



Statement of Accounts

Bristol City Council,
for the year ended
31 March 2020

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the city council to prepare a set of Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 (the Code) published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ACCOUNTING PERIOD - This is the length of time covered by the accounts. This is normally a period of twelve months commencing on 1 April. The end of the accounting period is the Balance Sheet date.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES – The rules and practices adopted by the Council that determine how the transactions and events are reflected in the accounts.

ACCRUALS - The concept that income and expenditure are recognised as they are earned or incurred, not as money is received or paid.

ACTUARY - An independent consultant who advises on the financial position of the Pension Fund.

ACTUARIAL GAINS AND LOSSES - For a defined benefit pensions scheme, the changes in actuarial deficits or surpluses that arise because either:

Events have not coincided with the actuarial assumptions made for the last valuation; or

The actuarial assumptions have changed

ACTUARIAL VALUATION - Every 3 years a review is carried out by the actuary on the Pension Fund's assets and liabilities reporting to the Council on the Fund's financial position and recommended employers' contribution rates.

AMORTISATION - The writing off of a loan balance or intangible asset over a period of time to revenue.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – The annual governance statement is a statutory document that explains the processes and procedures in place to enable the Council to carry out its functions effectively.

ASSET - An asset is something that the Council owns that has a monetary value. Assets are either current or long term.

- A current asset is one that will be used by the end of the next financial year (e.g. stock, debtors)
- A long term (fixed) asset provides the Council with benefits for a period of more than one year (e.g. property, plant and equipment).

BALANCE SHEET - The Balance Sheet is a financial statement summarising the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the financial year.

BILLING AUTHORITY - The billing authority is responsible for levying and collecting the Council Tax in its area, both on its own behalf and that of its precepting authorities.

BUDGET - The budget represents a statement of the Council's planned expenditure and income.

CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT - This is the money set aside in the Council's accounts for capital spending and to repay loans.

CAPITAL CHARGES - This is a charge made to the Council's service revenue accounts to reflect the cost of utilising property, plant & equipment in the provision of services.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - Expenditure on acquisition of a non-current asset or expenditure that adds to and not merely maintains the value of an existing asset.

CAPITAL FINANCING - This describes the various sources of money used to pay for capital expenditure. Capital expenditure can be funded from external sources, such as borrowing, capital grants and by contributions from the internal sources, such as capital receipts and reserves.

CAPITAL RECEIPT - A capital receipt is the income that results from the sale of land, buildings and other capital assets. A specified portion of this may be used to fund new capital expenditure. The balance must be set-aside and may only be used for paying off debt, not for funding new revenue services.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash; e.g. bank call accounts.

CODE - The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/19.

COLLECTION FUND – A fund operated by the billing authority into which all receipts of Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates are paid. Payments are made from the fund to support the Council's general fund services and to the precepting authorities and the NNDR pool. The fund must be maintained separately from the Council's General Fund.

COMMUNITY ASSETS - Assets that the Council intends to hold in perpetuity that have no determinable useful life and that may have restrictions on their disposal, such as parks and historic buildings.

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – A statement which details the total income received and the expenditure incurred by the Council during a year in line with IFRS reporting as required by the Code.

CONTINGENT ASSET - A possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Council.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - A contingent liability is either:

- a possible obligation arising from a past event whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Council; or
- a present obligation arising from past events where it is not probable that there will be an associated cost or the amount of the obligation cannot be accurately measured.

COUNCIL TAX - A system of local taxation, which is set by both the billing and precepting authorities at a level determined by the revenue expenditure requirement for each authority, divided by the Council Tax Base for its area.

COUNCIL TAX BASE - An amount calculated by the billing authority, by applying the band proportions to the total properties in each band in order to ascertain the number of band D equivalent properties in the authority's area. The tax base is also used by the precepting and some levying bodies in determining their charge to the area.

CREDITORS - Amounts of money owed by the Council for goods or services received.

CURRENT ASSETS - Items that can be readily converted into cash.

CURRENT LIABILITIES - Items that are due to be paid immediately or in the short term.

DEBTORS - Amounts of money owed to the Council for goods or services provided.

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) - A ring-fenced grant from the Department for Education paid to Local Education Authorities for the Education of Children and Young Adults up to the age of 25.

DEPRECIATION - A provision made in the accounts to reflect the cost of consuming assets during the year, e.g. a vehicle purchased for £30,000 with a life of five years would depreciate on a straight-line basis at the rate of £6,000 per annum. Depreciation forms part of the 'capital charges' made to service revenue accounts and is covered by International Accounting Standard (IAS) 16.

DIRECT REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS - Funding of capital expenditure directly from revenue budgets.

EARMARKED RESERVES - Amounts set aside for a specific purpose to meet future commitments or potential liabilities, for which it is not appropriate to establish a provision.

EXIT PACKAGES - The cost to the Council of early termination of staff employment before normal retirement age.

EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE (POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS) - Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, favourable or unfavourable, that occur between the Balance Sheet date and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR - The auditor appointed by the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) to carry out an audit of the Council's accounts. The current auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP.

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

FINANCE LEASE - A contractual agreement for the use of an asset, where in substance the risks and rewards associated with ownership reside with the user of the asset (lessee) rather than the owner (lessor).

FINANCIAL YEAR - The local authority financial year starts on 1 April and ends on the following 31 March.

GENERAL FUND - This is the main revenue account of the Council. It includes the cost of all services provided which are paid from Government grants, generated income, NNDR retention and the City Council's share of Council Tax. It excludes the Housing Revenue Account. By law, it includes the cost of services provided by other bodies who charge a levy to the Council.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS - Grants made by the Government towards either revenue or capital expenditure to help with the cost of providing services and capital projects. Some of these grants have restrictions on how they may be used whilst others are general purpose.

GROUP ACCOUNTS – Where a Council has a material interest in another organisation (e.g. a subsidiary organisation) group accounts have to be produced. These accounts report the financial position of the Council and all organisations in which it has an interest.

HERITAGE ASSET - Assets held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. Examples of Heritage Assets are historical buildings, civic regalia and museum and gallery collections.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) - The HRA includes expenditure and income arising from the provision of rented dwellings. It is, in effect, a landlord account. Statute provides for this account to be separate from the General Fund and any surplus or deficit must be retained within the HRA.

IMPAIRMENT - This is where the value of an asset falls below the carrying value in the accounts and so to reflect the commercial reality of the situation a charge is made in the running costs.

INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS – Non-current assets that are unable to be readily disposed of, the expenditure on which is recoverable only by continued use of the asset created. Examples are highways and footpaths.

INTANGIBLE ASSETS - Assets which do not have a physical form but provide an economic benefit for a period of more than one year; e.g. software licences.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS) – International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are a set of accounting standards developed by an independent, not-for-profit organisation called the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

LEASING - Method of financing the acquisition of capital assets, usually in the form of operating or financing leases.

LIABILITIES - Amounts the Council either owes or anticipates owing to others, whether they are due for immediate payment or not.

MAJOR REPAIRS RESERVE (MRR) - This reserve is for capital expenditure on HRA assets.

MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) - A statutory amount, that has to be charged to revenue, to provide for the redemption of debt.

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT – This financial statement presents the movement in usable and unusable reserves (the Council's total reserve balances).

NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE (NNDR) – More commonly known as 'business rates', these are collected by billing authorities from all non-residential buildings. Since 1 April 1990 the poundage level has been set by the Treasury. Amounts payable are based on rateable values multiplied by this poundage level.

NET BOOK VALUE - The amount at which fixed assets are included in the balance sheet, i.e. their historical cost or current value, less the cumulative amounts provided for depreciation.

NON-CURRENT ASSETS - Assets which yield a benefit to the Council for a period of more than one year.

NON-OPERATIONAL ASSETS - Fixed assets held by a Council, but not directly occupied, used or consumed in the delivery of services; for example, investment properties and assets surplus to requirements held pending sale or redevelopment.

OPERATING LEASE - This is a lease where the effective ownership of the asset remains with the lessor.

OPERATIONAL ASSETS - Fixed assets held and occupied, used or consumed by the Council in the direct delivery of those services for which it has either a statutory or a discretionary responsibility.

OUTTURN - This is the actual level of expenditure and income for the financial year.

PENSION FUNDS - For the Local Government Pension Scheme, the funds that invest employers' and employees' pension contributions in order to provide pensions for employees on their retirement and pensions for employees' dependants in the event of death of an employee.

PENSION STRAIN - The cost to the Council of reimbursing the Pension Fund should it agree to employees aged 55 and over drawing their pension before normal retirement age.

PRECEPT - This is the method by which a precepting authority (Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner, Avon Fire Authority) obtains income from the billing authority to cover its net expenditure. This is calculated after deducting its own Revenue Support Grant. The precept levied by the precepting authority is incorporated within the Council Tax charge. The Council pays the amount demanded over an agreed time scale.

PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT - A material adjustment applicable to prior years arising from changes in accounting policies or from the correction of fundamental errors.

PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI) - PFI started in 1997/98 and offers a form of Public-Private Partnership in which local authorities do not buy assets but rather pay for the use of assets held by the private sector.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (PPE) - Covers all tangible (physical) assets used in the delivery of services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes, that are used for more than one year.

PROVISIONS - Amounts set aside to meet liabilities or losses which are likely or certain to be incurred but where the amount due or the timing of the payment remains uncertain.

PRUDENTIAL CODE - The Prudential Code frees authorities to set their own borrowing limits having regard to affordability. In order to demonstrate this has been done, and enable adherence to be monitored, authorities are required to adopt a number of appropriate 'Prudential Indicators'.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD (PWLb) - A body, part of the Debt Management Office (a government agency) which lends money to public bodies for capital purposes. At present nearly all

borrowers are local authorities. Monies are drawn from the national Loans Fund and rates of interest are determined by the Treasury.

RATEABLE VALUE - The Valuation Office Agency (part of HM Revenue and Customs) assesses the rateable value of nondomestic properties. Business rate bills are set by multiplying the rateable value by the year's NNDR poundage (which is set by the Government). Domestic properties no longer have rateable values; instead they are assigned to one of the eight council tax valuation bands.

RELATED PARTIES - Two or more parties are related parties when at any time during the financial period:

- one party has direct or indirect control of the other party
- the parties are subject to common control from the same source
- one party has influence over the financial and operational policies of the other party to the extent that the other party might be inhibited from pursuing its own interests; or
- the parties, in entering a transaction, are subject to influence from the same source to such an extent that one of the parties to the transaction has subordinated its own interests. Examples of related parties include central government, other local authorities and other bodies' precepting or levying demands on the Council Tax, its members and its chief officers.

RESERVES - An amount set aside for a specific purpose in one financial year and carried forward to meet expenditure in future years. A distinction is drawn between reserves and provisions (see above), which are set up to meet known liabilities.

REVALUATION - Recognises increases or decreases in the value of non-current assets that are not matched by expenditure on the asset; gains or losses are accounted for through the revaluation reserve.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE - The regular day to day running costs of items including salaries and wages and other running costs incurred to provide services.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE FUNDED FROM CAPITAL UNDER STATUTE (REFFCUS) - Expenditure which is legitimately financed from capital resources, but which does not result in, or remain matched with tangible assets.

SURPLUS ASSETS - Assets not being used in the delivery of services that do not qualify as being 'held for sale' under accounting guidance.

SOFT LOANS - Funds received and advanced at less than market rates.

UNSUPPORTED BORROWING - Local authorities can set their own borrowing levels based upon their capital need and their ability to pay for the borrowing, costs are not supported by the Government so services need to ensure they can fund the repayment costs. The borrowing may also be referred to as Prudential Borrowing.

USABLE CAPITAL RECEIPTS - This represents the amount of capital receipts available to finance capital expenditure in future years, or to provide for the repayment of debt.

Introduction

An introduction to the 2019/20 statement of accounts by the deputy mayor and portfolio holder for finance, governance and performance, Councillor Craig Cheney.



Despite funding pressures we have made strong progress in our key priorities of making Bristol a more inclusive City where no one is left behind. The 2019/20 financial year was another challenging year for local government finances, but during the year we invested over £1 billion delivering services for our City in delivery of our commitments within our Corporate Strategy and aligned to the One City Plan for Bristol.

Highlights of our achievements over the last year include:

- One City Plan / City Gathering
- Continue to expand our pipeline of new homes, including 260 homes planned for sites in Lockleaze, 133 homes currently under construction in Ashton Vale and major regeneration projects at Hengrove Park, Frome Gateway and Temple Quarter
- Brought forward Bristol Housing Festival's high quality, low energy living such as the award-winning ZedPods in St George and 200 Boklok units at Airport Road
- Launched a One City Environment strategy, representing organisations across the city, setting out a pathway of action on how Bristol can become a carbon neutral and climate resilient city
- Supported our partners through feeding Bristol as they take on the huge challenge of food poverty in the city
- South Bristol Household Waste Reuse and recycling Centre takes a step forward with planning permission granted in March

- Bus Deal began with our consultation on the number 2 route, taking advantage of our accelerated plans for better cycling, pedestrian routes and bus prioritisation in the centre.
- Plans for much needed new secondary schools
- One City Economic statement of intent as we look to build back better from the pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic and response impacted at the very end of the financial year and therefore only a small impact is reflected in these accounts. However the pandemic has cast even more uncertainty, both on the future economic outlook nationally and locally and the funding for public services. We will continue to be committed to our determination to provide the best and most cost-effective services for our residents in the face of these ongoing uncertainties.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues across the Council who have worked hard throughout the year to deliver services within the difficult financial constraints and provide value for money for the taxpayer. We are focussed on providing transparency for residents to judge whether taxpayers money has been spent properly, and be assured from our performance and improvement programmes that we are in a better place to tackle the financial and other challenges ahead.

Councillor Craig Cheney

Deputy Mayor – Finance, Governance, Governance, Property and Culture



Narrative Report

Background

Bristol is a city in the south west of England, covering an area of 110 square kilometres. It is the 8th largest city in England and has a population of around 463,000 living in approximately 202,000 dwellings.

Bristol is part of the West of England Combined Authority and is well connected by road, rail, sea and air. From Brunel to Banksy, the city has a history of achieving great things.

This achievement is demonstrated by being awarded a number of awards in recent years including UNESCO City of Film in 2017 as well as England's first UNESCO Learning City, UK's smartest city and European City of Sport in 2017 and European Green Capital in 2015.

However, Bristol's prosperity is not shared by all. Like many cities long-standing health, social and economic inequalities exist and impact on the prospects of its residents. Increased prosperity has also been a major factor in the city's rapidly growing population which brings about associated challenges like congestion, environmental pollution and a high cost of living, particularly housing.

The council and its partners across the city are working hard to address these issues and have created the **One City Plan**, which identifies ambitious short, medium and long term targets to address the challenges the city faces. The Council's Corporate Strategy 2018-2023 also addresses these challenges and sets out how services are being re-shaped to meet the financial challenge of reduced government grant whilst continuing to provide essential services like care to an increasing population. The council is now a provider of services, and an enabling empowering organisation.

This new form of governance is underpinned by an ambition to ensure everyone feels the benefit of the city's economic success, where people can feel aspiration regardless of their background or where they grew up.

Despite these challenges, Bristol is a city of hope and ambition.

Our Corporate Strategy – at a glance

our Vision

We play a leading role in driving a city of hope and aspiration where everyone can share in its success.

our Themes

In achieving this vision we have based our activities around four themes:

Empowering and Caring:

Work with partners to empower communities and individuals, increase independence and support those who need it. Give children the best possible start in life.

Fair and Inclusive:

Improve economic and social equality, pursuing economic growth which includes everyone and making sure people have access to good quality learning, decent jobs and homes they can afford.

Well Connected:

Take bold and innovative steps to make Bristol a joined up city, linking up people with jobs and with each other.

Wellbeing:

Create healthier and more resilient communities where life expectancy is not determined by wealth or background.

our Principles

We develop people and places to improve outcomes, empower communities and reduce the need for council services.

Maximise opportunities to work with partners and other stakeholders locally, nationally and globally.

Focus on planned long-term outcomes not short-term fixes, prioritising early intervention and prevention.

Build city resilience, improving our ability to cope with environmental, economic or social 'shocks and stresses'.

Plan inclusively with everyone in mind, but with a particular focus on our children and their future.

Contribute to safer communities, including zero-tolerance to abuse or crime based on gender, disability, race, age, religion or sexuality.

Use our assets wisely, generating a social and/or financial return. Raise money in a fair but business-like way.

our Values and Behaviours

We are Dedicated

We strive to make a difference

We are Curious

We ask questions and explore possibilities

We show Respect

We treat each other fairly

We take Ownership

We accept personal accountability

We are Collaborative

We come together to reach shared goals

Our key commitments

Empowering and Caring:

- Give our children the best start in life by protecting and developing children's centre services, being great corporate parents and protecting children from exploitation or harm.
- Reduce the overall level of homelessness and rough sleeping, with no-one needing to spend a 'second night out'.
- Provide 'help to help yourself' and 'help when you need it' through a sustainable, safe and diverse system of social care and safeguarding provision, with a focus on early help and intervention.
- Prioritise community development and enable people to support their community.

Fair and Inclusive:

- Make sure that 2,000 new homes – 800 affordable – are built in Bristol each year by 2020.
- Improve educational outcomes and reduce educational inequality, whilst ensuring there are enough school places to meet demand and a transparent admissions process.
- Develop a diverse economy that offers opportunity to all and makes quality work experience and apprenticeships available to every young person.
- Help develop balanced communities which are inclusive and avoid negative impacts from gentrification.

Well Connected:

- Improve physical and geographical connectivity; tackling congestion and progressing towards a mass transit system.
- Make progress towards being the UK's best digitally connected city.
- Reduce social and economic isolation and help connect people to people, people to jobs and people to opportunity.
- Work with cultural partners to involve citizens in the 'Bristol' story, giving everyone in the city a stake in our long-term strategies and sense of connection.

Wellbeing:

- Embed health in all our policies to improve physical & mental health and wellbeing, reducing inequalities and the demand for acute services.
- Keep Bristol on course to be run entirely on clean energy by 2050 whilst improving our environment to ensure people enjoy cleaner air, cleaner streets and access to parks and green spaces.
- Tackle food and fuel poverty.
- Keep Bristol a leading cultural city, helping make culture, sport and play accessible to all.

Our Obligations

These Key Commitments are not an exhaustive list of everything we will do. Indeed, much of our work is 'business as usual' meeting statutory and regulatory obligations which are set out in legislation.

Some of these are covered within our Key Commitments, but it can be taken as read that we'll make sure that we meet all of our legal obligations. Others include, but aren't limited to:

Highway Maintenance; Road Network Management; Public Health Strategy; Public Sector Equality Duty; Planning; Licensing; Care Act 2014; Waste Collection; Environmental Health And Enforcement; Elections; Registrar Services; Coroner Services; Special Educational Needs; Harbour; Information and Advice; Emergency Planning; Homelessness; Trading Standards; Libraries (Core Service); Tax Collection; Land Charges; Community Safety; Landlord Services; Property Services; General Data Protection Regulation

Helping us achieve our priorities

One City Plan: The long-term city-wide plan for Bristol, created and owned by partners across the city. It guides our thinking around all key issues.

Regional Devolution: Working as a key member of the West of England Combined Authority to help shape how £900m of investment is spent to improve transport, provide jobs and strengthen adult education.

Medium Term Financial Plan: Providing us with a five-year forward look at the financial environment and the principles by which we can make good financial decisions.

Health and Social Care integration: Working with our NHS partners to bring health and social care closer together and make the most of joint commissioning opportunities, with a bigger focus on prevention.

Business Infrastructure: Working with back office services to identify what needs to change to be a more effective and efficient council.

Workforce Plan: Sets out how the council will support our colleagues to be able to deliver for our citizens by developing their skills and careers as a model employer.

Our Services

The following core services are provided by the council:

Core Services:

Adults, Children, Education and Public Health

- Education, Learning and Skills Improvement
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children
- Social care and support for adults including the elderly
- Support for carers Commissioning services
- Public Health
- Coordinates Bristol's response to crime, community safety and antisocial behaviour

Growth & Regeneration

- Museums and Culture
- Property
- Economic development
- Energy services
- Library services
- Community Services Parks and open spaces
- Licencing
- Housing and Landlord Services

Resources

Provides internal support services including:

- Digital Transformation and ICT
- Finance, Workforce and Change
- Policy Strategy and Communications
- Legal and Democratic Services
- Commercialisation and Citizen Services

Ring-fenced Accounts:

• Housing Revenue Account

Accounts for the management and maintenance of around 26,833 council homes in Bristol.

• Dedicated Schools Grant including SEND

Grant funding the majority of the council's expenditure on schools and supporting children with additional and special educational needs

and disabilities (SEND). The grant can only be used to meet expenditure properly included in the schools budget.

• Public Health

An annual ring fenced grant from the Department of Health. Funds the council's statutory duties to improve public health.

We work with local partners (including charities, businesses and other public services providers like the police and the NHS) and residents to determine and deliver local priorities. Typically councils like us provide over 700 services, either directly ourselves or by commissioning services from outside organisations.

In future we will still provide hundreds of day to day services, from being a landlord to cleaning the streets to huge projects worth hundreds of millions of pounds.

Our Leadership and Workforce

Our 70 elected councillors represent the people of Bristol and set the overall policy of the council.

Mayor, Marvin Rees, elected mayor for Bristol, with city council responsibilities that include ultimate responsibility for all major policy decisions, setting the vision and direction of the council; and making 'executive' decisions within the budget and policy framework set by Full Council.

Our workforce - Overall, our workforce comprises 7,189 'full time equivalent' employees. Of this total, 1,748 are employed within our locally maintained schools

Our Performance



Communities and living

- The Bristol Quality of Life survey 2019/20 highlighted 79% of residents were 'satisfied with their local area as a place to live' and nearly 3 out of 4 people (71%) felt that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.
- However, the Quality of Life survey also found that 14.7% of people report below average levels of mental health (QoL). The survey also found an increase in the number of deaths attributable to particulate air pollution; with this measure rising to 5.1% in 2019-20.

Housing

- Addressing homelessness is a priority issue, and our outreach teams continue to actively work with rough sleepers. Latest figures found 98 people sleeping rough on the street in a single night in Bristol (Nov 2019), a rapid rise over the last seven years (9 in Nov 2012).
- As of 31 March 2020 there were 618 homeless households that the council had a duty to house.

Economy and employment

- 245,000 working age residents were in employment in December 2019. This is equivalent to an employment rate of 76.7% which is the highest of British Core Cities and 0.9 percentage points above the national (GB) average.
- Bristol contributed £15bn to the UK economy in 2018 (inflation adjusted Gross Value Added, GVA balanced approach).
- Challenges do remain however as the percentage of young people of academic age 16 to 17 years who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) has risen to 7.7%

Culture and creativity

- In 2019 Bristol City Council hosted over 200 festivals and events at more than 60 locations welcoming over 1 million visitors.
- 43% of Bristol residents participate in cultural activities at least once a month (Quality of Life survey 2019/20).
- Bristol continues to be a major destination for tourists and entertainment. It had 13.5 million day visitors in 2018, 1.8m domestic staying trips (spend £303m) and 598,000 overseas staying trips.
- We run and maintain eight leisure centres and swimming pools, where over 2.3 million individual visits occurred during 2019/20.

Our performance

Transport and Sustainability

- Over a quarter (27%) of Bristolians now ride a bike at least weekly
- The number of bus passenger journeys (per head of population) in Bristol in 2018/19 was 92.3, a significant increase of 35% compared to 2013/14 (68.2). This compares to a national decrease in journeys of 11% over the same five year period.
- There were over 42 million local bus passenger journeys (originating in the Bristol local authority) in 2018/19, an increase of 6.4% compared to the previous year.
- Citywide CO2 emissions have decreased by 33% (2005-2017), and the renewable energy capacity in Bristol at the end of 2018 was 87.4 MegaWatt (MW), an increase of 32% in the last five years. Actual generation has increased by 46% in the same time. 36.4MW is from onshore wind turbines, and 27.2MW is from solar photovoltaic panels
- Despite increased numbers of people using public transport, walking and cycling, continued levels of vehicle use mean that reported air pollution levels of nitrogen dioxide still exceed the UK and EU air quality limits.
- In 2018/19 the council has reduced the carbon emissions it measures from its direct operations by 77.4% since 2005/06, and plans to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2025.
- 46.8% of all household waste was sent for reuse, recycling and composting in 2019/20, up from 37.4% in 2009/10.
- 15.9% of municipal waste was sent to landfill (2019/20). 129kg of waste per household was landfilled in 2019/20, compared with 230kg in 2018/19.

Education

- The percentage of children with a good level of development at Early Years is 70.6% (2019), much improved from its inception in 2013 (49.5%), but slightly below the England average of 71.8%.
- For Key Stage 2 pupils (at 11 years of age), new 2019 data shows 65% achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. This is much improved from 54% in 2016, and the same as the England average (65%).
- For Key Stage 4 (at age 16), 2019 data shows the average Attainment 8 score per pupil is 44.7 points, down from 45.5 points in 2018. [Attainment 8 is a student's average achievement across eight subjects, with extra weighting given to maths and English].
- Of the 152 schools in Bristol inspected by Ofsted (February 2020), 78.3% are rated as Good or better for overall effectiveness.
- Unfortunately, Bristol schools' pupil attendance for the academic year 2018-19 was below target at 94.7% and unchanged on the previous year. Post Covid-19 a specific transition strategy is planned to support return to school.
- The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service has had well-publicised challenges to meet targets for Education Health Care Plans; however a recent reorganisation has been undertaken, and significant improvements are expected next year.

Adult social care

- At the end of 2019/20, around 6,150 adults were being supported by adult social care. Of these, 66% of service users (4,060 people) are supported to live independently in the community, with around 2,090 people in care homes.

Our performance

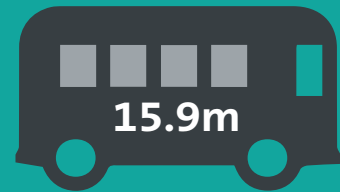
Key facts: Communities & living



79% of residents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live. (Bristol Quality of Life survey 2019/20) (**68%** 2018/19)

Key facts: Culture & Creativity

43% participate in cultural activities at least once a month (**46%** 2018/19)



Day visitors to Bristol (**£13.6m** 2018/19)

Key facts: Housing

1,350 new homes built in Bristol in 2019/20 (**1,799** 2018/19)



220 affordable homes built in 2018/19

3,557 affordable homes built in Bristol since 2006



728 homeless households in 2019/20 (**618** 2018/19)

Key facts: Environment

87.4 MWe (MegaWatt Equivalent) produced locally (2017/2018)

22 MWe from wind



27.2 MWe from solar PV



* Source: BCC's Energy Service



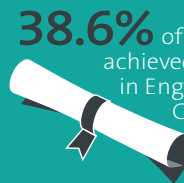
46.8% of all household waste was sent for reuse, recycling and compost in 2019/20 (**45%** 2018/19)

Key facts: Education & skills

70.6% of children under five have a good level of development at Foundation Stage (**69%** 2018/19)



National average **71.8%** (71.5% 2018/19)



38.6% of Bristol pupils achieved a "strong pass" in English and Maths GCSE (**41%** 2018/19)

Key facts: Transport and sustainability

Number of people who ride a bike at least weekly **27%**



92.3 bus journeys



per head of population in 2019 (from **68.2** in 2013/14)

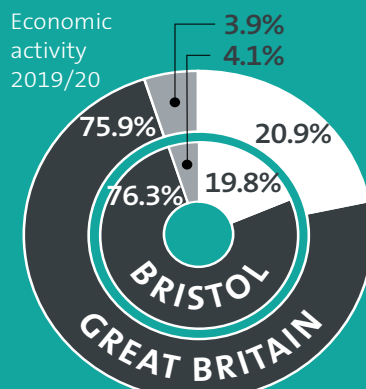
65% of 11 year olds achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. (63% 2018/19)



National average **65%**
Source: DfE 2017

Key facts: Economy & employment

- % in employment
 - % unemployed
 - % economically inactive
- (Source: ONS 2019/20)



Bristol GVA contributes **£15bn**



to the UK economy 2018

Financial Performance



The Council is a large and diverse organisation and our accounts are by their nature technical and complex. This section of the report provides an explanatory narrative to the key elements of the statements and sections in the accounts and also provides a summary of our financial performance for 2019/20.

- The Council collects £224.8m of business rates of which £116.8m (net of reliefs) is retained in year by the Council. This is also net of the tariff of £83.2m which the Council returns to central government. We also collect business rates on behalf of the West of England Combined Authority and Avon Fire Authority (See page 17).
- The Council also collects £255.6m of council tax (on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Avon Fire Authority and itself), of which £214.7m is retained in year by the Council.
- Council tax in year collection for 2019/20 totalled 96.76%. This was only £165k short of target which given the impact of COVID-19 was a great achievement. This percentage placed us second across our comparable group of Core Cities. As a result of our ethical approach to debt management introduced in 2019/20 referrals to enforcement agents also continued to fall during the year with 33% (4000) fewer cases now being sent from our 2016 benchmark figure.
- Business Rate in year collection for 2019/20 rose to 98.34%. This achievement is pleasing when set against another good year of anti-fraud work with Audit and administering an increasingly complex business rate system with more and more reliefs needing to be applied to ratepayers accounts.
- The Council holds £3.191bn of fixed assets, comprising £2.665bn of operational assets for delivering services, £204m of Heritage Assets for cultural benefit and £322m of non-operational assets.
- The Council is responsible for managing cashflows with an annual churn exceeding £1.4bn
- The Council generates £806m of fees, charges and grants used to deliver services and keep council tax down.

Financial performance

Revenue Financial Summary 2019/20

Revenue expenditure covers the cost of the Council's day to day operations and contributions to and from reserves.

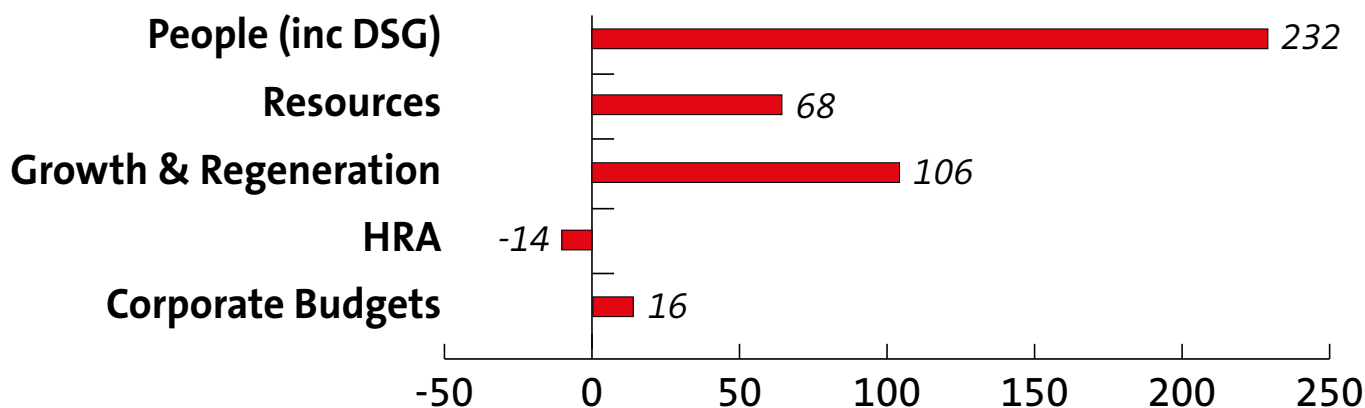
Net revenue expenditure across General Fund services was £380.1 million, against a budget of £374.8 million. The "cash deficit" of £5.3m was largely due to on-going pressures in Adult Social Care.

The impact of the covid-19 pandemic and social distancing measures was experienced late in the financial year however it did have a noticeable financial impact on the Council during February and March. Significant emergency expenditure was incurred in the Council's response to the pandemic. In March significant effort was made to ensure services such as social care and rough sleeping were fully prepared for the anticipated covid peak during May and June. Significant protective personal equipment and additional ICT hardware also had to be purchased in order to support Council employees continue working remotely.

Covid also had an immediate impact on several revenue streams, particularly within parking and culture as travel into the city ceased and cultural venues closed with immediate effect.

The gross cost of services during the year was £1.137.7bn (£1.101bn 2018/19). This includes both General Fund services and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). After deducting specific grants and income from fees and charges, the net cost of services was £408.5m (£365.3m in 2018/19). The breakdown of net expenditure between the different service areas is shown in the following chart.

Directorate Net Expenditure (£m)

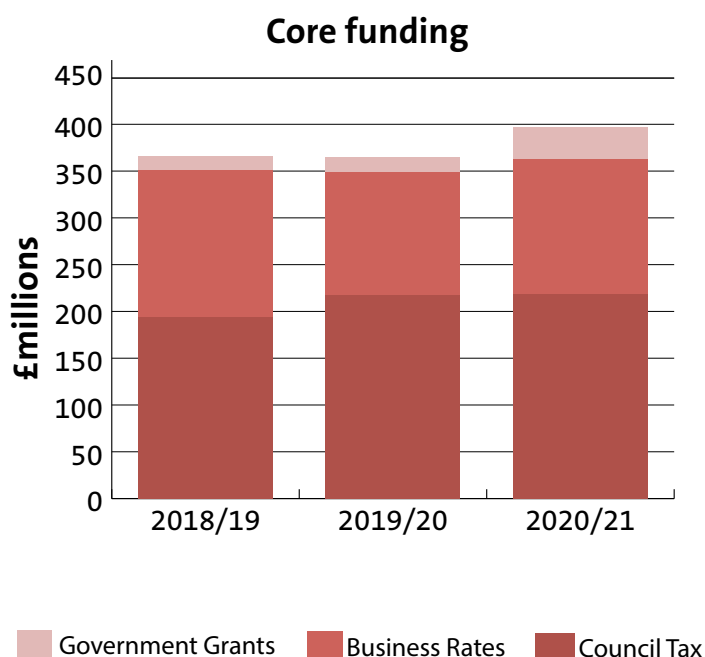


Financial performance

Sources of Funding

2019/20 was the third year the Council has been piloting 100% business rates retention. Pilot authorities retain 100% of the growth in locally raised business rates. Of this we share 5% with the West of England Combined Authority and 1% with Avon Fire Authority. In return the Council forgoes Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and a number of other funding streams. Each pilot authority's tariffs and top-ups calculated by central government are adjusted to ensure the change is cost neutral and that no individual pilot authority loses out as a result of these changes.

In tandem with this, during the last decade, there has been a move away from central government core funding towards a greater reliance on locally sourced taxation such as business rates and council tax and income we can raise from other sources. 2019/20 is an exception, primarily due to the Government beginning to issue Covid-19 related grants. The chart below shows where the Council gets its core funding.



Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and budget for 2020/21

In December 2019 Full Council approved the MTFP, a financial planning document covering a rolling five year period, refreshed annually. The MTFP sets out in broad terms how the Council will, within its financial constraints fund its priorities and ensure that financial stability and resilience is achieved. Subsequently in February 2020 the Council agreed a balanced budget not only for 2020/21 but over a 5 year medium term. This included a net revenue budget for 2020/21 of £395.7m but also a 5 year capital programme totalling £612.0m for General fund and £354.0m for Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the Council's finances. We recognise that for some of the income or expenditure streams the impact will go beyond a single financial year. Further work is underway to assess the financial impact on budgets over the medium term with further reports to Cabinet and Full Council during the year.

Similarly the financial impact of Brexit is as yet uncertain.

While there is a level of assurance over council planning, the lack of clarity over Brexit nationally presents significant challenges and threats.

Other Funding Issues

The government have announced that the Fair Funding Review (FFR) and Business Rates Retention (BRR) will not be implemented in April 2021 as originally planned. Bristol will continue to work with the Government on informing the approach to funding for the next financial year and beyond.

Financial performance

Capital Investment

Capital expenditure forms a large part of our spending. The Council has an ambitious capital programme to deliver projects that are fundamental to the Council achieving its aspiration to re-shape how we deliver our services as well as helping to unlock revenue savings and efficiencies to secure our on-going financial stability.

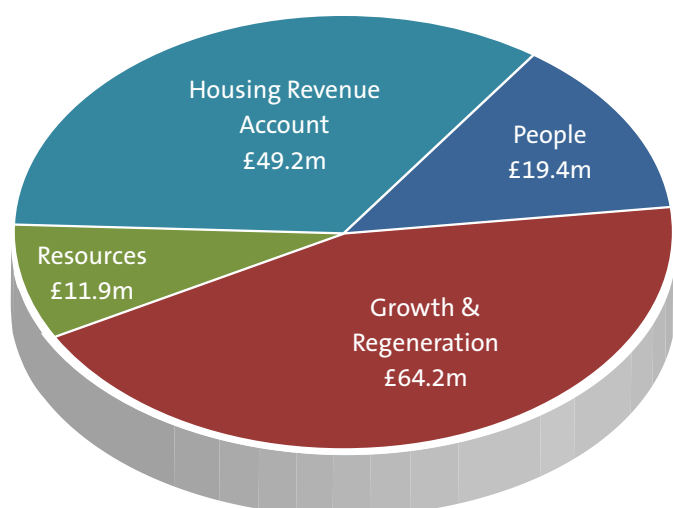
Overall the Capital Programme for 2019/20 was originally set at £236m. Capital spending (including revenue expenditure allowed to be funded by capital) during the year totalled £144.7m. An analysis of capital investment by directorate and sources of capital funding are shown in the charts below.

The Capital Programme was financed from a combination of borrowing (£25.1m) and from grants, contributions and reserves (£119.6m).

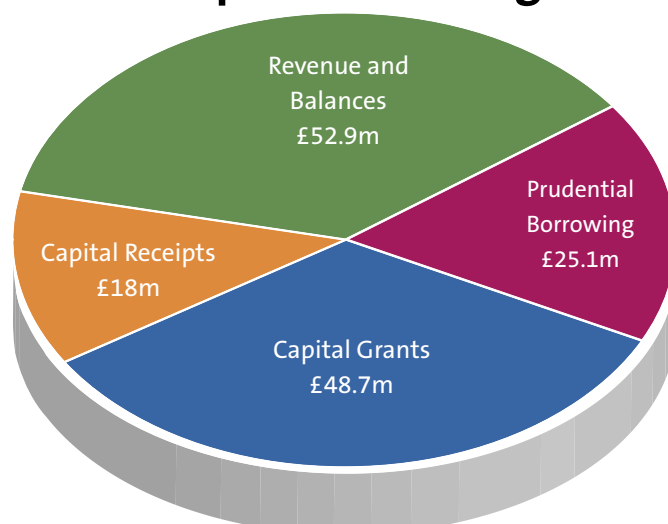
The major areas of investment have included:

- £49.2m invested in the Council's housing stock (of which £21m was on new build developments).
- £22.7m invested in transport schemes including Temple Meads development, A4/A4174, cycling network improvements, traffic infrastructure and maintenance.
- £18.0m invested in school buildings to provide additional pupil capacity to meet increased demand, the main spend was incurred on Cathedral School Trust Trinity Academy and Bristol Brunel Academy expansion.
- £14.8m invested into a vehicle replacement programme and waste commercial vehicles.
- £12.7m invested in a significant refurbishment programme of the Bristol music venue, Colston Hall.
- £10.4m invested in housing enabling works to accelerate the affordable provision including Hengrove, Lockleaze and Southmead regeneration programmes.
- £8.9m invested in ICT development improvements and equipment as part of the IT transformational programme and city wide digital network upgrades.
- £6.8m invested in Energy renewables and infrastructure including the expansion of the Heat Networks, Energy centres and water source heat pump solutions.
- £3.6m invested in the maintenance of core buildings, schools and residential homes
- £3.2m invested in housing adaptations and assistance programme.

Capital Investment



Capital Financing



Financial performance

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The HRA Income and Expenditure Statement sets out the financial position for the year, before taking account of the statutory adjustments required to be made to the accounts. The Statement of Movement on the HRA Balance reflects these statutory adjustments and shows how the financial performance for the year has impacted on HRA reserves.

- The HRA Income and Expenditure Statement shows a net surplus for the year of £0.9m
- The Council manages 26,833 homes
- The Council collected £110m in dwelling rent in 2019/20 (£110.6m in 2018/19)
- The Council spent £49.2m in 2019/20 (£36.8m in 2018/19) on new builds and improvements to existing housing stock.

Treasury Management

The 2019–2024 Treasury Strategy identified a medium term net borrowing requirement of £245m to support the existing and future Capital Programme. The Council's strategy is to defer borrowing while it has significant levels of treasury cash balances available for investment (£150m at March 2020). Deferring borrowing will reduce the "net" revenue interest cost of the Authority as well as reducing the Council's exposure to counter party risk for its investments.

The Council recognises that utilising investments in lieu of borrowing has a finite duration and that future borrowing will be required to support capital expenditure. In light of this the Council took long term borrowing of £30m in two tranches in August and September, £20m (1.84%) and £10m (1.59%) when rates "dipped" historically low to reduce the Council's exposure to interest rate risk.

Net debt (borrowing less investment) was £265m at the end of the year. The average level of treasury funds available for investment purposes during the year was £166m. The return for the period was 0.87% compared to the recognised benchmark of 0.54% (7 day Libid average for period).

The Council has complied with all treasury management legislative and regulatory requirements

during the period and all transactions were in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy.

Pensions

The City Council is a member of the Avon Pension Fund. The pension liability as at 31 March 2020 is £994m. This represents the value of what the Council owes across future years offset by the value of assets invested in the pension fund. The pension fund is revalued every three years. The 2016 valuation set contribution rates for three years commencing on 1 April 2017. A new triannual valuation took place in 2019 and is effective from 1 April 2020.

The current funding level is an estimated 95.5%. Employers are paying additional contributions over a period of 16 years in order to meet the shortfall.

In March 2020 there was significant volatility in investment markets as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in significant falls in equity and credit markets at the year end. The Fund's investment strategy including an equity protection overlay mitigated some of the impact of lower asset prices. It is difficult to quantify the longer term impact on the investment portfolio given the unknown nature of this shock. In addition to how the pandemic itself will play out, the length and depth of the economic shock and the pace of economic recovery is very uncertain. The asset portfolio is well diversified and this is expected to mitigate against reductions in valuations.

Contingencies

The Council has set aside a provision of £27.5m within the collection fund for any business rates appeals against rateable values in future years. The increase of £0.6m since 2018/19 reflects the on-going fact that the Council, as a business rates retention pilot, has a significantly greater exposure to the risk of business rates appeals, but also recognising that the number of outstanding appeals against the 2010 list is falling. The annual contribution is in line with government recommendations. There were approximately 304 appeals outstanding as at 31 March 2020.

Financial performance

The Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts is set out in the accompanying document; they consist of the following statements that are required to be prepared under the Code of Practice.

The Core Statements are:

- **The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement** – this records all the Council's income and expenditure for the year. The top half of the statement provides an analysis by service area. The bottom half of the statement deals with corporate transactions and funding. Expenditure represents a combination of:
 - Service and activities that the Council is required to carry out by law (statutory duties) such as street cleaning, planning and registration; and
 - Discretionary expenditure focussed on local priorities and needs
- **The Movement in Reserves Statement** is a summary of the changes to our reserves over the course of the year. Reserves are divided into "useable", which can be invested in capital projects or service improvements, and "unusable" which must be set aside for specific purposes. We continually review the money we have in reserves for specific purposes to make sure they are at the right levels, and that our reserves continue to meet our needs.
- **The Balance Sheet** is a 'snap shot' of the council's assets, liabilities, cash balances and reserves at the year-end date.
- **The Cash Flow Statement** shows the reasons for changes in the Council's cash balances during the year, and whether that change is due to operating activities, new investment, or financing activities (such as repayment of borrowing and other long term liabilities).
- **Group Accounts** - the Council is required to produce Group Accounts alongside its own financial statements where it has material interests in subsidiaries, associates and/or joint ventures. The Group Accounts included as part of the Statement of Accounts fully incorporate the results of Bristol Holding Limited, Bristol

Waste Company Limited, Bristol Energy Limited and Goram Homes Limited. Full details of the relationship can be found in the Group Accounts section of the Statement.

- Other entities which fall within the group boundary, but which are not consolidated into the Group Accounts as they are not considered to be material, are detailed within the Related Parties note within the Statement of Accounts.

The Supplementary Financial Statements are:

- **The Housing Revenue Account** – this separately identifies the Council's statutory landlord function as a provider of social housing under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- **The Collection Fund** summarises the collection of Council tax and business rates, and the redistribution of some of that money to Avon Fire Authority, the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner and central government.

The Notes to these financial statements provide more detail about the Council's accounting policies and individual transactions. Our Annual Governance Statement sets out the governance structure of the Council. It summarises the outcome of our review of the Governance Framework that has been in place during 2019/20 and our system of internal control, which is a critical component of our overall governance arrangements.

Denise Murray
Director of Finance
(Section 151 Officer)

Statement of Responsibilities

The Authority'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 Director of Finance;
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets;
- Approve the Statement of Accounts.

The Director of Finance Responsibilities

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

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

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

The Director of Finance has also:

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

Certificate of the Director of Finance

I hereby certify that this Statement of Accounts provides a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of Bristol City Council for the period ending 31 March 2020.

Denise Murray

Denise Murray
Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)
22 March 2021

Independent auditor's report to the members of Bristol City Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

Our opinion on the financial statements is unmodified

We have audited the financial statements of Bristol City Council (the 'Authority') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the HRA Income and Expenditure Statement, the Statement of movement on the HRA balance, the Collection Fund Income and Expenditure Account, the Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account, the Group Movement in Reserves Statement, the Group Consolidated Balance Sheet and 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 2019/20.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Authority as at 31 March 2020 and of the Group's expenditure and income and the Authority's expenditure and income for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

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 for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Group and the Authority 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, 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.

The impact of macro-economic uncertainties on our audit

Our audit of the financial statements requires us to obtain an understanding of all relevant uncertainties, including those arising as a consequence of the effects of macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid-19 and Brexit. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the Director of Finance and the related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the Group's and Authority's future operational arrangements.

Covid-19 and Brexit are amongst the most significant economic events currently faced by the UK, and at the date of this report their effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty, with the full range of possible outcomes and their impacts unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to these uncertainties when assessing the Group's and Authority's future operational arrangements. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for an authority associated with these particular events.


Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Director of Finance's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Director of Finance has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Group's or the Authority's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In our evaluation of the Director of Finance's conclusions, and in accordance with the expectation set out within the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 that the Authority's financial statements shall be prepared on a going concern basis, we considered the risks associated with the Group's and Authority's operating activities, including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid-19 and Brexit. We analysed how those risks might affect the Group's and Authority's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. In accordance with the above, we have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Authority or Group will continue in operation.



Overview of our audit approach

Financial statements audit

- Overall materiality: £14,300,000, which represents 1.14% of the Group's gross expenditure on the cost of services.
- Key audit matters were identified as:
 - Valuation of long-term investments
 - Valuation of land and buildings, including Council Dwellings
 - Valuation of investment properties
 - Valuation of net defined benefit pension liability
- Bristol City Council consolidate their financial statements with those of Bristol Holding Limited, Bristol Waste Company Limited, Bristol Energy Limited and Goram Homes Limited to form the Group. 2019/20 was the first year of consolidation of Goram Homes Limited into the Group. We performed a full scope audit of the Authority and placed reliance on the work of component auditors for other components in the Group.

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

- We identified three significant risks in respect of the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources in respect of financial sustainability, governance arrangements for the Authority's subsidiaries and the joint local area SEND inspection.

(see Report on other legal and regulatory requirements section).

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current year and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified. These matters included those that 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.

Key Audit Matter – Authority

How the matter was addressed in the audit – Authority

Risk 1 Valuation of long-term investments

The Authority holds material long term investments in its balance sheet totalling £42.1m. These include the estimated valuation of the investment in its subsidiary companies and the estimated valuation of an unquoted equity investment.

These investments are by their nature hard to value, and management have estimated their value based on a range of estimation techniques.

We have identified the valuation of the Authority's long term unquoted investments as a significant risk, which was one of the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement and a key audit matter.

Our audit work included, but was not restricted to:

- discussing the valuation techniques adopted with management and obtaining their calculations for the valuation of the unquoted equity investments; and
- engaging internal valuations experts to assess management's estimates in respect of the Authority's unquoted equity investments.

The Authority's accounting policy on fair value measurement is shown in note (ix) to the financial statements and the Authority's accounting policy on interests in companies and other entities is shown in note (xiii). The related disclosures are included in note 23.

Key observations

We obtained sufficient audit evidence to conclude that:

- the basis of the valuation included in the balance sheet was appropriate and the assumptions and processes used by management in determining the estimate were reasonable; and
- the valuation of the long-term investments recognised in the financial statements is reasonable.

Risk 2 Valuation of land and buildings, including Council Dwellings

The Authority revalues its land and buildings on a rolling five-yearly basis. This valuation represents a significant estimate by management in the financial statements due to the size of the numbers involved and the sensitivity of this estimate to changes in key assumptions. At 31 March 2020, the Authority's Council dwellings totalled £1,673.1m, its other land and buildings totalled £639.1m and its surplus assets totalled £42m. All of these values are included in the property, plant and equipment line of the balance sheet.

Additionally, management need to ensure the carrying value in the Authority's financial statements is not materially different from the current value or the fair value (for surplus assets) at the financial statements date.

We therefore identified the valuation of land and buildings including council dwellings as a significant risk, which was one of the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement and a key audit matter.

Our audit work included, but was not restricted to:

- evaluating management's processes and assumptions for the calculation of the estimate, the instructions issued to management's valuation experts and the scope of their work;
- evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Authority's valuation expert;
- discussing with the valuer the basis on which the valuation was carried out;
- tested the key inputs & source data to supporting documentation and challenged the reasonableness of assumptions, including through use of market evidence supplied by our auditor's expert;
- for HRA properties, confirmed the correct valuation methodology and tested a sample of "Beacon" properties to supporting market evidence to ensure that they were appropriate;
- engaging our own valuation expert to assess the reasonableness of the methodology and key assumptions adopted by management;
- testing a sample of revaluations made during the year to determine if they had been input correctly into the Authority's asset register; and
- evaluating the assumptions made by management for those assets not revalued during the year and how management has satisfied themselves that these are not materially different to current value or fair value at year end.

Key Audit Matter – Authority

How the matter was addressed in the audit – Authority

The Authority's accounting policy on the valuation of property, plant and equipment is shown in note (xxi) to the financial statements and related disclosures are included in note 19.

Key observations

As disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, the outbreak of Covid-19 has impacted on global financial markets and as at the valuation date less weight can be attached to previous market evidence to inform opinions of value. Valuations are therefore reported on the basis of "material valuation uncertainty" as per the RICS Red Book Global. Consequently, less certainty and a higher degree of caution should be attached to the valuation.

As a result of our procedures, we identified that management had reduced the valuation of Council Dwellings by £5.1m to reflect the movement in values between the formal valuation performed in October 2019 or prior years and 31 March 2020. We considered relevant indices and market data appropriate for valuations at 31 March 2020 and concluded that this reduction in value was not materially misstated.

We obtained sufficient audit evidence to conclude that:

- the basis of the valuation included in the balance sheet was appropriate and the assumptions and processes used by management in determining the estimate were reasonable; and
- the valuation of land and buildings recognised in the financial statements is reasonable.

Risk 3 Valuation of investment properties

The Authority is required to revalue its investment properties at fair value on an annual basis at 31 March 2020. The valuation totalling £252.6m at 31 March 2020 represents a significant estimate by management in the financial statements due to the size of the numbers involved and the sensitivity of this estimate to changes in key assumptions.

We therefore identified the valuation of investment properties as a significant risk, which was one of the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement and a key audit matter.

Our audit work included, but was not restricted to:

- evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Authority's valuation expert;
- discussing with the valuer the basis on which the valuation was carried out and challenging the information and assumptions used by the valuer to assess completeness and consistency with our understanding;
- engaging our own valuation expert to assess the reasonableness of the assumptions adopted by management; and
- testing a sample of revaluations made during the year to determine if they had been input correctly into the Authority's asset register

The Authority's accounting policy on investment properties is shown in note (xv) to the financial statements and related disclosures are included in note 21.

Key observations

As disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, the outbreak of Covid-19 has impacted on global financial markets and as at the valuation date less weight can be attached to previous market evidence to inform opinions of value. Valuations are therefore reported on the basis of "material valuation uncertainty" as per the RICS Red Book Global. Consequently, less certainty and a higher degree of caution should be attached to the valuation.

Management's valuer undertook a review of property price movements from when the valuations were

Key Audit Matter – Authority

How the matter was addressed in the audit – Authority

performed in September 2019 to the balance sheet date of 31 March 2020.

Management's valuer identified a decrease of £9.5m in investment property prices between the date of valuation and 31 March 2020, however this adjustment was not reflected in the draft financial statements.

Following completion of our audit procedures we were satisfied that the reduction of £9.5m was appropriate and management subsequently processed this adjustment in the final version of the financial statements.

We obtained sufficient audit evidence to conclude that:

- the basis of the valuation included in the balance sheet was appropriate and the assumptions and processes used by management in determining the estimate were reasonable; and
- the valuation of investment properties recognised in the financial statements is reasonable.

Risk 4 Valuation of net defined benefit pension liability

The Authority's pension fund net liability of £993.9m, as reflected in its balance sheet as an other long-term liability, represents a significant estimate in the financial statements.

The pension fund net liability is considered a significant estimate due to the size of the numbers involved and the sensitivity of the estimate to changes in key assumptions.

We therefore identified valuation of the Authority's pension fund net liability as a significant risk, which was one of the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement and a key audit matter.

Our audit work included, but was not restricted to:

- updating our understanding of the processes and controls put in place by management to ensure that the Authority's pension fund net liability is not materially misstated and evaluated the design of the associated controls;
- assessing the competence, capabilities and objectivity of management's actuary;
- assessing the accuracy and completeness of the information provided by the Authority to their actuary;
- undertaking procedures to confirm the reasonableness of the actuarial assumptions made by evaluating the report of the consulting actuary as an auditor's expert and undertaking any follow up procedures as required;
- obtaining evidence from the auditor of the Avon Pension Fund as to the controls surrounding the validity and accuracy of membership data, contributions data and benefits data sent to the actuary by the pension fund and the asset valuation in the pension fund financial statements; and
- testing the consistency of the pension fund asset and liability and disclosures in the notes to the core financial statements with the actuarial report.

The Authority's accounting policy on post employment benefits is shown in note (vii) to the financial statements and related disclosures are included in note 33.

Key observations

As disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, as a result of the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the global financial markets, the valuation of the Pension Fund's property investments is reported on the basis of material valuation uncertainty. At 31 March 2020, the Authority's share of the Pension Fund's property investments was £167m.

Key Audit Matter – Authority

How the matter was addressed in the audit – Authority

Following our audit procedures, we obtained sufficient audit evidence to conclude that:

- the basis of the valuation included in the balance sheet was appropriate and the assumptions and processes used by management in determining the estimate were reasonable; and
- the valuation of the net defined benefit pension liability recognised in the financial statements is reasonable.

Our application of materiality

We define materiality as the magnitude of misstatement in the financial statements that makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable person would be changed or influenced. We use materiality in determining the nature, timing and extent of our audit work and in evaluating the results of that work.

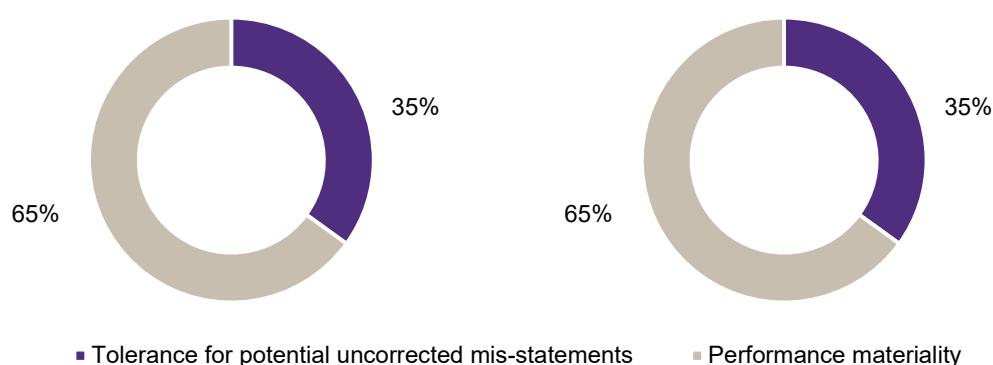
Materiality was determined as follows:

Materiality Measure	Group	Authority
Financial statements as a whole	£14,300,000 which is 1.14% of the Group's gross expenditure on the cost of services. This benchmark is considered the most appropriate because we consider users of the financial statements to be most interested in how the Group has expended its revenue and other funding. Materiality for the current year is lower than the level we determined for the year ended 31 March 2019 to reflect the higher profile of local audit following external reviews such as those led by Sir John Kingman and Sir Tony Redmond.	£13,200,000 which is 1.16% of the Authority's gross expenditure on the cost of services. This benchmark is considered the most appropriate because we consider users of the financial statements to be most interested in how the Authority has expended its revenue and other funding. Materiality for the current year is lower than the level we determined for the year ended 31 March 2019 to reflect the higher profile of local audit following external reviews such as those led by Sir John Kingman and Sir Tony Redmond.
Performance materiality used to drive the extent of our testing	65% of Authority financial statement materiality	65% of Authority financial statement materiality
Communication of misstatements to the Audit Committee	£660,000 and misstatements below that threshold that, in our view, warrant reporting on qualitative grounds.	£660,000 and misstatements below that threshold that, in our view, warrant reporting on qualitative grounds.

The graph below illustrates how performance materiality interacts with our overall materiality and the tolerance for potential uncorrected misstatements.

Overall materiality – Group

Overall materiality – Authority



An overview of the scope of our audit

Our audit approach was a risk-based approach founded on a thorough understanding of the Group's business, and in particular included:

- Evaluation by the Group audit team of identified components to assess the significance of that component and to determine the planned audit response based on a measure of materiality and significance of the component as a percentage of the Group's gross revenue expenditure, income, assets, liabilities and equity;
- Gaining an understanding of and evaluating the Group's internal control environment, including its financial and IT systems and controls;
- Performance of full scope audit procedures for the Authority; and
- Issuing Group instructions to component auditors in respect of their audits of Bristol Holding Limited, Bristol Waste Company Limited, Bristol Energy Limited and Goram Homes Limited for the year ended 31 March 2020 and evaluating the results of their audits to provide us with assurance over the components as Group auditor. We confirmed the appropriateness of the consolidation calculations and intra-group eliminations.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error; and to respond appropriately to those risks. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud, including irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Authority and the Group and sectors in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant:
 - the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
 - the Local Government Finance Act 1988
 - the Local Government Act 2003.
- We understood how the Authority and the Group is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the Authority's legal team and internal auditors. We corroborated our inquiries through our inspection of papers provided to the Audit Committee and minutes from the meetings.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Authority's and Group's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the Group engagement team and component auditors included:
 - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence by management over the financial reporting process;
 - challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its significant accounting estimates, such as the assumptions relating to the valuation of property, plant and equipment and the assumptions applied to the estimation of the net defined benefit pension liability; and
 - identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted which we deemed to be unusual.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations identified at Group level to the component auditors and both the Group engagement team and component auditors performed the audit procedures as above. Any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations were communicated by/to components and considered in our audit approach, if applicable. None were reported.

We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud.

Other information

The Director of Finance is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Statement of Accounts other than the Authority and Group financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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 of the Group and Authority 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.

Other information we are required to report on by exception under the Code of Audit Practice

Under the Code of Audit Practice published by the National Audit Office on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (the Code of Audit Practice) we are required to consider whether the Annual Governance Statement does not comply with the 'delivering good governance in Local Government Framework 2016 Edition' published by CIPFA and SOLACE or is misleading or inconsistent with the information of which we are aware from our audit. We are not required to consider whether the Annual Governance Statement addresses all risks and controls or that risks are satisfactorily addressed by internal controls.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter required by the Code of Audit Practice

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit of the financial statements and our knowledge of the Authority gained through our work in relation to the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, the other information published together with the financial statements in the Statement of Accounts for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Code of Audit Practice, we are required to report to you if:

- we issue a report in the public interest under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in the course of, or at the conclusion of the audit; or
- we make a written recommendation to the Authority under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in the course of, or at the conclusion of the audit; or
- we make an application to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in the course of, or at the conclusion of the audit; or;
- we issue an advisory notice under Section 29 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in the course of, or at the conclusion of the audit; or
- we make an application for judicial review under Section 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, in the course of, or at the conclusion of the audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of the above matters.

Responsibilities of the Authority, the Director of Finance and Those Charged with Governance for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Authority is required to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this authority, that officer is the Director of Finance. The Director of Finance 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 2019/20, for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Director of Finance determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Director of Finance is responsible for assessing the Group's and the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless there is an intention by government that the services provided by the Authority will no longer be provided.

The Audit Committee is Those Charged with Governance. Those Charged with Governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

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.

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.

Other matters which we are required to address

We were appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited in December 2017 to audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2019 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement is 2 years, covering the years ending 31 March 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Authority or its subsidiaries and we remain independent of the Authority and the Group in conducting our audit.

Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements – Conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources

Qualified conclusion

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance on the specified criterion issued by the Comptroller & Auditor General in April 2020, except for the effects of the matters described in the basis for qualified conclusion section of our report we are satisfied that, in all significant respects Bristol City Council put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Basis for qualified conclusion

In considering the Authority's arrangements for securing efficiency, economy and effectiveness, we identified the following matters:

There were weaknesses in the Authority's governance arrangements for its subsidiary companies. In particular, the Authority did not have adequate arrangements for communicating:

- key inputs to Cabinet from the Shareholder Group and Bristol Holding Limited; and
- outcomes of scrutiny from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of Bristol Energy Limited.

This reporting was important because the complex nature of the energy industry, and the specialist knowledge and expertise required, needed to be properly taken into account in supporting Cabinet's decision-making. As a result, the information and papers provided at the January 2020 Cabinet did not clearly state the risks faced by Bristol Energy Limited or provide sufficient robust information to enable Cabinet to make an informed decision about the approval of its business plan.

These matters are evidence of weaknesses in proper arrangements for:

- acting in the public interest, through demonstrating and applying the principles and values of sound governance; and
- managing risks effectively and maintaining a sound system of internal control.

Significant risks

Under the Code of Audit Practice, we are required to report on how our work addressed the significant risks we identified in forming our conclusion on the adequacy of the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. Significant risks are those risks that in our view had the potential to cause us to reach an inappropriate conclusion on the audited body's arrangements. The table below sets out the significant risks we have identified. These significant risks were addressed in the context of our conclusion on the Authority's arrangements as a whole, and in forming our conclusion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these risks.

Significant risks forming part of our qualified conclusion	How the matter was addressed in the audit
Risk 1 Governance arrangements for the Authority's subsidiaries The Authority made changes to the governance arrangements in place over its subsidiary companies in 2019/20. In year, there was also a deterioration in the financial performance of one of its subsidiaries, Bristol Energy Limited. There was a risk that the governance arrangements in place were not adequate to enable informed decisions to be taken, which could lead to financial loss for the Authority.	Our audit work included, but was not restricted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• inspection of key Board and committee minutes and papers;• discussion with relevant key officers and stakeholders; and• consideration of key decisions in year and the documentation and evidence to support these. Key findings We have qualified our conclusion in respect of this risk, as set out in the basis of qualified conclusion section of the report.

Significant risks not forming part of our qualified conclusion

How the matter was addressed in the audit

Risk 2 Financial sustainability

The Authority needs to ensure that its financial plans and the assumptions that underpin them remain realistic and sustainable.

If they are not, there is a risk that the Authority does not deliver balanced budgets in the short to medium term and that the Authority's resource deployment is not sustainable.

Our audit work included, but was not restricted to:

- critically assessed the Authority's revenue outturn position, including the balance between recurrent and non-recurrent steps taken in delivering the outturn;
- assessing the arrangements for monitoring and managing delivery of budget and savings plans for 2019/20;
- evaluating the Authority's arrangements for developing and agreeing its 2020/21 budget and updated medium term financial plan, including the identification of savings plans, and considering the level of risk associated with these plans;
- considering the impact of Covid-19 on 2020/21 financial plans;
- assessing the adequacy of the Authority's reserves; and
- evaluating the Authority's capital planning and reporting arrangements and considering how these link to the Authority's growth and regeneration plans.

Key findings

We evaluated the Authority's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and considered that the assumptions that underpin it were realistic. The MTFP identifies balanced budgets in the short to medium term. The Authority's reserves at 31 March 2020 of £101.4m are equivalent to 25% of the agreed net revenue budget for 2020/21 and hence provide evidence of the medium term sustainability of the Authority.

Risk 3 Joint local area SEND inspection

In November 2019 the Authority received a letter setting out the findings of a joint Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of their special educational needs and disabilities services (SEND). As a result of the findings of this inspection, and in accordance with the Children Act 2004 Regulations 2014, the inspectorate determined that a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) was required because of significant areas of weakness in the local area's practice.

The Authority need to ensure that the recommendations raised are responded to appropriately and implement adequate governance arrangements.

Our audit work included, but was not restricted to:

- considering the Authority's progress against the recommendations, including the submission of the WSoA; and
- assessing the progress against agreed actions and the reporting of this progress to relevant stakeholders.

Key findings

The recommendations were responded to in the Authority's WSoA which was agreed as appropriate by Ofsted in March 2020. This has been published on the Authority's website. The WSoA acknowledges that it will take some time to improve the Authority's arrangements, and that progress will be monitored by the SEND Improvement Board which we consider reasonable.

Responsibilities of the Authority

The Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for securing 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 the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources

We are required under Section 20(1)(c) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to be satisfied that the Authority 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 Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

We have undertaken our review in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance on the specified criterion issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in April 2020, as to whether in all significant respects, the Authority had proper arrangements to ensure it took properly informed decisions and deployed resources to achieve planned and sustainable outcomes for taxpayers and local people. The Comptroller and Auditor General determined this criterion as that necessary for us to consider under the Code of Audit Practice in satisfying ourselves whether the Authority put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2020.

We planned our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. Based on our risk assessment, we undertook such work as we considered necessary to be satisfied that the Authority has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements - Delay in certification of completion of the audit

We cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice until we have completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement for the Authority for the year ended 31 March 2020. We are satisfied that this work does not have a material effect on the financial statements or on our conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2020.

We cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate for the Authority for the year ended 31 March 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice until we have completed our consideration of an objection brought to our attention by a local authority elector under Section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. We are satisfied that this matter does not have a material effect on the financial statements or on our conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the members of the Authority, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and as set out in paragraph 43 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 Authority's members 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 Authority and the Authority's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

JD Roberts

Jon Roberts, Key Audit Partner

for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Local Auditor

Bristol

4 May 2021



Annual Governance Statement 2019-20



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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Like all local authorities, Bristol City Council is responsible for ensuring that:
- business is conducted in accordance with all relevant laws and regulations
 - public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for
 - resources are used economically, efficiently and effectively to deliver agreed priorities and benefit local people.
- 1.2 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy /Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (CIPFA/SoLACE) Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework (2016) also expects local authorities to put in place proper governance arrangements to ensure that these responsibilities are being met.
- 1.3 Bristol City Council has approved and adopted a Code of Corporate Governance (Code) which was approved by the Audit Committee in January 2018. The Code is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/ SoLACE Framework and will be subject to a detailed review in 2020/21.
- 1.4 This Annual Governance Statement (AGS) explains how well the Council has complied with the Code and provides an overview of how the Council's governance arrangements have operated during 2019/20 and up to the date it is signed. It also meets the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, which require the Council to publish an AGS in accordance with proper practice in relation to internal control.
- 1.5 We also have a duty to continually review and improve the way we work. This statement captures governance improvements we have made during the year and also identifies arrangements that require improvement going forward.



2 Conclusions and Statement of Commitment

2.1 Good governance is about ensuring that an organisation is effectively and properly run. It is the means by which the Council shows it is taking decisions for the good of the people of Bristol, in an inclusive and open way. It requires standards of behaviour that support good decision making, collective responsibility, individual integrity, openness and honesty. It is fundamental to showing that public money is well spent, as without good governance the Council will struggle to improve services and deliver its objectives.

2.2 The Council has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of the governance arrangements including the system of internal control. From the review, self-assessments, work undertaken and on-going monitoring supported by the work of Internal Audit, to the best of our knowledge, the governance arrangements are generally working as expected. However, we do recognise that in some key areas additional focus is required to improve our approach to ensure the arrangements are fully fit for purpose. These areas are identified in section 7 of this statement together with actions we are taking to address them.

2.3 In addition, while it is encouraging to see the positive trajectory created by the improvement journey we started last year, we acknowledge the 'limited

assurance' opinion provided by the Chief Internal Auditor in the 2019/20 Internal Audit Annual Report and recognise the improvements required in some key operational areas. This opinion reflected that 47% of the internal audit reviews completed during the period under review had a limited assurance opinion and identified some control weaknesses that present risk to the Council. We are committed to ensuring that appropriate remedial actions are taken to address the issues identified that have resulted in this opinion over the past few years. Consequently, we will undertake further detailed root cause analysis work to enable evidence based problem solving that focuses on core systems and processes. Collectively we are clear that the governance, risk and internal control improvements do not simply rest on the individuals party to this statement but the organisation as a whole and therefore require the action plan outlined in this statement to be translated into clear, aligned, agreed actions, collectively owned by the leadership team and proactively monitored with a view to successful outcomes as opposed to merely implementation. As such, we will monitor the implementation of the improvement action plans through regular updates to the Corporate Leadership Team and report to the Audit Committee.

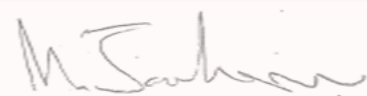
Signed:
Marvin Rees

Elected Mayor of Bristol



Signed:
Mike Jackson

Chief Executive



Signed:
Denise Murray

Director of Finance



Signed:
Tim O'Gara

Monitoring Officer



3. Governance Framework and Principles

- 3.1 The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, culture and values by which the authority is directed and controlled and the activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community.
- 3.2 The approach to governance takes account of the environment in which the Council now operates; its aim is to ensure that resources are directed in accordance with agreed policy and according to priorities, that there is sound and inclusive decision making and that there is clear accountability for the use of those resources in order to achieve desired outcomes for service users and communities.
- 3.3 The Council's constitution is updated throughout the year and sets out how the Council operates. It states what matters are reserved for decision by the whole Council, the responsibilities of the Cabinet and the matters reserved for collective and individual decision, and the powers delegated to panels, committees and community councils. Decision-making powers not reserved for the Mayor and / or councillors are delegated to chief officers and heads of service. The Monitoring Officer ensures that all decisions made are legal and support the audit and value and ethics committees in promoting high standards of conduct amongst members.
- 3.4 All Council Members have an important role to play in representing their constituents, as well as acting together as the Council. Officers serve the Council as a corporate body rather than any political group, combination of groups or individual member. Members and Officers should work in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Members determine the Council's policies and Officers are responsible for implementing decisions taken by

Committees & Boards:

Scrutiny Commissions:	Regulatory Committees:	Other Committees:	Partnership Boards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (and call in sub committee) Communities Resources People (including Health sub committee) Growth & Regeneration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Control Licensing Public Rights of Way & Green Space Public Safety & Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit (including a Values and Ethics Sub Committee) HR Selection Committee Appeals Committee Corporate Parenting Panel Women's Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bristol Homes* Bristol Schools Forum Economy Board* Health and Wellbeing* Learning City* Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership Transport Board* WECA Committee (including their own Scrutiny and Audit Committee) WOE Joint Committee

*One City Board

the Council, Mayor, Cabinet and/or the appropriate committee as well as taking decisions delegated to them under the Scheme of Delegation. Committees review and scrutinise decisions, they cannot start or stop executive action but can challenge reasonably, holding members and officers to account. In discharging these duties all parties should act in an open, honest and transparent manner. The Council must seek to ensure that the highest standards are met and that governance arrangements are not only sound but are seen to be sound.

3.5 Legislation requires that certain functions be exercised by a 'proper officer'. The functions of the **Mayor, Executive, Head of Paid Service, Chief Financial Officer (s151 Officer), Monitoring Officer and the Statutory Scrutiny officer** are outlined in the Council's constitution.

3.6 The **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board** and its scrutiny commissions scrutinise decisions made by the Cabinet, and those delegated to officers, and review services provided by the Council and its partners. The scrutiny officer promotes and supports the Council's scrutiny functions.

3.7 In January 2019 the **One City Structure** was formally launched. The purpose of this is to support delivery of the **One City Plan** and enable cross sector engagement with a wide range of city partners. The structure includes 6 informal One City Partnership boards: health, learning, homes, transport, environment and economy and the Bristol Climate Advisory Committee on Climate Change. In June 2020 it was announced that a One City culture board and a children's board are also being established. None of the newly created boards have formal decision making authority; any decisions to be made (such as the adoption of policy) are to be taken in accordance with each city partner's own decision making processes;

with the exception of the Homes, Learning and Health & Wellbeing boards which have delegated authority as set out in the Council's constitution. This authority pre-dates One City.

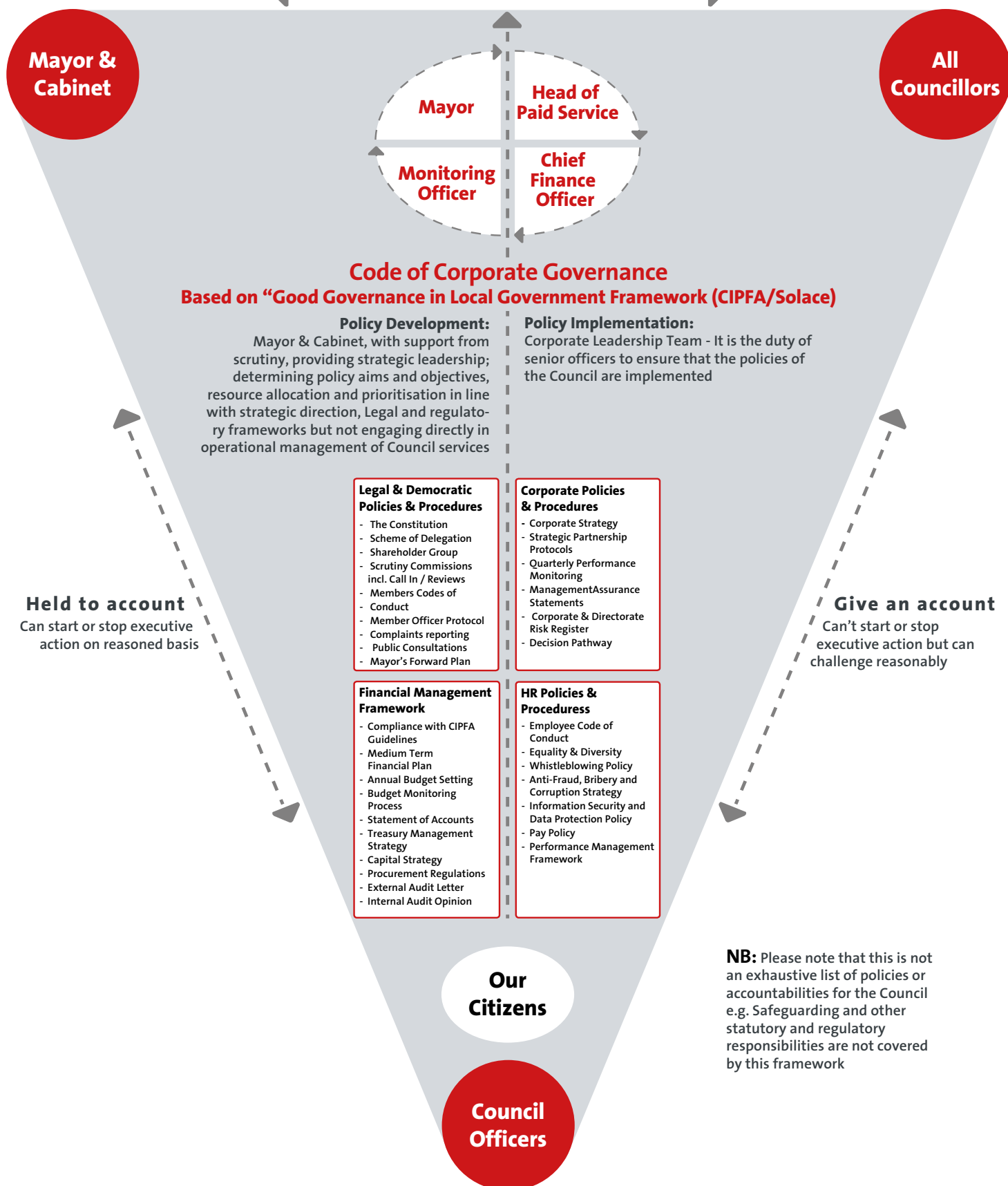
3.8 The **West of England Combined Authority (WECA)** is a separate legal entity, made up of three local authorities and West of England elected Mayor, working in partnership to deliver the region's transport, housing, adult education and skills and wider economic growth. Scrutiny and Audit Committees have been established to scrutinise and hold to account the Combined Authority and West of England Mayor. Decision making timetables between WECA/Joint Committee and the Council have been aligned with the Council's own decision pathway.

3.9 **Council Owned Companies:** The Council wholly owns Bristol Holding Limited which is the parent company of Bristol Waste Company, Bristol Energy and Goram Homes. Part of the group's governance arrangement includes a shareholder advisory group that maintains oversight of performance of the companies and external and internal audit assurance arrangements. Council has representation on company boards and an active Group Audit and Risk Committee is in place that oversees governance, risk management and internal control. In addition, following acquisition of shares from the University of Bristol, the Council is now the sole shareholder in Bristol is Open Ltd – an ICT research and development company. In June 2020 a proposal that it is reduced to an inactive company and the company's existing commitments (including the development of the extension of the current city network to the south of Bristol) are absorbed in to the Council was approved by Cabinet.

Accountability within the Governance Framework

O&S Management Board and Audit Committee

Accountability



NB: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of policies or accountabilities for the Council e.g. Safeguarding and other statutory and regulatory responsibilities are not covered by this framework

4. Governance Improvements We Have Made

4.1 Good corporate governance requires local authorities to carry out their functions in a way that demonstrates accountability, transparency, effectiveness, integrity and inclusion. The Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance sets out the

framework by which the Council will meet that commitment. The Code is based upon the seven core principles in the table below. During 2019/20, the Council has continued to review and strengthen many aspects of its governance arrangements.

The table below provides examples of some of the improvements achieved:

CIPFA /SoLACE Principle	Improvements Made
<p>A. Behaving with integrity, demonstrating commitment to ethical values and respecting the rule of law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Code of Conduct and the Member Officer Protocol have been refreshed and updated with additional guidance for Members. A programme of staff training on the Member Officer protocol has taken place with over 200 participants to date. • A comprehensive Member Development Programme has been developed in 2019/20. Delivery has been postponed until May 2021 in view of new date of elections. • Whistleblowing arrangements have been reviewed and changed with a view to enhancing confidence in investigation and reporting. The key changes include the responsibility for managing whistleblowing arrangements changing from HR to Internal Audit and the creation of a whistleblowing hotline. In addition the whistleblowing procedure has been updated with regular updates to staff. Arrangements are in place for regular reporting to Corporate Leadership Board and Audit Committee. • The Information Governance Board has provided focus for monitoring improvements in information governance. Implementation of an information security management system has commenced.

Examples of some of the improvements achieved:

CIPFA /SoLACE Principle	Improvements Made
<p>B. Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A City Office and City Boards have been developed to support delivery of the One City Plan. • A refresh of the Council's Partnerships Policy has been drafted and a template partnership Memorandum of Understanding developed; including signing formal MoU with the University of Bristol. • An updated Communications Strategy was approved and implemented, with a complementary Consultation and Engagement Strategy drafted. • The Forward Plan has improved through the provision of more detail of decisions to be taken by Cabinet over the course of the whole year. • The Scrutiny Work Programme review has been completed through workshops and agenda planning with chairs and committees to identify key areas for scrutiny work and different types of scrutiny that will be undertaken by task and finish groups or scrutiny commissions.
<p>C. Defining outcome in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a refresh of the Social Value policy (January 2019) a social value toolkit was developed in association with the Social Value Portal, city partners, councillors and other organisations. It seeks to ensure processes used to award funding or contracts recognise the added value the receiving organisation will make to Bristol, help organisations ensure social value is part of their procurement/bidding process and social value activity is measured and reported. • Completed voluntary local review of implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, mapping these against key strategies and launching an online City Dashboard.

Examples of some of the improvements achieved:

CIPFA /SoLACE Principle	Improvements Made
<p>D. Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Chief Executive was introduced to give a focal point of accountability and leadership. • Implementation of risk assessment in support of service planning. • Development of the Capital Strategy 2020/21 – 2024/25 sets out how capital investment will play its part in delivering the ambitious long term strategic objectives of the Council. • Completed a Corporate Business Intelligence Review to inform development of Information Management and Digital Transformation strategies which will improve our use of information and data. • Commissioned independent support and facilitation around equality and inclusion practice, receiving recommendations around improving practice and developing a new suite of actions to improve and accelerate outcomes.
<p>E. Developing capacity including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run leadership development programmes – including Directors Development Programme looking at systems leadership, cultural intelligence and action learning; piloting a systems leadership development programme for third tier managers; Bristol Leads – agile project management programme, training for new managers and Stepping Up programme (which seeks to improve diversity in city leadership). • The Organisational Improvement Plan which outlines our transformation journey and commitment to culture and leadership had after one year 87% of the actions complete. The plan is currently being refreshed to take account of emerging priorities. • Over 800 staff have attended mental health training, including 700 mental health first aiders and managers. • The approach to recruitment has been refreshed and recruitment training has been delivered to support managers in effective recruitment practice. • 800 hiring managers have undertaken a refresher on recruitment and selection training which focuses on unconscious bias. • Our annual staff survey collects feedback on the effectiveness of the leadership team – and actions taken as a result include increased visibility through staff engagement sessions, webinars, celebrating success bulletins and weekly blogs and videos.

Examples of some of the improvements achieved:

CIPFA /SoLACE Principle	Improvements Made
F. Managing risk and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Capital Investment Board (CIB) chaired by the Chief Executive has been established and leads on the development and maintenance of the Capital Strategy. The board has an oversight and stewardship role for the delivery of the Council's capital expenditure. • Financial and Procurement regulations have been reviewed to provide greater clarity around delegations and best practice approach. • Strategic partner support has been procured to enhance capacity in procurement and improve contract management.
G. Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting and audit to deliver effective accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint exercise between management and Internal Audit has resulted in 76% of outstanding agreed action being closed. • At company level, Bristol Holding Ltd which oversees the delivery of the company's business plans, provides strategic alignment and the 'golden thread' between the companies and the Council was reconstituted in September 2019 under the leadership of an Executive Chair. The board has formed an Audit and Risk Committee for the group, which consolidates the functions previously undertaken by the separate Bristol Energy and Bristol Waste Audit and Risk Committees. As this committee develops it will provide strengthened oversight of governance, risk management and internal control arrangements across the group of companies going forward. The Council will obtain regular assurance that company governance arrangements are effective. • Introduced new suite of more accessibly designed performance products online; including annual target setting document and brochure detailing progress against annual Business Plan.

5. Impact of Covid-19 on our Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 For the majority of the year 2019/20 governance arrangements were as described in the Code of Governance and the framework detailed above. However during March 2020, the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) started to significantly impact the UK and required a change in the way that governance structures operated to facilitate an appropriate response.
- 5.2 A major incident was declared and the Council focused on health response to the pandemic, business continuity and crisis management, directors needed to be in a position to make effective and swift decisions and complete transactions in an environment of limited access to original documents and information. UK regulatory guidance was revised at pace and as such the evolving Covid-19 situation posed some practical challenges in terms of governance, transaction execution and statutory compliance commitments and heightened risk of fraud.
- 5.3 Examples of changes to the governance arrangements included the following:
- Elections due in May 2020 were postponed until May 2021 in line with government direction.
 - Virtual meetings of Cabinet and committees were introduced as soon as possible after the secondary legislation to permit this was approved. Some meetings, for a short period prior to the legislation and technological support, were postponed.
 - The Council moved to Gold Command and Control arrangements and streamlined their decision-making processes in order to respond quickly and effectively to situations as they arose.
 - The Council's constitution and scheme of delegation for finance already provided for the Head of Paid Service or Section 151 Officer in consultation with Mayor or Deputy Mayor for Finance, Governance and Performance to make decisions on amounts up to £2m on matters requiring immediate action or in an emergency. Cabinet approved an extension and expansion of existing emergency decision making powers to enable urgent decisions to be made with retrospective reporting to the Mayor and relevant Executive Member. This included incorporating emergency funding received into the Council's budget.
 - A number of our policies and procedures were amended to ensure that communities, business and individuals were supported through the pandemic. Examples include:
 - Extending the Local Crisis Prevention Fund policy
 - Introducing greater flexibility in procurement and contracting protocols
 - Accelerating payment times to support suppliers and providers
 - Relaxation of end stage debt collection measures

- A Trust and Protect Policy to balance expedience of support payments and the need for prepayment entitlement and fraud checking
- Relaxing of sickness absence policy trigger points in relation to absence due to Covid-19, support to individuals with care responsibilities, introduction of a casual worker retention scheme
- Facilitation of homeworking on a larger scale than previously
- A streamlined approach to equalities impact assessments.

5.4 A Covid-19 specific risk register was maintained to manage risks of operational response delivery. Additionally the Corporate external / contingency risk BCCC3: COVID-19 reflects the positive

action and pace of change the Council has adapted to delivering its services. This risk is being overseen in line with the regular reporting to the Corporate Leadership Team.

5.5 The appropriateness of the Council's response will continue to be monitored throughout 2020/21 along with the appropriate time to exit these arrangements, revise current policies or re-establish standard regulatory protocols. The Covid-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the Council, its finances and our residents, requiring us to review the way we deliver services and explore opportunities for new service delivery models in order to meet the needs of our residents. Modelling new ways of working as we exit emergency response measures is currently underway and will draw on the lessons we have learned during this time.



6. Review of Effectiveness

6.1 The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the senior managers within the Council who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the Chief Internal Auditor's annual report, and by comments made by the external auditors and other review agencies and inspectorates.

First Line Assurances – Management Self Assurance

6.2 **Bristol City Council Management:** An annual management self-assurance statement signed by Executive Directors, Service Directors and Heads of Service confirming that the Code of Conduct, financial standing orders and financial regulations and other corporate governance processes have operated as intended within their directorates and service areas throughout the year was completed in April 2020.

Whilst this review did not identify any significant governance failings, a number of operational improvements were identified relating to mandatory training, organisational improvement plan, risk management, health and safety plans, information security, key performance indicators, capital programme delivery, commercialisation readiness, procurement and contracts and project management. These issues are also reflected in the Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Report for 2019/20 and will form part of the internal audit work programme for 2020/21. Section 8 of this statement provides further details about these operational matters.

6.3 **Council Companies Assurance:** Assurance statements based on the model used by Council managers have been completed by senior executives from Bristol Waste, Goram Homes, Bristol Energy and Bristol Holding. As the parent company with responsibility for overseeing the subsidiary companies, Bristol Holding reviewed the assurance statements from the three companies and their own assessment and provided an overall assessment of the group. Governance arrangements relating to the companies continue to evolve and Bristol Holding Ltd reported that there are improvements in the risk management and control arrangements across the Council group of companies. The statement noted the dramatic change in the external economic and social environment in which Bristol Energy operates arising primarily from rapid changes in commodity prices followed immediately by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic towards the end of the financial year. This required a significant shift of resources within BHL to support those areas at highest risk. Subsequently a decision was taken by Cabinet on 2 June 2020 to progress the sale of the business and or assets of Bristol Energy and should this be realised, it will have an impact on the financial position of the group.

Second Line Assurances – Oversight and Monitoring Functions Assurance

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- 6.4 The Council's **Monitoring Officer** has legal responsibility to look into matters of potential unlawfulness and has confirmed that there has not been the need to make a report concerning any proposal, decision or omission, that would give rise to unlawfulness or maladministration during the year. Decisions have been made in accordance with the relevant policy framework. The Monitoring Officer has oversight of decisions through the decision pathway and the legal service is consulted on the legal implications of all reports.
- 6.5 The Council's **Director of Finance** has confirmed she has not had to take any formal actions in her role as Section 151 Officer. Additionally, a review against CIPFA's Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (the Statement) in 2016 concluded that the CFO met the responsibilities of the Senior Finance Officer in full. She reports directly to the Chief Executive and is a member of the Council's Corporate Leadership Board. The CFO influences all material business decisions and oversees corporate governance arrangements, the audit and risk management framework and the annual budget strategy and planning processes. The Council's financial management arrangements conform to the governance requirements of the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government.
- 6.6 In October 2019, CIPFA issued a Financial Management (FM) Code designed to support good and sustainable financial management throughout the full financial cycle of financial planning, budget setting, in-year monitoring and reporting and statutory reporting. The first full year of compliance will be 2021/22. In respect of financial planning, the Council can demonstrate it is already on the journey to full compliance. We will continue to assess our compliance with the Code at each stage in the 2020/21 financial cycle, will monitor any changes applicable as a result of COVID-19 and take the necessary steps to demonstrate sustainability, resilience and ensure the Council's readiness for full compliance from 2021/22.
- 6.7 Assurances sought from the **Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO)** in consultation with the **Statutory Data Protection Officer** confirm that an Information Governance Board is in place and working to oversee information governance arrangements. Areas of improvement have been identified and the Information Governance service will implement a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) phase 2 project to strengthen compliance across the Council. The Information Governance Board is monitoring progress to enhance arrangements in these areas.
- 6.8 Assurances sought from the **Director of Workforce and Change** confirm that a senior leadership structure is in place and an Organisational Improvement Plan, aligned to the corporate strategy, is in place which sets out how we aim to create the conditions for everyone to perform at their best. Progress is routinely reviewed by HR Committee. Management information is available for all levels of the organisation and allows for data driven decision making. A programme of leadership development is also in place.
- 6.9 **A Corporate Performance Framework including a wide range of Key Performance Indicators** is in place to monitor achievement of SMART targets set by the Council against its Corporate Objectives. **Performance Monitoring Reports** are prepared and reported quarterly to

monitor achievement of these – with a framework which ensures visibility of performance issues at all levels of senior management meetings, all Scrutiny forums and at Cabinet; enabling discussion and exploration of reasons for any under-performance. Quarter 4 reports for 2019/20 highlight that a significant number of our key performance indicators have not been met, and the 2020/21 framework has been adapted to provide clarity on which of these measures are the Council's sole responsibility, and which are city-wide measures over which the Council has only partial influence.

6.10 **Corporate Risk Reports** are produced each quarter and reviewed by the Corporate Leadership Board and Cabinet to ensure that risks are understood and managed effectively.

6.11 **The Programme Management Office** has a key role to play in overseeing the delivery of priority projects and programmes and also in monitoring the extent to which savings are delivered.

6.12 **The Council's Audit Committee** holds responsibility for oversight of the Council's governance arrangements and reports annually to Full Council on the results of their work. Matters highlighted by them during the year are reflected in the significant governance issues below.

Third Line 'Independent' Assurance, External Inspection and Review Functions

6.13 The Council's **External Auditors** independently audit the Council to provide an opinion on the truth and fairness of the financial statements, the Council's use of resources and provide a value for money judgement. Whilst their audit of 2018/19 accounts was delayed (for reasons relating

to complexity of the organisation and post balance sheet events (in relation to Bristol Energy and Covid-19), they have now finalised their work and issued an unqualified opinion on the accounts and value for money.

6.14 Consistent with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, the **Chief Internal Auditor's** annual report provides an opinion to members on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control systems and on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's risk management, control and governance process. The Chief Internal Auditor's opinion was that limited assurance can be provided that governance, risk management and internal control arrangements were in place and operating effectively. Despite this opinion being similar to the previous year, the Chief Internal Auditor has also reported that a positive trajectory to improvement is starting to emerge due to increased collaboration between Internal Audit and management and emphasised the need to ensure that the arrangements for monitoring and reporting of agreed management actions are embedded across the Council as part of performance management.

6.15 An **Ofsted and Care Quality Commission** review of Bristol's approach to implementing the **Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)** reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 concluded that a Written Statement of Action was required to address five areas of significant weakness in Bristol's practice:

- The lack of accountability of leaders at all levels, including school leaders
- Inconsistencies in the timeliness/ effectiveness of arrangements for the identification and assessment of children and young people with SEND

- The dysfunctional Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process, and inadequate quality of EHCPs
- The underachievement and lack of inclusion of children and young people with SEND, including the high rates of persistent absenteeism and fixed-term exclusions
- The fractured relationships with parents and carers, lack of co-production and variable engagement and collaboration.

6.16 As part of the Council's ongoing improvement journey around **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** which started in 2016, the Council commissioned further independent support and facilitation services to help address allegations of institutional racism. A report recently issued has concluded that the Council's high aspirations around equality, diversity and inclusion have not been adequately reflected in practice; but added that structural racism is present in nearly all major organisations and is an issue for all local authorities. The Council has acknowledged that institutional racism is a serious issue which affects outcomes for Black, Asian and minority ethnic colleagues and has made race equality a 'high priority / high ambition' status via the Corporate Leadership Board decision. A report was considered by Cabinet on 14 July 2020 which included a series of actions, interventions and changes to address racism issues.

6.17 The **Local Government Association (LGA)** visited Bristol to provide an external perspective to inform the Council's action planning arising from the Corporate Peer Challenge in September 2018. At that time the LGA had made a number of observations and in January 2019, the Council agreed an action plan of improvement. Their review in September 2019 concluded that significant progress has been made towards delivery of all actions outlined in the action plan with 27 out of the agreed 38 actions reporting as complete with 11 in progress. A further review is due in autumn 2020.

6.18 **OFSTED** has inspected two Bristol City Council maintained schools. One school was judged to be good, one judged to be requiring improvement.

6.19 **OFSTED** has inspected five Bristol City Council children's homes. Two of the homes were judged to be requiring improvement.

6.20 There have been three inspections by the **Care Quality Commission** of adult social care in-house services, all of which were judged to be good.

6.21 The General Registrar's Office inspection resulted in the highest level of assurance that could be provided.

7. Significant Governance Issues

7.1 In concluding the review of effectiveness, four significant issues have been identified that require focussed attention going forward. The actions being taken to effectively manage these issues are detailed in the table below:

Significant Governance - 2019/20:

Item	Issue	Key Actions
1	Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid 19 has had a significant and long term impact on delivery of our objectives and has presented challenges regarding financial sustainability. Suspension of many of our revenue sourcing operations and the additional expenditure incurred in responding to the crisis if not fully funded by government for 2020/21 and beyond will see a significant re-assessment of short and medium term delivery and financial plans and remodelling of operating models moving forward. • A review will be undertaken around the lessons to be learned from our response to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the identification of any improvement actions. • A One City Economic Recovery Statement of Intent has been agreed with City Partners. • A Local Outbreak Management Plan has been developed, a local Health Protection Committee and a Local Engagement Board have been established • A Recovery Overview and Coordination Cell and associated Board has been established. <p>Responsible Officer: Chief Executive</p>
2	Bristol Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are associated risks in terms of future sustainability of small energy companies operating in the current climate. The energy market is uncertain due to fuel price volatility, seasonal patterns and weather risks and more recently COVID-19. These could have a significant impact on governance in relation to the Council's accounts, any requirements for unbudgeted funding to resolve the issues and overseeing this position could result in diversion of resources. These risks remain even post the decision by Cabinet to progress the sale of the business and or assets of Bristol Energy and could affect the ability to achieve a true and fair value for the business and or assets. • The Council is working with Bristol Holding and Bristol Energy boards to ensure that all options for an effective sale of business or assets are being considered and progressed. <p>Responsible Officer: Chief Executive</p>

Significant Governance - 2019/20:

Item	Issue	Key Actions
3	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	<p>A programme of actions and improvements are being implemented through 2020/21 and ongoing to address the significant issues identified in relation to SEND (referred to in paragraph 6.15 above):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written statement of action (WSOA) was submitted and approved by Ofsted in March 2020. This statement of action sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our vision for improvement and the values that will drive the required change; • The governance structure to provide strategic oversight of improvements; • The high priority actions planned to address the weaknesses identified by inspectors and to work towards continuous improvement with the milestones to be achieved at the end of each 4 month period: • The local area will have a full re-visit about 18 months after the inspection to see how effectively local leaders have addressed the serious weaknesses identified. Given our very low starting point, we know that it will take longer than 18 months to fully achieve our ambitions and meet our obligations under the SEND Code of Practice. The WSoA is the start of our improvement journey and describes what we believe is realistically achievable over the next 18 months. Our aspiration is far greater than many of the relatively short-term targets set out in this WSoA and subsequent plans will reflect that. <p>Each of the priority areas for improvement identified in this WSoA is being delivered through a detailed action plan with operational oversight by the SEND Partnership Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional resources have been secured to develop and deliver the necessary changes in the SEND system. They have provided increased capacity within key services. • Performance of EHCP statutory processes is monitored weekly at director level, and bi-monthly at Executive Director level. • DfE and NHS England advisors carry out quarterly monitoring visits to check on progress and report back to DfE. <p>In addition to regular management assurance, an Internal Audit review in relation to statutory processes will be undertaken as part of the 2020/21 audit plan..</p> <p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director, People</p>

Significant Governance - 2019/20:

Item	Issue	Key Actions
4	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action plan 'Advancing Equality and Inclusion: new actions for 2020/21' was approved by Cabinet on 14 July 2020 which builds on work previously completed and identifies a number of new actions which will support equality, diversity and inclusion. The actions will be embedded across the Council's business in policies, strategies and leadership that drive change in operational practice to make sure that equality, diversity and inclusion is a central part of everyone's business. • Funding to support actions in the plan has been allocated. <p>Responsible Officer: Chief Executive</p>

7.2 The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 - Progress Update covering significant governance issues identified in the previous year was presented to the Audit Committee in May 2020.

8. Other Issues Identified from the Review

8.1 Whilst not considered significant governance issues the following areas were identified in annual management self-assurance statements signed by the Council's Executive Directors, Service Directors and Heads of Service as requiring further improvement to enhance our control, risk and governance arrangements going forward:

	Area:	Improvement Lead:
1	Mandatory Training Completion: Managers' self- assurances identified that the lack of a system to record completion of training and remind when a refresh is required has meant managers were not able to confirm this requirement has been complied with. In addition, the unavailability of some training modules for staff to attend was an issue as well as staff turnover in some areas.	Head of HR Executive Directors
2	Organisational Improvement Plan (OIP): Managers' self- assurances confirmed that there is awareness of the organisation values included in the OIP but other aspects of the plan are less well understood and there is a need for better monitoring of actions by management teams.	Head of HR Executive Directors
3	Risk Management: Managers' self- assurance identified inconsistency in completion of service risk registers and a need for risk management training. Additionally, an Internal Audit review of risk management arrangements identified improvements are required to plan activity that will further support embedding of arrangements and the need for greater alignment of risk with service planning.	Director of Finance Risk and Insurance Manager Executive Directors
4	Completion of Health and Safety Plans: Managers' self- assurances have confirmed plans are generally in place but there are some services where this is not the case across the Council.	Executive Director People
5	GDPR and Information Security Compliance: Managers' self- assurances, the SIRO and Internal Audit have identified a need for improved compliance in a number of related areas including completion of privacy impact assessments, data sharing agreements, records of processing activity and information retention policies.	Senior Information Risk Owner Head of Information Assurance

	Area:	Improvement Lead:
6	<p>Achievement of Key Performance Indicators (KPI):</p> <p>Performance reporting identified that a significant number of key performance indicators had not been achieved. A root cause analysis will be undertaken to review how we set and monitor our KPIs as well as how we drive our organisation to meet them.</p>	Executive Directors
7	<p>Capital Programme Delivery: The Capital Investment Board has continuously reviewed the capital programme. There is a need to strengthen business process across the capital project lifecycle to ensure that we are managing workflow effectively, aligning resources to risks and milestones and maintaining a grip on the overall portfolio.</p>	Executive Director Growth and Regeneration
8	<p>Commercialisation Readiness: Internal Audit review of the Council's commercialisation strategy and plans identified they require significant enhancement to strengthen the Council's commercial culture.</p>	Director Commercialisation + Citizens and Shareholder Liaison
9	<p>Procurement and Contracts: Internal Audit reviews in this area highlighted a need to review approaches to procurement and contract management. Assurances from the Director of Finance acknowledged the programme of improvements required and that strategic partner procurement can now provide some additional capacity to improve contract management processes, increase oversight of contracting activity, provide training and ensure value for money is achieved.</p>	Director of Finance
10	<p>Project Management: A number of programme or project management related internal audit reviews concluded improvements were required in programme management. Additionally, the 2019/20 year end outturn and savings programme report indicated £5.3m of non-delivered and unmitigated savings primarily across Adult Social Care and Facilities Management.</p>	Director of Workforce and Change
11	<p>Debt Collection Policies: Internal Audit Reviews in a number of areas identified an absence of clear and effective debt collection policies and procedures. Proposals will need to be developed to gain greater consistency in approach to strengthen these weaknesses in 2020/21.</p>	Director of Finance

Addendum

As part of the value for money audit the Council's external auditors identified matters arising with regard to governance arrangements in relation to Bristol Energy. Grant Thornton published a review of Governance arrangements for the Council's subsidiaries on 25 January 2021. The recommendations and management responses are contained within that report and implementation of the recommendations will be monitored throughout 2021/22.

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/documents/s56045/9c%20Review%20of%20Governance%20Arrangements%20for%20the%20BCCs%20Subsidiaries%20FINAL%2015012021.pdf>

The Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 has been re-endorsed by all the signatories following approval of the Statement of Accounts by Audit Committee.

Core Statements

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

2018/19			2019/20		
Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
373,922	(155,103)	218,819	391,416	(166,564)	224,852
237,896	(178,553)	59,343	228,165	(160,328)	67,837
186,739	(81,362)	105,377	190,409	(84,368)	106,041
94,440	(120,041)	(25,601)	105,574	(119,811)	(14,237)
195,412	(199,251)	(3,839)	204,487	(196,848)	7,639
12,099	(849)	11,250	17,657	(1,252)	16,405
1,100,508	(735,159)	365,349	1,137,708	(729,171)	408,537
		25,946			2,375
		38,495			55,304
		(389,967)			(414,418)
		39,823			51,798
		Items that will not be reclassified to the (Surplus) or Deficit on the Provision on Services			
		(11,755)			(99,682)
		91,675			(45,748)
		Items that may be reclassified to the (Surplus) or Deficit on the Provision on Services			
					-
		79,920			(145,430)
		119,743			(93,632)

Movement in Reserves Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Note	General Fund Balance	GF Earmarked Reserves excluding Schools	School Reserves	Total General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Housing Revenue Account Earmark Reserves	Total Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves (Note 32)	Total Council Reserves
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adjustment from the adoption of IFRS 9													22,500	22,500
Balance at 31 March 2018 Carried Forward		20,000	87,421	6,761	114,182	71,269	7,345	78,614	63,472	1,225	3,004	260,497	1,434,368	1,694,865
Movement in Reserves during 2018/19														
Surplus/(Deficit) on the provision of services		(57,334)	-	-	(57,334)	17,511	-	17,511	-	-	-	(39,823)	-	(39,823)
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(79,920)	(79,920)
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		(57,334)	-	-	(57,334)	17,511	-	17,511	-	-	-	(39,823)	(79,920)	(119,743)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	17	60,082	-	-	60,082	(9,555)	-	(9,555)	7,351	2,381	915	61,174	(61,174)	-
Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves		2,748	-	-	2,748	7,956	-	7,956	7,351	2,381	915	21,351	(141,094)	(119,743)
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves	18	510	(6,242)	5,732	-	(507)	507	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase/Decrease in 2018/19		3,258	(6,242)	5,732	2,748	7,449	507	7,956	7,351	2,381	915	21,351	(141,094)	(119,743)
Balance at 31 March 2019 Carried Forward		23,258	81,179	12,493	116,929	78,718	7,852	86,570	70,824	3,606	3,919	281,847	1,293,274	1,575,121
Movement in Reserves during 2019/20														
Surplus/(Deficit) on the provision of services		(54,814)			(54,814)	3,016		3,016				(51,798)		(51,798)
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income													145,431	145,431
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		(51,814)	-	-	(54,814)	3,016	-	3,016	-	-	-	(51,798)	145,431	93,632
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	17	59,578			59,578	(2,060)		(2,060)	7,688	-	(1,234)	63,972	(63,972)	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves		4,764	-	-	4,764	956	-	956	7,688	-	(1,234)	12,174	81,459	93,632
Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	18	(11,020)	16,211	(5,191)	-	7,852	(7,852)	-				-	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2019/20		(6,256)	16,211	(5,191)	4,764	8,808	(7,852)	956	7,688	-	(1,234)	12,174	81,459	93,632
Balance at 31 March 2020 Carried Forward		17,001	97,390	7,302	121,693	87,526	-	87,526	78,512	3,606	2,685	294,022	1,374,733	1,668,754

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

31-Mar-19		Note	31-Mar-20
£'000			£'000
2,626,809	Property, Plant & Equipment	19	2,718,767
202,094	Heritage Assets	20	204,056
11,573	Intangible Assets	22	15,958
249,251	Investment Property	21	252,586
51,862	Long Term Investments	23	42,074
42,657	Long Term Debtors	28	49,831
3,184,245	Long Term Assets		3,283,272
79,082	Short Term Investments	23	89,093
1,872	Inventories		10,166
102,146	Short Term Debtors	28	106,283
7,397	Cash and Cash Equivalents	29	69,426
3,572	Assets held for sale		723
194,069	Current assets		275,691
(4,998)	Short Term Borrowing	23	(14,778)
(144,683)	Short Term Creditors	30	(167,447)
(3,589)	Provisions	31	(1,897)
(20,689)	Capital grants received in advance	16	(26,741)
0	Derivative Financial Instruments		(5,379)
(173,958)	Current liabilities		(216,242)
(430,488)	Long Term Borrowing	23	(450,488)
(27,846)	Provisions	31	(28,257)
(1,149,284)	Other Long-Term Liabilities	30	(1,166,622)
(21,616)	Capital Grants Receipts in Advance	16	(28,600)
(1,629,234)	Long-term liabilities		(1,673,967)
1,575,122	Net assets		1,668,754
(281,848)	Usable Reserves	18	(294,021)
(1,293,275)	Unusable Reserves	32	(1,374,733)
(1,575,122)	Total reserves		(1,668,754)

These financial statements replace the unaudited financial statements, confirmed by Denise Murray, Director of Finance (S151 Officer) on 27 August 2020.

Signed **Denise Murray** - Director of Finance (S151 Officer)

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

2018/19			2019/20
£'000		Note	£'000
(39,823)	Net deficit on the provision of services		(51,798)
177,824	Adjustment to net surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements	34	204,425
(65,029)	Adjust for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	34	(89,922)
72,972	Net cash flows from Operating Activities		62,705
(80,477)	Investing Activities	35	(25,041)
(10,361)	Financing Activities	36	24,365
(17,866)	Net increase (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		62,029
25,263	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	29	7,397
7,397	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the reporting period		69,426

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(i) General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Council's transactions for the 2019/20 financial year and its position at the year-end of 31 March 2020. The Council is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit (England) 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 2019/20 (the Code) supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

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. The Statement of Accounts has been prepared on a 'going concern' basis.

(ii) Recognition of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year in which it takes place, which may not be the same year in which 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. In local government, the generation of revenues from charges to service recipients is only a minor funding stream and contracts with customers tend to be accounted for and delivered within each financial year.

Revenue from the sale of goods and disposal of assets is recognised when the Council transfers the risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser. Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Council can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.

Government grants and third-party contributions are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the Council will comply with any conditions attached to the payments, and that the grants or contributions will be received. Where conditions attached to grants or contributions have not been satisfied, monies received to date are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors and credited to the CIES when the conditions are satisfied. Where capital grants are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is posted to the Capital Grants Unapplied reserve. Where it has been applied, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed. If there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories in the Balance Sheet. 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.

(iii) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are investments that mature in three months or less from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with low risk of change in value.

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

(iv) Charges to Revenue for Non-Current Assets

Services, support services and trading accounts are debited with the following amounts to record the cost of holding non-current assets during the year:

- Depreciation attributable to the assets used by the relevant service;
- Revaluation and impairment losses on assets used by the service where there are no accumulated gains in the Revaluation Reserve against which the losses can be written off;
- Amortisation of intangible fixed assets attributable to the service.

(v) City Region Deal

The Council has applied the principles of IPSAS 23 'Revenue from non-Exchange transactions (Taxes and Transfers)' in accounting for the transactions and balances relating to the City Region Deal.

Growth paid to the accountable body (South Gloucestershire Council) for the Business Rates Pool (BRP) is recognised by the Council as a debtor until such point that the funds are paid out by the BRP or committed by the Economic Development Fund (EDF) to fund future EDF payments in respect of approved programmes.

- Income - Income receivable by the Council from the BRP is recognised as revenue in the year in which it occurs. The council recognises revenue and a debtor balance to the extent that future EDF disbursements are to be received, have been committed to by the EDF, and sufficient uncommitted cash remains in the BRP to fund future payments.
- Expenditure – Expenditure is recognised by the Council on the earlier of payments being made by the BRP or where future EDF payments are committed to. Expenditure is recognised in proportion to the degree that the Council has contributed to the BRP through its growth figure, and is capped at the limit of the Council's payment of growth to the BRP in this period, and any previous growth figures paid over which have not been previously paid or committed by the BRP.

(vi) Collection Fund and Local Taxation

Bristol City Council is a billing authority for local taxation and collects:

- Council Tax on behalf of the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Avon Fire Authority and itself; and
- Non-Domestic Rates on behalf of Avon Fire Authority, the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and itself.

The Collection Fund shows the transactions of the billing authority in relation to the collection from taxpayers and the distribution to local authorities, central government and precepting bodies of council tax and non-domestic rates (NDR). There is no requirement for a separate Collection Fund Balance Sheet since the assets and liabilities arising from collecting non-domestic rates and council tax belong to the bodies (i.e. major preceptors, the billing authority and the Government).

The Collection Fund is effectively an agency account therefore income, expenditure and balance sheet transactions are apportioned between the Council, central government and precepting bodies.

The council tax and NDR 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 NDR 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 NDR relating to arrears, impairment allowances for doubtful debts, overpayments and prepayments and appeals.

(vii) Employee Benefits

Benefits Payable During Employment

Monetary benefits such as wages and salaries, paid leave and bonuses, and non-monetary benefits (e.g. cars) for current employees are recognised as an expense in the year in which employees render service to the Council. An accrual is made to represent the cost of holiday entitlement earned but not taken at each year end, to meet Code and IAS requirements.

Termination Benefits

When the Council is demonstrably committed to the termination of the employment of an officer or group of officers or making an offer to encourage voluntary redundancy, these costs are charged on an accruals basis to the respective Service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Post-Employment Benefits

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

- The Teachers' Pension Scheme administered by Capita Teachers' Pensions on behalf of the Department for Education.
- The Local Government Pension Scheme administered by Bath and North East Somerset Council.
- The NHS Pension Scheme, for Public Health employees, administered by NHS Pensions.

All of the above schemes provide defined benefits to members e.g. retirement lump sums and pensions, earned as employees working for the Council.

However, the arrangements for the Teachers' scheme and NHS Scheme mean that liabilities for these benefits cannot ordinarily be identified for the Council. These schemes are therefore accounted for as if they were defined contributions schemes and no liability for future payments of benefits is recognised in the Balance Sheet. The CIES is charged with the employer's contributions payable to Teachers pensions and NHS pensions in the year.

The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Local Government Pension Scheme is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme:

The liabilities of the Avon 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, etc., and projections of projected earnings for current employees. Liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis discounted to present value, using the projected unit method. The discount rate to be used is determined in reference to market yields at balance sheet date of high quality corporate bonds.

The assets of Avon 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 of the Council is analysed into the following components:

- Current Service Cost - the increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year - allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the services for which the employees worked.

- Past Service Cost - the increase in liabilities arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years - debited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs.
- Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset, i.e. net interest expense for the Council – the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability/asset that arises from the passage of time charged to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. This is calculated by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the period to the net defined benefit liability/asset at the beginning of the period, taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability/asset during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments.
- Re-measurement of the return on plan assets – excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset, charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- Actuarial gains and losses - changes in the net pension's liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions. These changes are debited to the Pensions Reserve as Other Income and Expenditure.
- Contributions paid to the Avon Pension Fund - cash paid as employer's contributions to the Pension Fund in settlement of liabilities; not accounted for as an expense.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund 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 negative balance that arises on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact to the General Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows rather than as benefits earned by employees.

In 2017/18, the Council made an up-front payment of the LGPS deficit contributions for the three years 2017/18 - 2019/20 totalling £44.183m (net of academy conversions). This payment was made April 2017. The up-front payment took advantage of the independent Actuary's calculation of the return these contributions could achieve once invested by the Pension Fund. The discount calculated by the Actuary for making the up-front payment (net of academy conversions) rather than the typical approach of monthly payments in arrears over the three year period was £2.968m, reducing total payments from £47.151m to £44.183m. The return was judged to be far greater than could have been achieved by investing the amounts as part of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and the approach represented good value for money for the Council.

Discretionary Benefits

The Council has restricted powers to provide discretionary post-employment benefits. Any such benefits are accrued for in the year of the decision to make the award and are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement against the service in which the employees worked.

(viii) Events After The Reporting Period

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

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

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

(ix) Fair Value Measurement

The Council measures some of its non-financial assets such as surplus assets and investment properties and some of its financial instruments such as equity shareholdings at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

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

The Council measures the fair value of an asset or liability using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

When measuring the fair value of a non-financial asset, the Council takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Council uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Inputs to the valuation techniques in respect of assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the Council's financial statements 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.

(x) Financial Instruments

The Council adopted the IFRS 9 Financial Instruments accounting standard with effect from 1st April 2018.

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and are carried at their amortised cost. As annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument, the effective 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 most of the Council's borrowings this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal repayable (plus accrued interest). Interest charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable for the year according to the loan agreement.

Where premiums and discounts have been charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund balance to be spread over future years. The council has a policy of spreading the gain or loss over the term of the replacement loan that was used to refinance the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable. The reconciliation of amounts charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net charge required

against the General Fund balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified using an approach that is based on the business model for holding the financial assets and their cashflow characteristics.

There are three main classes of financial assets measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), and
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

The council's business model for most of its investments is to hold them to collect contractual cash flows. Financial assets are therefore classified as amortised cost. There are some exceptions, where the council holds strategic investments to help it meet other policy objectives, such as the support of economic development in the county. This means that some investments are ones where contractual payments are not solely payment of principal and interest (i.e. where the cash flows do not take the form of a basic debt instrument).

Financial Assets Measured at Amortised Cost

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

However, from time to time the Council makes loans to voluntary organisations at less than market rates (soft loans). When soft loans are made, a loss is recorded in the CIES (debited to the appropriate service) for the present value of the interest that will be foregone over the life of the instrument, resulting in a lower amortised cost than the outstanding principal. Interest is credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES at a marginally higher effective rate of interest than the rate receivable from the voluntary organisations, with the difference serving to increase the amortised cost of the loan in the Balance Sheet. Statutory provisions require that the impact of soft loans on the General Fund Balance is the interest receivable for the financial year – the reconciliation of amounts debited and credited to the CIES to the net gain required against the General Fund Balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Any gains and losses that arise on the derecognition of an asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES.

In addition, the council does have deferred payment policies where individuals are allowed to defer payment against an invoice raised by the council, for example where the council holds a legal charge against a property that enables sums to be reimbursed from sale proceeds at a later date. These are similar to loans at less than market rates and are referred to as soft loans. If any the lost interest against the soft loan was significant then adjustments would be made to the relevant service revenue account and Balance Sheet. However, the impact on the council's revenue account of soft loans and lost interest is not financially significant and the accounts have not been adjusted to reflect these requirements.

Expected Credit Loss Model

The council recognises expected credit losses on all of its financial assets held at amortised cost or FVOCI, either on a 12-month or lifetime basis. The expected credit loss model also applies to lease receivables and contract assets. Only lifetime losses are recognised for trade receivables (debtors) held by the council.

Impairment losses are calculated to reflect the expectation that the future cash flows might not take place because the borrower could default on their obligations. Credit risk plays a crucial part in assessing losses.

Where risk has increased significantly since an instrument was initially recognised, losses are assessed on a lifetime basis. Where risk has not increased significantly or remains low, losses are assessed on the basis of 12-month expected losses.

Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL)

Financial assets that are measured at FVPL are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured and carried at fair value. Fair value gains and losses are recognised as they arrive in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services.

The fair value measurements of the financial assets are based on the following techniques:

- instruments with quoted market prices – the market price
- other instruments with fixed and determinable payments – discounted cash flow analysis.

The inputs to the measurement techniques are categorised in accordance with the following three levels:

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

Any gains and losses that arise on the derecognition of the asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

An equity instrument can be elected into a FVOCI treatment rather than a FVPL treatment if it is not held for trading. The council has reviewed its assets that would be measured at FVPL on the basis of the business model and has elected to classify instruments as either FVPL or FVOCI on an instrument-by-instrument basis based on the assessed benefit to the council from the chosen classification.

(xi) Government Grants and Contributions

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

- The Council will comply with the conditions attached to the payments; and
- The grants or contributions will be received.

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

(xii) Heritage Assets

The Council's Heritage Assets are predominantly on display in museum buildings and galleries in the city, held in storage or loaned out to other educational or cultural organisations.

These assets are all valued on a historic cost basis or an annual insurance valuation basis.

The Council holds numerous ancient monuments and statues which are not recognised on the Balance Sheet because of the diverse and often unique nature of the assets held and the lack of comparable market values.

There is no depreciation charge against heritage assets because it is estimated that the assets have an extended and indeterminate useful life such that any depreciation charge would be negligible. The carrying values of Heritage Assets are reviewed when there is evidence of impairments e.g. when an asset has suffered physical deterioration or breakage or where doubts arise as to its authenticity. Any reductions to

the carrying value of the assets are recognised and measured in accordance with the Council's general policy on impairments.

(xiii) Intangible Assets

Expenditure on non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are controlled by the Council as a result of past events (e.g. software licences) is capitalised when it is expected that future economic benefits or service potential will flow from the Intangible Asset to the Council.

Internally generated assets are capitalised where it is demonstrable that the project is technically feasible and is intended to be completed (with adequate resources being available) and the Council will be able to generate future economic benefits or deliver service potential by being able to sell or use the asset. Expenditure is capitalised where it can be measured reliably as attributable to the asset and is restricted to that incurred during the development phase (research expenditure cannot be capitalised).

Expenditure on the development of websites is not capitalised if the website is solely or primarily intended to promote or advertise the Council's goods or services.

Intangible Assets are measured initially at cost. Amounts are only revalued where the fair value of the assets held by the Council can be determined by reference to an active market. In practice, no Intangible Asset held by the Council meets this criterion, and they are therefore carried at amortised cost. The depreciable amount of an Intangible Asset is amortised over its useful life to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. An asset is tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the asset might be impaired – any losses recognised are posted to the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

(xiv) Interests in Companies and Other Entities

(a) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Council has control. The Council controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

The Council's material subsidiaries are Bristol Holding Limited (which is directly held) and Bristol Waste Company Limited, Bristol Energy Limited and Goram Homes Limited (all of which are indirectly held). There are no non-controlling interests.

In the single entity accounts, the Council has opted to account for its investments in subsidiaries in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Code, Financial Instruments. The investments are accordingly classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVPL) and are carried in the Balance Sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the Council's investments in subsidiaries are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income. Impairments are recognised directly in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services.

In the group accounts, the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis with adjustments to eliminate intra-group transactions, balance and unrealised gains on transactions between the group entities. Where necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform to the Council's accounting policies.

b) Joint Arrangements

A Joint Arrangement is an arrangement of which two or more parties have joint control where the parties are bound by contractual arrangement and the contractual arrangement gives two or more of those parties joint control of the arrangement. Joint Arrangements are classified as Joint Ventures or Joint Operations.

The Council has no material Joint Ventures.

A Joint Operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement.

The Council has one Joint Operation being the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership. In respect of this, the Council accounts for:

- Its assets, including its share of any assets jointly held
- Its liabilities, including its share of any liabilities joint held
- Its share of the revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation
- Its expenses, including its share of any expenses incurred jointly.

(xv) Investment Property

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

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value, based on “the highest or best price that can be obtained in the most advantageous market, in an arms’ length transaction between knowledgeable participants at the measurement date”. Investment Properties are not depreciated but are revalued annually according to market conditions at the year-end

Gains and losses on revaluation are posted to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The same treatment is applied to gains and losses on disposal.

Rental Income received in relation to investment properties is credited to the Financing and Investment Income line and result in a gain for the General Fund Balance. However, revaluation and disposal gains and losses are not permitted by statutory arrangements to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and, for sale proceeds, the Capital Receipts Reserve.

(xvi) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases where the terms of the lease transfer substantially all 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. Where a lease covers both land and buildings, the land and buildings elements are considered separately for classification.

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

The Council as Lessee

Finance Leases

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

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

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

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

Operating Leases

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

The Council as Lessor

Finance Leases

To date the Council has not granted any Finance Leases.

Operating Leases

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

(xvii) Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

The Council is not required to use Council Tax to fund depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses or amortisation of non-current assets. However, it is required to make an annual contribution from revenue towards the reduction in its overall borrowing requirement equal to either an amount calculated on a prudent basis or as determined by the Council in accordance with statutory guidance.

(xviii) Overheads And Support Services

The Council operates and manages its support services within the Resources Directorate, and this is how these services are reported to management. The costs of overheads and support services are therefore not re-apportioned (with the exception of ring-fenced accounts such as the HRA, Public Health and Licencing).

(xix) Prior Period Adjustments

Prior period adjustments arise as a result of a change in accounting policies or to correct a material error. Changes in accounting estimates are only accounted for prospectively i.e. in the current and future years which are affected by the changes, they 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 in accounting policy is made, it is applied retrospectively (unless stated otherwise) by adjusting opening balances for the current year and comparative amounts for the prior period as if the new policy had always been applied.

Where material errors are discovered in prior period figures they are corrected retrospectively by amending opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period.

(xx) Service Concessions

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 these schemes, and as ownership of the property, plant and equipment will pass to the Council at the end of the contracts for no additional charge, the Council carries the assets used under the contracts on its Balance Sheet as part of Property, Plant and Equipment.

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

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

The amounts payable to the contract operator are analysed into the following elements:

- Fair value of any services received during the year;
- Finance cost - an interest charge of the effective rate of interest on the outstanding Balance Sheet liability;
- Contingent rent payable under the agreement;
- Lifecycle replacement costs where applicable;
- Payment towards liability - applied to write down the Balance Sheet liability to the PFI operator (the profile of write-downs is calculated using the same principles as for a finance lease).

(xxi) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is capitalised on an accruals basis, provided that it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Capital schemes above £0.25m are subject to annual review and any expenditure incurred which has not enhanced the asset's value is charged as an expense in the financial year that it is incurred. Expenditure on capital assets totalling less than £20,000 in any single financial year is classed as de-minimis and therefore is not capitalised but charged as an expense.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- The purchase price;
- Any costs attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The Council does not capitalise borrowing costs.

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

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

- Infrastructure and community assets - depreciated historical cost;

- Assets under construction - historical cost;
- Dwellings - fair value, determined using the basis of existing use value for social housing (EUV-SH);
- Surplus assets – the current value measurement base is fair value, defined as “the highest or best price that can be obtained in the most advantageous market, in an arms’ length transaction between knowledgeable participants at the measurement date”;
- All other assets – current value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value – EUV).

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

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

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, but as a minimum every five years. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Exceptionally, gains might be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement where they arise from the reversal of a loss previously charged to a service.

When decreases in value are identified, they are accounted for in the same way as an impairment.

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

Impairment

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

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for as follows:

- Where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains).
- Where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the relevant service line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- 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 the depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

Depreciation

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

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- Council dwellings - are depreciated based upon component accounting basis. In the year of disposal six month depreciation is charged to the accounts.
- Other buildings - straight-line allocation over the useful life of the property as estimated by a qualified valuer.
- Vehicles, plant and equipment - a percentage of the value of each class of assets in the Balance Sheet;
- Infrastructure, (excluding quay walls and lock gates) - straight-line allocation over 25 years;

- Infrastructure, quay walls and lock gates in city docks are not depreciated as their economic life is beyond 100 years.

The Council applies component accounting to all assets with a net book value in excess of £5m - where the item of Property, Plant and Equipment asset has major components whose cost is significant in relation to the total cost of the item, identified components are depreciated separately.

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

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

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

When an asset is disposed of or is decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement 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). Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for a disposal in excess of £10k are categorised as capital receipts. A proportion of receipts relating to housing disposals is payable to the government. The balance of receipts is required to be credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve, and can then only be used for new capital investment or set aside to reduce the HRA's underlying need to borrow (the capital financing requirement). Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

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

(xxii) Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place whereby the Council has a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. For instance, the Council may be involved in a court case that could eventually result in the making of a settlement or the payment of compensation.

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

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the relevant provision. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year, where it becomes less than probable that a transfer of economic

benefits will now be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made); the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service.

Contingent Liabilities

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

Contingent Assets

A contingent asset arises where an event has taken place that gives the Council a possible asset whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Council. Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

(xxiii) Reserves

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

The category of unusable reserves includes those reserves which are kept to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, financial instruments, retirement and employee benefits and do not represent usable resources for the Council. These reserves are explained in the relevant notes.

(xxiv) Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

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

(xxv) Schools

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 confirms that the balance of control for local authority maintained schools (i.e. those categories of school identified in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended) lies with the local authority. The Code also stipulates that those schools' assets, liabilities, reserves and cash flows are recognised in the single entity accounts of the Council (and not the Group Accounts). Therefore, schools' transactions, cash flows and balances are recognised in each of the financial statements of the Council as if they were the transactions, cash flows and balances of the Council.

Schools within the Council's group fall into the following categories

- 50 Community (12 Nurseries, 30 Primaries, 6 Special and 1 Alternative Provision Site)
- 1 Foundation Primary

Other types of school, such as voluntary aided and voluntary controlled schools, academies and free schools are outside of the Council's control and therefore not included in this Statement of Accounts.

(xxvi) Value Added Tax

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account excludes amounts relating to VAT and will be included as an expense only if it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income within the Council's Income and Expenditure account.

2 Accounting Standards that have been issued but have not yet been adopted

The Code of Practice on Local Council Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) requires the Council 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.

At the balance sheet date, the following new standards and amendments to existing standards have been published but not yet adopted by the Code of Practice of Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom:

- Implementation of IFRS 16 (leases and lease-type arrangements)
- Amendments to IAS 28 (Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures)
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015–2017 in respect of IFRS 3 and IFRS 11 (joint arrangements and business combinations)
- Annual improvements to IFRS Standards 2015-2017 in respect of IAS 23 (capitalisation of borrowing costs)
- Amendments to IAS 19 (retirement benefits, particularly plan amendments, settlements and curtailments).

CIPFA have recently advised that implementation of IFRS16 will be further deferred to 2022/23. This standard will require local authorities that are lessees to recognise most leases on their balance sheets as right-of-use assets with corresponding lease liabilities (there is recognition for low-value and short-term leases). The estimated impact of this standard is not yet known.

The other changes are not judged to have a material impact on the Council's accounts.

3 Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in Note 1, the Council has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are as follows:

The Council has completed a school by school assessment across the different types of school it controls within the City. The Council has assessed the legal framework underlying each type of school and determined the treatment of non-current assets within the financial statements according to whether it owns or has some responsibility for, control over or benefit from the service potential of the premises and land occupied. The Council has considered its accounting classification for each school on an individual case basis in conjunction with the relevant dioceses for voluntary aided and voluntary controlled schools.

- All community schools are owned by the Council and the land and buildings used by the schools are included on the Council's Balance Sheet.
- Legal ownership of Voluntary Controlled (VC) and Voluntary Aided (VA) school land and buildings usually rests with a charity, normally by a religious body. Legal ownership of 10 VA schools rests with Clifton Diocese. Legal ownership of the remaining VA and VC schools' rests with Bristol Diocese. We understand that the Diocese have granted a licence to the schools to use the land and buildings. Under this licence arrangement, the rights of use have not transferred to the schools and thus are not included on the Council's Balance Sheet.
- There are two Foundation Trusts in Bristol - the South East Bristol Educational Trust and the Trust in Learning – who own 3 schools in the City. The Council exercises no control over these Trusts, so these assets are not included on the Council's Balance Sheet.
- Academies are not considered to be maintained schools in the Councils control. The land and building assets are either, not owned by the Council, or let on a long-term lease (125 years) by the Council and therefore not included on the Council's Balance Sheet.

There is a high degree of uncertainty about future levels of funding for local government, with the postponement of the implementation of the Fair Funding Review, delays to the Adult Social Care funding green paper and uncertainties over the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on major income streams. However, the Council has determined that this uncertainty is not yet sufficient to provide an indication that the assets of the Council might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision.

The costs of the Schools Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contracts exceed the income received from the Government Grant and School Contributions, leaving the Council with a liability under the PFI Contracts. All PFI Schools have now transferred to Academy status and these assets have been removed from the Council's balance sheet. Following a review of the costs and benefits, the Council considers the contract not to be onerous as the benefits significantly outweigh the costs.

In the single entity accounts, the Council has opted to account for its investments in subsidiaries in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Code, Financial Instruments. The investments are accordingly classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and are carried in the Balance Sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the Council's investments in subsidiaries are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income. Impairments are recognised directly in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services.

4 Assumptions made about the Future and other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the 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 materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the Council's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2020 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainties	Consequence if actual results differ from assumptions
Property, Plant and Equipment (excluding Council dwellings)	<p>Asset valuations are based on market prices and are periodically re-valued using a 5-year rolling programme to ensure that the Council does not materially misstate its property, plant and equipment. If market prices change significantly, over time there will be a corresponding increase or reduction in the value of Council land and buildings.</p> <p>The outbreak of Covid-19 has impacted on global financial markets and as at the valuation date less weight can be attached to previous market evidence to inform opinions of value.</p> <p>Valuations are therefore reported on the basis of "material valuation uncertainty" as per the RICS Red Book Global. Consequently, less certainty and a higher degree of caution should be attached to the valuation. At the current time it is not possible to accurately predict the longevity and severity of the impact of Covid-19 on the economy. Therefore, values have been based on the situation prior to Covid-19 on the assumption that values will be restored when the market becomes more fluid.</p>	<p>A reduction in estimated valuations would result in reductions to the Revaluation Reserve and/or a loss recorded in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. If the value of the Council's property, plant and equipment was to reduce by say 10%, this would result in a £104m change in cost value charged against the Revaluation Reserve and/or the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.</p> <p>A corresponding increase in estimated valuations would result in a combination of increases to the Revaluation Reserve and / or reversals of previous negative revaluations charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.</p>
Pensions Liability	<p>Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to: the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on Pension Fund investments. The Council has engaged Mercer Ltd, a firm of consulting actuaries, to provide expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.</p> <p>As a result of the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the global financial markets, the valuation of the Pension Fund's property investments is reported on the basis of material valuation uncertainty. At 31 March 2020, the council's share of property fund</p>	<p>Variations in the key assumptions will have the following impact on the net pension liability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 0.1% increase in the discount rate will reduce the net pension liability by £57m • a 0.1% increase in the assumed level of pension increases will increase the net pension liability by £60m • a 0.1% increase in the assumed level of pay inflation will increase the net pension liability by £5.7m • an increase of one year in longevity will increase the net pension liability by £60m

	assets was £167m, and the council's share of total assets was £1,723m.	
Fair Value Estimation	<p>Asset valuations are based on either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> market prices for investment property, surplus assets and non-current assets held for sale: or the adjusted net worth of unquoted companies in which the Council has a controlling or significant interest. <p>At the current time it is not possible to accurately predict the longevity and severity of the impact of Covid-19 on the economy. Therefore, it has been difficult to value investment property assets. Values have been based on the situation prior to Covid-19 on the assumption that values will be restored when the market becomes more fluid.</p>	If the value of the Council's investment property, surplus property and non-current assets held for sale, was to reduce by 10%, this would result in a £26m reduction to Property, Plant and Equipment and a corresponding reduction to Unusable Reserves in the Balance Sheet.
Britain leaving the European Union: asset values and pension liability	There is still uncertainty about the implications of Britain leaving the European Union. At the current time it is not possible to predict the agreement that will be reached at the end of the transition period. The assumption has been made that this will not significantly impair the value of the Council's assets or change the discount rate. However, this assumption needs to be revisited and reviewed regularly.	Higher impairment allowances may need to be charged in the future if asset values fall. If the discount rate changes, the size of the net pension liability will also vary.

5 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

The Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by the Section 151 Officer on 22 March 2021. Events taking place after this date are not reflected in the financial statements or Notes. However there have been a number of significant events since the 31 March 2020 up to the date the accounts were authorised for issue by the S151 Officer. The primary statements have not been adjusted for these however details are set out below.

The Council has invested £37.2m in Bristol Holding Limited between 2015/16 and 2019/20 financial years. This took the form of ordinary share capital £9.3m and £27.9m in preference share capital (this will be reflected in the valuation of the Council's long-term investments and explained further in note 23). In 2019/20 the investment was impaired by a further £19.4m which resulted in cumulative impairment of £31.5m for the Group.

In June 2020, following an independent financial review of Bristol Energy the decision was taken by the Council to progress the sale of the business and or assets. In August 2020 the commercial customer book and associated assets were sold to Yu Energy and in September 2020 the residential book and associated assets acquired by Together Energy. The Asset Purchase Agreement with Together Energy included the sale of the Bristol Energy brand and the residual company has been renamed BE 2020 Limited.

At the Balance Sheet date 31 March 2020, the fair value of the Council's investment in the Bristol Holding Group stands at £5.6m, of which Bristol Energy is valued at £1.4m. In 2020/21 there will be further

impairment of BE 2020 to reduce its value in the Council's balance sheet as at 31 March 2021 to Nil, at which point BE 2020 will be accounted for in the group on a break-up basis.

The total investment has been funded from an earmarked revenue reserve, generated from legacy unused contingencies and in more recent years from a £35m reassessment of prior years' (1st April 2008 through to 31st March 2016) MRP overprovision. As such the accounting treatment does not require any changes to the Council's core general fund revenue budget.

As the purchase of shares is classified as capital expenditure it is funded at the point of purchase. Any downward valuation (impairment) is initially recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account (CIES) (see note 9) to comply with accounting practice but is then reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement and charged to the Capital Adjustment Account (CAA), a non-useable reserve.

At 31 March 2020 the Council had parent company guarantees in place to support the trading operation of Bristol Energy, the exposure at that date was £14.3m and a financial derivative of £5.4m recognised on the balance sheet. As part of the sales process the supply contracts to which these guarantees related to were closed and the liability reduced to nil.

As we finalise the transfer and process towards the orderly wind down of the company and any potential company liabilities (including Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs) liabilities) that could arise to end March 2023, the previous risk reserve of £7.3m earmarked for risk associated to the collateral / guarantees has been translated into an indemnity agreement with BE 2020 not to exceed this value and will be accounted for as a liability on the Council's balance sheet to be utilised and or unwound as the potential liabilities fall away. This includes a new parent company guarantee on behalf of the Company to support the sale of the customers and associated assets. In association with the guarantee the exposure as at March 2021 is £3.4m and estimated financial liability of £0.9m. To April 2021, £6.45m has been drawn down to meet the company liabilities.

In May 2021 Bristol Is Open (BIO) is expected to become a dormant entity and as part of this process must not retain any debt. The Council has therefore signed a deed of waiver and release in respect of all accrued and future interest attached to the shareholders redeemable preference shares.

On 9 March 2021, Cabinet took the decision to approve a revised estimate of the costs to complete the refurbishment of the Bristol Beacon. As the building was dismantled, contractors identified large numbers of significant and unforeseen structural and heritage issues that created huge complexity and added significant time and cost to the project. Recognising the cultural importance of the building and its contribution to the region's economy, Cabinet agreed a revised capital investment budget of £106.9m, an increase of £58.1m on the original approved budget of £48.8m. As at 31 March there was a capital commitment of £26.7m. This is disclosed in note 19 to the accounts.

6 Expenditure and Funding Analysis for the year ended 31 March 2020

The objective of the Expenditure and Funding Analysis is to demonstrate to council tax and rent payers how the funding available to the Council (i.e. government grants, rents, council tax and business rates) for the year has been used in providing services in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by authorities in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. The Expenditure and Funding Analysis also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Council's directorates. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	Revised outturn	Adjustments EFA (Note 1)	Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund and HRA Balances	Adjustments for Capital Purposes EFA (Note 2)	Net change for the Pension Adjustments EFA Note 3	Other Differences EFA (Note 4)	Total Adjustments	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
People	215,668	(14,360)	201,308	22,415	1,129		23,544	224,852
Resources	58,193	(975)	57,218	5,961	4,658		10,619	67,837
Growth & Regen	66,197	4,354	70,551	30,925	4,565		35,490	106,041
Housing Revenue Account	(1,041)	(10,062)	(11,103)	(5,503)	2,369		(3,134)	(14,237)
Dedicated Schools Grant	3,661		3,661		3,978		3,978	7,639
Corporate Funding and Expenditure	40,018	(14,950)	25,068	(19,601)	8,075	2,864	(8,662)	16,405
	382,696	(35,993)	346,703	34,197	24,774	2,864	61,835	408,537
Other income and expenditure (Notes 8,9,10)			(352,422)	(26,994)	23,029	(351)	(4,317)	(356,739)
(Surplus) Deficit on the Provision of Services			(5,720)				57,518	51,798
Opening General Fund and HRA Balance			(203,499)					
Less Deficit on General Fund and HRA Balance in Year			(5,720)					
Closing General Fund and HRA Balance at 31 March 2020*			(209,219)					

* For a split of this balance between the General Fund and the HRA - see movements in Reserves Statement

	Revised outturn	Adjustments EFA (Note 1)	Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund and HRA Balances	Adjustments for Capital Purposes EFA (Note 2)	Net change for the Pension Adjustments EFA Note 3	Other Differences EFA (Note 4)	Total Adjustments	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
People	216,559	(11,109)	205,450	13,667	(297)		13,370	218,819
Resources	50,767	(358)	50,409	5,226	3,708		8,934	59,343
Growth & Regen	69,008	4,737	73,745	28,126	3,506		31,632	105,377
Housing Revenue Account	(8,348)	(10,052)	(18,400)	(8,969)	1,767		(7,202)	(25,601)
Dedicated Schools Grant	(7,062)	-	(7,062)	-	3,223		3,223	(3,839)
Corporate Funding and Expenditure	40,768	(20,675)	20,093	(16,421)	5,907	1,671	(8,843)	11,250
	361,692	(37,457)	324,235	21,629	17,814	1,671	41,114	365,349
Other income and expenditure (Notes 9,10,11)			(334,940)	(5,861)	21,106	(5,831)	9,414	(325,526)
(Surplus) Deficit on the Provision of Services			(10,705)				50,528	39,823
Opening General Fund and HRA Balance			(192,794)					
Less Deficit on General Fund and HRA Balance in Year			(10,705)					
Closing General Fund and HRA Balance at 31 March 2019*			(203,499)					

* For a split of this balance between the General Fund and the HRA - see movements in Reserves Statement

EFA Note 1 – Adjustments

The reallocation of transactions to/from service areas below the net cost of services to Other Income and Expenditure for example interest receivable and interest payable from Corporate Funding and Expenditure to Other Income and Expenditure. The removal of transfers to/from reserves included in outturn in Corporate Funding & Expenditure as these are not shown on the face of the CIES.

EFA Note 2 - Adjustments for Capital Purposes

Adjustments for capital purposes - this column adds in depreciation, impairment and revaluation gains and losses in the services line for:

- Other Operating Expenditure - adjusts for capital disposals with a transfer of income on disposal of asset and the amounts written off for those assets.
- Financing and investment income and expenditure - the statutory charges for capital financing i.e. Minimum Revenue Provision and other revenue contributions are deducted from other income and expenditure as these are not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices.
- Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure - capital grants are adjusted for income not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices. Revenue grants are adjusted from those receivable in the year to those receivable without conditions or for which conditions were satisfied throughout the year. The taxation and Non Specific Grant Income and Expenditure line is credited with capital grants receivable in the year without conditions or for which conditions were satisfied in the year.

EFA Note 3 - Net change for Pension Adjustments

Net change for the removal of pension contributions and the addition of IAS 19 Employee Benefits pension related expenditure and income:

- For Services this represents the removal of the employer pension contributions made by the Council as allowed by statute and the replacement with current service costs and past service costs.
- For Financing and investment income and expenditure this is the net interest on the defined benefit liability is charged to the CIES

EFA Note 4 - Other Differences

Other differences between amounts debited/credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statements and amounts payable/receivable to be recognised under statute:

- For Financing and investment income and expenditure the other differences column recognises adjustments to the General Fund for the timing differences for premiums and discounts.
- The charge under Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure represents the difference between what is chargeable under statutory regulations for council tax and NDR that was projected to be received at the start of the year and the income recognised under generally accepted accounting practices in the Code. This is a timing difference as any difference will be brought forward in future Surpluses or Deficits on the Collection Fund.

7 Expenditure & Income Analysed By Nature

	2019/20	2018/19 Revised
Expenditure & Income Analysed By Nature	£000	£000
Expenditure		
Employee Benefits Expense	378,049	361,641
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	99,140	67,880
Other Service Expenditure	738,093	757,608
Total Expenditure	1,215,282	1,187,129
Income		
Fees, Charges and Other Service Income	(323,950)	(303,771)
Interest & Investment Income	(7,883)	(10,402)
Income from Council Tax & Non-domestic Rates	(357,352)	(350,161)
Government Grants, Other Grants and Contributions	(474,299)	(482,971)
Total Income	(1,163,484)	(1,147,306)
Surplus or deficit on the Provision of Services	51,978	39,823

7a Revenue from Contracts with Service Recipients

The Council contracts with service recipients as part of its normal operating activities. The table below sets out the material items of income within fees, charges and other service income in the table above.

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Contributions from Other Organisations	40,949	32,631
Health Authorities	24,521	20,452
Other Local Authorities	13,885	11,599
Social Care Charges	27,591	25,106
Sales of Services	7,050	6,682
Car Parking	13,098	13,294
Housing Revenue Account Income	121,875	123,524
Commercial Rents	14,560	13,294
Licencing	7,529	7,252

The Council has identified contractual arrangements in place in relation to Deferred Payments, where care users can use the value of their home to help pay care home costs. The following amounts were recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account as income,

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Client Contributions	26,514	23,994
Deferred Payments	1,077	1,112
Total	27,591	25,106

The following amounts were included in the Balance Sheet for contracts with service recipients, in relation to the contracts identified above

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Adult care and health residential	2,121	2,314
Adult care and health	310	279
Total	2,431	2,593

With the exception of the above all contracts with service recipients are complete and, therefore, no contract obligations, assets or liabilities continue beyond this financial year.

8 Other Operating Expenditure

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Precepts and levies	9,226	7,691
Payments to the Government housing capital receipts pool	2,113	2,614
Losses/(gains) on the disposal of non-current assets	(8,963)	15,641
Total	2,376	25,946

9 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable and similar charges	35,268	35,354
Loss Allowance (Financial Guarantee Contracts)	5,379	-
Changes in the fair value of financial instruments*	17,079	-
Pensions net interest cost	23,029	21,106
Interest receivable and similar income	(10,232)	(10,213)
Income and expenditure in relation to Investment Properties	(11,474)	(11,272)
Changes in fair value of Investments	(3,744)	3,520
Total	55,304	38,495

*The change in the fair value of financial instruments reflects the estimated net downward revaluations of the Council's shareholdings as at 31 March 2020.

This primarily relates to Bristol Holdings decreasing by £14m net of the £2m increase in the Council's interest in the Bristol Port Company.

10 Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Council tax income	(215,116)	(198,132)
Non-domestic rates	(142,236)	(152,029)
Non-service related government grants	(23,402)	(12,020)
Capital grants and contributions	(33,664)	(27,786)
Total	(414,418)	(389,967)

11 Pooled Budgets

Better Care Fund

The Better Care Fund (BCF) was established to support the integration of health and social care as a basis for joint planning the delivery of local services. The current BCF was established in April 2018 as part of a joint two year programme between Bristol City Council and NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG) agreed under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. The formal governance of the BCF is through the Joint Commissioning Board and the Bristol Health and Well Being Board.

Under this Section 75 agreement there are five funds totalling £79.911m in 2019/20 and administered by whichever body undertook the contracting arrangements.

Fund 1 is administered by BNSSG and totals £15.608m. The fund includes contributions from the BNSSG only, which have been paid to providers contracted to support the sub schemes Reduction in Hospitals Admissions, Frail and Complex, Falls Prevention and Reablement. The BNSSG controls this fund in its entirety and wholly owns any risk relating to this fund as per the Section 75 agreement.

Fund 2 is administered by BNSSG and totals £0.639m. The funding is provided to Bristol City Council to offset in-year contract price and cost pressures.

Fund 3 is hosted by Bristol City Council and totals £3.110m, which is wholly made up of the Disabled Facilities Grant. The fund includes contributions from the City Council only, which are paid directly to providers. The City Council controls this fund in its entirety and wholly owns any risk relating to this fund as per the Section 75 agreement.

Fund 4 is a joint arrangement hosted by Bristol City Council and totals £44.755m. Both the BNSSG and Bristol City Council contribute towards the source of funding. The City Council is the Lead Commissioner for the services commissioned through this fund. The risks are shared based on the area of spend. The BNSSG owns the risks for Health related spend and Bristol City Council holds the risk for Social Care related spend as per the section 75 agreement.

Fund 5 is hosted by Bristol City Council and totals £16.515m, which is wholly made up of the improved Better Care (iBCF) and Winter Pressures funds. The fund includes contributions from the City Council only, which are paid directly to providers. The City Council controls this fund in its entirety and wholly owns any risk relating to this fund as per the Section 75 agreement.

Better Care Fund	Fund 1 £'000	Fund 2 £'000	Fund 3 £'000	Fund 4 £'000	Fund 5 £'000	Total £'000
Funding provided to the pooled budget:						
BNSSG	15,608	640	-	15,068		31,316
Bristol City Council	-	-	3,110	28,970	16,515	48,595
Total funding into Pooled Budget	15,608	640	3,110	44,038	16,515	79,911
Expenditure met from Pooled Budget						
BNSSG	15,608	640	-	15,418		31,666
Bristol City Council	-	-	3,110	28,970	16,515	48,595
Total expenditure from Pooled Budget	15,608	640	3,110	44,388	16,515	80,261
Net surplus/(deficit) on the pooled budget during the year	-	-	-	(350)	-	(350)
Bristol City Council's share of the net surplus/(deficit) arising on the pooled budget	-	-	-	-	-	-

12 Members' Allowances

The Council paid the following amounts to members of the Council during the year.

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Allowances	1,246	1,219

In addition to the above, the elected Mayor is paid an annual allowance amounting to £72,016 (2018/19: £70,604)

13 Officers' Remuneration & Exit Packages

Where a senior officer's annual salary is £50,000 or more, but less than £150,000, remuneration is disclosed individually by way of job title. For those senior officers whose salary is £150,000 or more, their name is also disclosed. The remuneration paid during the year was as follows:

2019/20				Salary, Fees and Allowances	Compensation for Loss of Office	Pension Contribution	Total
Post Title	Post Term	Post Holder	Notes	£	£	£	£
Executive Director - Resources - Head of Paid Service	Apr '19 - Mar '20	M Jackson		165,000	-	-	165,000
Executive Director - People	Apr '19 - Mar '20	J Jensen	1	160,613	-	37,262	197,875
Executive Director - Growth and Regeneration (Interim)*	Apr '19 - Nov '19	C Molton		146,353	-	-	146,353
Executive Directors - Growth and Regeneration	Nov '19 – Mar '20	S Peacock		61,875	-	14,355	76,230
Her Majesty's Senior Coroner for the Area of Avon	Apr '19 - Mar '20	M Voisin	2	134,447	-	30,763	165,210
Statutory Officers- Director Adult Social Care	Apr '19 – Mar '20			120,045	-	25,520	145,565
Statutory Officers- Director Education and Skills (Interim)*	Apr' 19 – Oct '19	A Stubbersfield		116,678	-	-	116,678
Statutory Officers- Director Education and Skills	Sep '19 – Mar '20			56,292	-	13,060	69,351
Statutory Officers- Chief Financial (S151)	Apr '19 - Mar '20			120,000	-	27,840	147,840
Statutory Officers- Service Director Legal and Democratic (Monitoring Officer)	Apr '19 - Mar '20			84,634	-	19,635	104,269
Statutory Officers – Director of Public Health	Apr '19 - Mar '20			90,000	-	20,880	110,880

1 Post previously called Executive Director - Adults, Children and Education

2 The post of Her Majesty's Coroner for the area of Avon is shared across four Unitary Authorities. The current percentage share is Bristol 40.04%, Bath & North East Somerset 16.45%, North Somerset 18.94% and South Gloucestershire 24.57%

*Fees paid in respect of individuals engaged on an interim basis

The Council also secured services from various individuals on an interim basis during 2018/19 and 2019/20. The amounts disclosed below in respect of these posts are the costs incurred by the Council to secure the individuals services on this basis and not the amounts these individuals actually received (which will have been lower). The fees payable by the Council in respect of these individuals amounted to £150,000 or more pro rata, in 2019/20 were as follows:

- C Molton who holds the position of **Project Manager** from November 2019 to March 2020 at a cost to the Council in 2019/20 of **£89,064**
- H Cromeley who holds the position of **City Leap Programme Manager** from June 2019 to March 2020 at a cost to the Council in 2019/20 of **£219,843**
- S Blake who holds the position of **Project Housing Manager** from November 2019 to March 2020 at a cost to the Council in 2019/20 of **£41,785**
- N Owens who holds the position of **Specialist Project Manager** from April 2019 to March 2020 at a cost to the Council in 2019/20 of **£164,850** (2018/19 of **£163,566**)
- N Beardmore who holds the position of **Clean Air Zone Communication & Engagement Director** from December 2019 to March 2020 at a cost to the Council in 2019/20 of **£66,883**

2018/19				Salary, Fees and Allowances	Compensation for Loss of Office	Pension Contribution	Total
Post Title	Post Term	Post Holder	Notes	£	£	£	£
Executive Director - Resources (Acting)	April - Jun '18	D Murray	1	33,750	-	7,763	41,513
Executive Director - Resources - Head of Paid Service	Jul '18 - Mar '19	M Jackson	2	123,750	-	-	123,750
Executive Director - Adults, Children and Education	April '18 - Mar '19	J Jensen		148,000		34,040	182,040
Executive Director - Communities	April - May 18	A Comley		28,927	75,000	5,213	109,140
Executive Director – Communities (Acting)	Jun - Nov '18	P Mellor	3	69,462	-	15,976	85,438
Executive Directors Growth and Regeneration (Interim)*	April '18-Mar '19	C Molton		274,503	-	-	274,503
Her Majesty's Senior Coroner for the Area of Avon	April '18-Mar '19	M Voisin	4	133,512	-	30,565	164,077
Service Director – Care and Support Adults (Interim)*	April '18 – Mar '19	T Dafter	5	195,490		6,900	202,390
Statutory Officers- Chief Financial (S151)	April - Jun 18		6	-	-	-	-
Statutory Officers- Chief Financial (S151)	Jul '18 - Mar '19			90,000	-	20,700	110,700
Statutory Officers- Service Director Legal and Democratic (Monitoring Officer)	April - Jul '18			32,771	-	7,810	40,581
Statutory Officers- Service Director Legal and Democratic (Monitoring Officer) (interim)*	Aug - Oct '18	Q Baker		92,715	-	-	92,715
Statutory Officers- Service Director Legal and Democratic (Monitoring Officer)	Nov '18 - Mar'19			35,417	-	8,146	43,563
Statutory Officers – Director of Public Health	April '18			7,358	17,688	1,692	26,738
Statutory Officers – Director of Public Health (Interim)*	April '18 – Feb '19	S Milner		194,120	-	-	194,120
Statutory Officers – Director of Public Health	Feb '19 – Mar '19			8,571	-	1,971	10,542

1 D Murray acted into this position but retained S151

2. The Head of Paid Service post was covered by Executive Director Adults, Children and Education for no extra remuneration until this permanent appointment was made

3. This post was deleted from December 2018 when the structure move from four Directorates to three

4 The post of Her Majesty's Coroner for the area of Avon is shared across four Unitary Authorities. The current percentage share is: Bristol 40.04%, Bath & North East Somerset 16.45%, North Somerset 18.94% and South Gloucestershire 24.57%

5 The Service Director Care and Support Adults was an interim for the period April – December 2018. For the period January to March 2019 he was employed directly by the Council

6 S151 responsibilities were covered by the Acting Director of Resources

Fees paid in respect of individuals engaged on an interim basis

The Council also secured services from various individuals on an interim basis during 2017/18 and 2018/19. The fees payable by the Council in respect of these individuals amounted to £150,000 or more pro rata, in 2018/19 were as follows:

- N Greenhalgh, who holds the position of **Project Manager Growth & Regeneration** from March 2018 to March 2019 at a cost to the Council in 2018/19 of **£239,788** (2017/18 of **£15,448**);
- N Owens, who holds the position of **Specialist Project Manager** from August 2018 to March 2019 at a cost to the Council in 2018/19 of **£163,566**;
- S Somerfield, who held the position of **Interim Service Director ICT** from December 2017 to September 2018 at a cost to the Council in 2018/19 of **£109,319** (2017/18 of **£71,610**);
- A Stubbersfield, who holds the position of **Interim Service Director Education and Skills** from September 2018 to March 2019 at a cost to the Council in 2018/19 of **£109,984**;
- J Walsh, who holds the position of **Service Director Human Resources & Workforce** from July 2017 to March 2019 at a cost to the Council in 2018/19 of **£160,558** (2017/18 of **£152,610**);
- P Wharfe, who held the position of **Interim Service Director Housing** from February 2018 to December 2018 at a cost to the Council in 2018/19 of **£97,650** (2017/18 of **£24,180**);

In addition to the remuneration of senior employees set out above, the number of the Council's employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's contributions) is set out in the table below:

Remuneration band	2019/20 Number of employees		2018/19 Number of employees	
	Schools	Non-Schools	Schools	Non-Schools
£50,000 - £54,999	15	32	25	27
£55,000 - £59,999	14	39	15	36
£60,000 - £64,999	13	29	21	38
£65,000 - £69,999	15	26	5	17
£70,000 - £74,999	6	24	7	13
£75,000 - £79,999	2	5	-	3
£80,000 - £84,999	1	4	2	1
£85,000 - 89,999	1	2	1	1
£90,000 - £94,999	1	3	-	3
£95,000 - £99,999	-	3	-	2
£100,000 - £104,999	-	1	-	2
£105,000 - £109,999	-	3	-	-
£110,000 - £114,999	-	-	-	-
£115,000 - £119,999	-	1	-	-
£120,000 - £124,999	-	2	-	-
Totals	68	174	76	143

Exit Packages

The numbers of exit packages relating to council employees during 2019/20, with total cost per band and the total cost of compulsory and other redundancies are set out in the table below. The numbers and costs include packages agreed at the end of the year but not paid. Costs include the costs of early payment of pension in the cases of early retirement.

Exit package cost band	Number of compulsory redundancies		Number of other departures		Total number of exit packages by cost band		Total cost of exit packages in each band	
	2019/20 No.	2018/19 No.	2019/20 No.	2018/19 No.	2019/20 No.	2018/19 No.	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
£0 - £20,000	10	33	19	16	29	49	229	398
£20,001 - £40,000	3	9	5	14	8	23	227	645
£40,001 - £60,000	-	3	7	10	7	13	341	614
£60,001 - £80,000	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	205
£80,001 - £100,000	-	1	1	3	1	4	92	348
£100,001 - £150,000	-	3	1	-	1	3	102	326
£150,001 - £200,000	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	154
Total	13	50	33	46	46	96	991	2,690

14 External Audit Costs

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

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Fees payable to the External Auditor with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor for the year	211	233
Fees payable to the External Auditor for the certification of grant claims and returns for the year	32	31
Fees payable in respect of other services provided by the External Auditor during the year	-	10
Total	243	274

15 Dedicated Schools Grant

The Council's expenditure on schools is funded primarily by grant monies provided by the Education Funding Agency (EFA), the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Once allocated to a local authority an element is recouped by the EFA to fund academy schools in the council's area. The DSG is ring-fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget, as defined in the School Finance and Early Years (England) Regulations 2018. The Schools Budget includes elements for a range of educational services provided on a Council 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 receivable are shown in the following table:

2018/19 £'000			2019/20 £'000			
Central Expenditure	ISB	Total	Notes	Central Expenditure	ISB	Total
		343,431	Final DSG before academy recoupment			355,148
		173,360	Less: Academy figure recouped for year	1		189,088
		170,071	Total DSG after academy recoupment			166,060
		(1,016)	Plus: Brought forward from previous year	2		1,962
		517	Less: Carry forward agreed in advance	3		(2,407)
24,521	144,017	168,538	Agreed initial budgeted distribution	27,100	143,329	170,429
301	-	301	In year adjustments	4	-	(105)
24,822	144,017	168,839	Final budgeted distribution	27,100	143,224	170,324
23,377	-	23,377	Less: actual central expenditure	27,585	-	27,585
-	148,117	148,117	Less: actual ISB deployed to schools	-	143,224	143,224
-	4,100	4,100	Plus: LA contribution for year	-	-	-
1,445	0	1,445	Carry forward	(485)	0	(485)
		517	Carry forward agreed in advance			(2,407)
		1,962	Total carried forward (Note 18)	5		(2,892)

1. The academy recoupment in 2018/19 comprised 71 academies open at the start of the year plus 9 school conversions in the year. The academy recoupment in 2019/20 comprised 80 academies open at the start of the year plus 3 that converted in year.
2. This is the brought forward figure from 2018/19.
3. Agreement with School Forum and Cabinet in January 2019, to accelerate funding from 2020/21 DSG to reflect in-year pressure in High Needs Block.
4. The in-year estimated adjustment for the final early years block funding 2019/20, following the January 2020 census data up-date, due in summer 2020.
5. The total carry forward deficit is £2.892m for the year. Included in the carry forward are surpluses for delegated budgets of £0.464m and Schools Block of £0.174m, with offsetting deficits of (£1.102m) in High Needs Block, (£0.020) in Early Years Block and (£2.407m) of advance funding.

16 Grant Income

The Council credited the following grants and contributions to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in 2019/20:

Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income:

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Capital grants and contributions (Note 10 & see below)	33,664	27,786
Non service related government grants (Note 10)	23,402	12,020
Total	57,066	39,806

Capital grants and contributions

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Government grants applied:		
Adults, Children and Education	7,093	2,033
Growth & Regeneration	24,938	23,846
Resources	-	60
Housing Revenue Account	27	-
Developer Contributions	1,606	933
Total Government Grants & Contributions applied	33,664	26,872
Government grants unapplied	-	914
Total grants credited to the CIES	33,664	27,786

Grants Credited to Services

	31 Mar 2020 £'000	31 Mar 2019 £'000
Adults, Children and Education		
Adult Education	2,079	1,649
Better Care Fund	14,487	12,009
Dedicated Schools Grant	165,955	170,299
Education Services Grant	10	1,170
Education and Skills Funding Agency Grants	11,318	10,780
Independent Living Fund Grant	1,669	2,087
PFI Special Grant	17,433	17,996
Pupil Premium	7,133	8,036
SEN Reform Grant	-	294
Troubled Families Grant	1,684	1,973
Youth Justice Board Grant	747	729
Other Care Grants (Adults)	1,830	1,810
Other Care Grants (Children)	3,481	2,724
Other	804	1,200
Growth & Regeneration		
Discretionary Housing Payments	1,154	1,372
Go Ultra Low Grant	1,022	-
Homelessness Reduction & Support Grants	4,046	2,385
Housing Benefit (rent allowances/council tax benefit) subsidy	136,205	156,486
Housing Benefit Administration Subsidy	2,596	2,930
Housing Revenue Grant	76	-
Public Health	31,628	32,486
Public Health – Other	317	238
SWERCOTS	402	376
Trailblazer Grant	-	415
Travel & Transport Grants	232	645
Air Quality Grant	1,146	675
Arts Council England - Museums	1,898	2,044
Better Bus Area Fund	172	595
Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG)	448	448
Cycling Ambition Fund	-	1,848
Local Sustainable Transport Fund West (LSTF)	-	998
Sustainable Travel Access Fund	2,336	1,214
Winter Funding	2,028	-
COVID-19	550	-
Other	4,735	4,927
Resources		
Non City Council elections	615	-
Brexit	307	-
Other	467	337
Total	421,010	443,165

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

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Capital Grants and Contributions Received in Advance		
Government grants	17,208	13,484
Section 106 contributions	38,133	28,821
Total	55,341	42,305
Due < 1 year	26,741	20,689
Due > 1 year	28,600	21,616
Total	55,341	42,305
Revenue grants (within creditors)		
Adults, Children and Education	-	447
Growth & Regeneration	-	2,432
Resources	18,925	30
Total	18,925	2,909

17 Adjustments between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the 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.

2019/20	General fund balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Movement Usable Reserves
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adjustment involving the Capital Adjustment Account:						
Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement						
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(50,509)	(30,790)				(81,299)
Movement in the market value of Investment Properties	4,131	(387)				3,744
Amortisation and impairment of Intangible Assets	(2,861)	(373)				(3,234)
Capital grants and distributions	33,636	27				33,663
Revenue and expenditure funded from capital under statute	(10,225)		2,809			(7,416)
Amount of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the (loss) on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(38,376)	(8,473)				(46,849)
Changes in Fair Value of Financial Instruments	(17,079)					(17,079)
Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	10,631		12,515			23,146
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	10,271	10,999				21,270
Adjustments involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:						
Transfer of sale proceeds credited as part of the (loss) on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	46,098	10,359	(56,458)			(1)
Administrative costs of non-current asset disposals	(645)		645			-
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure			30,688			30,688
Contribution from the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance the payments to the Government capital receipts pool	(2,113)		2,113			-
Adjustment Involving the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR):						
Excess depreciation transferred to the MRR						-
HRA depreciation credited to MRR		25,668		(25,668)		-
Use of the MRR to finance new capital expenditure				25,668		25,668
Adjustments involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:						
Application of grants and contributions to capital financing					1,234	1,234
Adjustments involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	178					178
Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve:						
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 32)	(88,105)	(9,829)				(97,934)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	45,272	4,859				50,131
Adjustments involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which council tax income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from council tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	351					351
Adjustment involving the Accumulating Absences Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(233)					(233)
Other Reserve Movements						
Total Adjustment	(59,578)	2,060	(7,688)	0	1,234	(63,972)

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	General fund balance	Housing Revenue Account	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Movement Usable Reserves
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adjustment involving the Capital Adjustment Account:						
Reversal of items debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement						
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(39,291)	(26,205)	-	-	-	(65,496)
Movement in the market value of Investment Properties	(3,474)	(46)	-	-	-	(3,520)
Amortisation and impairment of Intangible Assets	(2,383)	-	-	-	-	(2,383)
Capital grants and distributions	27,786	-	-	-	-	27,786
Revenue and expenditure funded from capital under statute	(6,147)	-	-	-	-	(6,147)
Amount of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the (loss) on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(28,465)	(7,700)	-	-	-	(36,165)
Insertion of items not debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:						
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment	6,864	-	-	-	-	6,864
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	10,209	10,160	-	-	-	20,369
Adjustments involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:						
Transfer of sale proceeds credited as part of the (loss) on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	8,405	12,406	(20,811)	-	-	-
Administrative costs of non-current asset disposals	(288)	-	288	-	-	-
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	10,558	-	-	10,558
Contribution from the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance the payments to the Government capital receipts pool	(2,614)	-	2,614	-	-	-
Adjustment Involving the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR):						
Excess depreciation transferred to the MRR	-	-	-	-	-	-
HRA depreciation credited to MRR	-	25,015	-	(25,015)	-	-
Use of the MRR to finance new capital expenditure	-	-	-	22,634	-	22,634
Adjustments involving the Capital Grants Unapplied Account:						
Application of grants and contributions to capital financing	-	-	-	-	(915)	(915)
Adjustments involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	177	-	-	-	-	177
Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve:						
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (see Note 32)	(78,347)	(8,479)	-	-	-	(86,826)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	43,503	4,404	-	-	-	47,907
Adjustments involving the Collection Fund Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which council tax income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from council tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	5,831	-	-	-	-	5,831
Adjustment involving the Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account:						
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(1,848)	-	-	-	-	(1,848)
Other Reserve Movements						
Total Adjustment	(60,082)	9,555	(7,351)	(2,381)	(915)	(61,174)

18 Usable Reserves

Reserves represent the Council's net worth and show its spending power. Usable reserves result from the Council's activities and can be spent in the future. This note sets out the amounts set aside and posted back to Usable Reserves in 2019/20, they include:

- General Fund Strategic Reserve – to cushion the impact of unexpected events or emergencies
- Earmarked Reserves – to provide financing to meet known or predicted future General Fund expenditure plans
- School Balances/DSG – amounts required by statute to be set aside for future expenditure in schools
- Housing Revenue Account Reserves – amounts specifically required by statute to be set aside and ring-fenced for future investment in HRA
- Capital reserves – includes capital receipts and capital grants set aside to finance future capital spending plans

	01 April 2018	Transfers out	Transfers in	01 April 2019	Transfers out	Transfers in	31 March 2020
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total General Fund Strategic Reserve	(20,000)	0	(3,258)	(23,258)	8,598	(2,341)	(17,001)
General Fund Earmarked Reserves							
Capital Investment Reserve	(16,795)	10,065	(7,500)	(14,230)	20,964	(31,900)	(25,166)
Business Transformation Reserve	(5,684)	1,322	-	(4,362)	3,231	(2,000)	(3,131)
Risk Management Reserve	(21,239)	7,253	(4,622)	(18,609)	14,935	(12,376)	(16,050)
Statutory/Ring-fenced Reserve	(14,642)	1,502	(1,685)	(14,825)	92	(16,521)	(31,255)
Financing Reserve	(13,600)	3,107	(1,242)	(11,735)	3,098	(581)	(9,218)
Service Specific Reserves	(15,460)	38	(1,997)	(17,419)	11,689	(6,840)	(12,570)
Total	(87,420)	23,287	(17,046)	(81,179)	54,008	(70,218)	(97,390)
School Reserves							
Schools – DSG	1,016	0	(2,978)	(1,962)	4,853	0	2,892
Schools - Balances	(5,371)	0	(2,994)	(8,365)	0	(544)	(8,910)
Schools - Other	(2,407)	240	0	(2,166)	882	0	(1,284)
Total Schools	(6,761)	240	(5,972)	(12,493)	5,735	(544)	(7,302)
HRA							
HRA General Reserve	(71,269)	0	(7,449)	(78,718)	74	(8,882)	(87,526)
Major Repairs Reserve	(1,225)	0	(2,381)	(3,606)	25,668	(25,668)	(3,606)
HRA Earmarked Reserves	(7,345)	0	(507)	(7,852)	7,852	0	0
Total HRA Reserves	(79,839)	0	(10,337)	(90,176)	33,594	(34,550)	(91,132)
Capital Reserves							
Capital Grants Received in advance	(3,004)	14,765	(22,116)	(3,919)	76,846	(75,612)	(2,685)
Capital Receipts Unapplied	(63,472)	0	(915)	(70,824)	50,658	(58,346)	(78,512)
Total Usable Capital Reserves	(66,477)	14,765	(23,031)	(74,742)	127,505	(133,959)	(81,196)
TOTAL USABLE RESERVES	(260,497)	38,292	(59,644)	(281,848)	229,439	(241,612)	(294,021)

Details of the earmarked reserves are set out below:

RESERVE	PURPOSE
Capital Investment Reserve	The capital reserve is maintained to provide funding for the Council's capital investments and growth in Enterprise areas.
Business Transformation Reserves	Invest to save funds. The reserve will be used to fund one-off costs attributed to delivery of savings in the currently agreed programme.
Risk Reserves	Risk Reserves Funds set aside to mitigate known risks not otherwise provided for including, volatility in Housing Benefit Subsidy and uninsured risks.
Statutory/Ring-fenced reserves	Amounts required by statute or accounting code of practice to be set aside and ring-fenced for specific purposes, e.g. Public Health Reserve, City Deal Business Rate Pooling, Stoke Park Dowry Covid 19 Support grant.
Technical/Financing Reserve	Technical Financial Reserves - Includes PFI sinking fund, grant income carried forward in accordance with accounting regulations and resources set aside to match known contract liabilities.
Service specific reserves	Amounts set aside to finance specific projects or to meet known expenditure plans, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bristol Futures - to provide new technology to improve public services - Development Fund primarily to fund Docks Asset Survey existing and proposed regeneration schemes - Housing Support to provide support for homelessness issues

19 Property, Plant and Equipment Movements in 2019/20

The valuations, excluding vehicles, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets and community assets are carried out by Richard Fear, MRICS, Property Investment Manager – Growth & Regeneration. The basis for the valuation of all assets is set out in the statement of accounting policies.

- Movement of assets held at historic cost to depreciated replacement cost
- Specialised assets are valued on a depreciated replacement cost basis and are subject to a number of varying factors such as build costs

	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Assets under Construction	Surplus Assets	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	PFI Assets included in Property, Plant and Equipment
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation									
At 1 April 2019	1,664,252	585,955	68,595	331,124	8,715	30,383	43,129	2,732,153	22,975
Additions	31,925	29,052	20,102	25,312	1,011	6,988	1,832	116,222	-
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	(3,244)	75,178	-	-	652	-	694	73,280	4,528
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus/deficit on the Provision of Services	-	(27,216)	-	(208)	(2,062)	(331)	(3,298)	(33,115)	(459)
De-recognition - Disposals	(6,420)	(13,318)	(7,028)	-	-	(17,990)	(2,079)	(46,835)	-
Assets reclassified to/from Held for Sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,800)	(1,800)	-
Assets reclassified to/from Investment Property	270	(152)	-	-	-	-	-	118	-
Other movements in cost or valuation	(1,060)	6,598	(74)	(1,125)	(635)	(7,339)	3,635	-	-
At 31 March 2020	1,685,723	656,097	81,595	355,103	7,681	11,711	42,113	2,840,023	27,044
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment									
At 1 April 2019	(12,269)	(9,597)	(37,120)	(45,743)	(240)	(7)	(368)	(105,344)	(229)
Depreciation Charge	(25,158)	(16,567)	(5,191)	(10,539)	-	-	(382)	(57,837)	(543)
Depreciation written out to Revaluation Reserve	24,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,779	-
Depreciation written out to Surplus/Deficit on the provision of Services	-	8,715	-	-	-	-	1015	9,730	459
De-recognition - disposals	51	287	7,013	-	-	11	52	7,414	-
Other movements in Depreciation and Impairment	18	168	148	325	(176)	(8)	(473)	2	-
At 31 March 2020	(12,579)	(16,994)	(35,150)	(55,957)	(416)	(4)	(156)	(121,256)	(313)
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2020	1,673,144	639,103	46,445	299,146	7,265	11,707	41,957	2,718,767	26,731
Balance Sheet at 1 April 2019	1,651,983	576,358	31,475	285,381	8,475	30,376	42,761	2,626,809	22,746

Property, Plant and Equipment Comparative movements in 2018/19

	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Assets under Construction	Surplus Assets	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	PFI Assets included in Property, Plant and Equipment
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation									
At 1 April 2018	1,664,774	633,435	64,984	297,286	8,266	21,084	42,041	2,731,870	19,287
Additions	25,643	24,664	3,611	33,794	449	8,040	-	96,201	-
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the Revaluation Reserve	(17,451)	(6,758)	-	-	-	-	2,819	(7,874)	2,856
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus/deficit on the Provision of Services	-	(46,054)	-	-	-	(364)	(1,241)	(47,659)	832
De-recognition - Disposals	(7,667)	(21,284)	-	-	-	-	(325)	(29,276)	-
Assets reclassified to/from Held for Sale	-	(225)	-	-	-	(7,057)	(4,022)	(11,304)	-
Assets reclassified to/from Investment Property	-	99	-	-	-	-	96	195	-
Other movements in cost or valuation	(1,047)	(11,438)	-	44	-	8,680	3,761	-	-
At 31 March 2019	1,664,252	585,955	68,595	331,124	8,715	30,383	43,129	2,732,153	22,975
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment									
At 1 April 2018	(8,309)	(32,810)	(31,953)	(35,846)	(166)	(1,838)	(258)	(111,180)	(1,132)
Depreciation Charge	(24,538)	(15,478)	(5,241)	(9,897)	-	-	(555)	(55,709)	(415)
Depreciation written out to Revaluation Reserve	20,575	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,575	-
Depreciation written out to Surplus/Deficit on the provision of Services	-	35,214	-	-	-	-	861	36,075	1,318
De-recognition - disposals	55	2,986	-	-	-	-	8	3,049	-
Other movements in Depreciation and Impairment	(52)	491	74	-	(74)	1,831	(424)	1,846	-
At 31 March 2019	(12,269)	(9,597)	(37,120)	(45,743)	(240)	(7)	(368)	(105,344)	(229)
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2019	1,651,983	576,358	31,475	285,381	8,475	30,376	42,761	2,626,809	22,746
Balance Sheet at 1 April 2018	1,656,465	600,625	33,031	261,440	8,100	19,246	41,783	2,620,690	18,155

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. The following useful lives and depreciation rates have been used:

- Council Dwellings 16–50 years
- Other Land and Buildings 5–60 years
- Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment 3–8 years
- Infrastructure – 25 years (quay walls and lock gates in City Docks not depreciated as useful life beyond 100 years)

Capital Commitments

At 31 March 2020 the Council had entered into a number of contracts for the construction or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment with outstanding contract commitments of £101.8m.

Significant contractual commitments outstanding at 31 March 2020 were as follows:

		£m
Avonmouth and Severnside Enterprise Area - Flood defences	South Gloucestershire Council	29.9
Major refurbishment project at Bristol Beacon	Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd	26.7
School Expansion - Cathedral Schools Trust Trinity Academy	Bristol LEP Ltd (Skanska)	16.9
New Housing Provision - Ashton Rise	Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd	6.0
ICT Refresh Programme - Purchase of new laptops	XMA Ltd	3.6
New Housing Provision - Registered Provider grants	United Communities Ltd	3.1
Priority Stock - Refurbishment	Rateavon Ltd	2.4
Transport - Floating pontoon walkway	Knights Brown Construction Ltd	2.3
Energy District Heat Networks installation	CSW Process Ltd	2.2
New Housing Provision - 3 development sites	Perfect Circle JV Ltd	1.7
School Expansion - Kingsweston Block C Post-16 & The Keep	Bristol LEP Ltd (Skanska)	1.7
Energy Centre Water Source Heat Pump	Jewson Ltd	1.4
ICT Refresh Programme - Storage Area Network Replacement	Centerprise International Ltd	1.3
New Housing Provision - Modular units	Lesko Modular Group Ltd	1.1
	Total	100.3

Revaluations

The Council carries out a rolling programme that ensures all Property, Plant and Equipment required to be measured at fair value is revalued at least every 5 years. All valuations were carried out internally. Valuations of land and buildings were carried out in accordance with the methodologies and bases for estimation set out in the professional standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Vehicles, Plant and Equipment are valued at historic cost, which is considered to be a suitable proxy for fair value.

The following table shows the effective valuation dates for all Property Plant and Equipment:

	Council Dwellings	Other Land and Buildings	Vehicles, Plant, etc.	Infrastructure	Community Assets	Assets Under Construction	Surplus Assets	Total Property, Plant and Equipment
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Carried at historical cost	-	7,153	81,595	355,103	7,681	785	-	452,317
1 October 2019	1,685,723	531,279	-	-	-	270	42,022	2,259,294
1 October 2018	-	12,121	-	-	-	300	-	12,421
1 December 2017	-	11,269	-	-	-	10,356	-	21,625
1 April 2016	-	37,416	-	-	-	-	78	37,494
1 April 2015	-	56,859	-	-	-	-	13	56,872
Total cost valuation	1,685,723	656,097	81,595	355,103	7,681	11,711	42,113	2,840,023

In addition the Council has instructed its valuers to undertake a review of all assets held in the Other Land and Buildings category to ensure that the carrying value of assets last valued in previous years is not materially different from their fair value. In order to perform this exercise, the Other Land and Building category was split into subcategories, e.g. schools, car parks, leisure and culture etc. The review concluded that the fair value was not materially different from the carrying value at the Balance Sheet date.

20 Heritage Assets

Reconciliation of the carrying value of Heritage Assets held by the Council.

	Art Collection	Ethnography & Foreign Archaeology	Antiquarian books	Other	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation					
01 April 2019	125,031	42,593	7,675	26,795	202,094
Additions	335			5	340
Revaluations	1,259	-5	-	368	1,622
31 March 2020	126,625	42,588	7,675	27,168	204,056
Cost or valuation					
01 April 2018	124,600	42,584	7,675	26,235	201,094
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	431	9	-	560	1,000
31 March 2019	125,031	42,593	7,675	26,795	202,094

The above collection of Heritage Assets are predominantly valued on an annual insurance valuation basis, and some items classified as “other” are valued at historic cost.

Heritage Assets: Further Information on the Museum’s collections

Loans

The Museum occasionally makes available loan items from its collection to regional and national museums and borrows collections for specific exhibitions. Collections not on display are held in secure storage but access is permitted on an appointment basis.

Preservation

The collections have been under the care of conservators since the 1940s. They specialise in antiquities, paintings, paper and photographs, and preventive conservation and are based at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. Our conservators:

- prepare artefacts for display
- set conservation standards for the refurbishment of permanent exhibitions
- prepare artefacts for loan to other institutions
- check new acquisitions
- assess the condition of objects and work on the installation of temporary exhibitions
- work to improve collections storage
- maintain permanent displays - this includes training staff and cleaning objects.

21 Investment Properties

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

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Rental income from Investment Property	11,998	11,815
Direct operating expenses arising from Investment Property	(524)	(543)
Net gain	11,474	11,272

There are no restrictions on the Council's ability to realise the value inherent in its Investment Property or on the Council's right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. The Council has no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop Investment Property or to carry out repairs, maintenance or enhancement.

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of Investment Properties over the year:

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Balance at start of the year	249,251	255,415
Additions – purchases	-	64
Disposals	(289)	(2,512)
Net gains/losses from fair value adjustments	3,744	(3,520)
Transfers to/from Property, Plant and Equipment	(120)	(196)
Balance at end of the year	252,586	249,251

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the investment property are recognised in the surplus or deficit on the provision of services – financing and investment.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Details of the authority's investment properties and information about the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

	Other significant observable inputs (Level2)	
	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Retail	66,834	109,470
Industrial	121,361	85,023
Office	64,391	54,758
Balance at end of the year	252,586	249,251

The investment properties have been valued by the Council's in-house valuers (all RICS qualified) and by external specialists on an investment income basis which represents highest and best use overall.

There is a strong market for such property within Bristol with different markets for different sectors. Bristol City Council has a significant diverse portfolio of properties in the boundary of Bristol and has significant in-house experience of managing its estate. In determining the value of each asset we have taken into account quoted prices for similar properties within the local market, existing lease terms and rentals, current market rentals and yields, the covenant strength for existing tenants and data and market knowledge from managing the Council's investment property portfolio, leading to the properties being categorised at Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

22 Intangible Assets

The Council accounts for its Information Technology (IT) system software as Intangible Assets which includes purchased licenses covering a period of more than a year. All software is amortised over five years (this is based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use to the Council). All software is carried at cost (used as a proxy for fair value) given the short life of the asset.

The carrying amount of Intangible Assets is amortised on a straight-line basis. The amortisation of £3.2m charged to revenue in 2019/20 was charged to the central ICT cost centre and the Housing Revenue Account. The charge to central ICT was absorbed as an overhead across all the service headings in the Net Cost of Service. It is not possible to quantify exactly how much of the amortisation is attributable to each service heading. The main purchases in 2019/20 relate to system improvements from within the IT Transformation programme (ITTP) and the development of the HR/Finance system.

The movement on Intangible Asset balances during the year is as follows:

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance at start of the year		
Gross carrying amounts	26,172	22,476
Accumulated amortisation	-12,585	-10,202
Accumulated impairment	-2,014	-2,014
Net carrying amount at start of year	11,573	10,260
Additions:		
Purchases	7620	3,696
Amortisation for the period	-3,235	-2,383
Net carrying amount at the end of year	15,958	11,573
Comprising:		
Gross carrying amounts	33,792	26,172
Accumulated amortisation	-15,820	-12,585
Accumulated impairment	-2,014	-2,014
Balance at end of the year	15,958	11,573

23 Financial Instruments

The borrowings and investments disclosed in the Balance Sheet are made up of the following categories of financial instruments. The value of debtors and creditors reported in the table are those amounts meeting the definition of a financial instrument. The balances of debtors and creditors reported in the balance sheet and associated notes also include balances which do not meet the definition of a financial instrument, such as tax-based debtors and creditors.

	Long-Term		Current	
	31 March 2020	31 March 2019	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial Liabilities at Amortised cost				
Borrowing	(450,488)	(430,488)	(14,778)	(4,998)
Service Concessions	(131,735)	(129,013)	(8,820)	(6,415)
Creditors	(84)	(78)	(144,019)	(115,020)
Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through profit and loss				
Financial Derivative			(5,379)	
Total Financial Liabilities	(582,307)	(559,578)	(172,996)	(126,433)
Financial Assets at Amortised cost				
Investments	1	2	102,502	67,461
Debtors	10,487	1,677	70,039	70,217
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income				
Investment	350	550	-	-
Financial Assets at Fair Value through profit and loss				
Investments	41,723	51,310	56,017	19,019
Total Financial Assets	52,561	53,539	228,558	156,697

Movements

The increase in financial liabilities, circa £70m relates to £30m of long-term borrowing undertaken during the year to support the capital programme and increase in the value of general creditors (£32m) during the year. This was mainly due to £30m Covid19 grants received in advance.

The financial assets increased by circa £70m through a combination of increases in working capital and reserves resulting in additional cash resources to invest in lieu of using these resources.

Borrowing

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Current borrowing		
Deposit loans (repayable at notice - up to 7 days)	151	101
Other short-term borrowing (repayable within 1 year):		
- Public Works Loan Board	13,470	3,737
- Banks and other monetary sector	1,136	1,139
- Local bonds and property rent disposals	11	11
- Stocks	10	10
Total	14,778	4,998

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Non-current borrowing		
Public Works Loan Board	330,439	310,439
Lender Option Borrower Option (Lobo)	70,000	70,000
Market Debt	50,000	50,000
Stocks	49	49
Total	450,488	430,488

The Council undertook £30m of new long term borrowing at historic low rates in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy to support the financing of the Council's capital programme.

Income, Expense, Gains or Losses

The gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for financial instruments are as follows:

Financial Instruments Gains and Losses 2019/20

	Financial Liabilities	Financial Assets			
	Measured at amortised cost	Amortised Cost	Fair Value through the CI	Fair Value through the P&L	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interest expense & Impairment Losses	(40,647)	-	-	-	(40,647)
Total expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(40,647)	-	-	-	(40,647)
Interest Income	-	5,861	-	301	6,162
Fair Value Movement	-	-	-	(17,079)	(17,079)
Dividend Income	-	-	-	4,070	4,070
Total income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(40,647)	5,861	-	(12,708)	(47,494)
Deficit arising on revaluation of financial assets in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) for the year	(40,647)	5,861	-	(12,708)	(47,494)

Financial Instruments Gains and Losses 2018/19

	Financial Liabilities Measured at amortised cost	Financial Assets			
		Amortised Cost	Fair Value through the CI	Fair Value through the P&L	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Interest expense	(35,354)	-	-	-	(35,354)
Total expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(35,354)	-	-	-	(35,354)
Interest Income	-	7,214	-	359	7,573
Increases in Fair Value	-	-	-	(150)	(150)
Dividend Income	-	-	-	2,790	2,790
Total income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(35,354)	7,214	-	2,999	(25,141)
Surplus arising on revaluation of financial assets in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) for the year	(35,354)	7,214	-	2,999	(25,141)

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Property Assets

Some of the authority's financial assets are measured in the Balance Sheet at fair value on a recurring basis and are described in the following tables, including the valuation techniques used to measure them.

Descriptions	Fair value measurements at 31 March 2020 using:			Fair value measurements at 31 March 2019 using:		
	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs
	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000
Recurring fair value measurements						
Fair Value through Profit and Loss						
Money Market Funds	56,017			19,019		
Bristol Port Company (Non-traded Unquoted Equity Investment)	-		27,000			25,000
Bristol Holdings (unquoted equity investment)			5,623			17,310
Other unquoted private companies	-	-	100	-	-	-
Pooled property fund	-	-	9,000	-	-	9,000
Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income						
Other unquoted private companies	-	-	350	-	-	550
Total Non-traded securities:	56,017	-	42,073	19,019	-	51,860
Investment properties	-	252,586	-	-	249,251	-
Surplus properties	-	41,957	-	-	42,760	-
Total recurring fair value measurements	56,017	294,543	42,073	19,019	292,011	51,860
Non-recurring fair value measurements						
Assets held for sale	-	723	-	-	3,572	-
Total non-recurring fair value measurements	-	723	-	-	3,572	-

Valuation techniques and Inputs				
Description of asset	Valuation hierarchy	Basis of Valuation	Observable and Unobservable inputs	Key sensitivities affecting the valuations provided
Money Market Funds	Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical shares	Latest quoted prices	
Surplus assets	Level 2	All surplus assets have been valued by RICS qualified valuers to Fair Value less costs to sell, reflecting highest and best use.	Evidence of title, floor area, siting and site conditions, type/age and current use of the property have been taken into account together with general market conditions and advertised value of similar properties currently up for sale.	Not all assets are physically inspected every year. Latent defects, repair and maintenance backlogs, general changes in the market and other impairments could have a significant impact on the values provided.
Investment Properties (further detailed information in note 21)	Level 2	All investment properties have been valued by the Council's in-house valuers (all RICS qualified) on an investment income basis which we are satisfied represents highest and best use overall.	All valued on an investment income basis, using existing lease terms and current yields	Changes to market conditions, lease terms, covenant strength and occupancy levels could all affect the asset valuations provided.
Bristol Port Company	Level 3	This investment has been valued by an external specialist valuation company.	Calculations have been based on an income approach to valuation, by applying a multiple derived from the market to a maintainable profit figure.	Changes to market conditions (local and global), and the comparable data used within the valuations. If the growth of future returns are greater or lesser by 1% than the 2% forecast, the fair value will be circa £750k higher or lower respectively.

Bristol Holdings	Level 3	This investment has been valued at the Council's share of each company's net assets.	Calculations have been based on their unaudited accounts and adjusted for customer base valuation as at 31 March 2020 less a deduction for potential liabilities.	Valuations could be affected by the difference between audited and unaudited accounts, market conditions resulting in changes in customer number or price per customer. If for example the indicative price per customer used in this valuation is greater or lesser than £5 per customer, the fair value will be £375k higher or lower respectively.
Investments in other unquoted companies	Level 3	These investments have been valued at the Council's share of each company.	Calculations have been based on their latest audited accounts	The value of these companies are relatively low (£450k) so any change in the metrics used in the valuation technique will not have a material impact.
Investments in Pooled Property Fund	Level 3	These investments have been valued at the Council's share within the pooled fund.	The valuation for Pooled Property Funds have been based on the latest quarterly financial report	Changes to housing market conditions could affect the valuation of the pooled property fund. If the market value of the properties within this fund is greater or lesser than 1% the fair value of the fund will be £90k higher or lower respectively.

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

Changes in valuation technique

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

Reconciliation of fair value measurements for assets at fair value within level 3

Description	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	Non-traded securities	Non-traded securities
	£000	£000
Opening balance	51,860	20,360
Re-measurement 1/4/19	-	25,350
Transfers into level 3	-	-
Transfers out of level 3	-	-
included in the surplus/(deficit) on the Provision of Services	(17,079)	(150)
included in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-
Total gains/(losses) for the period:	(17,079)	(150)
Additions	7,842	6,500
Disposals	(550)	(200)
Closing balance	42,073	51,860

Gains and losses included in the surplus / (deficit) on the provision of services for the current year primarily relates to the investments in the Bristol Port Company (+£2m) and Bristol Holdings (-£19m). The additions mainly relates to the acquisition of share capital in Bristol Holdings.

The Fair Values of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities that are not Measured at Fair Value

Except for the financial assets carried at fair value (described in the table above), all other financial liabilities and financial assets represented by loans and receivables and long-term debtors and creditors are carried on the balance sheet at amortised cost. Their fair value can be assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that take place over the remaining life of the instruments, using the following assumptions:

- For loans from the PWLB payable, prevailing market rates have been applied to provide the fair value under PWLB debt redemption procedures. An additional note to the tables sets out the alternative fair value measurement applying the premature repayment, highlighting the impact of the alternative valuation;
- For non-PWLB loans payable, prevailing interest rates have been applied to provide the fair value;
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised;
- Where an instrument has a maturity of less than 12 months or is a trade or other receivable the fair value is taken to be the carrying amount or the billed amount;
- The fair value of trade and other receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed amount.

Financial Liabilities	31 March 2020		31 March 2019	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)	343,909	480,200	314,176	478,900
Lender Option Borrower Option	70,663	99,400	70,670	104,500
Market Debt	50,473	69,200	50,469	72,700
Current Creditors	144,019	144,019	115,020	115,020
Service Concessions	140,555	212,819	135,428	224,104
Other	305	305	249	249
Total Liabilities	749,924	1,005,943	686,012	995,473

The Authority has used a transfer value for the fair value of financial liabilities. We have also calculated an exit price fair value of £1.359bn an increase of £336m which is calculated using early repayment discount rates. The Authority has no contractual obligation to pay these penalty costs and would not incur any additional cost if the loans run to their planned maturity date.

The fair value for financial liabilities and assets has been assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining term of the instruments, using the assumptions detailed above; the fair value is arrived at by applying the discounted cash flow calculations based on the PWLB premium/discount calculations.

The fair value of the liabilities is higher than the carrying amount because the Authority's portfolio of loans includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate payable is higher than the prevailing rates at the Balance Sheet date. This shows a notional future loss (based on economic conditions at 31 March 2020) arising from a commitment to pay interest to lenders above current market rates.

Financial Assets	31 March 2020		31 March 2019	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Current investments	33,076	33,076	60,063	60,063
Cash and Cash Equivalents	69,426	69,426	7,397	7,397
Non-current investments	1	1	2	2
Current Debtors	70,039	70,039	70,217	70,217
Non-current debtors	10,487	10,487	1,677	1,677
Total Financial Assets	183,029	183,029	139,356	139,356

The fair value of the assets is the same as the carrying value due to the majority of these assets having a maturity of less than 12 months or is a trade or other receivable where the fair value is taken to be the carrying amount or the billed amount.

Short-term debtors and creditors are carried at cost as this is a fair approximation of their value.

Fair value hierarchy for financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value

Descriptions	Fair value measurements at 31 March 2020 using:			Fair value measurements at 31 March 2019 using:		
	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs
	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000
Recurring fair value measurements using:						
Financial Liabilities held at Amortised Cost						
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)		343,909			314,176	
Lender Option Borrower Options		70,663			70,670	
Market debt		50,473			50,469	
Service Concessions		140,555			135,428	
Other		305			249	
Total		605,905			570,992	
Financial Assets held at amortised cost						
Current Investments		33,076			60,063	
Cash and Cash Equivalents		69,426			7,397	
Non-current Investments		1			2	
Non-current Debtors		10,487			1,677	
Total		112,990			69,140	

The fair value for financial liabilities and financial assets that are not measured at fair value included in Levels 2 and 3 in the table above have been arrived at using a discounted cash flow analysis with the most significant inputs being the discount rate detailed above.

The fair value for financial liabilities and financial assets that are not measured at fair value can be assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining term of the instruments, using the assumptions detailed above, primarily for financial liabilities the fair value is arrived at by applying the discounted cash flow calculations based on the PWLB premium/discount calculations.

24 Nature and Extent of Risks Arising from Financial Instruments

The Authority'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 Authority.
- Liquidity risk – the possibility that the Authority might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments.
- Re-financing risk – the possibility that the Authority might be requiring to renew a financial instrument on maturity at disadvantageous interest rates or terms.
- Market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Authority as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and money market movements.

The Council's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the resources available to fund services. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury team, under policies approved by the Council in the annual treasury management strategy, and compliance with the CIPFA Prudential Code of Practice, the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice, and Investment Guidance that is issued under the Local Government Act 2003. The Council provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and the investment of surplus cash. These are required to be reported and approved at or before the Council's annual Council Tax setting budget or before the start of the year to which they relate. These items are reported with the annual treasury management strategy that outlines the detailed approach to managing risk in relation to the Council's financial instrument exposure. Actual performance is also reported annually to Members.

The annual treasury management strategy which incorporates the prudential indicators was approved by Council on 26 February 2019 and is available on the Council 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 minimised through the Annual Investment Strategy, which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit criteria, in accordance with Fitch, Standard and Poor's and Moody's Credit Ratings Services. The Annual Investment Strategy also imposes a maximum sum to be invested with a financial institution located within each category.

Details of the Investment Strategy can be found on the Council's website. The key areas of the Investment Strategy are that the minimum criteria for investment counterparties include:

- Credit ratings of Short Term of F1, Long Term A-, with the lowest available rating being applied to the criteria;
- UK institutions provided with support from the UK Government;

The Council's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its investments in banks and building societies will vary according to credit ratings assigned by the three main credit rating agencies and cannot be assessed generally as the risk of any institution failing to make interest payments or repay the principal sum will be specific to each individual institution. Recent experience has shown that it is rare for such entities to be unable to meet their commitments. A risk of irrecoverability applies to all of the Authority's deposits, but there was no evidence at the 31 March 2020 that this was likely to crystallise.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The following analysis summarises the Council's potential maximum exposure to credit risk on financial assets valued at amortised cost, based on experience of default and un-collectability over the last five financial years, adjusted to reflect current market conditions.

	Amount	Historical experience of default	Adjustment for market conditions	Estimated maximum exposure to default	Estimated maximum exposure to default
	£000	%	%	£000	£000
	A	B	C	(A*C)	
Non-Current Investments:	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Non-traded securities	-	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
Sub-total	-			-	-
Current Investments:					
Local Authorities	72,493	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
AA rated counterparties	41	0.02%	0.02%	-	2
A rated counterparties	29,968	0.06%	0.06%	18	16
Sub-total	102,502			18	18
Trade debtors	70,039			-	-
Non-current debtors	10,488			-	-
Total Financial assets	183,029			18	18

The estimated maximum exposure for credit loss for Treasury investments is £18k and therefore no allowance for credit loss have been made for these assets.

No credit limits were exceeded during the reporting period and the Council does not expect any losses from non-performance by any of its counterparties in relation to deposits.

The Council does not generally allow credit for its trade debtors, including amounts due from government departments and other Local Authorities.

The risk of loss for trade receivables is minimised by a combination of the following:

- Wherever possible obtaining payment in advance of service delivery
- Availability and encouragement to pay by direct debit
- A wide range of payment options available, including by telephone, internet, banks and retail networks (via the Allpay solution i.e. Payzone, Paypoint and Post Offices)
- Having a standardised recovery process including reminder letters and statement of accounts
- Utilising a corporate Debt Management Team to take an ethical debt approach to all types of debt with referral to External Debt Collection agencies or instigating Court claims only used as a last resort
- Negotiating flexible repayment plans for overdue debt where necessary

The write off of a debt is always the last option available and is only taken when all other appropriate measures have been taken to recover payment, and in cases of bankruptcy.

The bad debt provision is calculated by reference to the council's historic experience with the provision being applied to debts over 60 days old and the value increasing according to the age of the debt.

Debtor analysis	Gross debtor at 31-Mar-20	Allowance for credit losses at 31-Mar-20	Net debtor at 31-Mar-20	Net debtor at 31-Mar-19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Local taxpayers	16,390	(10,291)	6,099	8,362
Housing rents	12,485	(9,605)	2,880	2,614
Other - sundry debtors	114,344	(30,472)	83,872	73,118
Total Other Entities and Individuals	143,219	(50,368)	92,851	84,094
Central Government bodies	11,047	-	11,047	9,731
Other local authorities	1,636	-	1,636	1,704
NHS bodies	749	-	749	6,617
Total debtors	156,651	(50,368)	106,283	102,146
Balance sheet debtors	156,651	(50,368)	106,283	102,146
Current debtors not qualifying as a financial instrument under IFRS	(46,535)	10,291	(36,244)	(31,929)
Current debtors qualifying as a financial instrument under IFRS	110,116	(40,077)	70,039	70,217

The following table analyses the Gross debt that is now past due over varying periods. This overdue debt is covered by a provision for bad debt.

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Less than three months	30,438	20,336
Three to four months	1,521	1,555
Four months to one year	9,474	8,121
More than one year	38,863	39,242
Total	80,296	69,254

Liquidity risk

The Council has a comprehensive cash flow management system that seeks to ensure that cash is available as needed. If unexpected movements happen, the Council has ready access to borrowings from the money markets to cover day-to-day cash flow need and the Public Works Loans Board and capital 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. Therefore, there is no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments.

The maturity analysis of financial assets, excluding sums due from customers, is as follows:

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Less than 1 year	228,558	156,696
Between 1 and 2 years	1,582	436
Between 2 and 3 years	1,191	439
More than 3 years	49,788	52,665
Total	281,119	210,236

The maturity analysis of financial liabilities is as follows:

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Less than 1 year	172,996	126,433
Between 1 and 2 years	8,651	17,024
Between 2 and 3 years	13,553	7,025
More than 3 years	560,103	535,531
Total	755,303	686,013

Refinancing and Maturity risk

The Council maintains a significant debt and investment portfolio. Whilst the cash flow procedures above are considered against the refinancing risk procedures, longer-term risk to the Council relates to 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 treasury indicator limits for the maturity structure of debt and the limits on investments placed for greater than one year in duration are the key parameters used to address this risk. The Council approved treasury and investment strategies address the main risks and the central treasury team address the operational risks within the approved parameters. This includes:

- Monitoring the maturity profile of 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 monitoring the spread of longer-term investments provides stability of maturities and returns in relation to the longer-term cash flow needs.

The maturity profile of the Council's debt portfolio along with the Council's approved minimum and maximum exposure is shown in the table below.

	Approved minimum limits	%	Approved maximum limits	%	Actual 31 March 2020 £'000	%	Actual 31 March 2019 £'000	%
Less than 1 year	-		30		14,778	3%	4,998	1%
Between 1 and 2 years	-		40		-	-%	10,000	2%
Between 2 and 5 years	-		40		10,000	2%	5,000	1%
Between 5 and 10 years	-		50		49,000	11%	54,000	13%
More Than 10 Years	25		100		391,488	84%	361,488	83%
Total					465,266	100%	435,486	100%

Included within the maturity profile are £50m of LOBOS with maturities averaging 41 years. Inherent within these loan instruments are options (averaging an option every 3 years) that could give rise to the debt being repaid early. These loans are regularly reviewed with the current and expected structure of interest rates. The risk of the lenders exercising their options is currently low for the short to medium term. Therefore, the maturity of these loans in above table are currently based on their maturity date, 10 years and over.

Market 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. 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 will fall (no impact on revenue balances);
- Investments at variable rates – the interest income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement will rise; and
- Investments at fixed rates – the fair value of the assets will fall (no impact on revenue balances).

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 Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure. However, changes in interest payable and receivable on variable rate borrowings and investments will be posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and affect the General Fund Balance. Movements in the fair value of fixed rate investments that have a quoted market price will be reflected in the Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Council has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The Annual Treasury Management Strategy draws together the Council's expected treasury operations, including an expectation of interest rate movements. From this Strategy a treasury indicator is set which provides maximum limits for fixed and variable interest rate exposure. The central treasury 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 rates borrowing would be postponed.

At 31 March 2020, if interest rates had been 1% higher with all other variables held constant, the financial effect would be:

	31 March 2020 £'000
Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	1,675
Impact on Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	1,675
Share of overall impact debited to the HRA	1,519
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate borrowings liabilities (no impact on the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure)	107,500

The approximate impact of a 1% fall in interest rates would be as above but with the movements being reversed.

Price risk

The Council does not generally invest in equity shares but have recently invested in Bristol Holdings, a wholly owned subsidiary. Whilst this holding is generally illiquid, the Council is exposed to losses arising from movements in the prices of these shares.

As the shareholding has 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 so that the Council can monitor factors that might cause a fall in the value of specific holdings.

These shares are valued at fair value.

Foreign exchange risk

During 2019/20 the Council received monies denominated in Euro's relating to the receipt of European grant. The authority also made payments in a variety of currencies for the supply of goods and services. Payments and receipts are converted to Sterling at the earliest opportunity.

25 Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing

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

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Opening Capital Financing Requirement	847,021	822,515
Capital investment		
Property, Plant and Equipment	126,927	96,202
Investment Properties	-	64
Heritage Assets	340	
Intangible Assets	7,620	3,697
Long Term Investments / Debtors	17,592	6,998
Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute	10,225	6,147
Capital Receipts set aside for repayment of debt	(13,839)	(1,305)
Sources of finance		
Capital receipts	(33,496)	(10,558)
Government grants and other contributions	(34,898)	(26,872)
Sums set aside from revenue:		
• Direct revenue contributions	(46,938)	(43,003)
• MRP – City Council Debt	(10,631)	(6,864)
Closing Capital Financing Requirement	869,923	847,021
Explanation of movements in year		
Less Minimum Revenue Provision	(10,631)	(6,864)
Use of capital receipt for repayment of debt	(13,839)	(1,305)
Increase in underlying need to borrowing (unsupported by government financial assistance)	47,372	32,676
Increase in Capital Financing Requirement	22,902	24,507

26 Leases

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Operating Leases

The Council leases out property within the commercial trading estate under operating leases for the following purposes:

- for the provision of community services, such as sports facilities, tourism services and community centres
- for economic development purposes to provide suitable affordable accommodation for local businesses

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

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Not later than one year	13,708	13,986
Later than one year and not later than five years	49,370	49,551
Later than five years	850,558	867,632
	913,636	931,169

The minimum lease payments receivable at 31 March 2020 and 2019 are based on the current rents receivable at the respective Balance Sheet dates. They do not include estimates of future rents reviews or contingent rents.

27 Service Concessions

Schools PFI Phase 1A

On 31st March 2004 the Council entered into a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract with Bristol Schools Limited. The contract provided for the design, construction and financing of four new secondary schools, Bedminster Down, Henbury School, Orchard School and Oasis Academy Brightstowe. All four schools were constructed and are operational. Bristol Schools Limited will maintain and operate the facilities for twenty-six years from the date the first school became operational.

A capital contribution of £5.346m was made to the first phase of the project by way of a cash payment. This was in respect of the provision of leisure facilities and of the retention of part of the site of Henbury School by the Council, for subsequent disposal.

As at 31st March 2020 cumulative payments totalling £141m (£132m in 2018/19) have been made to the PFI contractor. The future estimated payments the Council will make under the contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
2020/21	3,146	1,977	4,352	503	9,978
2021/22 to 2024/25	13,391	9,823	14,870	556	38,640
2025/26 to 2029/30	18,711	18,464	10,878	309	48,362
2030/31 to 2031/32	5,584	6,735	1,013	327	13,659
Total	40,832	36,999	31,113	1,695	110,639

Over the life of the PFI project, the Council is scheduled to receive government grant of £134.8m.

Schools PFI Phase 1B and 1C, Building Schools for the Future

During 2006/07 the Council entered into a PFI contract with Bristol PFI Limited to design, build, finance and operate four additional schools in Bristol. A Local Education Partnership (LEP) was also created to manage the supply chain and deliver the four schools. The partnership is between Skanska Education Partnerships (80%), Partnership for Schools (10%) and Bristol City Council (10%). The schools are Brislington Enterprise College, Bristol Brunel Academy, Bristol Metropolitan Academy and Bridge Learning Campus. Bristol PFI Limited will maintain and operate the facilities for twenty-seven years from the date the first school became operational.

A capital contribution of £9.569m was made to the project by way of a cash payment. This was used towards the cost of the Bridge Learning Campus and provision of leisure facilities at Bristol Brunel Academy.

As at 31st March 2020 cumulative payments totalling £197m (£179m in 2018/19) have been made to the PFI contractor. The future estimated payments the Council will make under this contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
2020/21	5,357	4,086	5,989	3,584	19,016
2021/22 to 2024/25	23,023	16,033	20,845	18,111	78,012
2025/26 to 2029/30	32,738	25,059	18,635	25,551	101,983
2030/31 to 2034/35	32,819	32,598	7,100	21,403	93,920
Total	93,937	77,776	52,569	68,649	292,931

Over the life of the PFI project, the Council is scheduled to receive government grant of £326.3m.

Hengrove Leisure Centre

In April 2010 the Council entered into a PFI contract with Bristol Active Limited to design, build, finance and operate a new leisure centre, and associated car park, in Hengrove. The centre opened in February 2012 and Bristol Active Limited will operate and maintain the facility until 2037.

The assets and associated liability have been included on the Council's Balance Sheet in accordance with IFRS.

A capital contribution of £7.161m was made to the project by way of a cash payment. This was used to fund the capital works for the Car Park and as a contribution towards the capital works of the Leisure Centre.

As at 31 March 2020 payments totalling £27m (£24m at 31 March 2019) have been made to the PFI Contractor. The future estimated payments the Council will have to make under the Contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
2020/21	348	708	1,399	1,067	3,522
2021/22 to 2024/25	1,481	2,097	4,946	5,747	14,271
2025/26 to 2029/30	2,030	3,564	4,901	7,789	18,284
2030/31 to 2034/35	2,236	4,749	2,810	9,043	18,838
2035/36 to 2036/37	1,016	2,351	370	3,700	7,437
Total	7,111	13,469	14,426	27,346	62,352

Over the life of the PFI project, the Council is scheduled to receive government grant of £69.6m.

Property, Plant and Equipment

The PFI assets, and related liabilities, have been recognised on the Council's balance sheet when made available for use. Movements in their value over the year are detailed in the analysis of the movements on the Property, Plant and Equipment balance in Note 19. The assets will be transferred back to the Council at the end of the contracts for nil consideration.

Locally managed schools transferring to Academy status are granted a 125 year peppercorn lease and, in response to CIPFA guidance, are de-recognised from the Council's accounts as control of these assets is transferred to the Academy.

Payments are made to the PFI contractors as monthly "unitary payments". The estimated payments the Council will make under the contracts are shown below.

These payments are commitments and can vary subject to indexation, reductions for performance and availability failures, and possible future variations to the scheme.

The funding of the unitary payment for the School PFI schemes will come from the individual schools budget, the overall schools budget and a special government grant. The Hengrove Leisure unitary payment will be funded by the special government grant, with the balance provided from Sports Services budgets. PFI payments are accounted for in the year in which the service was provided and are allocated to repayment of the liability, finance cost, service charge and other costs (lifecycle cost and contingent rents).

The unitary payments have been calculated to compensate the contractor for the fair value of the services they provide, the capital expenditure incurred, and the interest payable on financing the capital expenditure.

The Hengrove Leisure PFI contains a significant amount of third party income, this is income received directly by the PFI Contractor from the users of the facility. The payment for services has been shown net of this estimated income, as the unitary payments have been reduced to reflect the operator's right to this income. The outstanding liability due to the contractor for reimbursement of capital expenditure is as follows:

	Schools		Hengrove Leisure	
	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance outstanding at the start of year	120,098	125,068	14,284	15,063
Movement in year	(5,323)	(4,970)	(815)	(779)
Balance outstanding at year end	114,775	120,098	13,469	14,284

The above listed commitments are affected by past inflation – previous price rises will be built into future payments. They are also affected by future inflation, which gives rise to uncertainty.

Bristol Waste Contract

In August 2015 the Council entered into a service contract with Bristol Waste Company to provide recycling and waste services. The assets and associated liability have been included on the Council's Balance Sheet in accordance with IFRS.

During the year Bristol Waste acquired £12.5m of assets to support the provision of waste services, partly funded from a loan (£9.75m) from the Council.

The future estimated payments the Council will make under the contract are as follows:

Year	Payment for Services £'000	Repayment of Liability £'000	Interest £'000	Total £'000
2020/21	29,462	2,049	313	31,824
2021/22 to 2024/25	127,719	6,836	745	135,300
2025/26 to 2026/27	44,536	3,426	91	48,053
Total	201,717	12,311	1,149	215,177

Total Balance Outstanding on all Service Concessions is shown in the table below:

	Schools		Hengrove Leisure		Bristol Waste Contract		Total	
	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance outstanding at the start of year	120,098	125,068	14,284	15,063	1,046	976	135,428	141,107
Movement in year	(5,323)	(4,079)	(815)	(779)	11,265	70	5,127	(5,679)
Balance outstanding at year end	114,775	120,989	13,469	14,284	12,311	1,046	140,555	135,428

28 Debtors

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
i Current debtors		
Trade receivables	9,611	29,832
Prepayments	3,475	3,045
VAT	8,931	7,652
Other	84,266	61,616
Total	106,283	102,146

Impairments for doubtful debts are detailed in Note 23.

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
ii Long-term debtors		
Mortgages	194	192
Capital loans (Probation/Fire/LEP/Bristol Waste))	9,996	1,161
South Gloucestershire Council	381	409
Former county council debt	39,260	40,895
Total	49,831	42,657

29 Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Cash held by the Council	275	269
Bank current accounts	8,165	(21,958)
Short-term deposits with banks / building societies	60,986	29,086
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	69,426	7,397

30 Creditors

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	2,029	17,621
Other payables	119,400	90,268
Receipts in advance	46,018	36,794
Total	167,447	144,683

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Other long-term liabilities		
Service Concession contract liabilities (see Note 27)	131,735	129,013
Retirement benefit obligations (see Note 33)	993,905	977,592
Deferred liabilities	40,895	42,599
Deferred capital receipts	3	2
Rent Deposits	84	78
Total	1,166,622	1,149,284

Deferred liabilities are amounts which, by arrangement, are payable beyond the next year, at some point in the future or are to be paid off by an annual sum over a period. As at the 31 March 2020 the liability in the Council's Balance Sheet of £40.9m (2019: £42.6m) comprised of former county council loan debt of £40.9m (2019: £42.6m)

Deferred capital receipts are amounts derived from sales of assets, which will be received in instalments over agreed periods of time. They arise from mortgages on the sale of council houses, which form part of mortgages under long term debtors.

31 Provisions

	Balance at 31 March 2019 £'000	Additional provisions made in 2019/20 £'000	Amounts used in 2019/20 £'000	Balance at 31 March 2020 £'000	Due < 1 year £'000	Due > 1 year £'000
Business Transformation	(869)	(82)	830	(121)	(121)	-
Insurance fund	(2,411)	(764)	1,390	(1,785)	(1,278)	(507)
NDR Provision for appeals	(26,913)	(1,352)	811	(27,454)	(4,007)	(23,447)
Legal	(993)		495	(498)	(498)	-
Other	(248)	(48)		(296)	-	(296)
	<u>(31,434)</u>	<u>(2,246)</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>(30,154)</u>	<u>(5,904)</u>	<u>(24,250)</u>
Due < 1 year	(3,589)			(1,898)		
Due > 1 year	<u>(27,845)</u>			<u>(28,257)</u>		
	<u>(31,434)</u>			<u>(30,154)</u>		

Details of the provisions are shown in the table below:

Provision	Purpose
Business Transformation	Covers future exit costs arising from services management of change processes
Insurance fund	To meet the known and anticipated liabilities on claims under the Council's insurance arrangements.
NDR Provision for appeals	Covers the cost of future appeals
Legal	Created to cover the costs of various outstanding legal cases within Adult Social Care
Other	Other provisions are individually not material

32 Unusable Reserves

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Revaluation Reserve	(861,614)	(788,594)
Capital Adjustment Account	(1,520,227)	(1,510,028)
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	7,076	7,254
Pensions Reserve	993,905	991,850
Collection Fund Adjustment Account – Council Tax	1,446	(1,871)
Collection Fund Adjustment Account – NNDR	667	2,172
Collection Fund Adjustment Account – Growth / Renewable Energy Disregard	(2,590)	(427)
Accumulated Absences Account	6,604	6,370
	<u>(1,374,733)</u>	<u>(1,293,274)</u>

Revaluation Reserve

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

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

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

	2019/20 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance at 1 April		(788,594)		(800,696)
Upward revaluation of assets	(112,014)		(54,615)	
Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	12,332		42,859	
Surplus or deficit on revaluation of non-current assets not posted to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services		(99,682)		(11,756)
Amount written off to the Capital Adjustment Account		26,662		23,858
Balance at 31 March		<u>(861,614)</u>		<u>(788,594)</u>

Capital Adjustment Account

The Capital Adjustment Account absorbs 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 amortisation are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a historical cost basis). The Account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and gains recognised on donated assets 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.

Note 24 provides details of the source of all the transactions posted to the Account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve.

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 April	(1,510,028)	(1,490,937)
Adjustment from the adoption of IFRS 9	-	(21,650)
Adjusted balance at 1 April 2019	(1,510,028)	(1,512,587)
Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:		
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	57,837	55,868
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant and Equipment	28,820	9,629
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	3,235	2,383
Movement in the fair value of financial Instruments	11,722	
Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital Under Statute	10,225	6,147
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain/loss on disposal to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	46,849	36,165
	(1,351,340)	(1,402,395)
Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	(26,662)	(23,858)
Net written out amount of the cost of non-current assets consumed in the year	(1,378,002)	(1,426,253)
Capital financing applied in the year:		
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(33,496)	(10,558)
Use of the Major Repairs Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(25,668)	(22,634)
Capital grants and contributions credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement that have been applied to capital financing	(34,898)	(26,871)
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	(10,631)	(6,864)
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve for repayment of Long-Term Investments financed by borrowing	(13,839)	(1,305)
Long Term Capital Investment repaid	1,321	1,305
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA balances	(21,270)	(20,368)
	(1,516,483)	(1,513,548)
Movements in the market value of Investments debited or credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(3,744)	3,520
Balance at 31 March	(1,520,227)	(1,510,028)

Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

The Financial Instruments Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for income and expenses relating to certain financial instruments and for bearing losses or benefiting from gains per statutory provisions. The Council uses the Account to manage premiums paid on the early redemption of loans.

Premiums are debited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when they are incurred but reversed out of the General Fund Balance to the Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Over time, the expense is posted back to the General Fund Balance in accordance with statutory arrangements for spreading the burden on council tax. In the Council's case, this period is the unexpired term that was outstanding on the loans when they were redeemed. As a result, the balance on the Account at 31 March 2020 will be charged to the General Fund over the next 40 years.

	2019/20	2019/20	2018/19	2018/19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 April		7,254		7,432
Premiums incurred in the year and charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement				
Proportion of premiums incurred in previous financial years to be charged against the General Fund Balance in accordance with statutory requirements	(178)		(178)	
Amount by which finance costs charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		(178)		(178)
Balance at 31 March		7,076		7,254

Pensions Reserve

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

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 April	991,850	861,256
Remeasurements on pensions assets and liabilities	(45,748)	91,675
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	97,934	86,826
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in year	(50,131)	(47,907)
Balance at 31 March	993,905	991,850

Collection Fund Adjustment Account

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

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance at 1 April	(126)	5,705
Amount by which council tax and non-domestic rates income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is different from council tax income calculated for the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(351)	(5,831)
Balance at 31 March	(477)	(126)

Accumulated Absences Account

The Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment 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 be neutralised by transfers to or from the account.

	2019/20 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance at 1 April		6,370		4,522
Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	(6,370)		(4,522)	
Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	6,604		6,370	
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		234		1,848
Balance at 31 March		6,604		6,370

33 Pensions

Participation in Pension Schemes

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

The Council participates in three pension schemes:

The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) - all staff, with the exception of teachers, are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The scheme is administered by Bath and North East Somerset Council and is called the Avon Pension Fund. The Fund provides members with benefits related to length of service and pensionable salary. The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension arrangement for local authorities and is governed by statute principally now the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.

The Teachers' Pension Scheme - Teachers employed by the Council are members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme, administered on behalf of the Department for Education. The Scheme provides teachers with specified benefits upon their retirement and the Council contributes towards the costs by making contributions based on a percentage of members' pensionable salaries. The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. However, the Scheme is unfunded, and the Department for Education uses a notional fund as the basis for calculating the employers' contribution rate paid by local authorities.

The rate of contribution for 2019/20 was 23.68% resulting in a total payment of £8.645m (£7.254m in 2018/19) to the Teachers' Pension Agency. In addition, the Council made payments totalling £2.474m (£2.423m in 2018/19) in respect of pensions and added years where the early retirement of teachers was agreed. The Council also met its share of the residual liability for former Avon County Council employees, amounting to £1.769m (£1.797m in 2018/19). The estimated liability for unfunded payments has been calculated by the actuary and is included in the Balance Sheet.

The National Health Service Pension Scheme – In 2019/20 a total payment of £0.40m (£0.41m in 2018/19) was made to the NHS Pension Scheme, following the transfer of public health responsibilities from primary care trusts.

Accounting Transactions relating to retirement benefits

The Council recognises the cost of retirement benefits in the reported cost of services when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge required to be made against council tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post-employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year.

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers' Unfunded Pensions	
	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Income and Expenditure Account				
Net cost of services				
Current service cost	63,986	56,437	-	-
Past service gains/curtailment costs/Settlements	9,812	8,420	-	-
Administration expense	1,107	863	-	-
Financing and Investment Income				
Expenditure				
Net interest cost	21,429	19,387	1,600	1,719
Total post-employment benefits charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	96,334	85,107	1,600	1,719
Other Post-employment Benefits charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement				
Remeasurements (assets/liabilities)	(42,309)	(88,587)	(3,439)	(3,088)
Movement in Reserves Statement				
Reversal of net charges made to the (surplus) or Deficit for the provision of services for post - employment benefits	(96,334)	(85,107)	(1,600)	(1,719)
Actual amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year:				
Employer's contributions payable to scheme	45,888	43,687	4,243	4,220

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Income and Expenditure Account has also been adjusted in 2019/20 to reflect the current service cost and an appropriate share of the net interest cost. The latter item has been apportioned to the HRA on the basis of pensionable pay.

Assets and Liabilities in relation to Retirement Benefits

	Funded liabilities:		Unfunded liabilities:		Unfunded liabilities:		Total Liability	
	Local Government Pension Scheme		Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers' Unfunded Pensions		Local Government & Teachers Pensions	
	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
01-Apr	(2,589,755)	(2,390,982)	(41,548)	(41,913)	(68,803)	(68,216)	(2,700,106)	(2,501,111)
Current service cost	(63,986)	(56,437)					(63,986)	(56,437)
Interest on pension liabilities	(61,497)	(61,325)	(964)	(1,053)	(1,600)	(1,719)	(64,061)	(64,097)
Contributions by scheme participants	(12,074)	(11,162)					(12,074)	(11,162)
Remeasurement (liabilities)								
Experience (gain)/loss	(13,648)	-	4,374		(858)		(10,132)	-
(Gain)/loss on financial assumptions	59,862	(129,957)	434	(1,389)	1,402	(3,088)	61,698	(134,434)
(Gain)/loss on demographic assumptions	109,158	-	1,232		2,895		113,285	-
Benefits paid	66,838	66,865	2,784	2,807	4,243	4,220	73,865	73,892
Past service grants, curtailment costs and settlements	(9,812)	(6,757)		-			(9,812)	(6,757)
31-Mar	(2,514,914)	(2,589,755)	(33,688)	(41,548)	(62,721)	(68,803)	(2,611,323)	(2,700,106)

Reconciliation of fair value of the Local Government Pension Scheme assets:

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
1 April	1,722,618	1,668,864
Interest on plan assets	41,032	42,991
Remeasurement (assets)	(119,103)	42,759
Administration expense	(1,107)	(863)
Settlements	-	(1,663)
Employer contributions	31,631	29,040
Contributions by scheme participants	12,074	11,162
Benefits paid	(69,622)	(69,672)
31 March	1,617,523	1,722,618

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the Balance Sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

The actual return on plan assets in the year was £108.641m (2018/19: £85.750m).

Scheme History – Pension Assets and Liabilities Recognised in the Balance Sheet:

	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Present value of liabilities:				
Local Government Pension Scheme	(2,548,602)	(2,631,303)	(2,432,895)	(2,476,515)
Teachers' unfunded liabilities	(62,721)	(68,803)	(68,216)	(72,225)
Fair value of assets in the Local Government Pension Scheme	1,617,523	1,722,618	1,668,864	1,627,833
Surplus/(deficit) in the scheme:				
Local Government Pension Scheme	(931,079)	(908,685)	(764,031)	(848,682)
Teachers' unfunded liabilities	(62,721)	(68,803)	(68,216)	(72,225)
Total	(993,800)	(977,488)	(832,247)	(920,907)

The total liabilities shown in the Balance Sheet comprise the above (£993.800m) together with a small amount in respect of pre-1974 liabilities (£0.105m) totalling (£993.905m).

Basis for Estimating Assets and Liabilities

Liabilities have been assessed using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels etc. Both the Local Government Pension Scheme and Discretionary Benefits liabilities have been assessed by Mercer Ltd, an independent firm of actuaries, estimates for the Council's Fund being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2016.

The principal assumptions used by the actuary have been:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Teachers	
	2019/20	2018/19	2019/20	2018/19
Mortality assumptions:				
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners:				
Men	23.2	23.7	23.2	23.7
Women	25.3	26.2	25.3	26.2
Longevity at 75 for current pensioners:				
Men		-	14.3	14.7
Women		-	16.1	16.7
Longevity at 65 for future pensioners:				
Men	24.7	26.3	-	-
Women	27.3	29.0	-	-
	%	%	%	%
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Rate of inflation - CPI	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.3
Rate of increase in salaries	3.6	3.7	-	-
Rate of increase in pensions	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.4

The estimated Macaulay duration of liabilities (at later of 31 March 2019 or admission date) is 16 years retired.

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

The actuary has provided a sensitivity analysis for each significant actuarial assumption as at the end of the reporting period. The table below shows how the defined benefit obligation would have been affected by changes in the relevant actuarial assumption that were reasonably possible at the 31 March 2020.

Impact on the Defined Benefit Obligation in the Scheme (LGPS)	2019/20	2018/19 (restated*)
	£'000	£'000
Longevity (increase or decrease by 1 year)	71,999	52,594
Rate of inflation (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	44,429	49,125
Rate of increase in salaries (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	4,726	5,627
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	(42,780)	(47,351)
(* Longevity restated by -£52,095, inflation by -£46,083, salaries by -£5,462 and discounting by £45,290)		

**Impact on the Defined Benefit Obligation in the Scheme
(Teachers)**

	2019/20	2018/19 (restated*)
	£'000	£'000
Longevity (increase or decrease by 1 year)	2,242	2,093
Rate of inflation (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	640	813
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities (increase or decrease by 0.1%)	-575	-738

(* Longevity restated by -£2,044, inflation by -£794 and discounting by £785)

Local Government Pension Scheme assets comprise

Asset Category	Sub-Category	Quoted (Y/N)	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Equities	UK Quoted	Y	112,828	129,197
	Global Quoted	Y	521,489	487,501
	Emerging Markets	Y	70,200	79,240
	Sub-total equities		704,517	695,938
Bonds	UK Government Indexed	Y	90,581	208,437
	Sterling Corporate Bonds	Y	146,390	201,546
	Sub-total bonds		236,971	409,983
Property	UK Property Funds	Y	84,111	87,854
	Overseas Property Funds	Y	76,024	79,240
	Sub-total property		160,135	167,094
Alternatives	Hedge Funds	Y	93,008	84,408
	Diversified Growth Funds	Y	218,042	215,327
	Infrastructure	Y	129,617	120,583
	Secured Income	Y	24,398	-
	EFT's	Y	15,249	-
	Sub-total alternatives		480,314	420,318
Cash and equivalents	Cash Accounts	Y	35,586	29,285
	Sub-total cash		35,586	29,285
Total Assets			1,617,523	1,722,618

Governance and Risk Management

The liability associated with the Council's pension arrangements is material to the Council, as is the cash funding required.

Local Government Pension Scheme

Governance

As administering authority, Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES), has legal responsibility for the pension fund as set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations. B&NES delegates its responsibility for administering the Fund to the Avon Pension Fund Committee, which is the formal decision making body for the Fund. The Avon Pension Fund Committee is responsible for the investment, funding, administration and communication strategies. It also monitors the performance of the fund and approves and monitors compliance of statutory statements and policies required under the Regulations. The Committee is supported by an Investment Panel which considers the investment strategy and investment performance in greater depth.

Asset and Liability (ALM) Strategy

The Avon Pension Fund does not have an explicit asset and liability matching strategy. The primary objective of its investment strategy is to generate positive real investment return above the rate of inflation for a given level of risk to meet the liabilities as they fall due over time. When setting the investment strategy,

the expected volatility of the assets relative to the value placed on the liabilities was measured and taken into account. The aim of the strategy and management structure is to minimise the risk of a reduction in the value of the assets and maximise the opportunity for asset gains across the Fund.

To achieve its investment objective the Fund invests across a diverse range of assets such as equities, bonds, property and other alternative investments, and uses several investment managers. The risk management process identifies and mitigates the risks arising from the Fund's investment strategy and policies which are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions. As a result of its investment strategy, the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks including market risk (market price, interest rate and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

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Impact on the Authority's Cash Flows

The objectives of the scheme are to keep employers' contributions at as constant a rate as possible. The Council has agreed a strategy with the scheme's actuary to achieve a funding level of 100% over the next 17 years. Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis. The next triennial valuation was completed on 31 March 2019 and is effective from 1 April 2020.

The Council made a pension deficit contribution of £44.183 m in April 2017.

The provisions of the LGPS and the Fund were amended with effect from 1 April 2014. Prior to that date benefits were paid on members' final salaries, whereas for service after that date benefits are based on career average salaries.

The total contributions expected to be made to the Local Government Pension Scheme by the Council in the year to 31 March 2021 are £55.692m. Expected contributions for the Teacher Pensions Scheme in the year to 31 March 2021 are £4.344m.

Unfunded Teachers' Discretionary Benefits

The Council is responsible for any additional discretionary pension benefits awarded to teachers upon early retirement outside of the terms of the teachers' pension scheme.

Governance

The Teachers' Pension Scheme arrangements are managed centrally by government departments/agencies, and there is no material involvement for the Council.

Impact on the Council's Cash Flows

The Scheme targets a pension paid throughout life. The amount of pension depends on how long employees are active members of the Scheme and their salary when they leave the Scheme ("final salary scheme") for service up to 31 March 2015, and on a revalued average salary ("career average scheme") for service from 1 April 2015.

The Council's involvement is limited to additional discretionary pension benefits to retired teachers which were rewarded at the point of retirement.

Risks Strategy

Given their unfunded nature, there are no investment risks in relation to this scheme. The greatest single risk is that the Government could change the funding standards relating to the scheme, increasing the Council's contributions.

Investment Risks

There are no investment risks in relation to these arrangements, given their unfunded nature. The greatest single risk is that the government could change the funding standards relating to them, which could increase the Council's contributions to them.

34 Cash Flow Statement – Operating Activities

The cash flows for operating activities include the following significant items:

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Interest received	4,257	6,173
Interest paid	(35,808)	(35,352)
Dividends received	2,376	2,790

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

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation, impairment and downward revaluations	86,657	54,086
Amortisation	3,245	2,383
Increase/(decrease) in impairment for bad debt	1,694	1,400
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	18,454	4,284
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(7,351)	4,950
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(8,294)	(239)
Movement in pension liability	47,803	53,566
Contributions to/(from) Provisions	4,099	2,609
Carrying amount of non-current assets and non-current assets held for sale, sold or derecognised	46,849	36,164
Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit	11,269	18,621
On the provision of services		
Net cash flows from non-cash movements	204,425	177,824

Adjust for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing or financing activities:

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Capital grants credited to surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(33,664)	(44,218)
Proceeds from the sale of Property Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	(56,258)	(20,811)
	(89,922)	(65,029)

35 Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	(102,078)	(99,240)
Purchase of short-term and long-term investments	(124,641)	(253,394)
Other (payments)/receipts for investing activities	(10,368)	2,015
Proceeds from the sale of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	56,290	24,148
Proceeds from short-term and long-term investments	107,000	199,500
Capital Grants Received	46,700	43,960
Other receipts from investing activities	2,056	2,534
Net cash flows from investing activities	(25,041)	(80,477)

36 Cash Flow Statement - Financing Activities

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Cash receipts of short- and long-term borrowing	30,000	-
Cash payments for the reduction of outstanding liabilities relating to finance leases and on-Balance-Sheet PFI contracts	(7,363)	(12,816)
Repayments of short- and long-term borrowing	0	(1,775)
Council Tax and NNDR adjustments	1,728	4,230
Net cash flows from financing activities	24,365	(10,361)

37 Related Parties

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

Some Members or members of their close families, have an interest in voluntary organisations and community groups awarded grants by the council. Both Council members and Executive Directors have been asked to provide information regarding related party transactions. From the information received, it is believed that there have not been any significant transactions involving Executive Directors during the year however one Member has disclosed that a close family member is a Director of Bristol Food Network which has a contract with the Council to deliver a number of food related activities.

Central Government has significant influence over the general operations of the Council - it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Council operates. It provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants, which are disclosed in Note 16.

The Council has interests in a number of companies over which it has significant influence or control as set out below.

Name	Nature of Council relationship	Transactions with the Council	Nature of transactions	Balances owed to / (from) the Council as at 31 3 2020
Bristol Holdings Limited	100% subsidiary The City Council has one Director post on the Board.	£7.7m payments by Council to company	Purchase of shares	£1.7m preference share interest owed to BCC
Bristol Waste Company	100% subsidiary of Bristol Holding Limited The City Council has one Director post on the Board.	£34.6m payments by Council to company £1.3m recharges from Company to Council	Contract for waste collection and recycling services Recharges	£9.4m loan from BCC for the acquisition of waste vehicles.
Bristol Energy Limited	100% subsidiary of Bristol Holdings Limited The City Council has one Director posts on the Board.	£2.9m sales and recharges from the Council £7.8m sales of energy to the Council	Purchase and sale of energy. Recharges	PCG's issued with a total exposure as at 31 March £14.3m.
Goram Homes Ltd	100% subsidiary of Bristol Holdings Limited. The City Council has one Director post on the Board.	£799k Loan	Development of building projects	£799k
Bristol Energy & Technology Services (Supply) Limited	100% subsidiary of Bristol Holdings Limited The City Council has one Director post on the Board. The company is currently dormant.	None	N/A	Nil
Bristol is Open Limited	100% owned subsidiary The City Council has one Director posts on the Board.	£350k	Loan	£350k loan
Bristol Local Education Partnership (LEP) Ltd	Joint venture with BCC holding 10%, Building Schools for the Future Investments (Bristol) Ltd 10% and Skanska Infrastructure Development UK Limited 80% The Council has one director post on the board.	£7.2m payments to the company	Provision of ICT and construction services to schools in Bristol.	£82k owed to the Council £1.2m owed by the Council
City Leap Ltd	100% owned subsidiary. The Council has one director post on the board. The Company is currently dormant.	None	N/A	Nil
City Leap Bristol Ltd	100% owned subsidiary. The Council has one director post on the board. The Company is currently dormant.	None	N/A	Nil
Bristol City Leap Ltd	100% owned subsidiary. The Council has one director post on the board. The Company is currently dormant.	None	N/A	Nil

West of England Partnership

Four unitary authorities - Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council - continue to work together and co-ordinate high level planning to improve the quality of life of their residents and provide for a growing population. This joint work focuses on activities that are better planned at the West of England level, rather than at the level of the individual council areas.

The partnership is not a partnership in law, nor a formal decision making body, and does not have the power to bind the four unitaries. The partnership's activity is integrated into the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which promotes economic growth and prosperity through its key themes of Place, People and Business

38 Transfer of Functions

As part of the West of England devolution deal, South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath & North East Somerset Councils agreed to the establishment of the West of England Combined Authority to support economic growth and development across the region. Under the devolution deal certain functions were transferred from the constituent authorities to the WECA from 1st April 2018. These included concessionary fares, community transport, key route network development and bus service information. WECA has commissioned South Gloucestershire Council to provide concessionary fares on its behalf during 2019/20.

WECA levies the constituent authorities for the cost of the services for which it is now responsible. This is shown under Other Operating Expenditure. The value of the levy in 2019/20 is £8.120m (2018/19 £6.893m). There has been no change to the council's assets or liabilities arising from the transfer of functions to WECA.

39 Contingent Liabilities

The Council has 59 tower blocks in total, of which 37 blocks are clad. Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the Council has, in addition to its own safety checks, began commissioning independent checks of our entire high rise cladding systems and materials to evidence that our blocks are safe. The materials used is different and of different design to that employed at Grenfell and there is no evidence to suggest that we will need to remove any cladding at this point in time. We have earmarked funds in our HRA Business Plan for general tower block maintenance and improvements and will continue to monitor its sufficiency as findings from our own independent checks are concluded.

In addition to the above an independent Public enquiry has been commissioned by the Government into the Grenfell tower tragedy and there is a risk that new regulations or measures emerge that will need to be implemented to ensure people living in high rise buildings are safe. These may not be fully funded from central government leaving a residual liability to the Council.

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, service charges and other income. The account does not reflect all of 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.

	Note	2019/20 Net £'000	2018/19 Net £'000
Expenditure			
Repairs and maintenance		32,537	30,633
Supervision and management		28,920	27,188
Special services		9,155	8,294
Rent, rates, taxes and other charges		1,296	1,094
Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	4	31,164	26,205
Debt management		42	41
Debt write offs and movement in the allowance for bad debts		2,460	986
Total expenditure		105,574	94,441
Income			
Dwelling rents	2	(109,997)	(110,589)
Non-dwelling rents		(961)	(957)
Charges for services and facilities		(8,755)	(8,113)
Contributions towards expenditure		(98)	(384)
Total income		(119,811)	(120,043)
Net cost of HRA services as included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		(14,237)	(25,602)
Net cost of HRA services		(14,237)	(25,602)
(Gain) on sale of HRA non-current assets		(1886)	(4,706)
Movement in the Fair Value of Investment Properties		387	46
Interest payable and similar charges		11,459	11,459
HRA interest and investment income		(1,312)	(1,016)
Pensions interest costs and expected return on assets	5	2,601	2,308
Capital Grants and Contributions Receivable		(27)	-
(Surplus) for the year on HRA services		(3,015)	(17,511)

Statement of movement on the HRA Balance

	Note	31 March 2020 Net £'000	31 March 2019 Net £'000
HRA balance brought forward		(78,718)	(71,269)
(Surplus) for the year on the HRA Income and Expenditure Account		(3,015)	(17,511)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under statute		2,059	9,554
(Increase) before reserve transfers		(956)	(7,957)
Transfer from/to reserves		(7,852)	508
Net (increase) on HRA balance		(8,808)	(7,449)
HRA balance carried forward		(87,526)	(78,718)

Note to the statement of movement on the HRA Balance

	Note	31 March 20 Net £'000	31 March 2019 Net £'000
Items included in the HRA Income and Expenditure Account but excluded from the movement on HRA Balance for the year			
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant & equipment	4	(30,790)	(26,205)
Amortisation of Intangible Fixed Assets	4	(373)	(46)
Fair value movements on investment properties		(387)	(46)
Net charges made for retirement benefits in accordance with IAS19	5	(9,829)	(8,479)
Net gain/loss on disposal of assets		1886	4,706
Capital Grants and Other Contributions	6	27	-
		(39,466)	(30,024)
Items not included in the HRA Income and Expenditure Account but included in the movement on HRA Balance for the year			
Capital expenditure funded by the HRA	6	10,999	10,160
Employer's contributions payable to the Avon Pension Fund and retirement benefits payable direct to pensioners	5	4,859	4,404
Transfer to Major Repairs Reserve	8	-	-
HRA depreciation to Major Repairs Reserve	8	25,668	25,015
Amortisation of premiums		-	-
		41,526	39,579
Net additional amount required by statute to be debited or credited to the HRA Balance for the year		2,060	9,554

Notes to the Housing Revenue Account

1 Dwelling numbers as at 31 March 2020

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
Houses	11,271	11,338
Bungalows	1,077	1,084
Flats	14,485	14,515
Total Dwellings held at 31 March 2020	26,833	26,937

2 Rent and Rent Arrears

The total value of dwelling rents in 2019/20, less rent attributable to empty properties (voids), is £110m (£110.5m in 2018/19). The amount of rent arrears, including recoverable housing benefit, water charges, defect charges, etc.:

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Former tenants	3,472	3,774
Current tenants	9,013	7,654
	12,485	11,428
Balance Sheet Provision		
Former tenants	3,056	3,121
Current tenants	6,549	5,693
	9,605	8,814

Vacant Possession

The vacant possession value of dwellings as at 1st April 2020 was £4.794bn. The value of dwellings in the balance sheet (excluding dwellings leased to Registered Social Landlords) was £1.678bn, a difference of £3.116bn. This difference reflects the economic cost of providing council housing at less than market rent. This cost is determined by applying the Government prescribed discount rate of 35% of the Market Value to the vacant possession value.

3 Sums Directed by the Secretary of State to be Debited or Credited to the HRA

In 2019/20 there were no sums approved by the Secretary of State to be debited to the HRA in relation to the transfer of rent rebates from the HRA to the General Fund.

4 Depreciation and Impairment

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Depreciation		
Operational Assets - Dwellings	25,158	24,538
- Other, including leased	510	477
	25,668	25,015
Intangible Fixed Assets	373	-
Total depreciation	26,041	25,015
Revaluation losses	5,123	1,190
Reversal of impairment losses	-	-
Total depreciation and impairment	31,164	26,205

Impairment

There was a loss on revaluation of £5.123m charged to the surplus on provision of Services (2018/19: £1.191m).

5 HRA Share of Contributions to/from Pension Reserve

For 2019/2020 the HRA has been attributed with a share of the interest cost, net of the expected return on pension assets, as calculated by the actuary to the pension fund £2.6m (2018/19 £2.3m). This share has been calculated using the proportion of HRA pensionable pay to the total of that for the council. The net cost of services shown in the HRA statement also includes the current service cost as required by IAS19 of £9.8m (2018/19 (£8.5m)). This is excluded from the HRA Balance for the year and replaced with Employers Contributions payable £4.9m (2018/19 (£4.4m) with the net movement on the Pension reserves of £4.9m (2018/19 £4.1m). Further information regarding the accounting for pensions is included in the notes to the consolidated revenue account and balance sheet, see note 32.

6 Capital Expenditure and financing

Total expenditure during the year and its financing was as follows:

Expenditure	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Dwellings	49,143	35,847
Other Assets	74	898
	49,217	36,745
Financing		
Usable capital receipts	12,523	3,951
Revenue contributions to capital	11,026	10,160
Major Repairs Reserve	25,668	22,634
	49,217	36,745

7 Capital Receipts

Capital receipts received during the year from disposals of land, houses and other property within the HRA was £10.4m (£12.4m in 2018/19). The receipts are summarised as follows:

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Receipts unapplied brought forward - 1 April	54,827	48,993
Right to Buy sales	10,188	12,274
Mortgage repayments	-	18
Disposal of Land and Buildings	171	107
	65,186	61,392
Allowable reductions		
Repaid to MHCLG	(2,113)	(2,614)
Capital receipts applied	(12,523)	(3,951)
Capital receipts applied to GF		
Capital receipts unapplied carried forward - 31 March	50,550	54,827

8 Major Repairs Reserve

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Balance brought forward - 1 April	(3,606)	(1,225)
Capital expenditure (dwellings)	25,668	22,634
Major Repairs Allowance set aside in year	(25,668)	(25,015)
Excess depreciation credited to Statement of Movement on HRA Balance		-
Balance carried forward - 31 March	(3,606)	(3,606)

Depreciation has been calculated in accordance with our accounting policies for all HRA assets. We have used the Keystone component accounting information for Dwelling as a proxy for component accounting and Corporate Asset Management system for Non-Dwelling.

The MRA balance was £25.7m for 2019/20 (2018/19 - £25m). £25.7m was used to finance appropriate Housing Revenue Account capital expenditure.

9 Balance Sheet Value of Land and Houses, etc.

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Dwellings	1,678,285	1,651,983
Land	38,722	30,794
Other assets	20,071	18,460
	1,737,078	1,701,237

10 Asset Split

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Operational - dwellings	1,678,285	1,679,183
Operational - other land and buildings	52,282	42,005
Non-operational	6,512	7,250
Intangible	1,568	1,867
Other	3	2
	1,738,650	1,730,307

Collection Fund

Collection Fund Income and Expenditure Account

31 March 2019				31 March 2020			
£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	
Business Rates	Council Tax	Total	Note	Business Rates	Council Tax	Total	
Income							
-	240,849	240,849	Council Tax	-	255,560	255,560	
219,626	-	219,626	Non-Domestic Rates	227,650	-	227,650	
(2,355)	-	(2,355)	Transitional Protection Payment	(2,879)	-	(2,879)	
Contributions towards previous years							
Collection Fund Deficit:							
7,130	-	7,130	Central Government	-	-	-	
6,721	32	6,753	Bristol City Council	-	-	-	
-	4	4	Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner	-	-	-	
140	1	141	Avon Fire Authority	-	-	-	
(14)	-	(14)	West of England Combined Authority	-	-	-	
231,248	240,886	472,134		224,771	255,560	480,331	
Expenditure							
Apportionment of Previous Years Surplus							
-	-	-	Central Government	-	-	-	
-	-	-	Bristol City Council	1,012	1,886	2,898	
-	-	-	Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner	-	225	225	
-	-	-	Avon Fire Authority	1	83	84	
-	-	-	West of England Combined Authority	3	-	3	
-	-	-		1,016	2,194	3,210	
Precepts, Demands and Shares							
197,401	204,539	401,940	Bristol City Council	197,330	214,733	412,063	
-	24,380	24,380	Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner	-	27,662	27,662	
2,100	8,974	11,074	Avon Fire Authority	2,111	9,511	11,622	
10,500	-	10,500	West of England Combined Authority	10,547	-	10,547	
210,001	237,893	447,894		209,988	251,906	461,894	
Charges to the Collection Fund							
1,022	2,380	3,402	Write offs of uncollectable amounts	2,003	2,457	4,460	
(899)	194	(705)	Increase/(Decrease) in bad debt provision	586	2,890	3,476	
714	-	714	Cost of Collection Allowance	704	-	704	
4,572	-	4,572	Disregarded amounts	8,297	-	8,297	
-	-	-	Prior year adjustment	-	-	-	
3,401	-	3,401	Increase/(Decrease) in provision for appeals	575	-	575	
8,810	2,574	11,384		12,165	5,347	17,512	
12,437	419	12,856	Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	1,602	(3,887)	(2,285)	
(13,725)	1,773	(11,952)	Surplus/ (Deficit) as at 1 April	(1,288)	2,192	904	
(1,288)	2,192	904	Surplus/ (Deficit) as at 31 March	314	(1,695)	(1,381)	

Notes to the Collection Fund Income and Expenditure Account

1 General

The Collection Fund is an agent's statement that reflects the statutory obligation for billing authorities to maintain a separate Collection Fund. The statement shows the transactions of the billing authority in relation to the collection from taxpayers and distribution to local authorities and the Government of council tax and non-domestic rates. Only the elements attributable to the City Council are recognised with the Council's other accounts.

2 Council Tax

Council tax income derives from charges raised according to the value of residential properties, which have been classified into 8 valuation bands based upon 1 April 1991 values for this specific purpose. Individual charges are calculated by estimating the amount of income required to be taken from the Collection Fund by the City Council, the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner and the Avon Fire Authority for the forthcoming year and dividing this by the council tax base of 126,999 for 2019/20 (125,798 for 2018/19). This represents the total number of properties in each band adjusted by a proportion to convert the number to a Band D equivalent and adjusted for discounts and the estimated collection rate. This basic amount of Council Tax for a Band D property of £1,982.11 for 2019/20 (£1,891.10 for 2018/19) is multiplied by the proportion specified for the particular band to give an individual amount due.

Calculation of the Council Tax Base used in setting the 2019/20 Council Tax:

	BANDS																			
	A Entitled to Disabled Relief		A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		Total	
No of Properties	-		52,243		73,560		39,094		18,409		9,708		4,787		2,857		338		200,996	
Exemptions and disabled relief	-	29	-	2,570	-	1,335	-	1,323	-	1,175	-	971	-	176	-	36		7	-	7,608
Less Discounts		55	-	5,355	-	5,517	-	2,735	-	1,096	-	522	-	191	-	127	-	63	-	15,551
Total Equivalent Dwellings		26		44,318		66,708		35,036		16,138		8,215		4,420		2,694		282		177,837
Ratio		5/9		6/9		7/9		8/9		1		11/9		13/9		15/9		18/9		
Band D Equivalents		15		29,546		51,884		31,143		16,138		10,041		6,384		4,490		565		150,206
Add Changes re: Additional Properties																				1,760
Additional Exemptions																			-	2,254
Council Tax Support																			-	20,779
Adjustments to reflect Discretionary Discounts																				
Rate of Collection 98.5%																			-	1,934
Council Tax Base																				126,999

3 Collection Fund balance sheet items have been apportioned as shown in the table below.

	Total	Bristol City Council	Police & Crime Commissioner	Avon Fire Authority
Council Tax				
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Debtors	14,590	12,447	1,613	530
Bad debt allowance	(9,668)	(8,248)	(1,069)	(351)
Prepayments and overpayments	(2,280)	(1,945)	(252)	(83)
Surplus/ (Deficit) at 31 March	1,695	1,446	187	62

	Total	Bristol City Council	West of England Combined Authority	Avon Fire Authority	Central Government
Business Rates					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Debtors	4,195	3,943	210	42	
Bad debt allowance	(2,173)	(2,042)	(109)	(22)	
Prepayments and overpayments	(1,531)	(1,439)	(77)	(15)	
Appeals provision	(29,206)	(27,454)	(1,460)	(292)	
Surplus/ (Deficit) at 31 March	314	(666)	(59)	9	1,030

4 National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

The Council collects NNDR for its area based on rateable values as determined by the Valuation Office Agency and reviewed on a 5 yearly basis. The last revaluation date was on 1 April 2017. The next revaluation is expected to be 1 April 2021, with valuations being effective from this date.

Each year the Government specifies an amount known as the non-domestic rating multiplier and (subject to the effects of transitional arrangements) local businesses pay rates calculated by multiplying their rateable value by that multiplier. A second multiplier known as the small business non-domestic rating multiplier was introduced from 1 April 2005 and this multiplier is applicable to those businesses that qualify for small business relief.

In 2019/20 the non-domestic rating multiplier was 50.4p (49.3p in 2018/19) and the small business non-domestic rating multiplier was 49.1p (48.0p in 2018/19).

As part of the governments West of England devolution deal Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils agreed to the establishment of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) to support economic growth and development across the region. This also enabled the three Council's to take part in a 100% business rates retention pilot. As a result Bristol City Council is now responsible not only for collection of rates due from the ratepayers in its area but also for redistribution of the sums paid according to the following percentages: Bristol City Council: 94%, West of England Combined Authority 5% and Avon Fire Authority: 1%.

The NNDR income after reliefs and provisions was £224,484m for 2019/20 (£214,800m for 2018/19). The total rateable value at 31 March 2020 was £560,880m (£556.252m at 31 March 2019).

5 City Region Deal Growth Disregard

From 2015/16, the Council is allowed to retain 100% of the growth in Business Rates in its Enterprise area and Enterprise Zone. The growth is transferred to the Council's General Fund before being pooled with other participating authorities.

City Region Deal

Background

Under the City Region Deal, Bristol City, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils ("the Authorities") are part of a Business Rates Retention Scheme, introduced by the Government in April 2013, allowing Authorities to retain a proportion of the business rates collected locally. The Authorities are allowed to retain 100% of the growth in business rates raised in the City Regions network of Enterprise Areas over a 25 year period ending on 31/3/2039 to create an Economic Development Fund for the West of England and to manage local demographic and service pressures arising from economic growth.

A 'baseline' level of rates for each Authority has been agreed with the government for the areas designated within the Non-Domestic Rating (Designated Areas) Regulations 2015. Rates collected up to this figure (the baseline) are subject to the national rates retention system. Rates collected in excess of this figure (the 'growth figure') are retained by the Authorities under the Non-Domestic Rates Designated Area Regulations 2013 and 2014 in a pooling arrangement. The governance of the distribution of retained pooled funds will occur through a Business Rates Pooling Board constituted under the Business Rates Pooling Principles Agreement (BRPPA) signed by the four Authorities.

Transactions

Each participating Council pays an annual growth figure to South Gloucestershire Council, as the Accountable Body for the BRP, representing business rates collected in the Enterprise Areas in excess of an agreed baseline figure. Retained funds will be distributed or invested annually in accordance with the 2014 Regulations and the BRPPA as:

- Tier 1: to ensure that no individual Council is any worse off than it would have been under the national local government finance system,
- Tier 2: to an Economic Development Fund (EDF) for reinvestment within the designated areas through approved programmes,
- Tier 3: for the relief of demographic and service pressures associated with growth.

Cash receivable and disbursements payable by the BRP and the Council's share of these are reflected under "Cash Transactions" in the table below. Expenditure and revenue recognised in the Council's CIES is also disclosed.

	CASH TRANSACTIONS		REVENUE & EXPENDITURE	
	Business Rates Pool Total	of which the Council's share	Council Expenditure	Council Revenue
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Funds held by BRP at 1 April	(29,086)	(7,720)	-	-
Receipts into the Pool in-year				
- Growth sums payable by Council's to BRP in year	(28,172)	(9,047)	8,389	-
Distributions out of the Pool in-year				
- Tier 1 no worse off	10,268	4,339	-	(4,339)
- BRP management fee	36	9	-	-
- EDF management fee	69	17	-	-
- Tier 2 EDF funding	2,362	466	-	(1,813)
- Tier 3 demographic and service pressures	2,834	767	-	(858)
Funds held by BRP at 31 March	(41,689)	(11,169)		
Analysed between:				
Uncommitted cash (Tier 2 inc contingency)	(38,840)	(10,436)	(2,791)	n/a
Committed cash (Tier 3)	(2,849)	(733)	n/a	n/a
	(41,689)	(11,169)		
Expenditure/(Revenue) recognised			5,598	(7,010)

As stated under the accounting policies, growth paid over to the BRP is recognised as expenditure by each council to the extent that the use of the funds by the BRP has been committed. Uncommitted cash is recognised by each council as a debtor.

The uncommitted cash of £10,436m contributed by the council and held by the BRP is recognised by the council as a debtor and is held in a new earmarked reserve to smooth the impact of City Region Deal transactions, and match the release of revenue support and charges for projects. The BRP has made one payment of £1.813m to Bristol City Council on behalf of the EDF in 2019/20 (2018/19 £1.033m.)

The Council itself has recognised revenue income of £7,010m (2018/19 £4.108m) from the BRP and expenditure of £5,598m (2018/19 £3.298m) to the BRP for the year.

Group Accounts

Introduction

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 (The Code) requires local authorities with interests in subsidiaries, associates and/or joint ventures to prepare group accounts in addition to their own single entity financial statements, unless their interest is not considered material. The aim of the Group Accounts is to provide the reader with an overall view of the material economic activities of the Council.

The Council has interests in a number of companies that are classified as a subsidiary or joint venture, all of which have been considered for consolidation. Three of these, Bristol Holding Limited, Bristol Waste Company Limited and Bristol Energy Limited are considered to be material to the financial statements. Details of the companies considered for consolidation are shown below. Although not material, Goram Homes Limited, as a subsidiary of Bristol Holdings Limited has also been consolidated into the group financial statements.

The Group Accounts contain the core statements similar in presentation to the Council's single entity accounts but consolidating the figures of the Council with, Bristol Holding Limited, Bristol Waste Company Limited, Bristol Energy Limited and Goram Homes Limited. Copies of the individual audited accounts are available from Companies House.

The purpose of each of the core statements is explained in the relevant sections of the single entity accounts. No amendments have been necessary to the accounts of the group entities as a result of material differences arising from the variation in accounting policies.

The following pages include:

- Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
- Group Balance Sheet
- Group Movement in Reserves Statement
- Group Cash Flow Statement
- Associated Notes to the Accounts where there are significant differences between the Council's single entity accounts and the consolidated Group.

Group Financial Statements

The Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account as at 31 March 2020

This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing the Group's services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

2018/19			2019/20		
Gross Exp	Gross Income	Restated Net Exp	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
373,922	(155,103)	218,819	391,416	(166,564)	224,852
237,976	(178,508)	59,468	228,165	(160,328)	67,837
277,001	(161,437)	115,564	303,791	(184,194)	119,597
94,440	(120,041)	(25,601)	105,574	(119,811)	(14,237)
195,412	(199,251)	(3,839)	204,487	(196,848)	7,639
12,099	(849)	11,250	17,657	(1,252)	16,405
1,190,850	(815,189)	375,661	1,251,090	(828,997)	422,093
Cost of services (Note G1)					
25,946 Other operating expenditure			2,099		
40,065 Financing and investment income and expenditure (Note G2)			37,869		
(389,967) Taxation and non-specific grant income			(414,418)		
51,705 (Surplus) Deficit on provision of services			47,643		
(11,755) Deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment assets			(99,683)		
91,860 Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability/asset			(45,764)		
- Surplus/deficit on financial assets measured at fair value			-		
80,105 Other comprehensive (income) and expenditure			(145,447)		
131,810 Total comprehensive (income) and expenditure			(97,804)		

Group Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the group, analysed into usable reserves and other reserves.

	Note	General Fund Balance	Earmarked Reserves Restated	School Reserves	Sub Total - General Fund	Housing Revenue Account	Housing Revenue Account Earmarked Reserves	Capital Receipts	Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves (Note 32)	Total Council Reserves	Council Share of Subsidiaries	Total Group Reserves
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 31 March 2018 Carried Forward		20,000	87,421	6,761	114,182	71,269	7,345	63,472	1,225	3,004	260,497	1,434,368	1,694,865	(7,055)	1,687,810
Movement in Reserves during 2018/19		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services		(27,725)	-	-	(27,725)	17,511	-	-	-	-	(10,214)	-	(10,214)	(41,491)	(51,705)
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(79,920)	(79,920)	(185)	(80,105)
Adjustments between group accounts and authority accounts		(29,609)	-	-	(29,609)	-	-	-	-	-	(29,609)	-	(29,609)	29,609	-
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		(57,334)	-	-	(57,334)	17,511	-	-	-	-	(39,823)	(79,920)	(119,743)	(12,067)	(131,810)
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	Note 17	60,082	-	-	60,082	(9,555)	-	7,351	2,381	915	61,174	(61,174)	-	-	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves		2,748	-	-	2,748	7,956	-	7,351	2,381	915	21,351	(141,094)	(119,743)	(12,067)	(131,810)
Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	Note 18	510	(6,242)	5,732	-	(507)	507	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2018/19		3,258	(6,242)	5,732	2,748	7,449	507	7,351	2,381	915	21,350	(141,094)	(119,743)	(12,067)	(131,810)
Balance at 31 March 2019 Carried Forward		23,258	81,179	12,493	116,930	78,718	7,852	70,824	3,606	3,919	281,849	1,293,274	1,575,122	(19,122)	1,556,000
Movement in Reserves during 2019/20															
Surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services		(16,866)	-	-	(16,866)	3,016	-	-	-	-	(13,850)	-	(13,849)	42,119	28,270
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,431	145,431	-	145,431
Adjustments between group accounts and authority accounts		(37,948)	-	-	(37,948)	-	-	-	-	-	(37,948)	-	(37,948)	(37,948)	(75,896)
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income		(54,814)	-	-	(54,814)	3,016	-	-	-	-	(51,798)	145,431	93,633	4,172	97,805
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	Note 17	59,578	-	-	50,078	(2,060)	-	7,688	-	(1,234)	54,472	(54,472)	-	-	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves		4,763	-	-	4,763	956	-	7,688	-	(1,234)	12,173	90,959	93,633	4,172	97,805
Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	Note 18	(11,020)	16,211	(5,191)	-	7,852	(7,852)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2019/20		(6,257)	16,211	(5,191)	4,763	8,808	(7,852)	7,688	-	(1,234)	12,173	90,959	93,633	4,173	97,805
Balance at 31 March 2020 Carried Forward		17,001	97,390	7,302	121,694	87,526	0	78,512	3,606	2,685	294,022	1,384,233	1,668,754	(14,949)	1,653,805

Group Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

31-Mar-19		Note	31-Mar-20
<u>£'000</u>			<u>£'000</u>
2,626,969	Property, Plant & Equipment		2,720,789
202,094	Heritage Assets		204,056
12,270	Intangible Assets		15,958
249,251	Investment Property		252,586
34,652	Long Term Investments	G10	36,551
42,998	Long Term Debtors		40,253
3,168,234	Long Term Assets		3,270,193
79,258	Short Term Investments	G10	89,093
1,988	Inventories		10,804
123,083	Short Term Debtors	G3	130,024
21,431	Cash and Cash Equivalents		79,927
3,572	Assets held for sale		759
229,332	Current assets		310,607
(5,258)	Short Term Borrowing	G10	(14,778)
(181,886)	Short Term Creditors	G4	(213,838)
(3,589)	Provisions		(2,406)
-	Derivative Financial Instrument		(5,379)
(20,689)	Capital grants received in advance		(26,741)
(211,422)	Current liabilities		(263,142)
(430,488)	Long Term Borrowing	G10	(450,488)
(27,846)	Provisions		(28,257)
(1,150,194)	Other Long Term Liabilities		(1,156,508)
(21,616)	Capital Grants Receipts in Advance		(28,600)
(1,630,144)	Long-term liabilities		(1,663,853)
1,556,000	Net assets		1,653,805
(278,079)	Usable Reserves		(282,498)
(1,277,921)	Unusable Reserves	G5	(1,371,307)
(1,556,000)	Total reserves		(1,653,805)

Group Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

The cash flow statement shows the changes to 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.

2018/19			2019/20
£'000		Note	£'000
(51,705)	Net surplus on the provision of services		(47,643)
200,546	Adjustment to net surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements	G6	192,798
(65,029)	Adjust for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	G6	(90,100)
83,812	Net cash flows from Operating Activities		55,055
(82,010)	Investing Activities	G7	(20,924)
(10,361)	Financing Activities	G8	24,365
(8,559)	Net increase (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		58,496
29,990	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		21,431
21,431	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the reporting period		79,927

Notes to the Group Accounts

Accounting Policies

Generally, the accounting policies for the group accounts are the same as those applied to the single entity financial statements, except for the following policies which are specific to the group accounts:

Basis of Identification of the Group Boundary

Group accounts are prepared by aggregating the transactions and balances of the Council and all its material subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements. In its preparation of these Group Accounts, the Council has considered its relationship with entities that fall into the following categories:

- Subsidiaries – where the Council exercises control and gains benefits or has exposures to risks arising from this control. These entities are included in the group.
- Joint Arrangements (Joint Operations and Joint Ventures) – where the Council exercises joint control with one or more organisations. Where these are material they are included in the group.
- Associates – where the Council is an investor and has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee (stopping short of control or joint control.) It is presumed that holding 20% of the voting power of an investee (either directly or indirectly) brings significant influence but this presumption can be rebutted.
- No group relationship – where the body is not an entity in its own right or the Council has an insufficient interest in the entity to justify inclusion in the group financial statements. These entities are not included in the group.

In accordance with this requirement, the Council has determined its Group relationships as follows:

Bristol Holding Ltd	Direct Subsidiary	Consolidated
Bristol Waste Company Ltd	Indirect Subsidiary	Consolidated
Bristol Energy Ltd (formally Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Ltd	Indirect Subsidiary	Consolidated
Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Ltd	Indirect Subsidiary	Not Material – Dormant company
Local Education Partnership	Joint Venture	Not Material
Bristol is Open Ltd	Direct Subsidiary	Not Material
Goram Homes	Indirect Subsidiary	Consolidated

The grounds for exclusion from consolidation of certain entities are not material to the true and fair view of the financial statements or to the understanding of the users.

Basis of Consolidation – Group Accounts

The Group Accounts have been prepared using the group accounts requirements of the Code. Companies or other reporting entities that are under the ultimate control of the Council have been included in the Council's group accounts to the extent that they are material to users of the financial statements in relation to their ability to see the complete economic activities of the Council and its exposure to risk through interests in other entities and participation in their activities.

Subsidiaries have been consolidated on a line by line basis, subject to the elimination of intra-group transactions from the statements, in accordance with the Code. Accounting policies have been aligned where applicable.

Bristol Holding Limited

Bristol Holding is a wholly owned subsidiary of the City Council, incorporated on 12 March 2015. The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company and the activities of the group are the provision of waste services, housing development and a gas and electric supply business in the UK with particular focus on residential customers.

On the 13 July 2015 the company acquired Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Limited for £100,000 and on 31 March 2016, the company acquired Bristol Waste Limited from Bristol City Council.

As at the 31 March 2020 the Council has invested £37.153m in Bristol Holding Limited. This was made up of £9.228m ordinary shares and £27.925m cumulative redeemable preference shares.

Bristol Waste Company Limited

Bristol Waste Company Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bristol Holding Limited. The company was incorporated on 5 March 2015. From the 8 August 2015 the company has been providing waste collection, street cleaning and other maintenance services in Bristol.

Bristol Energy Limited (formally Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Limited)

Bristol Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bristol Holding Limited incorporated on 17 July 2014. The company commenced trading on 23 November 2015 and launched its product offering to customers in February 2016. On 14 February 2018 a resolution was passed to authorise the Company to change its name to Bristol Energy Limited.

Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Limited (formally Bristol Energy Limited)

Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bristol Holding Limited incorporated on 14 March 2016. The company is currently dormant. On 14 February 2018 a resolution was passed to authorise the Company to change its name to Bristol Energy and Technology Services (Supply) Limited.

Goram Homes Limited

Goram Homes is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bristol Holding Limited incorporated on 1 October 2018. The company aims to increase the provision of new homes in the city and to meet housing requirements without compromising on build quality particularly around the provision of affordable housing, space standards and sustainability.

None of the other entities in which the City Council has an interest are considered material enough to merit consolidation into the Council's Group Accounts. Details of these can be found within the Related Parties note in the Council's single entity accounts (Note 37)

Group financial position

The closing net deficit balance of the group is £46.479m which takes into account previous years losses carried forward. This is in-line with the expectations set out in the company's business plan.

Where there are no material changes to the statements the notes are as per the Council's single entity accounts. Where consolidation has resulted in material changes additional notes are set out below.

G1 Net Cost of Services

The Net cost of Services in the consolidated CIES includes gross income of £99.8m and gross expenditure of £113.4m associated outside of the group boundary.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Further to a review of this area, the Group can confirm that there is no material contractual revenue income from customers to disclose. There is therefore nothing to disclose in relation to the introduction of IFRS 15-Revenues from Contracts with Customers.

G2 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure

	2019/20	2018/19
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable and similar charges	37,291	36,951
Loss Allowance (Financial guarantee contracts)	5,379	-
Changes in the fair value of financial instruments	(2,350)	-
Pensions net interest cost	23,029	21,106
Interest receivable and similar income	(10,262)	(10,240)
Income and expenditure in relation to Investment Properties	(11,474)	(11,272)
Changes in fair value of Investment Properties	(3,744)	3,520
Total	37,869	40,065

G3 Current Debtors

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Current debtors		
Trade Receivables	16,725	37,417
Prepayments	19,614	16,176
VAT	8,931	7,652
Other Receivable Amounts	84,754	61,838
Total	130,024	123,083

G4 Creditors

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Current liabilities		
Trade Payables	16,470	29,003
Other Payables	127,667	95,247
Receipts In Advance	69,701	57,636
Total	213,838	181,886

G5 Unusable Reserves

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Revaluation Reserve	(861,614)	(788,594)
Capital Adjustment Account	(1,514,604)	(1,493,718)
Available for Sale Financial Instruments	-	-
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	7,076	7,253
Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve	-	1,000
Pensions Reserve	991,708	989,894
Collection Fund Adjustment Account	(477)	(126)
Accumulated Absences Account	6,604	6,370
	(1,371,307)	(1,277,921)

G6 Cash Flow Statement

The cash flows for operating activities include the following significant items:

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Interest received	4,288	6,201
Interest paid	(37,832)	(36,947)
Dividends received	2,376	2,790

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

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Depreciation, impairment and downward revaluations	82,681	54,769
Amortisation	4,431	3,171
Increase/(decrease) in impairment for bad debt	1,694	1,400
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	27,642	27,932
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(10,155)	(3823)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(8,816)	388
Movement in pension liability	47,008	53,016
Contributions to/(from) provisions	4,099	2,609
Carrying amount of non-current assets held for sale, sold or derecognised	46,849	36,164
Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit On the provision of services	(2,635)	24,920
Net cash flows from non-cash movements	190,798	200,546

Adjust for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing or financing activities:

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Capital grants credited to surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(33,664)	(44,218)
Net adjustment from the sale of short- and long-term investments	-	-
Premiums or discounts on the repayment of financial liabilities	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of Property Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	(56,436)	(20,811)
	(90,100)	(65,029)

G7 Cash Flow Statement - Investing Activities

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	(117,110)	(100,114)
Purchase of short-term and long-term investments	(116,900)	(254,184)
Other (payments)/receipts for investing activities	(173)	2,015
Proceeds from the sale of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets	57,503	24,279
Proceeds from short-term and long-term investments	107,000	199,500
Capital Grants Received	46,700	43,960
Other receipts from investing activities	2,056	2,534
Net cash flows from investing activities	(20,924)	(82,010)

G8 Cash flow Statement - Financing Activities

	2019/20 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Cash receipts of short- and long-term borrowing	30,000	-
Cash payments for the reduction of outstanding liabilities relating to Finance leases and on-Balance Sheet PFI contracts	(7,363)	(12,816)
Repayments of short and long-term borrowing	-	(1,775)
Council Tax and NNDR adjustments	1,728	4,230
Other payments/(receipts) in respect of financing activities	-	-
Net cash flows from financing activities	24,365	(10,361)

G9 Directors Remuneration and Exit Packages

Where a Directors annual salary is £50,000 or more, but less than £150,000, remuneration is disclosed by way of job title. For those Directors whose salary is £150,000 or more, their name is also disclosed.

2019/20				Salary, Fees and Allowances	Compensation for Loss of Office	Pension Contribution	Total
Post Title	Post Term	Post Holder	Notes	£	£	£	£
Bristol Energy Company							
Managing Director	Apr'19 – Mar'20	M Majewicz		306,081	7,800	9,079	322,960
Interim Managing Director	Mar'20	A Booth	1	33,917	-	-	33,917
Interim Director of Finance	Oct'19 – Mar'20	C Smith	1	113,333	-	-	113,333
Bristol Waste Company							
Managing Director	Apr'19 – Mar'20			119,587	-	5,187	124,774
Operations Manager	Apr'19 – Mar'20			97,344	-	4,096	101,440
Finance Director	Apr'19 – Mar'20			73,179	-	3,307	76,486
Goram Homes							
Managing Director	Apr'19 – Sept'19	S Blake		104,046	-	-	104,046
Managing Director	Sept'19 – Mar'20			52,678	-	4,167	63,845
Finance Director	Oct'19 – Mar'20		1	37,800			37,800
Bristol Holding Company							
Executive Chair (CEO)	Aug'19 – Mar'20			53,871		12,498	66,369
Interim Director of Finance	July'19 – Mar'20		1	121,344	-	-	121,344

Note 1 (Interim) – The amounts disclosed in the table in respect of these posts are the costs incurred by the Company to secure the individuals services on this basis and not the amounts the individuals actually received (which will have been lower).

Note 2 - The table above is presented in a format as prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. This presentation differs from that of the disclosure in the Companies audited accounts as these are prepared in accordance with FRS 102.

2018/19				Salary, Fees and Allowances	Compensation for Loss of Office	Pension Contribution	Total
Post Title	Post Term	Post Holder	Notes	£	£	£	£
Bristol Energy Company							
Managing Director	Apr' 18 – Dec'18	P Haigh		195,276	47,070	11,083	253,429
Interim Managing Director	Aug'18 – Mar'19	M Majewicz	1	187,500	-		187,500
Director of Finance	Sept'16 – Aug'18			62,331	-	6,283	68,614
Bristol Waste Company							
Managing Director	Apr'18 – Mar'19			100,752	-	4,782	105,534
Operations Manager	May'18 – Mar'19			71,888	-	3,594	75,482
Finance Director	Nov'18 – Mar'19			21,808	-	1,090	22,898

Note 1 (Interim) – The amounts disclosed in the table in respect of these posts are the costs incurred by the Company to secure the individuals services on this basis and not the amounts the individuals actually received (which will have been lower).

Note 2 - The table above is presented in a format as prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. This presentation differs from that of the disclosure in the Companies audited accounts as these are prepared in accordance with FRS 102.

G10 Financial Instruments

The borrowings and investments disclosed in the Balance Sheet are made up of the following categories of financial instruments. The value of debtors and creditors reported in the table are those amounts meeting the definition of a financial instrument. The balances of debtors and creditors reported in the balance sheet and associated notes also include balances which do not meet the definition of a financial instrument, such as tax-based debtors and creditors.

	Long-Term		Current	
	31 March 2020	31 March 2019	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial Liabilities at Amortised cost				
Borrowing	(450,488)	(430,488)	(14,778)	(5,258)
Service Concessions	(119,424)	(127,967)	(8,820)	(6,415)
Creditors	(2,281)	(2,034)	(190,410)	(152,223)
Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through profit and loss				
Financial Derivative			(5,379)	
Total Financial Liabilities	(572,193)	(560,489)	(219,387)	(163,896)
Financial Assets at amortised cost				
Investments	1	2	113,003	81,671
Debtors	1,009	2,018	93,780	91,154
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income				
Investment	350	550	-	
Financial Assets at Fair Value through profit and loss				
Investments	36,100	34,100	56,017	19,019
Total Financial Assets	37,460	36,670	262,800	191,844

Movements

The increase in financial liabilities, circa £62m relates to £30m of long-term borrowing undertaken during the year to support the capital programme and increase in the value of general creditors during the year. This was mainly due to £30m Covid19 grants received in advance.

The financial assets increased by circa £72m through a combination of increases in working capital and reserves resulting in additional cash resources to invest in lieu of using these resources.

Borrowing

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Current borrowing		
Deposit loans (repayable at notice - up to 7 days)	151	101
Other short-term borrowing (repayable within 1 year):		
- Public Works Loan Board	13,470	3,737
- Banks and other monetary sector	1,136	1,399
- Local bonds and property rent disposals	11	11
- Stocks	10	10
Total	14,778	5,258

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	£'000	£'000
Non-current borrowing		
Public Works Loan Board	330,439	310,439
Lender Option Borrower Option (Lobo)	70,000	70,000
Market Debt	50,000	50,000
Stocks	49	49
Total	450,488	430,488

The Group undertook £30m of new long term borrowing at historic low rates in accordance with the Group's Treasury Management Strategy to support the financing of the Group's capital programme.

Income, Expense, Gains or Losses

The gains and losses recognised in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for financial instruments are as follows:

Financial Instruments Gains and Losses 2019/20

	Financial Liabilities Measured at Amortised Cost	Amortised Cost	Financial Assets Fair Value through the CI	Fair Value through the P&L	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interest expense & Impairment Losses	(40,647)	-	-	-	(40,647)
Total expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(40,647)	-	-	-	(40,647)
Interest Income	-	5,531	-	301	5,832
Fair Value Movement	-	-	-	2,350	2,350
Dividend Income	-	-	-	2,376	2,376
Total income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(40,647)	5,531	-	5,027	(30,089)
Deficit arising on revaluation of financial assets in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) for the year	(40,647)	5,531	-	5,027	(30,089)

Financial Instruments Gains and Losses 2018/19

	Financial Liabilities Measured at amortised cost	Loans and receivables	Financial Assets Fair Value through the CI	Fair Value through the I&E	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Interest expense	(36,920)	-	-	-	(36,920)
Total expense in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(36,920)	-	-	-	(36,920)
Interest Income	-	7,214	-	209	7,423
Dividend Income	-	-	-	2,790	2,790
Total income in Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	(36,920)	7,214	-	2,999	(26,707)
Net gain/(loss) for the year	(36,920)	7,214	-	2,999	(26,707)

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Property Assets

Some of the Groups' financial assets are measured in the Balance Sheet at fair value on a recurring basis and are described in the following table, including the valuation techniques used to measure them.

Descriptions	Fair value measurements at 31 March 2020 using:			Fair value measurements at 31 March 2019 using:		
	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs
	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000
Recurring fair value measurements						
Fair Value through Profit and Loss						
Money Market Funds	56,017			19,019		
Bristol Port Company (Non-traded Unquoted Equity Investment)	-		27,000			25,000
Other Unquoted private companies			100			
Pooled property fund			9,000			9,000
Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income						
Other unquoted private companies	-	-	350	-	-	650
Total Non-traded securities:	56,017	-	36,450	19,019	-	34,650
Investment properties	-	252,586	-	-	249,251	-
Surplus properties	-	41,957	-	-	42,760	-
Total recurring fair value measurements	56,017	294,543	36,450	19,019	292,011	34,650
Non-recurring fair value measurements						
Assets held for sale	-	723	-	-	3,572	-
Total non-recurring fair value measurements	-	723	-	-	3,572	-

Valuation techniques and Inputs				
Description of asset	Valuation hierarchy	Basis of Valuation	Observable and Unobservable inputs	Key sensitivities affecting the valuations provided
Money Market Funds	Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical shares	Latest quoted prices	
Surplus assets	Level 2	All surplus assets have been valued by RICS qualified valuers to Fair Value less costs to sell, reflecting highest and best use.	Evidence of title, floor area, siting and site conditions, type/age and current use of the property have been taken into account together with general market conditions and advertised value of similar properties currently up for sale.	Not all assets are physically inspected every year. Latent defects, repair and maintenance backlogs, general changes in the market and other impairments could have a significant impact on the values provided.
Investment Properties <small>(further detailed information in note 21)</small>	Level 2	All investment properties have been valued by the Group's in-house valuers (all RICS qualified) on an investment income basis which we are satisfied represents highest and best use overall.	All valued on an investment income basis, using existing lease terms and current yields	Changes to market conditions, lease terms, covenant strength and occupancy levels could all affect the asset valuations provided.
Bristol Port Company	Level 3	This investment has been valued by an external specialist valuation company.	Calculations have been based on an income approach to valuation, by applying a multiple derived from the market to a maintainable profit figure.	Changes to market conditions (local and global), and the comparable data used within the valuations. If the growth of future returns are greater or lesser by 1% than the 2% forecast, the fair value will be circa

				£750k higher or lower respectively.
Investments in other unquoted companies	Level 3	These investments have been valued at the Group's share of each company.	Calculations have been based on their latest audited accounts	The value of these companies are relatively low (£450k) so any change in the metrics used in the valuation technique will not have a material impact.
Investments in Pooled Property Fund	Level 3	These investments have been valued at the Group's share within the pooled fund.	The valuation for Pooled Property Funds have been based on the latest quarterly financial report.	Changes to housing market conditions could affect the valuation of the pooled property fund. If the market value of the properties within this fund is greater or lesser than 1% the fair value of the fund will be £90k higher or lower respectively.

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

Changes in valuation technique

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

Reconciliation of fair value measurements for assets at fair value within level 3

Description	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	Non-traded securities	Non-traded securities
	£000	£000
Opening balance	34,650	9,650
Re-measurement 1/4/18	-	25,350
Transfers into level 3	-	-
Transfers out of level 3	-	-
included in the surplus/(deficit) on the Provision of Services	2,350	(150)
included in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-
Total gains/(losses) for the period:	2,350	(150)
Additions	100	-
Disposals	(550)	(200)
Closing balance	36,450	34,650

Gains and losses included in the surplus / (deficit) on the provision of services for the current year primarily relates to the investment in the Bristol Port Company (+£2m).

The Fair Values of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities that are not Measured at Fair Value

Except for the financial assets carried at fair value (described in the table above), all other financial liabilities and financial assets represented by loans and receivables and long term debtors and creditors are carried on the balance sheet at amortised cost. Their fair value can be assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that take place over the remaining life of the instruments, using the following assumptions:

- For loans from the PWLB payable, prevailing market rates have been applied to provide the fair value under PWLB debt redemption procedures. An additional note to the tables sets out the alternative fair value measurement applying the premature repayment, highlighting the impact of the alternative valuation;
- For non-PWLB loans payable, prevailing interest rates have been applied to provide the fair value;
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised;
- Where an instrument has a maturity of less than 12 months or is a trade or other receivable the fair value is taken to be the carrying amount or the billed amount;
- The fair value of trade and other receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed amount.

Financial Liabilities	31 March 2020		31 March 2019	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)	343,909	480,200	314,176	478,900
Lender Option Borrower Option	70,663	99,400	70,670	104,500
Market Debt	50,473	69,200	50,729	72,960
Current Creditors	192,607	192,607	154,180	154,180
Service Concessions	128,244	200,508	134,382	223,058
Other	305	305	248	248
Total Liabilities	786,201	1,042,220	724,385	1,033,846

The Group has used a transfer value for the fair value of financial liabilities. We have also calculated an exit price fair value of £1.359bn an increase of £304m which is calculated using early repayment discount rates. The Group has no contractual obligation to pay these penalty costs and would not incur any additional cost if the loans run to their planned maturity date.

The fair value for financial liabilities and assets has been assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining term of the instruments, using the assumptions detailed above, the fair value is arrived at by applying the discounted cash flow calculations based on the PWLB premium/discount calculations.

The fair value of the liabilities is higher than the carrying amount because the Group's portfolio of loans includes a number of fixed rate loans where the interest rate payable is higher than the prevailing rates at the Balance Sheet date. This shows a notional future loss (based on economic conditions at 31 March 2020) arising from a commitment to pay interest to lenders above current market rates.

Financial Assets	31 March 2020		31 March 2019	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Current investments	33,076	33,076	60,063	60,063
Cash and Cash Equivalents	79,927	79,927	21,607	21,607
Non-current investments	1	1	2	2
Current Debtors	93,780	93,780	91,154	91,154
Non-current debtors	1,009	1,009	2,018	2,018
Total Financial Assets	207,793	207,793	174,845	174,845

The fair value of the assets is the same as the carrying value due to the majority of these assets having a maturity of less than 12 months or is a trade or other receivable where the fair value is taken to be the carrying amount or the billed amount.

Short-term debtors and creditors are carried at cost as this is a fair approximation of their value.

Fair value hierarchy for financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value

Descriptions	Fair value measurements at 31 March 2020 using:			Fair value measurements at 31 March 2019 using:		
	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable inputs	Unobservable inputs
	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000
Recurring fair value measurements using:						
Financial Liabilities held at Amortised Cost						
Public Works Loan Board (PWLb)		343,909			314,176	
Lender Option Borrower Options		70,663			70,670	
Market debt		50,473			50,469	
Service Concessions		128,244			134,382	
Other		305			249	
Total		593,594			569,946	
Financial Assets held at amortised cost						

Current Investments	33,076	60,063
Cash and Cash Equivalents	79,927	21,607
Non-current Investments	1	2
Non-current Debtors	1,009	2,018
Total	114,013	84,230

The fair value for financial liabilities and financial assets that are not measured at fair value included in Levels 2 and 3 in the table above have been arrived at using a discounted cash flow analysis with the most significant inputs being the discount rate detailed above.

The fair value for financial liabilities and financial assets that are not measured at fair value can be assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining term of the instruments, using the assumptions detailed above, primarily for financial liabilities the fair value is arrived at by applying the discounted cash flow calculations based on the PWLB premium/discount calculations.

G11 Nature and Extent of Risks Arising from Financial Instruments

The Group'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 Group.
- Liquidity risk – the possibility that the Group might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments.
- Re-financing risk – the possibility that the Group might be requiring to renew a financial instrument on maturity at disadvantageous interest rates or terms.
- Market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Group as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and money market movements.

The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the resources available to fund services. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury team, under policies approved by the Council in the annual treasury management strategy, and compliance with the CIPFA Prudential Code of Practice, the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice, and Investment Guidance that is issued under the Local Government Act 2003. The Group provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and the investment of surplus cash. These are required to be reported and approved at or before the Council's annual Council Tax setting budget or before the start of the year to which they relate. These items are reported with the annual treasury management strategy that outlines the detailed approach to managing risk in relation to the Group's financial instrument exposure. Actual performance is also reported annually to Members.

The annual treasury management strategy which incorporates the prudential indicators was approved by Council on 20 February 2019 and is available on the Council website.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the Group's customers.

This risk is minimised through the Annual Investment Strategy, which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit criteria, in accordance with Fitch, Standard and Poor's and Moody's Credit Ratings Services. The Annual Investment Strategy also imposes a maximum sum to be invested with a financial institution located within each category.

Details of the Investment Strategy can be found on the Council's website. The key areas of the Investment Strategy are that the minimum criteria for investment counterparties include:

- Credit ratings of Short Term of F1, Long Term A-, with the lowest available rating being applied to the criteria;
- UK institutions provided with support from the UK Government;

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its investments in banks and building societies will vary according to credit ratings assigned by the three main credit rating agencies and cannot be assessed generally as the risk of any institution failing to make interest payments or repay the principal sum will be specific to each individual institution. Recent experience has shown that it is rare for such entities to be unable to meet their commitments. A risk of irrecoverability applies to all of the Group's deposits, but there was no evidence at the 31 March 2020 that this was likely to crystallise.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The following analysis summarises the Group's potential maximum exposure to credit risk on financial assets valued at amortised cost, based on experience of default and un-collectability over the last five financial years, adjusted to reflect current market conditions.

	Amount	Historical experience of default	Adjustment for market conditions	Estimated maximum exposure to default	Estimated maximum exposure to default
	£000	%	%	£000	£000
	A	B	C	(A*C)	
	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
Current Investments:					
Local Authorities	72,493	0.00%	0.00%	-	-
AA rated counterparties	41	0.02%	0.02%	-	2
A rated counterparties	40,469	0.06%	0.06%	24	24
Sub-total	113,003			24	26
Trade debtors	93,780			-	-
Non-current debtors	1,010			-	-
Total Financial assets	207,793			24	26

The estimated maximum exposure for credit loss for Treasury investments is £24k and therefore no allowance for credit loss have been made for these assets.

No credit limits were exceeded during the reporting period and the Group does not expect any losses from non-performance by any of its counterparties in relation to deposits.

The Group does not generally allow credit for its trade debtors, including amounts due from government departments and other Local Authorities.

The risk of loss for trade receivables is minimised by a combination of the following:

- Wherever possible obtaining payment in advance of service delivery
- Availability and encouragement to pay by direct debit
- A wide range of payment options available, including by telephone, internet, banks and retail networks (via the Allpay solution i.e. Payzone, Paypoint and Post Offices)
- Having a standardised recovery process including reminder letters and statement of accounts
- Utilising a corporate Debt Management Team to take an ethical debt approach to all types of debt with referral to External Debt Collection agencies or instigating Court claims only used as a last resort
- Negotiating flexible repayment plans for overdue debt where necessary

The write off of a debt is always the last option available and is only taken when all other appropriate measures have been taken to recover payment, and in cases of bankruptcy.

The bad debt provision is calculated by reference to the Group's historic experience with the provision being applied to debts over 60 days old and the value increasing according to the age of the debt.

Current debtor analysis	Gross debtor at	Allowance for credit losses at	Net debtor at	Net debtor at
	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Local tax payers	16,390	(10,291)	6,099	8,362
Housing rents	12,485	(9,605)	2,880	2,614
Other - sundry debtors	140,139	(32,526)	107,613	94,055
Total Other Entities and Individuals	169,014	(52,422)	116,592	105,031
Central Government bodies	11,047	-	11,047	9,731
Other local authorities	1,636	-	1,636	1,704
NHS bodies	749	-	749	6,617
Total debtors	182,446	(52,422)	130,024	123,083
Balance sheet debtors	182,446	(52,422)	130,024	123,083
Current debtors not qualifying as a financial instrument under IFRS	(46,535)	10,291	(36,244)	(31,929)
Other				
Current debtors qualifying as a financial instrument under IFRS	135,911	(42,131)	93,780	91,154

The following table analyses the Gross debt that is now past due over varying periods. This overdue debt is covered by a provision for bad debt.

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Less than three months	34,073	23,499
Three to four months	4,313	3,861
Four months to one year	9,474	8,121
More than one year	38,862	39,241
Total	86,722	74,722

Liquidity risk

The Group has a comprehensive cash flow management system that seeks to ensure that cash is available as needed. If unexpected movements happen, the Group has ready access to borrowings from the money markets to cover day-to-day cash flow need and the Public Works Loans Board and capital 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. Therefore, there is no significant risk that it will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments.

The maturity analysis of financial assets, excluding sums due from customers, is as follows:

	31 March 2020 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Less than 1 year	262,800	191,843
Between 1 and 2 years	438	777
Between 2 and 3 years	15	439
More than 3 years	37,007	35,455
Total	300,260	228,514

The maturity analysis of financial liabilities is as follows:

	31 March 2019 £'000	31 March 2019 £'000
Less than 1 year	219,387	163,896
Between 1 and 2 years	6,803	17,934
Between 2 and 3 years	11,786	7,025
More than 3 years	553,604	535,530
Total	791,580	724,385

Refinancing and Maturity risk

The Group maintains a significant debt and investment portfolio. Whilst the cash flow procedures above are considered against the refinancing risk procedures, longer-term risk to the Group relates to 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 treasury indicator limits for the maturity structure of debt and the limits on investments placed for greater than one year in duration are the key parameters used to address this risk. The Council approved treasury and investment strategies address the main risks and the central treasury team address the operational risks within the approved parameters. This includes:

- Monitoring the maturity profile of 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 Group's day-to-day cash flow needs, and monitoring the spread of longer-term investments provides stability of maturities and returns in relation to the longer-term cash flow needs.

The maturity profile of the Group's debt portfolio along with the Groups' approved minimum and maximum exposure is shown in the table below.

	Approved minimum limits	%	Approved maximum limits	%	Actual 31 March 2020 £'000	%	Actual 31 March 2019 £'000	%
Less than 1 year	-		30		14,778	3%	5,258	1%
Between 1 and 2 years	-		40		-	-	10,000	2%
Between 2 and 5 years	-		40		10,000	2%	5,000	1%
Between 5 and 10 years	-		50		49,000	11%	54,000	13%
More Than 10 Years	25		100		391,488	84%	361,488	83%
Total					465,266	100%	435,746	100%

Included within the maturity profile are £50m of LOBOS with maturities averaging 41 years. Inherent within these loan instruments are options (averaging an option every 3 years) that could give rise to the debt being repaid early. These loans are regularly reviewed with the current and expected structure of interest rates. The risk of the lenders exercising their options is currently low for the short to medium term. Therefore, the maturity of these loans in above table are currently based on their maturity date, 10 years and over.

Market risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate movements on its borrowings and investments. Movements in interest rates have a complex impact on the Group. 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 will fall (no impact on revenue balances);
- Investments at variable rates – the interest income credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement will rise; and
- Investments at fixed rates – the fair value of the assets will fall (no impact on revenue balances).

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 Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure. However, changes in interest payable and receivable on variable rate borrowings and investments will be posted to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and affect the General Fund Balance. Movements in the fair value of fixed rate investments that have a quoted market price will be reflected in the Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Group has a number of strategies for managing interest rate risk. The Annual Treasury Management Strategy draws together the Group's expected treasury operations, including an expectation of interest rate

movements. From this Strategy a treasury indicator is set which provides maximum limits for fixed and variable interest rate exposure. The central treasury 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 rates borrowing would be postponed.

At 31 March 2020, if interest rates had been 1% higher with all other variables held constant, the financial effect would be:

	31 March 2020 £'000
Increase in interest receivable on variable rate investments	1,675
Impact on Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	1,675
Share of overall impact debited to the HRA	1,519
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate borrowings liabilities (no impact on the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure)	107,500

The approximate impact of a 1% fall in interest rates would be as above but with the movements being reversed.

Foreign exchange risk

During 2019/20 the Group received monies denominated in Euro's relating to the receipt of European grant. The Group also made payments in a variety of currencies for the supply of goods and services. Payments and receipts are converted to Sterling at the earliest opportunity.