

NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

1. BUILDING CONTROL CHARGES

The Council has the ability to set its own scale of charges to recover the proper costs of its Building Control function, under the Building Control Charges regulations. However the Council must not set charges that are designed to make a profit. The gross income and expenditure figures are included under Planning and Development. The surplus has been taken to the Building Control Charging Account.

	2004/05 £000	2003/04 £000
Income	543	513
Expenditure	623	460
(Deficit)/Surplus	(80)	53

2. TRADING OPERATIONS

The following gross income and expenditure figures are included under the appropriate service area. The expenditure figures include capital financing charges of £387,787 (£353,164 in 2003/04) for Industrial Estates and £330,516 (£340,369 in 2003/04) for the North Weald Centre.

	2004/05 £000	2003/04 £000
Industrial Estates & Other		
Income	954	942
Expenditure	487	456
Surplus	467	486
North Weald Centre		
Income	1,192	1,210
Expenditure	964	956
Surplus	228	254
Total Surplus	695	740

3. SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government Act 2000) enables this Local Authority to spend up to £229,830 for the benefit of people in their area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. Expenditure amounts to £160,426 in 2004/05 (£94,859 in 2003/04). This was expended on grant aid and youth strategy work.

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4. PUBLICITY ACCOUNT

Under Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986, all authorities are required to maintain a memorandum publicity account where expenditure exceeds £3,000. The expenditure on publicity incurred in 2004/05 is shown below.

	2004/05 £000	2003/04 £000
General Advertising	103	68
Recruitment Advertising	196	175
Council Website	100	80
Other Publicity – including the Council's Forester Magazine	107	111
Total	506	434

5. AUDIT COMMISSION FEES

The following audit fees have been paid to the Audit Commission

	2004/05 £000	2003/04 £000
External audit services in accordance with section 5 of the Audit Commission Act 1998	115	235
Statutory inspection under section 10 of the Local Government Act 1999	1	3
Certification of grant claims and returns under section 28 of the Audit Commission Act 1998	62	53
Total	178	291