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#### **COUNCIL INFORMATION**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Chair

Cllr J. Hale

Councillors

Cllr L. Bolton

Cllr J. Booth (Resigned July 20)

Cllr P. Cann

Cllr G. R. Churchard Cllr J. Churchard Cllr C. Duran Cllr J. Foster Cllr J. Hale Cllr J. Hegerty

Cllr J. Hegerty
Cllr N. Harris
Cllr J. Lancaster
Cllr G. Leonard

Cllr J. Newton-Davies

Cllr J. Reid (Co-opted Nov 2020)

Cllr J. Roberts

Clerk to the Council

Mr Simon Thwaites

Resposible Financial Officer

Mr Simon Thwaites

**Auditors** 

PKF Littlejohn LLP

SBA Team

1 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf

London E14 4HD

Internal Auditors

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Notes	2021 £	50	2020 £
INCOME	æ				
Precept (Council Tax)	19		277,570		269,616
Government Grant			10,000		
Interest and Investment Income		1	546	1 E	1,359
Recreation Grounds			8,617		3,412
Grants and Donations			4,000		2,000
Jersey Farm Community Centre			306		24,662
Marshalswick Community Centre			5,100		26,142
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EXPENDITURE					
Administration		20	155,163		153,87
S137 Expenditure		3	24,402		7,914
Capital Expenditure		6	32,977		813
Operational Expenditure	N° W			9	
Parks and Open Spaces			60,982		53,264
Jersey Farm Woodland Park			10,450		10,128
Bus Service			_	141	5,145
Community Centres		62	48,372		61,700
			332,346		292,836
			-2		
General Fund					
Balance at 1 April 2020			193,377		145,603
Add: Total Income		0.00	306,139		327,19
			499,516		472,794
Deduct: Total Expenditure	1=02	8	332,346		292,836
			167,170		179,95
Transfer from/(to) Earmarked Reserves		10	(847)		13,419
			166,323		193,37

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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**		E8	2021		2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets		-	# #		
Debtors	8	15,065		8,697	
Cash at bank and in hand		269,585	20 5	291,115	
		284,650	· ·	299,811	i ş
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within	£		a,		
one year	9	(44,777)	* -	(33,732)	
Net Current Assets		-	239,873	-	266,080
Reserves	7 117 W				.*.
Earmarked Reserves	10		73,550		72,703
General Reserve			166,323		193,377
Total reserves			239,873	_	266,080

The Statements of Accounts represent fairly the Financial Position of the Council as at 31 March 2021, and reflects its Income and Expenditure for the year.

Signed: -

Clir J Hale

Chair

Signed:

Mr Simon Thwaites

Clerk to the council

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts.

# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

## **Accounting Convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Guidance Notes for Local Councils (the Guide) issued by The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) as applicable to a medium sized council.

As a consequence the latest accounting policies, as set out in the Guide and so far as they apply to this council, have been adopted for the council's statements of accounts.

#### **Fixed Assets**

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancements of fixed assets is reported in the notes to the accounts, provided that the fixed asset yields benefits to the authority and the services it provides for a period of more than one year. Fixed assets are valued on the basis recommended by CIPFA. The year end values are stated on the following basis:

- operational land and buildings and vehicles and equipment are reported in notes to the accounts at purchase cost or prior year values where actual cost is unknown.
- certain community assets are the subject of restrictive covenants as to their; use and/or future disposal. Such assets are therefore considered to have no appreciable realisable value and are included at nominal value only.

#### **Debtors and Creditors**

The revenue accounts of the council are maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the guide. That is sums due to or from the council during the year are included whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid in the year. Exceptions to this are payment of insurance premiums and regular quarterly accounts (e.g telephones, electricity). This policy is applied consistently each year. Therefore, it will not have a material effect on the year's accounts or on the council's budget.

## **External Loan Repayments**

The council has no long term borrowing. Consequently, there were no external loan repayments made in the year.

#### Leases

The council has no commitments under finance leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to revenue on an accruals basis.

#### Reserves

The council maintains certain reserves to meet general and specific future expenditure. The purpose of the council's reserves is explained in note 10.

#### Interest Income

All interest receipts are credited initially to general funds.

#### Pensions

The pension costs that are charged to the council's accounts in respect of employees are equal to the contributions paid to the funded pension scheme for these employees.

These contributions are determined by the fund's actuary on a triennial basis and are set to meet 100% of the liabilities of the pension fund, in accordance with relevant government regulations.

The next actuarial valuation is due at 31st March 2022 and any change in contribution rates as a result of that valuation will take effect from 1st April 2022.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1	Interest and Investment Income		
		2021	2020
	Ex. (i)	£	£
	Interest Income	546	1,359

## 2 Publicity

Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986 requires the council to disclose expenditure on publicity. During the year expenditure of £11,251 was incurred.

## 3 S.137 Expenditure and grants

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) enables the council to spend up to the product of £8.32 (year ended 31 March 2020 - £8.12) per head on the electoral roll in any one year for the benefit of people in its area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.

		2021	2020
The maximum amount allowable under \$137		£	£
		74,963	73,242
Expenditure was incurred for the following purpose	es:		
Parkbury House Social	GPC		1,000
Jersey Farm Day Centre	GPC		1,800
St Leonards PCC	GPC	2,400	2,000
Sandridge Cricket Club	GPC	1,100	1,025
St Mary's PCC	GPC		1,200
Sandridge Cemetery Water Supply	GPC	44	39
Elizabethan Club	GPC		(150)
Sustainable St Albans	GPC	1,908	1,000
Harvesters Football Club	GPC	7,500	1,000
Sensory Room	GPC	5,000	
Sandridge WI	GPC	450	
Scouts	GPC	6,000	
		24,402	7,914
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 4 Tenancies

During the year the following tenancies were held:

## Council as landlord

Tenant	Property	1	Rent p.a.	Repairing/ Non repairing
Sandridge Cricket Club	Cricket Pitch		1,956	N/A
Sandridge Rovers Football Club	Football Pitch		851	N/A
SYSCA	Spencer Hall - ground rent		25	N/A

## Council as tenant

Landlord	Property	Rent p.a.	Repairing/ Non repairing	
St Albans District Council	Jersey Farm Woodland Park	100	Repairing	

#### 5 Pensions

For the year of account the council's contributions equal 22.15% of employees' pensionable pay.

Approved by:

Hymans Robertson

(Actuaries to the Pensions Fund)

# 6 Fixed Assets - Additions and Disposals

During the year the following assets were purchased	2021 • £ Cost		2020 £ Cost	
burning the year the following assets were purchased				
Operational Land and Buildings				"
Vehicles and Equipment	32,347			813
Infrastructure Assets	630			-
Community Assets				_
	32,977			813
During the year the following assets were disposed of	W			-
Operational Land and Buildings				
Vehicles and Equipment	(500)			-
Infrastructure Assets	(000)			
Community Assets	_			
	(500)	1.500		
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	7 Fixed Assets				
		2021	8	1	2020
	5 #	£			£
		Value			Value
	At 31 March the following assets were held	Personal Participation of the			Value
	Freehold Land and Buildings				
	Jersey Farm Community Centre (revalued)	644,205			644,205
	Marshalswick Community Centre (revalued)	725,807			725,807
		1,370,012		-	1,370,012
	Vehicles and Equipment			=	7,010,012
	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	6,545			6,545
	Office Furniture and Equipment	50,305	1.44		49,575
	Play Equipment - Jersey Farm	76,496			56,974
	Play Equipment - William Bell	71,771			71,771
	Play Equipment - Damson Way	39,267			39,267
	Play Equipment - Sherwood Avenue	46,400			43,305
	Play Equipment - Spencer Meadow	59,236			50,736
	Play Equipment - St Leonards	59,541			59,541
	Play Equipment - Harness Way	70,381			70,381
	Multi-Sports Courts - Spencer Meadow	80,000			80,000
	Fitness Equipment - Sherwood Avenue	6,577			6,577
	Sports Courts - Sherwood Avenue	15,000			15,000
		581,519			549,672
	Infrastructure Assets			=	
	Bus Shelters (2)	11,740			11,740
	Seats/Benches/Notice Boards (16)	33,012			32,382
	Oak Finger post				,
	CCTV Lighting	9,381			9,381
	Gates and fences	25,315			25,315
		79,448			78,818
	Community Assets	2			
	Spencer Meadow Recreation Ground	1			1
	Damson Way Open Space	- 1			1
	Harness Way Open Space	. 1			1
	Sherwood Park	1			1
	William Bell Open Space	1			1
	Chairman's Badge of Office	539			539
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10		2,031,523		1,	999,046

The basis of valuation of the above assets is set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies. In certain instances current insurance values have been used as approximate current replacement cost. During 2020/2021 the council has reviewed the fixed assets held and the above valuations for 2021 reflect the outcome of that exercise.

## 8 Debtors

		2021	2020
Propouments		£	£
Prepayments		-	338
VAT Recoverable	89	15,189	7,317
Other debtors		(124)	1,042
		15,065	8,697

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	(A)		
9	Creditors and Accrued Expenses		
		2021	2020
		£	£
			· ·
	Trade Creditors	31,613	24,907
	Accruals	13,164	8,434
	Income in Advance		391
e e		44,777	33,732

#### 10 Earmarked Reserves

	Balance at 1-Apr-20 £	Contribution to reserve £	Contribution from reserve £	Balance at 31-Mar-21 £
Earmarked Reserves				11 %
Equipment for Parish Office	=			
CCTV Cameras	253		(253)	•
Refurbishment of Play Areas	5,000			5,000
Traffic Calming	22,450			22,450
Spencer Meadow	15,000			15,000
Elections	=	1,100	e ·	1,100
Jersey Farm Community Centre	7,500			7,500
Marshalswick Community Centre	22,500			22,500
Total Earmarked Reserves	72,703	1,100	(253)	73,550

The Earmarked Reserves are credited with amounts set aside from revenue to fund future capital works and initiatives.

#### 11 Capital Commitments

The council had no capital commitments at 31 March 2021 not otherwise provided for in these accounts.

#### 12 Contingent Liabilities

The Parish Council's triennial pension valuation as at 31st March 2016 showed a future requirement for additional contributions of approximately £98,000. This matter was formally reported to the Finance Committee on 30th May 2017 after which a proposal was made to Hertfordshire County Council, where it was agreed to pay £20,000 per year. Therefore the additional contributions now amount to £18,000.