

Banbury Town Council

Statement of Accounts

(Not Subject to Audit)

31 March 2021

Banbury Town Council

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Banbury Town Council

Council Information

Town Mayor

Cllr John Colegrave

Councillors

Cllr Hannah Banfield
Cllr Andrew Beere
Cllr Claire Bell
Cllr David Beverly
Cllr Nathan Bignell
Cllr Mark Cherry
Cllr Colin Clarke
Cllr Surinder Dhesi
Cllr Lucy Donaldson
Cllr Arash Fatemian
Cllr Tony Ilott
Cllr Nick Harrison
Cllr Shaida Hussain
Cllr Steve Kilsby
Cllr Kieron Mallon
Cllr Anthony Mephram
Cllr Alastair Milne Home
Cllr Barry Richards
Cllr Gordon Ross
Cllr Sean Woodcock
Cllr Tina Wren

Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

Clerk to the Council - Mark Recchia MA FCIS FSLCC
Deputy Town Clerk & RFO - Mark Hassall ACMA CGMA

Auditors

Moore

Banbury Town Council

Introduction to Accounting Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Accounting and Audit Regulations governing the production of the Council's accounts were amended on 31 March 2012. Prior to this date the Council were obliged to prepare its accounts under the 2008 FRSSE and these accounts were subject to a full code audit.

The new regulations allow the Council to adopt the Limited Assurance Audit Regime, the principal advantage being a considerable saving in audit fees and a less arduous audit regime.

The Council's statutory accounts are now produced in the form of the Annual Return. The Statements of Accounts which are not subject to audit provides background workings and explanations of the figures declared in the Annual Return.

The following items are included:

The Statement of Accounting Policies

This statement details the legislation and the accounting principles on which the financial statements are prepared.

The Statement of Responsibilities

This statement identifies the Council's responsibilities and identifies the officer who is responsible for the Council's financial affairs.

The Income and Expenditure Account (Unaudited)

This document shows the income generated and the total expenditure on the services provided by the Council for the year. If required, this document includes capital expenditure and the capital element of loan repayments.

The Income and Expenditure Account Reconciliation (Unaudited)

This document reconciles the figures shown in the Income and Expenditure Account to the Annual Return.

The Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

This sets out the financial position of the Council on 31 March. It shows the value of its assets, the value of its cash and bank values, how much it is owed and how much it owes and the balance of reserves at its disposal.

Notes to the Accounts

These provide further information on the amounts included in the financial statements.

Budget Comparison for the year ended 31 March 2020

The Council's policy is to estimate the total expenditure for the year, which may contain capital expenditure not financed via the precept. Any such expenditure of this type is included within the actual revenue expenditure for the year.

The budget out-turn is summarised below :

	Net Expenditure	Net Budget	Variance
SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC			
Litter and Dog Bins	(133,156)	(133,950)	794
Cemeteries	(109,253)	(134,603)	25,350
Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation	(793,664)	(849,423)	55,759
Cultural and Heritage	(6,739)	(14,450)	7,711
Bus Shelters and Grit Bins	(1,840)	(17,200)	15,360
Capital Costs	(527,843)	(417,625)	(110,218)
	(1,572,495)	(1,567,251)	(5,244)
DEMOCRATIC, CIVIC AND CENTRAL COSTS			
Civic and Events	(147,446)	(145,979)	(1,467)
Service Support Costs	(297,310)	(337,518)	40,208
Town Hall	(49,644)	(48,136)	(1,508)
Swimming Pool and Other Grants	(91,546)	(79,783)	(11,763)
Capital Costs			-
Interest and Other Income	22,151	22,382	(231)
	(563,795)	(589,034)	25,239
Council Tax Support Grant	111,698	111,698	-
Developer Contribution under S106 agreements	393,005	115,497	277,508
Precept	1,929,411	1,929,411	
Net surplus/(deficit)	297,824	321	297,503

It is the Council's policy to provide full information about its affairs. Interested members of the public have a statutory right to inspect the accounts before the audit is completed. The availability of the accounts for inspection is advertised on the Council's notice boards and website.

Further information about the accounts is available from The Town Hall, Bridge Street, Banbury, OX16 5QB. This is part of the Council's policy of providing full information about its affairs.

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Statement of Accounting Policies

31 March 2021

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioners Guide (England).

These accounts have been prepared having regard to the fundamental accounting concepts of: Going Concern, Prudence, Accruals, Relevance, Consistency, Reliability, Comparability, Understandability and Materiality.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Prior to 1 April 2012 the Council's accounts were prepared in line with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE 2008). The change from the FRSSE has resulted in a review of accounting policies, with changes in respect of the treatment of Fixed Assets.

Fixed Assets

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of fixed assets above the Council de-minimus (currently £5,000) is written off to the Council's Income and Expenditure Account in the year of acquisition. Expenditure on fixed assets is then included in the Balance Sheet with a corresponding transaction shown in the Capital Financing Reserve to balance the transaction.

Fixed Assets are included in the balance sheet at carrying value current on 31 March 2009 together with subsequent acquisitions and enhancements at cost.

Depreciation Policy

All assets are held at cost on the balance sheet, in line with the accounting regulations.

Disposals

Where an asset is disposed of at a value above the de-minimus level (currently £10,000), the proceeds of the capital receipt within the meaning of the Local Authorities (Capital Financing and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2011, are included in the Income and Expenditure Account and carried to the Useable Capital Receipts Reserve.

Grants or Contributions from Government or Related Bodies

Capital Grants

Where a fixed asset has been acquired or improved with the financing either wholly or in part by a grant or contribution from government or a related body, e.g. Sports Council, the full amount of the grant has been included in the Income and Expenditure Account to off-set the cost of purchasing the relevant asset.

Revenue Grants

Whether paid on account by instalment or in arrears grants and third party contributions are recognised as income on the date the Council receives the payment. Revenue grants are matched in revenue accounts with the service expenditure to which they relate and are shown under a separate heading in the Statutory Income and Expenditure Account.

Capital Receipts

Capital receipts arising from the disposal of fixed assets are taken to the Capital Receipts Reserve until such time as they are used to finance new capital expenditure.

Investments

Investments over one year in length are not included in the balance sheet and realised gains or losses are taken into the Income and Expenditure account as realised.

Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks where relevant are being constantly replaced and their value is not material to assessing the Council's state of affairs, as a result, stock is written off directly to revenue expenditure.

Debtors and Creditors

The revenue accounts of the Council are maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the regulations. That is, sums due to or from the Council during the year are included whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid in the year. Exceptions to this are payment of regular quarterly and other accounts (e.g. telephones, electricity). This policy is applied consistently each year. Therefore, it will not have a material effect on the year's accounts or on the Council's annual budget.

The Council reviews the level of its commercial debtors on a regular basis and provisions are made, as required, where the likelihood of amounts proving ultimately collectable is in doubt.

Value Added Tax

Income and Expenditure excludes any amounts related to VAT, as all VAT suffered/collected is recoverable from or payable to HM Revenue and Customs. Any amounts not so recoverable are treated as a separate expense.

External Loan Repayments

When required, details of the Council's external borrowings are shown in the notes.

The Council shows external borrowings in its Balance Sheet. However the capital element of loan repayments is included in the Income and Expenditure Account and transferred to the Balance Sheet via the Capital Financing Account.

Leases

The Council has no commitments under finance leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to revenue on an accruals basis.

Reserves

The Council maintains certain reserves to meet general and specific future expenditure. The purpose of the Council's reserves is explained in the notes.

The Capital Financing Reserve is maintained to manage the accounting processes for tangible fixed assets. It does not represent usable resources for the Council:

Capital receipts arising from the disposal of fixed assets are taken to the Useable Capital Receipts Reserve until such time as they are used to finance new capital expenditure.

Interest Income

All interest receipts are credited initially to general funds.

Interest is reallocated to certain reserves based on the level of their fund balance.

Cost of Support Services

The costs of management and administration have been apportioned to services on an appropriate and consistent basis.

Pensions

The pension costs that are charged against precept in the Council's accounts, in respect of its employees, are equal to the contributions paid to the funded pension scheme for those employees.

These contributions are determined by the fund's actuary on a triennial basis and are set to meet 100% of the liabilities of the pension fund, in accordance with relevant government regulations.

The Local Government scheme is accounted for as a defined benefit scheme.

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Statement of Responsibilities for the Accounts

31 March 2021

The Council's Responsibilities

The Council is required:

to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs

to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. At this Council, that officer is the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets

to approve the Annual Return

The Responsible Financial Officer's Responsibilities

The RFO is responsible for the preparation of the Council's statement of accounts as contained in *Governance and Accountability for Local Councils (Part 3) - A Practitioners Guide England "The Guide"*, to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council at 31 March 2021 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In preparing the statements of accounts, the RFO has:

selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently

made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent, and complied with the guide.

The RFO has also:

kept proper accounting records which were up to date, and

taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Responsible Financial Officer's Certificate

I hereby certify that the statement of accounts presents a true and fair view of the position of Banbury Town Council at 31 March 2021, and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2021

Signed: 
Responsible Financial Officer - Mark Hassall

Date: 22/6/21

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Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Prior Year		2021	2021	2021
£		£	£	£
Net		Gross	Income	Net
Expenditure		Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
	SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC			
(129,948)	Litter and Dog Bins	(133,156)		(133,156)
(115,904)	Cemeteries	(207,809)	98,556	(109,253)
(778,363)	Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation	(817,399)	23,735	(793,664)
(4,627)	Cultural and Heritage	(6,739)		(6,739)
(6,297)	Bus Shelters and Grit Bins	(1,840)		(1,840)
(1,068,975)	Capital Costs	(527,843)	-	(527,843)
-	- Developer Contribution under S106 agreements		393,005	393,005
	DEMOCRATIC, CIVIC AND CENTRAL COSTS			
(81,449)	Civic and Events	(145,185)	(2,261)	(147,446)
(347,247)	Service Support Costs	(297,310)	-	(297,310)
(54,248)	Town Hall	(49,644)	-	(49,644)
(84,990)	Swimming Pool and Other Grants	(91,546)	-	(91,546)
-	- Capital Costs		-	-
40,582	Interest and Other Income	-	22,151	22,151
<u>(2,631,466)</u>		<u>(2,278,471)</u>	<u>535,186</u>	<u>(1,743,285)</u>
1,846,320	Precept			1,929,411
223,396	Council Tax Support Grant			111,698
<u>(561,750)</u>	Net Surplus/(Deficit)			<u>297,824</u>

Movement in		Balances at	Movement	Balances at
Prior Year	RESERVES	31 March	in Year	31 March
		2020		2021
1,179,700	General Fund	1,179,700	84,662	1,264,362
2,234,581	Earmarked Reserves	2,234,581	(63,679)	2,170,902
686,820	Land transfer maintenance	686,820	276,840	963,661
-	Capital Receipts Reserve	-	-	-
<u>4,101,102</u>	Total	<u>4,101,101</u>	<u>297,824</u>	<u>4,398,925</u>

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Income and Expenditure Account and Annual Return Reconciliation

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Annual Return Box Numbers	Income			Expenditure			
	Box 2	Box 3	Total	Box 4	Box 5	Box 6	Total
	Precept	Other Income		Staff Costs	Loans Repaid	Other Costs	
Services to the Public							
Litter and Dog Bins		-	-	-		(133,156)	(133,156)
Cemeteries		98,556	98,556	(128,022)		(79,787)	(207,809)
Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation		23,735	23,735	(273,753)		(543,646)	(817,399)
Cultural and Heritage		-	-	-		(6,739)	(6,739)
Bus Shelters and Grit Bins		-	-	-		(1,840)	(1,840)
Capital Costs		-	-	-		(527,843)	(527,843)
Democratic, Management and Civic							
Civic and Events		(2,261)	(2,261)	(77,732)		(67,453)	(145,185)
Service Support Costs		-	-	(237,114)		(60,196)	(297,310)
Town Hall		-	-	(3,715)		(45,929)	(49,644)
Swimming Pool and Other Grants		-	-	-		(91,546)	(91,546)
Capital Costs		-	-	-		-	-
Interest and Other Income		22,151	22,151	-		-	-
Precept	1,929,411	-	1,929,411	-		-	-
Council Tax Support Grant		111,698	111,698				
S106 Developer Contributions		393,005	393,005				
Totals Carried to Annual Return	1,929,411	646,884	2,576,295	(720,336)	-	(1,558,135)	(2,278,471)

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2021

Previous Year £		Box	2021 £	2021 £
	Fixed Assets			
	Tangible fixed assets	5		
2,477,702	Land and Buildings		2,477,702	
3,349,055	Vehicles and Equipment		<u>3,754,119</u>	6,231,822
<u>5,826,757</u>				
	Current Assets			
116,855	Debtors	8	102,239	
4,433,070	Cash at Bank and In-hand		<u>4,670,823</u>	
<u>4,549,925</u>			4,773,062	
	Current Liabilities			
(448,822)	Creditors and accrued expenses	9	(374,134)	
0	Commuted Sums received in advance	11	<u>0</u>	
<u>(448,822)</u>			(374,134)	
4,101,103	Net Current Assets			4,398,927
	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>10,630,749</u>
<u>9,927,860</u>				
	Financed by:			
	Reserves available to the Council			
1,179,700	General Reserve		1,264,362	
	Earmarked Reserve	14		
2,234,582	- Future Projects		2,170,903	
686,820	- Land transfer maintenance		<u>963,661</u>	
<u>4,101,102</u>				4,398,926
	Reserves Not Available to Council: Represents the Council's Net Investment in Fixed Assets less Outstanding Loans			
5,826,758	Capital Financing Account	12		6,231,822
<u>9,927,860</u>				<u>10,630,749</u>

These accounts have been approved by the Council.

J. Hussain

Leader of the Council

Date: 22/6/21



Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 22/6/21

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for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Interest and Investment Income	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest Income - General Funds	22,151	32,596
	<u>22,151</u>	<u>32,596</u>

2 Audit Fees

Fees payable covering the year 2019/2020 for the services carried out by the Council's auditors, Moore Stephens LLP in the year are £2,400 (2019 £2,400).

3 Employees

The average weekly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Full-time	16	11
Part-time	9	12
	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>

All staff are paid within nationally agreed pay scales

Number of employees whose remuneration excluding employers pension contributions was over £50,000 in bands of £10,000 was:

Band	Number of Employees 2021/2021	Number of Employees 2019/2020
£50,000 to £59,999	1	1
£60,000 to £69,999	1	1

4 Participation in Pension Scheme

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers and other employees, the Council offers retirement benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Council has a commitment to make the payments that needs to be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Council participates in the Local Government Pension Scheme for civilian employees, administered locally by Oxfordshire County Council - this is a defined benefit final salary scheme, meaning that the Council and employees pay contributions into a fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pensions liabilities with investment assets.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Leasehold Buildings	Community Sites	Other Assets	Heritage Assets	Total
Cost	£	£				£
At 31 March 2020	2,332,702	145,000		2,861,083	487,971	5,826,757
Additions	-	-		91,382	313,683	405,065
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,332,702</u>	<u>145,000</u>		<u>2,952,465</u>	<u>801,654</u>	<u>6,231,822</u>

Although classified as capital expenditure, certain minor equipment purchases are not included above as they are not material in overall value (subject to a £5k de-minimus).

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6 Financing of Capital Expenditure	2021	2020
	£	£
The following capital expenditure during the year:		
Fixed Assets purchased	405,065	960,031
	<u>405,065</u>	<u>960,031</u>
was financed by:		
Useable Capital Grants	-	-
Earmarked Projects Reserve	313,679	-
Precept and Revenue Income	91,386	960,031
	<u>405,065</u>	<u>960,031</u>
7 Information on Assets Held		
Fixed assets owned by the Council include the following:		
Operational Land and Buildings		
Town Hall Buildings		
Cemetery Buildings		
Sports Grounds and Pavilions		
Vehicles and Equipment		
Town Hall Furniture and Fittings		
Council Offices Furniture and Fittings		
Playground Equipment		
Infrastructure Assets		
Bus Shelters		
Litter and Dog Litter Bins		
Community Assets		
Allotment Sites		
Cemeteries		
Play Areas and Open Spaces		
Spiceball Country Park		
Recreation grounds		
Town Signs		
Civic Regalia		
Council Artifacts		
8 Debtors & Accrued Income	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Debtors - amounts falling due under one year	18,067	7,456
Accrued Income	118	32
Prepayments	8,799	3,661
Land Deposit	-	-
Less: Provision for bad and doubtful debts	-	-
	<u>26,984</u>	<u>11,148</u>
HM Revenue & Customs (VAT recoverable)	75,254	105,707
	<u>102,238</u>	<u>116,855</u>
9 Creditors and Accrued Expenses	2021	2019
	£	£
Trade Creditors	(158,258)	(265,651)
Superannuation Payable		
Payroll Taxes and Social Security		
Accruals	(209,921)	(177,044)
Income in Advance	(5,955)	(6,126)
	<u>(374,134)</u>	<u>(448,822)</u>

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10 Grants Received	2021	2020
Capital Grants		
Capital Grants	-	-
	-	-
11 Commuted Sums	2021	2020
	£	£
Balance at 1 April	-	-
Sums received during the year	-	-
	-	-
12 Capital Financing Reserve	2021	2020
	£	£
Balance as at 1 April	5,826,758	4,866,727
Transfer from Deferred Capital Grants	-	-
Financing capital expenditure in the year		
- using capital grants	-	-
- using revenue balances	405,065	960,031
Reversal of depreciation		
Elimination of depreciation to show assets at cost	-	-
Fixed asset restatement	-	-
Loan Repayment	-	-
	6,231,822	5,826,758

The Capital Financing Reserve Account represents revenue and capital resources applied to finance capital expenditure and for the repayment of external loans. It also includes the reversal of depreciation to ensure it does not impact on the amount to be met from precept. It does not represent a reserve which the Council can use to support future expenditure.

13 Earmarked Reserves

	Balances at 1 April 2020	Contribution to Reserves	Contribution from Reserves	Balances at 31 March 2021
Other Earmarked Reserves	2,921,402	643,005	429,844	3,134,564
	2,921,402	643,005	429,844	3,134,564

See Appendix A: for a full analysis of earmarked reserves

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Appendix A:

Schedule of Earmarked Reserves

	Balances at 1 April 2020	Contribution to Reserve	Contribution from Reserve	Movement of reserve funds	Balances at 31 March 2021
Estate Wall Repairs & Ditch works	77,000				77,000
Hardwick Hill Cemetery Extension	276,426		23,328	250,000	503,098
Park Improvements	409,156	110,000			519,156
Sports Capacity Investment	293,000				293,000
Vehicle Replacement Fund (incl GM Plant)	142,000	140,000			282,000
Allotment Site Improvement	26,000				26,000
Town Centre Initiative	100,000				100,000
Peoples Park Improvements	911,000		290,351	-250,000	370,649
Section 106 Agreements	686,820	393,005	116,165		963,661
	<u>2,921,402</u>	<u>643,005</u>	<u>429,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,134,564</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

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Appendix B:

Reserves Reconciliation to Cash at Bank

		<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£	£	£
Reserves	General	1,179,700		1,264,362	
	Earmarked	2,234,582		2,170,903	
	- Land transfer maintenance	686,820		963,661	
		<hr/>	4,101,102	<hr/>	4,398,926
Less Debtors		(116,855)		(102,239)	
Add Liabilities	Creditors and accrued expenses	448,822		374,134	
	Commuted Sums received in advance	0		0	
		<hr/>	331,966	<hr/>	271,895
Total			<hr/> 4,433,069		<hr/> 4,670,822
Cash at Bank			4,433,070		4,670,823
Difference			<hr/> <hr/> -1		<hr/> <hr/> -1

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
Bank Statement Balances			
	NAT WEST DISBURSEMENTS	627,243	
	NATWEST SALARIES	114,222	
	NATWEST SPECIAL INTEREST A/C	28,994	
	BARCLAYS	114	
	PETTY CASH	250	
	30 Day Notice	2,400,000	
	12 Month Bond	1,500,000	
			4,670,823
Unpresented Payments			
Unbanked Receipts			-
Closing Balance			<hr/> <hr/> 4,670,823

All Cash & Bank Accounts			
	NatWest Disbursements		627,243
	NatWest Salaries		114,222
	NatWest Special Int.		28,994
	Barclays		114
	Petty Cash		250
	Barclays		
	12 Month Bond		1,500,000
	30 Day Notice Acc Natwest		2,400,000
Total Bank & Cash Balances			<hr/> <hr/> 4,670,823

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Appendix C:

Annual Return Reconciliation

	2020	2021
	£	£
1 Balances Brought Forward	4,662,851	4,101,102
2 Annual Precept	1,846,320	1,929,411
3 Total Other Receipts	396,446	646,884
4 Staff Costs	532,929	720,336
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayments	-	-
6 Total Other Payments	2,271,586	1,558,135
7 Balances Forward	4,101,102	4,398,926
8 Total Cash and Investments	4,433,070	4,670,823
9 Total Fixed Assets	5,826,757	6,231,822
10 Total Borrowings	0	0

