

Summary of Accounts

2005/06



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This booklet contains information from Barnet's 2005/06 Statement of Accounts, which summarises the council's financial position.

It shows details of revenue and capital spending, together with a summary of the council's assets and liabilities.

Revenue spending funds the day-to-day costs of services, including salaries and running costs, over the course of the year. It is financed from Government grants, Council Tax, Business Rates and other income.

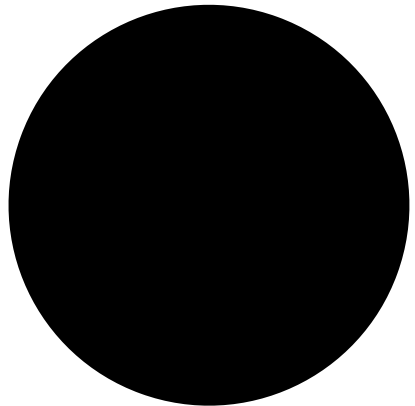
Capital expenditure is spending on items of benefit to the community for longer than one year and is financed from either loans, grants, assets sales or current income.

Assets show the current value of what the council owns. Liabilities are what the council owes to others.

The accounts have been audited by RSM Robson Rhodes.

A full copy of the council's 2005/06 audited Statement of Accounts is available online at www.barnet.gov.uk

**Barnet receives over 60%
of its funding from government
grants and business rates**



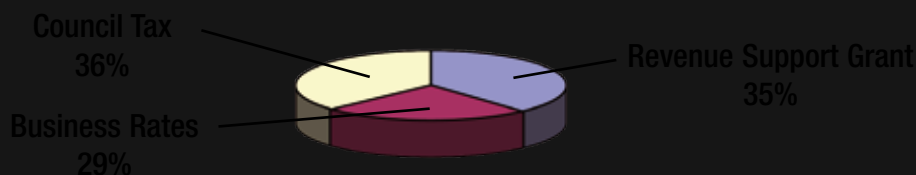
**The council-owned
Barnet Homes Ltd, manages
the council's housing stock as
an Arms Length Management
Organisation (ALMO)**

Cost of council services

The Revenue Account below presents the cost of running council services and shows where the money came from to finance those costs.

	2005/06	2004/05
	£000s	£000s
Central services	19,578	23,614
Cultural, environmental and planning services	51,875	51,337
Education services	197,932	183,792
Highways, roads and transport services	16,168	18,658
Housing services	55,858	39,033
Social services	103,501	101,793
Net cost of services	444,912	418,227
Less: other expenses	(55,870)	(37,225)
Net operating expenditure	389,042	381,002
Technical accounting adjustments	(23,665)	(27,392)
Amount to be met from Government grant and local taxes	365,377	353,610
Financed by:		
Revenue Support Grant	(130,374)	(135,070)
Business rates	(108,094)	(89,499)
Council Tax	(132,869)	(130,326)
Total income	(371,337)	(354,895)
Net (surplus)/deficit for the year	(5,960)	(1,285)
General Fund at 31 March 2005	(16,035)	(11,750)
Planned contribution to balances	0	(3,000)
Repayment of schools advances	983	0
General Fund at 31 March 2006	(21,012)	(16,035)

Income



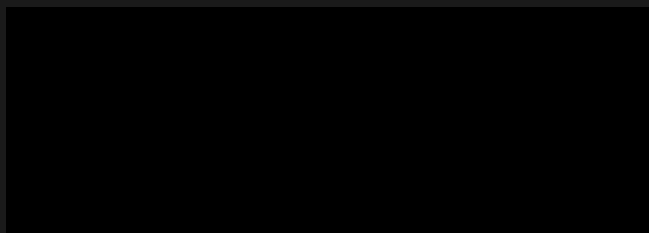
Balance Sheet

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

This account records the transactions relating to the council's housing stock and gives a clear picture of the cost of providing homes for council tenants.

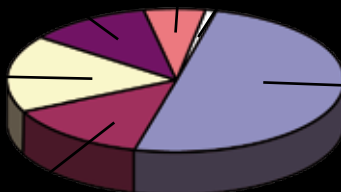
	2005/06 £000s	2004/05 £000s
Income		
Council property rents (gross)	(40,013)	(39,283)
Other income	(6,983)	(5,797)
Total income	(46,996)	(45,080)
Expenditure		
Repairs and maintenance	8,667	8,279
Supervision and management	20,185	20,535
Depreciation	15,636	12,447
HRA Subsidy Payable	9,153	7,489
Other costs ¹	42,080	30,157
Total expenditure	95,721	78,907
Net cost of services	48,725	33,827
Technical accounting adjustments	(46,632)	(32,605)
Total deficit/(surplus) for the year	2,093	1,222
Balance 1 April 2005	(5,797)	(7,019)
Balance 31 March 2006	(3,704)	(5,797)

1. Other costs include the capital charge and debt management expenses



**Capital expenditure – for the year ended
31 March 2006**

Capital financing *(see page 6)*



The total amount spent
on capital assets was

£78.645m

The largest source of capital
finance was borrowing

There was a rolling programme
of works to roads (£9m) and
repairs and improvements to
council dwellings (£35.8m)

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