



Stratford-on-Avon District Council Summary of Accounts

Details of the Council's income and expenditure
for the year ended **31 March 2006**



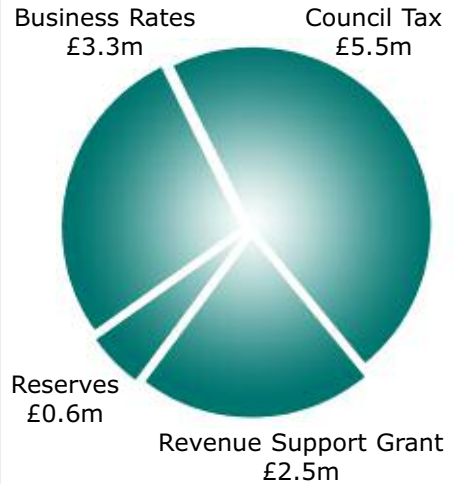
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Revenue Account

The Revenue Account shows how much we spent on services and how we paid for them in the financial year ended 31 March 2006.

	£'000
Cultural, Environmental & Planning Services	12,793
Housing Services	2,358
Highways & Transport Services	370
Central Services & Democracy	4,244
Other	(426)
Net Cost of Services	19,339
Less internal charge for use of Council assets & Pension Fund	(1,613)
Less interest & investment income	(1,493)
Other adjustments	(4,307)
Amount to be met from Government Grants and local taxation	11,926
Funded by	
Revenue Support Grant	2,457
Business Rates	3,328
Council Tax	5,519
Use of Reserves	622

Where the money came from



Revenue Support Grant is a general government grant paid to all councils to contribute towards the cost of providing public services.

Business Rates are collected by the Council and paid to Central Government, who then allocate to Council's on a per head basis.

Revenue Account services include the following:

Cultural, Environmental and Planning - includes, for example, refuse collection, disposal and recycling, recreation and tourism, economic development and parks.

Housing Services - includes preventing homelessness, and working with our housing partners including South Warwickshire Housing Association.

Cash Flow Summary

The Cash Flow Summary shows the total cash inflows and outflows during the year.

£'000	
Cash in Bank at 1 April 2005	30,040
Cash in	132,788
Cash out	(141,731)
Cash in Bank at 31 March 2006	21,097

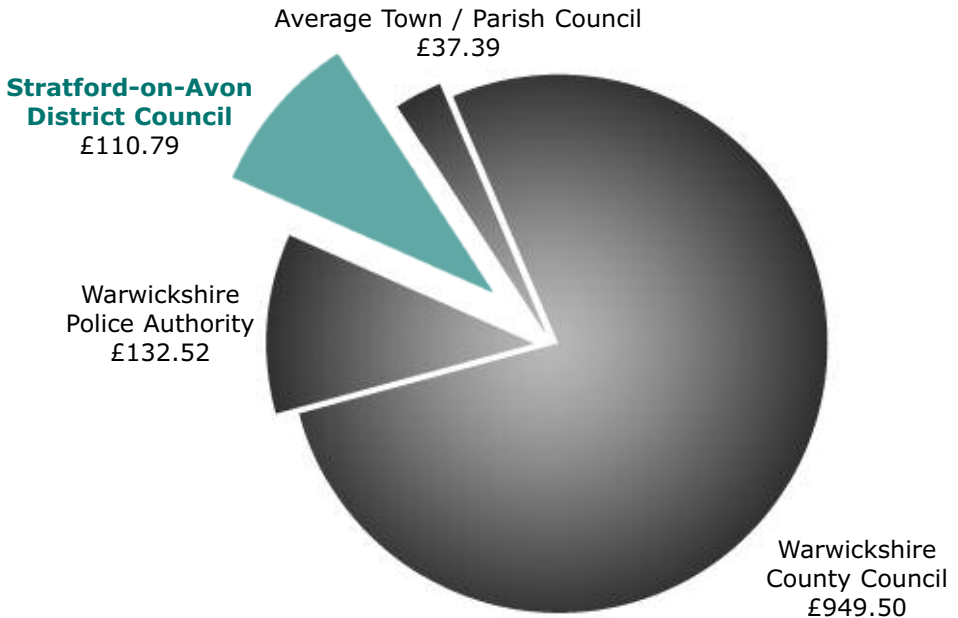
Cash in hand has decreased by £8,943k over the year.

The Council invests cash in hand in the money markets to generate additional income from interest.

Council Tax

The Council collects the Council Tax on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police Authority and the individual Town and Parish Councils along with its own requirements.

For 2005/06 the average Council Tax was £1,230.20 which was made up as follows.



Capital Expenditure

The Council spent over £7m during the last year buying and building new assets, as well as improving and enhancing those we own.

It is important that the Council continues to invest in our fixed assets. These assets are critical to the Council in delivering services to our residents.

Housing includes expenditure on providing new social housing along with the improvement of the existing houses - £1,547k

Leisure includes the provision of new leisure facilities by the Council at Shipston-on-Stour, along with supporting the enhancements of facilities at Alcester - £1,909k

IT the Council is investing in new technologies in order to become more efficient. The Council has also met the Government's target of providing 100% of services electronically - £1,275k

Grants and Other includes expenditure on smaller schemes such as new cycle paths and establishing woodlands - £1,596k

Capital Maintenance and Enhancements the Council ensure that the fixed assets which are used, are fit for purpose and maintained properly - £753k

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows what the Council owns, what it owes and what it is owed.

£'000	
Land, buildings and equipment	47,067
Stocks including goods for resale	50
Cash in Bank	-903
Investments	22,000
Money owed to the Council	56,613
Money owed by the Council	-71,218
53,609	
Financed by	
Available reserves	1,803
Non-distributable funds not available to be spent	51,806
53,609	

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