

Blackpool Council

Balance Sheet / Working capital:

BALANCE SHEET 2022/23				
LAST Y/END		CURRENT	CHANGE	NEXT Y/END
Draft 31 Mar 22		31 Jul 22 Actual	Movement since 31 Mar 22	31 Mar 23 Forecast
£000s		£000s	£000s	£000s
853,513	Property, Plant and Equipment	866,887	13,374	968,763
115,794	Long-term Assets	113,281	(2,513)	115,000
Current Assets				
62,573	Debtors	61,400	(1,173)	60,000
601	Inventories	504	(97)	500
1,300	Short-term loans	1,300	-	-
39,503	Cash and cash equivalents	7,881	(31,622)	15,000
1,073,284	Total Assets	1,051,253	(22,031)	1,159,263
Current Liabilities				
(282,947)	Borrowing Repayable within 12 months	(237,840)	45,107	(155,000)
(97,379)	Creditors	(95,300)	2,079	(96,000)
Long-term Liabilities				
(75,534)	Borrowing Repayable in excess of 12 months	(75,534)	-	(203,500)
(94,914)	Long Term Creditors	(94,914)	-	(91,814)
(40,982)	Capital Grants in Advance	(40,982)	-	(14,000)
(10,157)	Provisions	(9,683)	474	(9,200)
(221,457)	Other Long-term Liabilities	(221,457)	-	(320,000)
249,914	Total Assets less Liabilities	275,543	25,629	269,749
(107,589)	Usable Reserves	(85,433)	22,156	(76,607)
(142,325)	Unusable Reserves	(190,110)	(47,785)	(193,142)
(249,914)	Total Reserves	(275,543)	(25,629)	(269,749)

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 4. 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 Payment 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 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 were sold.

There is currently a consultation underway regarding the accounting treatment of infrastructure assets which has meant the 2020/21 accounts have not been signed off by the Council's external auditors. As soon as the consultation is complete the 2020/21 accounts will require amendment which will in turn affect the 2021/22 and 2022/23 balance sheet therefore the figures above should be treated as draft and will be subject to change.

Over the 4-month period there has been an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment of £13.4m due to capital expenditure which is in line with the Council's approved capital programme for 2022/23. There has been a decrease in Temporary Borrowing of £45.1m and a decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents of £31.6m due to the timing of capital and revenue grants.