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#### LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS

**England: 2009-10 Provisional Outturn & 2010-11 Forecast** 

- Capital expenditure by local authorities in England rose to £21.7 billion in 2009-10, a year-on-year increase of 10% and is forecast to rise to £24.4 billion in 2010-11, a year-on-year increase of 13%.
- Capital receipts were fell again in 2009-10 to £1.2 billion but are forecast to rise back to £1.4 billion in 2010-11.

This release provides provisional outturn estimates of local authority capital expenditure and receipts in the financial year April 2009 to March 2010 and forecasts of local authority capital expenditure and receipts in the financial year April 2010 to March 2011. Figures for 2009-10 reflect the service category changes on the Capital Payments & Receipt (CPR4) form consistent with Best Value Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP). Figures for 2010-11 reflect the service category changes on the Capital Estimates (CER) form consistent with Best Value Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP).

The information for 2009-10 is derived from Capital Payments and Receipts Returns (CPR4) submitted by local authorities in England and is based on returns from 441 of the 443 authorities that complete the return. Estimates have been made for missing returns. The authorities that did not submit a completed form for this release are Exeter City and Wandsworth. The information for 2010-11 is derived from valid Capital Estimates Returns (CER) submitted by all 443 local authorities in England.

In Tables 1 to 7 and in Annex A the figures reported by local authorities have been adjusted to reflect the historic difference between provisional and final estimates and between forecasts and final estimates. Figures in Tables 8 and 9 are as reported by local authorities.

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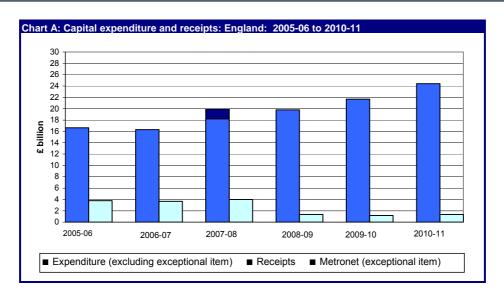
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### Capital expenditure and receipts 2006-07 to 2010-11

- 1. **Chart A** and **Table 1** illustrate the change in capital expenditure and receipts from 2006-07 to 2010-11.
  - Capital expenditure by local authorities in England rose to £21.7 billion in 2009-10, a year-on-year increase of 10% and is forecast to rise to £24.4 billion in 2010-11, a year-on-year increase of 13%.
  - Capital receipts fell again in 2009-10 to £1.2 billion but are forecast to rise back to £1.4 billion in 2010-11.



	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (P)	£ million 2010-11 (F)	
Expenditure: Acquisition of land and existing buildings and works	866	964	1,184	1,511	1,144	841	
New construction and conversion	12,078	11,797	12,393	13,390	15,156	17,672	
Vehicles, plant equipment and machinery	1,515	1,312	1,321	1,488	1,587	1,533	
Intangible assets	313	292	262	204	168	248	
Total expenditure on fixed assets	14,773	14,366	15,159	16,593	18,055	20,293	
Grants, loans and other financial assistance	1,628	1,918	4,788	<sup>(b)</sup> 3,172	3,524	4,109	
Acquisition of share and loan capital	241	23	11	36	110	9	
Fotal capital expenditure	16,641	16,307	19,958	19,801	21,689	24,411	
Expenditure by virtue of a section 16(2)(b) direction (a)	148	163	415	432	179	(c) 29	
Notional capital receipts set aside and Large Scale Voluntary Transfer levy	8	2	22	0	0	0	
Total expenditure and other transactions	16,797	16,472	20,395	20,233	21,869	24,440	
Receipts	3,777	3,671	3,992	1,353	1,175	1,364	

<sup>(</sup>a) Expenditure which does not fall within the definition of expenditure for capital purposes, but is treated as capital expenditure by a direction under section 16(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2003.

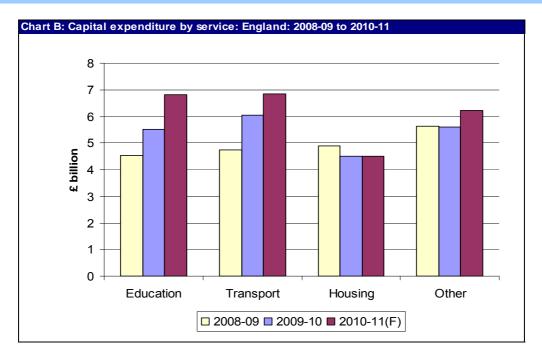
<sup>(</sup>b) Includes GLA (TfL) grant payment of £1.7 billion in respect of Metronet.

<sup>(</sup>c) At the provisional outturn stage some local authorities are not yet able to provide accurate figures on capitalisation. Therefore this could be an underestimate.

<sup>(</sup>d) Capitalisations are difficult for authorities to forecast, for a number of reasons:- (i) no expectation, at time of compiling forecasts, of a need to seek capitalisation aproval; (ii) cautious assumptions that approval may not be granted. Therefore forecasts, even after adjustments, are likely to underestimate the outturn for the financial year.

## Capital expenditure by service

- 2. **Chart B** and **Table 2** below illustrate the change in the pattern of expenditure for the major services between 2005-06 and 2009-10.
  - The largest percentage increase in capital expenditure in 2009-10 is in transport (27%). This increase primarily relates to the Greater London Authority's contribution to the Crossrail project. Education accounts for 26% of capital expenditure.
  - Social services show an increase of 3% in their expenditure in 2009-10.
  - Housing's share is reported to fall by 8% from 2008-09. This is due to the exceptional effect of Salford's transfer of its housing stock in 2008-09.



									£ million	
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 (P)		2010-11 (F)	
Education	3,492	3,442	3,711		4,542		5,531		6,826	
Highways & transport	3,461	3,480	5,916	(a)	4,735		6,017		6,846	
Housing	4,534	4,507	5,008		4,901		4,516		4,230	
Other	5,154	4,879	5,324		5,622		5,625		6,510	
Of which: Social services	387	364	411		300		307		449	
Recreation & sport	424	415	446		496		533	(b)	626	(
Police	606	527	549		794	(d)	720		849	
Other	3,737	3,573	3,918		4,033		4,601	(b)	4,586	
Total capital expenditure	16,641	16,307	19,958		19,801		21,689		24,411	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes GLA (TfL) grant payment of £1.7 billion in respect of Metronet

<sup>(</sup>b) Owing to form changes reflecting Best Value Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP) revisions, from 2009-10 Sport & Recreation (now Recreation & Sport) is now part of Culture & Related Services category. Therefore the figure has been estimated based on the past three years provisional outturn figures from Capital Payments & Receipts returns (CPR4).

<sup>(</sup>c) The 2010-11 expenditure total is as reported in Annex A (ii) and excludes any acquisitions of share and loan capital, usually negligible.

<sup>(</sup>d) Includes a one-off acquisition of land and existing buildings by Metropolitan Police in 2008-09

3. **Tables 3 (a & b)** and **4** provide a service breakdown of estimated provisional expenditure and receipts for 2009-10. These figures (and those in Tables 1 and 2) are based on local authorities' own estimates of spending and receipts, further adjusted by increasing local authorities' own estimates of expenditure and receipts to reflect the historic difference between provisional and final estimates.

					£ million
	Acquisition of land & existing buildings	New construction, conversion & renovation	Vehicles, plant machinery & equipment	Intangible assets	Total expenditure or fixed & intangible asset
Education	98	4,789	354	21	5,261
Highways & transport	78	3,629	192	5	3,904
Social services	10	205	39	5	260
Housing	310	3,412	42	4	3,767
Culture & related services	13	1,014	81	5	1,112
Environmental services	16	377	146	2	541
Planning & development services	179	479	18	4	680
Police	79	262	344	34	719
Fire & rescue	13	77	96	3	189
Court services	0	1	1	0	1
Central services	258	797	241	81	1,377
Trading services	93	113	33	4	243

					£ million
	Total expenditure on fixed & intangible assets	Grants	Loans & other financial assistance	Acquisition of share & loan capital	Total capita expenditure
Education	5,261	243	26	1	5,531
Highways & transport	3,904	1,226	886	0	6,017
Social services	260	47	1	0	307
Housing	3,767	705	44	0	4,516
Culture & related services	1,112	40	2	0	1,154
Environmental services	541	34	2	100 <sup>(a)</sup>	677
Planning & development services	680	153	8	0	846
Police	719	0	1	0	720
Fire & rescue	189	1	0	0	189
Court services	1	0	0	0	2
Central services	1,377	67	26	9	1,479
Trading services	243	3	3	0	249
TOTAL	18,055	2,524	1,000	110	21,689

		category: England	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		£ million
			Repayments of grants, loans & financial assistance	Disposals of investments inc. share & loan capital	Total capital receipts
	Sales of fixed assets	Sales of intangible assets			
Education	67	0	1	0	68
Highways & transport	26	0	0	20	47
Social services	34	0	0	0	34
Housing	410	2	12	0	424
Culture & related services	37	1	1	0	40
Environmental services	34	0	3	3	40
Planning & development services	79	0	1	0	80
Police	66	1	4	0	72
Fire & rescue	7	0	1	0	8
Court services	0	0	0	0	0
Central services	275	0	7	9	292
Trading services	68	0	2	0	70
TOTAL	1,104	5	33	33	1,175

- 4. **Tables 5** (**a & b**) and **6** provide a service breakdown of forecast expenditure and receipts for 2010-11. These figures (and those in Tables 1 and 2) are based on local authorities' own estimates of planned spending and receipts, but further adjusted by:
  - reducing local authorities' forecast expenditure to reflect the historic pattern of capital programme slippage;
  - increasing local authorities' forecasts of receipts to reflect the historic pattern of under recording receipts at the forecast stage.

	Acquisition of land & existing buildings	New construction, conversion & renovation	Vehicles, plant machinery & equipment	Intangible assets	£ million Total expenditure on fixed 8 intangible assets
Education	31	6,319	304	18	6,673
Highways & transport	61	3,527	152	6	3,746
Social services	9	335	41	21	407
Housing	225	3,322	36	5	3,588
Culture & related services	8	1,221	52	18	1,299
Environmental & regulatory services	123	514	149	3	789
Planning & development services	131	708	7	34	880
Police	34	404	392	19	849
Fire & rescue	10	111	84	3	208
Central services incl court services	48	1,064	292	120	1,524
Trading services	159	148	24	1	331
TOTAL	841	17,672	1,533	248	20,293

Table 5b : Local authority capital expenditure by economic category and service: England 2010-11: forecast £ million Total Grants Loans & **Acquisition of** Total capital share & loan expenditure other expenditure on fixed & financial capital intangible assistance assets Education 6,673 153 0 0 6,826 (a) 0 Highways & transport 3,746 2,512 588 6,846 Social services 407 41 1 0 449 52 0 Housing 3,588 590 4,230 Culture & related services 1,299 42 2 0 1,343 Environmental & regulatory services 16 0 805 789 1 Planning & development services 54 2 0 880 936 Police 849 0 0 0 849 Fire & rescue 0 0 208 208 0 Central services incl court services 1,524 27 18 9 1,577 Trading services 331 10 342 0 1 **TOTAL** 20,293 3,445 664 9 24,411 (a) The increase primarily relates to Greater London Authority's contribution to the Crossrail project

			Repayments of grants, loans & financial assistance	Disposals of investments inc. share & loan capital	£ million Total capita receipts
	Sales of fixed assets	Sales of intangible assets			
Education	146	0	0	8	154
Highways & transport	32	0	1	0	34
Social services	63	0	0	1	63
Housing	366	3	20	1	390
Culture & related services	94	0	8	0	102
Environmental & regulatory services	35	0	0	0	35
Planning & development services	130	1	0	0	131
Police	59	0	0	0	59
Fire & rescue	11	0	1	0	11
Central services incl court services	299	0	10	4	313
Trading services	71	0	0	0	71
TOTAL	1,305	4	41	14	1,364

#### Financing of capital expenditure in 2009-10 and 2010-11

5. **Table 7** provides a breakdown of the financing of expenditure from 2005-06 to 2010-11. Figures for 2005-06 to 2007-09 are outturn figures reported by local authorities. The figures for 2008-09 and 2009-10 have been adjusted for likely differences between provisional and final outturn spending. Estimates have been made for missing CPR4 returns.

Table 7: Financing of local authority capit	tal expenditur	e: England: 2	2005-06 to 20	10-11				£ million
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 (P)	2010-11 (F)
Central government grants	3,909	4,083	7,007	(a)	5,733		7,492	8,563
EU structural funds grants	169	185	157		156		52	77
Grants and contributions from private developers and from leaseholders etc	477	502	1,122	(b)	1,176	(c)	557	696
Grants and contributions from NDPBs $^{\rm (d)}$	520	492	635		540		756	625
National lottery grants	212	166	105		106		104	99
Use of capital receipts	2,812	2,628	2,665		2,040		1,613	1,978
Revenue financing of capital expenditure	2,763	2,763	2,593		3,241		4,229	3,559
of which:								
Housing Revenue Account	238	240	208		228		402	309
Major Repairs Reserve	1,327	1,337	1,180		1,224		1,306	1,049
General Fund	1,004	1,185	1,205		1,789		2,521	2,201
SCE(R) Single Capital Pot	2,932	2,734	2,296		2,257		2,226	1,941
SCE(R) Separate Programme Element	947	630	630		760		673	408
Other borrowing & credit arrangements not supported by central government <sup>(e)</sup>	2,251	2,291	3,184		4,224		4,166	6,493
Total	16,797	16,472	20,395		20,233		21,869	24,440

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes grant of £1.7 billion from DfT to the GLA for the purpose of discharging Metronet liabilities.

- Local authority self-financed borrowing in 2009-10 is unchanged from 2008-09.
- In 2010-11 self-financed borrowing is forecast to increase by 56% from 2009-10.
- The ten local authorities that have forecast the highest amounts of selffinanced borrowing in 2010-11 together account for nearly 44% of the England total.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes RSL financing of £500 million for the transfer of Liverpool's housing stock.

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes RSL financing of £483 million for the transfer of Salford's housing stock.

<sup>(</sup>d) Non-Departmental Public Bodies, organisations that are not government departments but which have a role in the processes of national government, such as the Sport England, English Heritage and Natural England.

<sup>(</sup>e) The Prudential System, which came into effect on 1 April 2004, allows local authorities to raise finance for capital expenditure - without Government consent - where they can afford to service the debt without extra Government support.

#### Local authorities' own reported information on prudential system: 2009-10 and 2010-11

- 6. Tables 8 and 9 provide local authorities' own provisional outturn information about the prudential system in 2009-10 and their forecast information about the prudential system in 2010-11.
- 7. The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities was developed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) as a professional code of practice to support local authorities in taking their decisions. Its key objectives are to ensure that the capital investment plans of local authorities are affordable, prudent and sustainable. As part of this framework the Prudential Code sets out the indicators that must be used.
- 8. These indicators include forecasts for:
  - capital expenditure;
  - capital financing requirement a measure that reflects an authority's underlying need to borrow;
  - external debt gross borrowing and other long-term liabilities;
  - operational boundary for external debt based on an authority's working estimate of most likely (i.e. prudent), but not worst case scenario;
  - authorised limit for external debt the intended absolute limit that has to be set by the full Council.

			£ million
	as at	in	as at
	1 April 2009	2009-10	31 March 2010
Capital Financing Requirement as at 1 April 2009	59,371		
Capital expenditure to be resourced by means of credit (+)		6,927	
Minimum Revenue Provision, Additional contribution from revenue, Contribution from Major Repairs Reserve, Use of receipts (-) (a)		1,651	
Change in Capital Financing Requirement	_	5,276	
Capital Financing Requirement as at 31 March 2010			64,647
Gross borrowing	53,690		55,007
Other long-term liabilities	1,587		2,305
Total external debt	55,276	-	57,312
Operational boundary for external debt	68,564		71,883
Authorised limit for external debt	77,620		82,146
Investments	23,961		20,004

	nd 2010-11 : forecast £		
	as at 1 April	in 2010-11	as at 31 March
	2010	2010-11	2011
Capital Financing Requirement as at 1 April 2010	63,119		
Capital expenditure to be resourced by means of credit (+)  Minimum Revenue Provision, Additional contribution from revenue, Contribution from		10,447	
Major Repairs Reserve, Use of receipts (-) (a)		1,839	
Change in Capital Financing Requirement		8,608	
Capital Financing Requirement as at 31 March 2011			71,727
Gross borrowing	54,971		63,039
Other long-term liabilities	3,853		4,417
Total external debt	58,824	_	67,456
Operational boundary for external debt		78,653	
Authorised limit for external debt		91,282	
nvestments	20,674		18,068

9. **Annex A** provides full detail on capital expenditure and receipts as collected on the CER form. This table does not include acquisitions and disposals of share and loan capital, since these are not collected at this level of detail.

	nnex A (1): Capital expenditure on fixed assets: all services: England 2010-11: forecast							
	Acquisition of land &	New construction	Vehicles	Plant machinery	Intangible assets	£ thousand Tota expenditure		
	existing buildings	conversion & renovation		& equipment		for capita purposes on fixed & intangible		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	assets (6		
						(1+2+3+4+5		
Pre-primary & Primary Education	20,734	2,588,351	1,364	87,727	7,479	2,705,654		
Secondary Education	5,398	3,064,823	9,021	157,861	8,925	3,246,028		
Special Education Non-school funding	4,611 630	264,095 401,550	312 781	7,389 39,693	72 2,012	276,47 444,66		
Education	31,373	6,318,819	11,478	<b>292,669</b>	18,488	6,672,82		
Roads (incl. struct. Maint.), Street Lighting & Road	43,211	2,484,311	11,413	19,337	2,241	2,560,51		
Safety	•		•	·				
Parking of Vehicles (including car parks)	261	62,901	644	6,887	392	71,08		
Public Integrated Transport (GFRA) - bus Public Integrated Transport (GFRA) - other	2,938	362,823	20,349	25,856 27,085	991	412,95		
Airports	14,288 0	536,897 2,634	25,495 4	37,085 34	2,741 0	616,50 2,67		
Local Authority Ports and Piers	0	23,765	102	1,668	0	25,53		
Tolled road bridges, tunnels & ferries, PTC	Ö	53,428	900	2,197	Ö	56,52		
Highways & transport	60,698	3,526,759	58,906	93,063	6,365	3,745,79		
Social services	9,321	335,338	5,106	36,171	20,888	406,82		
Housing	225,266	3,321,970	1,729	33,944	4,971	3,587,88		
Culture and heritage	3,990	273,417	42	4,226	1,969	283,64		
Recreation and sport	2,413	582,280	383	22,913	1,176	609,16		
Open Spaces	304	198,942	2,585	12,539	155	214,52		
Tourism	50	22,095	65	560	27	22,79		
Library Services Culture & related services	1,391 <b>8,147</b>	144,734 <b>1,221,469</b>	716 <b>3,791</b>	7,561 <b>47,798</b>	14,882 <b>18,210</b>	169,28 <b>1,299,41</b>		
Culture & related Services	0,147	1,221,409	3,791	,	10,210	1,299,41		
Cemeteries, Cremation and Mortuary	4,690	50,088	51	17,235	38	72,10		
Coast Protection Community Safety	0 35	40,758 22,042	5 68	721 4,221	329 182	41,81 26,54		
Community Safety (CCTV)	0	3,762	14	9,140	0	12,91		
Flood Defence and Land Drainage	0	20,298	0	153	5	20,45		
Agriculture and Fisheries Services	171	15,521	Ö	820	0	16,51		
Regulatory Services (Environmental Health)	450	18,561	786	963	192	20,95		
Regulatory Services (Trading Standards)	0	8	104	56	23	19		
Street Cleaning (not chargeable to highways)	0	436	3,966	1,829	35	6,26		
Waste Collection	1,177	16,254	33,878	20,076	944	72,32		
Waste Disposal	116,362	181,480	4,818	6,593	451	309,70		
Trade Waste	0	2,767	401	522	0	3,69		
Recycling	279	94,232	7,354	30,450	198	132,51		
Waste Minimisation Climate Change Costs	118 18	9,357 38,095	27 4	2,173 2,802	0 214	11,67 41,13		
Environmental & regulatory services	123,300	<b>513,658</b>	51,476	97,753	2,610	788,79		
Planning & development services	131,079	708,197	81	6,887	33,868	880,11		
Police	34,179	403,765	84,956	307,144	18,878	848,92		
Fire & rescue	9,948	110,786	49,016	35,069	3,001	207,82		
Central Services incl court services	48,377	1,063,529	56,688	235,426	119,748	1,523,76		
Industrial and Commercial Trading	158,490	98,981	949	571	215	259,20		
Other Trading Trading services	351 <b>158,841</b>	49,077 <b>148,058</b>	19,637 <b>20,586</b>	2,589 <b>3,160</b>	437 <b>652</b>	72,09 <b>331,29</b>		
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Annex A (2): Capital expenditure: all services: England 2 forecast					
				£ thousa	
	Total expenditure for capital purposes on fixed & intangible assets	Expenditure on grants	Expenditure on loans & other financial assistance	To Expenditure	
	(6) (1+2+3+4+5)	(7)	(8)	(9) (6+7+8)	
Pre-primary & Primary Education	2,705,654	67,480	231	2,773,365	
Secondary Education	3,246,028	54,036	0	3,300,064	
Special Education	276,479	2,540	0	279,019	
Non-school funding	444,666	28,911	229	473,805	
Education	6,672,827	152,967	460	6,826,253	
Roads (incl. struct. Maint.), Street Lighting & Road Safety	2,560,513	8,343	202	2,569,057	
Parking of Vehicles (including car parks)	71,085	587	0	71,672	
Public Integrated Transport (GFRA) - bus	412,957	1,575,621	587,880	2,576,458	
ublic Integrated Transport (GFRA) - bus ublic Integrated Transport (GFRA) - other	616,505	921,249	0 0	2,576,456 1,537,754	
irports	2,672	6,030	0	8,702	
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ocal Authority Ports and Piers	25,534 56,535	0	0	25,534 56,535	
olled road bridges, tunnels & ferries, PTC	56,525	0	0	56,525	
ighways & transport	3,745,790	2,511,830	588,082	6,845,702	
ocial services	406,824	40,912	1,073	448,809	
ousing	3,587,880	589,842	51,805	4,229,527	
ulture and heritage	283,644	15,143	399	299,185	
ecreation and sport	609,166	16,110	1,018	626,294	
pen Spaces	214,525	9,600	343	224,468	
ourism	22,796	993	0	23,789	
brary Services	169,284	43	0	169,327	
ulture & related services	1,299,415	41,889	1,760	1,343,063	
emeteries, Cremation and Mortuary	72,102	274	0	72,375	
oast Protection	41,813	595	0	42,408	
ommunity Safety	26,547	2,757	27	29,331	
ommunity Safety (CCTV)	12,915	5	0	12,920	
ood Defence and Land Drainage	20,455	822	0	21,277	
gricultural and Fisheries Services	16,512	56	0	16,568	
egulatory Services (Environmental Health)	20,951	7,069	0	28,020	
egulatory Services (Trading Standards)	192	74	0	266	
treet Cleaning (not chargeable to highways)	6,266	23	0	6,288	
/aste Collection	72,329	126	0	72,455	
/aste Disposal	309,704	2,019	360	312,082	
rade Waste	3,690	0	0	3,690	
Recycling	132,512	81	0	132,593	
/aste Minimisation	11,675	1,013	0	12,688	
limate Change Costs	41,133	1,092	122	42,346	
nvironmental & regulatory services	788,796	16,003	509	805,307	
lanning & development services	880,112	53,696	2,033	935,841	
olice	848,923	0	2,039	848,923	
ire & rescue	207,820	202	0	208,022	
Central Services incl court services		202 27,122	_		
	1,523,768	•	17,551	1,568,440	
ndustrial and Commercial Trading	259,205	3,552	743	263,501	
Other Trading	72,091	6,589	117	78,797	
Frading services	331,296	10,141	860	342,298	
Total all services	20,293,450	3,444,602	664,132	24,402,184	

(a) Figures in this column do not include acquisitions of share and loan capital

Annex A (3): Capital receipts: all services: England 2010-1		·		£ thousand
	Sales & disposal of tangible fixed assets	Sales of intangible assets	Repayments of grants loans & other financial assistance	Total in-year receipts <sup>(a)</sup>
	(10)	(11)	(12)	(10+11+12)
Pre-primary & Primary Education	63,325	0	0	63,325
Secondary Education	58,356	0	333	58,688
Special Education	8,936	0	0	8,936
Non-school funding	15,575	0	29	15,604
Education	146,192	0	361	146,553
Roads (incl. struct. Maint.), Street Lighting & Road Safety	17,902	0	10	17,911
Parking of Vehicles (including car parks)	13,611	0	722	14,333
Public Integrated Transport (GFRA) - bus	0	0	0	0
Public Integrated Transport (GFRA) - other	379	0	0	379
Airports	228	0	407	635
Local Authority Ports and Piers	0	0	0	0
Tolled road bridges, tunnels & ferries, PTC	0	0	0	0
Highways & transport	32,120	0	1,138	33,258
Social services	62,717	0	0	62,717
Housing	365,769	3,060	19,999	388,828
Culture and heritage	3,563	0	65	3,628
Recreation and sport	41,353	64	7,568	48,984
Open Spaces	38,976	38	608	39,622
Tourism	0	0	0	0
Library Services	9,831	0	0	9,831
Culture & related services	93,722	102	8,240	102,064
Cemeteries, Cremation and Mortuary	252	0	0	252
Coast Protection	0	0	0	0
Community Safety	223	0	0	223
Community Safety (CCTV)	0	0	0	0
Flood Defence and Land Drainage	0	0	0	0
Agriculture and Fisheries Services	15,343	0	0	15,343
Regulatory Services (Environmental Health)	71	0	0	71
Regulatory Services (Trading Standards)	0	0	0	0
Street Cleaning (not chargeable to highways)	333	0	0	333
Waste Collection	5,803	0	81	5,883
Waste Disposal	12,510	0	132	12,642
Trade Waste	0	0	0	0
Recycling	41	0	0	41
Waste Minimisation	0	0	0	0
Climate Change Costs	48	0	0	48
Environmental & regulatory services	34,623	0	213	34,836
Planning & development services	129,892	981	54	130,927
Police	59,056	0	190	59,246
Fire & rescue	10,551	0	779	11,330
Central Services incl court services	299,461	285	9,783	309,529
Industrial and Commercial Trading	60,776	0	481	61,257
Other Trading	9,908	0	0	9,908
Trading services	70,684	0	481	71,165
Total all services	1,304,785	4,428	41,239	1,350,452

<sup>(</sup>a) Figures in this column do not include disposals of share and loan capital

#### Terminology used in this release

A set of terms relating to local government finance is given in the glossary at *Annex G* to *Local Government Financial Statistics England No. 20 2010.* This is accessible at <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/researchandstatistics/statistics/subject/localgovernmentfinance">http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/researchandstatistics/statistics/subject/localgovernmentfinance</a>. The most relevant terms for this release are explained below.

**Capital expenditure** – expenditure on the acquisition of fixed assets or expenditure, which adds to and does not merely maintain the value of existing fixed assets.

**Capital receipts** – income from the sale of capital assets. Such income may only be used to repay loan debt or to finance new capital expenditure.

**Capitalised current expenditure** – expenditure which would normally score as current expenditure but which a local authority has been allowed to capitalise, with the permission of the Secretary of State (e.g. redundancy payments).

**Credit arrangements** – forms of credit, which does not involve the borrowing of money by a local authority. For example leases of land (including buildings) or other property and contracts which provide for external credit (in the sense that there is more than a full financial year gap between the giving of value to the authority and the payment for that value).

**Minimum revenue provision** – the minimum amount which must be charged to a revenue account each year and set aside as provision for repaying external loans and meeting other credit liabilities.

**Prudential capital finance system** – this is the informal name for the system introduced on 1 April 2004 by Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003. It allows local authorities to borrow without Government consent, provided that they can afford to service the debt from their own resources.

**The Prudential Code** – a professional code of practice prepared by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), for the prudential system introduced on 1 April 2004. Local authorities are required by legislation to have regard to the code.

**Supported Capital Expenditure** – the term for most forms of central government support for local authority capital expenditure from 1 April 2004. Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue) – SCE(R) – is the amount of expenditure towards which revenue support grant will be paid to a local authority on the cost of its borrowing. The revenue grant support is provided to help authorities with the costs of financing loans.

**Best Value Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP)** – Changes have been made to the CER 2010-11 in its service breakdown of "culture and related services" and "environmental and regulatory services", to bring it into line with changes prescribed in the BVACOP.

#### **Data quality**

National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer demands.

The adjustments made to local authorities' own estimates in order to calculate the main estimates include an assessment of the difference between CPR4 estimates and CER estimates respectively and final outturn information for recent years where outturn data are available. The adjustment made for underestimation of capital expenditure and receipts in the CPR4 returns was 1.02 and 1.01 respectively. Corresponding adjustments for CER were made for the overestimation of expenditure and underestimation of receipts of 0.90 and 0.95 respectively.

Further adjustments have been made to avoid double counting the GLA grants to other London authorities.

The information for 2009-10 in this release is derived from Capital Payments and Receipts Returns (CPR4) submitted to Communities and Local Government by English local authorities and is based on returns from 441 of the 443 authorities that complete the return. Estimates have been made for missing returns. The information for 2010-11 is derived from Capital Estimates Returns (CER) submitted by all 443 local authorities in England.

Figures are subjected to rigorous pre-defined validation tests both within the forms themselves, while the forms are being completed by the authority and also in Communities and Local Government itself as the data are received and stored.

Finally, the release document, once prepared, is also subject to intensive peer review before being cleared as fit for the purposes of publication.

#### Uses made of the data

The data in this Statistical Release are important for a number of different purposes. They are used to provide Communities and Local Government, HM Treasury, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and government departments with the most up to date information available on local authority capital spending plans and how they are to be financed. The ONS use the information for National Accounts and public sector finances.

In addition, the returns are important sources for evidence-based policy decisions, answering Parliamentary Questions and other requests for information by Ministers, local authorities and their associations and the general public.

### **Background Notes**

- For press enquiries about this Statistical Release please contact the Local Government press desk on 0303 444 4044 or email <a href="mailto:press.office@communities.gsi.gov.uk">press.office@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a>. For other enquiries please telephone John Wallis on 0303 444 2121 or email <a href="mailto:capital.receipts@communities.gsi.gov.uk">capital.receipts@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a>.
- 2. This Statistical Release can be found at the following web address: www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localregional.localgovernmentfinance/statistics/
- 3. Timings of future Releases are regularly placed on the Department's website, <a href="www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localregional/localgovernmentfinance/statistics/usefulinformation/">www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localregional/localgovernmentfinance/statistics/usefulinformation/</a> and on the ONS National Statistics website, <a href="www.statistics.gov.uk/releasecalendar/currentreleases.asp">www.statistics.gov.uk/releasecalendar/currentreleases.asp</a>
- 4. Further information is also available on the department's website www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localgovernmentfinance/.
- 5. For a fuller picture of recent trends in local government finance readers are directed to *Local Government Financial Statistics England No. 20 2010* which is available in hard copy from <a href="mailto:product@communities.gsi.gov.uk">product@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a> (Tel. 0300 123 1124) and electronically in PDF format via the Department's web site:

www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localgovernmentfinance/

- 6. Final outturn estimates of capital expenditure and receipts in 2009-10 will be published in a National Statistics Release later this year.
- 7. The statistics in this Release are for England only. Statistics for Wales and Scotland can be found at <a href="wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/loc-gov/?lang=en">wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/loc-gov/?lang=en</a> and <a href="www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/statistics/browse/local-government-finance">www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/statistics/browse/local-government-finance</a> respectively.

#### **Symbols and conventions**

... = not available

0 = zero or negligible

= not relevant

|| = discontinuity

F = forecast

P = provisional

#### Rounding

Where figures have been rounded, there may be a slight discrepancy between the total and the sum of constituent items.

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