

How your money was spent in 2007/08



Each year Spelthorne Council gives you a report back on where our money comes from and how it is spent. This is a short version of the Statement of Accounts – a full version of the audited accounts is available on our website: www.spelthorne.gov.uk/cou_statement_of_accounts

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We received money from a variety of sources:

- Council Tax £6.1m
- fees and charges for services provided £6.8m
- the Government gave us a general grant of £0.8m towards delivering services. They also gave grants for specific services – for example they met the cost of Housing Benefit payments £23m
- we collected £35m of Business Rates on behalf of the Government and we received back £4.7m of that

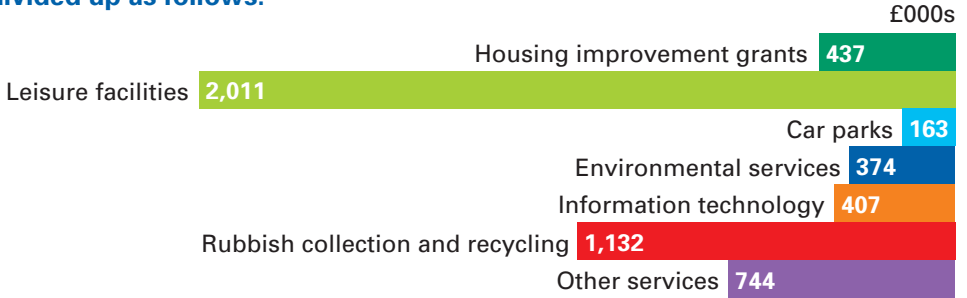
The following shows a list of key services and what we spent on each of them:

| Service Area | Expenditure (£,000s) | Income (£,000s) | Net (£,000s) |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Housing and homelessness | 1,311 | 335 | 976 |
| Council Tax and Housing Benefit | 23,904 | 23,932 | -28 |
| Older People's services | 2,441 | 681 | 1,760 |
| Planning and Building Control | 2,209 | 1,290 | 919 |
| Leisure and Open Spaces | 3,628 | 608 | 3,020 |
| Rubbish and recycling (including street cleaning) | 4,187 | 1,026 | 3,161 |
| Crime and community safety | 329 | 1 | 328 |
| Corporate Management | 2,704 | 199 | 2,505 |
| Environmental and Public Health | 1,253 | 258 | 995 |
| Other Expenditure | 5,304 | 3,002 | 2,302 |
| Total Expenditure | 47,270 | 31,332 | 15,938 |

Capital expenditure

Alongside the day to day expenditure were one-off costs (known as capital expenditure), such as buying or improving buildings, vehicles and large pieces of equipment.

The total spend on capital in 2007/08 was just over £5.2m, divided up as follows:



The Council's balance sheet

| Balance sheet (extract as at 31 March 2008) | £000s | Total £000s |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| (a) Assets: | | |
| Land and buildings | 54,167 | |
| Money owed to the Council | 9,990 | |
| Short-term assets that are easily cashable | 18,223 | = 82,380 |
| (b) Liabilities: | | |
| Money owed by the Council | (7,992) | |
| Long-term liabilities (pension scheme etc) | (11,176) | = (19,168) |
| The Council's net worth - total assets (a) less liabilities (b) | | = 63,212 |

A few money facts

- the Council had £20m cash-based reserves (money set aside) as at 31 March 2008.
- we collect Council Tax for Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Spelthorne Council. Spelthorne Council only keeps 12p in every pound.
- we earned an interest income on our reserve balances - in 2007/08. This contributed £1.5m towards funding the cost of services.
- we have to keep reserves, in case of emergencies, as money put aside to cover unexpected expenditure.

