

Yeovil Town Council



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The Meeting... **Yeovil Town Council (Special Meeting)**

The Time... **6.30pm**

The Date... **Wednesday 1 July 2009**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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Alan Tawse

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Town Clerk

29 June 2009

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YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

Wes Read – Mayor of Yeovil

Philip Chandler - Deputy Mayor

J Vincent Chainey

John Cruddas

Clive Davis

Bridget Dollard

Tony Fife

Julian Freke

Dave Gooding

Pete Goodman

John Grana

David Greene

Peter Gubbins

John Hann

Steve Hawker

Simon Hester

Andrew Kendall

Ruth Kendall

Tony Lock

Ian Martin

Pat Martin

Tom Parsley

David Recardo

Alan Smith

AGENDA

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

1. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 June 2009.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. FINAL ACCOUNTS – 2008/09

Attached to this report (pages 1 to 21) is a draft copy of the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009. For the ninth year running, these have been prepared on a full accruals basis – consolidating revenue and capital expenditure. A copy of the Annual Return, which includes key extracts from the accounts and which the Town Council is required to submit to the External Auditor, is also attached at page 22.

(In the interests of economy, copies of the Income and Expenditure accounts are only being circulated upon request).

The Consolidated Revenue Account has been adjusted to reflect appropriated expenditure arising from deferred charges (expenditure which does not result in or remain matched with tangible assets) and the adjustments arising from S.137 expenditure – which need to be identified separately.

An operating surplus of £31,603 has been achieved and added to the General Fund which, after taking other movements into account, has resulted in a closing balance of £122,747. However, this includes a contribution of £16,000 received from Somerset County Council during the year towards the proposed redevelopment of Milford Community Hall, and a planned underspend of £5,468 in the Grants budget, which has been carried forward to 2009/10.

After taking these two factors into consideration, the surplus amounts to £10,135, which equates to 1.3% of the Council's overall precept for that financial year.

The Capital Fund stands at £26,823 and, at the year-end, was almost fully committed to new projects. This Fund will in time be boosted by the capital receipts arising from the planned sale of the former Goldcroft Allotment Site and, depending on the final disposal arrangements, potentially from the former Ski and Activity Centre.

During the year, the final repayment was made on the £80,000 ten-year fixed-rate loan taken out in February 1999 for the Town House extension. A decision was also made in 2008/09 to take out a further ten-year fixed-rate loan of £265,000 to meet the Town Council's agreed contributions towards the following capital projects, and revenue provision has been made in the relevant budget to meet the repayments:

Construction of new public toilets in Peter Street	£100,000
Upgrade of Yew Tree Park play area	£ 80,000
Redevelopment of Milford Community Hall	£ 85,000

Creditor provision has been made for a number of projects, including the balance (£6,392) of the £46,485 grant secured from the County Council and received during the year towards the construction of the new public toilets in Peter Street.

The Town Council's Asset Register has continued to be amended in line with the recommendation of the Audit Commission to include assets acquired in respect of Yeovil Cemetery – on the basis that the Town Council is the principal owner of the facility.

Members are **RECOMMENDED**:

- (1) to note the position concerning the £31,603 operating budget surplus for the year ended 31 March 2009;
- (2) to note the position regarding the General Reserve, the Capital Fund and the Asset Register; and
- (3) to receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for 2008/09, and the Annual Return for that period..

5. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

As part of the new intermediate audit arrangements, the Council is required to make an Annual Governance Statement regarding the preparation and approval of the Statement of Accounts and related matters. The Governance Statement is attached at page 23.

Members are **RECOMMENDED** to approve the attached Governance Statement for 2008/09.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

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DRAFT Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

Explanatory Foreword

The Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 are set out on the following pages:

They consist of:

- The Recital of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts – setting out the Council's and the Finance Officer's responsibilities for financial matters relating to the Council – including the preparation of the Statement of Accounts.
- Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control – outlining the arrangements that the Council has made for an effective system of internal financial control to be maintained and operated.
- External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion – setting out the arrangements that have been made for the Annual Return to be audited by an independent external auditor; the approach followed by that auditor in undertaking the process and the findings and conclusions of the external auditor.
- Statement of Accounting Policies – outlining the accounting policies and conventions that have been followed in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts.
- The Consolidated Revenue Account – showing the income and expenditure on all the services for which the Council is responsible, and how the cost has been financed.
- The Consolidated Balance Sheet – setting out the financial position of the Council at 31 March 2009 with regard to its assets and liabilities.
- The Cash Flow Statement – summarising the inflows and outflows of cash arising from revenue and capital transactions with third parties.

These accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA).

The accounts are supported by the Statement of Accounting Policies and various notes to the accounts.

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

Recital of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The Council's Responsibilities

The Council is required:-

- To make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs;
- To appoint one of its officers as Responsible Finance Officer to administer those affairs. (In the case of Yeovil Town Council that Officer is the Town Clerk, although he delegates day-to-day responsibility to the Finance Administrator);
- To manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard assets.

The Finance Officer's Responsibilities

The Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Council's statement of accounts which, according to the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain (the Code), is required to present fairly the financial position of the Council at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2009.

In preparing this statement of account, the Finance Officer must have:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently.
- Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent; and
- Complied with the Code.

The Finance Officer must also have:

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

Responsible Finance Officer's Certificate

I hereby certify that the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006) are set out on the following pages.

Signed

Dated: 30 June 2009

Alan Tawse
Responsible Finance Officer

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STATEMENT ON THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control

This statement is given in respect of the statement of accounts for Yeovil Town Council. I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated in connection with the resources concerned.

The system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, that transactions are authorised and properly recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. Officers within the Council undertake development and maintenance of the system. In particular, the system includes:

- Comprehensive budgeting systems;
- Regular reviews of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts;
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- The preparation of regular financial reports that indicate actual expenditure against the forecasts.

Henry Lovegrove, CPFA – an independent qualified accountant specialising in the field of providing internal audit services to town and parish councils - has been appointed to carry out the function of internal audit. He assesses the effectiveness of management and financial control systems covering virtually all aspects of the Authority's work and his findings are reported to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

My review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by:

- The work of officers with the Council;
- The work of the internal auditor as described above; and
- The external auditors in their annual audit letter and other reports.

Signed:

Dated: 30 June 2009

Alan Tawse
Responsible Finance Officer

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EXTERNAL AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE AND OPINION

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009 of Yeovil Town Council.

Respective responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and for the preparation of an annual return which:

- Summarises the Council's accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2009; and
- Confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the Annual Return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

External Auditor's Report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met (*delete as appropriate).

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the Town Council:

External Auditor's signature:

External Auditor's name: Moore Stephens – Chartered Accountants

Date:

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

These accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA).

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain (the code), which is recognised by statute as representing proper accounting practices. These practices are further set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain (the SORP), together with the Best Value Code of Accounting Practice (BVACOP) where applicable.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings.

It is also a requirement of the code that service revenue accounts include capital charges for all fixed assets used in the delivery of services (See Note 2).

Fixed Assets

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of fixed assets is capitalised on an accruals basis in the accounts. Expenditure on fixed assets is capitalised, provided that the fixed asset yields benefits to the Council and the services it provides for a period of more than one year. Fixed assets are valued on the basis recommended by CIPFA and in accordance with the Statements of Asset Valuation Principles and Guidance Notes issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). In 2007, a revaluation of properties was carried out by Symonds and Sampson (Chartered Surveyors) and a revaluation of civic regalia by Bonhams (Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers).

The closing balances are stated on the following basis:

- land and other operational properties are included in the balance sheet at open market value for the existing use; and
- plant, playground and other equipment are included in the balance sheet at historical cost, net of depreciation.

The surplus arising on the initial valuation of fixed assets has been credited to the Fixed Assets Restatement Reserve. Subsequent revaluations of fixed assets are planned at five yearly intervals, although material changes to asset valuations will be adjusted in the interim period, should they occur.

A de minimis limit of £1,000 has been set for the capitalisation of expenditure.

Depreciation is charged on all assets of the Council - including Buildings (in accordance with the 2000 SORP). The depreciation charge is taken to the Asset Management Revenue Account.

In accordance with accepted practice, depreciation on buildings is charged at 2% of their value and is spread over fifty years. Depreciation on plant, playground and other equipment is charged at 20% over five years.

Basis of Charges for Capital

The Council had a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. This was for £80,000 borrowed on 28 February 1999 at a fixed interest rate of 4.75%, to be repaid over 10 years. The loan was for the Town House extension, and the final repayment of £9,793, which was charged in the accounts for 2007/08, was made on 22 February 2009.

Leases

The Council has no commitments under finance leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to revenue on an accruals basis.

Debtors and Creditors

The revenue accounts of the Council are maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the Code of Accounting Practice. The accounts include sums due to or from the Council, whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid during the year.

Pensions

The pension costs that are charged in the Council's accounts in respect of its employees are equal to the contributions paid to the funded pension scheme for these employees. These contributions are determined by the Fund's actuary on a triennial basis and are set to meet 100% of the liabilities of the Superannuation Fund, in accordance with relevant Government regulations.

The 2003 SORP (FRS 17) has placed an obligation on larger local authorities to disclose the impact of their pension obligations in their final accounts.

In accordance with guidance issued by CIPFA, it is not expected that individual Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Employer contribution rates will have been set for such authorities, as the Fund Actuary will not be able to separately identify the assets/liabilities in the Fund for such bodies on a consistent and reasonable basis. As a consequence, it is assumed that disclosures should be on a direct charge basis.

As far as the Town Council is concerned, during the year the Employer contribution rate for those town and parish councils in the Somerset LGPS amounted to 280% of the Employees' variable contribution rates of between 5.5% and 7.5% dependent upon salary band. This equated to a 17.0% contribution by the Town Council.

Interest

Interest is credited to the accounts on a cash received basis and taken initially to the General Fund. Interest is reallocated to the Revenue Account according to the Estimates.

Reserves

The Council maintains certain reserves to meet general and specific future expenditure. The purpose of the Council's reserves is listed in Note 15 to the balance sheet. The introduction of the new system of capital accounting has required the establishment of two new reserve accounts in the consolidated balance sheet:

- the Fixed Assets Restatement Reserve, which represents principally the balance of the surpluses or deficits on the periodical revaluation of fixed assets; and
- the Capital Financing Reserve, which represents amounts set aside from revenue resources or capital receipts to finance expenditure on fixed assets or for the repayment of external loans and certain other capital financing transactions.

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Consolidated Revenue Account for the year ended 31 March 2009

Item	2008/09		2007/08	
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
Grants (Non-Section 137 Expenditure)	£7,600	£0	£7,600	£1,465
Salaries	£169,150	-£4,028	£165,122	£150,723
General	£154,191	-£29,654	£124,537	£180,123
Planning and Licensing	£27,878	-£23,411	£4,467	£14,626
Grounds and General Maintenance	£259,948	-£8,901	£251,047	£265,968
Buildings and Civic Matters	£128,590	-£13,225	£115,365	£90,224
Promotions and Activities	£70,639	£0	£70,639	£65,606
Cemetery	£112,326	-£721	£111,605	£110,759
Bottlebank	£748	-£971	-£223	-£108
Election Expenses	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loan Repayment	£0	£0	£0	£9,343
Section 137 Expenditure	<u>£46,417</u>	-£11,825	£34,592	£38,923
Net Cost of Services	£977,487	-£92,736	£884,751	£927,652
Appropriations			-£64,983	-£74,388
Transfer from Asset Management Revenue Account			-£44,472	-£43,499
Transfer from Petty Cash			£0	£0
Interest Receivable			-£22,975	-£30,563
NET OPERATING EXPENDITURE			£752,321	£779,202
AMOUNT TO BE MET FROM PRECEPT/BALANCES			£752,321	£779,202
Precept			£783,925	£739,841
Balances			£0	£30,000
SURPLUS/DEFICIT			£31,604	-£9,361
GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Balance at 1 April			£83,386	£122,747
Less: Contributions to Revenue			£0	£30,000
Less: Contributions to Capital			£0	£0
Plus: Underspend in Previous Revenue Creditor Provision			£0	£0
Surplus/Deficit for the year			£31,603	-£9,361
Balance at 31 March			£114,989	£83,386
CAPITAL FUND BALANCE				
Balance at 1 April			£17,862	£17,479
Plus: Receipts in the year			£62,485	£10,068
Plus: Capital Debtor			£0	£5,073
Plus: Revenue Contribution to Capital			£0	£6,100
Plus: Underspend in Previous Capital Creditor Provision			£0	£0
Less: Expenditure in the year			-£53,524	-£20,858
Balance at 31 March			£26,823	£17,862

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT

1. Section 137 Expenditure

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) enables the Council to spend up to the product of £5.86 per head on the electoral roll in any one year for the benefit of people in its area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The total amount available for this purpose in 2008/09 was £134,106.

Expenditure was incurred for the following purposes:

	2008/09	2007/08
	£	£
• Christmas lights	23,660	24,296
• Grants – local voluntary organisations	10,932	14,627
	<u>34,592</u>	<u>38,923</u>

It should be noted that grants to bodies such as Citizens Advice Bureau are made under other specific legal powers and are not included in the above figures.

2. Asset Management Revenue Account

	2008/09	2007/08
<i>Income</i>		
Capital Charges	(105,229)	(110,352)
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Provision for depreciation	60,757	65,703
External Interest charges	0	1,150
Balance to Consolidated Revenue Account	(44,472)	(43,499)

The Asset Management Revenue Account is maintained to convert the net cost of services (which includes notional capital charges) into net operating expenditure (which is the actual cost of providing services). It does this by replacing notional interest charges, intended to represent the cost of tying up resources in assets, with actual external loan repayments.

3. Interest and Investment Income

The interest figure arises principally from the investment of capital and revenue balances including reserves and provisions.

4. Audit Fees

	2008/09	2007/08
	£	£
The council is required to report and disclose the cost of services provided by its external auditors.		
These may be summarised as follows:		
Fees for Statutory Audit Services	2,500	2,500
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	2,500	2,500
	=====	=====

5. Publicity

Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986 requires the Council to disclose expenditure on publicity. Details are shown under broad categories:

	2008/09	2007/08
	£	£
Recruitment Advertising	542	0
General Advertising	478	382
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	1,020	382
	=====	=====

6. Pension Costs

In 2008/09 the Council paid an employer's contribution of £24,669 representing 17.0% of employees' pensionable pay into Somerset County Council's pension fund, which provides members with defined benefits related to pay and service. The contribution rate is determined by the fund's actuary based on triennial actuarial valuations.

The last review was undertaken as at 31 March 2007 which indicated that the overall Fund was 95% funded (the value of the assets was estimated to cover 95% of the value required to meet all of the Fund's liabilities) and it was agreed that this deficit would be made up over 25 years for the majority of the employers. The period for meeting the deficit was deemed reasonable by the Fund's actuary as the majority of the liabilities of the Fund do not fall due until after this time.

In addition, the Council is responsible for all pension payments relating to added years benefits it has awarded, together with the related increases. In 2008/09 these amounted to £305 representing 0.25% of pensionable pay.

Statutory changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) were introduced on 1 April 2008, which resulted in an increase in the overall level of contributions by employees to the Scheme.

A new accounting standard, Financial Reporting Standard 17: "Retirement Benefits" has been introduced. For schemes such as Somerset County Council Pension Fund, paragraph 9(b) of FRS17 requires the council to account for pension costs on the basis of contributions actually payable to the scheme during the year.

7. Staffing

During 2008/09 the Council employed an average of 6 full-time permanent staff and 5 part-time permanent staff.

No Officer received a salary in excess of £60,000 in the year.

8. Members' Allowances

	2008/09	2007/08
	£	£
Members of Council have been paid the following allowances for the year:	23,000	18,139
	<u>23,000</u>	<u>18,139</u>

9. Further Information

Further information about the accounts is available from the Council Offices, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PQ. This is part of the Council's policy of providing full information about its affairs. Interested members of the public have a statutory right to inspect the accounts before the audit is completed. The availability of the accounts for inspection is advertised on the Town Council's official public noticeboard.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2009

	31 March 2009	31 March 2008
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings	£1,094,119	£1,069,562
Vehicles and Plant	£62,078	£100,907
Community Assets	£84,065	£84,065
Total Long Term Assets	£1,240,262	£1,254,534
CURRENT ASSETS		
Nat West Treasury Reserve	£52,767	£50,686
Bank of Scotland Treasury Reserve	£260,632	£180,284
Balances at Bank and in Hand	-£83,153	£16,109
Debtors	£21,658	£24,127
Payments in Advance	£0	£0
Total Current Assets	<u>£251,904</u>	<u>£271,206</u>
Total Assets	£1,492,166	£1,525,740
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	<u>£52,401</u>	<u>£112,267</u>
General Provisions		
Provision for Bad Debts		
Deposits		
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£1,439,765	£1,413,473
Deferred Creditors: Long Term Borrowing	£0	£0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	£1,439,765	£1,413,473
Represented by		
Fixed Asset Restatement Reserve	£1,167,464	£1,161,072
Capital Financing Reserve	£130,489	£151,153
Major Projects Reserve	£26,823	£17,862
General Reserve	£114,989	£83,386
TOTAL EQUITY	£1,439,765	£1,413,473

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

1. Fixed Assets

Movements in fixed assets during the year are shown below:-

	Land and Buildings £	Vehicles/Plant and Equipment £	Community Assets £	Total £
Cost				
At 31 March 2008	1,096,420	369,861	84,065	1,550,346
Additions	44,319	0	0	44,319
Deferred charges	(4,226)	0	0	(4,226)
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Surplus on revaluation	6,392	0	0	6,392
	1,142,905	369,861	84,065	1,596,831
Depreciation				
At 31 March 2008	26,858	268,954	0	295,812
Charged for the year	21,929	38,829	0	60,758
Eliminated on disposal	0	0	0	0
	48,787	307,783	0	356,570
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2009	1,094,118	62,078	84,065	1,240,261
At 31 March 2008	1,069,562	100,907	84,065	1,254,534

The civic regalia is included in the fixed assets of the Council.

The Council agreed during a previous financial year to dispose of the Goldcroft Allotment Site to include affordable housing. As the land had not been sold by 31 March 2009, the value is not disclosed in the accounts as such disclosure could prejudice the sale price.

The unexpected closure of the Ski Centre in August 2007 led to the termination of the lease by the Town Council to the previous tenants. This development had an adverse impact on the revenue income and expenditure of the Town Council, as a result of lost rent, legal charges and security costs. The Town Council agreed a financial strategy to mitigate this impact on its finances, and has since taken steps to market the building and land along with an adjoining site, and is seeking the redevelopment of both sites in line with an adopted development brief.

2. Financing of Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure during the year was financed as follows: -

	£
Fixed Assets purchased/expenditure on deferred charges	44,319

Was financed by:

Capital Receipts/Contributions	44,319
Capital Debtors	0
Revenue Contribution to Capital	0

	44,319
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3. Information on Assets Held

The Council's fixed assets include the following:

Operational Land and Buildings:

- Council Offices
- Community Hall
- Workshop/Store
- Ski Centre
- Cemetery Lodge (joint owned)
- Cemetery Chapel (joint owned)
- Public Toilets (part built)

Motor Vehicles:

- Mechanical Excavator (joint owned)
- Hydrostatic Dumper (joint owned)

Furniture and Equipment:

- Computer equipment/software
- Telephone system
- Tools

Playground and related Equipment/Facilities:

- Climbing Frames
- Roundabouts/Swings
- Doorstep Green

Community Assets:

- Allotment Sites
- Cemetery (joint owned)
- Civic Regalia
- Historic Plaques

4. Fixed Asset Valuation

The freehold and leasehold properties which comprise the Council's property portfolio were valued as at March 2006 by external independent valuers, Symonds and Sampson - Chartered Surveyors. Valuations were made in accordance with the statement of asset valuation practice and guidance notes of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. All of the properties were inspected. Properties regarded by the Council as operational were valued on the basis of open market value for the existing use. Where this could not be assessed because there was no market for the subject asset and therefore, it had no commercial value such property was treated as a community asset and given a nominal value. Where appropriate, community assets were valued at insurance value.

The civic regalia was valued as at March 2006 by external independent valuers, Bonhams – Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers. All of the regalia was inspected and a valuation made on the basis of insurance value.

5. Deferred Charges

Deferred charges amounted to £4,226 during 2008/09. These charges represent expenditure of a capital nature, which does not result in the acquisition of tangible assets by the Town Council. Hence they do not appear in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. For accounting purposes, this expenditure is treated as revenue expenditure and written off to the Consolidated Revenue Account.

6. Capital Commitments

At 31 March 2009 there were no significant contracts for future expenditure outstanding.

7. Assets Held under Finance Lease

The Council has no assets held under finance leases.

8. Cash Balances

The cash balance figure is made up of revenue and surplus capital balances. The cash balances are invested on a short-term basis (ie repayable within one month) and are placed with recognised financial institutions. The Balances at Bank and in Hand show a negative figure due to the value of cheques issued but not cleared as at 31 March 2009.

The balance at the year-end can be analysed as follows:

	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
Financial Institutions	230,246	247,079

9. Debtors

	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
Other Local Authorities	5,872	1,486
VAT reclaimable	12,089	15,295
VAT element of current debtors	407	1,173
Sundry Debtors	3,290	6,173
	<u>21,658</u>	<u>24,127</u>

10. Creditors

	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
Loans repayable within one year	0	9,793
Other Local Authorities	29,292	70,993
VAT element of current creditors	529	2,431
Sundry Creditors	22,580	29,050
	<u>52,401</u>	<u>112,267</u>

11. Long Term Borrowing

	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
Public Works Loan Board	0	9,793
	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
The above loans are repayable as follows:		
Within one year	0	9,793
From one to two years	0	0
From two to five years	0	0
Total loan commitment	0	9,793
Less: Repayable within one year	0	(9,793)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

12. Fixed Asset Restatement Reserve

	£
Opening balance 1 April 2008	(1,161,072)
Revaluation of assets during the year (<i>Part-built Public Toilets</i>)	(6,392)
	<u> </u>
Closing balance 31 March 2009	(1,167,464)

13. Capital Financing Reserve

	£
Opening Balance 1 April 2008	151,153
Financing capital expenditure in the year:	
- using capital receipts	44,319
- using revenue balances	0
Write-out of deferred charges	(4,226)
Reversal of depreciation	(60,757)
Loan repayment	0
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Closing Balance 31 March 2009	130,489
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The capital financing reserve represents revenue and capital resources applied to finance expenditure or for the repayment of external loans. It also includes the reversal of depreciation to ensure it does not impact on the amount to be met from precept. It does not represent a reserve which the Council can use to support future expenditure.

14. Major Projects Reserve

	£
Opening Balance 1 April 2008	17,862
Capital Receipts/Contributions in 2008/09	62,485
Capital Debtors	0
Capital Creditors	(9,205)
Revenue Contribution to Capital	0
Financing of Capital Expenditure	(44,319)
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Closing Balance 31 March 2009	26,823
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The Major Projects Reserve represents capital receipts available to finance capital expenditure in future years.

15. Future Projects

The following capital projects have been agreed for future funding by the Council:-

Peter Street Public Toilets (completion)
Yew Tree Park Play Area Upgrade
Redevelopment of Milford Community Hall
Sunningdale Doorstep Green
Roundabout Enhancements

The Council has agreed to take out a loan of £265,000 from the Public Works Loan Board at a fixed interest rate yet to be determined, to be repaid over 10 years, to meet the following contributions towards various capital projects:

Peter Street Public Toilets	£100,000
Yew Tree Park Play Area Upgrade	£80,000
Redevelopment of Milford Community Hall	£85,000

Capital Receipts set aside:

Yeovil Country Park Signage	£180
Sunningdale Doorstep Green	£2,415
Roundabout Enhancements	£3,382
Redevelopment of Milford Community Hall	£15,250

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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2009

	31 March 2009		31 March 2008	
REVENUE ACTIVITIES				
Cash Outflows				
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees	£169,150		£154,689	
Other Operating Costs	£820,634		£806,773	
Agency Payments	<u>£0</u>	£989,784	<u>£0</u>	£961,462
Cash Inflows				
Precept	£783,925		£739,841	
Cash received for services	£155,876		£179,048	
Income in Advance	<u>£0</u>	<u>£939,801</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£918,889</u>
OPERATING NET CASH OUTFLOW		£49,983		£42,573
SERVICING OF FINANCE				
Cash Outflows				
Interest Paid		£0		£1,150
Cash Inflows				
Interest Received		<u>£22,975</u>	<u>-£22,975</u>	<u>£30,563</u>
SERVICING NET CASH INFLOW		£27,008		£13,160
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES				
Expenditure				
Purchase of Fixed Assets		£47,590		£17,587
Repayment of Loan		£9,793		£9,343
Income				
Sale of Fixed Assets/Contributions		£67,558		£10,068
Sale of Investments		<u>£0</u>		<u>£0</u>
INVESTING NET CASH OUTFLOW		<u>-£10,175</u>		<u>£16,862</u>
Increase/Decrease in Cash		£16,833		£30,022

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

1. Reconciliation of Revenue Cash Flow

	31/3/09	31/3/08
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£31,603	[£9,361]
Add/(Deduct)		
Revenue contributions to capital	£0	£0
Interest paid	£0	£1,150
Interest and Investment Income	[£22,975]	[£30,563]
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	£2,469	£24,937
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	[£59,866]	[£9,432]
Asset Management Revenue Account	[£44,472]	[£43,499]
Capital charges	£105,229	£110,352
Deferred charges	£4,226	£8,686
Appropriations	[£64,983]	[£74,388]
Revenue activities net cash inflow/(outflow)	[£48,769]	[£22,118]

2. Movement in Cash

	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
Balances at 1 April		
Cash with accounting officers	250	250
Cash at bank	246,829	276,851
	247,079	277,101
	247,079	277,101
Balances at 31 March		
Cash with accounting officers	250	250
Cash at bank	229,996	246,829
	230,246	247,079
	230,246	247,079
Net cash [inflow]/outflow	16,833	30,022
	16,833	30,022

3. Reconciliation of Net Funds/Debt

	31/3/09	31/3/08
	£	£
[Increase] / decrease in cash in the year	16,833	30,022
Cash inflow from new borrowings	0	0
Cash outflow from repayment of debt	[9,793]	[9,343]
Net cashflow arising from changes in debt	[9,793]	[9,343]
Movements in net funds/debt in the year	7,040	20,679
Cash at bank and In-hand	247,079	277,101
Total borrowings	(9,793)	(19,136)
Net funds at 1 April	237,286	257,965
Cash at bank and In-hand	230,246	247,079
Total borrowings	0	(9,793)
Net funds at 31 March	230,246	237,286

Section 1 – Statement of accounts for

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

In completing the boxes below please explain any significant variances on a separate sheet and send this to the external auditor together with a copy of your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2009.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2008 £	31 March 2009 £	
			Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
1 Balances brought forward	£204,466	£158,939	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2 (+) Annual precept	£739,841	£783,925	Total amount of precept received in the year.
3 (+) Total other receipts	£135,835	£178,196	Total receipts or income as recorded in the cashbook less the precept. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4 (-) Staff costs	£154,689	£169,150	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	£10,943	£0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on borrowings (if any).
6 (-) Total other payments	£755,571	£752,405	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (=) Balances carried forward	£158,939	£199,505	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. (Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6))
8 Total cash and short term investments	£247,079	£230,246	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	£1,254,534	£1,240,262	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties and any long term investments.
10 Total borrowings	£9,793	£0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11 Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	N/A	N/A	The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that the statement of accounts contained in this annual return presents fairly the financial position of the council/meeting and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:

(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Date DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that these accounts were approved by the council/meeting and recorded as council minute

reference: COUNCIL MINUTE REFERENCE

Date DD/MM/YYYY

Signed by Chair of meeting approving this statement of accounts:

(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Date DD/MM/YYYY

Section 2 – Annual governance statement

We acknowledge as the members of **YEOVIL TOWN** **COUNCIL/MEETING** our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the statement of accounts. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009, that:

	Agreed – Yes or No*	'Yes' means that the council/meeting:
1 we have approved the statement of accounts which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	Yes	prepared its statement of accounts in the way prescribed by law.
2 we have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	Yes	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3 we have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice which could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	Yes	has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.
4 we have provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	Yes	during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5 we have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Yes	considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6 we have maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council's accounting records and control systems and carried out a review of its effectiveness.	Yes	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the council and reviewed the impact of this work.
7 we have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	Yes	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8 we have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the statement of accounts.	Yes	disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we have discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and , if required, independent examination or audit.	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by the council/meeting and recorded as council minute reference

COUNCIL MINUTE REFERENCE dated **DD/MM/YYYY**

Signed on behalf of **ENTER NAME HERE** **COUNCIL/MEETING**

Signed by: Chair **SIGNATURE REQUIRED** Date **DD/MM/YYYY**

Signed by: Clerk **SIGNATURE REQUIRED** Date **DD/MM/YYYY**

***Note:** please provide explanations to the external auditor on a **separate sheet** for each "No" response that has been given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

