



# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

2009/10



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## Introduction

This is a summary of Plymouth City Council's financial position for the year ending 31 March 2010 and shows what services and projects the Council spent money on and where that money came from.

The year saw the completion of a major transformational change project – the transfer of the housing stock to Plymouth Community Homes on 20 November 2009. The Council also completed the sale of its subsidiary, Plymouth Citybus Ltd, on 1 December 2009. At the end of the year, the Council's Working Balance stood at £11.517m - 5.7 per cent of the net revenue budget for 2010/11. The average working balance for councils similar to Plymouth is between 5% and 6%.

The Council, like all Councils, is however, facing challenging issues in the medium term, and is developing a transformational change

programme that will fundamentally challenge its culture, structure and approach to service delivery. The Council also remains committed to a significant capital investment programme despite the current economic climate.

The Council's accounts have been audited by Grant Thornton UK LLP as appointed by the Audit Commission. The final document, including the audit opinion, was published on 30th September 2010. A full copy of the Council's 2009/10 Statement of Accounts is available on our website:

[www.plymouth.gov.uk/accounts](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/accounts)

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## The Balance Sheet

This shows what the Council owes (its liabilities) and is owed by others (its assets) and its overall financial position.

The transfer of the housing stock to Plymouth Community Homes on 20 November 2009 had a major

impact on the Council's balance sheet. The value of the properties on the balance sheet at the transfer date was £546m and included 14,813 dwellings, 1,458 right to buy leases, 2,901 garages, 128 shops as well as other assets.

**31 March 2009**

£m

### Assets

1,329	Buildings and land and other assets
224	Investments
40	Money owed to the Council
<u>4</u>	Cash in hand and other assets
<b>1,597</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>

### Liabilities

376	Loans Outstanding
145	Money owed by the Council
161	Government grants
12	Provisions
<u>331</u>	Pension scheme
<b>1,025</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>
<b><u>572</u></b>	<b>Net Assets</b>

### Financed by

549	Capital balances and reserves
<u>23</u>	Revenue balances
<b><u>572</u></b>	<b>Total balances and reserves</b>

**31 March 2010**

£m

781
152
49
<u>4</u>
<b>986</b>

237
143
190
11
<u>449</u>
<b>1,030</b>
<b><u>(44)</u></b>

(63)
<u>19</u>
<b><u>(44)</u></b>

## What we spent our money on

The revenue account sets out the cost of running Council services from April 1 to March 31. It shows what services we spent the money on and if there is any surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year.

In 2009/10 the Council spent £707m (£272.8m net) on services.

### Gross expenditure on services



Central and Corporate services 5%

Cultural, environmental and planning 12%

Children and educational services 47%

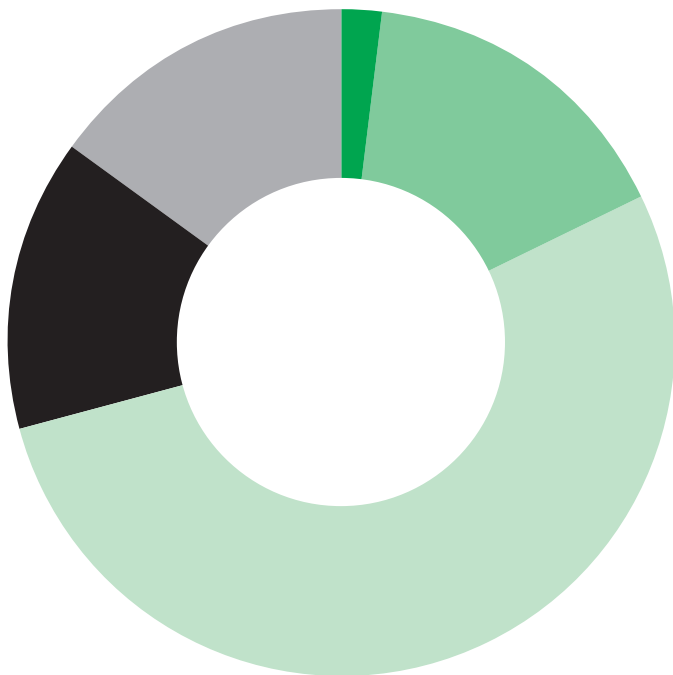
Highways, road and transport 4%

Housing Services 19%

Adult Social care 13%

## How services are financed

The Council transferred £1.515m to specific reserves to meet future policy initiatives and £222,000 from its General Fund Reserve towards service expenditure. This leaves a General Fund Reserve of £11.517m.



Other income 2%

Central Government Formula Grant 16%

Other Government Grants 53%

Charging for services 14%

Council Tax 15%

## Capital expenditure 2009/10

This is the money we spend on buying, upgrading and improving assets. The Council spent £92.2m this year including £7.2m of revenue costs which the Government allowed us to charge to our capital programme under a capitalisation direction. The diagram shows how we funded our capital spend this year:



Loans 35%

Capital grants and contributions 52%

Revenue and other funds 7%

Capital receipts 6%

Some of the major schemes carried out as part of the capital spending programme include

<b>Schools</b>	
Estover Community College	£13.385m
Efford school (Plym View / Highfield)	£2.987m
Montpelier School Phase 2	£1.966m
New school – Beechwood	£0.581m
New school – Mayflower Community School	£5.123m
New school – Shakespeare Primary	£1.609m
Schools amalgamation – Oakwood (Langley)	£7.494m
Plymouth High School for Girls Learning Centre	£1.197m
Plymstock School tented sports hall	£0.711m
Capital contribution to Woodview PFI scheme	£2.600m
<b>Other major schemes</b>	
Life Centre	£3.411m
West End Scheme	£2.742m
Chelson Meadow works	£2.389m
Works at Gdynia Way	£1.355m
Devonport Guildhall enhancements	£1.270m
Disabled Facilities Grant	£1.188m
Devonport Library	£1.339m

## Housing Revenue Account

This account shows the cost of managing and maintaining council houses. The account for 2009/10 represents, in the main, costs up to the transfer of the dwellings to Plymouth Community Homes on 20 November 2009.

The Council transferred 14,813 properties to Plymouth Community Homes (PCH) on 20 November 2009.

<b>Income</b>	<b>£m</b>
Council house rents and service charges	28.1
Non dwelling rents	1.5
Housing Subsidy receivable	0
Other income	0.8
<b>Total income</b>	<b>30.4</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Repairs and maintenance	10.1
Supervision and management	10.2
Capital financing costs	9.9
Other costs/transfers	0.4
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>30.6</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>	<b>0.2</b>

## Collection Fund for period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

The Collection Fund shows the income received from council taxpayers, council tax benefit and business ratepayers and how it is distributed between the City Council, Devon and Cornwall Police Authority and Devon and Somerset

Fire and Rescue Service. During the year the fund showed a surplus of £0.222m, leaving a net deficit to be carried forward to 2010/11 of £0.276m which must be shared between the three organisations listed above.

### Collection fund income (total £183.903m)



Council Tax payers £91.127m

Council Tax benefits £19.454m

Business ratepayers £73.322m

## Collection fund expenditure (total £184.125m)



Plymouth City Council Services £92.845m

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority £11.453m

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service £5.310m

National non-domestic rates £73.322m

Provision for non-payment of Council Tax £0.983m

Surplus paid out in year £0.212m





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