMT): Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer

- Responsible officers (Directors or Heads of Service): Director of HRODT, Director of ICT
- How this is monitored: The Executive, Scrutiny Committees

Action 4 – Ensure effective governance of the next phase of health and social care integration and reform. This includes:

- The next steps in the development of Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO) as the delivery vehicle to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and well-being of the people of Manchester.
- Deliver work to develop the Manchester Operating Model embedding effective delivery of the Integrated Care System (ICS)
- Partnership arrangements to deliver the Making Manchester Fairer Strategy.
- Ensuring alignment with GM of systems and working culture.

Effective governance with MLCO in preparation for the significant reforms facing Adult Social Care (ASC). This includes the work to move to a Fair Cost of Care, the implementation of the Care Cap, and the planned changes to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection regime.

- Responsible officers (SMT): Director of Adult Social Services, Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer, Assistant Chief Executive
- Responsible officers (Directors or Heads of Service): Deputy Director of Adult Social Services
- How this is monitored: Health Scrutiny Committee

Action 5 - Governance of the coordination of delivery of our commitments on equality, diversity, and inclusion in relation to work with communities, our partners, and our workforce. This includes delivery of both the Workforce Equality Strategy and the Race Equality programme. Also in scope is co-ordination of work to mitigate the negative impacts of health inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighted by the Marmot report (Building Back Fairer, 2020).

- Responsible officers (SMT): Chief Executive, City Solicitor
- Responsible officers (Directors or Heads of Service): Director of HRODT, Joint Director of Equality, Inclusion and Engagement
- How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee, Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Action 6 - Effective governance of the Housing Services Improvement Plan to ensure the Council delivers improvements to housing for tenants and meets the requirements of the Social Housing Regulator including safe housing. This requires corporate support from different services and directorates to support the insourced Housing Operations service within the Neighbourhoods Directorate.

- Responsible officers (SMT): Strategic Director - Neighbourhoods
- Responsible officers (Directors or Heads of Service): Director of Housing Operations
- How this is monitored: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Action 7 – Embedding of new capital governance arrangements to maximise the benefit that can be gained from more limited capital resources. This includes building into the process a stronger approach to planning for place, and a greater focus on neighbourhoods and communities.

- Responsible officers (SMT): Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, Deputy City Treasurer
- How this is monitored: Executive, Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Conclusion

The governance arrangements as described above have been applied throughout the year, and up to the date of the approval of the Annual Accounts, providing an effective framework for identifying governance issues and taking mitigating action. Over the coming year the Council will continue the operation of its governance framework and take steps to carry out the actions for improvement identified in the review of effectiveness to further strengthen its governance arrangements. Any significant events or developments relating to the governance system that occur between the year-end and the date on which the Statement of Accounts is signed by the City Treasurer would be highlighted by those senior officers with responsibility for governance.

Signed Councillor Bev Craig (Leader of the Council):

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Signed Eamonn Boylan (Interim Chief Executive):

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Manchester City Council

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on the financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of Manchester City Council ('the Council') and its subsidiaries and joint venture ('the Group') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Cash Flow Statement, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Income and Expenditure Statement, the Movement on the Housing Revenue Account Statement, the Collection Fund statements, the Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Group Movement in Reserves Statement, the Group Balance Sheet, the Group Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23, as amended by the Update to the Code and Specifications for Future Codes for Infrastructure Assets ("the Code Update"), published in November 2022.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council and the Group as at 31st March 2023 and of the Council's and the Group's expenditure and income 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 2022/23 as amended by the Code Update.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applicable to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the City Treasurer's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Note 5.1.1 of the financial statements explains how the City Treasurer formed their judgement that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation for the Council and the Group financial statements.

In accordance with Practice Note 10: Audit of financial statement and regularity of public sector bodies in the United Kingdom, our review of management's assessment of going concern was focused on the extent to which there are any indications that the functions of the Council and Group will not continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Our audit procedures to evaluate the City Treasurer's assessment of the Council's and the Group's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included but were not limited to:

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- undertaking an initial assessment at the planning stage of our audit to identify events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in the context of the guidance in Practice Note 10;
- obtaining an understanding of the relevant controls relating to the City Treasurer's going concern assessment;
- making enquiries of the City Treasurer to understand the period of assessment considered by them, the assumptions they considered and the implication of those when assessing the Council's and the Group's continuation of service;
- obtaining and reviewing the City Treasurer's written going concern assessment, as approved by the Audit Committee, as those charged with governance;
- considering whether the City Treasurer's assessment is proportionate to the risks associated with going concern for the local government sector; and
- evaluating the appropriateness of the City Treasurer's disclosures in the financial statements on going concern.

Based on the work we have performed, and taking into account the requirements of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23 as amended by the Code Update, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the City Treasurer with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We summarise below the key audit matters in forming our audit opinion above, together with an overview of the principal audit procedures performed to address each matter and, where relevant, key observations arising from those procedures.

These matters, together with our findings, were communicated to those charged with governance through our Audit Completion Report.

Key audit matter	How our scope addressed this matter
<p>Net defined benefit liability (or asset) valuation (Council & Group)</p> <p>The Council's and the Group's balance sheet discloses the Council and Group net pension asset to</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating the skills, experience and qualifications of the actuary, and considering the appropriateness of the

be valued at £687.220m and pension liability to be valued at £42.103m as at 31 March 2023. Note 41 details the net defined benefit pension comprises assets of £3,822.011m and liabilities of £3,176.894m.

The net pension asset/liability represents a material element of the Council and the Group balance sheet. The Council is an admitted body of Greater Manchester Pension Fund, which had its last triennial valuation completed as at 31 March 2022.

The valuation of the Local Government Pension Scheme relies on a number of assumptions, most notably around the actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methodology which results in the Council's overall valuation. There are financial assumptions and demographic assumptions used in the calculation of the valuation, such as the discount rate, inflation rates and mortality rates. The assumptions should also reflect the profile of the Council's employees and should be based on appropriate data. The basis of the assumptions is derived on a consistent basis year to year, or updated to reflect any changes.

There is a risk that the assumptions and methodology used in valuing the pension obligations are not reasonable or appropriate to the Council's circumstances. This could have a material impact to the Council and Group net pension asset in 2022/23.

instructions to the actuary, by considering the findings from our consulting actuary

- Obtaining confirmation from the auditor of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund that the Pension Fund has designed and implemented controls to prevent and detect material misstatement. This includes the controls in place to ensure data provided to the Actuary by the Pension Fund for the purposes of the IAS19 valuation of the gross asset and liability is complete and accurate.
- Reviewing a summary of the work performed by the Pension Fund auditor on the Pension Fund investment assets and evaluating whether the outcome of their work would affect our consideration of the Council's share of Pension Fund assets. The Pension Fund auditor work included comparing the asset values used for the actuarial valuation to those subjected to audit by the Pension Fund auditor.
- Testing the actuarial allocation of Pension Fund assets to the Council by the actuary, including comparing the Council's share of the assets to other corroborative information.
- Challenging the appropriateness of the Pension Asset and Liability valuation methodology applied by the Pension Fund Actuary, and the key assumptions included within the valuation. This included comparing them to expected ranges, utilising information provided by our consulting actuary.
- Agreeing the data in the IAS 19 valuation report provided by the Pension Fund Actuary for accounting purposes to the pension accounting entries and disclosures in the Council's financial statements.
- Comparing the asset ceiling calculation included within the financial statements against the requirements of IFRIC 14. We have tested the accuracy of the calculations and inputs and challenged the assumptions to ensure they are in line with the relevant accounting standards.

Our observations

	<p>We obtained sufficient appropriate evidence to conclude that the valuation of the net defined benefit pension asset included in the financial statements is reasonable.</p>
<p>Valuation of land and buildings (Council & Group)</p> <p>Note 19a to the financial statements discloses information on the Council's holding of property, plant and equipment (PPE) which includes £738.352m of Council Dwellings and £1,194.577m of Other Land & Buildings held at current value at 31 March 2023.</p> <p>The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting requires that where assets are subject to revaluation, their year-end carrying value should reflect the current value at that date. The Council has adopted a rolling revaluation model which sees all such property, plant & equipment revalued in a five-year cycle. The valuation of property, plant & equipment involves the use of a management experts (the valuers) and incorporates assumptions and estimates which impact materially on the reported value. There are risks relating to the valuation process. The Council employs a valuation expert to provide valuations, however there remains a high degree of estimation uncertainty associated with the valuations of property, plant and equipment due to the significant judgements and number of variables involved. As a result of the rolling programme of revaluations, there is a risk that individual assets which have not been revalued for up to four years are not valued at the current value at the balance sheet date. In addition, as the valuations are undertaken through the year there is a risk that the current value of the assets could be materially different at the year end.</p> <p>Council Dwelling valuations are based on Existing Use Value, discounted by a factor to reflect that the assets are used for Social Housing (EUV-SH). The Social Housing adjustment factor is prescribed in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) guidance, but this guidance indicates that where a valuer has evidence that this factor is different in the Council's area they can use</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating the skills, experience and qualifications of the valuers, and considering the appropriateness of the Council's instructions to the valuers. • Obtaining an understanding of the basis of valuation applied by the valuers in the year. • Obtaining assurance on the appropriateness of the methodology and assumptions adopted by the Council's valuers, by challenging and corroborating the assumptions used in the process. • Critically assessing the Council's approach to ensure that assets not subject to revaluation in 2022/23 are materially fairly stated by reviewing movements are in line with our independently sourced indices. • Critically assessing the Council's approach by challenging and corroborating the assumptions applied by the valuer to ensure that the groupwide assets revalued through 2022/23 are materially fairly stated at the year end. • Sample testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data provided by the Council and used by the valuers as part of their valuations by agreement back to supporting evidence. • For a sample of groupwide assets, utilising our valuation expert to consider the reasonableness of the valuation approaches adopted by the Council and to challenge the key assumptions used in the valuations by agreeing the inputs for source data and supporting evidence. • Using relevant market and cost data to assess the reasonableness of the valuation as at 31 March 2023. <p>Our observations</p> <p>We obtained sufficient appropriate evidence to conclude that the valuation of land & buildings included in the financial statements is reasonable.</p>

<p>their more accurate local factor. There is a risk that the Council's application of the valuer's assumptions is not in line with the statutory requirements and that the valuation is not supported by detailed evidence.</p> <p>The Council's three consolidated entities, Manchester Airport Holdings Limited, Destination Manchester Limited and the Manchester Heat Network account for their land & buildings at cost as permitted by their financial reporting framework. In consolidating their share of the entities, the Council must align the companies' accounting policies with their own. Consequently, for the group consolidation exercise the Council engages an external valuer to value the land & buildings consistent with the Council's accounting policies.</p>	
<p>Valuation of Investment Properties</p> <p>The Council's Balance Sheet, and Note 28, discloses their Investment Properties to be valued at £537.407m at 31 March 2023.</p> <p>The Code of practice on Local Authority Accounting requires that where Investment Property assets are subject to revaluation, their year-end carrying value should reflect the fair value at that date.</p> <p>The valuation of Investment Property involves the use of a management expert (the valuer) and incorporates assumptions and estimates which impact materially on the reported value. There are risks relating to the valuation process. The Council employs valuation experts to provide valuations, however there remains a high degree of estimation uncertainty associated with the valuations of property, plant and equipment due to the significant judgements and number of variables involved.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating the skills, experience and qualifications of the valuer, and considering the appropriateness of the Council's instructions to the valuer. • Critically assessing the basis of valuation applied by the Authority's valuer in the year. This included an independent review via our Internal valuation expert, of the airport land valuation. We tested and corroborated the underlying assumptions and methodology. • Obtaining assurance on the appropriateness of the methodology and assumptions adopted by the Council's valuer, by challenging and corroborating the assumptions used in the process. • For a sample of assets, utilising our valuation expert to consider the reasonableness of the valuation approaches adopted by the Council and to challenge the key assumptions used in the valuations by agreeing the inputs to source data and supporting evidence. • Sample testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data provided by the Council and used by the valuer as part of their valuations, by agreement back to supporting evidence. <p>Our observations</p>

	<p>We obtained sufficient appropriate evidence to conclude that the valuation of Investment Properties included in the financial statements is reasonable.</p>
<p>Consolidation of group financial statements</p> <p>The Council has made judgements around which of its group entities it consolidates into its Group Financial Statements, and how it consolidates the transactions and balances into the Group. The consolidation process is a complex process and involves material amounts of transactions and balances</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining an understanding of the Council's Group consolidation process. • Challenging the Council's judgements relating to the composition of the Group by considering the requirements of the applicable reporting framework and the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. • Critically assessing the method of consolidation used by the Group against the requirements of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and relevant accounting standards. • Agreeing the consolidated financial information to supporting evidence from the component financial statements. • Obtaining and challenging the consolidation adjustments within the group consolidation workings, by agreement back to supporting evidence. <p>Our observations</p> <p>We obtained sufficient appropriate evidence to conclude that the group financial statements consolidation is reasonable.</p>

Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. We set certain quantitative thresholds for materiality. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the

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scope of our audit and the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements, both individually and on the financial statements as a whole. Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

	Council	Group
Overall materiality	£36.500m	£44.400m
Basis for determining materiality	Approximately 1.75% of gross expenditure at the surplus/deficit on provision of services level, based on the draft 2022/23 financial statements.	
Rationale for benchmark applied	Gross expenditure at the surplus/deficit on provision of services level was chosen as the appropriate benchmark for overall materiality as this is a key measure of financial performance for users of the financial statements.	
Performance materiality	£23.725m	£28.860m
Reporting threshold	£1.095m	£1.332m

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we looked at where the City Treasurer made subjective judgements such as making assumptions on significant accounting estimates.

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed sufficient work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. We used the outputs of a risk assessment, our understanding of the Council and Group, its environment, controls, and critical business processes, to consider qualitative factors in order to ensure that we obtained sufficient coverage across all financial statement line items.

Our group audit scope included an audit of the Group and the Council's financial statements. Our approach to auditing the Group was based on our understanding of the group structure and an assessment of the significance of individual components to the group financial statements. Based on our risk assessment:

- full scope audit procedures were carried out on the Council which represents (88%) of the Group's total assets, (99%) of the Group's total liabilities, (86%) of the Group's income and (82%) of the Group's expenditure.
- Group audit instructions were issued to the auditor of Manchester Airport Holdings Limited in respect of their full scope audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. Manchester Airport Holdings Limited represents (11%) of the Group's total assets, (0%) of the Group's total liabilities, (13%) of the Group's income and (17%) of the Group's expenditure.
- analytical procedures were performed on Destination Manchester Limited and the Manchester Heat Network which were non-significant components included in the Group financial statements.

We also tested the consolidation process and carried out analytical procedures to confirm our conclusion that there were no significant risks of material misstatement of the aggregated financial information.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Statement of Accounts, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The City Treasurer is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the City Treasurer for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Annual Statement of Accounts, the City Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts, which includes the financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23 as amended by the Code Update, and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The City Treasurer is also responsible for such internal control as the City Treasurer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The City Treasurer is required to comply with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23 as amended by the Code Update and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis on the assumption that the functions of the Council will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The City Treasurer is responsible for assessing each year whether or not it is appropriate for the Council and Group to prepare its accounts on the going concern basis and disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Based on our understanding of the Council, we identified that the

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principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Local Government Act 2003 (and associated regulations made under section 21), the Local Government Finance Acts of 1988, 1992 and 2012, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, and the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Group and the Council, the environment in which they operate, and the structure of the Group, and considering the risk of acts by the group and the Council which were contrary to the applicable laws and regulations, including fraud;
- inquiring with management and the Audit Committee, as to whether the Council is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit;
- considering the risk of acts by the Council which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud;
- reviewing minutes of board meetings in the year; and
- discussing amongst the engagement team the laws and regulations listed above, and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance.

We evaluated the City Treasurer's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of management and the Audit Committee on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management and the Audit Committee. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

As a result of our procedures, we did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities. The risks of material misstatement that had the greatest effect on our audit, including fraud, are discussed under "Key audit matters" within this report.

We are also required to conclude on whether the City Treasurer's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. We performed our work in accordance with Practice Note 10: Audit of financial statement and regularity of public sector bodies in

the United Kingdom, and Supplementary Guidance Note 01, issued by the National Audit Office in November 2024.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources

Matter on which we are required to report by exception

We are required to report to you if, in our view we are not satisfied that the Council has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2023.

We have nothing to report in this respect.

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the review of arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of resources

We are required under Section 20(1)(c) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to satisfy ourselves that the Council has made 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 Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

We have undertaken our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in November 2024.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception under the Code of Audit Practice

We are required by the Code of Audit Practice to report to you if:

- we issue a report in the public interest under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- we make a recommendation under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; or
- we exercise any other special powers of the auditor under sections 28, 29 or 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Other matters which we are required to address

We were appointed as the Council's auditor by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd, in its role as appointing person under the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, on 14 December 2017.

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The period of total uninterrupted engagement, including previous renewals and reappointments of the firm, is five years covering the audit of the financial years ending 31 March 2019 to 31 March 2023.

The non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Council or Group and we remain independent of the Council and Group in conducting our audit.

Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the members of Manchester City Council, as a body, in accordance with part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and as set out in paragraph 44 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the Council those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of the Council, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of Manchester City Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.



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5 December 2024