

# South Somerset District Council

## Summary of Accounts 2011/12

A simplified picture of the Council's  
2011/12 Statement of Accounts



**2007-2008**  
*Neighbourhood and  
Community Champions:  
The Role of Elected Members*

**2006-2007**  
*Improving Rural Services  
Empowering Communities*

**2005-2006**  
*Getting Closer to Communities*

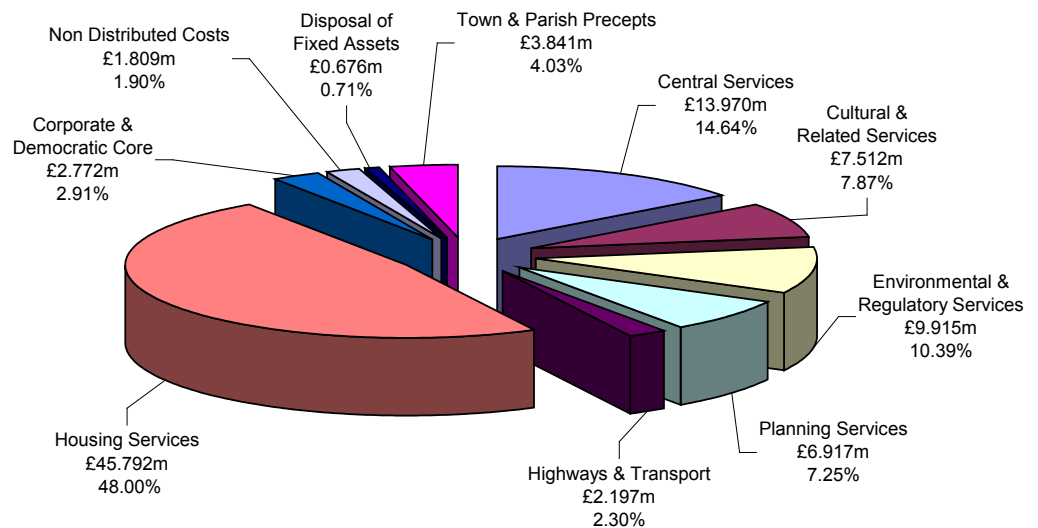
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## Where the money goes:

We spent £95.401 million on running services. These costs are included in our revenue account, which shows the costs incurred between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2012. This is summarised in the pie chart below:

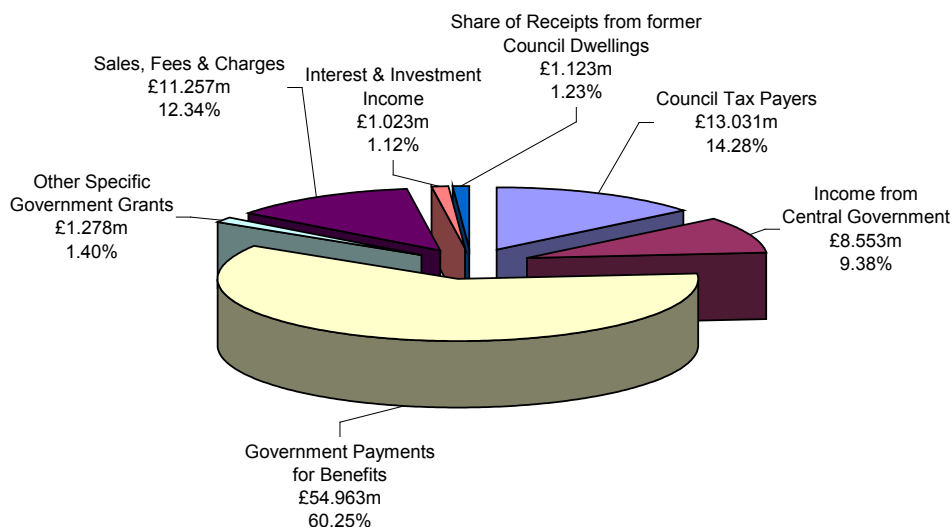
The revenue costs are those associated with the day-to-day spending of the Council eg. staff salaries, building maintenance and electricity. This is different to capital costs, which are detailed on the next page



Notes: Corporate & Democratic Core include the costs of the activities of Members in their democratic role and of providing the infrastructure to provide Council services. Non distributed costs includes costs that are unique to a local authority such as accumulated absences, and those costs not directly associated to a particular service eg. pension costs

## Where the money comes from:

The chart below shows where South Somerset District Council obtained its gross income of £91.228 million from during 2011/12.



The Government payments for Benefits are ringfenced for Benefit Payments. This leaves £36.265million available for expenditure on council services.

Deducting the income of £91.228 million from the expenditure of £95.401 million leaves a net deficit of £4.173 million.

The rate of Business Rates per property is set by Central Government. SSDC collect this from local businesses on the Government's behalf and pay it over to them. It is then redistributed by the Government across the country based on the adult population

## Day to day spending

## Capital Expenditure:

Capital Expenditure is long term investments made by the council on upgrading and improving assets such as buildings and purchasing vehicles. The following table outlines the capital expenditure incurred during 2011/12:

Type	Description	2011/12 Actual £'000
<b>Finance &amp; Corporate Services</b>	Information technology systems	356
	Other council-wide projects*	183
	<b>Total Finance and Corporate Services</b>	<b>539</b>
<b>Place &amp; Performance</b>	Economic development project	8
	<b>Total Place &amp; Performance</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Economy</b>	Affordable housing	247
	Refurbishment of Barnabus House	114
	Business Innovation Centre, Yeovil	69
	Ropewalk, West Coker	1
	<b>Total Economy</b>	<b>431</b>
<b>Communities</b>	Reckleford Gyrotory, Yeovil	194
	Area Committee projects*	127
	Foundry House, Yeovil	99
	Other communities projects*	58
	Market House, Castle Cary	47
	Birchfield Park, Yeovil - Paths & Lighting	35
	<b>Total Economy</b>	<b>560</b>
<b>Environment</b>	Disabled Facilities Grants	743
	Installation of photovoltaic panels	237
	Replacement Streetscene vehicles	161
	Enhancements to Council buildings	108
	Empty property grants & home repairs assistance	106
	Burial projects*	76
	Other environmental projects	57
	HMO grants	44
	Birchfield sewer pollution	35
	Torbay Road, Castle Cary - Upgrading pumping station	30
	Contaminated Land Whatley Gasworks	29
	Car park resurfacing and enhancements	24
	<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>1,650</b>
<b>Health &amp; Well-being</b>	Infrastructure & Park Homes at gypsy sites (funded by Central Government)	262
	Goldenstones	191
	Grants for parishes with play areas	67
	Sports grants and projects*	54
	Multi Use Games Area	35
	Community play schemes	20
	Octagon Theatre	20
	<b>Total Health &amp; Well-being</b>	<b>649</b>
	Note: * Explanation of projects available if required	
	<b>Total Capital spend in 2011/12</b>	<b>3,837</b>

## Capital spending

## What are we worth:

What the Council owns and is owed:

Net Assets	31 March 2012 £'000
Buildings, Land and Equipment owned by the Council	57,779
Stock	146
Cash in Bank and Investments	38,817
Money owed to the Council (Long and Short-term Debtors)	5,753
Money owed by the Council (Creditors, Provisions, Finance Leases and Developers Contributions)	(6,429)
Money owed by the Council relating to the Pension Scheme	(65,527)
<b>Total Assets less total Liabilities</b>	<b>30,539</b>

At the end of the year we draw up a balance sheet that shows how much SSDC's land and buildings are worth, what is owed to others, what others owe us and how much cash we have.

Usable Reserves are those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation. Unusable Reserves are for technical adjustments for non-current assets, financial instruments, retirement and employee benefits.

What SSDC is Worth:	31 March 2012 £'000
Usable Reserves	47,303
Unusable Reserves	48,763
Pensions Reserve	(65,527)
<b>Total Reserves and Balances</b>	<b>30,539</b>

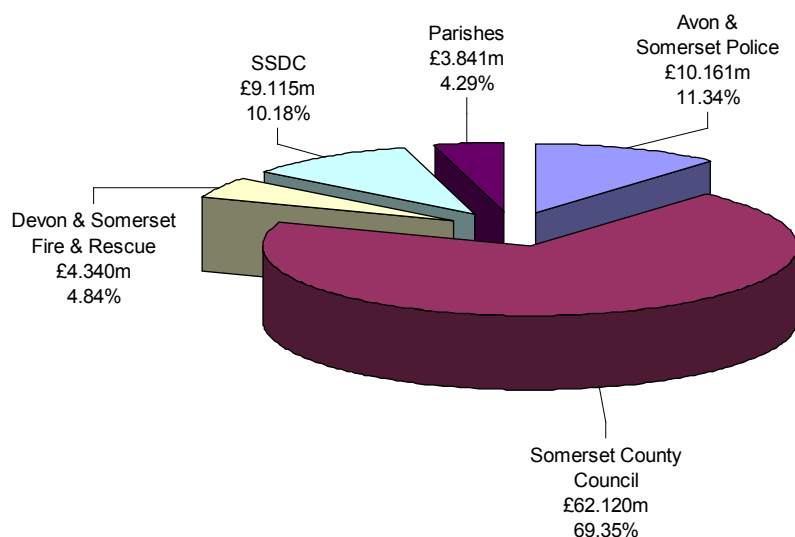
(items in brackets represent council liabilities)

## Council Tax facts and figures:

Description	2010/11	2011/12
Population of South Somerset	158,600	161,300
Collection of Council Tax in year	97.84%	95.59%
Value of Direct Debits	£61.028m	£61.953m
% Collected by Direct Debit	76.39%	76.58%

Who we collect Council Tax on behalf of:

As a precepting (billing) authority we have to collect Council Tax on behalf of Somerset County Council, Avon & Somerset Police, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue and the Parish Councils within our district (we have no control over these authorities' expenditure). The most economical way of collecting this is by Direct Debit.



### Statement from Assistant Director, Finance & Corporate Services

The council's Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice and has received an unqualified opinion. The figures in this summary were compiled having regard to proper accounting practices