

Financial Performance

We budgeted to make a deficit in 2006/07 of £340,000. The year-end position was a deficit of £973,000. This difference is due to a number of reasons, mainly the creation of 3 new reserves as part of our Medium Term Financial Strategy and the transfer of funds to support our capital programme.

The Council's general fund balance at 31 March 2007 was reduced by the in year deficit to £1.3 million. This is equal to 20% of the Council's 2007/08 net budget.

Cash Flow	£000's
Cash 1 April 2006	(101)
Cash In	62,178
Cash Out	62,143
Cash 31 March 2007	(66)

Director's Statement

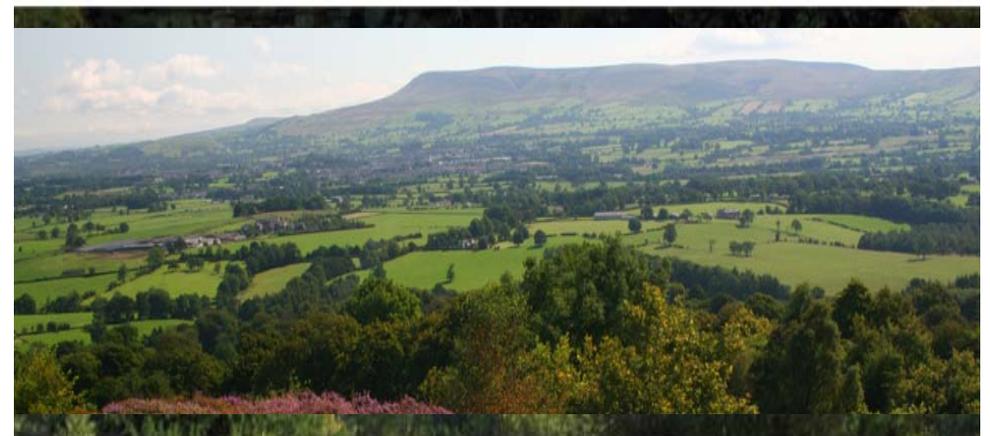
The Council's Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Best Value Accounting Code of Practice. For the purposes of this summary some modifications have been made to provide more meaningful information.

An auditor appointed by the Audit Commission has audited the Council's 2006/07 accounts. The auditor has issued an unqualified opinion of the Council's full accounts for 2006/07.

A full copy of the Council's 2006/07 audited accounts are on the Council's website www.ribblevalley.gov.uk and available for inspection at the Council offices in Clitheroe. This leaflet is available in other formats on request. Please contact Jane Pearson on 01200 425111 for further details.

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What did we spend money on?

The expenditure account below shows the cost of running Council services between April 2006 and March 2007 and the amount left to be financed from local and national tax income.

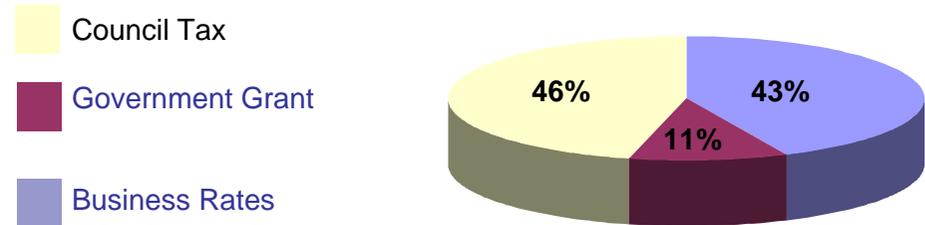
What we spent	Net Expenditure 2006/07
Cultural Environmental & Planning	£3.9m
Central Services	£0.7m
Housing	£0.7m
Highways	£0.6m
Corporate & Democratic Core	£1.5m
Net Cost of Services	£7.4m
Parish Precepts	£0.3m
Interest Paid	£0.4m
Interest Received	(£0.3m)
Appropriations and other Internal Accounting	(£0.1m)
Amount to be met from Government grants and local taxation.	£7.7m



How did we pay?

We spend £7.7m running services between April 2006 and March 2007. After allowing for income, shown below is how we financed these costs and where the money came from:

How we paid for services:	2006/07
General Government Grant.....	£0.7m
Business Rates	£2.9m
Council Tax	£3.1m
Total.....	£6.7m
Net deficit for year.....	£1m



Our total income for 2006/07 was £6.7m. As the chart here shows, 46% came from Council Tax, 11 % from Government Grant and 43% from redistributed Business Rates.



What are we worth?

The Balance Sheet records the Council's financial position at a point in time, in our case the 31st March each year. It shows what is owned by us (assets), who we owe money to (creditors) and who owes us money (debtors) amongst other things.

	£000's
Buildings, Land & Assets Owned by the Council	£66.8
Stock	£0.1
Cash overdrawn	£(0.1)
Money Owed to the Council	£1.8
Money Owed by the Council	(£3.3)
Investments	£4.2
Total	£69.5m
Financed by:	
Reserves	£5.0
Capital Finance & Revaluation of Assets	£58.5
Long-Term Debt	£6.0
Total	£69.5m



Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure represents money spent by the Council for the purchase, upgrading or improvement of assets such as buildings and vehicles. The Council spent £2.47 million on its capital programme in 2006/07, primarily on council buildings including council housing, housing grants, and refurbishment of the Clitheroe Castle Museum. A summary is shown below.

	£000's
Council House Improvements	933
Other Council Buildings	296
Vehicle & Plant Replacements	177
Housing Grants	543
Clitheroe Castle Museum Refurbishment	247
Other Schemes	277
Total	£2.473m

