

Blackpool Council

Balance Sheet / Working Capital:

BALANCE SHEET 2023/24				
LAST Y/END		CURRENT	CHANGE	NEXT Y/END
Draft Unaudited 31 Mar 23		30 Jun 23 Actual £000s	Movement since 31 Mar 23 £000s	31 Mar 24 Forecast £000s
£000s				
588,919	Property, Plant and Equipment	606,413	17,494	675,287
279,731	Infrastructure Assets	280,333	602	263,731
8,540	Heritage Assets	8,540	-	8,600
2,401	Intangible Assets	2,344	(57)	2,171
27,399	Long-term Investments	28,149	750	29,650
77,306	Long-term Debtors	81,220	3,914	72,300
107,948	Pension Asset	107,948	-	107,948
	Current Assets			
76,398	Debtors	77,500	1,102	75,000
836	Inventories	834	(2)	800
14,284	Cash and cash equivalents	8,019	(6,265)	15,000
1,183,762	Total Assets	1,201,300	17,538	1,250,487
	Current Liabilities			
(200,475)	Borrowing Repayable within 12 months	(174,600)	25,875	(200,000)
(81,762)	Creditors	(83,600)	(1,838)	(82,000)
	Long-term Liabilities			
(196,052)	Borrowing Repayable in excess of 12 months	(196,052)	-	(185,000)
(90,961)	Long Term Creditors	(90,961)	-	(88,131)
(50,576)	Capital Grants in Advance	(50,576)	-	(40,000)
(6,106)	Provisions	(6,106)	-	(6,100)
(62)	Other Long-term Liabilities	(62)	-	(62)
557,768	Total Assets less Liabilities	599,343	41,575	649,194
(82,888)	Usable Reserves	(75,047)	7,841	(71,867)
(474,880)	Unusable Reserves	(524,296)	(49,416)	(577,327)
(557,768)	Total Reserves	(599,343)	(41,575)	(649,194)

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 3. 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 (IFRS/IAS's). Each year an accounting adjustment under IAS 19 is made for the value of the pension fund at year end. In 2022/23, for the first time, this produced a pension asset rather than a pension liability. It is currently under review as to whether or not the Council can show the full amount of the pension asset. Therefore the figure is subject to change but does not affect the level of usable reserves available to the Council. 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.

Due to a consultation regarding the accounting treatment of infrastructure assets, the 2020/21 and 2021/22 accounts have not been signed off by the Council's external auditors. The audit is ongoing and as soon as this is completed the 2022/23 draft balance sheet will require amendment, therefore the figures above should be treated as draft and will be subject to change.

Over the 3-month period there has been an increase in Property, Plant and Equipment of £17.5m due to capital expenditure which is in line with the Council's approved capital programme for 2023/24. Cash and Cash equivalents have decreased by £6.3m and short-term borrowing has decreased by £25.9m due to the timing of capital and revenue grants.