

Blackpool Council

Balance Sheet / Working capital:

BALANCE SHEET 2014/2015				
LAST Y/END		CURRENT	CHANGE	NEXT Y/END
31 Mar 14 Actual £000s		30 Sep 14 Actual £000s	Movement since 31 Mar 14 £000s	31 Mar 15 Forecast £000s
832,143	Property, Plant and Equipment	845,619	13,476	845,000
129	Intangible Assets	129	-	100
20,461	Long-term Assets	20,289	(172)	19,500
Current Assets				
39,502	Debtors	42,300	2,798	45,000
550	Short Term Assets Held for Sale	550	-	-
607	Inventories and Work in Progress	761	154	700
6,854	Cash and cash equivalents	8,153	1,299	5,000
900,246	Total Assets	917,801	17,555	915,300
Current Liabilities				
(41,500)	Borrowing Repayable within 12 months	(46,500)	(5,000)	(40,000)
(65,602)	Creditors	(62,400)	3,202	(62,140)
Long-term Liabilities				
(98,434)	Borrowing Repayable in excess of 12 months	(98,434)	-	(98,000)
(10,852)	Capital Grants in Advance	(10,852)	-	(9,000)
(14,042)	Provisions	(16,246)	(2,204)	(10,000)
(273,073)	Other Long Term Liabilities	(273,073)	-	(270,000)
396,743	Total Assets less Liabilities	410,296	13,553	426,160
(74,637)	Usable Reserves	(63,201)	11,436	(61,819)
(322,106)	Unusable Reserves	(347,095)	(24,989)	(364,341)
(396,743)	Total Reserves	(410,296)	(13,553)	(426,160)

Commentary on the key issues:

In order to provide a complete picture of the Council's financial performance the above table provides a snapshot of the General Fund balance sheet as at the end of month 6. The key areas of focus are any significant movements in debtors, cash and cash equivalents, bank overdraft and creditors as these impact upon the Council's performance in the critical areas of debt recovery, treasury management and Public Sector Payments Policy.

The balance sheet has been prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). Temporary investments are included within cash and cash equivalents along with bank balance and cash in hand. Usable reserves include unallocated General Fund reserves and earmarked revenue reserves. Unusable reserves are those that the Council is not able to use to provide services. This category includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold.

Over the 6-month period there has been an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment of £13.5m and an increase in short term borrowing of £5m, which in the main reflects the timing of the receipt of capital grants.