

Annual Accounts

Financial Year 2023/2024



Supporting Statement of Responsibilities

Witham Town Council is required to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and ensure that it appoints a Responsible Financial Officer with direct accountability for its overall administrative functions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (S151). In addition to this, Members and Officers of the Council are under a duty to:

- Ensure that value for money is obtained for all business transactions.
- Ensure that public money is under appropriate safeguarding measures.
- Ensure that an appropriate system of internal control is in force and monitored for effectiveness.

In preparing these accounts in conjunction with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Council confirms that it has adhered to the Accounts & Audit Regulations and:

- Put in place effective arrangements for financial management.
- Maintained an adequate system of internal control.
- Took all reasonable steps to assure that there were no matters of actual or potential noncompliance with laws, regulations or proper practices that could have a significant financial I effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.
- Provided proper opportunity in the year for the exercise of electors rights in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations.
- Carried out an assessment of risks faced by the authority.
- Took all appropriate steps to action any matters raised on audit reports.
- Considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions occurring either during or after the year end have a financial impact on the authority and where appropriate, included them in the accounting statements.

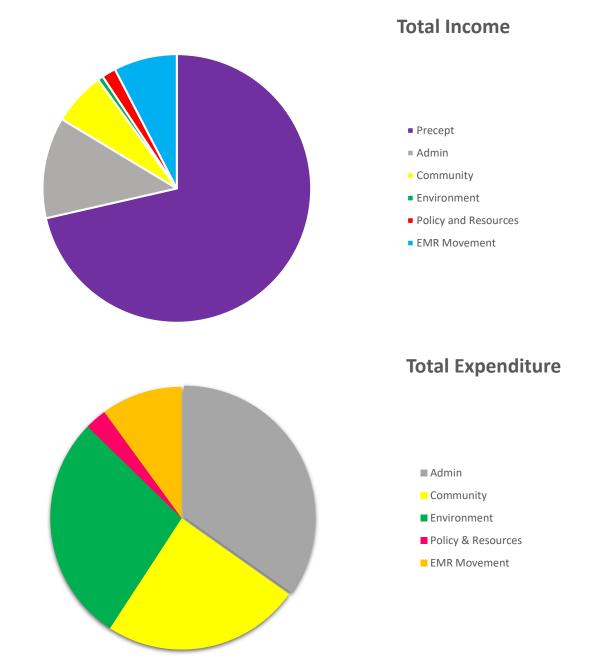
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Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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Balance Sheet

| 31st March 2023 | | | | 31st | March 2024 |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| | | Current Assets | | | |
| 1,469 | | Debtors | 4,007 | | |
| 9,683 | | VAT Control Account | 63,558 | | |
| 8,928 | | Prepayments | 8,365 | | |
| 11,718 | | Stock | 10,480 | | |
| 17,877 | | Lloyds Bank Account | 203,414 | | |
| 106 | | Petty Cash | 42 | | |
| 248,466 | | Unity Trust Account | 8,850 | | |
| 299,722 | | 95 Day Notice | 193,138 | | |
| 0 | | Unity Trust Instant Access | 188,886 | | |
| 597,969 | | | | 680,739 | |
| 397,909 | | | | 660,733 | |
| - | 597,969 | Total Assets | | - | 680,739 |
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| | | Current Liabilities | | | |
| 5,522 | | Creditors | 23,978 | | |
| 5,640 | | Accruals | 4,868 | | |
| 685 | | Mayors Appeal | 735 | | |
| 7,480 | | Receipts in Advance | 5,095 | | |
| 19,326 | | | | 34,676 | |
| 10,020 | | | | 34,070 | |
| - | 578,643 | Total Assets Less Current Liabilities | | - | 646,063 |
| | | Represented By | | | |
| | 292.210 | General Reserves | | | 365,845 |
| | | EMR- Streetlighting Sinking Fu | | | 4,000 |
| | 0 | EMR- Tree Maintenance | | | 3,268 |
| | 60,000 | EMR - Riverwalk Cycleways | | | 45,442 |
| | 0 | EMR - Neighbourhood Plan | | | 3,000 |
| | 20,000 | EMR - Community Safety /CCTV | | | 10,000 |
| | 27,773 | EMR - Highways Devolution | | | 27,773 |
| | 40,000 | EMR - Land Improvement | | | 40,000 |
| | 30,000 | EMR - Equipment Replacement | | | 20,000 |
| | 20,000 | EMR - Street Furntiture Renew | | | 0 |
| | 4,370 | EMR - Major Repairs & Renewals | | | 15,000 |
| | 50,000 | EMR - J C Wood Imp Plan | | | 10,000 |
| | 12,150 | EMR - Whetmead Imp Plan | | | 0 |
| | | EMR - Election Expenses | | | 2,813 |
| | | Allotment Control Accoun | | | 10,284 |
| | 0 | EMR - Safer Streets | | | 77,853 |
| | 0 | Charter Market Control Account | | | 813 |
| | 4,956 | Events Control Account | | | 9,972 |
| - | 578,643 | | | - | 646,063 |

Cash & Reserves Reconciliation

Confirmed Bank & Investment Balances

| Commined Bank & Investment Balances | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Bank Statement Balances | | | |
| 203,413.65 | Lloyds Current Account | 31/03/2024 | | |
| 41.53 | Petty Cash | 31/03/2024 | | |
| 8,849.72 | Unity Trust Bank Account | 31/03/2024 | | |
| 193,137.78 | 95 Day Notice | 31/03/2024 | | |
| 188,886.29 | Unity Trust Bk Instant Access | 31/03/2024 | | |
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Total Cash & Bank Balances

594,328.97

Reserves Reconciliation

| Description | Last Year £ | This Year £ |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Total Reserves | 578,642.63 | 646,062.66 |
| Total Reserves | 570,042.03 | 040,002.00 |
| Debtors | 1,468.95 | 4,006.69 |
| VAT Control Account | 9,682.88 | 63,558.11 |
| Prepayments | 8,927.53 | 8,365.36 |
| Stock | 11,718.27 | 10,479.50 |
| Less Total Debtors | 31,797.63 | 86,409.66 |
| Creditors | 5,521.61 | 23,977.63 |
| Accruals | 5,640.00 | 4,868.00 |
| Mayors Appeal | 684.71 | 734.85 |
| Receipts in Advance | 7,479.85 | 5,095.49 |
| Plus Total Creditors | 19,326.17 | 34,675.97 |
| Equals Total Cash and Bank Accounts | 566,171.17 | 594,328.97 |
| Lloyds Bank Account | 17,877.03 | 203,413.65 |
| Petty Cash | 105.76 | 41.53 |
| Unity Trust Account | 248,465.96 | 8,849.72 |
| 95 Day Notice | 299,722.42 | 193,137.78 |
| Unity Trust Instant Access | 0.00 | 188,886.29 |
| Total Cash and Bank Accounts | 566,171.17 | 594,328.97 |
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Total Income & Expenditure Report

| 31st March 2024 | | 31st March 2023 |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Income Summary | |
| 797,141 | Precept | 704,406 |
| 797,141 | Sub Total | 704,406 |
| | Operating Income | |
| 136,097 | Administration | 39,526 |
| 71,438 | Community | 67,637 |
| 7,360 | Environment | 4,650 |
| 18,791 | Policy & Resources | 3,243 |
| 85,141 | EMR Movement | 5,067 |
| 1,115,968 | Total Income | 824,529 |
| | Running Costs | |
| 363,596 | Administration | 311,382 |
| 3,388 | Planning & Transport | 9,362 |
| 255,129 | Community | 214,153 |
| 293,549 | Environment | 212,895 |
| 28,072 | Policy & Resources | 21,011 |
| 104,815 | EMR Movement | 19,042 |
| 1,048,548 | Total Expenditure | 787,845 |
| | General Fund Analysis | |
| 292,210 | Opening Balance | 301,699 |
| 1,115,968 | Plus : Income for Year | 824,529 |
| 1,408,179 | | 1,126,228 |
| 1,048,548 | Less : Expenditure for Year | 787,845 |
| 359,630 | | 338,383 |
| (6,215) | Transfers TO / FROM Reserves | 46,173 |
| 365,845 | Closing Balance | 292,210 |

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