



To: Council

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Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Audited Annual Accounts 2021/22 - Renfrewshire Council

1. Summary

- 1.1 The 2021/22 unaudited Annual Accounts were approved by Council on 30 June 2022. Each year the Council's appointed external auditors carry out an audit of the Council's financial statements and provide an opinion as to whether those statements provide a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council and its income and expenditure for the year; and also whether they have been prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations.
 - 1.2 The audit process is now substantially complete, and Audit Scotland has provided an audit opinion free from qualification.
 - 1.3 The audited Annual Accounts 2021/22 for Renfrewshire Council and its Group are now presented for approval.
 - 1.4 There were three significant adjustments made to the annual accounts over the course of the audit in relation to the valuation of property assets, agency transactions in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, and a regulatory change to the presentation of depreciation. Further detail is included in the Audit Scotland report in agenda item 1. Other minor and presentational changes were also agreed.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council is asked to approve the attached audited Annual Accounts 2021/22 for signature in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The 2021/22 Annual Accounts demonstrate the Council continues to operate services within the resources available, and in line with the relevant legislation. They are certified as providing a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council and its Group as at 31 March 2021.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none arising directly from this report
3. **Community/Council Planning** – none arising directly from this report
4. **Legal** – An audit opinion free from qualification demonstrates the Council's compliance with the statutory accounting requirements set out in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
5. **Property/Assets** – none arising directly from this report
6. **Information Technology** – none arising directly from this report
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** – none arising directly from this report
9. **Procurement** – none arising directly from this report
10. **Risk** – none arising directly from this report
11. **Privacy Impact** – none arising directly from this report
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – none arising directly from this report
13. **Climate Risk** – none arising directly from this report

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Audited Accounts

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Management Commentary

The purpose of the Management Commentary is to present an overview of Renfrewshire Council's performance during the 2021/22 financial year and to help readers understand its financial position at 31 March 2022. In addition, it outlines the main issues and risks that may impact the performance of the Council in the future.

The Council also works closely with the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership, which delivers care services across the region; and with OneRen, which delivers leisure and cultural services.

Renfrewshire Council is organised into five directorate services, as follows:



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SERVICE

Responsible for the development of corporate policy, particularly in the areas of social inclusion, equalities, best value and efficient government.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Responsible for education services, children's social work services and criminal justice social work services.



COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING

Services include housing services (including our landlord function) public protection and community learning and development.



ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Services include the management of roads and transportation, fleet, StreetScene and land services, waste and facilities management.



FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Core activities are geared towards providing services to the Council and its elected members, other council services and the general public.

Renfrewshire Council, one of 32 local authorities in Scotland, was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 and came into being on 1 April 1996.

It provides services to around 179,000 residents in the entire Renfrewshire area, which has a mixed geography, with many villages complementing its three main towns of Johnstone, Paisley and Renfrew.

Local Government elections take place every five years. Polling for the most recent local government election took place on Thursday 5 May 2022, resulting in 43 councillors being elected to Renfrewshire Council across 12 electoral wards, comprised as follows:

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The kind of services that the Council provides includes housing; nursery, primary and secondary education; roads; regeneration; and waste services.

The kind of services that the Council provides includes:



HOUSING



NURSERY



PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION



WASTE MANAGEMENT



ROADS



REGENERATION

The Council is also part of a wider Group, with partnerships spanning a number of organisations to varying degrees.



Our Aims and Objectives

The Council and its community partners aim to achieve the objectives agreed in the 'Our Renfrewshire Community Plan 2017-2027' (<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/communityplan>), with the overriding vision of:

“Working together to make Renfrewshire a fairer, more inclusive place where all our people, communities and businesses thrive.”

Performance against the Plan outcomes and objectives is monitored by the Community Planning Partnership Board, chaired by the Leader of the Council. The specific responsibilities and actions the Council will undertake to support the delivery of the Community Plan are detailed in the Council Plan 2017-2022, which can be found on the Council's website at: <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk>Your Council>Our key priorities>Council Plan>. The Community and Council Plans will be updated over the course of 2022.

The Council Plan “Thriving People, Connected Communities” was agreed in September 2017. The Plan outlines five strategic outcomes for the Council over the period to 2022:

- Reshaping our place, our economy and our future
- Building strong, safe and resilient communities
- Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all
- Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy
- Working together to improve outcomes

COVID-19

The COVID19 pandemic has had a continued impact on the Council over the course of 2021/22, as with every individual, community and business across Renfrewshire. In terms of service delivery, governance, financial management and outlook, the pandemic fundamentally affected how the Council operates and is likely to operate in the coming years.

The Annual Governance Statement outlines the key issues faced by the Council from a governance perspective during 2021/22.

Many of the measures taken in March 2020 to support the Council's workforce and residents were still in force during 2021/22, including home-working for office-based staff; and additional protective measures in place for frontline staff. Support was also provided to staff who tested positive or who were self-isolating.

The Council continued to support businesses, communities and vulnerable individuals with measures such as free school meal payments during school holidays, self-isolation support and discretionary grants.

The Council budget agreed for 2021/22 continued to be affected by additional costs and income losses; though as the year progressed the impact was mitigated by sound financial management and further financial support provided by the Scottish Government. Regular reporting of the financial position was provided to each Policy Board; including specific reporting of COVID-19 related pressures.

In order to manage the financial risks as they unfolded, the Council agreed a range of measures including the use of financial flexibilities agreed by the Scottish Government and COSLA, and the use of reserve balances as required.

Substantial additional funding was provided in 2020/21 and 2021/22 by the Scottish Government to support councils and the communities they serve. The funding provided was largely one-off and in many

cases was allocated for specific purposes. The ad-hoc nature of funding announcements and associated grant conditions increased the complexity of monitoring the in-year financial position. Additional funding of £40m was received from the Scottish Government to address service pressures and support communities over the past two years and, where appropriate and to continue to support services and communities, funding has been carried forward to 2022/23 through the use of ringfenced reserves.

The Council supported the administration of a large number of business support grants, low-income pandemic payments and self-isolation support grants on behalf of the Scottish Government, further adding to the complexity of financial monitoring and the associated cash management. While adding to the administrative burden for councils, the funding was vital in supporting local businesses to remain viable. The Council administered such funding of £24m to families and businesses, as detailed in Note 26: Agency services.

Capital investment plans were also significantly affected, owing to ongoing social distancing on construction sites over the year, as well as the availability and increasing cost of commodities, particularly in the latter half of the year.

Capital investment of £141.2m was agreed across both housing and non-housing programmes for 2021/22; however, a total of only £82.1m was spent. Future years' capital programmes will continue to be adjusted to reflect the rephasing of projects as required.

Financial Strategy

The financial strategy and plans of the Council support the delivery of the Council's priorities as outlined in the 2017-2022 Council Plan. In order to achieve this, the financial strategy must ensure resources are effectively and efficiently used in line with overall objectives; and ensure that resources are managed sustainably and in a way that continues to ensure the stability of service delivery.

The medium-term Financial Outlook 2022-25 was reported to the Council on 30 September 2021, with updates in December 2021 and March 2022, and the following range of financial planning principles from previous financial strategies persist:

- i) The Council has an ongoing commitment to efficiency, modernisation of service delivery and prioritisation of resources on the delivery of key strategic outcomes;
- ii) The Council strives to maximise income, grow its tax base and attract external funding;
- iii) Investment in service transformation and early intervention / prevention, including lifecycle maintenance to protect existing investments in our assets, is given appropriate priority;
- iv) Any new borrowing decisions taken by the Council are capable of repayment on a sustainable basis and overall debt levels are contained within affordable long-term parameters;
- v) The Council's core budget is not underwritten by the use of general reserves or speculative capital receipts;
- vi) Council reserves are maintained at a level which provides appropriate financial resilience to the Council and the core services it provides and should be subject to ongoing annual review in the context of the risk profile faced by the Council.

The Financial Outlook 2022-25 highlighted that the Council was in a financially stable position in 2021/22, due mainly to additional and carried forward COVID-19 funding to support service delivery and recovery from the pandemic. However, it also highlighted the fact that the 2021/22 budget was approved with a recurring budget deficit of £1.7m and an estimate of pay inflation that has subsequently been exceeded by the pay settlement.

The Council continues to monitor the impact of the pandemic on its services and residents.

Our Performance

Progress in delivering the 2017-2022 Council Plan is reported biannually to the Council's Leadership Board; the latest report was considered on 22 June 2022 and is available on the Council Committee Management Information System at:

<https://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/CouncilandBoards.aspx>. The report details progress against actions under the five Council Plan outcomes as well as providing the latest data for a suite of 49 performance indicators.

The current Council Plan covers the period 2017-2022 and therefore is nearing the end of its term. Of the 55 actions within it, 49 have been completed. The remaining actions will be carried forward into the new Council Plan and are linked to longer-term strategic priorities. Of the 49 performance indicators reported in June 2022, 36 have a target set and, of those, 64% (23 indicators) met or exceeded their target for 2021/22.

A summary of activity against the five outcomes is given below:

Outcome 1: Reshaping our place, our economy, and our future

Good progress continues to be made on the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) at Inchinnan. The two anchor facilities will open in 2022 and £38.7m of Levelling Up funding has been secured to support the AMIDS South project.

The Cultural Infrastructure programme is also making good progress, with contractors on site at Paisley Town Hall, the new Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub and Paisley Museum. All three facilities are scheduled to open in 2023.

The Employability Service has delivered on ambitious targets. Renfrewshire has the second highest youth employment rate in Scotland, and the Kickstart Gateway placed just over 400 young people into roles across Renfrewshire.

Following an easing of restrictions, work on new build council housing has restarted with new homes being completed in Johnstone and Bishopton and works commencing in Ferguslie Park and at another site in Johnstone. Work on the new Paisley Grammar campus is also underway, with the design team and main contractor being recently appointed.

The major events programme was disrupted by the pandemic and a hybrid programme was delivered in 2021. In 2022, a number of successful in-person events, including Unboxed 2022 and the Paisley Food Festival, have already taken place.

Outcome 2: Building strong, safe and resilient communities

During 2021/22, local authorities continued to provide a COVID-19 response as well as focusing on recovery. This response included assisting Public Health Scotland with contact tracing in educational settings, delivering community testing sites, supporting vaccination programmes, providing support to local businesses on compliance, and running the Local Assistance Team (which handled more than 26,000 calls in 18 months).

The Neighbourhood Hub model operated in partnership with other public sector and third sector organisations, supported by a network of local volunteers, and provided a wide range of support to residents having to shield or self-isolate during the pandemic.

A participatory budgeting process ran in autumn 2021 and awarded funding to groups for activities for 12-25 year olds. This has been followed by the #youdecide programme, which generated almost 3,000 ideas from local residents, and a pilot in schools. A framework for mainstreaming participatory budgeting is in development.

A new multi-agency service, Ren10, has launched and is designed to improve families' access to health and wellbeing support. It is intended to bridge the gap between universal and highly specialist services. To

date, over 1,000 children and young people have been directly supported.

Early intervention work on health improvement has continued in schools and covered areas such as emotional literacy, substance misuse, relationships, harmful language, alcohol, consent and coercive control, tailored as appropriate to age.

Outcome 3: Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all

Actions identified in the Social Renewal Plan have been progressed, with particular focus on food and fuel insecurity. Activity includes the allocation of Community Food Funding through the third sector, the establishment of a Fair Work service to provide employment advice, running affordable credit sessions, and agreeing funding for a Digital Champions programme.

Renfrewshire Council has continued to support the Connecting Scotland programme, with services across the council applying on behalf of individuals and organisations resulting in 999 devices secured for service users and 1,602 devices for public sector and community-based organisations, to help them access the benefits of getting online.

Although the pandemic has been shown to have an effect on attainment across the whole country, Renfrewshire continues to perform well in comparison with the national average and areas with a similar demographic profile. We continue to deliver successful outcomes in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

There has been a continued drive towards meeting the aims of The Promise, an initiative in Scotland for care experienced young people and their families. Engagement has taken place with a wide range of staff teams and partners, and a dedicated Promise Manager is being recruited to lead and co-ordinate the council's work in this area.

The Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme is making good progress and current activity is focused on recognising and responding to trauma, and on tackling stigma.

Outcome 4: Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy

The climate emergency remains a key priority for the Council and work is continuing on the Plan for Net Zero. Alongside this, the Climate Change Action Fund has allocated £978,000 to 14 projects, each of them aiming to reduce or mitigate the impact of climate change.

The Council's climate goals are also evident in broader policies and initiatives, such as the creation of a district heating network, the development and delivery of zero energy social housing, and switching part of the Council's fleet to electric vehicles.

The Team Up to Clean Up programme grew considerably during the pandemic and remains highly successful. Almost 9,000 volunteers took part during 2021, collecting over 18,000 bags of litter.

Outcome 5: Working together to improve outcomes

Supporting staff wellbeing has been a key priority during the course of the pandemic, and during 2021/22 there were a number of enhancements to this support. This included additional mental health training, the launch of an Employee Benefits portal, and a renewed focus on health promotion.

Service redesigns identified in Phase 1 of the Right for Renfrewshire transformation programme were progressed during the pandemic. The remainder of the programme is currently being reviewed to ensure that planned work remains appropriate in a post-pandemic context and aligns with the Council's approach to financial sustainability.

Council Services Key Performance Indicators

As well as reporting against measures in the Council Plan, each service also reports on a suite of actions and performance indicators highlighted in its Service Improvement Plan. These are three-year plans outlining upcoming improvement activity and detailing how progress will be assessed through action planning and performance targets. The latest Service Improvement Plans, covering the period 2022/23 to 2024/25, were approved by the relevant Policy Boards during June 2022. Each service will report on progress in the autumn and again at the end of the financial year. The mid-year reports will also reflect on any changed priorities identified in the new Council and Community Plans.

Local Government Benchmarking Framework

Each year the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board considers the latest data available through the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF). The latest report was approved in March 2022 and provided updated data on 75 of the 101 indicators that make up the LGBF.

Detailed commentary is provided for those indicators where Renfrewshire's performance against other local authorities is ranked in the bottom 25% or where there has been a significant shift in the ranking.

The 2020/21 LGBF data showed that Renfrewshire Council had:

- 24 indicators in the top 25% of councils in terms of performance;
- 11 indicators in the bottom 35% of councils in terms of performance;
- 8 indicators where the ranked position was static;
- 35 indicators that had improved their ranked position since the previous year; and
- 32 indicators where the ranked position had declined since the previous year.

Public Performance Reports

One of the Council's approaches to Public Performance Reporting is the 'It's all about you' story map, which provides an overview of performance for the LGBF indicators and the key priority areas for the Council. It includes case studies, infographics, and performance indicators. Performance information can be found on the Council's website at the following path: [Your Council>Information, performance and statistics>Council Performance](#).

Service Update Reports, Service Delivery Plans and Operational Performance Reports are reported to the relevant Policy Board and can be found on the Council Committee Management Information System at: <https://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/CouncilandBoards.aspx>

LGBF data can be found at: <https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/explore-the-data>

Key Financial Ratios

The following tables provide information regarding the financial performance of the Council in 2021/22 and the affordability of its ongoing commitments:

Financial Indicator	2021/22		2020/21	Commentary
	Estimate	Actual	Actual	
Reserves				
Uncommitted General Fund reserves as a % of budgeted net expenditure	2.2%	2.3%	2.5%	Reflects the level of funding available to meet unplanned expenditure and manage financial risk.
Movement in uncommitted General Fund balance	n/a	-0.9%	65.0%	Reflects maintenance of the 20/21 commitment to increase uncommitted reserves to £10m per the Financial Strategy.
Council Tax				
In-year collection rate	95.9%	95.5%	95.0%	Reflects the Council's effectiveness in collecting Council Tax debt
Council Tax income as a proportion of total taxation and non-specific grant income	19.3%	19.5%	19.1%	Reflects the Council's ability to vary expenditure by raising Council Tax, the principal local authority controlled source of finance
Debt/Long term borrowing				
Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)	£375.0m	£360.5m	£347.1m	The information in this section demonstrates that the level of external debt (driven by the capital programme) is affordable, owing to the low proportion of our budget spent on servicing debt. Further information, including descriptions of these terms and their significance, is available in the Treasury Management Annual Report, presented to Council on 30 June 2022.
External debt	£375.0m	£320.5m	£329.1m	
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream (General Fund)	3.9%	3.1%	4.7%	

Financial Performance

Primary Financial Statements

The annual accounts summarise the Council's transactions for the year, its financial position at 31 March 2022 and its cashflows. The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standards Board Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements as interpreted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ("the Code").

The Primary Financial Statements include the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES), Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS), Balance Sheet and Cashflow Statement. These statements are accompanied by notes to the accounts, which provide more details on the figures shown in the statements and set out the accounting policies adopted by the Council.

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) presents the total cost of providing Council services in 2021/22 along with the income available to fund those services.

The outturn explained in the following section differs from the accounting deficit of £21.6m shown in the CIES due to accounting adjustments required to comply with proper accounting practice, but which under statute should not impact on local taxpayers. A reconciliation of these figures can be found in the Note 1: Expenditure and Funding Analysis.

General Fund

The General Fund is funded by government grant and Council Tax revenues and the Council is also able to apply usable reserves from the General Fund Balance to fund expenditure. After adjusting for planned carry forwards, the General Fund had a surplus of income over expenditure in 2021/22 of £16.2m. The budgeted position was a surplus of £16.3m, which results in an overspend of £0.1m compared to budget.

The main reasons for the variance against the approved budget were unsurprisingly related to the response and subsequent recovery actions for COVID-19, as well as the increasing cost of materials.

The Right for Renfrewshire transformation programme recommenced in 2021/22, predominantly continuing earlier reviews that were paused during 2020/21. Over the course of the year significant additional revenue support totalling £40m was provided to the Council by the Scottish Government. This support was generally targeted to address specific cost pressures; however, this support was crucial in allowing the Council to deliver the financial outturn reported. Further detail on budget variances can be found in the Unaudited Annual Accounts 2021/22 report to Council on 30 June 2022.

The Council fell just short of its target in-year council tax collection rate of 95.9% in 2021/22, instead returning a creditable 95.5% in light of the pandemic impact and emerging cost of living crisis on household finances. Income from Council Tax actually over-recovered owing to prior years arrears being collected over a longer period following delayed collection during 2020. The result was almost £3m being earmarked to provide for future cost of living impacts on collection and debt.

2021/22	Revised Budget £m	Actual £m	Variance £m
Chief Executive's Service	28.011	28.009	0.002
Children's Services	217.870	217.871	(0.001)
Communities and Housing	11.158	11.109	0.049
Environment and Infrastructure	55.698	55.880	(0.182)
Finance and Resources	40.050	40.045	0.005
Miscellaneous Services	28.145	28.094	0.051
Adult Services	79.974	79.974	0.000
Net Expenditure	460.906	460.982	(0.076)
Revenue Support Grant	(309.064)	(309.064)	0.000
Council Tax Income	(86.467)	(86.464)	(0.003)
Non-Domestic Rates Income*	(81.663)	(81.663)	0.000
Funding	(477.194)	(477.191)	(0.003)
Use of General Fund Balances	(16.288)	(16.209)	(0.079)

*The Council was originally due £102.8m of Non-Domestic Rate Income from the Scottish Government as its share of the national pool; however, this figure was reduced to £81.7m (with a corresponding uplift in general revenue grant) to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses.

The Council collected £84.9m directly from local businesses with £3.2m due back to the Scottish Government's National Non-Domestic Rates Pool.

The Council's Reserves

The Council holds the following balances in reserve. Further details can be found in Note 8: Usable reserves.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Usable Reserves	As at 31 March 2022 £m
88.458	General Fund Balance	104.667
6.497	Housing Revenue Account	6.497
8.638	Capital Receipts Reserve	7.594
90.500	Other Statutory Funds	95.699
194.093	Total	214.457

The General Fund balance of £104.7m will be carried forward to 2022/23. Of this balance, £93.9m has been earmarked for a particular purpose, as outlined in Note 8: Usable reserves. This leaves unallocated reserves of £10.8m (2.3% of the Council's net annual running costs), which is in line with levels agreed by the Council under its revised financial planning principles.

It is viewed that this balance is appropriate to the financial risk environment the Council is facing both in light of the ongoing response and recovery from the pandemic, but also to mitigate adverse risks anticipated in public finances generally over the medium to longer term.

Housing Revenue Account

The balance on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as at 31 March 2022 has been maintained at £6.5m. This remains a prudent level of unallocated reserves for the HRA to mitigate the impact of any unforeseen risks and to provide an element of mitigation against forecast pressures related to Coronavirus.

The year-end deficit position is in line with projections reported during 2021/22 and reflects the net effect of underspends in employee and transport costs that have been used to fund an overspend related to

COVID-19 driven response and recovery costs and increased debt repayment as part of the overall housing debt smoothing strategy.

Infrastructure Assets

The Scottish Government published a Statutory Override in August 2022, to allow councils to continue the current accounting treatment for Infrastructure assets until 31 March 2024. Further detail is provided at Note 10.

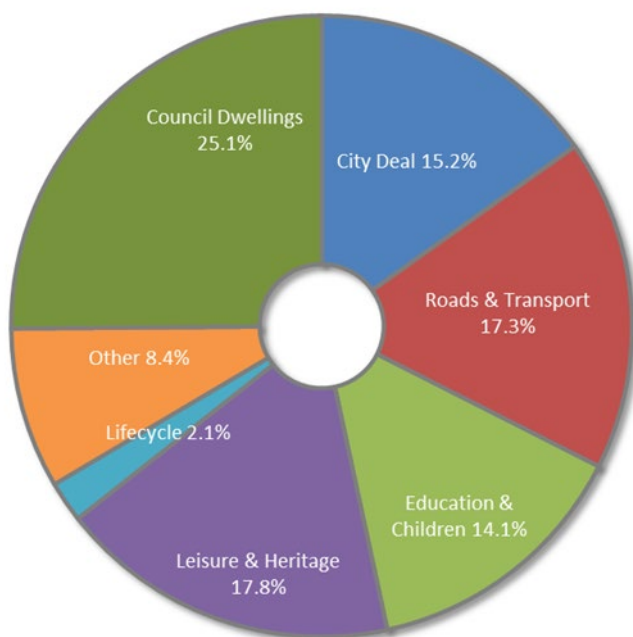
Capital and Borrowing

Renfrewshire Council continues to make significant capital investment in council housing, schools, culture, roads and the town centre estate. On 4 March 2021, the Council approved the housing capital investment programme for 2021/22 of £25.6m; and the General Fund capital investment programme of £115.7m.

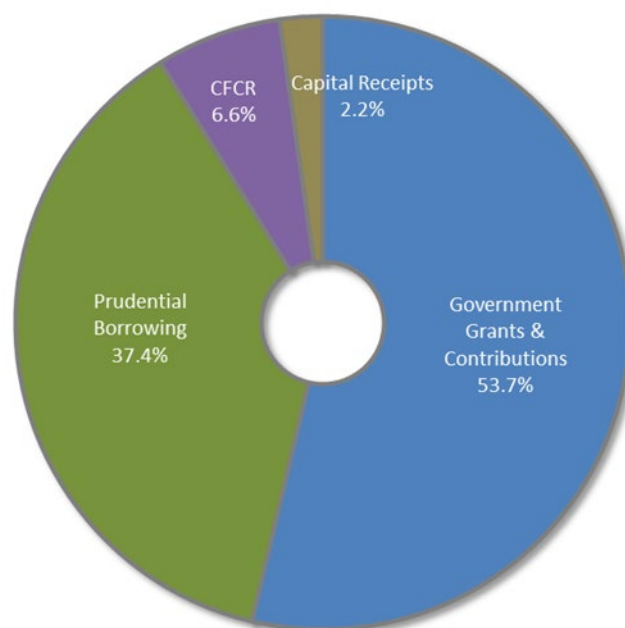
The capital investment programmes were still affected by the pandemic in 2021/22, mainly related to requirements to maintain social distancing on building sites. There was also significant delay due to global supply chain issues, as well as increasing cost pressures arising from the price of materials. Programmes have therefore been re-profiled during the year to reflect the planned expenditure timescales of individual projects or where project completion dates have been delayed, resulting in actual capital spend for the year of £20.7m for housing capital investment and £61.5m for the General Fund. Further detail is provided in Note 15: Capital expenditure and capital financing.

The following charts show the actual expenditure incurred and income received in relation to the 2021/22 capital programme.

Capital Investment 2021/22



Capital Funding 2021/22



During the course of 2021/22 there was no new external borrowing (excluding Group transactions). The level of cash balances available to the Council remains consistent with daily cash requirements, treasury and capital investment plans. The decrease in cash balances compared to 31 March 2021 is attributable to additional COVID-19 specific funding received from the Scottish Government in 2020/21.

The Council's borrowing strategy is prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Treasury Management in Local Authorities.

The majority of the Council's borrowing comes from the Public Works Loan Board with the remainder from market and other loans. Further details are provided in Note 23: Financial Instruments.

For a number of years an important element of the Council's medium-term financial planning has been the strategy of debt smoothing, which ensures the Council's debt profile remains appropriate and sustainable over the medium term. This process involves the planned repayment of debt over the medium term as part of the Council's planned budget, capital investment and treasury management strategies. During 2021/22 debt repayments of £1.9m

were accelerated within Housing. There was no General Fund debt smoothing in 2021/22. The Council will continue to explore options to deliver short-term financial capacity, including employing the financial flexibilities permitted by the Scottish Government specifically in relation to COVID-19. The Council did not utilise these flexibilities in 2021/22 given the additional funding secured and the limited additional benefit these flexibilities would derive.

The Council regulates its capital spending limits within a prudential framework recommended by CIPFA and endorsed by the Scottish Government. Each year, the Council sets its capital financing requirement (CFR) for the forthcoming year in its Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS), approved by the Council on 4 March 2021 and revised on 16 December 2021. The TMSS for 2021/22 can be found on the Council Committee Management Information System at: <http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Home.aspx>.

The CFR is a prudent assessment of the aggregate external borrowings for capital investment purposes that are affordable and sustainable over the longer-term. The actual CFR at 31 March 2022 was £360.5m, which is within the approved limit of £375.0m.

The Council's external borrowings have only been applied for capital investment purposes, with the Council's net external debt being £320.5m at 31 March 2022 compared to the operational boundary of £375.0m. The Council's costs of borrowing remain consistently one of the lowest of all Scottish local authorities; are affordable and match the Council's medium to long-term financial strategy.

The Council's non-housing financing costs were 3.1% as a proportion of the Council's non-housing net revenue stream, including an element of additional debt repayment. Housing related financing costs as at 31 March 2022 were 40.6% of net housing revenues, higher than the forecast of 39.9% again due to additional debt repaid in the year. Excluding these repayments, the actual position was 36.7%.

Net Pension Position

The disclosure requirements for pension benefits under IAS19 are detailed in Notes 28 and 29. The appointed actuaries, have confirmed a decrease of £166.3m in their assessment of the Council's share of the actuarial deficit position of the local government pension fund as at 31 March 2022. This can be attributed to a higher level of investment returns and a higher discount rate of inflation, which serves to reduce the value placed on pension obligations.

The assessment provides only a snapshot as at 31 March 2022 and necessarily changes on a day-to-day basis to reflect stock market movements in particular. The appointed actuaries remain of the view that the asset holdings of the Strathclyde Pension Scheme and the contributions from employees and employers provide sufficient security and income to meet future pension liabilities.

Provisions and Contingencies

The Council has provided for eventualities which may have a material effect on the financial position of the Council. The reasons for the provisions made are outlined in Note 22: Provisions.

In general, any contingent liabilities known to the Council are covered by insurance arrangements. As outlined at Note 8, the Council has also set aside £2.6m for uninsured claims. While the Council has financial monitoring arrangements in place with regards costs being incurred in response to and recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic, the Council cannot know with certainty the full costs and income loss which may arise over the medium term.

The Renfrewshire Council Group

Local authorities are required to prepare Group Accounts in addition to their own Council's accounts where they have a material interest in other organisations. The Group Accounts consolidate the results of the Council with five subsidiaries:

- Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, trading as OneRen, a registered charity and company limited by guarantee formed to provide facilities for recreation, sport, cultural and other leisure activities for the benefit of the community in Renfrewshire;
- the Common Good Funds;
- the Coats Observatory Trust;
- Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP; and
- Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited.

The Group Accounts also consolidate the Council's share of four other entities treated as associates or joint ventures:

- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
- Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee;
- Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board; and
- Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board.

The Council has non-material interests in a number of other entities namely Scotland Excel; Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority; and Glasgow City Region – City Deal Cabinet.

Financial Outlook and Key Risks

The Financial update report to Council in September 2022 outlined continued and considerable uncertainty for local government finances. In 2020, the Council agreed to replenish unallocated reserves to a threshold of £10m in order to address the risks of significant and unplanned cost pressures which may emerge over the medium term, and this has been maintained in 2021/22.

The impact to the Scottish and UK economies of the COVID-19 pandemic is still being felt, with continued support to businesses, communities and individuals resulting in government borrowing levels which have reached a peacetime high. The impact of this level of debt on public finances will take many years to unwind. However, borrowing has been undertaken at historically low interest rates, mitigating some of the impact of the borrowing required.

On the cost of materials and particularly construction costs following the height of the pandemic, what is now unfolding is a level of demand that the construction industry is struggling to keep pace with and where labour and skill shortages within the industry are now impacting on overall capacity. Coupled with this, supply chain issues initially linked to the UK's exit from the EU have now escalated globally following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Scottish Government published its Resource Spending Review on 31 May 2022, which outlines at a high level its revenue spending programme over the next five years to 2026/27. It indicates a flat cash position for the local government core settlement from 2022/23 to 2025/26, with a £100m increase in 2026/27. Given current heightened levels of inflation, this is forecast to amount to a real-terms reduction in revenue funding for local government, estimated at 7-8% over the review period.

The Resource Spending Review also emphasised key priority areas for the Scottish Government spending programme, such as the commitment to increase the NHS front line budget by 20% over the course of this

Parliament; and to create a new National Care Service, with an increase of 25% in social care investment.

A significantly increased level of spend on social security is also outlined, with spend anticipated to increase from £3.9bn in 22/23 to £6.4bn in 26/27, reflecting increased spend in relation to the Scottish Child Payment and adult disability payments.

In addition, and as has been highlighted in previous commentaries, as the transition of powers moves the Scottish budget towards almost 50% of spending being supported by devolved tax raising powers, the economic performance of the Scottish economy relative to that of the UK becomes a key determinant in the overall level of resources that will be available to the Scottish Government's budget each year.

It is expected that growth in the Scottish economy will mirror, but lag slightly, that of the UK. Decisions by the Scottish Government to provide continuing support to some areas of the economy, e.g., through business rates relief over the course of 2022/23, will continue to put pressure on Scottish Government finances.

The local government grant settlement for 2022/23 (a single year settlement) reflects a 0.4% decrease on a like-for-like basis in the general revenue grant received in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22. The Council decided to increase Council Tax by 3% in 2022/23.

A balanced budget position moving into 2022/23 was agreed by the Council on 4 March 2021, reflecting well on the previous budget decisions taken by the Council towards addressing the medium-term savings requirement it is facing. Minimal savings decisions were included in the agreed budget for 2022/23, reflecting the temporary pause of the Council's Right for Renfrewshire programme in 2020/21.

Existing service and cost pressures arising from pay settlements, demographic and socio-economic factors will continue to play a major role in driving spending pressures for the Council; however, the predominant focus of the Council in the short term will be fully

understanding and assessing the financial impact of recovery from the pandemic, cost pressures arising from Brexit, the war in Ukraine and other global supply issues, as well as the emerging cost-of-living crisis, which is expected to drive higher levels of pay claims.

This is expected to manifest itself in additional costs of supplies and contracts, as well as the cost of services adapting to pandemic recovery models and related behavioural changes, such as homeworking for both staff and residents. While reduced levels of council tax income were anticipated, actual income levels in 2021/22 were healthier than expected. This is likely, however, to become more challenging to maintain as the cost-of-living crisis unfolds.

In the face of these challenges, it remains critical that the Council continues to proactively invest in a range of measures to stimulate the local economy and improve the lives of residents. The Council has agreed a capital programme including spend of £160m in 2022/23 across public infrastructure, schools, nurseries, public buildings and council housing. These will run alongside the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal programme that is planned to be delivered during the course of this decade, generating 29,000 new jobs.

The Council continues to mitigate treasury risks, including those associated with the security of cash deposits, by actively considering debt restructuring as outlined in the Council's agreed Treasury Management Strategy. The Council also continually reviews, in consultation with its treasury advisors, the criteria for placing deposits with financial institutions on the Council's approved counterparty list.

As part of the Council's treasury strategy, it continues to utilise internal cash balances, deferring or minimising external borrowing with the dual objectives of reducing the level of cash deposits held by the Council, whilst generating ongoing savings in net interest costs.

This strategy is monitored carefully in order to ensure that the Council retains sufficient cash balances to

support its ongoing requirements and remains alert to any anticipated adverse movement in future borrowing rates.

The Council's most recent Financial Outlook, reported to Council on 29 September 2022, indicates increased levels of cost and uncertainty driven by pandemic recovery, high levels of inflation and a forecast real-terms reduction in local government funding as outlined in the Scottish Government's Resource Spending Review. Additional earmarked balances have been set aside to support inflation and construction cost pressures, and new measures to improve the Council's financial sustainability will be progressed during 2022/23 to help mitigate these risks.

Charitable Funds

The Council administers the Common Good Funds for the areas of Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone. Each of these Funds is a registered charity. In addition, the Council controls the Coats Observatory Charitable Trust. In order to comply with the Code, Audit Scotland and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) requirements, the Council separately prepares the financial statements of the three Common Good Funds and the Coats Observatory Trust, with the balances included in the Group Accounts. Audit Scotland is the appointed auditor for the Council's charitable funds.

Overall, the Common Good Funds incurred a combined in-year surplus of £0.4m which is added to the previous surplus brought forward. The total net asset value increased by £1.7m, with investments increasing by £4.5m. Both the market values of investments and income generated from dividends are likely to be subject to ongoing volatility as the economy recovers from the pandemic and is subject to increased inflationary risk.

The total net asset value of the Observatory Trust decreased by £0.073m owing to depreciation and the revaluation of one of the assets at Oakshaw Street. There were no other transactions in the year.

On 5 September 2018 the Finance, Resources and Customer Service Policy Board of Renfrewshire Council agreed that a formal application be submitted to OSCR requesting the de-registration of all three Common Good Funds.

In March 2022, OSCR intimated to the Council that, following inquiry, the Common Good Funds did not meet the 'charity test' and agreed that they should be removed from the OSCR charitable register.

The Council received notice from OSCR on 23 August 2022 advising that de-registration process had been completed. This means that as of that date, the Common Good Funds of Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone are no longer registered charities.

The final set of audited annual accounts of the Common Good Funds and Observatory Trust are reported to the Council on 17 November 2022 and can be accessed on the Committee Management Information System at:
<https://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/CouncilandBoards.aspx>.

In future years, the financial performance of the Common Good Funds will be reported in the Council's Annual Accounts.

Conclusion and Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge efforts by the whole Finance team in producing the annual accounts, as well as colleagues in other services for their continued hard work and support.

Further information on the annual accounts or on the Council's general finances can be obtained on the Council website (www.renfrewshire.gov.uk), or by telephoning 0141 618 7363.

Cllr Iain Nicolson
Leader of the Council

Alan Russell
Chief Executive

Alastair MacArthur
Director of Finance and Resources

Statement of Responsibilities

The Authority's Responsibilities

The Authority is required to:

- make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs (section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973). In Renfrewshire Council, that officer is the Director of Finance and Resources;
- manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets;
- ensure that the Annual Accounts are prepared in accordance with legislation (The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014), and so far as is compatible with that legislation, in accordance with proper accounting practices (section 12 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003), and;
- approve the Annual Accounts for signature.

I can confirm that these annual accounts were approved for signature by the Council at its meeting on 17 November 2022.

Signed on behalf of Renfrewshire Council.

Cllr Iain Nicolson
Leader of the Council

The Director of Finance and Resources' Responsibilities

The Director of Finance and Resources is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's Annual Accounts in accordance with proper practices as required by legislation and as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Accounting Code).

In preparing the Annual Accounts, the Director of Finance and Resources has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates which were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with legislation; and
- complied with the local authority Accounting Code (in so far as it is compatible with legislation).

The Director of Finance and Resources has also:

- kept adequate accounting records that were up to date; and
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council and its group at the reporting date and the transactions of the Council and its group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Alastair MacArthur
Director of Finance and Resources

Annual Governance Statement

Scope of responsibility

Renfrewshire Council is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Council also has a statutory duty to make arrangements to secure best value under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. In discharging this overall responsibility, the Council's members and the corporate management team are responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

The Council has approved and adopted a Local Code of Corporate Governance, which is consistent with the principles of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) framework; Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. A copy of the Local Code is available on our website at: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk > Your Council > Information, performance and statistics > Information Governance

This statement explains how Renfrewshire Council has complied with the Local Code and also meets the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the UK, which details the requirements for an annual Governance Statement.

The purpose of the governance framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the Council is directed and controlled and through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Council to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives set out in the Council plan.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a

reasonable level. Internal control cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Council's policies aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework

The main features of our governance arrangements are described in the Local Code but are summarised below:

The overarching strategic priorities and vision of the Council are set out in the Council Plan 2017-2022 and the Renfrewshire Community Plan 2017-2027. The Council Plan is aligned to the Community Plan and sets out 5 strategic outcomes that the organisation will work to achieve over a 5-year period with specific priorities relating to tackling inequality, promoting economic and cultural regeneration, attainment and sustainability. Renfrewshire's Community Plan (which also acts as Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan as required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015) details how community planning partners will work together to achieve the key priorities identified for Renfrewshire.

- The key outcomes the Council is committed to delivering with its partners, are set out in the Community Plan;
- The Council operates within an established governance framework which incorporates a scheme of delegated functions, financial regulations, standing orders relating to contracts and procedural standing orders. These elements of the framework are kept under regular review by the Council;
- The Council facilitates policy and decision making through a policy board structure;

- Services are able to demonstrate how their own activities link to the Council's vision and priorities through their service improvement plans. Performance management and monitoring of service delivery is reported through policy boards regularly including six monthly updates to the Leadership Board on progress against the implementation of the Council Plan;
- Prior to COVID-19, the Corporate Management Team monitored a quarterly scorecard of performance information which is now being refreshed to ensure this is fit for purpose. The Council regularly publishes information about its performance, e.g. "It's all about you", a publication outlining the performance of the Council published annually. An annual benchmarking report on the performance of the Council is submitted to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board;
- The Council has adopted a code of conduct for its employees. Elected members adhere to the nationally prescribed Code of Conduct for Members. In addition, the Council has in place a protocol for Relationships between Political Groups, Elected Members and Officers;
- The Council's approach to risk management is set out in the risk management strategy and is well embedded. Risks are reported regularly to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board;
- The Director of Finance and Resources is the Council's Senior Information Risk Owner and information risk is monitored through the Information Management and Governance Group and its sub-groups. The Managing Solicitor (Information Governance) is the statutory Data Protection Officer;
- Comprehensive arrangements are in place to ensure members and officers are supported by appropriate training and development;
- Registers of interests for elected members and senior officers are maintained and published on the Council's website;
- The Council complies with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption and the Council's arrangements for fraud prevention, detection and investigation are managed through the corporate counter fraud service;
- The Council's approach to 'whistleblowing' is outlined in the policy for expressing concerns outwith line management;
- A range of multi layered Cyber Security controls are in place and are tested annually to check standards in line with Government guidance. Industry cyber security standards are followed and explicitly those belonging to Public Sector Network (PSN), National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) guidance, Scottish Government Public Sector Cyber Resilience Plan and Payment Card Industry (PCI) data security standards. The O365 security and compliance toolset provides a wide range of protection against cyber-attacks including identity theft and phishing. The Council holds a current Certificate of Compliance for PSN standards. ICT network and digital services are monitored monthly through our cyber security partner. These are all monitored and managed through the Cyber Security team which is headed up by a CISM qualified Cyber Security Architect (Cyber Information Security Manager);
- Clear and independent governance arrangements are in place with One Ren and the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership with oversight from the Head of Policy and Commissioning (Council's Designated Monitoring Officer) and the Council's Leadership Board.
- Seven Local Partnerships have been established and have identified initial local priorities. Decision making including that relating to relevant grants is delegated to each Local Partnership through a Lead Officer appointed by the Council.

This governance framework has been in place at Renfrewshire Council for the year ended 31 March 2022, subject to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as disclosed in the section on review of effectiveness and continuous improvement below.

Within the 2020/21 report, Audit Scotland concluded that "The Council has appropriate governance

arrangements in place. We recognise that in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic the Council revised its governance arrangements. The new arrangements are appropriate and support good governance and accountability. There is effective scrutiny, challenge and informed decision making.”

The system of internal financial control

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management and supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. Development and maintenance of the system is undertaken by managers within the Council. The system includes:

- Guidance on financial management supported by comprehensive financial regulations and codes;
- Comprehensive budgeting systems, and detailed guidance for budget holders;
- 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;
- Clearly defined capital expenditure guidelines;
- As appropriate, formal project management principles;
- The Chief Finance Officer is the Director of Finance and Resources who complies with the CIPFA Statement on the Role of The CFO in Public Services.

The role and responsibilities of the Audit Committee and the Chief Auditor

The role of the audit committee is under the remit of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, which is chaired by a member of the opposition. Its role is:

- to approve the internal audit charter and annual internal audit plans;
- to review internal and external audit reports and the main issues arising, including those relating to

the annual accounts and seek assurance that action has been taken and make recommendations to the Council where appropriate;

- to receive and consider the Chief Auditor’s annual report, summarising internal audit activity and the level of assurance this provides over the arrangements for internal control, risk management and governance within the Council;
- monitor the performance of internal audit;
- to consider the annual review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

The internal audit service operates in accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and reports to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board. Internal audit undertakes an annual programme of work, approved by the Board, based on a strategic risk assessment. The Council’s Chief Auditor provides an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance framework, risk management and internal control. The Council conforms to the requirements of the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit (2019).

Members and officers of the Council are committed to the concept of sound governance and the effective delivery of Council services. The Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee complies with the CIPFA guidance Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police. The Council’s Chief Auditor has responsibility to review independently and report to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board annually, to provide assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Local Code and the extent of compliance with it. The Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board performs a scrutiny role in relation to the application of the Local Code of Corporate Governance and regularly monitors the performance of the Council’s internal audit service.

Internal Audit reporting arrangements include communication of finalised audit engagements, monitoring the progress of agreed management actions and communication of any unacceptable risk identified to the Board.

Review of effectiveness and continuous improvement

Renfrewshire Council has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness of the framework is informed by the work of the Corporate Management Team who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the Chief Auditor's annual report, and reports from the external auditors and other review agencies and inspectorates.

The effectiveness of the governance framework is reviewed annually by the Corporate Management Team, including the use of an annually updated self-assessment tool covering six key areas of governance (including the impact on governance of the coronavirus pandemic), as follows:

- Business Planning and Performance Management
- Internal Control Environment
- Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Control
- Risk Management and Business Continuity
- Conflicts of Interest, Whistleblowing and Gifts and Hospitality
- Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This self-assessment indicated the governance framework is being complied with in all material respects. In addition, the review of the effectiveness of the governance arrangements and the systems of internal control within the group entities places reliance upon the individual bodies' management assurances in relation to the soundness of their systems of internal control.

The Council has a well embedded approach to continuous improvement through self-assessment. Registered services within education, social care and housing undertake regular self-assessment as part of the delivery of their services, including aspects such as multi agency file reading and practice and improvement groups in place. Staff from across services are also invited to participate in improvement sessions linked to the service improvement plans on

an annual basis, or in relation to specific exercises such as the "Our Values" staff engagement process in 2019. The Council previously utilised the Public Services Improvement Framework and is considering options for a future self-assessment activity.

The Council continues to recognise the need to exercise strong financial management arrangements to manage the financial pressures common to all local authorities, and has robust financial control and financial planning processes in place. The CIPFA Financial Management (FM) Code was adopted in June 2021 and work is underway to disseminate the results and establish an action plan to address any required improvements.

Throughout this year, there continued to be unprecedented challenges facing the Council in responding to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which significantly altered the way in which the organisation operates and significantly changed the delivery of services. Reduced capacity and competing priorities as well as an upturn in demand in some areas due to the easing of restrictions continue to be actively managed on a daily basis. The following should be specifically noted:

- emergency governance arrangements remained in operation throughout 2021/22 and amended regularly to take account of the prevailing COVID-19 regulations. These amendments were approved by Council. A protocol was established during the year to facilitate the conduct of hybrid meetings which were broadcast live with the option available to the Convenor of each Board to hold the meeting remotely by teams if they wish and this protocol continues to be in operation;
- the Council is progressing with its economic and social renewal and recovery plans in recent months, along with partners in response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the short to medium term. The Corporate Management Team continue to have a specific focus on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- regular performance reports have been prepared for policy boards throughout the period of the pandemic in the form of service update reports.

Each service has developed a Service Delivery Plan for 2021/22 in place of the usual service improvement plans, in order to focus on activities linked to recovery over this year in particular. Services are currently preparing 3 year Service Improvement Plans for approval by policy boards prior to Summer 2022;

- tranche 2 of the Right for Renfrewshire programme was commenced over the second half of 2021. This was on a smaller scale than originally planned and the service redesigns progressed were in those areas where it was anticipated that there would be potentially less direct impact from the pandemic recovery process and where the greatest opportunity exists for appropriate management and service capacity to be directed towards the Right for Renfrewshire agenda;
- financial management across the Council has remained strong, with continued additional reporting in place to clearly distinguish COVID-19 related costs and income losses from core operating costs. Over the course of the year significant amounts of additional non-recurring income has been secured from the Scottish Government in order to ensure local government continues to provide support to local communities and businesses. Funding has been provided both to support Council expenditure, but also on an “agency” basis whereby the Council administers grant schemes designed by the Scottish Government. Ensuring compliance with the various grant conditions has entailed considerable work by Council officers throughout 2021/22. Any potential fraudulent grant applications were referred to the Council’s Corporate Fraud Team for investigation and referral on to the Procurator Fiscal or Police, as appropriate;
- all essential services have continued to be delivered throughout the pandemic and business continuity arrangements are in place and operating highly effectively. Some areas of service activity were stopped or deferred; others were delivered through different processes. There have been no significant changes to internal controls although significant numbers of new and

amended processes and services have been put in place to allow the Council to appropriately respond to the impact of the pandemic and to support local communities and businesses. The Council has now developed service recovery programmes to reopen services and catch up on deferred work, moving towards more normal levels of service activity and service priority. This is a process and programme of work that is likely to continue into 2022/23 and beyond;

- although the Council’s cyber security arrangements are considered to be robust and are regularly tested, recognition of the ever increasing criminal cyber activity and the recognition that cyber- attacks are becoming more and more frequent and sophisticated and that there is an increased reliance on electronic systems resulted in a focused review of the Council’s cyber environment being undertaken. This led to the decision that the cyber -related elements within the Organisation Resilience risk would benefit from being a separate corporate risk for a period of time, with the further scrutiny that this affords;
- the Council commenced planning for Brexit during 2019/20 and identified risks have been incorporated into the Strategic and Corporate Risk Registers. A number of significant areas of risk remain for the organisation and for communities that have been deferred due to a combination of COVID-19 impacts, particularly in relation to employment constraints related to closure of hospitality and retail establishments masking the impact of the end of freedom of movement and the deferral of the introduction of required import checks and restrictions which when introduced will lead to increased restrictions, delays and cost increases on products and services from the European Union and a significant and ongoing regulatory burden for Environmental Health Officers and Trading Standards Officers. Some of these risks will be further exacerbated by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the associated sanctions on Russia which will place additional cost and supply pressures on some products and materials that are likely to increase and continue into 2022/23.

Regular reviews of the Council's arrangements are undertaken by internal audit and overall, the Council's internal financial control arrangements are considered to be sound.

As part of the ongoing relationship which is in place under the new best value methodology, Audit Scotland continuously engage with the Council in relation to the improvement plan, regularly attending Council and board meetings and reviewing information provided. Each year Audit Scotland provide an assessment of the ongoing position in relation to best value, within the Annual Audit Report. The Annual Audit Report for 2020/21 was published in November 2021 noted that the Council continues to make positive progress addressing the recommendations contained in our 2016/17 Best Value Assurance Report.

Audit Scotland provided an unqualified and unmodified audit opinion on the 2020/21 annual accounts.

The programme of work undertaken by internal audit identified 2 occasions where a limited assurance level was given in relation to the internal control, risk management and governance objectives for the specific areas of each audit review. The following areas are those identified as requiring improvement:

- A review of the procedures in place for identifying and dealing with unsafe memorials in cemeteries was undertaken and it was identified that insufficient progress had been made in this area due to capacity issues, mainly as a result of the service having other priorities arising from the pandemic. Management agreed to allocate additional resource to this area and progress will be monitored through the internal audit follow-up process. Although this area requires to be

addressed there is no significant impact on the Council's overall system of internal control.

- The operation of Purchase Cards was reviewed to ensure that the correct procedures were being followed during the pandemic and whilst there were adequate procedures in place covering the purchase of goods with Purchase Cards, issues were identified regarding compliance and the timeliness of approval of transactions. Management agreed to implement the improvement actions required and progress will be monitored through the internal audit follow-up process.

Internal Audit undertakes an annual exercise to ensure that recommendations arising from internal audit engagements have been implemented by service management and the results are reported to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board (ARSB). This work highlighted that 82% of recommendations were implemented by the due date. 17% had passed their original due date and revised implementation dates have now been set and 1% were superseded. Of the 21 recommendations followed up that were deemed to be critical, 18 have been fully implemented and 3 have been partially implemented. Revised implementation dates have been agreed for each of these recommendations.

It is our view that the Council has in place a sound system of governance, risk management and internal control and that appropriate mechanisms are in place to identify any areas of weakness. This is corroborated by an Annual Assurance Statement prepared by the Council's Chief Auditor stating that reasonable assurance can be placed upon the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's governance, risk management and internal control framework.

Action Plan

Following consideration of the review of adequacy and effectiveness the following action plan has been agreed to ensure continual improvement of the Council's governance.

Agreed action	Responsible person	Date
Prepare 3-year Improvement Plans for each service	Service Director	August 2022
Review and refresh quarterly scorecard of performance information	Head of Policy and Commissioning	September 2022
Establish an action plan arising from the CIPFA FM Code	Head of Finance and Business Services	31 December 2022

The agreed actions will be subject to review to identify the progress being made in implementing them.

Update on the 2020/21 Action Plan

The 2020/21 Governance Statement identified areas of continuous improvement activities to be taken forward to improve the overall governance, risk management and internal control environment. Progress over the last 12 months against the agreed action plan is detailed below.

Agreed action	Progress Update	Responsible person	Date	Revised Date
Ongoing Actions				
Review and update where necessary the policy for expressing concerns outwith line management 'whistleblowing' for approval by Board.	The update was delayed due to other priorities, but the policy is now in its final draft and has been submitted for consultation to senior management and other appropriate parties, prior to being submitted to Board for approval.	Chief Auditor	September 2021	December 2022
Review and refresh the Council Plan.	The new Council Plan was approved by Council on 29 September 2022.	Head of Policy and Commissioning	September 2022	N/A

Assurance

Subject to the above, and on the basis of the assurances provided, we consider the governance and internal control environment operating during 2021/22 provides reasonable and objective assurance that any significant risks impacting on the achievement of our principal objectives will be identified and actions taken to avoid or mitigate their impact. Systems are in place to continually review and improve the governance and internal control environment and action plans are in place to address identified areas for improvement.

Cllr Iain Nicolson
Leader of the Council

Alan Russell
Chief Executive

Remuneration Report

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI No. 2014/200) amend the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SI No 2011/64) and requires local authorities in Scotland to prepare a Remuneration Report as part of the annual statutory accounts. All information disclosed in sections three to eight in this Remuneration Report has been audited by the Council's appointed auditor, Audit Scotland. The other sections of the Remuneration Report will be reviewed by Audit Scotland to ensure that they are consistent with the financial statements.

1. Remuneration Policy for Senior Employees

The salary of senior employees is set by reference to national arrangements. The Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee (SJNC) for Local Authority Services sets the salaries for the Chief Executives of Scottish local authorities. The salaries of the Corporate Directors and Heads of Service are based on a spinal column point model as agreed by the Finance and Resources Policy Board on 14 May 2014. Senior employees received a flat £800 pay award in 2021/22 and no other benefits.

2. Remuneration policy for the Leader of the Council, the Provost and Senior Councillors

The annual salary of the Leader of the Council and the upper limit for the annual salary of the Provost (or civic head) are set by the Scottish Government in terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007, as amended by the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2021. The salary for the Leader of the Council in 2021/22 was £37,111 per annum (£35,617 in 2020/21) and the salary for the Provost was £27,834 per annum (£26,713 in 2020/21).

In terms of the same Regulations, the Scottish Government permits Renfrewshire Council to nominate up to 14 senior councillors (in addition to

the Leader of the Council and the Provost), whose salaries in aggregate must not exceed a specified amount, in 2021/22 being £325,593 per annum; and whose salaries individually must be on a specified scale, in 2021/22 £18,604 to £27,910. In May 2017, the Council approved that Renfrewshire would have 12 senior councillors: four Policy Board Conveners (salary of £27,512 per annum in 2021/22); four Regulatory Board Conveners (salary of £22,690 in 2021/22); Chair of Renfrewshire Leisure Board; Chair/Vice-Chair of Integration Joint Board and two Leaders of the Opposition (salary of £22,690 in 2021/22).

3. Remuneration of Senior Employees

The regulations define a senior employee as any employee who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- has responsibility for the management of the local authority to the extent that the person has power to direct or control the major activities of the authority whether solely or collectively with other persons.
- holds a post that is politically restricted by reason of section 2(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- whose annual remuneration, including any annual remuneration from a local authority subsidiary body is £150,000 or more.

The Council has interpreted the above criteria as including the Chief Executive, Directors and the Chief Executive of OneRen.

The term 'remuneration' means gross salary, fees and bonuses, allowances and expenses and compensation for loss of office. The table below outlines the remuneration details for senior employees, including prior year figures. The table shows the relevant amounts, before tax and other deductions, due to, or receivable by, each of the persons named for the year to 31 March 2022, whether or not those amounts were actually paid to, or received by, those persons within that period. There were no non-consolidated bonuses or performance-related payments made to any senior officer in 2021/22.

2020/21	Senior employees		2021/22		
Total Remuneration £	Name	Post held	Annual Salary £	Election Allowances £	Total Remuneration £
150,438	Sandra Black	Chief Executive until 15 December 2021 <i>(full year equivalent £151,238)</i>	107,317	13,613	120,930
122,540	Alan Russell	Director of Finance and Resources until 15 December 2021; Chief Executive from 16 December 2021; <i>(full year equivalent : £151,328)</i>	131,520	5,445	136,965
122,540	Mary Crearie	Director of Communities and Housing Services	123,340	0	123,340
n/a	Alastair MacArthur	Acting Director of Finance and Resources from 16 December 2021 to 15 February 2022; Director of Finance and Resources from 16 February 2022: <i>(full year equivalent : £116,870)</i>	40,985	0	40,985
122,540	Gordon McNeil	Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services	123,340	3,403	126,743
122,540	Steven Quinn	Director of Children's Services	123,340	0	123,340
640,598	Total		649,842	22,461	672,303

2020/21	Senior Employees of Subsidiary Bodies		2021/22
Total Remuneration £	Name	Post held	Total Remuneration £
103,235	Victoria Hollows	Chief Executive, OneRen	104,035
103,235	Total		104,035

In 2021/22, some Senior Employees received remuneration connected to election activities; this was nil in 2020/21. There were no non-consolidated bonuses or performance-related payments made to any senior officer in 2021/22.

4. Remuneration of Senior Councillors

Under the regulations, remuneration disclosures are to be made for the Leader of the Council, the Civic Head and any councillor designated a Senior Councillor by the Council. The table below shows the relevant amounts, before tax and other deductions, due to each of the persons named for the year to 31 March 2022, whether or not those amounts were actually paid or received within that period and relate only to the Senior Councillor posts indicated.

2020/21	Senior Councillors		2021/22
Total Remuneration £	Name	Position held	Total Remuneration £
35,617	Iain Nicolson	Leader Of the Council	37,111
26,713	Lorraine Cameron	Provost	27,834
26,405	Cathy McEwan	Policy Board Convener	27,512
26,405	Marie McGurk	Policy Board Convener	27,512
26,405	Jim Paterson	Policy Board Convener	27,512
26,405	John Shaw	Policy Board Convener	27,512
21,776	John McNaughtan	Regulatory Board Convener	22,690
21,776	Bill Binks	Regulatory Board Convener	22,690
21,776	Jennifer Adam-McGregor	Regulatory Board Convener	22,690
21,776	Andy Steel	Regulatory Board Convener	22,690
26,405	Lisa-Marie Hughes	Chair Renfrewshire Leisure	27,512
26,405	Jacqueline Cameron	Chair/Vice Chair IJB	27,512
21,776	Eddie Devine	Leader of largest opposition group	22,690
10,588	Neill Graham	Leader of 2nd largest opposition group from 6 Oct 2020	22,690
11,188	James MacLaren	Leader of 2nd largest opposition group until 5 Oct 2020	0
351,416	Total		366,157

No payments were made in connection with loss of employment or office, nor were any other payments made that are not included in the table.

5. Pension Entitlement

Pension benefits for councillors and local government employees are provided through the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Councillors' pension benefits are based on career average pay. The councillor's pay for each year or part year ending 31 March (other than the pay in the final year commencing 1 April) is increased by the increase in the cost of living, as measured by the appropriate index (or indices) between the end of that year and the last day of the month in which their membership of the scheme ends. The total of the revalued pay is then divided by the period of membership to calculate the career average pay. This is the value used to calculate the pension benefits.

From 1 April 2015 benefits for local government employees are based on career average pay. Pension benefits are based on the pay received for each year

in the scheme increased by the increase in the cost of living, as measured by the appropriate index (or indices). The scheme's normal retirement age is linked to the state pension age of each member.

From 1 April 2009 a five-tier contribution system was introduced with contributions from scheme members being based on how much pay falls into each tier. This is designed to give more equality between the cost and benefits of scheme membership. Prior to 2009 contributions rates were set at 6% for all non-manual employees. The tiers and members contribution rates are as follows:

Tiered contribution rates on whole time pay 2021/22		Equivalent bandings for 2020/21
Up to £22,300	5.5%	Up to £22,200
£22,301 to £27,300	7.25%	£22,201 to £27,100
£27,301 to £37,400	8.5%	£27,101 to £37,200
£37,401 to £49,900	9.5%	£37,201 to £49,600
Over £49,901	12%	Over £49,601

If a person works part-time their contribution rate will be based on their part-time pay.

There is no automatic entitlement to a lump sum. Members may opt to give up (commute) pension for lump sum up to the limit set by the Finance Act 2004. The accrual rate guarantees a pension based on 1/49th of pensionable pay for each year of membership, adjusted in line with the cost of living (prior to 2015 the accrual rate guaranteed a pension based on 1/60th of final pensionable salary).

The value of the accrued benefits has been calculated on the basis of the age at which the person will first become entitled to receive a pension on retirement without reduction on account of its payment at that

age; without exercising any option to commute pension entitlement into a lump sum; and without any adjustment for the effects of future inflation.

The pension entitlements for Senior Employees and Senior Councillors for the year to 31 March 2022 are shown in the table below, together with the contribution made by the Council to each individual's pension during the year.

Any senior employees and councillors omitted from the following tables are not members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Name	Post held	In-year pension contributions by Renfrewshire Council		Accrued pension benefits as at 31 March 2022		Change in accrued pension benefits since 31 March 2021	
		2021/22 £	2020/21 £	Pension £000	Lump Sum £000	Pension £000	Lump Sum £000
Senior Employees							
Sandra Black	Chief Executive until 15 December 2021	20,750	28,955	86	159	3	11
Alan Russell	Director of Finance and Resources until 15 December 2021;	25,784	23,586	64	91	12	17
	Chief Executive from 16 December 2021						
Mary Crearie	Director of Communities and Housing Services	23,778	23,586	57	82	3	1
Alastair MacArthur	Acting Director of Finance and Resources from 16 December 2021 to 15 February 2022;	19,893	n/a	48	66	n/a	n/a
	Director of Finance and Resources from 16 February 2022						
Gordon McNeil	Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services	23,778	23,586	38	32	3	0
Steven Quinn	Director of Children's Services	23,778	23,586	20	0	3	0
Total		137,761	123,299	313	430	24	29

Senior Employees of Subsidiary Bodies							
Victoria Hollows	Chief Executive, OneRen	20,062	19,870	37	46	2	1
Total		20,062	19,870	37	46	2	1

Leader of the Council, Provost, Senior Councillors							
Name	Post held	In-year pension contributions by Renfrewshire Council		Accrued pension benefits as at 31 March 2022		Change in accrued pension benefits since 31 March 2021	
		2021/22 £	2020/21 £	Pension £000	Lump Sum £000	Pension £000	Lump Sum £000
Iain Nicolson	Leader Of the Council	7,162	6,874	9	3	1	1
Cathy McEwan	Policy Board Convener	5,310	5,096	5	0	1	0
Marie McGurk	Policy Board Convener	5,310	5,096	3	0	0	0
Jim Paterson	Policy Board Convener	5,310	5,096	3	0	1	0
John Shaw	Policy Board Convener	5,310	5,096	3	0	1	0
Lisa-Marie	Chair Renfrewshire Leisure	5,310	5,096	3	0	1	0
Jacqueline Cameron	Chair/Vice Chair Integration Joint Board	5,310	5,096	3	0	1	0
John McNaughtan	Regulatory Board Convener	4,379	4,203	2	0	0	0
Jennifer Adam-McGregor	Regulatory Board Convener	4,379	4,203	2	0	0	0
Andy Steel	Regulatory Board Convener	4,379	4,203	2	0	0	0
Eddie Devine	Leader of largest opposition group	4,379	4,203	7	1	1	0
Neill Graham	Leader of 2nd largest opposition group from 6 October 2020	4,379	3,809	2	0	0	0
James MacLaren	Leader of 2nd largest opposition group until 5 October 2020	n/a	3,830	0	0	n/a	n/a
Total		60,917	61,901	44	4	7	1

6. Councillors' remuneration

The Council paid the following amounts to its elected members (councillors) during the year.

2020/21 £		2021/22 £
872,251	Salaries	892,271
970	Travel costs – reimbursed	1,187
0	Travel costs – paid directly by the Council	1,420
174	Subsistence expenses - accommodation	0
0	Training and Conferences	230
167	Telephone and information technology expenses – reimbursed	0
5,351	Telephone and information technology expenses – paid directly by the Council	6,030
878,913	Total	901,138

The public record of members' salaries, allowances and expenses for 2021/22 is available for inspection on the Register of Councillors' Interests page of the Council's website and navigating to: [Your Council>Councillors> Record of councillor salaries, allowances, expenses and training register.](#)

7. Remuneration of Employees

The following table gives a statement of the number of employees whose remuneration, excluding pension contributions, was in excess of £50,000 during 2021/22, in bands of £5,000; and also details of the number of those employees highlighted who left the employment of the Council during 2021/22. This information includes those senior employees who are subject to the fuller disclosure requirements in the tables above. Note that leavers may be included due to retirement or redundancy costs. Bands with nil employees for both years are not shown.

2020/21			Remuneration band	2021/22		
Teachers	Non-teachers	Total		Teachers	Non-teachers	Total
151	64	215	£50,000 to £54,999	146	73	219
84	63	147	£55,000 to £59,999	97	55	152
58	20	78	£60,000 to £64,999	56	22	78
16	24	40	£65,000 to £69,999	17	32	49
3	15	18	£70,000 to £74,999	2	8	10
4	2	6	£75,000 to £79,999	3	4	7
4	6	10	£80,000 to £84,999	1	3	4
1	3	4	£85,000 to £89,999	1	1	2
2	11	13	£90,000 to £94,999	1	8	9
0	2	2	£95,000 to £99,999	0	2	2
0	3	3	£100,000 to £104,999	0	4	4
0	1	1	£105,000 to £109,999	0	1	1
0	4	4	£120,000 to £124,999	0	3	3
0	0	0	£130,000 to £134,999	0	1	1
0	0	0	£140,000 to £144,999	0	1	1
0	1	1	£150,000 to £154,999	0	0	0
323	219	542		324	218	542

Of the staff noted above, five left during the year and their termination payments are included in the above analysis; however, they would have been included as an over-£50k earner in a normal year. In 2020/21, eight people were only included because they left, and their termination payments pushed their remuneration over the £50k threshold.

8. Exit Packages

The Council has agreed a number of exit packages in 2021/22 as detailed in the table below. The exit packages agreed were all on a voluntary basis; there were no compulsory redundancies. The Council only agrees exit packages where they are consistent with wider workforce planning and service delivery objectives; and where the savings accruing from an individual ceasing employment with the Council are sufficient to pay back the costs of the exit package within an acceptable period. The assessment of the payback period takes account of the total costs of the exit package.

The total exit package costs in the table below include redundancy, pension strain and compensatory lump sum payments; and also, the notional capitalised costs of compensatory added years. These notional costs are not based on actual costs, but are the estimated present value of projected costs over the lifetime of the individuals in receipt of the exit package, based on the following assumptions:

	2021/22	2020/21
Future Life expectancy at age 65 – males	21.0 years	21.2 years
Future Life expectancy at age 65 – females	24.5 years	24.7 years
Pension increase rate	3.2%	2.9%
Discount Rate	2.7%	2.0%

Exit Package Cost	2021/22		2020/21	
	Number of Employees	Value £m	Number of Employees	Value £m
£0 - £20,000	10	0.120	8	0.089
£20,001 - £40,000	3	0.093	2	0.050
£40,001 - £60,000	6	0.285	0	0.000
£60,001 - £80,000	4	0.270	0	0.000
£80,001 - £100,000	1	0.092	1	0.083
£100,001 - £150,000	4	0.479	5	0.578
£150,001 - £200,000	6	1.140	0	0.000
£200,001 - £250,000	3	0.668	0	0.000
£250,001 - £300,000	3	0.815	1	0.258
£300,001 - £350,000	2	0.632	0	0.000
Total	42	4.594	17	1.058

9. Trade Union Facility Time

Renfrewshire Council recognises that it is to the mutual benefit of the Council and its employees that employees are represented by Trade Unions. The Council is committed to the principle of collective bargaining at both national and local level. The Council recognises the key role of Trade Unions in promoting and developing good employee relations and health and safety practices.

The Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 requires public sector employers to publish information relating to facility time taken by union representatives.

Trade Union (TU) representative	
Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the period	42
FTE employee number	41.3

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time	
Total cost of facility time	£279,517
Total pay bill	£306,592,048
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time	0.09%

Percentage of time spent on facility time	
Number of representatives	% time
7.00	0%
28.00	1% - 50%
4.00	51% - 99%
3.00	100%

Paid Trade Union activities	
Time spent on paid TU activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	41.47%

Cllr Iain Nicolson
Leader of the Council

Alan Russell
Chief Executive

Independent auditor's report to the members of Renfrewshire Council and the Accounts Commission

Reporting on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the annual accounts of Renfrewshire Council and its group for the year ended 31 March 2022 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The financial statements comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statements, Movement in Reserves Statements, Balance Sheets, and Cash-Flow Statements, the council-only Housing Revenue Account, the Council Tax Income Account, and the Non-Domestic Rates Account and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK adopted international accounting standards, as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 (the 2021/22 Code).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable law and the 2021/22 Code of the state of affairs of the Council and its group as at 31 March 2022 and of the income and expenditure of the Council and its group for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK adopted international accounting standards, as interpreted and adapted by the 2021/22 Code; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I was appointed by the Accounts Commission on 26 September 2022. The period of total uninterrupted appointment is 1 year. I am independent of the Council and its group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. Non-audit services prohibited by the Ethical Standard were not provided to the Council. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

I have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Council and its group to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

These conclusions are not intended to, nor do they, provide assurance on the current or future financial sustainability of the Council and its group. However, I report on the Council's arrangements for financial sustainability in a separate Annual Audit Report available from the [Audit Scotland website](#).

Risks of material misstatement

I report in my Annual Audit Report the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement that I identified and my judgements thereon.

Responsibilities of the Director of Finance and Resources and the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Director of Finance and Resources is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the Director of Finance and Resources determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Director of Finance and Resources is responsible for assessing the ability of the Council and its group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless there is an intention to discontinue the operations of the Council and its group.

The Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Procedures include:

- obtaining an understanding of the applicable legal and regulatory framework and how the Council and its group is complying with that framework;
- identifying which laws and regulations are significant in the context of the Council and its group;
- assessing the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Council's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Reporting on other requirements

Opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the audited part of the Remuneration Report

I have audited the part of the Remuneration Report described as audited. In my opinion, the audited part of the Remuneration Report has been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

Other information

The Director of Finance and Resources is responsible for other information in the annual accounts. The other information comprises the Management Commentary, Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Responsibilities and the unaudited part of the Remuneration Report.

My responsibility is to read all the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Management Commentary and Annual Governance Statement to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Management Commentary and Annual Governance Statement

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Management Commentary for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with statutory guidance issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003; and
- the information given in the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016).

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by the Accounts Commission to report to you if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements and the audited part of the Remuneration Report are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit; or
- there has been a failure to achieve a prescribed financial objective.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Conclusions on wider scope responsibilities

In addition to my responsibilities for the annual accounts, my conclusions on the wider scope responsibilities specified in the Code of Audit Practice, including those in respect of Best Value, are set out in my Annual Audit Report.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the accounting cost of providing services and managing the Council during the year. It includes, on an accruals basis, all of the Council's day-to-day expenses and related income. It also includes transactions measuring the value of non-current assets actually consumed during the year and the real projected value of retirement benefits earned by employees during the year. The statement shows the accounting cost in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the cost according to the statutory regulations that specify the net expenditure that Councils need to take into account when setting the annual council tax charge. The required adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations are shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

2020/21 (restated)			Note	2021/22		
Gross expenditure	Gross income	Net expenditure		Gross expenditure	Gross income	Net expenditure
£m	£m	£m		£m	£m	£m
246.606	(38.531)	208.075	Children's Services	253.334	(41.446)	211.888
56.764	(53.414)	3.350	Communities and Housing Services	57.024	(54.169)	2.855
90.889	(14.265)	76.624	Environment and Infrastructure	104.227	(12.804)	91.423
105.499	(53.203)	52.296	Finance and Resources	106.841	(48.250)	58.591
34.624	(8.808)	25.816	Chief Executive's Service	41.418	(7.783)	33.635
15.103	(14.887)	0.216	Miscellaneous Services	12.708	(13.850)	(1.142)
222.661	(148.864)	73.797	Adult Services	233.939	(147.843)	86.096
772.146	(331.972)	440.174	Cost of Services	809.491	(326.145)	483.346
0.136	0.000	0.136	(Gain)/Loss on the disposal of non-current assets	(0.175)	0.000	(0.175)
24.027	(0.565)	23.462	Financing and investment income and expenditure	25.222	(0.631)	24.591
0.000	(481.232)	(481.232)	Taxation and non-specific grant income	0.000	(486.210)	(486.210)
796.309	(813.769)	(17.460)	Deficit/(Surplus) on the Provision of Services	834.538	(812.986)	21.552
		(47.608)	(Surplus)/Deficit on the revaluation of non-current assets		9	(165.905)
		(0.452)	(Surplus)/Deficit from investments in equity instruments designated as Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income		9	(0.058)
		37.341	Actuarial (gain)/loss on pension assets and liabilities		29	(214.582)
		(10.719)	Other comprehensive (income) and expenditure			(380.545)
		(28.179)	Total comprehensive (income) and expenditure			(358.993)

Figures shown in brackets represent income or gains and figures without brackets represent expenditure or losses.

For details of the 2020/21 restatement, please refer to Note 2: Prior Year Restatement.

Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Council, analysed into usable reserves (those reserves that can be applied to fund expenditure or to reduce local taxation) and unusable reserves. The surplus or deficit on the provision of services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Council's services, more details of which are shown in the CIES. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account for council tax-setting and dwellings rent-setting purposes. The net increase or (decrease) before transfers to other statutory reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from the other statutory reserves of the Council.

2021/22		General Fund Balance £m	Housing Revenue Account £m	Revenue statutory funds £m	Capital Funds £m	Total Usable Reserves £m	Unusable Reserves £m	Total reserves £m
	Note							
Balance at 1 April 2021		100.142	6.497	2.864	96.274	205.777	962.930	1,168.707
Movement in reserves during the year								
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		(15.516)	(6.036)	0.000	0.000	(21.552)	380.545	358.993
Adjustments to Usable Reserves permitted by accounting standards		14.295	11.178	0.000	0.000	25.473	(25.473)	0.000
Transfers to / (from) other statutory reserves	8	(0.110)	0.000	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	7	17.540	(5.142)	0.000	4.045	16.443	(16.443)	0.000
Increase / (Decrease) in year		16.209	0.000	0.110	4.045	20.364	338.629	358.993
Balance at 31 March 2022		116.351	6.497	2.974	100.319	226.141	1,301.559	1,527.700

Comparative movements in 2020/21		General Fund Balance £m	Housing Revenue Account £m	Revenue statutory funds £m	Capital Funds £m	Total usable reserves £m	Unusable reserves £m	Total reserves £m
	Note							
Balance at 1 April 2020		54.811	6.807	2.858	95.145	159.621	946.924	1,106.545
Movement in reserves during the year								
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		24.618	(7.158)	0.000	0.000	17.460	10.719	28.179
Adjustments to Usable Reserves permitted by accounting standards		11.754	10.545	0.000	0.000	22.299	0.000	22.299
Transfers to / (from) other statutory reserves	8	(0.006)	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	7	(2.719)	(3.697)	0.000	1.129	(5.287)	5.287	0.000
Increase / (Decrease) in year		33.647	(0.310)	0.006	1.129	34.472	16.006	50.478
Balance at 31 March 2021		88.458	6.497	2.864	96.274	194.093	962.930	1,157.023

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows the value as at 31 March 2022 of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Council. The net assets of the Council are matched by the reserves held by the Council. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category comprises usable reserves, which are reserves that the Council may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve, which may only be used to fund capital expenditure or to repay debt). The second category of reserves comprises those that the Council is not able to use to provide services. This category includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses in the value of assets (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold, and reserves that hold differences shown as 'adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations' in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

As at 31 March 2021 £m		Note	As at 31 March 2022 £m
1,484.243	Property, plant and equipment	10	1,663.152
39.303	Heritage assets	11	44.186
1.467	Investment property	12	1.479
4.177	Intangible assets	14	3.349
4.344	Long-term investments	23	9.513
2.682	Long-term debtors	20	2.966
1,536.216	Long-term assets		1,724.645
0.625	Assets held for sale	13	0.922
135.881	Short-term investments	23	183.583
0.879	Inventories	18	1.032
81.940	Short-term debtors	20	82.106
46.271	Cash and cash equivalents	19	18.817
265.596	Current assets		286.460
(91.021)	Short-term borrowing	23	(92.034)
(74.685)	Short-term creditors	21	(75.843)
(0.212)	Short-term provisions	22	(0.240)
(165.918)	Current liabilities		(168.117)
(73.261)	Long-term creditors	21	(69.152)
(5.078)	Long-term provisions	22	(5.117)
(201.297)	Long-term borrowing	23	(219.781)
(221.534)	Other long-term liabilities	29	(55.221)
(501.170)	Long-term liabilities		(349.271)
1,134.724	Net assets		1,493.717
(194.093)	Usable reserves	8	(214.457)
(940.631)	Unusable reserves	9	(1,279.260)
(1,134.724)	Total reserves		(1,493.717)

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Cashflow Statement

This statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Council during the year. It shows how the Council generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which the operations of the Council are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the Council. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources that are intended to contribute to the Council's future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (that is, borrowing) to the Council.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
17.460	Net surplus/(deficit) on the provision of services	(21.552)
	Adjustment for non-cash movements:	
76.736	Depreciation, amortisation, impairment and revaluations	63.319
12.448	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	0.729
(32.848)	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(0.450)
0.110	(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(0.153)
21.670	Pension (liability)/asset	48.269
0.594	Carrying amount of non-current assets sold	0.610
0.826	Other non-cash items charged to the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services	0.232
(46.299)	Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	(42.875)
50.697	Net cash flows from operating activities	48.129
	Net cash flows from investing activities :	
(69.125)	Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(82.237)
(0.458)	Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	(0.785)
(43.095)	Proceeds from short-term and long-term investments	(52.871)
46.757	Other receipts from investing activities	43.660
	Net cash flows from financing activities	
(2.795)	Cash payments for the reduction of the outstanding liability relating to finance leases and on-balance sheet PFI /PPP contracts	(2.847)
51.594	Repayment of short-term and long-term borrowing	19.497
33.575	Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(27.454)
12.696	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	46.271
46.271	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	18.817

The Net cash flow from operating activities above includes the following elements of interest paid and received:

2020/21 £m	Interest Paid and Received	2021/22 £m
(0.565)	Interest received	(0.631)
10.372	Interest paid	10.895
5.525	Interest element of finance lease and PPP payments	5.525
15.332		15.789

Note 1: Expenditure and Funding Analysis

The Expenditure and Funding Analysis shows how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources (government grants, rents, council tax and non-domestic rates) by the Council in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by the Council in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Council's service departments. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted account practices is presented more fully in the CIES.

2021/22	Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund and HRA £m	Adjustments between Funding and Accounting basis £m	Depreciation charged to Revaluation Reserve £m	Net Expenditure in the CIES £m
Children's Services	217.871	(16.333)	10.350	211.888
Communities and Housing Services	11.109	(19.432)	11.178	2.855
Environment & Infrastructure	55.880	34.833	0.710	91.423
Finance & Resources	40.045	17.258	1.288	58.591
Chief Executive's Service	28.009	3.822	1.804	33.635
Miscellaneous Services	28.094	(29.379)	0.143	(1.142)
Adult Services	79.974	6.122	0.000	86.096
Net cost of services	460.982	(3.109)	25.473	483.346
Other income and expenditure	(477.191)	15.507	0.000	(461.794)
(Surplus) / Deficit	(16.209)	12.398	25.473	21.552
Opening General Fund and HRA balance	(94.955)			
Less (Surplus) / Deficit in the year	(16.209)			
Closing General Fund and HRA at 31 March*	(111.164)			

* For a split of this balance between the General Fund and the HRA, see the Movement in Reserves Statement.

2021/22	Adjustments for capital purposes £m	Net change for the pensions adjustments £m	Other differences £m	Total Adjustments £m
Children's Services	2.064	12.728	(31.125)	(16.333)
Communities and Housing Services	0.366	3.497	(23.295)	(19.432)
Environment & Infrastructure	9.795	9.319	15.719	34.833
Finance & Resources	2.944	7.771	6.543	17.258
Chief Executive's Service	1.939	2.677	(0.794)	3.822
Miscellaneous Services	(8.264)	0.477	(21.592)	(29.379)
Adult Services	0.000	6.893	(0.771)	6.122
Net cost of services	8.844	43.362	(55.315)	(3.109)
Other income and expenditure	(43.835)	4.907	54.435	15.507
Total adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis	(34.991)	48.269	(0.880)	12.398

- Adjustments for capital purposes: adds in depreciation, impairment and revaluation gains and losses to the service net expenditure including income on the disposal of assets and the amounts written off for those assets and the statutory charges for capital financing and capital grants which are not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices.

- Net change for the pensions adjustments: removes employer pension contributions as allowed by statute and replaces with the current and past service costs within the IAS 19 employee benefits pension related expenditure and income. The net interest on the defined benefit liability is also included as charged to the CIES.
- Other differences: any other differences between those amounts debited or credited to the CIES and amounts payable or receivable to be recognised under statute, including those primarily involved in the financial instruments adjustment account, the employee statutory adjustment account and other statutory funds. Any other non-statutory adjustments would also be included here.

2020/21 (restated)	Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund and HRA £m	Adjustments between Funding and Accounting basis £m	Depreciation charged to Revaluation Reserve £m	Net Expenditure in the CIES £m
Children's Services	203.835	(4.189)	8.429	208.075
Communities and Housing Services	11.615	(18.810)	10.545	3.350
Environment & Infrastructure	55.652	20.310	0.662	76.624
Finance & Resources	39.198	12.003	1.095	52.296
Chief Executive's Service	21.640	2.774	1.402	25.816
Miscellaneous Services	28.598	(28.548)	0.166	0.216
Adult Services	72.251	1.546	0.000	73.797
Net cost of services	432.789	(14.914)	22.299	440.174
Other income and expenditure	(466.132)	8.498	0.000	(457.634)
(Surplus) / Deficit	(33.343)	(6.416)	22.299	(17.460)
Opening General Fund and HRA balance	(61.618)			
Less (Surplus) / Deficit in the year	(33.343)			
Add other items not charged to the Surplus	0.006			
Closing General Fund and HRA at 31 March*	(94.955)			

* For a split of this balance between the General Fund and the HRA, see the Movement in Reserves Statement.

2020/21 (restated)	Adjustments for capital purposes £m	Net change for the pensions adjustments £m	Other differences £m	Total Adjustments £m
Children's Services	18.036	5.247	(27.472)	(4.189)
Communities and Housing Services	(2.473)	1.684	(18.021)	(18.810)
Environment & Infrastructure	10.807	3.550	5.953	20.310
Finance & Resources	2.889	3.491	5.623	12.003
Chief Executive's Service	1.938	1.069	(0.233)	2.774
Miscellaneous Services	(12.659)	(0.629)	(15.260)	(28.548)
Adult Services	0.000	2.985	(1.439)	1.546
Net cost of services	18.538	17.397	(50.849)	(14.914)
Other income and expenditure	(46.615)	4.273	50.840	8.498
Total adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis	(28.077)	21.670	(0.009)	(6.416)

Note 2: Prior Year Restatement

The Council overstated interest payable in 2020/21 and understated the Net Cost of Services in the CIES by £3.599m. This occurred due to a miscoded contingent rental and service charge that forms part of the Service Concession Agreement for the Bargeddie waste facility. The result is that the charge to the Net Cost of Services has increased by £3.599m and the charge to Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure has reduced by £3.599m. There has been no change to the overall total Deficit/(Surplus) on the Provision of Services.

The following table shows the relevant extracted lines from the CIES that have been affected by the restatement. No other primary statements are affected by the restatement. Note 3 is also restated on the interest payable line.

Effect on the CIES

	Originally Stated 2020/21 £m	Restated 2020/21 £m	Amount of Restatement £m
Environment and Infrastructure	73.025	76.624	3.599
Net Cost of Services	436.575	440.174	3.599
Financing and investment income and expenditure	27.061	23.462	(3.599)
Deficit/(Surplus) on the Provision of Services	(17.460)	(17.460)	(0.000)

A change to disclosure requirements in the Code in relation to depreciation charged on revalued assets has resulted in a purely presentational change in the Movement in Reserves Statement and Unusable Reserves notes. A value of £22.299m was moved between rows in each of these tables, but there is no change to overall balances.

Note 3: Financing and investment income and expenditure

2020/21 (restated) £m		2021/22 £m
19.754	Interest payable and similar charges	20.315
4.273	Net interest on the net defined benefit liability	4.907
(0.565)	Interest receivable and similar income	(0.631)
23.462	Total	24.591

Note 4: Taxation and non-specific grant income

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
(83.037)	Income from Council Tax and community charge	(86.464)
(73.841)	Distribution from the national non-domestic rate pool	(81.663)
(277.597)	General Revenue Grant from the Scottish Government	(274.423)
(46.757)	Capital grants and contributions	(43.660)
(481.232)	Total	(486.210)

Note 5: Expenditure and income analysed by nature

This note presents the subjective analysis of expenditure and income shown by operational service area in the CIES.

2020/21 (restated) £m		Note	2021/22 £m
	Expenditure		
321.450	Employee benefits expenses		356.167
373.960	Other service expenses		390.005
76.736	Depreciation, amortisation, impairment		63.319
24.027	Interest Payments	3	25.222
0.136	Loss on the disposal of assets	9	(0.175)
796.309	Total expenditure		834.538
	Income		
(331.972)	Fees, charges and other service income		(326.145)
(0.565)	Interest and investment income	3	(0.631)
(156.878)	Income from council tax and non-domestic rates	4	(168.127)
(324.354)	Government grants and contributions	4	(318.083)
(813.769)	Total income		(812.986)
(17.460)	(Surplus) or deficit on the provision of services		21.552

Note 6: Grant income

The Council credited the following grants, contributions and donations direct to services in the CIES during 2021/22.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
48.162	Housing benefit	43.434
0.700	Housing benefit and Council Tax administration	0.549
0.215	Discretionary Housing Payment	1.203
0.500	Private sector housing grant	0.200
0.685	Education Maintenance Allowance	0.579
0.017	Gaelic Education	0.016
0.000	School Milk	0.015
4.360	Pupil Equity Fund	4.276
19.528	Early Years Expansion	21.860
8.681	Other Education	9.265
3.078	Children's Services	3.163
12.254	Adult Services	12.322
3.173	Employability	1.436
3.105	Other grants	8.011
104.458	Total	106.329

Note 7: Adjustment between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Council in the year in accordance with proper accounting practice to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Council to meet future capital and revenue expenditure.

The first table outlines the current year position, and the second table outlines the comparative prior year position.

2021/22	Usable reserves				Unusable reserves
	General Fund Balance	Housing Revenue Account Balance	Capital Statutory Funds	Capital Receipts Reserve	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:					
Reversal of items charged to the CIES:					
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(21.812)	(15.158)	0.000	0.000	36.970
Amortisation of intangible assets	(0.876)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.876
Capital grants and contributions applied	36.513	7.147	0.000	0.000	(43.660)
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain or loss on disposal to the CIES	0.169	0.006	0.000	0.000	(0.175)
Insertion of items not charged to the CIES:					
Statutory provision for the repayment of Loans Fund & Finance Lease principal	3.451	15.087	0.000	0.000	(18.538)
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA Balances	10.464	0.000	(5.089)	0.000	(5.375)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:					
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited as part of the gain or loss on disposal to the CIES	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.785)	0.785
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.829	(1.829)
Adjustment primarily involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:					
Amount by which finance costs charged to the CIES are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	0.289	0.203	0.000	0.000	(0.492)
Adjustments primarily involving the Pension Reserve:					
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the CIES	(80.312)	(0.215)	0.000	0.000	80.527
Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	34.168	(1.910)	0.000	0.000	(32.258)
Adjustment primarily involving the Employee Statutory Adjustment Account:					
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the CIES on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	0.406	(0.018)	0.000	0.000	(0.388)
Total adjustments	(17.540)	5.142	(5.089)	1.044	16.443

2020/21 (restated)	Usable reserves				Unusable reserves £m
	General Fund Balance £m	Housing Revenue Account £m	Capital Statutory Funds £m	Capital Receipts Reserve £m	
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Adjustment Account:					
Reversal of items charged to the CIES:					
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	(37.536)	(15.995)	0.000	0.000	53.531
Amortisation of intangible assets	(0.906)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.906
Capital grants and contributions applied	45.332	1.425	0.000	0.000	(46.757)
Amounts of non-current assets written off on disposal or sale as part of the gain or loss on disposal to the CIES	(0.150)	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.136
Insertion of items not charged to the CIES:					
Statutory provision for the repayment of Loans Fund & Finance Lease principal	10.933	19.217	0.000	0.000	(30.150)
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and HRA Balances	5.743	0.000	(1.944)	0.000	(3.799)
Adjustments primarily involving the Capital Receipts Reserve:					
Transfer of cash sale proceeds credited as part of the gain or loss on disposal to the CIES	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.458)	0.458
Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.273	(1.273)
Adjustment primarily involving the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account:					
Amount by which finance costs charged to the CIES are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	0.271	0.222	0.000	0.000	(0.493)
Adjustments primarily involving the Pension Reserve:					
Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the CIES	(55.368)	(0.188)	0.000	0.000	55.556
Employer’s pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	34.856	(0.970)	0.000	0.000	(33.886)
Adjustment primarily involving the Employee Statutory Adjustment Account:					
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the CIES on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(0.456)	(0.028)	0.000	0.000	0.484
Total adjustments	2.719	3.697	(1.944)	0.815	(5.287)

Note 8: Usable reserves

Usable reserves are those reserves the Council is able to apply to fund expenditure or reduce taxation and comprise both capital and revenue reserves. Movements in the revenue reserves during the year are outlined in the Movement in Reserves Statement and a summary is shown in below.

More information about the Housing Revenue Account can be found on page 90.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Usable Reserves	As at 31 March 2022 £m
(88.458)	General Fund Balance	(104.667)
(6.497)	Housing Revenue Account Balance	(6.497)
(8.638)	Capital Receipts Reserve	(7.594)
(90.500)	Other Statutory Funds	(95.699)
(194.093)	Total	(214.457)

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund Balance in statutory funds established under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 to provide financing for specific areas of expenditure, and the amounts transferred back from these funds to meet General Fund expenditure in 2021/22.

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £m	Transfers out £m	Transfers in £m	Balance at 31 March 2021 £m	Transfers out £m	Transfers in £m	Balance at 31 March 2022 £m
Insurance Fund	2.543	0.000	0.000	2.543	0.000	0.110	2.653
Reservoir Repair Fund	0.315	0.000	0.006	0.321	0.000	0.000	0.321
Revenue statutory funds	2.858	0.000	0.006	2.864	0.000	0.110	2.974
Education Capital Items Fund	1.057	(0.213)	0.556	1.400	(0.224)	1.093	2.269
Investment Capital Fund	84.635	(0.987)	2.588	86.236	(0.680)	4.900	90.456
Capital statutory funds	85.692	(1.200)	3.144	87.636	(0.904)	5.993	92.725
Total	88.550	(1.200)	3.150	90.500	(0.904)	6.103	95.699

- The Insurance Fund is the funding mechanism for the control of insurable risk and covers the main classes of insurance. It is earmarked for premiums and self-funded insurance costs.
- The Reservoir Repair Fund is funding received from a contractor for repairs in perpetuity to the Thornly Dam.
- The Education Capital Items Fund is earmarked funding for specific schools to be used in future years for planned purchases of a capital nature, such as computers and information communication technology equipment.
- The Investment Capital Fund represents planned funding earmarked to support the Council's investment programme and the wider strategic management of the Council's associated debt profile.
- In addition to the capital statutory funds above the Capital Receipts Reserve is also a statutory fund. The Capital Receipts Reserve holds cash receipts from asset sales and is used to fund planned capital expenditure.

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £m	Sale proceeds £m	Capital exp funded £m	Balance at 31 March 2021 £m	Sale proceeds £m	Capital exp funded £m	Balance at 31 March 2022 £m
Capital Receipts Reserve	9.453	0.458	(1.273)	8.638	0.785	(1.829)	7.594

Ring-fenced elements of the General Fund Balance

The following note sets out the amounts within the General Fund Balance that the Council has ring-fenced for future expenditure plans. The unallocated balance of £10.788m represents 2.3% of the Council's net annual running costs.

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £m	Transfers out £m	Transfers in £m	Balance at 31 March 2021 £m	Transfers out £m	Transfers in £m	Balance at 31 March 2022 £m
Alcohol and Drugs Commission	1.000	0.000	1.000	2.000	(0.196)	0.000	1.804
British Sign Language	0.095	(0.014)	0.000	0.081	(0.080)	0.000	0.001
City Deal	1.181	(0.522)	0.000	0.659	(1.094)	2.185	1.750
Climate Change Action Fund	0.000	0.000	0.742	0.742	(0.131)	0.000	0.611
Community Empowerment Fund	0.432	(0.057)	0.000	0.375	(0.036)	0.000	0.339
Community Safety	0.031	(0.031)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
COVID-19 Construction Recovery Fund	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.000	10.000
COVID-19 Education Recovery	0.000	0.000	6.149	6.149	(3.534)	3.713	6.328
COVID-19 General Recovery Fund	0.000	0.000	11.390	11.390	(16.412)	14.182	9.160
Culture Bid Legacy	2.920	0.000	0.612	3.532	(0.225)	0.260	3.567
Development Contribution – Paisley Town Centre	1.057	0.000	0.000	1.057	0.000	0.000	1.057
Digital Infrastructure	0.410	(0.035)	0.000	0.375	0.000	2.014	2.389
Discretionary business grants	0.000	0.000	2.303	2.303	(1.911)	0.000	0.392
Early Years Change Fund	1.900	0.000	0.000	1.900	0.000	0.000	1.900
Employability	4.704	0.000	3.391	8.095	(1.704)	3.090	9.481
Environment & Infrastructure	2.000	(0.500)	0.000	1.500	(0.500)	0.015	1.015
Inflation Mitigation	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.990	4.990
Invest in Renfrewshire	1.829	(3.237)	1.984	0.576	(0.576)	0.000	0.000
Leisure: Inclusive Play Facility	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050
Memorial Headstone Safety	0.000	0.000	0.987	0.987	(0.362)	0.000	0.625
Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy	1.895	0.000	1.100	2.995	(1.895)	0.154	1.254
PPP Schools Replacement Fund	12.670	0.000	0.000	12.670	0.000	0.000	12.670
Private Sector Housing Grant	2.573	0.000	0.059	2.632	(0.851)	0.425	2.206
Pupil Equity Fund	1.470	(0.245)	0.000	1.225	0.000	0.034	1.259
Response to Commission on Tackling Poverty	3.004	(0.773)	0.190	2.421	(1.019)	0.000	1.402
School Music Participation Funding	0.375	0.000	0.000	0.375	(0.125)	0.035	0.285
Service Modernisation and Reform Fund	6.828	0.000	0.153	6.981	(0.124)	4.202	11.059
Social Renewal Plan	0.000	0.000	2.706	2.706	(0.911)	0.000	1.795
Town Centre Public WiFi	0.202	(0.109)	0.000	0.093	(0.060)	0.000	0.033
Villages Improvement Fund	0.370	(0.078)	0.000	0.292	(0.159)	0.000	0.133
Welfare Reform	0.198	(0.010)	0.424	0.612	(0.291)	0.712	1.033
Year end flexibility:							
Children's Services	1.018	0.000	1.780	2.798	(0.220)	2.713	5.291
General Fund Ring-fenced Total	48.212	(5.611)	34.970	77.571	(32.416)	48.724	93.879
Unallocated element of the General Fund Balance	6.599	0.000	4.288	10.887	(0.099)	0.000	10.788
Total General Fund Balance	54.811	(5.611)	39.258	88.458	(32.515)	48.724	104.667

Note 9: Unusable reserves

Unusable reserves are those reserves that the Council is not able to utilise to provide services, and comprise:

- Reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses, particularly in relation to the revaluation of property, plant and equipment and financial instruments, where amounts will only become available to provide services (or limit resources in the case of losses) once the gains or losses are realised as the assets are disposed of. This category of reserves comprises the Revaluation Reserve and the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve.
- Adjustment accounts that deal with situations where income and expenditure are recognised according to statutory regulations against the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account Balance on a different basis from that expected by generally accepted accounting practices. These adjustment accounts will carry either a debit balance (showing that the Council is required by statute to fund its expenditure more slowly than accounting standards would expect) or a credit balance (where the Council has set resources aside under statute earlier than accounting standards require). The adjustment accounts effectively offset the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account Balance to give the Council more or less spending power in the short term than proper accounting practices would allow. The adjustment accounts comprise the Capital Adjustment Account, the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account, the Capital Receipts Reserve, the Pension Reserve and the Employee Statutory Adjustment Account.

As at 31 March 2021 (restated) £m	Unusable Reserves	As at 31 March 2022 £m
(565.557)	Revaluation Reserve	(705.624)
221.533	Pension Reserve	55.220
(615.667)	Capital Adjustment Account	(646.978)
11.929	Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	11.437
(0.939)	Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve	(0.997)
8.070	Employee Statutory Adjustment Account	7.682
(940.631)	Total Unusable Reserves	(1,279.260)

Revaluation Reserve

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Council arising from increases in the value of its non-current assets. The balance is reduced when assets with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost,
- used in the provision of services and the gains are consumed through depreciation; or
- disposed of and the gains are realised.

The Revaluation Reserve contains only revaluation gains accumulated since 1 April 2007, which was the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created. Accumulated gains arising before that date are consolidated into the balance on the Capital Adjustment Account.

As at 31 March 2021 (restated) £m	Revaluation Reserve	As at 31 March 2022 £m
(540.348)	Balance at 1 April	(565.557)
(47.608)	Upward revaluation of non-current assets	(165.905)
22.299	Difference between fair value depreciation and historic cost depreciation	25.473
0.100	Accumulated (gains) / losses on disposal of non-current assets transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account	0.365
(25.209)	Movement in Year	(140.067)
(565.557)	Balance at 31 March	(705.624)

Pension Reserve

The Pension Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post-employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions or regulations. The Council accounts for post-employment benefits in the CIES as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as the Council makes employer's contributions to pension funds. The debit balance on the Pension Reserve shows a significant shortfall in the benefits earned by past and current employees and the Council's share of Strathclyde Pension Fund resources available to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Pension Reserve	As at 31 March 2022 £m
162.522	Balance at 1 April	221.533
37.341	Actuarial (gains) / losses on pension assets and liabilities	(214.582)
55.556	Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services in the CIES	80.527
(33.886)	Employer's pension contributions payable in the year	(32.258)
221.533	Balance at 31 March	55.220

Capital Adjustment Account

The Capital Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for the consumption of non-current assets and for financing the acquisition, construction or enhancement of those assets. The Capital Adjustment Account is debited with the cost of acquisition, construction or enhancement as depreciation, impairment losses and amortisations are charged to the CIES (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a historical cost basis).

The Capital Adjustment Account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Council as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement.

The Capital Adjustment Account contains accumulated gains and losses on investment properties and gains recognised on donated assets that have yet to be consumed by the Council, and also revaluation gains accumulated on property, plant and equipment before 1 April 2007. The Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains arising from 1 April 2007 onwards.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Capital Adjustment Account	As at 31 March 2022 £m
(588.619)	Balance at 1 April	(615.667)
	Reversal of items relating to capital expenditure charged to the CIES:	
53.531	Charges for depreciation, impairment and revaluation losses of non-current assets	36.970
0.906	Amortisation of intangible assets	0.876
0.458	Non-current assets sale proceeds	0.785
0.136	(Gain)/Loss on disposal of non-current assets charged to the CIES	(0.175)
(0.100)	Adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	(0.365)
54.931	Net written out amount of non-current assets consumed in the year	38.091
	Capital financing applied in the year:	
(1.273)	Use of the Capital Receipts Reserve to finance new capital expenditure	(1.829)
(46.757)	Capital grants and contributions credited to the CIES that have been applied to capital financing	(43.660)
(30.150)	Loans Fund and Finance Lease principal repayments	(18.538)
(3.799)	Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances	(5.375)
(81.979)		(69.402)
(615.667)	Balance at 31 March	(646.978)

Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

The Financial Instruments Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for income and expenses relating to certain financial instruments, and for bearing losses or benefiting from gains in accordance with statutory provisions [or regulations]. The Council uses the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account to:

- Manage premiums incurred on the early repayment of borrowings. Generally accepted accounting practices require that premiums are debited to the CIES when they are incurred (except where the loan debt being repaid is exchanged for new loan debt on substantially similar terms). However, statutory arrangements or regulations allow any premiums that would normally require to be taken immediately to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services, to be amortised to the General Fund Balance over the various periods of time as specified in the regulations/statutory guidance. Furthermore, statutory arrangements [or regulations] require that any premiums that were on the Council's balance sheet at 31 March 2007 be amortised to the General Fund Balance over the unexpired term that was outstanding on the associated loans when they were redeemed. The Council had various premiums totalling £17.630m at 31 March 2007 and, under the statutory arrangements, these will be fully amortised to the General Fund Balance by financial year 2053-2054.

- Manage borrowings that were on the Council's balance sheet at 31 March 2007 and that have a stepped interest rate feature. These borrowings comprise five 'lender option borrower option' (LOBO) loans for which the interest rate was fixed for an initial period, and at a pre-agreed later date the interest rate changed. Generally accepted accounting practices require that interest charges relating to borrowings that have a stepped interest rate feature are debited to the CIES on the basis of a single effective interest rate (EIR) over the expected life of the loans, rather than based on the contractual cash outflows of interest. However, statutory arrangements [or regulations] allow such borrowings that were on the Council's balance sheet at 31 March 2007 to be charged to the General Fund Balance in accordance with the accounting treatment prior to 1 April 2007, which did not require the use of the effective interest rate as the basis for the interest charge.
- Manage 'soft loans' that were on the Council's balance sheet at 31 March 2007. Soft loans are loans advanced by the Council at nil or below prevailing interest rates. Generally accepted accounting practices require that the discounted interest rate is recognised as a reduction in the fair value of the loan, with the difference being debited to the CIES as service expenditure. However, statutory arrangements [or regulations] require that, for soft loans on the Council's balance sheet at 31 March 2007, the reduction in value and corresponding charge to be reversed, so that there is no impact on the General Fund Balance. As at 31 March 2007 interest free loans amounting to £0.156m had been advanced to employees who had had changes implemented to their pay cycle. These loans are repayable when employees leave the Council's employment.

Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	Refinancing premiums and discounts £m	Borrowing on stepped interest rate loans £m	Loans to third parties at less than market rate £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 April 2021	11.022	0.883	0.024	11.929
Premiums incurred in previous financial years to be charged against the General Fund Balance in accordance with statutory requirements	(0.472)	0.000	0.000	(0.472)
Amount by which finance costs charged to the CIES are different from finance costs chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	0.000	(0.017)	(0.003)	(0.020)
Balance at 31 March 2022	10.550	0.866	0.021	11.437

Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve

The Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Council arising from increases in the value of its investments that are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The balance is reduced when investments with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost; or
- disposed of and the gains are realised.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve	As at 31 March 2022 £m
(0.487)	Balance at 1 April	(0.939)
(0.452)	Downward/(Upward) revaluation of investments	(0.058)
(0.939)	Balance at 31 March	(0.997)

Employee Statutory Adjustment Account

The Employee Statutory Adjustment Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for short-term accumulating compensated absences at the end of the financial year.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Employee Statutory Adjustment Account	As at 31 March 2022 £m
7.586	Balance at 1 April	8.070
(7.586)	Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the prior year	(8.070)
8.070	Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	7.682
8.070	Balance at 31 March	7.682

Note 10: Property, Plant and Equipment

The Code requires that where a component of an asset is replaced, the carrying amount (i.e. net book value) of the old component shall be derecognised to avoid double counting and the new component is reflected in the carrying amount of the infrastructure asset. However, due to practical difficulties in applying component accounting for the recognition and derecognition of replaced components of infrastructure assets, most local authorities have been unable to comply with the requirement to assess the net book value of the replaced component and have treated the amount of the replaced component as zero, because the replaced component is considered to have been fully used up at the point that it is replaced.

In recognition of this difficulty, the Scottish Government issued a Statutory Override in August 2022. Renfrewshire Council has elected to apply both of the following provisions:

- **Statutory Override 1:** For accounting periods commencing from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2024 a local authority is not required to report the gross cost and accumulated depreciation for infrastructure assets.
- **Statutory Override 2:** For accounting periods commencing from 1 April 2010 until 31 March 2024 the carrying amount to be derecognised in respect of a replaced part of an infrastructure asset is required to be a nil amount, and no subsequent adjustment shall be made to the carrying amount of the asset with respect to that part.

Note 10: Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

Movements in 2021/22	Council dwellings £m	Other land and buildings £m	Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment £m	Infrastructure assets £m	Assets under construction £m	Surplus assets £m	Total £m	Of which funded by PFI £m
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 31 March 2021	579.608	296.670	350.381	173.012	62.874	21.698	1,484.243	107.052
Reclassified (to)/ from Assets Held for Sale	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.822)	(0.822)	0.000
Other Reclassifications	2.018	2.938	7.964	35.218	(48.797)	0.659	0.000	0.064
Additions	5.168	4.485	14.953	12.933	43.709	0.000	81.248	2.122
Disposals	0.000	0.000	(2.050)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(2.050)	0.000
Depreciation	0.000	6.594	26.735	(6.995)	0.000	0.016	26.350	5.621
Revaluation adjustments taken to the Revaluation Reserve	32.010	23.221	25.238	0.000	0.000	0.856	81.325	10.156
Revaluation adjustments recognised in the CIES	0.000	7.411	(14.404)	0.000	0.000	(0.149)	(7.142)	0.404
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 31 March 2022	618.804	341.319	408.817	214.168	57.786	22.258	1,663.152	125.419
Gross carrying amount at 31 March 2022	618.804	353.451	620.666	n/a	58.064	27.290	1,678.275	133.326
Accumulated depreciation at 31 March 2022	(0.000)	(12.132)	(211.849)	n/a	(0.278)	(5.032)	(229.291)	(7.907)
Infrastructure Assets	0.000	0.000	0.000	214.168	0.000	0.000	214.168	0.000
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 31 March 2022	618.804	341.319	408.817	214.168	57.786	22.258	1,663.152	125.419

2020/21	Council dwellings £m	Other land and buildings £m	Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment £m	Infrastructure assets £m	Assets under construction £m	Surplus assets £m	Total £m	Of which funded by PFI £m
Gross carrying amount at 1 April 2020	570.519	306.663	572.577	317.986	57.153	27.227	1,852.125	118.671
Assets reclassified (to)/from the "held for sale" category	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.000
Other asset reclassifications	14.600	2.211	2.389	0.000	(19.488)	0.288	0.000	0.000
Additions	4.300	4.102	9.823	9.989	25.487	0.000	53.701	1.909
Disposals	(0.189)	(0.317)	(0.255)	0.000	0.000	(0.093)	(0.854)	0.000
Revaluation increases/(decreases) taken to the Revaluation Reserve	(9.622)	5.767	8.560	0.000	0.000	0.242	4.947	0.000
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	0.000	(3.030)	(4.129)	0.000	0.000	(0.993)	(8.152)	0.000
Gross carrying amount at 31 March 2021	579.608	315.396	588.965	327.975	63.152	26.746	1,901.842	120.580
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 April 2020	0.000	17.993	221.199	148.243	0.278	5.169	392.882	9.020
Depreciation on other reclassifications	0.000	(0.141)	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.000	0.000
Depreciation charge for the year	19.017	7.753	37.291	6.720	0.000	0.087	70.868	4.508
Depreciation and impairment on disposals	(0.006)	0.000	(0.254)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.260)	0.000
Depreciation written out to the Revaluation Reserve	(19.011)	(6.469)	(17.060)	0.000	0.000	(0.121)	(42.661)	0.000
Depreciation written out to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	0.000	(0.410)	(2.684)	0.000	0.000	(0.136)	(3.230)	0.000
Impairment losses taken to the Revaluation Reserve	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Impairment losses recognised in the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31 March 2021	0.000	18.726	238.584	154.963	0.278	5.048	417.599	13.528
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 31 March 2021	579.608	296.670	350.381	173.012	62.874	21.698	1,484.243	107.052
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 1 April 2020	570.519	288.670	351.378	169.743	56.875	22.058	1,459.243	109.651

Note 11: Heritage Assets

2020/21 £m	Heritage Assets	2021/22 £m
39.303	Balance at 1 April	39.303
0.000	Revaluations to CIES	(0.046)
0.000	Revaluations to Revaluation Reserve	4.929
39.303	Balance at 31 March	44.186

A valuation of the fair value of the Council's Heritage Assets was carried out by an external valuer between October 2021 and March 2022, resulting in the revaluations shown above. In the four years prior to 2021/22, there were no acquisitions, donations, or disposals of Heritage Assets. The only revaluations over this period (in 2017/18) amounted to £0.326m.

The combined collections managed by the Renfrewshire Arts and Museums Service number in excess of 350,000 objects and it is impractical to undertake a full valuation of all the items in the collection. The balances above reflect the valuation of materials examined by the external valuer during 2021/22. Further detail on the valuation of each category of asset is outlined in Accounting Policy K on page 83.

The details of the valuations of the assets are as follows:

- Archaeology items
- Natural history and science book collections
- Art collection
- Ceramics
- Natural history and Numismatics
- Science and social history collections
- Special collections
- Textiles
- Transport collection
- World cultures

Note 12: Investment properties

The following items of income and expense have been accounted for in the 'Financing and Investment income and expenditure' line in the CIES.

2020/21 £m	Investment Properties	2021/22 £m
(0.141)	Rental income from investment property	(0.118)
(0.141)	Net Loss / (Gain)	(0.118)

There are no restrictions on the Council's ability to realise the value inherent in its investment property or on the Council's right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. The Council has no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property, nor does it have contractual obligations in relation to repairs, maintenance or enhancement.

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties during the year:

2020/21 £m	Fair Value of Investment Properties	2021/22 £m
1.502	Opening balance at 1 April	1.467
(0.035)	Net gains or (losses) from fair value adjustments	0.012
0.000	Transfers from inventories and property, plant and equipment	0.000
1.467	Closing balance at 31 March	1.479

Fair Value Hierarchy

Detail of the authority's investment properties and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 31 March 2022 are as follows:

	Quoted Prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1)	Other significant observable inputs (level 2)	Other significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Fair Value as at 31 March 2022
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Commercial Units	0.000	0.400	0.000	0.400
Office Units	0.000	0.085	0.000	0.085
Commercial Sites	0.000	0.866	0.000	0.866
Other	0.000	0.128	0.000	0.128
Total	0.000	1.479	0.000	1.479

Valuation Techniques used to Determine Level 2 and 3 Fair Values for Investment Properties

Sufficient title and lease information is available in the respect of Investment Properties. This, coupled with knowledge of the rent being achieved, or likely to be achieved, has enabled the market approach to be used in respect of the fair value measurement of Investment Properties.

Market knowledge, through sales evidence of surplus development sites within Renfrewshire has also been factored into the fair value measurement. Therefore, the level of observable inputs is significant, leading to the properties being categorised at level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Note 13: Assets held for sale

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of assets held for sale during the year:

2020/21 £m	Assets Held for Sale	2021/22 £m
0.700	Opening balance at 1 April	0.625
	Assets reclassified as held for sale:	
(0.075)	Surplus Assets	0.822
0.000	Assets sold	(0.525)
0.625	Closing balance at 31 March	0.922

Note 14: Intangible assets

The Council accounts for purchased software licences as intangible assets. The cost of the licences is amortised on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the licences, which is three to five years for all ICT systems. Amortisation charges are initially charged to ICT services and then absorbed as an overhead across all the service headings in the net expenditure of services.

The movement on intangible asset balances during the year is shown in the following table.

2020/21 £m	Purchased Software Licences	2021/22 £m
	Balance at 1 April	
6.082	Gross carrying amount	6.124
(1.045)	Accumulated amortisation	(1.947)
5.037	Net carrying amount at 1 April	4.177
0.048	Additions: purchases	0.048
(0.006)	Disposals	(0.111)
0.004	Disposal amortisation	0.111
(0.906)	Amortisation for the year	(0.876)
4.177	Net carrying amount at 31 March	3.349
	Comprising:	
6.124	Gross carrying amount	6.061
(1.947)	Accumulated amortisation	(2.712)
4.177	Balance at 31 March	3.349

There are no individual intangible assets that are material to the financial statements and there are currently no contractual commitments for the acquisition of intangible assets.

Note 15: Capital expenditure and capital financing

Capital expenditure involves the creation of assets, the benefit of which will be available to future council tax and non-domestic rate payers. It is financed from borrowing and capital income (sales receipts), and so the cost of the asset is effectively borne over a number of years.

The Council's overall capital investment programme is sub-divided into two programmes: housing and non-housing. In 2021/22 total spending on capital projects was £82.757m (£53.749m in 2020/21) and was within the overall prudential limits approved by Council.

Capital receipts of £1.829m (£1.273m in 2020/21) were used to fund spending on capital projects.

The net capital expenditure for the year of £31.941m (£12.730m in 2020/21) was financed from external borrowing, credit arrangements and from cash balances. The table below shows the total amount of capital expenditure incurred in the year, including the value of assets acquired under finance leases and Service Concession Arrangements.

Also shown are the resources that have been used to finance this capital expenditure. Where capital expenditure is to be financed in future years by charges to revenue as assets are used by the Council, the expenditure results in an increase in the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), a measure of the capital expenditure incurred historically by the Council that has yet to be financed. The movement in the CFR during the year is also analysed in the table below.

As at 31 March 2021 £m		As at 31 March 2022 £m
375.262	Opening Capital Financing Requirement	347.082
	Capital investment:	
0.000	Opening Balance adjustment	1.509
53.694	Property, plant and equipment	81.248
0.007	Credit Arrangements (Finance Lease/PPP)	0.000
0.048	Intangible assets	0.048
	Sources of finance:	
(0.197)	Capital receipts – sale of council houses	0.000
(1.076)	Capital receipts – sale of other council assets	(1.829)
(46.757)	Government grants and other contributions	(43.660)
(3.799)	Sums set aside from revenue – direct revenue contributions	(5.375)
(30.100)	Loans Fund/Finance Lease principal repayments	(18.538)
347.082	Closing Capital Financing Requirement	360.485
	Explanation of movements in year:	
(25.307)	Increase/(decrease) in underlying need to borrow (unsupported by government financial assistance)	16.254
(0.108)	Reduction in finance leases obligations	(0.111)
(2.765)	Increase/(decrease) in PPP finance lease creditor	(2.740)
(28.180)	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Financing Requirement	13.403

At 31 March 2022 the Council had commitments on capital contracts for non-housing projects of £58.987m (£140.251m in 2020/21) and for housing projects of £25.933m (£35.263m in 2020/21). This expenditure will be funded from a combination of government grants, external borrowing, income from selling assets and contributions from revenue budgets.

Note 16: Service Concession Arrangements

The Council entered into a Public Private Partnership on 1 July 2006 for the provision and maintenance of educational buildings and other facilities. This agreement provides the Council with replacement buildings such as primary and secondary schools and community education premises. The provider is required to ensure the availability of these buildings to a pre-agreed standard, with deductions from the fee payable being made if facilities are unavailable or performance is below the minimum standard.

When the agreement ends in 2038, the buildings will be handed to the Council at nil consideration with a guarantee of no major maintenance requirements for a five-year period. The Council only has rights to terminate the contract if it compensates the contractor in full for costs incurred and future profits that would have been generated over the course of the remainder of the contract. The assets used to provide services are recognised on the Council's Balance Sheet. Movements in their value over the year are shown in the movement on the Property, Plant and Equipment balance in Note 10.

The Council makes an agreed payment each year which is increased by inflation and can be reduced if the contractor fails to meet availability and performance standards. Under the agreement the Council is committed to paying the following sums (assuming an average inflation rate of 2.5% per annum and excluding any performance/availability deductions). The discount rate used in this calculation is the interest rate implicit in the PFI agreement, which was fixed at the outset at 7.6%.

Future Repayment Periods - Schools	Service Charges £m	Liability Repayment £m	Interest Repayment £m	Contingent Rentals £m	Total £m
Payable within 1 year	6.044	2.947	4.924	4.227	18.142
Payable within 2-5 years	27.204	12.224	17.420	18.791	75.639
Payable within 6-10 years	35.101	20.447	16.046	30.267	101.861
Payable within 11-15 years	41.903	26.215	7.109	35.410	110.637
Payable within 16-20 years	6.473	4.464	0.228	5.753	16.918
Total	116.725	66.297	45.727	94.448	323.197

In 2019/20, the Council entered into a Service Concession Agreement for the use of a waste materials recovery facility at Bargeddie. Residual waste is then processed at a thermal treatment plant in Dunbar. North Lanarkshire Council is the lead authority and is contracted to Viridor.

Five councils, including Renfrewshire, have an inter-authority agreement with North Lanarkshire Council. Renfrewshire Council's share of the contract is 20%.

The discount rate used in this calculation is the interest rate implicit in the agreement, which was fixed at the outset at 5.68%.

Future Repayment Periods - Waste Facility	Service Charges £m	Liability Repayment £m	Interest Repayment £m	Total £m
Payable within 1 year	3.650	0.158	0.285	4.093
Payable within 2-5 years	15.645	0.601	1.055	17.301
Payable within 6-10 years	22.061	0.777	1.101	23.939
Payable within 11-15 years	25.082	0.893	0.921	26.896
Payable within 16-20 years	28.201	1.570	0.567	30.338
Payable within 21-25 years	16.677	1.018	0.113	17.808
Total	111.316	5.017	4.042	120.375

Although the payments made to the contractors under these arrangements are described as unitary payments, they have been calculated to compensate the contractor for the fair value of the services they provide, the capital expenditure incurred and interest payable whilst the capital expenditure remains to be reimbursed. The liability outstanding to pay for capital expenditure (the outstanding finance lease obligation) is as follows:

Outstanding Service Concession Arrangements	Schools £m	Waste Facility £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 April 2020	(71.438)	(5.294)	(76.732)
Additions during the year	0.000	(0.007)	(0.007)
Payments during the year	2.543	0.144	2.687
Balance at 31 March 2021	(68.895)	(5.157)	(74.052)
Additions during the year	0.000	0.000	0.000
Payments during the year	2.598	0.141	2.739
Balance at 31 March 2022	(66.297)	(5.016)	(71.313)

Note 17: Leases

Renfrewshire Council as Lessee

Operating Leases

The Council has 32 properties and 6 vehicles classed as operating leases, with average lives of 13 years. The future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable leases in future years are:

As at 31 March 2021 £m		As at 31 March 2022 £m
0.862	Not later than one year	0.897
2.341	Between one and five years	1.873
3.620	Later than five years	3.146
6.823		5.916

During 2021/22, there was £0.975m expenditure charged to the CIES in relation to these leases (£1.023m in 2020/21).

Finance Leases

Finance leases, which have substantially transferred to the Council the benefits and risks of ownership of a non-current asset, are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright.

Assets acquired under finance leases are included in non-current assets at the lower of the fair value or the present value of the minimum lease payments. The capital element of the lease is included as obligations under creditors. The lease rentals comprise capital and interest elements; the capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligation and the interest element is charged to revenue over the terms of the lease. The Council has 44 electric vehicles under a finance lease agreement over a period of 5 years

beginning during 2019/20. As at 31 March 2022, outstanding obligations to make payments under finance leases are as follows:

As at 31 March 2021 £m		As at 31 March 2022 £m
0.111	Not later than one year	0.115
0.270	Between one and five years	0.155
0.381		0.270

Renfrewshire Council as Lessor

Operating Leases

The Council leases out property and equipment under operating leases for the following purposes:

- for the provision of community services, such as sports facilities, tourism services and community centres

- for economic development purposes to provide suitable affordable accommodation for local businesses.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases in future years are:

As at 31 March 2021 £m		As at 31 March 2022 £m
0.178	Not later than one year	0.169
0.655	Between one and five years	0.611
6.464	Later than five years	6.339
7.297		7.119

The minimum lease payments receivable does not include rents that are contingent on events taking place after the lease was entered into, such as adjustments following rent reviews.

Note 18: Inventories

2020/21 £m	Inventories	2021/22 £m
0.989	Balance at 1 April	0.879
6.341	Additions during the year	7.454
(6.443)	Recognised as an expense during the year: inventories sold, exchanged or distributed	(7.294)
(0.028)	Recognised as an expense during the year: inventories written down	(0.025)
0.020	Reversals during the year of previous inventory write-downs	0.018
0.879	Balance at 31 March	1.032

Note 19: Cash and cash equivalents

The balance of cash and cash equivalents is made up of the following components. With the exception of imprest accounts held at Council establishments, the balances in all of the categories listed below are used together to manage the Council's overall cash balances on a day-to-day basis.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
(5.781)	Current account balances with the council's banker	(11.049)
0.000	Euro account balances with the council's banker - sterling equivalent	2.954
12.998	Callable deposits with UK banks and building societies	1.561
39.000	Callable deposits in money market funds and ultra-short bond funds	25.299
0.054	Imprest accounts held at council establishments	0.052
46.271	Total cash and cash equivalents	18.817

Note 20: Debtors

Amounts due to be received by the Council at 31 March are set out below. This is analysed by type of debtor to provide greater transparency of the sums due.

As at 31 March 2021			As at 31 March 2022	
Short-term £m	Long-term £m		Short-term £m	Long-term £m
33.033	0.000	Central government bodies (non-NHS)	20.790	0.000
21.580	1.170	Central government bodies (NHS)	30.832	1.080
1.865	0.000	Other local authorities	2.939	0.000
3.546	0.000	HM Revenue and Customs	4.564	0.000
0.002	0.034	Employees	0.061	0.032
17.102	0.000	Council Tax arrears	18.056	0.000
(10.353)	0.000	less impairment	(10.973)	0.000
3.773	0.000	Rent arrears	4.757	0.000
(1.964)	0.000	less impairment	(2.214)	0.000
32.659	5.830	Other entities and individuals	30.820	6.265
(19.303)	(4.352)	less impairment	(17.526)	(4.411)
81.940	2.682	Total Debtors	82.106	2.966

Note 21: Creditors

Amounts due to be paid by the Council as at 31 March are set out below. This is analysed by type of creditor to provide greater transparency of the sums due.

As at 31 March 2021			As at 31 March 2022	
Short-term £m	Long-term £m		Short-term £m	Long-term £m
(15.786)	(1.169)	Central government bodies (non-NHS)	(8.943)	(0.157)
(0.439)	0.000	Central government bodies (NHS)	(0.430)	0.000
(0.955)	0.000	Other local authorities	(2.629)	0.000
(5.738)	0.000	HM Revenue and Customs	(6.231)	0.000
(5.889)	0.000	Strathclyde Pension Fund and Scottish Public Pensions Agency	(5.677)	0.000
(11.156)	0.000	Employees	(12.150)	0.000
(2.598)	(66.297)	Service concession arrangements: schools	(2.947)	(63.350)
(0.141)	(5.016)	Service concession arrangements: waste facility	(0.158)	(4.859)
(0.111)	(0.270)	Finance lease liabilities	(0.115)	(0.155)
(4.206)	0.000	Council Tax refundable to taxpayers	(4.182)	0.000
(0.877)	0.000	Council Tax receipts in advance	(0.795)	0.000
0.000	(0.008)	Financial guarantees	0.000	(0.005)
(26.789)	(0.501)	Other entities and individuals	(31.586)	(0.626)
(74.685)	(73.261)	Total Creditors	(75.843)	(69.152)

Note 22: Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Teacher's maternity pay is a short-term provision, made to reflect the changes in European legislation that allow teachers to accrue all holidays during parental leave.

The movement in these short-term provisions is detailed below:

Short-term Provisions	Teachers' maternity pay £m	Other £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 April 2021	(0.112)	(0.100)	(0.212)
Additional provisions made during the year	(0.120)	(0.120)	(0.240)
Reversal of existing provisions	0.112	0.100	0.212
As at 31 March 2022	(0.120)	(0.120)	(0.240)

A summary of the movements in the long-term provisions made by the Council is detailed below, along with an explanation of the reason for the provision:

Long-term Provisions	Holiday pay compensation £m	Insurance claims £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 April 2021	(0.445)	(4.633)	(5.078)
Additional provisions made during the year	0.000	(1.307)	(1.307)
Amounts used during the year	0.000	1.268	1.268
As at 31 March 2022	(0.445)	(4.672)	(5.117)

Holiday pay compensation payments

The Council has received a number of claims arising from a European Court of Justice ruling in relation to holiday pay. A provision has been made to reflect the potential outcome of known claims. A contingent liability is recognised in Note 30 for potential claims that have not yet materialised.

Insurance claims

The provision for insurance claims represents the actuarial assessment of excess costs arising from insurance claims together with identified liabilities in respect of insurance claims outstanding against Renfrewshire Council and predecessor local authorities. The Council has increased its net assessment by £1.307m on the basis of information held by the Council and notified by Glasgow City Council, the coordinating authority for the former Strathclyde Regional Council.

Note 23: Financial Instruments

Categories of financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

The term 'financial instrument' covers both financial assets and financial liabilities and includes trade payables, borrowings (for example Public Works Loan Board debt and market debt), financial guarantees, bank overdraft, trade receivables, loans receivable, cash deposits with financial institutions (some on a fixed term basis and some which are immediately available) and longer-term investments. The following categories of financial instrument are carried in the balance sheet.

As at 31 March 2021		Financial Liabilities	As at 31 March 2022	
Long-term £m	Current £m		Long-term £m	Current £m
(201.297)	(0.834)	Principal sum borrowed	(199.427)	(1.869)
0.000	(2.708)	Accrued interest	0.000	(2.698)
(201.297)	(3.542)	Total Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) borrowing	(199.427)	(4.567)
0.000	(52.916)	Principal sum borrowed	(20.000)	(32.916)
0.000	(0.884)	Accrued interest	0.000	(0.871)
0.000	(0.883)	EIR adjustments	(0.354)	(0.512)
0.000	(54.683)	Total non-PWLB borrowing ("market debt")	(20.354)	(34.299)
0.000	(32.796)	Borrowing from group entities	0.000	(53.168)
(201.297)	(91.021)	Total Borrowing	(219.781)	(92.034)
0.000	(43.969)	At amortised cost trade payables	0.000	(43.590)
(71.581)	(2.851)	Service Concession and Finance Lease liabilities	(68.362)	(3.219)
(0.008)	0.000	Financial guarantees	(0.005)	0.000
(71.589)	(46.820)	Financial Liabilities included in Creditors	(68.367)	(46.809)

As at 31 March 2021		Financial Assets	As at 31 March 2022	
Long-term £m	Current £m		Long-term £m	Current £m
0.000	135.720	At amortised cost:	5.001	183.499
0.000	0.161	Principal	0.000	0.084
4.344	0.000	Accrued interest	4.512	0.000
		At fair value through other comprehensive income - designated equity instruments		
4.344	135.881	Total Investments	9.513	183.583
0.000	7.273	At amortised cost:	0.000	(9.437)
0.000	0.001	Principal	0.000	0.002
0.000	(0.003)	Accrued interest	0.000	(0.001)
0.000	39.000	Loss allowance	0.000	28.253
0.000	46.271	At fair value through profit or loss	0.000	18.817
		Total Cash and cash equivalents		
1.184	92.825	At amortised cost:	1.437	90.077
4.996	0.087	Trade receivables	5.027	0.065
0.854	0.000	Loans made for service purposes	0.913	0.000
(4.352)	(21.267)	Accrued interest	(4.411)	(19.740)
2.682	71.645	Loss allowance	2.966	70.402
		Financial Assets included in Debtors		

Loans to other entities and individuals comprise a loan to Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP of £0.275m (2020/21 £0.275m), a loan to Kilbarchan Amateur Athletic Club of £0.076m (2020/21 £0.077), home loans of £0.413m (2020/21 £0.551m), soft loans to service users of £0.030m (2020/21 £0.030m), soft loans to employees of £0.022m (2020/21 £0.023m),

social care charging order debtors of £0.749m (2020/21 £0.587m) and property charging order debtors of £0.027m (2020/21 £0.040m). Note that these balances are not principle amounts owed, rather valued at amortised cost based on a notional (effective) interest rate.

Equity instruments elected to fair value through other comprehensive income

The Council has elected to account for the Insurance Fund at fair value through other comprehensive income because it is a long-term strategic holding and changes in its fair value is not considered to be part of the Council's annual financial performance. The Insurance Fund is invested in the Phoenix Fund, managed on behalf of the Council by abrdn Capital Limited.

The objective of the fund is to achieve long term growth with low volatility, through a widely diversified portfolio. The fair value of the investment is £4.512m at 31 March 2022 (£4.344m as at 31 March 2021). Income from the Fund is reinvested.

Fair value of financial instruments

Financial instruments, except those classified at amortised cost, are carried in the Balance Sheet at fair value. For most assets, including money market funds, the fair value is taken from the market price. The fair values of other instruments have been estimated by calculating the net present value of the remaining contractual cash flows at 31 March 2022.

The Council's 'Fair value through other comprehensive income' assets comprise its insurance fund investments. The fair value of the insurance fund investments equates to the market value of those investments, and this valuation has been provided by the Council's investment manager, abrdn Capital Limited.

Financial instruments classified at amortised cost are carried in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost. Their fair values have been estimated by calculating the net present value of the remaining contractual cash flows at 31 March 2022, using the following methods and assumptions:

- Loans borrowed by the Council have been valued by discounting the contractual cash flows over the whole life of the instrument at the appropriate market rate for local authority loans.
- For 'lender option borrower option' (LOBO) loans, PWLB premature repayment rates have been applied to provide the fair value under PWLB debt

redemption procedures. The PWLB redemption rates provide a reasonable proxy for rates and a number of market participants have used this basis when considering early redemption costs for market loans. It is likely that lenders will only exercise their options when market rates have risen above the contractual loan rate. The interest rate risk associated with the Council's LOBOs is not deemed to be significant and the potential penalties charged may make the redemption of the loans an uneconomic option.

- The fair values of other long-term loans and investments have been discounted at the market rates for similar instruments with similar remaining terms to maturity on 31 March.
- The fair values of financial guarantees have been estimated based on the likelihood of the guarantees being called and the likely payments to be made.
- The fair values of finance lease assets and liabilities and of service concession (PFI) scheme liabilities have been calculated by discounting the contractual cash flows (excluding service charge elements) at the appropriate AA-rated corporate bond yield.
- No early repayment or impairment is recognised for any financial instrument.
- The fair value of short-term instruments, including trade payables and receivables, is assumed to approximate to the carrying amount given the low and stable interest rate environment.

Fair values are shown in the table below, split by their level in the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – fair value is only derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, e.g. bond prices
- Level 2 – fair value is calculated from inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, e.g. interest rates or yields for similar instruments
- Level 3 – fair value is determined using unobservable inputs, e.g. non-market data such as cash flow forecasts or estimated creditworthiness.

The fair value for each category of financial instrument is shown below, with the balance sheet carrying amount shown for comparison.

As at 31 March 2021		Financial Liabilities	Fair value level	As at 31 March 2022	
Carrying Amount £m	Fair value (restated) £m			Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m
(204.839)	(280.699)	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:			
(54.683)	(80.525)	Public Works Loan Board borrowing	2	(203.994)	(254.715)
		Non-PWLB borrowing ("market debt")	2	(54.653)	(73.852)
		Other liabilities:			
(74.432)	(121.485)	Service Concession and Finance Lease liabilities	3	(71.581)	(102.940)
(0.008)	(0.008)	Financial guarantees	3	(0.005)	(0.005)
(333.962)	(482.717)	Total financial liabilities for which fair value is disclosed		(330.233)	(431.512)
		Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:			
(32.796)	n/a	Borrowing from group entities		(53.168)	n/a
(44.922)	n/a	Trade payables: short-term		(43.590)	n/a
(77.718)		Total financial liabilities for which fair value is not disclosed		(96.758)	

Fair Values for 2020/21 have been restated for Service Concessions (specifically the Bargeddie waste facility), as this information is only now available. This is a presentational change only and does not affect the carrying values in the Balance Sheet.

As at 31 March 2021		Financial Assets	Fair value level	As at 31 March 2022	
Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m			Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m
39.000	39.000	Callable deposits in money market funds and ultra-short bond funds	1	25.299	25.299
0.000	0.000	Euro current account balances with the council's banker	2	2.954	2.954
4.344	4.344	Investments in pooled funds (insurance fund)	1	4.512	4.512
43.344	43.344	Total Financial assets measured at fair value		32.765	32.765
135.881	135.989	Fixed term deposits with UK local authorities	2	188.584	187.713
7.217	7.217	Callable deposits with UK banks and building societies (including sterling current account balances with the Council's banker)	2	(9.488)	(9.488)
0.054	0.054	Imprest accounts held at council establishments	2	0.052	0.052
1.583	1.687	Loans made for service purposes	3	1.592	1.707
144.735	144.947	Total Financial assets measured at amortised cost		180.740	179.984
188.079	188.291	Total financial assets for which fair value is disclosed		213.505	212.749
		Financial assets measured at amortised cost:			
1.183	n/a	Trade receivables and prepayments: long-term		1.437	n/a
71.561	n/a	Receivables and prepayments: short-term		70.339	n/a
72.744		Total financial assets for which fair value is not disclosed		71.776	

Items of income, expense, gain and loss relating to financial instruments

The following items of income, expense, gain and loss relating to financial instruments are included within the lines 'Financing and investment income and expenditure' and '(Surplus)/Deficit from investments in equity instruments designated as Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income' in the CIES.

2020/21 £m		Financial Assets			Financial liabilities at amortised cost £m	2021/22 £m
		Amortised cost £m	Elected to Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income £m	Fair Value through Profit or Loss £m		
15.897	Interest expense	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.420	16.420
2.565	Impairment losses	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.012	Fee expense	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
18.474	Total expense in the Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.420	16.420
(0.691)	Interest income	(0.337)	0.000	(0.016)	0.000	(0.353)
(0.103)	Dividend income	0.000	(0.110)	0.000	0.000	(0.110)
(0.003)	Other income	(0.260)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.260)
(0.797)	Total income in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(0.597)	(0.110)	(0.016)	0.000	(0.723)
(0.452)	Net (gain) or loss on revaluation	0.000	(0.057)	0.048	0.000	(0.009)
(0.452)	(Surplus)/Deficit on the revaluation of financial assets	0.000	(0.057)	0.048	0.000	(0.009)
17.225	Net (Gain)/Loss for the year	(0.597)	(0.167)	0.032	16.420	15.688

Note 24: Nature and extent of risks arising from Financial Instruments

The Council's management of treasury risks actively works to minimise the Council's exposure to the unpredictability of financial markets and to protect the financial resources available to fund services. The Council complies with CIPFA's Code of Treasury Management Practices and has written principles for overall risk management as well as written policies and procedures covering specific areas such as credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

In line with the Treasury Management Code, the Council approves a Treasury Management Strategy

before the commencement of each financial year. The Strategy sets out the parameters for the management of risks associated with financial instruments. The Council also produces Treasury Management Practices specifying the practical arrangements to be followed to manage these risks.

The Treasury Management Strategy includes an Investment Strategy in compliance with Scottish Government guidance on Local Government Investments. This Guidance emphasises that priority is to be given to security and liquidity, rather than yield.

The Council's Treasury Management Strategy and its Treasury Management Practices seek to achieve a suitable balance between risk and return or cost.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the short-term lending of surplus funds to financial institutions and local authorities, as well as credit exposures to the Council's customers. It is the policy of the Council to place deposits only with other local authorities and a limited number of high-quality banks, building societies and money market funds whose credit rating is independently assessed as sufficiently secure by the Council's treasury advisers and to restrict lending to a prudent maximum amount for each entity. The Treasury Management Strategy outlines the limits placed on investments with any counterparty. The table below summarises the credit risk exposures of the Council's treasury investment portfolio (including accrued interest) by credit rating.

2020/21 £m	Total Investment Portfolio by Credit Rating	2021/22 £m
39.000	AAA (money market funds and and ultra-short bond funds)	25.299
5.001	A+	0.000
8.000	A	0.500
0.000	A-	1.062
135.881	UK local authorities	188.584
187.882	Total	215.445

The Council does not generally allow credit for customers such that, at 31 March 2022, £8.131m of sundry income debt is past its due date for payment (£21.249m as at 31 March 2021). The past due amount can be analysed by age as follows:

2020/21 £m	Sundry Income Debt Past Due	2021/22 £m
14.999	Less than three months	2.125
0.500	Three to six months	1.019
0.660	Six months to one year	0.429
5.090	More than one year	4.558
21.249	Total	8.131

Loss allowances on trade receivables have been calculated by reference to the Council's historic experience of default, adjusted for current and

forecast economic conditions. Receivables are determined to have suffered a significant increase in credit risk where they are 30 or more days past due and they are determined to be credit-impaired where they are 90 or more days past due. Receivables are written off to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services when there is no reasonable prospect of payment, or when they become prescribed; but steps are still taken to collect sums owing when information becomes available which suggests the debtor can make payment.

Collateral

Renfrewshire Council occasionally provides loans to residents who wish to buy their homes under Right to Buy legislation. In such cases the Council takes a standard security over the property. As at 31 March 2022 the outstanding value of home loans advanced by the Council was £0.413m (£0.551m as at 31 March 2021).

Liquidity risk

The Council's main source of borrowing is HM Treasury's Public Works Loan Board, but the Council also has loans classed as 'lender option borrower option' (LOBO). There is no significant risk that the Council will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments under financial instruments.

The Council has safeguards in place to ensure that a significant proportion of its borrowing does not mature for repayment at any one time in the future to reduce the financial impact of re-borrowing at a time of unfavourable interest rates.

The Council's policy is to ensure that not more than 15% of loans are due to mature within any financial year and 50% within any rolling five-year period through a combination of prudent planning of new loans taken out and, where it is economic to do so, making early repayments.

The maturity analysis of the principal element of borrowing is as follows:

As at 31 March 2021		Principal Borrowing Maturity Analysis	As at 31 March 2022	
£m	%		£m	%
53.750	21.08%	Less than one year*	34.785	13.68%
1.869	0.73%	Between one and two years	20.835	8.20%
10.851	4.25%	Between two and five years	10.023	3.94%
188.577	73.94%	More than five years	188.569	74.18%
255.047	100.00%	Total	254.212	100.00%

*The principal maturing in less than one year exceeded the 15% target in 2020/21 due to the technical possibility that the call option on LOBO loans could have been called by the lender.

Market risk: interest rate risk

Changes in market interest rates influence the interest payable on borrowings and on interest receivable on surplus funds invested. For example, a rise in interest rates would mean an increase in the interest charged on borrowing at variable rates and an increased cost to the taxpayer. An increase in interest rates would also mean an increase in the income received on lending at variable rates and a reduction in cost for the taxpayer. Changes in market rates also affect the notional 'fair value' of lending and borrowing. For example, a rise in interest rates would reduce the fair value of both lending and borrowing at fixed rates. Changes in the fair value of lending and borrowing do not impact upon the taxpayer and are confined to prescribed presentational aspects in the Accounts.

The Council has a variety of strategies for managing the uncertainty of future interest rates and the financial impact on the Council's finances:

- it is the policy of the Council to limit its exposure to variable rate borrowing to a maximum of 25% of what it borrows;
- during periods of falling rates and where it is economically advantageous to do so, the Council will consider the repayment and restructuring of fixed interest rate debt;
- the Council takes daily advice from its specialist treasury advisers and actively monitors changes in interest rates to inform decisions on the lending of surplus funds, new borrowings and restructurings of existing borrowings.

To illustrate the notional impact of changes in interest rates upon the Council, the following table shows the financial effect if rates had been 1% higher during 2021/22, with all other variables held constant.

Interest rate risk	As at 31 March 2022 £m
Increase in interest receivable on deposits placed during the year	(2.879)
Notional impact on the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(2.879)
Share of this impact which would be attributable to the Housing Revenue Account	(1.195)
<i>Other changes that would have no impact on the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services or Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure:</i>	
Decrease in the fair value of fixed rate loans and deposits	0.739
Decrease in the fair value of fixed rate borrowing	62.952

The impact of a 1% fall in interest rates would be as above but with the changes being reversed.

Market risk: price risk

The Council's Insurance Fund is invested in an externally managed fund under the powers of schedule 3 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 and section 3 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994. The investments are managed on behalf of the Council by abrdn Capital Limited in the Phoenix Fund. The objective of the fund is to achieve long-term growth with low volatility, through a widely diversified portfolio. The benchmark return is SONIA+2% per annum. During 2021/22 the book cost of investments increased by £0.110m (£0.103m increase during 2020/21). The investment is classified as fair value through other comprehensive income, meaning that all movements in price will impact on the gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income and expenditure. This is an accounting requirement that has no impact on the taxpayer. To illustrate the impact of changes in share price upon the Council, an increase or fall of 5% in the general price of shares at 31 March 2022 would have resulted in a £0.070m gain or loss being recognised in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure for 2021/22.

Market risk: foreign exchange risk

As at 31 March 2022 the Council had a foreign currency deposit of €3.500m with the Council's banker (nil as at 31 March 2021). This sum was being held in order to mitigate the foreign exchange risk associated with a contract being entered into as part of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal programme. The sterling valuation of this deposit as at 31 March 2022, based on the euro to sterling exchange rate at that time, was £2.954m. To illustrate the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates upon the Council, a relative increase or decrease of 1% in the euro to sterling exchange rate at 31 March 2022 would have resulted in a £0.030m gain or loss being recognised in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure for 2021/22.

Note 25: External audit costs

2020/21 £m	Audit Fees	2021/22 £m
0.362	Fees payable with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor for the year	0.369
0.362	Total	0.369

Note 26: Agency services

The Council bills and collects non-domestic rates on behalf of the Scottish Government from ratepayers situated within Renfrewshire Council and East Renfrewshire Council. The Council also bills and collects, along with its own council tax, domestic water and sewerage charges on behalf of Scottish Water. In addition, the Council received a number of funding streams from the Scottish Government in 2021/22 to support third parties (individuals and businesses) impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council had no discretion over the terms of the funding and could not use it for service delivery. This means the Council acted as agent only and the grant funding received and paid out are not included in the Council's reserves, CIES or Balance Sheet. In some cases, an administration grant was awarded to the Council to facilitate these payments. This is accounted for as operational income and expenditure and not disclosed here.

2020/21 £m	Agency Services	2021/22 £m
73.841	Scottish Government - Contributions (to)/from the non-domestic rates pool	81.663
5.008	Non-domestic rates collected: East Renfrewshire	10.434
0.061	Service income from East Renfrewshire Council for collection of non-domestic rates	0.063
(5.069)	Cost of collection of Non-domestic rates from East Renfrewshire	(10.497)
30.472	Domestic water and sewerage charges collected	32.136
(30.472)	Domestic water and sewerage charges paid over to Scottish Water	(32.136)
0.637	Service income from Scottish Water for collection of domestic water and sewerage	0.637
1.674	COVID-19 PPE and Testing kits issued to external providers	3.318
(1.674)	COVID-19 PPE and Testing kits received from Scottish Government	(3.318)
1.069	Financial Hardship and Self-Isolation grants paid out	8.437
0.000	Financial Hardship and Self-Isolation funding received from Scottish Government as part of Revenue Support Grant	(4.372)
0.000	Financial Hardship and Self-Isolation funding received from Scottish Government (specific funding)	(4.065)
0.000	Additional payments to Health and Social Care staff (£500)	0.933
0.000	Additional payments to Secondary Teachers (£400)	0.375
(1.069)	Additional payments to Health and Social Care staff and Teachers funding received from Scottish Government	(1.308)
27.227	Business Grant Scheme paid out	0.000
(27.227)	Business Grant Scheme funding received from Scottish Government	0.000
14.861	Strategic Framework grants paid out	8.122
(14.861)	Strategic Framework funding received from Scottish Government	(8.122)
3.646	Other support for businesses (including furlough support) paid out	5.984
(3.646)	Other support for businesses (including furlough support) funding received from Scottish Government	(5.984)

Note 27: Related parties

The Council's related parties are those bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or significantly influence the Council, or to be controlled or significantly influenced by the Council, or where those individuals or bodies and the Council are subject to common control. The Council is required to disclose material transactions that have occurred with related parties and the amount of any material sums due to or from related parties.

Related party relationships require to be disclosed where control exists, irrespective of whether there have been transactions between the related parties. Disclosure of this information allows readers to assess the extent to which the Council might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or

might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the Council.

Scottish Government

The Scottish Government has the potential to influence the general operations of the Council, being responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Council operates. The Scottish Government provides the majority of the Council's funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Council has with other parties such as Council tax billing.

Grants received from the Scottish Government are set out in the analysis in Note 4: Taxation and non-specific grant income.

Elected Members

Elected Members have direct control over the Council's financial and operating policies. The total of Members' allowances paid is shown in the Remuneration Report. Details of Elected Members' interests can be accessed from each councillor's page on the Council website, at: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/councillors. Services totalling £0.496m (£0.416m* at 31 March 2021) were commissioned from organisations in which three elected members had a financial interest. The relevant members played no role in the decision relating to services commissioned and contracts were entered into in full compliance with contract standing orders. Payments for services and grants totalling £0.512m (£0.740m* at 31 March 2021) were paid to organisations in which five elected members had a non-financial interest. The relevant members did not take part in discussions regarding grant awards or commissioning of services.

* Both of these totals include £0.347m relating to an organisation in which one elected member had a financial interest and another elected member had a non-financial interest.

Officers

The Chief Executive holds a position of director of Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP. There is no remuneration associated with this post.

Details of the Council's interests in Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP are outlined in the Notes to the Group Accounts from page 98.

For further details of Senior Officers' interests, please check the register of interests on the Council website at: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk > Your Council > Information, performance and statistics > Council structure.

Entities controlled or significantly influenced by the Council

The Council also has interests in several Joint Boards and Committees as outlined in the Group Accounts Notes G1 and G2.

Note 28: Pension schemes accounted for as defined contribution schemes

Renfrewshire Council participates in the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme. The scheme is an unfunded statutory public service pension scheme with benefits underwritten by the UK Government. The scheme is financed by payments from employers and from those current employees who are members of the scheme and paying contributions at progressively higher marginal rates based on pensionable pay, as specified in the regulations. The rate of employer contributions is set with reference to a funding valuation undertaken by the scheme actuary. The last four-yearly valuation was undertaken as at 31 March 2020, which set the contribution rate payable from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023.

Renfrewshire Council has no liability for other employers' obligations to the multi-employer scheme. As the scheme is unfunded there can be no deficit or surplus to distribute on the wind-up of the scheme or withdrawal from the scheme.

The scheme is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefit scheme. It is accepted that the scheme can be treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme in circumstances where Renfrewshire Council is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. While the employee rate applied is variable, it will provide an actuarial yield of 9.6% of pensionable pay. At the last valuation a shortfall of £1.3bn was identified in the notional fund, which will be repaid by the increased rate of employers' pension contribution, effective from 1 September 2019, of 23%.

Based on the proportion of employer contributions paid in 2020/21, Renfrewshire Council's level of participation in the scheme is 2.8%. The Council paid £18.487m (£17.546m in 2020/21) for employer's contributions to the Scottish Public Pensions Agency. £0.349m of expenditure (£0.404m in 2020/21) was charged to service revenue accounts in respect of "added years" pension enhancement termination benefits, representing 0.4% of teachers' pensionable

pay (0.5% in 2020/21). The estimated contribution for 2022/23 is £17.385m.

Note 29: Defined benefit pension schemes

29a: Participation in pension schemes

The pension scheme for teachers (the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme) is explained in the previous note, whilst this note relates exclusively to the pension scheme for all other employees: the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland (LGPS) is a funded, defined benefit, statutory occupational pension scheme. It is regulated by the Scottish Public Pensions Agency but is administered locally by fund administering authorities through regional pension funds. For Renfrewshire Council, the fund administering authority is Glasgow City Council and the regional pension fund is the Strathclyde Pension Fund. As a funded scheme, the Council and employees pay contributions into the fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the scheme's pension liabilities with the scheme's investment assets. The statutory nature of the fund means that the post-employment benefits are defined and set out in law. The Strathclyde Pension Fund is a multi-employer fund, and it is possible for each employer to identify its own share of the assets and liabilities of the fund on a consistent and reasonable basis.

The principal risks to the scheme are assumptions relating to longevity, inflation, and investment performance; in addition, statutory changes to the scheme. These risks are mitigated to an extent by statutory requirements limiting charges to the Council's general fund. The Council has additional liabilities for unfunded discretionary pension payments outside the main schemes such as arrangements for the award of discretionary post-employment benefits upon early retirement. This is an unfunded defined benefit arrangement, under which liabilities are recognised when awards are made.

However, there are no investment assets built up to meet these pensions liabilities, and cash has to be generated to meet actual pensions payments as they eventually fall due.

29b: Transactions relating to post-employment benefits

The Council accounts for post-employment benefits in the CIES as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and accounting for investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, the charge according to statutory regulations that is required to be made against the General Fund Balance and the Housing Revenue Account Balance is based upon the employer contributions payable by the Council to the pension fund in the year. This requires an adjustment to be made in the movement in reserves statement to remove the cost (according to generally accepted accounting practices) of post-employment benefits and replace that cost with the value of employer contributions payable to the fund in the year.

The following transactions have been made in the CIES and the General Fund Balance via the movement in reserves statement during the year:

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
	Included within net cost of services:	
47.102	Current service cost	70.497
4.182	Past service cost/(gain)	5.123
	Included within Financing and Investment income and expenditure:	
33.052	Interest cost	35.942
(28.779)	Expected return on scheme assets	(31.035)
55.557	Total of Post-employment benefits charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	80.527
	Included within Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure:	
(284.985)	Return on Assets excluding amounts included in net interest	(88.246)
(37.247)	Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in Demographic Assumptions	(10.729)
361.101	Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in Financial Assumptions	(122.672)
(1.528)	Actuarial gains and losses arising on changes in Other Assumptions	7.065
92.898	Total of LGPS post-employment benefits charged to the CIES	(134.055)
	Movement in reserves statement:	
37.341	Actuarial losses or (gains)	(214.582)
0.000	Effect of business combinations and disposals	0.264
55.557	Reversal of items relating to post-employment benefits debited or credited to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	80.527
(33.886)	Employer contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	(32.522)
59.012	Movement in the year on the Pension Reserve	(166.313)

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the CIES as at 31 March 2022 is a gain of £124.849m (£89.733m loss as at 31 March 2021).

29c: Assets and liabilities relating to post-employment benefits

Renfrewshire Council's share of the defined benefit obligation (that is, the scheme liabilities) and of the scheme assets in the Strathclyde Pension Fund has been assessed by Hymans Robertson LLP, the Fund's independent actuaries. The assessment indicates that, as at 31 March 2022, the defined benefit obligation exceeded scheme assets by £55.221m (£221.534m as at 31 March 2021). The defined benefit obligation is valued on an actuarial basis using the "projected unit credit" method, which estimates the pensions that will be payable in future years (dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels and other factors) discounted to their present value. The

discount rate used at 31 March 2022 was 2.7% based on the indicative rate of return on high quality corporate bonds. Scheme assets are valued at fair value which, in the case of marketable securities, is market value using the current bid price. Where no market price is available, the fair value of scheme assets is estimated. The valuations are based on the latest formal valuation of the Strathclyde Pension Fund which was carried out as at 31 March 2020.

The common position for employers participating in the Strathclyde Pension Fund is that, based on a snapshot valuation as at 31 March 2022, a net pension liability is disclosed as a result of prevailing market conditions at that date. The net pension position of £55.221m represents a decrease in liability of £166.313m between 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022. The net pension liability has a substantial impact on the net worth of the Council as recorded in the balance sheet. However, statutory arrangements for funding the deficit mean that the financial position

of the Council remains assured. The deficit on the Strathclyde Pension Fund will be made good by contributions over the remaining working life of employees, as assessed by the Fund's actuaries.

Local government legislation provides that local authorities have an obligation to meet the expenditure of the joint boards of which they are constituent members. As a consequence, Renfrewshire Council has additional liabilities arising from the pension scheme deficits of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board. In accordance with accounting regulations, the group accounts include a share of the post-employment benefits transactions, defined

benefit obligations and scheme assets of this joint board. Further information can be found in the annual report and accounts of each joint board. The main fund (Fund 1) of Strathclyde Pension Fund does not have an asset and liability matching (ALM) strategy.

29d: Movement in defined benefit obligation (scheme liabilities)

The following is a reconciliation of the 2021/22 opening and closing balances of the present value of Renfrewshire Council's share of the Strathclyde Pension Fund's defined benefit obligation (that is, scheme liabilities).

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
1,414.424	Balance at 1 April	1,767.336
47.102	Current service cost	70.497
4.182	Past service cost (including curtailments)	5.123
33.052	Interest cost	35.942
8.234	Member contributions	8.426
0.000	Effect of business combinations and disposals	6.649
303.739	Actuarial losses or (gains)	(126.336)
	<i>Losses or (gains) on curtailment</i>	
(4.627)	Estimated benefits paid: unfunded	(4.605)
(38.770)	Estimated benefits paid: other	(37.171)
1,767.336	Balance at 31 March	1,725.861

29e: Movement in scheme assets

The following is a reconciliation of the 2021/22 opening and closing balances of the fair value of Renfrewshire Council's share of the Strathclyde Pension Fund's scheme assets.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
1,251.902	Balance at 1 April	1,545.802
28.779	Expected return on scheme assets	31.035
8.234	Member contributions	8.426
29.259	Employer contributions	27.917
4.627	Contributions in respect of unfunded benefits	4.605
0.000	Effect of business combinations and disposals	6.385
266.398	Actuarial (losses) or gains	88.246
(4.627)	Estimated benefits paid: unfunded	(4.605)
(38.770)	Estimated benefits paid: other	(37.171)
1,545.802	Balance at 31 March	1,670.640

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy as provided by the administering authority. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the balance sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term real rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

The actual return on scheme assets from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 was 7.7%.

The fair value of the assets held in the scheme may be analysed as follows:

As at 31 March 2021				As at 31 March 2022		
Quoted Prices in active markets £m	Prices not quoted in active markets £m	Total £m		Quoted Prices in active markets £m	Prices not quoted in active markets £m	Total £m
361.033	1.662	362.695	Equity instruments	367.318	0.794	368.112
0.000	276.483	276.483	Private Equity	0.000	327.050	327.050
0.000	125.243	125.243	Real Estate	0.000	140.891	140.891
14.548	740.603	755.151	Investment Funds	9.268	782.810	792.078
0.279	0.000	0.279	Derivatives	0.000	0.000	0.000
24.903	1.048	25.951	Cash and cash equivalents	41.946	0.563	42.509
400.763	1,145.039	1,545.802	Fair value of scheme assets	418.532	1,252.108	1,670.640

29f: Scheme history: analysis of defined benefit obligation and scheme assets

The Council's share of the accumulated deficit or surplus in the scheme is shown below. The analysis shows the nature of various elements of the Council's share of the scheme's defined benefit:

As at 31 March 2021 £m		As at 31 March 2022 £m
(884.966)	Current employee members	(895.339)
(75.644)	Pre-local government reorganisation (1996) liabilities	(69.073)
(194.861)	Deferred pensioners	(182.553)
(517.516)	Pensioners	(488.130)
(1,672.987)	Total Present Value of the Defined Benefit Obligation - Funded liabilities	(1,635.095)
(84.227)	Retirals from Renfrewshire Council	(82.127)
(10.122)	Retirals pre-local government reorganisation (1996)	(8.639)
(94.349)	Total Present Value of the Defined Benefit Obligation - Unfunded liabilities	(90.766)
(1,767.336)	Present value of defined benefit obligation	(1,725.861)
1,545.802	Fair value of scheme assets	1,670.640
(221.534)	Net liability arising from defined benefit obligation	(55.221)

Basis for estimating assets and liabilities

The following table shows the principal assumptions used by Hymans Robertson LLP, the Fund's independent actuaries, to estimate the Council's post-employment benefits transactions for 2021/22, and the Council's share of the Strathclyde Pension Fund's defined benefit obligation (scheme liabilities) and scheme assets as at 31 March 2022:

2020/21		2021/22
2.0%	Discount rate for defined benefit obligation	2.7%
2.0%	Long-term expected rate of return on scheme assets*	2.7%
3.6%	Rate of increase in salaries	3.9%
2.9%	Rate of increase in pensions	3.2%
2.9%	Rate of inflation	3.2%
	Mortality assumptions (years):	
	<i>Longevity at age 65 for current pensioners:</i>	
19.8	Men	19.6
22.6	Women	22.4
	<i>Longevity at age 65 for future pensioners:</i>	
21.2	Men	21.0
24.7	Women	24.5
	Take up of option to convert annual pension into retirement lump sum	
50%	For Pre-April 2009 service	50%
75%	For Post-April 2009 service	75%

*The expected rates of return are set equal to the discount rate as per IAS19

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the table above. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period and assumes for each change that the assumption analysed changes while all the other assumptions remain constant. The estimations in the sensitivity analysis have followed the accounting policies for the scheme, i.e. on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method. The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change from those used in the previous period. The limitations of methods and assumptions used are associated with any changes in market conditions that affect the net discount rate. These can have a significant effect on the value of the obligations reported.

Impact on the Defined Benefit Obligation on the Scheme	%	£m
0.1% decrease in the Real Discount Rate	2%	33.013
1 year increase in the member life expectancy	4%	69.034
0.1% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	0%	4.408
0.1% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	2%	28.322

In addition, a one-year increase in life expectancy is estimated to increase the Defined Benefit Obligation by 3-5%.

Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP)

The Fund's actuary has carried out calculations in order to estimate the impact that the GMP indexation changes will have on the liabilities of Renfrewshire Council for financial reporting purposes, and this has been built into the Pension disclosures. The estimate assumes that the permanent solution eventually agreed will be equivalent in cost to extending the

interim solution to all members reaching state pension age from 6 April 2016 onwards.

The 2021/22 Pension Fund liability position has been restated to now include the estimated impact of GMP indexation changes (£4.178m). Pension disclosures had previously not included this adjustment given the uncertainty over the permanent solution that might eventually be agreed upon.

Impact on the Authority's cash flows

An objective of the Fund is to keep employers' contributions at as constant a rate as possible. The Fund has agreed a strategy to achieve a funding rate of 100% in the longer term. Employers' and employees' contributions have been determined so that rates are standard across all participating employers.

The rate for employer contributions has been set at 19.3% for 2021/22 to 2022/23. The total contribution expected to be made by the Council to the Strathclyde Pension Fund in the forthcoming year to 31 March 2023 is £26.678m. The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation is 19 years.

Note 30: Contingent liabilities

- i) The Coronavirus pandemic has had a global impact in health, economic and financial terms. The Council has incurred significant costs in relation to the initial response to the pandemic and is likely to incur considerable further costs as the full implications of the pandemic become clear. The Council recognises a contingent liability in terms of the costs of ongoing additional services which have been put in place to support individuals, communities and businesses; the reconfiguration of services to enable new and emerging delivery models. It is amplified by resulting global supply chain issues and very high inflation levels and is likely to result in continued loss of income to both the Council and its subsidiaries, and the increased costs of capital

projects. It is not considered practicable at this stage to estimate the financial effect.

- ii) The Council has been notified of a number of contractor claims for additional costs incurred on construction contracts. The Council disputes the claims, which may be referred for arbitration. The Council recognises a contingent liability for potential costs, which may be incurred to resolve this dispute. It is not considered practicable at this stage to estimate the financial effect.
- iii) Following two court cases, including *Mrs Goodwin v Department for Education*, it is expected that proposed changes to public service pension schemes will be required, to ensure that surviving same-sex spouses and civil partners receive benefits equivalent to those received by the surviving spouses of opposite-sex marriages.

Strathclyde Pension Fund's actuary estimates that the potential impact may be in the range of 0.1%-0.2% of gross obligations, which equates to between £1.767m and £3.535m for the Council. This estimate is not reflected in the Primary Financial Statements because the trigger event that would require recognition has not yet occurred.

Note 31: Events after the balance sheet date

Events taking place after the authorised date for issue per the balance sheet are not reflected in the financial statements or notes. Where events taking place before this date provided information about conditions existing at 31 March 2022, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information.

Note 32: Accounting Standards Issued not Adopted

The Code requires the disclosure of information relating to the impact of an accounting change that

will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted.

The following new or amended standards are adopted within the 2022/23 Code:

- IFRS 16 *Leases*
- Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018–2020. The annual IFRS improvement programme notes the following relevant standards:
 - IFRS 1 (First-time adoption) – amendment relates to foreign operations of acquired subsidiaries transitioning to IFRS
 - IAS 37 (Onerous contracts) – clarifies the intention of the standard
 - IFRS 16 (Leases) – amendment removes a misleading example that is not referenced in the Code material.

None of the matters covered in the annual improvements are dealt with in detail in the 2022/23 Code; however during the Code consultation process, CIPFA/LASAAC did not envisage a significant effect on local authority financial statements.

The Code allows implementation from 1 April 2022 and there is therefore no impact on the 2021/22 accounts. There is no material impact anticipated in future years from the implementation of these standards, other than IFRS 16 *Leases*. The impact of this standard is that many long-term rented assets will now be disclosed in the Balance Sheet along with their associated liability and be subject to depreciation.

CIPFA LASAAC has since issued a formal decision to defer the implementation of IFRS 16 until 1 April 2024 (i.e., in the 2024/25 accounts), with the option to adopt earlier if local authorities wish to do so.

Renfrewshire Council will look to adopt the new standard in the 2023/24 accounts if it is deemed practical to do so at that time.

Note 33: Accounting Policies – Renfrewshire Council

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 have been prepared in accordance with proper accounting practice as per section 12 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. Proper accounting practice comprises the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Accounting Code) and the Service Reporting Code of Practice, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards and recommendations made by the Local Authority (Scotland) Accounts Advisory Committee (LASAAC). They are designed to give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Council and comparative figures for the previous financial year are provided. There are no significant departures from these recommendations. The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, other than changes resulting from the revaluation of certain categories of non-current assets and financial instruments, and on a going concern basis.

A Accruals of Expenditure and Income

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

- i) Revenue from the sale of goods or provision of services is recognised when the performance obligation relating to the transaction has been satisfied, and it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.
- ii) Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed. Where there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet. Works are charged as expenditure when they are completed, before which they are carried as assets under construction on the Balance Sheet.

- iii) Interest payable on borrowings and receivable on investments is accounted for on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument. Interest receivable and dividend income is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Council.
- iv) Where income and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Where there is evidence that debts are unlikely to be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected.
- v) Supplier invoices paid in the two weeks following the year-end are accrued together with specific accruals in respect of further material items provided the goods or services were received by 31 March 2022 or relate to services associated with the prior financial year.

B Business Improvement District

Following the formation of the Paisley First BID company on 15 January 2015, the Council has entered into an agreement to act as the billing body for the purposes of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Regulations and is responsible for the administration, collection and recovery of the BID Levy. As the Council is acting as agent for the BID company, no transactions in relation to the BID levy or BID Revenue Account are included in the CIES with the exception of any contribution made by the Council to the BID project, the costs and income related to the collection of the BID levy or any income from the BID company in relation to services provided.

C Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is defined as cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand less overdrafts repayable on demand. Cash equivalents are defined as call accounts, money market funds and instant deposits. Fixed term deposits are not classified as cash or cash equivalents

as these are held for investment purposes rather than for meeting short-term cash commitments.

D Charges for the Use of Assets

Services are charged for the use of assets no matter how they are financed, and this charge includes a provision for depreciation where appropriate.

E Contingent Assets and Liabilities

Contingent assets and liabilities are not recognised in the financial statements but are disclosed as a note to the accounts where they are deemed material.

F Employee Benefits

Benefits payable during employment

All salaries and wages earned up to 31 March 2022 are included in the Accounts irrespective of when payment was made. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlements earned by employees, but not taken before the year end and which employees may carry forward into the next financial year; along with any pay inflation agreed for the year and not yet paid.

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Council to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date or an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy. They are charged on an accruals basis to the relevant service line in the CIES when the Council is demonstrably committed to either terminating the employment of an officer or making an offer to encourage voluntary redundancy. The Council is only demonstrably committed to a termination when it has a detailed formal plan for the termination, and it is without realistic possibility of withdrawal.

Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Council to the pension fund or pensioner in the year, not the amount calculated according to the

relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, appropriations are required to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for pension enhancement termination benefits and to replace them with debits for the cash paid to the pension fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end.

Post-employment benefits

The Council participates in two formal pension schemes: the Local Government Pension Scheme which is administered by Strathclyde Pension Fund; and the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme. Liabilities for the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme cannot be identified specifically to the Council; therefore, the scheme is accounted for as a defined contributions scheme.

The Local Government Pension Scheme is accounted for as a defined benefit scheme in accordance with International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS19) (as revised in 2011). Renfrewshire Council's share of the net pension asset or liability in Strathclyde Pension Fund and a pension reserve are recognised in the Balance Sheet. The CIES recognises changes during the year in the pension asset or liability. Service expenditure includes pension costs based on employers' pension contributions payable and payments to pensioners in the year. Liabilities are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method. Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices using a discount rate based on the indicative rate of return on high quality corporate bonds. Assets are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value, principally the bid price for quoted securities, and estimated fair value for unquoted securities.

G Events after the Balance Sheet date

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statements are authorised for issue. There are two types of events:

- Adjusting events – those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period, and the Statements are adjusted to reflect such events
- Non-adjusting events – those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period, and the Statements are not adjusted.

Events taking place after the date of authorisation for issue are not reflected in the Statements.

H Prior Period Adjustments

When items of income and expense are material, their nature and amount is disclosed separately, either on the face of the CIES or in the notes to the accounts, depending on how significant the items are to an understanding of the Council's financial performance.

Where there has been a change in accounting policy, that change will be applied retrospectively. Where there has been a change in accounting estimate, that change will be applied prospectively. Where a material misstatement or omission has been discovered relating to a prior period, that misstatement or omission will be restated unless it is impracticable to do so.

I Financial Instruments

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified into three categories of valuation:

- At amortised cost;
- At fair value through other comprehensive income – designated equity instruments; and
- At fair value through profit or loss.

Financial Assets Measured at Amortised Cost

Financial assets measured at amortised cost are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value. They are subsequently measured at their amortised cost. Annual credits to the Financing and

Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES for interest receivable are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. For most of the loans made by the Council, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal receivable (plus accrued interest) and interest credited to the CIES is the amount receivable for the year in the loan agreement.

Any gains and losses that arise on the derecognition of an asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES. The Council has assets such as investments and debtors which are classified as financial assets measured at amortised cost.

Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value through other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI)

Financial assets that are measured at FVOCI are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured and carried at fair value. Investment income is credited to Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure in the CIES when it becomes receivable by the Council. Where an equity instrument is designated as FVOCI, changes in fair value are posted to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure and are balanced by an entry in the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve (an unusable reserve).

When the asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure is transferred from the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve and recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services. The Council has made an irrevocable election to designate these assets as FVOCI on the basis that they are held for non-contractual benefits, not for trading, but for strategic purposes.

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss

Assets are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured

and carried at fair value. Where there are no fixed or determinable payments, income (e.g. dividends) is credited to the CIES when it becomes receivable by the Council.

Assets values are based on the following principles:

- instruments with quoted market prices – the market price
- other instruments with fixed and determinable payments – discounted cash flow analysis
- equity shares with no quoted market prices – independent appraisal of company valuations.

Any gains and losses that arise on the derecognition of the asset are credited/debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, the instrument is carried at cost (less any impairment losses).

Expected Credit Loss Model

Where assets are identified as impaired as a result of an expected credit loss, the asset is written down and a charge made to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES. If the asset has fixed or determinable payments, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Otherwise, the impairment loss is measured as any shortfall of fair value against the acquisition cost of the instrument (net of any principal repayment and amortisation).

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and initially measured at fair value and carried at their amortised cost. Annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES for interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. The effective interest rate

is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments over the life of the instrument to the amount at which it was originally recognised. For most of the borrowings that the Council has, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal repayable (plus accrued interest) and interest charged to the CIES is the amount payable for the year according to the loan agreement.

Gains and losses on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing are credited and debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Income and Expenditure Account in the year of extinguishment. However, where repurchase has taken place as part of a restructuring of the loan portfolio that involves the modification or exchange of existing instruments, the premium or discount is respectively deducted from or added to the amortised cost of the new or modified loan and the write-down to the CIES is spread over the life of the loan by an adjustment to the effective interest rate.

Where premiums and discounts have been charged to the CIES, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund Balance to be spread over future years. The Council has a policy of spreading the gain/loss over the term that was remaining on the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable when it was repaid. The reconciliation of amounts charged to the CIES to the net charge required against the General Fund Balance is managed by a transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Financial Guarantees

Financial guarantees are recognised at fair value assessed as the probability of the guarantees being called and the likely amount payable under the guarantees.

Loans Fund

The Council operates a Loans Fund and all loans raised are paid into the Fund. Advances are made to departments to finance capital expenditure during the year. Repayments to the Loans Fund are calculated using the annuity method.

The local Authority (Capital Financing and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 - loans fund accounting came into force on 1 April 2016 and replaced the statutory provisions for local authority borrowing, lending and loans funds as set out in Schedule 3 of the local Authority (Scotland) Act 1975. The regulations contain the following provisions in respect of the loans fund:

- Regulation 12 places a duty on a local authority to maintain a loans fund, which is to be administered in accordance with the proper accounting practices and prudent financial management,
- Regulation 13 requires a local authority to make loans fund advances each year for expenditure of or lending to third parties by, the local authority which it has determined should be met from borrowing, and
- Regulation 14 requires a local authority to determine for each loans fund advance the period over which it will be repaid and the amount of each repayment. Both the period and the annual amounts must be considered by the authority to be prudent.

Interest is calculated and allocated to the CIES in accordance with Local Authorities Scotland Accounts Advisory Committee's (LASAAC) Guidance Note 2: Statement on the Calculation and Allocation of Loans Fund Interest and Expenses.

Financial Instruments - Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or

transfer the liability take place either in the principal market for that asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The fair value of an asset or liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

Valuation techniques used are appropriate in the circumstances and have sufficient data available, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs to the valuation techniques in respect of assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the authority can access at the measurement date
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 – unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value hierarchy gives priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

J Government Grants and other Contributions

Government grants and third-party contributions and donations are recognised as due to the Council when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Council will comply with the conditions attached to the payments; and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due to the Council are not credited to the CIES until conditions attaching to the grant or contribution have been satisfied.

Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors. When conditions are satisfied, the grant or contribution is credited to the relevant service line or Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income in the CIES.

Where capital grants are credited to the CIES, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is posted to the Capital Grants Unapplied Account. Where it has been applied, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied Account are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied.

K Heritage Assets

The Council's heritage assets are held in the museums operated by OneRen (Paisley Museum and Art Gallery, Renfrew Town Hall and Museum, and The Secret Collection).

The purpose of holding these assets according to the Museums' Statement of Purpose is "to enhance public understanding of the human and natural world, principally by the use of original objects". Heritage assets are recognised and measured (including the treatment of revaluation gains and losses) in accordance with the Council's accounting policies on property, plant and equipment. However, some of the measurement rules are relaxed in relation to heritage assets.

The accounting policies in relation to heritage assets that are deemed to include elements of intangible heritage assets are also presented below. Purchased acquisitions are recognised at cost and donated acquisitions are recognised at valuation with reference to appropriate commercial markets. Acquisitions are made in line with the approved Acquisition and Disposal Policy. The collections of heritage assets are accounted for as follows:

Art Collection	The collection includes fine, contemporary and applied art works. The collection is included in the balance sheet at market value where this is available (from external valuations provided by suitably experienced and knowledgeable experts) or insurance valuations provided by the relevant collection curator. The assets within the collection are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value, and therefore no depreciation is charged.
Shawl and textile design	The museums hold a collection of approximately 1,000 Paisley-type shawls, and a considerable collection of original designs for shawl manufacture. The collection is included in the balance sheet at insurance valuation which is based on market values. The assets within the collection are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value, and therefore no depreciation is charged.
Natural History	The collection includes vertebrate and invertebrate zoology, botany, geology and microslide collections; in addition to a library of natural history books. The collection is included in the balance sheet at insurance valuation which is based on market values. The assets within the collection are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value, and therefore no depreciation is charged.
Human History	The museums hold collections relating to social history, transport, science (including an important collection of astronomical apparatus in Coats Observatory), archaeology, arms, local archives, numismatics, photography, textiles, ethnography and Egyptology. The collection is included in the balance sheet at insurance valuation which is based on market values. However, where an external valuation or cost information is available, or a valuation may be secured at a cost which is not prohibitive relative to the value of the item, then the Council will recognise the asset in the balance sheet at this value. The assets within the collection are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value, and therefore, no depreciation is charged.

In addition to the museum collections, there are a number of public space statues, monuments, memorials, fountains and outdoor artworks at various locations throughout Renfrewshire. These assets are not generally recognised in the balance sheet. The Council considers that obtaining valuations would involve disproportionate cost and that reliable cost or valuation information cannot be obtained for these items. This is because of the diverse nature of assets held, the number of assets and the lack of comparable data. However, where reliable cost information can be reasonably obtained, the asset will be included in the balance sheet.

The carrying amounts of heritage assets are reviewed where there is evidence of impairment for heritage assets, eg where an item has suffered physical deterioration or breakage or where doubts arise as to its authenticity. Any impairment is recognised and

measured in accordance with the Council's general policies on impairment. Heritage assets will occasionally be disposed of in accordance with the approved Acquisitions and Disposal Policy (a copy of which is available). Assets are only disposed of for curatorial reasons (eg the item has deteriorated to such an extent it is no longer suitable for public display) and not with the aim of generating funds. Any proceeds of such items are accounted for in accordance with the Council's general provisions relating to the disposal of property, plant and equipment. Disposal proceeds are disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements and are accounted for in accordance with statutory accounting requirements relating to capital expenditure and capital receipts. Expenditure incurred in preserving individual items is recognised in the CIES.

L Intangible Assets

The Council accounts for purchased software licences as Intangible Assets. Expenditure on intangible assets is capitalised when it is expected that future economic benefits or service potential will flow from the intangible asset to the Council. Items costing less than £9,000 are not treated as Intangible Assets.

Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Amounts are not revalued, as the fair value of the assets held by the Council cannot be determined by reference to an active market. The depreciable amount of an intangible asset is amortised over its useful life. An asset is tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the asset might be impaired. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or abandonment of an intangible asset is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the CIES. Where expenditure on intangible assets qualifies as capital expenditure for statutory purposes, amortisation, impairment losses and disposal gains and losses are not permitted to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and (for any sale proceeds greater than £10,000) the Capital Receipts Reserve.

M Interests in Companies and Other Entities

The Council has material interests in two charitable companies, a limited liability partnership and Joint Boards and Committees that have the nature of subsidiaries and associates under accounting conventions, requiring it to prepare group accounts. In the Council's own single-entity accounts, these interests are not recorded as the Council has no shares in, or ownership of, any of these organisations. Reflected in the Council's single-entity balance sheet is a 50% share in an Integration Joint Board, which is recorded as an investment.

N Inventories

Inventories (generally consumable stock) are included in the Balance Sheet at weighted average cost. The Code requires inventories to be held at lower of cost or Net Realisable Value. Weighted average cost is used as the measure of cost.

O Investment Property

Investment properties are those that are used solely to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value. Properties are not depreciated but are revalued annually according to market conditions at the year-end. Gains and losses on revaluation are posted to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the CIES. The same treatment is applied to gains and losses on disposal.

Rentals received in relation to investment properties are credited to the Financing and Investment Income line and result in a gain for the General Fund Balance. However, revaluation and disposal gains and losses are not permitted by statutory arrangements to have an impact on the General Fund Balance. The gains and losses are therefore reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement and posted to the Capital Adjustment Account and (for any sale proceeds greater than £10,000) the Capital Receipts Reserve.

P Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases where the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the property from the lessor to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Where a lease covers both land and buildings, the land and buildings elements are considered separately for classification.

The Council as Lessee

Finance Leases

Property, plant and equipment held under a finance lease is recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease's inception (or the present value of the minimum lease payments, if lower).

The asset recognised is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor. Initial direct costs of the Council are added to the carrying amount of the asset. Premiums paid on entry into a lease are applied to writing down the lease liability.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

- a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property – applied to write down the lease liability, and
- a finance charge (debited to the CIES).

Property, Plant and Equipment recognised under finance leases is accounted for using the policies applied generally to such assets, subject to depreciation being charged over the lease term if this is shorter than the assets estimated useful life.

Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the CIES. Title to the property, plant or equipment remains with the lessor.

The Council as Lessor

Finance Leases

Where the Council grants a finance lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the relevant asset is written out of the Balance Sheet as a disposal.

Lease rentals receivable are apportioned between:

- a capital receipt for the disposal of the asset – applied to write down the Debtor (together with any premiums received); and
- finance income (credited to the CIES).

Operating Leases

Where the Council grants an operating lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the asset is retained in the Balance Sheet. Rental income is credited to the CIES.

Q Overheads and Central Support Costs

Where internal costs are allocated to user departments, the basis of allocation varies by originating department, for example the cost of Payroll Services may be allocated on the number of payslips per service. In many instances the allocation is time-based. Internal transactions are no longer present in the income and expenditure figures reported in the CIES.

R Service Concession Arrangements – School Buildings and Other Facilities

The Council carries the assets used under PFI or Service Concession contracts on its Balance Sheet as part of Property, Plant and Equipment. The original recognition of these assets at fair value (based on the cost to purchase the property, plant and equipment) was balanced by the recognition of a liability for amounts due to the scheme operator to pay for the capital investment.

The accounting treatment of the contractual arrangements are in accordance with IFRIC12 *Service Concession Arrangements*.

S Property, Plant and Equipment

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others or for administrative purposes, and that are expected to be used during more than one financial year are classified as Property, Plant and Equipment.

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is

capitalised on an accruals basis. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential is charged as an expense when it is incurred.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- the purchase price;
- any costs attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating.

The cost of assets acquired other than by purchase is deemed to be its fair value. The valuation of work-in-progress is based on cost plus an appropriate proportion of overheads, together with attributable profits and allowances for foreseeable losses.

Plant, furniture and computer equipment costing less than £9,000 are not treated as fixed assets. This de-minimis level does not apply where certain categories of these assets are grouped together and form part of the approved capital programme.

Donated assets are measured initially at fair value. The difference between fair value and any consideration paid is credited to the CIES. Where gains are credited to the CIES, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Assets are then carried in the Balance Sheet using the following measurement bases:

- infrastructure, community assets and assets under construction – depreciated historical cost;
- council dwellings – fair value, determined using the basis of existing use value for social housing (EUV-SH). Council dwellings are valued using a Beacon Principle (adjusted vacant possession) methodology in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) guidance;
- Vehicles, plant, furniture and equipment – depreciated replacement cost;

- Other land and buildings – fair value, determined as the market value amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value – EUV). Operational assets are shown at the lower of net current replacement cost or net realisable value in existing use. Non-operational assets are shown at the lower of net current replacement cost or net realisable value.

Where there is no market-based evidence of fair value because of the specialist nature of an asset, depreciated replacement cost is used as an estimate of fair value.

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at fair value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure that their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, but as a minimum every five years. The effective date of any revaluation is 31 March. Valuations are undertaken by the Council Valuer who is MRICS qualified. Increases in valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. The Revaluation Reserve contains revaluation gains recognised since 1 April 2007 only, the date of its formal implementation. Gains arising before that date have been consolidated into the Capital Adjustment Account.

Fair Value Measurement

The authority measures some of its non-financial assets such as surplus assets and investment properties at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The authority uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Inputs to the valuation techniques in respect of assets for which fair value is measured are categorised within the fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the authority can access at the measurement date;

- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 - unobservable inputs for the asset.

Impairment

Assets are assessed at each year-end as to whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated, and an impairment loss is recognised for the shortfall.

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for as follows:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains);
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the relevant service line(s) in the CIES.

Where an impairment loss is reversed subsequently, the reversal is credited to the relevant service line(s) in the CIES, up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

Disposals

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use, it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale. The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Where there is a subsequent decrease to fair value less costs to sell, the loss is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the CIES. Gains in fair value are recognised only up to the amount of any previously losses recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. Depreciation is not charged

on Assets Held for Sale. Assets that are to be abandoned or scrapped are not reclassified as Assets Held for Sale.

When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the CIES as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the CIES also as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal). Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for a disposal in excess of £10,000 are categorised as capital receipts and are credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. An exception is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life, investment properties and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e., assets under construction).

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- dwellings and other buildings – straight-line allocation over the useful life of the property of between 10 and 50 years as estimated by the Council Valuer
- vehicles, plant and equipment – a percentage of the value of each class of assets in the Balance Sheet, as advised by a suitably qualified officer based on useful lives of between 3 and 30 years.
- infrastructure – straight-line allocation over 40 years.

General Fund services are charged with depreciation where appropriate for the use of assets no matter how they are financed. Depreciation on the Council's

non-operational assets is not charged to service revenue accounts. It is however reflected in the CIES through non-distributable costs.

Where an item of Property, Plant and Equipment asset has major components whose cost is significant in relation to the total cost of the item, the components are depreciated separately. Significance is determined by comparing a component's cost against the overall cost of an asset, and a component is deemed significant if its cost is 20% or more of the total asset cost. The de-minimis threshold for componentisation is £1m.

Revaluation gains are also depreciated, with an amount equal to the difference between current value depreciation charged on assets and the depreciation that would have been chargeable based on their historical cost being transferred each year from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account.

T Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Council a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are charged as an expense to the appropriate service line in the CIES. When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year.

U Reserves

The Council has various reserve funds. The two capital reserves arising from the system of capital accounting are the Revaluation Reserve and the Capital Adjustment Account. The former of these represents the store of gains on revaluation of fixed assets not yet realised through sales and the latter relates to

amounts set aside from capital resources to meet past expenditure.

The two accounting reserves arising from the restatement of financial instruments to "fair value" are the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account and the Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve. The Financial Instruments Adjustment Account is a balancing account to allow for differences in statutory requirements and proper accounting practices for lending & borrowing by the Council. The Financial Instruments Revaluation Reserve is a store of gains or losses on revaluation of the investments of the Insurance Fund not yet realised through sales.

The Pension Reserve arises from the IAS19 accounting disclosures for retirement benefits and recognises the Council's share of actuarial gains and losses in the Strathclyde Pension Fund and the change in the Council's share of the Pension Fund net liability chargeable to the CIES.

V Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute

Expenditure incurred during the year that may be capitalised under statutory provisions but does not result in the creation of a non-current asset has been charged as expenditure to the relevant service in the CIES in the year. Where the Council has determined to meet the cost of this expenditure from existing capital resources or by borrowing, a transfer in the

Movement in Reserves Statement from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account then reverses out the amounts charged so that there is no impact on the level of council tax.

W Value Added Tax

Income and Expenditure excludes any amount relating to Value Added Tax (VAT), as all VAT is payable to HM Revenue & Customs and all VAT is recoverable from them.

Note 34: Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies, the Council has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. Where a judgement has been made, this is referred to in the relevant note to the core financial statements; however, a summary of those with the most significant effect is detailed below.

Item	Judgement
Public Sector Funding	The Council has assessed that anticipated levels of local government funding over the medium term do not provide sufficient indication that the assets of the Council might be impaired as a result of a need to close facilities and reduce levels of service provision. This is discussed further in the Management Commentary.
Service Concession Arrangements	The Council is deemed to control the services provided under the agreement for the provision of schools. The accounting policies for PFI schemes and similar arrangements have been applied and the assets under the contract are included within Property, Plant and Equipment on the Council's Balance Sheet. Bargeddie Waste Facility is shared by a number of Scottish councils with North Lanarkshire Council taking the lead. The apportionment of costs and liabilities over the life of the facility, which was funded by a service concession agreement, has been agreed between the councils involved and the local external audit team. Note 16 provides further details.
Council acting as Agent, not Principal	'Agent' is where the Council is acting as an intermediary and 'Principal' is where the Council is acting on its own behalf. In 2020/21 and 2021/22, the Council received funding from the Scottish Government relating to grants and subsidies in support of hardship experienced by third parties from the impact COVID-19. In many cases, the Council had no discretion over the terms of the grants awarded and any unspent grant was repaid to the Scottish Government; these have been treated as Agent transactions and excluded from the CIES, Balance Sheet and related Notes. Cashflows have, however, been included in the Cashflow Statement. CIPFA and the Local Authority (Scotland) Accounts Advisory Committee issued guidance in relation to the funding streams administered by Scottish local authorities in terms of their treatment as Agent or Principal activities and this guidance has been followed. Further detail on the sums involved can be found in Note 26.
Rolling Valuation Programme	<p>The Council employs professional valuers who are registered with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. These valuers carry out regular reviews of the value of assets reported in the Balance Sheet and any significant changes in value are processed as asset revaluations or impairments. These values are based on their professional opinion using available market information at the time of assessment. Due to the high number of assets, a rolling programme of asset valuation has been established for many years, with the aim of revaluating one fifth of the portfolio each financial year.</p> <p>This carries inherent risk that assets not valued in-year have been subject to material changes in value.</p> <p>The highest risk in this respect relates to assets valued using the Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC) method, which for Renfrewshire Council, includes schools and leisure centres. To mitigate for this risk, a desktop exercise was undertaken during the 2021/22 audit to estimate the potential increase in value of all DRC assets not valued in-year. This was based on the average annual increase in value for different types of asset that were valued in-year. An adjustment was made in the audited accounts of £m to reflect this estimate. This was an estimate and not a formal asset valuation.</p> <p>The Council will seek to value all DRC assets in its portfolio in 2022/23.</p>

Item	Judgement
Impairment of financial assets	In line with IFRS9: Financial Instruments, the approach to impairment of financial assets depends on the type of asset being assessed, either using a 'historic loss rate' approach, or a 'probability of default' approach, whereby historical experience of default rates across a similar class of instrument and credit rating is used to estimate 12-month expected credit losses. Further detail can be found at Note 23: Financial Instruments.
Determination of Contingent Liabilities and Provisions	A Provision is defined by the Code as a liability of uncertain timing or amount. A Contingent Liability is a possible obligation whose timing or value cannot be reliably measured and the Council makes a judgement on which is appropriate based on information available at the Balance Sheet date.

Note 35: Assumptions made about the future

The Annual Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Council about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates. The items in the Council's Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainty	Effect if results differ from assumption
Pensions Liability	Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Council with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied. The carrying value of the pension liability was £55.2m as at 31 March 2022. Further detail can be found in Note 29: Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.	The effects on the net pension liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. For instance, a 0.1% decrease in the discount rate assumption would result in an increase in the pension liability of £33.0m. However, the assumptions interact in complex ways. At 31 March 2022, the Council's actuaries advised that the net pensions liability had increased by £7.1m as a result of estimates being corrected as a result of experience; decreased by £10.7m as a result of updating demographic assumptions; and decreased by £122.7m as a result of updating financial assumptions.
Debt Impairment	At 31 March 2022, the Council had a balance for long and short term debtors (including council tax, rent arrears and trade debtors) of £84.3m. A review of significant balances suggested that an impairment of doubtful debts of £30.7m was appropriate. However, in the current economic climate it is not certain that such an allowance would be sufficient. Over 2021/22, the principal debt impairment decrease related to sundry debtors, which reduced by £1.7m.	Based on experience, the bad debt provision is considered adequate; however, if collection rates were to deteriorate, a 10% increase in the amount of potential impairment losses would require an additional £3.1m to be set aside as an allowance.

Housing Revenue Account

Income and expenditure statement

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) reflects a statutory obligation to maintain a revenue account for local authority housing provision in accordance with the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987. The Housing Revenue Account income and expenditure statement shows the economic cost in the year of providing housing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from rents and government grants. Councils charge rents to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations; this may be different from the accounting cost. The increase or decrease in the year, on the basis on which rents are raised, is shown in the movement on the Housing Revenue Account statement.

2020/21 (restated) £m		2021/22 £m
13.743	Repairs and maintenance	16.244
13.398	Supervision and management	17.160
26.540	Depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	26.336
0.460	Increase/(Decrease) in the allowance for bad debts	0.671
0.829	Other expenditure	1.300
54.970	Total Expenditure	61.711
(47.945)	Dwelling rents	(48.622)
(1.448)	Non-dwelling rents	(1.438)
(1.520)	Other income	(2.996)
(50.913)	Total Income	(53.056)
4.057	Net Cost of HRA services as included in the CIES	8.655
	HRA share of the operating income and expenditure included in the CIES:	
(0.014)	(Gain)/Loss on sale of HRA non-current assets	(0.006)
4.435	Interest payable and similar charges	4.478
(0.083)	Interest and investment income	(0.159)
0.188	Pensions interest cost and expected return on pensions assets	0.215
(1.425)	Taxation and non specific grant income	(7.147)
7.158	Deficit for the year on HRA services	6.036

Note: the 2020/21 restatement is presentational only and affects a movement between the Supervision and Management row and the allowance for bad debt charge row.

Movement on the Housing Revenue Account statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Balance. The surplus or deficit for the year on the HRA income and expenditure statement represents the true economic cost of providing the Council's HRA services, more details of which are shown in the HRA income and expenditure statement itself.

The adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations detail the adjustments that are made to the HRA income and expenditure, as recognised by the Council in the year in accordance with proper

accounting practice, to the statutory amounts required to be charged to the HRA Balance for dwellings rent setting purposes. An analysis of these adjustments can be found in Note 7: Adjustment between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations on page 42.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
(6.807)	Balance on the HRA at 1 April	(6.497)
7.158	Deficit for the year on the HRA income and expenditure statement	6.036
3.697	Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under statute	5.142
(10.545)	Adjustments to Usable Reserves permitted by accounting standards	(11.178)
0.310	Net (Increase)/Decrease before transfers to or from reserves	0.000

Notes to the Housing Revenue Account income and expenditure statement

1. The number and types of dwelling in the Council's housing stock

The Council was responsible for managing 12,216 dwellings during 2021/22 (12,212 in 2020/21). The following shows an analysis of these dwellings by type. The figures below exclude void initiative properties.

As at 31 March 2021		Type of dwelling	As at 31 March 2022	
Number	Average weekly rent		Number	Average weekly rent
416	£63.46	One-apartment	416	£64.48
3,684	£71.73	Two-apartment	3,685	£72.84
5,863	£81.12	Three-apartment	5,864	£82.37
2,038	£90.65	Four-apartment	2,040	£92.06
211	£97.50	Five-apartment	211	£98.94
12,212		Total	12,216	

2. Gross rent income

This is the total rental income chargeable for the year and includes a deduction for voids (£1.142m in 2021/22 and £0.895m in 2020/21) but excludes irrecoverable and bad debts. Average rents were £81.01 per week in 2021/22 (£79.72 in 2020/21). The total rent income for 2021/22 reflects the decision of the Council to charge only a nominal rent in respect of initiative voids.

3. Amount of rent arrears

At 31 March 2022 total rent arrears amounted to £4.367m (£3.604m at 31 March 2022). This is 8.84% of the total value of rents due at 31 March 2022.

4. Provision for uncollectable rent arrears

In 2021/22 the rents bad debt provision was increased by £0.671m (£0.460m in 2020/21). The provision to cover the potential loss of income stands at £2.214m at 31 March 2022 (£1.964m at 31 March 2022). This is 4.48% of the total value of annual rents due.

5. Share of corporate costs

In the financial year 2021/22 the HRA share of Corporate and Democratic Core costs amounted to £0.056m (£0.035m in 2020/21).

Council Tax Income Account

The Council Tax income account shows the gross income raised from Council Taxes levied and deductions made under statute. Councils raise taxes from residents through Council Tax, which is a tax linked to property values. The Council Tax Reduction Scheme represents a discount introduced across Scotland following the abolition of Council Tax Benefits as part of the UK government's Welfare Reform programme. The resultant net income is transferred to the Council's CIES.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
116.525	Gross council tax levied	118.049
(16.382)	Other discounts and reductions	(16.199)
(14.404)	Council tax reduction scheme	(13.433)
(2.783)	Write-off of uncollectable debts and allowance for impairment	(2.476)
0.081	Adjustment to previous years' community charge and council tax	0.523
83.037	Transfer to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	86.464

Calculation of the Council Tax

Dwellings are valued by the Assessor and placed within valuation bands ranging from the lowest "A" to the highest "H".

The band D Council Tax charge is calculated using the Council Tax base, and this in turn fixes the charge for each of the other bands, which are based on pre-determined proportions relative to the band D charge. The band D charge for 2021/22 was £1,315.42 (£1,315.42 in 2020/21).

2020/21 £	Council Tax Band	2021/22 £
876.95	A	876.95
1,023.11	B	1,023.10
1,169.27	C	1,169.26
1,315.42	D	1,315.42
1,728.32	E	1,728.32
2,137.55	F	2,137.56
2,576.04	G	2,576.03
3,222.79	H	3,222.78

If a property is occupied by only one person over 18, a discount of 25% is applied.

Since 15 July 2016, unoccupied and unfurnished properties have been exempted from Council Tax for the first six months. A discount of 10% is then available for the next six months and 100% additional Council Tax levy is then payable for as long as the property remains empty, although the 10% discount may be extended by a further 12 months if the property is being actively marketed for sale or let.

Certain persons are disregarded for Council Tax purposes, including students, people who are in detention and those who are severely mentally impaired. Reductions in Council Tax are available for people with disabilities.

Charges for water and sewerage services are the responsibility of Scottish Water. Renfrewshire Council collects total monies and makes a precept payment to Scottish Water on the basis of collection levels based on a pre-determined formula. The figures below exclude the water and sewerage charges.

Calculation of the Council Tax base

The Council Tax base is the number of chargeable dwellings across all valuation bands (adjusted for dwellings where discounts apply), after providing for non-payment, expressed as an equivalent number of band D dwellings.

Band	Number of dwellings	Number of exemptions	Disabled relief	Discounts	Council Tax Reduction	Total equivalent dwellings	Ratio to Band D	2021/22 Band D equivalent	2020/21 Band D equivalent
A	13,503	2,122	8	1,966	3,638	5,849	0.67	3,899	3,690
B	25,880	1,604	80	3,330	5,551	15,375	0.78	11,958	11,548
C	15,123	486	60	1,599	1,961	11,063	0.89	9,834	9,640
D	12,972	309	46	1,172	694	10,820	1.00	10,820	10,528
E	11,472	185	69	712	417	10,137	1.31	13,319	13,061
F	6,826	75	48	289	123	6,309	1.63	10,252	9,888
G	4,108	80	18	133	52	3,825	1.96	7,491	7,231
H	216	11	0	9	2	194	2.45	475	483
	90,100	Band A dwellings subject to disabled relief						8	7
		Class 17 and 24 dwellings						79	77
		Sub-total						68,135	66,153
		Less: Provision for non-payment and future award of discounts and reliefs						(4,675)	(2,836)
		Council Tax Base						63,460	63,317

Non-Domestic Rates Income Account

This account is an agent's statement that reflects the statutory obligation for those councils who issue bills to non-domestic rate payers to maintain a separate non-domestic rate account. The account shows the rates collected from non-domestic rate payers during the year. Any difference between the rates collected and the amount the Council is guaranteed to receive under the national pooling arrangements is adjusted via the Scottish Government's general revenue grant to the Council. Non-domestic rate income is redistributed from the national non-domestic rate pool in proportions based on the prior year mid-year income returns net of prior year adjustments. In 2012/13 the Scottish Government introduced the Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme (BRIS) which allows councils, where an agreed target income figure is exceeded, to retain 50% of the 'above target' income.

2020/21 £m		2021/22 £m
145.690	Gross rates levied	145.727
(65.753)	Reliefs and other deductions	(55.765)
(5.226)	Write-off of uncollectable debts and allowance for impairment	(4.306)
74.711	Net Non-Domestic Rates income	85.656
(8.029)	Adjustment to previous years' non-domestic rates	(0.759)
7.159	Contribution (to)/from the National Non-Domestic Rate pool	(3.234)
0.000	Non-domestic rate income retained by authority (BRIS)	0.000
73.841	Transfer to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	81.663

The nature and amount of each rate fixed

The non-domestic rates charge for each subject is determined by the rateable value placed upon it by the Assessor, multiplied by the rate per pound (the "rate poundage") set each year by the Scottish Government. For 2021/22 the charge was 49.0 pence in the pound, with a 1.3 pence supplement for properties with a rateable value over £51,000 and a 2.6 pence supplement for properties with a rateable value above £95,000.

Under the Small Business Bonus Scheme (SBBS) relief is available to businesses where the combined rateable value of all business premises is £35,000 or less and the rateable value of individual premises is £18,000 or less. Properties with a total rateable value up to and including £15,000 are entitled to a 100% reduction in their business rates on each individual property and properties with a rateable value of between £15,001 to £35,000 receive a 25% reduction on each individual property with a rateable value of £18,000 or less.

Analysis of Renfrewshire Council's rateable values

Analysis of Rateable Values	2021/22 £m
Commercial	109.720
Industrial and freight transport	48.804
Education and public service	32.314
Communications	0.010
Others	111.110
Rateable Value at 1 April	301.958
Adjustments (Full Year Rateable Value)	(16.153)
Rateable Value at 31 March	285.805
Less: Wholly Exempt Subjects	(1.375)
Net Rateable Value at 31 March	284.430

Group Accounts

Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the accounting cost of providing services and managing operations during the year. It includes, on an accruals basis, all day-to-day expenses and related income. The statement shows the accounting cost in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the cost according to the statutory regulations that specify the net expenditure that councils need to take into account when setting the annual council tax charge. The required adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations are shown in the group movement in reserves statement.

2020/21 (restated)			Note	2021/22		
Gross expenditure £m	Gross income £m	Net expenditure £m		Gross expenditure £m	Gross income £m	Net expenditure £m
246.606	(38.531)	208.075		253.334	(41.446)	211.888
56.764	(53.414)	3.350		57.024	(54.169)	2.855
90.889	(14.265)	76.624		104.227	(12.804)	91.423
105.499	(53.203)	52.296		106.841	(48.250)	58.591
38.794	(11.518)	27.276		50.220	(13.059)	37.161
15.965	(14.616)	1.349		13.135	(13.523)	(0.388)
222.661	(148.864)	73.797		233.939	(147.843)	86.096
777.178	(334.411)	442.767		818.720	(331.094)	487.626
0.136	0.000	0.136		(0.175)	0.000	(0.175)
24.007	(1.888)	22.119	G6	25.222	(1.615)	23.607
0.000	(481.232)	(481.232)	4	0.000	(486.210)	(486.210)
801.321	(817.531)	(16.210)		843.767	(818.919)	24.848
		(9.723)				(12.454)
		(25.933)				12.394
		(48.460)				(166.292)
		0.000				0.000
		(3.584)			G15	(0.873)
		44.983				(226.812)
		(0.393)			G4	(4.215)
		(7.454)				(398.192)
		(33.387)				(385.798)

For details of the 2020/21 restatement, please refer to Note 2: Prior Year Restatement.

Group Movement in Reserves Statement

The group movement in reserves statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Council's group, analysed into the Council's usable reserves, the Council's unusable reserves and the Council's share of the reserves of the subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures within the group.

	Note	Council's Usable Reserves £m	Council's Unusable Reserves £m	Council's Total Reserves £m	Council's share of Reserves of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures £m	Total Reserves £m
Balance at 1 April 2021		216.392	918.332	1,134.724	77.589	1,212.313
Movement in reserves during the year						
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		(9.256)	380.545	371.289	14.509	385.798
Adjustments between Group accounts and Council accounts	G5	(12.296)	0.000	(12.296)	12.296	0.000
Adjustments to Usable Reserves permitted by accounting standards		25.473	(25.473)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	7	16.443	(16.443)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Increase / (Decrease) in year		20.364	338.629	358.993	26.805	385.798
Balance at 31 March 2022		236.756	1,256.961	1,493.717	104.394	1,598.111

Comparative movements in 2020/21 (restated)						
	Note	Council's Usable Reserves £m	Council's Unusable Reserves £m	Council's Total Reserves £m	Council's share of Reserves of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures £m	Total Reserves £m
Balance at 1 April 2020		159.621	946.924	1,106.545	72.381	1,178.926
Movement in reserves during the year						
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		31.117	10.719	41.836	(8.449)	33.387
Adjustments between Group accounts and Council accounts	G5	(13.657)	0.000	(13.657)	13.657	0.000
Adjustments to Usable Reserves permitted by accounting standards		22.299	(22.299)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	7	17.012	(17.012)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Increase / (Decrease) in year		56.771	(28.592)	28.179	5.208	33.387
Balance at 31 March 2021		216.392	918.332	1,134.724	77.589	1,212.313

Group Balance Sheet

The group balance sheet shows the value as at 31 March 2022 of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Council. The net assets of the Council's group are matched by the reserves held by the group. Reserves are reported in two categories: usable reserves, which are those reserves that the group may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations; and unusable reserves, comprising those that the group is not able to use to provide services. This category includes reserves that hold unrealised gains/losses in the value of assets where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold, and reserves that hold timing differences shown as 'adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations' in the group movement in reserves statement.

As at 31 March 2021 (restated) £m		Note	As at 31 March 2022 £m
1,498.582	Property, plant and equipment	G11	1,677.555
39.522	Heritage assets	G10	44.405
1.993	Investment property	G9	1.906
4.177	Intangible assets	14	3.349
25.180	Long-term investments	G15	34.848
49.034	Investments in associates and joint ventures	G3	64.835
2.407	Long-term debtors	20	2.691
1,620.895	Long-term assets		1,829.589
0.625	Assets held for sale	13	0.922
135.881	Short-term investments	G15	183.583
0.953	Inventories		1.106
81.707	Short-term debtors	G12	81.322
47.163	Cash and cash equivalents	G15	19.819
266.329	Current assets		286.752
(87.793)	Short-term borrowing	G15	(92.005)
(73.628)	Short-term creditors	G13	(74.206)
(0.212)	Short-term provisions	22	(0.240)
(161.633)	Current liabilities		(166.451)
(73.261)	Long-term creditors	21	(69.152)
(5.078)	Long-term provisions	22	(5.117)
(201.297)	Long-term borrowing	G15	(219.781)
(0.868)	Liabilities in associates and joint ventures	G3	0.000
(232.774)	Other long-term liabilities		(57.729)
(513.278)	Long-term liabilities		(351.779)
1,212.313	Net assets		1,598.111
(221.219)	Usable reserves	G7	(241.905)
(991.094)	Unusable reserves	G8	(1,356.206)
(1,212.313)	Total reserves		(1,598.111)

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The unaudited accounts were issued on 30 June 2022 and the audited accounts were authorised for issue on 17 November 2022.

Group Cashflow Statement

The group cash flow statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Council's group during the year. It shows how the Council generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which the operations of the Council are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the Council. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources that are intended to contribute to the Council's future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (that is, borrowing) to the Council. The Council's share of the cash flows of its associates and joint ventures is disregarded for the purpose of this statement because the Council's share of the associates' and joint ventures' reserves is unusable and cannot be used to fund services.

2020/21 (restated) £m		2021/22 £m
25.933	Group surplus/(deficit)	(12.394)
71.510	Adjustment for non-cash movements	103.508
(46.299)	Adjustments for items included in the group surplus/deficit that are investing and financing activities	(42.875)
51.144	Net cash flows from operating activities	48.239
(65.921)	Net cash flows from investing activities	(92.233)
48.799	Net cash flows from financing activities	16.650
34.022	Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(27.344)
13.141	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	47.163
47.163	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	19.819

Notes to the Group Accounts

The Council's share of Group entities is reviewed on an annual basis and some prior year figures are adjusted as a result, when compared to the prior year audited accounts.

Note G1: Details of the group's combining entities

Renfrewshire Council is represented on the board of a number of organisations. The extent of the Council's controlling interest has been reviewed in determining those entities that should be consolidated and incorporated within the group accounts. Those organisations, which have a significant impact on the Council's operations, are listed below. The accounting period for all of these bodies is the year to 31 March 2022. In addition to the information included in the group accounts on the preceding pages the

accounting regulations require specific disclosures about the combining entities and the nature of their business.

OneRen, the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds, Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited, Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP and the Coats Observatory Trust administered by Renfrewshire Council (as sole trustee) are treated as subsidiaries in the Council's group accounts, with assets, liabilities, reserves, income and expenses being consolidated line-by-line.

Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, trading as **OneRen**, is a company limited by guarantee formed in 2014 and registered as a charity in Scotland. Its principal place of business is the Lagoon Leisure Centre, 11 Christie Street, Paisley PA1 1NB. The charity provides leisure and culture facilities within Renfrewshire Council's area to the general public and operates ten leisure centres within Renfrewshire plus a range of cultural

service buildings, libraries and community halls. The objectives of the charity are to provide facilities for recreation, sport, cultural and other leisure activities for the benefit of the community in Renfrewshire. Any surplus generated by the charity is applied solely to its continuation and development. During 2021/22 Renfrewshire Council provided additional funding of £0.249m to OneRen to mitigate the financial impact of reduced revenue arising from national and local restrictions implemented by the Scottish Government in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The accounts of the charity are published separately and may be obtained from the Chief Executive, Lagoon Leisure Centre, 11 Christie Street, Paisley PA1 1NB.

Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited was formed in 2019 by Renfrewshire Council, with the objective of managing the development and delivery of the fundraising strategy for Paisley Museum and to drive the capital appeal for the redevelopment of Paisley Museum and furthering Paisley's cultural regeneration. The company is treated as a subsidiary within the Group Accounts. Copies of the financial statements may be obtained from its registered office at 5a High Street, Paisley PA1 2AE.

Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP was formed in 2010 by Renfrewshire Council and Park Lane Real Estate LLP in order to facilitate the regeneration of Paisley town centre through the transformation of the town's former Arnotts store into a mixed-use retail, office and residential development. The Partnership is treated as a subsidiary within the Group Accounts. Copies of the financial statements for the partnership may be obtained from its registered office at 87 Port Dundas Road, Cowcaddens, Glasgow G4 0HF.

The **group comprehensive income and expenditure statement (CIES)** includes total net comprehensive income for the year of £8.732m (2020/21 net comprehensive expenditure of £9.081m) for OneRen, total net comprehensive income for the year of £1.681m (2020/21 £4.158m) for the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds, total net comprehensive expenditure for the year of £0.052m (2020/21 £0.016m restated) for Park Lane

Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP, total net comprehensive expenditure for the year of £0.152m (2020/21 £0.149m) for Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited and total net comprehensive expenditure for the year of £0.073m (2020/21 net comprehensive income of £0.180m) for the Coats Observatory Trust.

The **group balance sheet** includes net liabilities of £2.140m (2020/21 £10.872m) for OneRen, net assets of £41.461m (2020/21 £39.780m) for the Common Good Funds, net assets of £0.114m (2020/21 £0.166m restated) for Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP, net liabilities of £0.573m (2020/21 £0.421m) for Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited and net assets of £0.697m (2020/21 £0.770m) for the Coats Observatory Trust.

Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee comprises the twelve councils in the west of Scotland and oversees the operation of the concessionary fares scheme for public transport within its area. The costs of the scheme are met by a combination of funding from the twelve constituent councils and by direct grant funding from the Scottish Government. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport administers the scheme on behalf of the committee. In 2021/22, Renfrewshire Council contributed £0.325m or 7.99% of the committee's estimated running costs (2020/21 £0.322m or 7.96%) and its share of the year-end net asset was £0.367m (2020/21 £0.276m) and is included in the group balance sheet. Copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer to Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, 131 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5JF.

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport was formed on 1 April 2006 as the successor to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority. It is a joint committee of the twelve councils in the west of Scotland. In association with the related strategic development committees, the partnership's remit includes the promotion of joint working to set out the policy framework for achieving the most effective management, development and integration of the transport network across boundaries in the medium to longer term through the Regional Transport Strategy. Renfrewshire Council contributed £2.861m

or 8.00% to the committee's estimated running costs in 2021/22 (2020/21 £2.828m or 7.97%) and its share of the year-end net asset was £38.643m (2020/21 £35.255m) and is included in the group balance sheet.

Copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, 131 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5JF.

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m		Strathclyde Partnership for Transport £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m
As at 31 March 2021		Balance Sheet Summary	As at 31 March 2022	
283.824	22.633	Long-term assets	321.591	25.713
180.712	14.410	Current assets	181.166	14.485
(22.420)	(1.788)	Current liabilities	(19.454)	(1.555)
0.000	0.000	Long-term liabilities	0.000	0.000
442.116	35.255	Net assets	483.303	38.643
2020/21		Income and Expenditure Summary	2021/22	
74.012	5.902	Income	76.706	6.133
65.328	5.210	Expenditure	69.538	5.560
8.684	0.692	Surplus for the year	7.168	0.573

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board was formed in 1996 at local government re-organisation by Act of Parliament. Its principal place of business is The Robertson Centre, 16 Glasgow Road, Paisley PA1 3QF. The board maintains the electoral, council tax and non-domestic rates registers for the three councils of East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire. The board's running costs are met by the three member councils. Surpluses or deficits on the board's operations are shared between the councils. In 2021/22, Renfrewshire Council contributed £1.561m or 56.3% of the board's estimated running costs (2020/21 £1.467m restated, 56.4%) and its share of the year-end net asset was £0.300m (2020/21 net liability of £0.868m restated) and is included in the group balance sheet. Copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer to the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board, Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire House, Paisley PA1 1JB.

The following additional disclosures are required under accounting regulations for Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board because it is a related party to the Council.

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board (restated) £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m		Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m
As at 31 March 2021		Balance Sheet Summary	As at 31 March 2022	
0.214	0.121	Long-term assets	0.182	0.102
0.881	0.497	Current assets	0.693	0.390
(0.285)	(0.161)	Current liabilities	(0.087)	(0.049)
(2.349)	(1.325)	Long-term liabilities	(0.255)	(0.143)
(1.539)	(0.868)	Net assets/(liabilities)	0.533	0.300
2020/21		Income and Expenditure Summary	2021/22	
2.972	1.677	Income	2.802	1.577
2.849	1.608	Expenditure	3.215	1.809
0.123	0.069	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(0.413)	(0.232)

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 established the framework for the integration of health and adult social care in Scotland. On 27 June 2015, Scottish Ministers legally established the **Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB)** as a formal legal partnership between Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

The IJB is responsible for the strategic planning of the functions delegated to it and for ensuring the delivery of its functions through the locally agreed operational arrangements. Copies of the financial statements for the IJB may be obtained from Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1WB.

Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (restated) £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m		Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m
As at 31 March 2021		Balance Sheet Summary	As at 31 March 2022	
27.006	13.503	Current assets	51.049	25.525
27.006	13.503	Net assets	51.049	25.525
2020/21		Income and Expenditure Summary	2021/22	
350.078	175.039	Income	367.251	183.626
332.589	166.295	Expenditure	343.208	171.604
17.489	8.744	Surplus for the year	24.043	12.022

Note G2: Non-material interest in other entities

In addition to the combining entities detailed in note G1, the Council has a "significant interest" in a number of joint committees. The Council's share of the net assets or liabilities of these joint committees is not material to the fair understanding of the financial position and transactions of the Council. Accordingly, the group accounts do not include these organisations. In the interest of transparency, the following disclosures are made concerning the business nature of each organisation.

Scotland Excel is formed by agreement among local authorities throughout Scotland and is maintained through a joint committee comprising representatives from all of the member councils. Launched on 1 April 2008 as a centre of procurement expertise for the local government sector, it is the largest non-profit making purchasing agency in Scotland. Its aim is to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public sector procurement. Renfrewshire Council contributed £0.122m (3.2%) to the committee's

estimated running costs in 2021/22 (£0.118m in 2020/21).

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority. The committee covers the eight councils within its area. Under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, each member council not only has responsibilities for local planning matters in its area but also the strategic issues that cover the wider area of the Glasgow and Clyde valley. Accordingly, the committee prepares, monitors and reviews the Strategic Development Plan on behalf of member councils and liaises with central government, Scottish Enterprise and other bodies. Renfrewshire Council contributed £0.052m (12.5%) to the committee's estimated running costs in 2021/22 (£0.072m in 2020/21).

Glasgow City Region – City Deal Cabinet is a Joint Committee, the purpose of which is to determine the Strategic Development priorities for the Clyde Valley Region and to monitor and ensure the delivery of the City Deal programme as agreed between member authorities and the UK and Scottish Governments. The

City Deal programme aims to deliver a £1.13 billion investment programme through 20 infrastructure projects and will drive innovation and growth through the support of the key sectors, including delivery of labour market and innovation programmes.

The committee operates in an administrative / project management capacity and does not hold any assets or liabilities developed from the City Deal programme.

Note G3: Associates and joint ventures

The aggregate value of the assets, liabilities, income and expenditure of the Council's associates and joint ventures are shown in the two tables which follow.

The net asset figure from these two tables combined (£25.525m + £39.310m = £64.835m) equates to the figure disclosed in the group balance sheet as 'Investments in associates and joint ventures.

Aggregate of Joint Venture results (restated) £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m	Joint ventures	Aggregate of Joint Venture results £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m
As at 31 March 2021		Balance Sheet Summary	As at 31 March 2022	
27.006	13.503	Current assets	51.049	25.525
27.006	13.503	Net assets	51.049	25.525
2020/21		Income and Expenditure Summary	2021/22	
350.078	175.039	Income	367.251	183.626
332.589	166.295	Expenditure	343.208	171.604
17.489	8.744	Surplus for the year	24.043	12.022

Aggregate of Associate results (restated) £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m	Associates	Aggregate of Associate results £m	Renfrewshire Council's Share £m
As at 31 March 2021		Balance Sheet Summary	As at 31 March 2022	
284.038	22.754	Long-term assets	321.773	25.815
185.252	15.199	Current assets	186.993	15.285
(22.904)	(1.965)	Current liabilities	(20.079)	(1.647)
(2.349)	(1.325)	Long-term liabilities	(0.255)	(0.143)
444.037	34.663	Net assets	488.432	39.310
2020/21		Income and Expenditure Summary	2021/22	
81.030	7.902	Income	83.591	8.036
69.490	6.923	Expenditure	75.700	7.604
11.540	0.979	Surplus for the year	7.891	0.432

Note on contingent assets, contingent liabilities and capital commitments

The Council is unaware of any material contingent asset or contingent liability as at 31 March 2022 in relation to any of its associates or joint ventures. The Council is unaware that any capital commitments have been entered into by any of its associates or joint ventures as at 31 March 2022, either with the Council itself or with other parties.

Note G4: Material items of group income and expenditure

In order to assist the reader in a better understanding of the impact of the inclusion of the results of the associates and joint ventures, the following tables provide an analysis of the Council's share of the material amounts of income and expenditure disclosed in the group CIES.

2020/21 (restated) £m	Material items of group income and expenditure	2021/22 £m
	Share of (surplus) or deficit:	
	Subsidiaries:	
(0.375)	Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds	(0.434)
0.021	Coats Observatory Trust	0.028
1.439	OneRen	3.498
0.016	Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP	0.052
0.149	Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited	0.152
	Associates:	
(0.692)	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	(0.573)
(0.218)	Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	(0.091)
(0.069)	Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board	0.232
	Joint Ventures:	
(8.744)	Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	(12.022)
(8.473)	Aggregate share of (surplus) or deficit	(9.158)
	Share of other comprehensive (income) and expenditure:	
3.658	Subsidiaries:	(13.432)
(3.783)	Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds	(1.247)
(0.201)	Coats Observatory Trust	0.045
7.642	OneRen	(12.230)
(0.393)	Associates:	(4.215)
(0.608)	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	(2.815)
0.000	Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	0.000
0.215	Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board	(1.400)
3.265	Aggregate share of other comprehensive (income) and expenditure	(17.647)
(5.208)	Aggregate share of total comprehensive (income) and expenditure	(26.805)

Note G5: Adjustments between group accounts and council accounts

In the group movement in reserves statement, adjustments between group accounts and council accounts are required to bring the Council's reserve balances back to the amount presented in the Council-only figures (before adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations). This is because intra-group transactions are eliminated when total comprehensive income and expenditure is calculated for the group.

The adjustments between group accounts and council accounts can be analysed as follows:

2020/21 £m	Adjustments between Group accounts and Council accounts	2021/22 £m
0.120	Grants made by the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds to Renfrewshire Council in contribution towards the funding of community events and projects	0.148
0.059	Governance costs charged to the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds by Renfrewshire Council	0.059
(0.020)	Interest income received from Renfrewshire Council by the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds	(0.003)
(14.279)	Service charge and other expenditure payable by Renfrewshire Council to OneRen	(12.941)
0.292	Expenditure payable by OneRen to Renfrewshire Council	0.297
0.171	Expenditure payable by Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited to Renfrewshire Council	0.144
(13.657)	Total adjustments between Group accounts and Council accounts	(12.296)

Note G6: Group financing and investment income and expenditure

2021/22 (restated) £m	Group financing and investment income and expenditure	2021/22 £m
19.734	Interest payable and similar charges	20.312
4.273	Net interest on the net defined benefit liability	4.907
(0.565)	Interest receivable and similar income	(0.631)
(0.329)	Income and expenditure in relation to investment properties and changes in their fair values	(0.208)
(0.994)	Other investment income	(0.773)
22.119	Total financing and investment income and expenditure	23.607

Note G7: Group Usable reserves

2020/21 £m	Group Usable Reserves	2021/22 £m
(194.093)	Council Usable Reserves - Note 7	(214.457)
	Group Usable Reserves:	
(23.996)	Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds: unrestricted funds	(24.524)
(0.292)	Coats Observatory Trust: usable balances	(0.238)
(0.368)	OneRen	(0.368)
0.421	Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited	0.573
(2.891)	Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	(2.891)
(221.219)	Total Group Usable Reserves	(241.905)

Note G8: Group Unusable reserves

Unusable reserves are those reserves that the Council is not able to utilise to provide services. Included within the total Group Unusable Reserves are the unusable reserves of the Council's subsidiaries; also included is the Council's share of the reserves of the associates and joint ventures within the group.

2020/21 (restated) £m	Group Unusable Reserves	2021/22 £m
(940.631)	Council Unusable Reserves - Note 8	(1,279.260)
	Group Unusable Reserves:	
(6.146)	Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds: financial instruments revaluation reserve	(6.960)
(9.638)	Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds: revaluation reserve	(9.977)
(0.478)	Coats Observatory Trust: revaluation reserve	(0.459)
11.240	OneRen: pension reserve	2.508
(0.166)	Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP	(0.114)
	Council share of the Reserves of associates and joint ventures:	
(35.255)	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	(38.643)
(0.276)	Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	(0.367)
0.868	Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board	(0.300)
(10.612)	Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	(22.634)
(991.094)	Total Group Unusable Reserves	(1,356.206)

Note G9: Group investment properties

The following items of income and expense have been accounted for in the 'Financing and investment income and expenditure' line in the group CIES:

2020/21 £m	Group Investment Properties	2021/22 £m
(0.456)	Rental income from investment property	(0.419)
(0.456)	Net (gain) or loss	(0.419)

There are no restrictions on the Council's ability to realise the value inherent in investment property, nor on the right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. With regards Common Good properties, the Council is obliged to observe the provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in terms of public consultation on disposal proposals; however, the right to the remittance of income and proceeds of disposal remains with the Common Good Funds. The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties during the year:

2020/21 £m	Group Investment Properties	2021/22 £m
2.020	Balance at 1 April	1.993
(0.021)	Net losses from fair value adjustments	(0.081)
(0.006)	Other changes	(0.006)
1.993	Balance at 31 March	1.906

Note G10: Group Property, plant and equipment

2021/22	Council PPE (Note 9) £m	Council share of Group PPE £m	Total Group PPE £m
Gross carrying amount at 1 April 2021	1,901.842	18.809	1,920.651
Assets reclassified (to) or from the "held for sale" category	(0.822)	0.000	(0.822)
Additions	81.248	0.000	81.248
Disposals	(2.050)	0.000	(2.050)
Revaluation increases/(decreases) taken to the Revaluation Reserve	81.325	0.208	81.533
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(7.142)	0.000	(7.142)
Gross carrying amount at 31 March 2022	2,054.401	19.017	2,073.418
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 April 2021	417.599	4.470	422.069
Depreciation charge for the year	72.178	0.750	72.928
Depreciation and impairment on disposals	(1.965)	0.000	(1.965)
Depreciation written out to the Revaluation Reserve	(79.651)	(0.606)	(80.257)
Depreciation written out to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(16.912)	0.000	(16.912)
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31 March 2022	391.249	4.614	395.863
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 31 March 2022	1,663.152	14.403	1,677.555
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 1 April 2021	1,484.243	14.339	1,498.582

2020/21 (restated)	Council PPE (Note 9) £m	Council share of Group PPE £m	Total Group PPE £m
Gross carrying amount at 1 April 2020	1,852.125	18.509	1,870.634
Assets reclassified (to) or from the "held for sale" category	0.075	0.000	0.075
Additions	53.701	0.000	53.701
Disposals	(0.854)	0.000	(0.854)
Revaluation increases/(decreases) taken to the Revaluation Reserve	4.947	0.300	5.247
Revaluation increases/(decreases) recognised in the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(8.152)	0.000	(8.152)
Gross carrying amount at 31 March 2021	1,901.842	18.809	1,920.651
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 April 2020	392.882	4.281	397.163
Depreciation charge for the year	70.868	0.741	71.609
Depreciation and impairment on disposals	(0.260)	0.000	(0.260)
Depreciation written out to the Revaluation Reserve	(42.661)	(0.552)	(43.213)
Depreciation written out to the surplus or deficit on the provision of services	(3.230)	0.000	(3.230)
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31 March 2021	417.599	4.470	422.069
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 31 March 2021	1,484.243	14.339	1,498.582
Balance sheet net carrying amount at 1 April 2020	1,459.243	14.228	1,473.471

Note G11: Group heritage assets

A valuation of the fair value of the Council's Heritage Assets was carried out by an external valuer between October 2021 and March 2022, resulting in an increase of £4.883m. The value at 31 March 2022 was £44.405m (£39.522m in 2020/21). Included in this value are the civic regalia and equipment of the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds, which have been externally valued on a present value insurance basis at £0.219m as at 31 March 2022 (£0.219 at 31 March 2021).

Note G12: Group short-term debtors

The balances detailed below are composed mostly of the debtors of the Council, to which the debtors of OneRen, Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP and the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds have been added.

As at 31 March 2021 £m	Group Short-term Debtors	As at 31 March 2022 £m
6.244	Trade receivables	5.532
4.480	Prepayments	5.298
70.983	Other receivables	70.492
81.707	Total	81.322

Note G13: Group short-term creditors

The balances detailed below are composed mostly of the creditors of the Council, to which the creditors of OneRen, Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP and the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds have been added.

As at 31 March 2021 (restated) £m	Group Short-term Creditors	As at 31 March 2022 £m
(15.269)	Trade payables	(14.909)
(58.359)	Other payables	(59.297)
(73.628)	Total	(74.206)

Note G14: Amounts due between Renfrewshire Council and its associates and joint ventures

An analysis of the amounts owing and owed between the Council and its associates and joint ventures, analysed into amounts relating to loans and amounts relating to other balances, is shown in the table below.

As at 31 March 2021 £m		As at 31 March 2022 £m
0.737	Amounts owing to Renfrewshire Council: Other balances	0.737
0.737	Total	0.737
(27.032)	Amounts owed by Renfrewshire Council: Liability for Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's retained underspend	(51.076)
(0.841)	Other balances	(0.655)
(27.873)	Total	(51.731)

Note G15: Group financial instruments

Balance sheet carrying amounts of group financial instruments

The following categories of financial instrument are carried in the group balance sheet. Additional qualitative information on the various categories of financial instruments can be found in Note 23: Financial Instruments.

As at 31 March 2021		Financial Assets	As at 31 March 2022	
Long-term £m	Current £m		Long-term £m	Current £m
0.000	135.720	At amortised cost: Principal	5.001	183.499
0.000	0.161	At amortised cost: Accrued interest	0.000	0.084
25.180	0.000	At fair value through other comprehensive income - designated equity instruments	29.847	0.000
25.180	135.881	Total Investments	34.848	183.583
0.000	8.165	At amortised cost: Principal	0.000	(8.435)
0.000	0.001	At amortised cost: Accrued interest	0.000	0.002
0.000	(0.003)	At amortised cost: Loss allowance	0.000	(0.001)
0.000	39.000	At fair value through profit or loss	0.000	28.253
0.000	47.163	Total Cash and cash equivalents	0.000	19.819
0.909	92.592	At amortised cost: Trade receivables	1.162	89.293
4.996	0.087	At amortised cost: Loans made for service purposes	5.027	0.065
0.854	0.000	At amortised cost: Accrued interest	0.913	0.000
(4.352)	(21.267)	At amortised cost: Loss allowance	(4.411)	(19.740)
2.407	71.412	Financial Assets included in Debtors	2.691	69.618

As at 31 March 2021 (restated)		Financial Liabilities	As at 31 March 2022	
Long-term £m	Current £m		Long-term £m	Current £m
(201.297)	(0.834)	Principal sum borrowed	(199.427)	(1.869)
0.000	(2.708)	Accrued interest	0.000	(2.698)
(201.297)	(3.542)	Total Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) borrowing	(199.427)	(4.567)
0.000	(52.916)	Principal sum borrowed	(20.000)	(32.916)
0.000	(0.884)	Accrued interest	0.000	(0.871)
0.000	(0.883)	EIR adjustments	(0.354)	(0.512)
0.000	(54.683)	Total non-PWLB borrowing ("market debt")	(20.354)	(34.299)
0.000	(29.568)	Borrowing from group entities	0.000	(53.139)
(201.297)	(87.793)	Total Borrowing	(219.781)	(92.005)
0.000	(42.838)	At amortised cost: Trade payables	0.000	(41.849)
(71.581)	(2.851)	Service concession and finance lease liabilities	(68.362)	(3.219)
(0.008)	0.000	Financial guarantees	(0.005)	0.000
(71.589)	(45.689)	Financial Liabilities included in Creditors	(68.367)	(45.068)

Note: the figures in this table include accrued interest where this is applicable

Fair value of group financial instruments

The fair value through other comprehensive income financial assets carried on the group balance sheet comprise the Council's insurance fund investments and the investments of the Paisley and Renfrew Common Good Funds. The fair value of these investments equates to the market value of the investments as provided by the Council's investment manager, abrdn Capital Limited. In terms of the fair value measurement hierarchy the financial instruments measured at fair value are considered to be Level 1 being quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the authority can access at the measurement date, Level 2 being inputs other than quoted prices that can be accessed at the measurement date, or Level 3 being unobservable inputs e.g. cashflow forecasts or estimated creditworthiness (see table below).

As at 31 March 2021 (restated)		Financial Liabilities	Fair value level	As at 31 March 2022	
Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m			Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m
(204.839)	(280.699)	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:			
(54.683)	(80.525)	Public Works Loan Board borrowing	2	(203.994)	(254.715)
		Non-PWLB borrowing ("market debt")	2	(54.653)	(73.852)
		Other liabilities:			
(74.432)	(121.485)	Service concession and finance lease liabilities	3	(71.581)	(102.940)
(0.008)	(0.008)	Financial guarantees	3	(0.005)	(0.005)
(333.962)	(482.717)	Total financial liabilities for which fair value is disclosed		(330.233)	(431.512)
		Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:			
(29.568)	n/a	Borrowing from group entities		(53.139)	n/a
(42.838)	n/a	Trade payables: short-term		(41.849)	n/a
(72.406)		Total financial liabilities for which fair value is not disclosed		(94.988)	

As at 31 March 2021		Financial Assets	Fair value level	As at 31 March 2022	
Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m			Carrying Amount £m	Fair value £m
39.000	39.000	Callable deposits in money market funds	1	25.299	25.299
0.000	0.000	Euro account balances with the Council's banker	2	2.954	2.954
25.180	25.180	Investments in pooled funds	1	29.847	29.847
64.180	64.180	Total Financial assets measured at fair value		58.100	58.100
135.881	135.989	Fixed term deposits with UK local authorities	2	188.584	187.713
8.109	8.109	Callable deposits with UK banks & building societies*	2	(8.486)	(8.486)
0.054	0.054	Imprest accounts held at council establishments	2	0.052	0.052
1.583	1.687	Loans made for service purposes	3	1.592	1.707
145.627	145.839	Total Financial assets measured at amortised cost		181.742	180.986
209.807	210.019	Total financial assets for which fair value is disclosed		239.842	239.086
		Financial assets measured at amortised cost:			
0.908	n/a	Trade receivables and prepayments: long-term		1.162	n/a
71.328	n/a	Receivables and prepayments: short-term		69.555	n/a
72.236		Total financial assets for which fair value is not disclosed		70.717	

*includes current account balances with the Council's banker.

The short-term nature of cash and cash equivalents means that their fair value equates to their balance sheet carrying amount. Further qualitative information on the fair value of financial instruments can be found in Note 23.

Items of income, expense, gain and loss relating to group financial instruments

The following items of income, expense, gain and loss relating to group financial instruments are included within the lines 'Financing and Investment income and expenditure' and '(Surplus) or deficit from investments in equity instruments designated as 'Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (OCI*)' in the group CIES.

2020/21 £m		Financial Assets			Financial liabilities at amortised cost £m	2021/22 £m
		Amortised cost £m	Elected to Fair Value through OCI* £m	Fair Value through Profit or Loss £m		
15.877	Interest expense	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.417	16.417
2.505	Impairment losses	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.012	Fee expense	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
18.394	Total expense in the Surplus / Deficit on the Provision of Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.417	16.417
(0.631)	Interest income	(0.278)	0.000	(0.016)	0.000	(0.294)
(0.655)	Dividend income	0.000	(0.794)	0.000	0.000	(0.794)
(0.446)	Other income	(0.319)	(0.090)	0.000	0.000	(0.409)
(1.732)	Total income in the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	(0.597)	(0.884)	(0.016)	0.000	(1.497)
(3.584)	Net (gain) or loss on revaluation	0.000	(0.872)	0.048	0.000	(0.824)
(3.584)	(Surplus)/Deficit on the revaluation of financial assets	0.000	(0.872)	0.048	0.000	(0.824)
13.078	Net (Gain)/Loss for the year	(0.597)	(1.756)	0.032	16.417	14.096

Group Accounting Policies

Introduction

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 ("the Code") requires local authorities to consider their interests in all types of entity.

This includes other local authorities or similar bodies defined in section 106 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, for example statutory bodies such as valuation boards.

Authorities are required to prepare a full set of group accounts in addition to their own Council's accounts where they have a material interest in such entities.

Combining entities

Renfrewshire Council's group accounts consolidate the results of the Council with the results of the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds; the Coats Observatory Trust administered by Renfrewshire Council; and seven other entities:

1. Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, trading as OneRen;
2. Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited;
3. Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP;
4. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
5. Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee;
6. Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board;
7. Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board.

The Council has effective control over OneRen, Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited, the Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Common Good Funds and the Coats Observatory Trust administered by Renfrewshire Council (as sole trustee) and, as such, these are treated as subsidiaries in the Council's group accounts, with assets, liabilities, reserves, income and expenses being consolidated line-by-line.

The Council also holds 50% (£50) of the share capital of Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP. Under the terms of the Partnership Agreement, the Council has enhanced voting rights and Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP has no claim on the remaining assets should the partnership be wound up; therefore, the entity is treated as a subsidiary.

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee are included within the group accounts under the definition of associate, even though the Council holds less than 20% or more of the voting (or potential voting) power (which is the criterion normally used to confer significant influence). However, the view has been taken that the nature of the funding arrangements between the constituent Councils and these entities is sufficient to confer significant influence.

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board is included within the group accounts as an associate because the Council does not have a controlling interest in the body in terms of the voting rights.

Renfrewshire Council's share of each associate's net assets or liabilities is calculated based on the Council's proportionate contribution to each associate's annual revenue costs. The Council has no shares in, or ownership of, any of these three organisations, which are entirely independent of the Council under law and for taxation.

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 established the framework for the integration of health and adult social care in Scotland.

Scottish Ministers legally established the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board on 27 June 2015 as a formal legal partnership between Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. This entity is included as a joint venture in the Council's group accounts. Renfrewshire Council's share of the joint venture's net liabilities is calculated based on the Council's proportionate ordinary shareholding in the joint venture.

Basis of preparation of group statements and going concern

For the associates and joint ventures detailed above, the combination has been accounted for under the accounting conventions of the acquisition basis using the equity method, with the Council's share of the net assets or liabilities of each entity incorporated and adjusted each year by the Council's share of that entity's results and the Council's share of other gains and losses (recognised in the group CIES).

For four of the combining entities the Council has a share in a net liability. The net liability position of both the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board and OneRen arises from the inclusion of liabilities related to the defined benefit pension schemes as required by IAS19 (which requires that pension liabilities reflect the long-term cost of paying post-employment benefits). For Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP the net liability arises from long-term borrowing to fund regeneration work within and around the site of the former Arnott's store in Paisley. For Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited the net liability relates to sums due by the company to Renfrewshire Council for the provision of ongoing administrative support.

All of the organisations noted above prepare their annual accounts on a going concern basis. Arrangements with the Council and other funders for the longer-term funding of Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP are considered sufficient to meet future funding requirements. The Council will continue to support Paisley Museum Reimagined

Limited until their anticipated revenue generation materialises.

Consideration for acquisition of associates' net assets or liabilities

The Council has acquired its share of the net assets of its associates for a nil consideration. There is no deferred or contingent purchase consideration. A fair value for its share of the net assets or liabilities of the three joint boards and committees at the point of acquisition and the post-acquisition results are unable to be accurately determined in view of the length of time since the transfer of these responsibilities at local government re-organisation in 1996 and the change in accounting for pensions under FRS17 in 2003/04.

It is not possible to provide the fair value of the investment in the other combining entities of the Council as there are no published price quotations for these entities. No goodwill has been included in the group balance sheet in view of the length of time since acquisition, that no consideration was involved and that a fair value at the date of acquisition cannot now be properly assessed.

Group boundary: non-material interests in other entities

The Council has a significant interest in three joint committees that have not been included in the group accounts. The Council's share of their net assets or liabilities is not material to the fair understanding of the financial position and transactions of the Council. In the interest of transparency, details of the business nature of each organisation are shown in notes G1 and G2.

Inventories

Inventories (generally consumable stock) are included in the group balance sheet at weighted average cost and the lower of cost or net realisable value: weighted average cost – Council's stock; lower of cost or net

realisable value – OneRen's stock. The difference in valuation methods does not have a material effect on the results of the group given the levels of stockholdings in these entities.

Post-employment benefits

In common with Renfrewshire Council, all combining entities, except Park Lane Developments (Renfrewshire) LLP, participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme, which is administered locally by Glasgow City Council through the Strathclyde Pension Fund. The associates have accounting policies for pensions accounting that are consistent with those of the Council.

Property, plant and equipment

The basis of valuation across the combining entities is in accordance with the Code. Operational property, plant and equipment assets are shown at the lower of net replacement cost or net realisable value in existing use with the following exceptions:

- i) The Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee has no fixed assets.
- ii) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport holds exceptional types of fixed assets in its balance sheet. Within intangible assets, there are subsidised bus contracts that are recorded at amortised cost. There are also "third-party" assets that are rolling stock and other public assets used by other transport operators but which the partnership has the power to direct to the benefit of the travelling public within the partnership's operating area – these are held at historic cost.
- iii) OneRen uses the historic cost convention for its recent leasehold improvements, but this is considered a suitable proxy for market value in existing use on a replacement cost basis. OneRen also uses depreciated historic cost for its computers, plant, furniture and fittings rather than the Council's depreciated replacement cost basis, however this is not considered to be material given the small values involved.

Restrictions on the transfer of funds

The Council's share of the reserves of its associates is unusable in that it cannot be used to fund the Council's services nor to reduce taxation. All associates are entirely independent of the Council under law and for taxation. The Council is unable to access their reserves, whether classified as usable or otherwise in the associate's own financial statements.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax paid by OneRen is accounted for within income and expenditure to the extent that it is irrecoverable from HM Revenue and Customs.



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