



Breckland Council

Summary Statement of Accounts

2016/17

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The purpose of Breckland Council's accounts is to give electors, local taxpayers, Members of the Council, employees and other interested parties clear information about the Council's finances. This document is a summary of the full statement of accounts, providing an overview of the Council's expenditure and income and its financial position for the year ending 31 March 2017.

Achievements for the year ended 31 March 2017

Breckland Council's Corporate Plan draws together the corporate values and behaviours for the Council. The corporate priorities are:

- Supporting Breckland to develop and thrive
- Enabling stronger, more independent communities
- Providing the right services, at the right time and in the right way
- Developing the local economy to be vibrant with continued growth

Some project and delivery highlights for the year include:

- We have launched a new initiative 'Unsightly Sites' to tackle unsightly and derelict buildings in the area
- We worked together with partners to deliver the £8m Thetford Riverside regeneration scheme that created a cinema, hotel & restaurants
- The Council has been accredited by Norfolk Age as a dementia friendly council
- We delivered £923k of savings or income in the 1st year of our 'Moving Forward' transformation programme
- Working with registered housing providers to develop 100 affordable homes in the District
- Our website has been relaunched with a new design and format which is accessible on tablet or phone as well as PC or laptop
- We have supported 360 families through the Breckland Fit Families project to adopt healthier lifestyles
- Delivering the 'Our Day Out' initiative to reduce social isolation for people with Dementia and their Carers
- We have worked with the Anglia revenues Partnership to deliver value for money and establish an ethical enforcement and investigation service that recognises the difference between 'those that can't pay' and 'those that won't pay'
- We have established an early intervention hub with partners such as Police, Education & Health to reduce later more costly interventions
- We have set up a *Growth Fund* and an *Investment Fund* to support the Council's budget by generating ongoing investment returns and promoting economic and housing growth in the region.

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Expenditure and Funding Analysis

This statement shows how the funding available to the council (i.e. government grants, council tax and business rates) for the year has been used in providing services and also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the council's directorates.

	Net Expenditure Chargeable to the General Fund 2016-17 £'000	Adjustments Between Funding & Accounting Basis 2016-17 £'000	Net Expenditure in the CIES 2016-17 £'000
Cost of Services			
Growth & Commercialisation Directorate	1,300	665	1,965
Place Directorate	6,120	894	7,014
Strategy Governance & Transformation Directorate	5,249	122	5,371
Housing Benefit	(85)	-	(85)
Net Cost of Services	12,584	1,681	14,265
Other Income & Expenditure	(11,722)	(3,054)	(14,776)
(Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services	862	(1,373)	(511)
Opening General Fund & Earmarked Reserves Balance @ 31.03.16		18,320	
Adjust for Surplus/Deficit on Provision of Services		(862)	
Closing General Fund & Earmarked Reserves Balance @ 31.03.17		17,458	

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Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the costs of delivering services for which the Council is responsible and demonstrates how this has been financed from fees and charges, specific subsidies, general grants and income from local taxpayers.

	Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000	Notes
Expenditure on Services				
Growth & Commercialisation Directorate	8,418	(6,453)	1,965	
Place Directorate	12,789	(5,775)	7,014	
Strategy governance & Transformation Directorate	6,684	(1,313)	5,371	
Housing Benefit	32,956	(33,041)	(85)	
Cost of Services	60,847	(46,582)	14,265	1
Other Operating Expenditure	3,350	(458)	2,892	2
Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure	4,396	(5,564)	(1,168)	3
Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income and Expenditure	8,749	(25,249)	(16,500)	4
(Surplus)/Deficit on the Provision of Services	77,342	(77,853)	(511)	
(Surplus)/Deficit on the Revaluation of Non-Current Assets			(2,173)	
Actuarial (Gains)/Losses on Pension Assets/Liabilities			13,449	
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			11,276	
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			10,765	

Notes

- 1) Details of the services included within these headings can be found in the "And the Services it Provides" section later in this document.
- 2) This line includes parish precepts, drainage board levies and gains/losses on the revaluation of assets.
- 3) This line includes interest payable & receivable, the surplus/deficit on the Commercial Property portfolio and accounting adjustments relating to pensions.
- 4) This line includes council tax and business rates income, Government revenue support grant funding and other grants.

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Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Council, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other reserves.

Balance as at 1 April 2016	2,851	15,469	-	1,390	19,710	35,358	55,068	1
<u>Movement in Reserves during 2016-17</u>								
Total Comprehensive Income & Expenditure	511	-	-	-	511	(11,276)	(10,765)	2
Adjustments from income & expenditure charged under the accounting basis to funding basis	(1,373)	-	-	(59)	(1,432)	1,432	-	
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves	862	(862)	-	-	-	-	-	
Increase/(decrease) for year	-	(862)	-	(59)	(921)	(9,844)	(10,765)	
Balance as at 31 March 2017	2,851	14,607	-	1,331	18,789	25,514	44,303	1

Notes

- 1) These figures show the net worth of the Council (from the Balance Sheet) split between the usable and unusable reserves.
- 2) This is the actual for the year taken from the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement.

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Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet sets out the overall financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2017. It shows the value of non-current assets and liabilities and how various reserves and balances match them.

	£'000	£'000	Notes
Long-term Assets			
Non-current assets	62,148		1
Long term investments & debtors	12,770		
		74,918	
Current Assets			
Debtors	5,503		
Investments, cash and bank	24,603		
		30,106	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(7,243)	
Provisions		(1,364)	
Long-term Liabilities			
Other long term liabilities		(51,237)	2
Capital grants receipts in advance		(877)	
		44,303	
Financed By:			
Usable Reserves		(18,789)	
Un-usable Reserves		(25,514)	
		(44,303)	

Notes

1) Non-current assets are assets such as land, buildings, vehicles, plant, equipment, software and infrastructure.

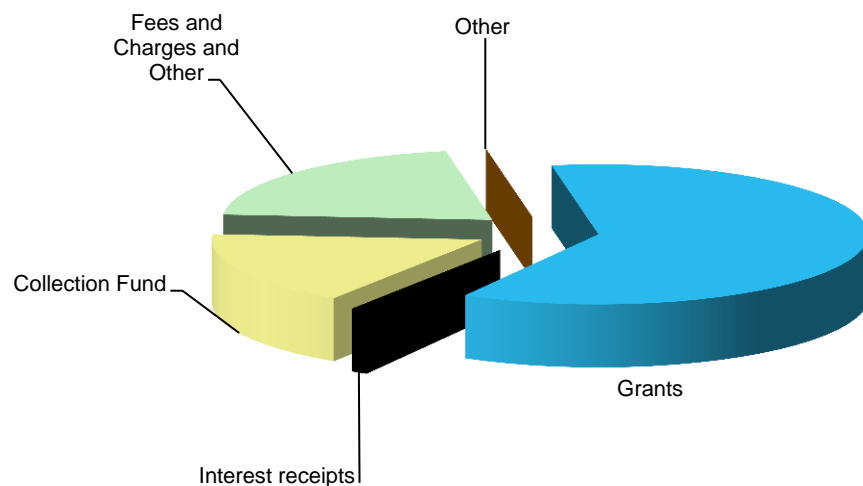
2) This figure relates to:

- The PFI contract for leisure provision for Breckland and the amounts owing up to the end of the contract in 2039 (£8,507k).
- The pensions liability (£42,730k) which reflects the underlying commitment the Council has over the long term to pay retirement benefits, funded by making contributions over time.

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Where the money came from

More than half of the Council's money comes directly from Government grants. The chart below illustrates the Council's funding sources.



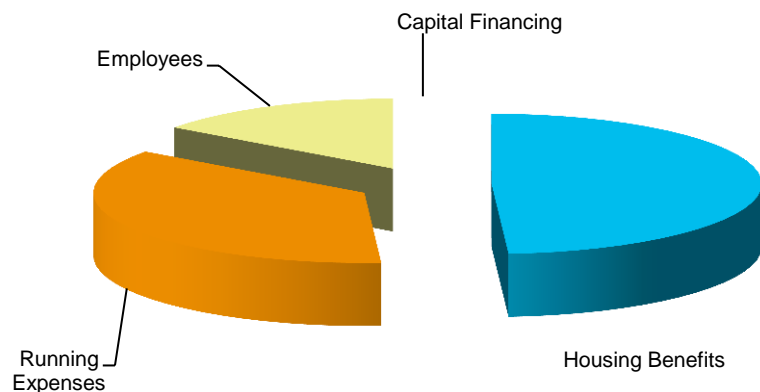
	£'000	%
Grants	41,103	61
Interest receipts	711	1
Collection Fund	11,136	17
Fees and Charges & Other income	14,312	21
Other	(233)	-
	67,029	100

Grants amounted to £41,103k in 2016-17.

Collection Fund income of £11,136k is the income received from taxpayers through the Council Tax levied by the Council for Breckland and the parishes and retained Business Rates.

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How the money was spent



	£'000	%
Housing Benefits	32,852	49
Running Expenses	24,043	36
Employees	10,401	15
Capital Financing	(267)	-
	67,029	100

Employees expenditure includes costs relating to:

- Staffing – such as salaries, pensions, additional staff, professional subscriptions and similar costs.

Running expenses includes costs relating to:

- Premises – such as rents, rates, electricity, water and similar
- Transport – such as cars, fares and similar
- Supplies and services – such as equipment, telephones, hired services and similar
- Contract payments for services provided by external contractors (i.e. waste collection, leisure, etc)

Capital financing includes costs relating to:

- Capital expenditure – such as depreciation of assets and similar costs.

Housing/Council Tax benefits only includes costs relating to the actual benefits provided, it does not include any staffing or other related costs. These benefits are funded from Government grants as can be seen from the “*where the money came from*” graph.

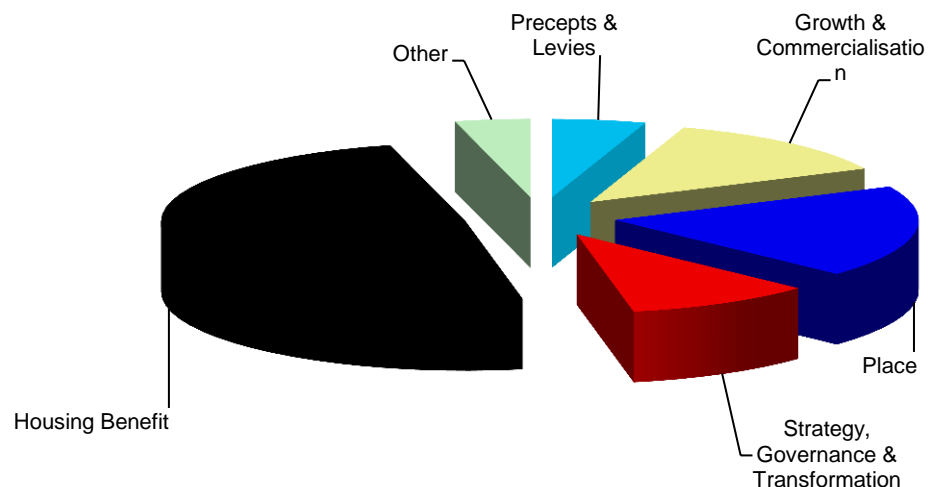
Transparency

The Government’s transparency agenda encourages local authorities to make public data openly available. Details of transparency items such as the Council’s spend on items over £500, grants, contracts and pay and benefits for senior officers can be found on the “*Performance*” page of our website:

<http://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/4246/Transparency>

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And the services it provides



	£'000	%
Precepts & Levies	3,350	5
Growth & Commercialisation	8,514	13
Place	12,789	19
Strategy Governance & Transformation	6,684	10
Housing Benefit	32,956	49
Other	2,736	4
	67,029	100

The table below shows the types of services which are included within each service area shown in the graph above:

Precepts and levies	Parish precepts, Drainage Board levies.
Growth & Commercialisation	Economic Development, Enabling, Forward Planning, Council Tax, Business Rates, Enforcement Agency, Treasury Management, Financial Services, Central Administration, Insurance.
Place	Arts, Building Control, Asset Management, Car Parks, Voluntary Sector, Historic Buildings, Community Development, Community Safety, Development Control, Emergency Planning, Planning Enforcement, Street Cleansing, Housing Enforcement, Hostels, Homelessness & Advice, Strategic Housing, Land Charges, Trees & Countryside, PFI & Leisure, Parks Woods & Open Spaces, Public Lighting, Match Funding, Roads & Paths, Street Naming, Community Transport, Waste Collection, Offices.
Strategy Governance & Transformation	Policy & Performance, Committee Services, Corporate Management, Monitoring, Customer Contact, Food Safety, Public Health, Health & Safety, Licensing, Elections, Pollution Control, Policy & Communications, ICT, HR, Legal Services, Pensions, Printing.
Other	Contributions to reserves, principal, capital prepayments and interest payable on the PFI scheme and other smaller value areas of spend (i.e. commercial property costs, past pension costs, etc).

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The Collection Fund

As a billing authority, the Council is required to maintain a separate Collection Fund. It shows the income from the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates (NNDR) and illustrates how it has been distributed to other authorities and the Government, as well as retaining an element for Breckland Council itself.

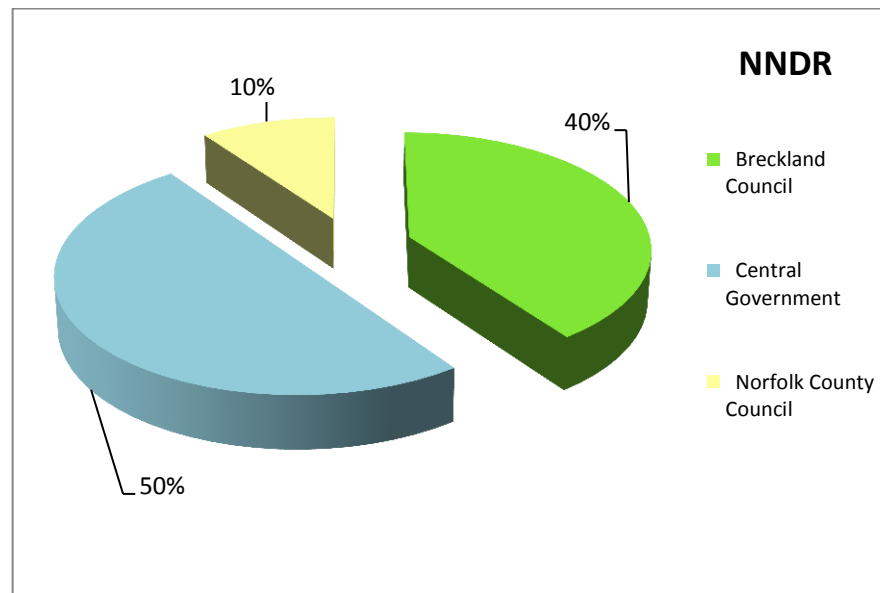
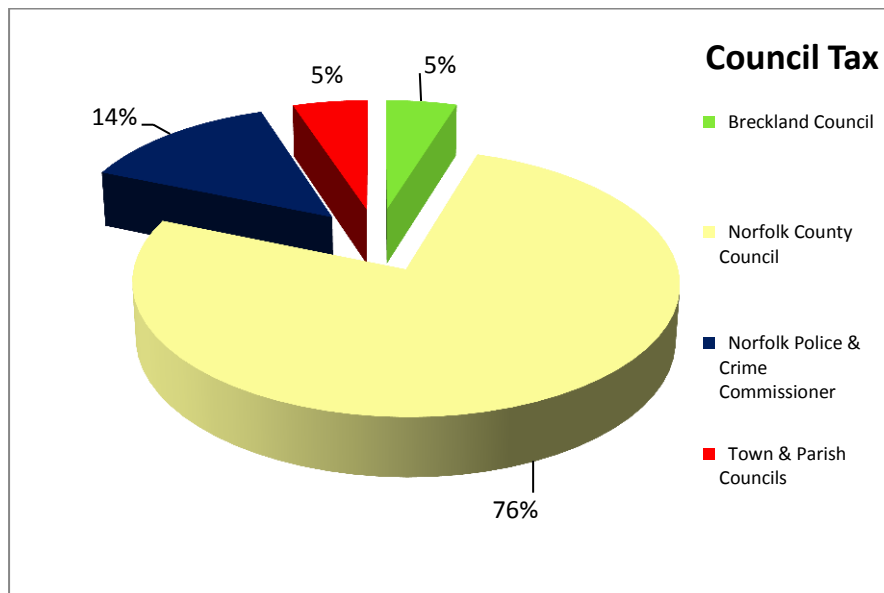
	Council Tax £'000	NNDR £'000	Total £'000	Notes
Income				
Council Tax	(65,207)	-	(65,207)	1
NNDR	-	(30,049)	(30,049)	1
Collection Fund deficit distributed	-	(3,637)	(3,637)	
Total Income	(65,207)	(33,686)	(98,893)	
Expenditure				
Precepts paid:				1
Breckland Council	3,102	12,359	15,461	
Central Government	-	15,448	15,448	
Norfolk County Council	48,956	3,090	52,046	
Norfolk Police & Crime Commissioner	8,754	-	8,754	
Town & Parish Councils	3,273	-	3,273	
Collection Fund surplus distributed	4,648	-	4,648	
Bad & doubtful debts	100	(1,572)	(1,472)	
Allowance for appeals	-	761	761	
Cost of collection allowance	-	166	166	
Renewable energy retained	-	195	195	
Total Expenditure	68,833	30,447	99,280	
(Surplus)/Deficit for the year	3,626	(3,239)	387	2

Notes

- 1) Income from Council Tax and NNDR is distributed to other authorities, as well as to Breckland Council.
- 2) The surplus/deficit for the year is shared between the precepting authorities, in the same shares as the Council Tax and NNDR income is shared.

Distribution of Council Tax and NNDR Collected

The graphs below show the distribution of the Council Tax and NNDR to the different authorities.



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The council's full Statements of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom, published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). For the purposes of this document, adaptations have been made to present information in a more summarised form.

A full copy of the audited Statement of Accounts 2016-17 is available on the Breckland Council website at <http://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/3458/Statement-of-Accounts>

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