

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comprising Council Areas:
Armagh City and District Council
Banbridge District Council
Cookstown District Council
Craigavon Borough Council
Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council
Fermanagh District Council
Newry and Mourne District Council
Omagh District Council

SWaMP2008 Joint Committee
For the year ended 31st March 2015

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Explanatory Foreword**Introduction**

The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's financial performance for the year ended 31st March 2015 is as set out in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and its financial position is as set out in the Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement.

This Statement of Accounts explains SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's finances during the financial year 2014/15 and its financial position at the end of that year. It follows approved accounting standards and is necessarily technical in parts.

SWaMP2008 was responsible for the production of a Waste Management Plan which set out the arrangements for the management of controlled wastes arising within the SWaMP208 Region over the period 2012 to 2020. This included the service and infrastructure needed for the collection, treatment and disposal of the wastes.

Group Accounts

The Code requires Local Authorities to consider all their interests and to prepare a full set of group financial statements where they have material interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. SWaMP2008 Joint Committee does not have material interests in such bodies and accordingly is not required to prepare group financial statements.

Financial Report

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2015 have been prepared in line with The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in The United Kingdom 2014/15 (the Code) and the Department of the Environment Accounts Direction, Circular LG 16/15. It is the purpose of this foreword to explain, in an easily understandable way the financial facts in relation to the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee for this period. However, the Financial Statements follow approved Accounting standards and are necessarily technical in parts.

The financial statements explain the Joint Committee's finances during the financial year ended 31st March 2015 and its financial position at the end of that year.

The following statements provide further information:

- The Movement in Reserves Statement, as set out on page 15, shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Joint Committee. The surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services line shows the true economic cost of providing the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's services.
- The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as set out on page 16, shows the income earned and the expenditure incurred during the year by the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. This includes details of funding received from Government bodies and participating Councils, together with details of administrative expenditure incurred by the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee and financial assistance provided to beneficiaries.
- The Balance Sheet, as set out on page 17, shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date 31 March 2015 of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's assets and liabilities. The net assets of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Joint Committee.
- The Cash Flow Statement, as set out on page 18, shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee during the reporting period. The statement shows how the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities.

For the year ended 31st March 2015 the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee accounted for Council contributions of £275,572 ,grants of £19,095 and incurred total costs of £309,067. The deficit for the year is £14,399. The budget for the year was £265,000.

Expenditure on capital projects during the year amounted to £0.

SWaMP2008 was responsible for the production of a Waste Management Plan which set out the arrangements for the management of controlled wastes arising within the SWaMP2008 Region over the period 2012 to 2020. This included the services and infrastructure needed for the collection, treatment and disposal of the wastes.

The objectives of the Plan were as follows:

- 1 To develop treatment facilities and/or let contracts to meet the needs of the SWaMP2008 Region.
- 2 To ensure that the identified facilities and/or services are in place in time to enable district councils to meet their statutory targets and obligations.
- 3 Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. An exception is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life (i.e., freehold land and certain Community Assets) and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e., assets under construction).
- 4 To minimise the amount of waste produced within the region.
- 5 To minimise environmental impacts.
- 6 To adopt a regional approach to the sharing of targets to ensure that SWaMP2008 as a whole is able to meet its targets.

Legislative Context for Preparation and Audit of the Financial Statements

The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, Article 3, defines a joint committee of two or more councils to be a local government body and provides that:

The accounts of every local authority government body shall be:

- a) made up to the end of each financial year; and
- b) audited in accordance with this Part by a local government auditor designated by the Department, after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland'.

Article 24 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 provides that the Department may issue regulations as to accounts and audit. In this regard the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 were made on 7 March 2006.

The Accounts Direction, issued by the Department of the Environment on 1 April 2015 under Regulation 4 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations 2006 requires the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee to prepare accounts. These financial statements cover the period from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 and have been prepared in compliance with the Direction.

Post Balance Sheet Events

Local Government Reform

From 1st April 2015, the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee ceased to exist and its functions have been transferred to the new Council, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council combines the previous councils of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough into one new body constituted under the framework established by the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Under Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Transitional, Supplementary, Incidental Provisions and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, the new council will designate an officer as having responsibility for the winding up of its predecessor Joint Committees.

This designated officer will have responsibility for the preparation of final statements of account for the Joint Committee in a form directed by the Department under regulation 4 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Statement of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's and the Chief Financial Officer's responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's Responsibilities

Under Section 1 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee shall make safe and efficient arrangements for the receipt of money paid to it and the issue of money payable by it, and those arrangements shall be carried out under the supervision of such officer of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee as the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee designates as its Chief Financial Officer. SWaMP2008 has designated its Chief Officer as Chief Financial Officer.

Under Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 the Joint Committee is required by resolution to approve the accounts.

These accounts were approved by the Performance and Audit Committee on 25th June 2015.

The Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities

Under Regulation 4(1) of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Joint Committee's Statement of Accounts in the form directed by the Department of the Environment.

The accounts must give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure for the financial year and the financial position as at the end of the financial year.

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Chief Financial Officer is required to:-

- observe the Accounts Direction issued by the Department of the Environment including compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom as amended and augmented from time to time as appropriate;
- follow relevant accounting and disclosure requirements and apply suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis; and
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The Chief Financial Officer is also required to:-

- keep proper accounting records that are up-to-date; and
- take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Governance Statement**Introduction**

The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee was responsible for ensuring that its business was conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money was safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Joint Committee also had a duty under Local Government (Best Value) Act (NI) 2002 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the way in which its functions were exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

In discharging this overall responsibility, the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee was responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee was required to prepare an Annual Governance Statement, which was consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework: Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. This statement explains how the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee meets the requirements of Regulation 2A of the Local Government Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland 2006) in relation to the publication of a statement on internal control.

As a result of the Review of Public Administration, SWaMP2008 Joint Committee was dissolved on 31 March 2015 and its assets and liabilities were absorbed into the new Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council from 1 April 2015.

The purpose of the governance framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee was directed and controlled and the activities through which the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee accounted to and engaged with the community. It enabled the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives had led to the delivery of appropriate cost-effective services.

The system of internal control was a significant part of that framework and was designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control was based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework had been in place for the financial period ended 31st March 2015

The Governance Framework

This section provided a summary of the key elements of the systems and processes that comprised the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's governance arrangements.

Arrangements for undertaking the core functions of an Audit Committee, as identified in CIPFA's Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities

The Joint Committee had in place an Audit and Risk Committee whose overall purpose and objective was to assist the Joint Committee in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The Audit and Risk Committee, which met at least four times each year, included representatives from finance and risk management of partner Councils and has responsibility for reviewing:

- The system of internal control and management of risks;
- The financial reporting process;
- The internal and external audit process;
- Joint Committee's processes for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Joint Committee's processes for monitoring compliance with its own Standing Orders, policies and procedures.
- The Audit and Risk Committee met quarterly and received reports from the Chief Officer, Internal and External Audit.

Arrangements for ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations, internal policies and procedures, and that expenditure is lawful

The Joint Committee regularly reviewed progress made and issues arising by way of periodic progress reports, interim reports and final reports.

The Joint Committee retained a panel of specialist legal advisors to provide expertise, advice and guidance as required.

Declaration of Interest was a standard Agenda item for all Joint Committee meetings. All declarations of interest were recorded on the minutes of the meeting. On an annual basis both senior officers and elected members were required to declare all related parties.

SWaMP2008 Joint Committee had designated its Chief Officer as the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") under section 54 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972. SWaMP2008 Joint Committee complied with the requirements of the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government with the exception of principle 5 "The Chief Financial Officer in a Local Authority must be professionally qualified and suitably experienced." Local government regulations do not require the CFO to be a professionally qualified accountant and it is custom and practice that they are the Chief Officer of the Local Authority. The Chief Officer was supported by suitably qualified and experienced staff within the finance function ensuring that decisions made by the CFO are based on sound technical knowledge and understanding.

Arrangements for whistle-blowing and for receiving and investigating complaints from the public

The Joint Committee's Standing Operating Procedure: Fraud and Corruption, set out whistle-blowing arrangements. The procedure set out the arrangements where employees wished to make disclosures whilst remaining protected from action by their employer.

The key elements of the systems and processes that comprised SWaMP2008's governance arrangements were:

- The Joint Committee identified and communicated the Joint Committee's vision of its purpose and intended outcomes for citizens and service users by preparing a Corporate Plan which was reviewed annually. A clear statement of the Joint Committee's purpose, vision and objectives were set out in its annual business plan and terms of agreement, which documented the Joint Committee's role, working with its partners, in supporting the delivery of the Corporate Plan. The achievement of these objectives was monitored by the Joint Committee and by the Joint Committee's Audit Committee.
- The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee had a process which regularly reviewed the Joint Committee's vision and its implications for the Joint Committee's governance arrangements.
- The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee sought to measure the quality of services for users, to ensure they were delivered in accordance with the Joint Committee's objectives and to ensure that they represent the best use of resources, this was imbedded in the Joint Committee's governance arrangements.
- The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee had clearly defined standing orders and regulations governing the responsibilities of the Management Committee, Resources and Audit Committee and the responsibilities of the Chief Officer. These were reviewed on a regular basis and communicated to all members.
- The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee defined the standards of behaviour for members and staff within its standing orders, financial regulations, member's code of conduct and staff code of conduct. These were regularly reviewed and communicated to staff.
- All SWaMP2008 Joint Committee systems, procedures and regulations were regularly reviewed to meet the changing demands of a progressive Joint Committee and to respond to best practice. The Joint Committee had a robust risk management policy.
- Identifying the development needs of Members and senior officers in relation to their strategic roles, supported by appropriate training was important to SWaMP2008 Joint Committee and was pivotal to delivering and improving services. Officers' performance is regularly reviewed in accordance with an appraisal process. Training needs were assessed on at least an annual basis; the results of which form the Joint Committee's annual training plan which was included in the annual estimates.
- Communication with all sections of the community, partner Councils and other stakeholders, ensuring accountability and encouraging open consultation was fundamental to the Joint Committee.

Review of effectiveness

The SWaMP2008 Joint Committee had responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness was informed by the work of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's Officers, who had responsibility for supporting the Committee in the development and maintenance of the governance environment and also by recommendations made by both internal and external auditors.

Overall control of the governance framework and system of internal controls was the responsibility of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee. Regular meetings, policy documents and periodic progress reports enabled the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee to examine and evaluate the progress made and address issues affecting the implementation of the Joint Committee Plan.

The Chief Officer for the Joint Committee had responsibility for the preparation of this Annual Governance Statement. In preparing this statement, he had considered the governance framework and system of internal controls in place.

In undertaking this review account had been taken of Guidance on the Local (Accounts and Audit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 issued by the Department of the Environment in February 2008. The Chief Officer had involvement in and oversight of the processes involved in maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the governance framework. Progress on the implementation of the Joint Committee Plan and issues arising were reviewed and reported to the Joint Committee by way of reports.

In producing this statement, full regard has been made to SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's Corporate Risk Register and to Statements of Assurance for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Following a competitive process in 2014, SWaMP2008 appointed Hamill McIlwaine as internal auditors and the first review presented to the Audit and Risk Committee was on Governance and its effectiveness. The Internal Audit review for 2014/15 was satisfactory.

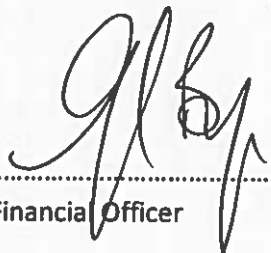
Internal Audit services were provided to the SWAMP2008 by an external accountancy firm under contract. Internal Audit provided an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Joint Committee's system of internal control. This extended to reviewing the arrangements in place for Joint Committee Projects, which were reviewed on a periodic basis as part of an on-going programme of work. Internal Audit reported any deficiencies in internal control to the Chief Officer whose responsibility it was to consider any recommendations made and to take necessary remedial action. Reports to Audit Committee include a follow-up report to ensure that actions previously agreed by the Chief Officer are implemented on a timely basis.

Significant governance issues

SWaMP2008 Joint Committee governance structure placed significant emphasis on service and performance review. The Joint Committee was formed in August 2008.

- As a result of the Review of Public Administration, SWaMP2008 Joint Committee was dissolved on 31 March 2015 and its assets & liabilities were absorbed into the new Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council from 1 April 2015.

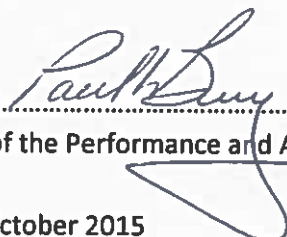
Signature


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Chief Financial Officer

Date

26th October 2015

Signature


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Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee

Date

26th October 2015

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer

I certify that :-

- a) The Statement of Accounts for the financial period ended 31st March 2015 on pages 3 to 28 has been prepared in the form directed by the Department of the Environment and under the accounting policies set out on page 19.

- b) In my opinion the Statement of Accounts give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year and the financial position as at the end of the financial year.

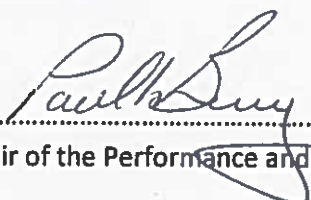
Joint Committee Approval of Statement of Accounts

These accounts were approved by the Joint Committee on the 25th June 2015 and were subject to one material adjustment, as noted on page 29, and a number of minor disclosure amendments.

Signature 

Chief Financial Officer

Date 26th October 2015

Signature 

Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee

Date 26th October 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

I have audited the financial statements of SWaMP2008 for the year ended 31 March 2015 under the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005. The financial statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them.

This report is made solely to the Members of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and for no other purpose, as specified in the Statement of Responsibilities. Under The Local Government (Constituting a Joint Committee a Body Corporate) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council takes responsibility for the financial statements of SWaMP2008.

Respective responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer and the independent auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Joint Committee's and Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year and the financial position as at the end of the financial year. My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Local Government Code of Audit Practice. I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me and my staff to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to SWaMP2008's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by SWaMP2008; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Statement of Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with relevant legal and statutory requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014-15, of the financial position of SWaMP2008 as at 31 March 2015 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and the Department of the Environment directions issued thereunder.

Opinion on other matters

- In my opinion the information given in the Explanatory Foreword for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which I report to you if, in my opinion:

- The Annual Governance Statement:
 - does not reflect compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014-15 ;
 - does not comply with proper practices specified by the Department of the Environment;
 - is misleading or inconsistent with other information I am aware of from my audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the statement of accounts is not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Certificate

I certify that I have completed the audit of accounts of SWaMP2008 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Local Government Code of Audit Practice.



Louise Mason
Local Government Auditor
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29 October 2015

Movement in Reserves Statement

	Notes	Total Usable Reserves £	Total Unusable Reserves £	Total Reserves £
At 1st April 2013		61,951	72,221	134,172
Movement in reserves during the year				
Surplus or deficit on provision of services		(63,763)	0	(63,763)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		(63,763)	0	(63,763)
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	7b	18,055	(18,055)	0
At 31st March 2014		16,243	54,166	70,409
Movement in reserves during the year				
Surplus or deficit on provision of services		(14,399)	0	(14,399)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		(14,399)	0	(14,399)
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	7a	18,055	(18,055)	0
At 31st March 2015		19,899	36,111	56,010

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

	Notes	2014/15 £	2013/14 £
Income			
Government Grant	2a/2b & 4	19,095	15,988
Participating Councils	3	275,572	271,505
Total Income		<u>294,667</u>	<u>287,493</u>
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	6	166,930	167,108
Other Payments		112,202	153,037
Administration Costs		11,879	13,056
Depreciation		18,055	18,055
		<u>309,067</u>	<u>351,256</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) on provision of Services		(14,399)	(63,763)
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	0
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		<u>(14,399)</u>	<u>(63,763)</u>

Balance Sheet

		2015	2014
	Notes	£	£
Long Term Assets	7	36,111	54,166
Short Term Investments		0	0
Inventories		0	0
Short Term Debtors	8	51,433	69,071
Cash and Cash Equivalents		77,049	72,156
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
Current Assets		128,482	141,227
Bank Overdraft		0	0
Short Term Borrowing		0	0
Short Term Creditors	9	108,583	124,984
Provisions		0	0
Current Liabilities		108,583	124,984
Long Term Liabilities		0	0
Net Assets		56,010	70,409
Usable Reserves		19,899	16,243
Unusable Reserves - Capital Adjustment Account		36,111	54,166
Net Worth		56,010	70,409

Cash Flow Statement	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	(14,399)	(63,763)
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	10	18,040
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>4,893</u>	<u>(45,723)</u>
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	0	0
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	0	0
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>4,893</u>	<u>(45,723)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	72,156	117,880
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>77,049</u>	<u>72,157</u>

1 Accounting Policies**General Principles**

The Financial Statements summarise the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's transactions for the 2014/15 financial year and its position at the end of 31st March 2015. SWaMP2008 Joint Committee is required to prepare annual Financial Statements in a form directed by the Department of the Environment in accordance with regulations 4 (1) and (2) in the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 and the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2014/15 supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. The accruals basis of accounting requires the non-cash effect of transactions to be reflected in the Financial Statements for the year in which those effects are experienced and not in the year in which the cash is actually received or paid. This ensures that provision has been made for known outstanding debtors and creditors at the year end, estimated amounts being used where actual figures are not available.

Post Employment Benefits

Employees of the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee are members of the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Pension Fund administered by the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee. The scheme provides defined benefits to members (retirement lump sums and pensions), earned as employees working for the SWaMP2008 Joint Committee.

The Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Pension Fund

The Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' pension fund (NILGOSC) is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme.

Employees of SWaMP2008 Joint Committee are paid by the partner Councils of SWaMP2008 Joint Committee, and are accounted for as members of those Council's pension funds. SWaMP2008 is not a member of the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Pension Fund.

Discretionary Benefits

SWaMP2008 Joint Committee also has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies that are applied to the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Pension Fund.

Government Grants and Contributions

Whether paid on account, by instalments or in arrears, government grants and Council contributions and donations are recognised as due to the Joint Committee when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Joint Committee will comply with the conditions attached to the payments, and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due are not credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement until conditions attaching to the grant or contribution have been satisfied. Conditions are stipulations that specify that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset acquired using the grant or contribution are required to be consumed by the recipient as specified or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors. When conditions are satisfied, the grant or contribution is credited to Government Grants in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where capital grants are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Reserves Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is posted to the Capital Grants Unusable Reserve. Where it has been applied, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unusable Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

Long Term Assets

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others for administrative purposes and that are expected to be used during more than one financial year are classified as Property, Plant and Equipment.

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is capitalised on an accruals basis, provided that it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Joint Committee and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential (i.e., repairs and maintenance) is charged as an expense when it is incurred.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- the purchase price
- any costs attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management
- the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

The Joint Committee does not capitalise borrowing costs incurred whilst assets are under construction.

The cost of assets acquired other than by purchase is deemed to be its fair value, unless the acquisition will not increase the cash flows of the Joint Committee. In the latter case, where the asset is acquired via an exchange, the cost of the acquisition is the carrying amount of the asset given up by the Joint Committee.

Assets are then carried in the Balance Sheet using the following measurement bases:

- infrastructure, community assets and assets under construction – depreciated historical cost
- all other assets – fair value, determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (existing use value – EUV)

Where there is no market-based evidence of fair value because of the specialist nature of an asset, depreciated replacement cost is used as an estimate of fair value.

Impairment

Assets are assessed at each year-end as to whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and, where this is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognised for the shortfall.

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for by:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains), with any excess charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down with a charge to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where an impairment loss is reversed subsequently, the reversal is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. An exception is made for assets without a determinable finite useful life (i.e., freehold land and certain Community Assets) and assets that are not yet available for use (i.e., assets under construction).

Depreciation is calculated on the following bases:

- vehicles, plant and equipment – a percentage of the value of each class of assets in the Balance Sheet, as advised by a suitably qualified officer
- infrastructure – straight-line allocation over useful life.

2a Segmental Report - Current Year

	Notes	Residual		Total
		Waste	Waste Strategy	
		£	£	£
Income from Participating Councils	3	0	275,572	275,572
Government Grants	4	0	19,095	19,095
Total Income		0	294,667	294,667
Staff Costs	6	0	166,930	166,930
Other Payments		0	112,202	112,202
Administration Costs		0	11,879	11,879
Depreciation	7a	0	18,055	18,055
Total Expenditure		0	309,066	309,066
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	(14,399)	(14,399)

2b Segmental Report - Prior Year

	Notes	Residual		Total
		Waste	Waste Strategy	
		£	£	£
Income from Participating Councils	3	0	271,505	271,505
Government Grants	4	15,488	500	15,988
Total Income		15,488	272,005	287,493
Staff Costs	6	0	167,108	167,108
Other Payments		15,488	137,548	153,036
Administration Costs		0	13,056	13,056
Depreciation	7a	0	18,055	18,055
Total Expenditure		15,488	335,767	351,255
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	(63,762)	(63,762)

3	Income from Participating Councils	2014/15	2013/14
		£	£
	Residual Waste	0	0
	Waste Strategy	275,572	271,505
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		275,572	271,505
4	Government Grants	2014/15	2013/14
		£	£
	Residual Waste	0	15,488
	Waste Strategy	19,095	500
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		19,095	15,988
5	External Audit Fees	2014/15	2013/14
		£	£
	External Audit Fees	4,998	7,344
		0	0
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		4,998	7,344

6 Staff Costs	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
Salaries	124,609	125,442
National Insurance	11,139	11,169
Pension Costs	25,984	25,700
Agency Staff Costs	5,198	4,797
	<u>166,930</u>	<u>167,108</u>
	2014/15	2013/14
	FTE	FTE
Total Staff Numbers	2	2
	Actual	Actual
	Numbers	Numbers
Full-time numbers employed	2	2
Part-time numbers employed	2	2
Agency Staff numbers	1	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Senior Employees' Remuneration	2014/15	2013/14
£50,001 to £60,000	0	0
£60,001 to £70,000	0	0
£70,001 to £80,000	1	1
£80,001 to £90,000	0	0
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

7a Long Term Assets - Current Year	Vehicles	
	£	
Cost		
At 1 April 14	108,331	
Additons/Disposals	-	
At 31 March 15	<u>108,331</u>	
Depreciation		
At 1 April 14	54,166	
Disposals	-	
Provided for in year	18,055	
At 31 March 15	<u>72,221</u>	
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 15	<u>36,110</u>	
At 31 March 14	<u>54,165</u>	
7b Long Term Assets - Prior Year	Vehicles	
	£	
Cost		
At 1 April 13	108,331	
Additons/Disposals	-	
At 31 March 14	<u>108,331</u>	
Depreciation		
At 1 April 13	36,110	
Disposals	-	
Provided for in year	18,055	
At 31 March 14	<u>54,165</u>	
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 14	<u>54,166</u>	
At 31 March 13	<u>72,221</u>	
8 Short Term Debtors	2015	2014
	£	£
Government Departments	21,762	59,447
Councils	0	0
Prepayments	2,445	9,624
Other	27,226	0
	<u>51,433</u>	<u>69,071</u>

9 Short Term Creditors	2015	2014
	£	£
Government Departments	41,602	60,621
Councils	66,981	42,554
Grants to Beneficiaries	0	0
Receipts in Advance	0	0
Other	0	21,810
	108,583	124,985

10 Cash Flow Note – Analysis of Adjustments to Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	Note	2014/15	2013/14
		£	£
Depreciation		18,055	18,055
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	8	17,638	57,266
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	9	(16,401)	(57,281)
		19,292	18,040

11 Related Party Transactions

A Related Party Transaction is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged. Related Party Transactions exclude transactions with any other entity that is a related party solely because of its economic dependence on the Joint Committee or the Government of which it forms part.

A related party is one that has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. This includes cases where the related party entity and another entity are subject to common control but excludes providers of finance in the course of their normal business with the Joint Committee and Trade Unions in the course of their normal dealings with the Joint Committee.

In addition where the relationship with the Joint Committee and the entity is solely that of an Agency, these are not deemed to be Related Party Transactions.

Transactions with related parties not disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements are set out below, where a description of the nature and the amount of the transaction is as follows:

Members have direct control over SWaMP2008 Joint Committee's financial and operating policies. In the 2014/15 financial year SWaMP2008 Joint Committee did not commission any works and services from companies in which Members have an interest.

During 2014/15 SWaMP2008 Joint Committee did not pay grants to organisations in which either Members or executive officers had an interest.

SWaMP2008 Joint Committee provides administration support to eight participating Councils in relation to the procurement and management of waste related contracts. During 2014/15 SWaMP2008 reported income of £275,572 (£271,505 2013/14) from these organisations of which £0 was outstanding at 31 March 2015 (£nil 2013/14).

	2014/15 £	2013/14 £
Armagh City and District Council	31,277	31,474
Banbridge District Council	27,297	25,639
Cookstown District Council	20,283	19,850
Craigavon Borough Council	49,086	49,661
Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council	32,090	30,890
Fermanagh District Council	32,747	33,042
Newry and Mourne District Council	55,082	52,941
Omagh District Council	27,710	28,008
Income from participating Councils	275,572	271,505

Armagh City and District Council provide support services to SWaMP2008 for which it received £16,879 (2013/14 £18,056) of which £16,879 was outstanding at 31 March 2015 (£18,056 2013/14).

Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council provide secretarial support services to SWaMP2008 for which it received £5,198 (£5,150 2013/14) of which £5,198 was outstanding at 31 March 2015 (£5,150 2013/14).

Accounts Authorised for the Issue Certificate

In accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS 10) this Statement of Accounts which contains one material amendment from the Accounts approved on 25 June 2015 is at today's date hereby authorised for issue. Any material amendments will be explained and reported in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.


IAS 10 sets out

- The period during which an entity should adjust its financial statements for events after the balance sheet date as being the period between the date the financial statements were prepared and the date of this authorisation; and
- In the event of adjustments the disclosures that should be made.

The material amendment was as follows:

- Additional £19k included in short term debtors for waste oil tanks funding. This reduced the deficit for the year to £14k.

Signed


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Chief Financial Officer

Dated: 26th October 2015