

# Key Facts and Figures 2015–16



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### THE FUNDING OF COUNCIL SERVICES

#### **Council Services**

The Council provides many essential services such as education and learning, housing, refuse and recycling collection and disposal, other environmental services and roads.

#### **Revenue Expenditure**

Revenue expenditure is the day to day running costs incurred by the Council to provide services. It includes salary and wage costs, property costs, supplies and services, administration costs, interest payments and repayment of debts. Revenue expenditure on all services, except for council housing, is charged to the General Fund and is financed by government grants, non domestic rates, Council Tax and fees and charges. Council housing expenditure is funded from rents.

#### Aggregate External Finance (AEF)

The total of government grants and non domestic rates is known as Aggregate External Finance (AEF). AEF is distributed amongst authorities as revenue support grant and a share of the national non domestic rates pool.

#### **Council Taxes**

The balance of general fund revenue expenditure is financed by Council Tax which is levied on residential properties within the Council's area, subject to certain reductions and exemptions.

#### **Working Balances**

The Council accumulates working balances through the sound financial management of its resources. The Council will assess each year whether it can apply any element of the working balances to support current spending plans.

#### **Council Spend**

Council Tax will once again be frozen at the current level. However, we continue to face significant financial challenges and we are managing them in a planned way that we can maintain over the long term. The grant we receive from the Scottish Government, which funds almost 80% of the net cost of our services, has continued to be cut, with a reduction of £1.5million (0.5%) moving into 2015-2016. Also, moving into 2015-2016, we estimate we will need to spend an extra £6 million just to maintain our services.

Despite the financial challenges, we will deliver £142 million of investment over the next three years in key facilities including schools, community leisure and town hall facilities, roads and housing, as well as progressing over the next 10 years the City Deal project that will deliver over £275 million of major infrastructure investment in the area which is focussed on creating long term jobs and employment. Also, during 2015-2016 we are committing a further £7 million to increase to £22 million the resources available to deliver the heritage led regeneration of Paisley town centre and increasing by £3 million to £6 million funding to begin to address the findings arising from our Commission on Tackling Poverty.

Looking ahead, we already know that we will continue to face more spending pressures and although the level of grant we will receive from the Scottish Government in these years has not yet been confirmed, we are expecting our grant support to reduce until at least 2017-2018. This means we will face significant ongoing financial challenges and we are only about halfway through the journey to deliver recurring savings of approximately £30 million by 2017-2018. We will, therefore, need to continue to make difficult decisions and choices on how best to direct reducing resources to priority service areas.

### **CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX**

		£m	£m
Net revenu	e expenditure		375.760
Less:	Revenue support grant	194.504	
	Non domestic rate income	103.321	
	Working balances used		
			297.825
Amount ne	eded from Council Tax		77.935
Less:	Council Tax/Community charge arrears recovered		0.500
	Improved Council Tax collection performance		0
Amount to	be collected from Council Tax		77.435
Divide by:	Council Tax base		66.486
	Council Tax (band D) 2015–16		£1,165

#### COUNCIL TAX AND SCOTTISH WATER CHARGES 2015-16

Band	Property value*	Number of properties as at 20/02/15	Council Tax per house £	Water and sewerage charge £	Total charge £
А	up to £27,000	13,643	776	278	1054
В	£27,001 to £35,000	25,563	906	324	1230
С	£35,001 to £45,000	14,351	1,035	371	1406
D	£45,001 to £58,000	11,436	1,165	417	1582
E	£58,001 to £80,000	10,279	1,424	510	1934
F	£80,001 to £106,000	5,757	1,682	603	2285
G	£106,001 to £212,000	3,428	1,941	696	2637
Н	over £212,000	217	2,329	835	3164

\* Property values at April 1991 values

The water and sewerage charges are the responsibility of Scottish Water. The level of charges set by the water authority is subject to scrutiny by the Water Industry Commision for Scotland. The Council bills and collects these monies on behalf of Scottish Water.

Non domestic rate poundages 2015–16	
Property value more than £35,000	49.3p
Property value less than £35,000	48p

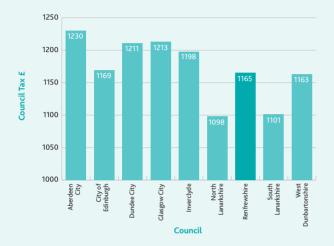
We work out business rates by multiplying the RV of the property by the rate per £1 which is announced by the Scottish Government each year.

For 2015/16, the rate per £1 is 48p. Properties with a RV over £35,000 will have an extra 1.3p added to the rate per £1. More information about this is available at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/business. In certain circumstances relief is available on business rates.

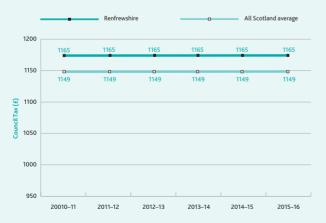
### **COUNCIL TAX COMPARISON**

The chart below compares Council Tax levels of members of our family group. Local Authorities are grouped into 'families' which take account of factors outwith the Council's control to allow fairer comparison in levels of Council Tax. Band D Council Tax levels are as follows:

### Council Tax comparison with family group members



### Band D Council Tax actual levels

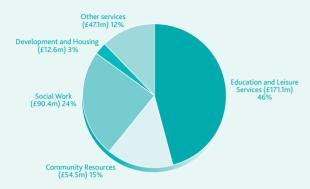


### COUNCIL TAX LEVELS IN SCOTLAND

Council	Band D Charge 2014/15	Band D Charge 2015/16	Band D Increase	Change
	£	£	£	%
Aberdeen City	1,230	1,230	0	0
Aberdeenshire	1,141	1,141	0	0
Angus	1,072	1,072	0	0
Argyll and Bute	1,178	1,178	0	0
Clackmannanshire	1,148	1,148	0	0
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	1,024	1,024	0	0
Dumfries and Galloway	1,049	1,049	0	0
Dundee City	1,211	1,211	0	0
East Ayrshire	1,189	1,189	0	0
East Dunbartonshire	1,142	1,142	0	0
East Lothian	1,118	1,118	0	0
East Renfrewshire	1,126	1,126	0	0
City of Edinburgh	1,169	1,169	0	0
Falkirk	1,070	1,070	0	0
Fife	1,118	1,118	0	0
Glasgow City	1,213	1,213	0	0
Highland	1,163	1,163	0	0
Inverclyde	1,198	1,198	0	0
Midlothian	1,210	1,210	0	0
Moray	1,135	1,135	0	0
North Ayrshire	1,152	1,152	0	0
North Lanarkshire	1,098	1,098	0	0
Orkney	1,037	1,037	0	0
Perth and Kinross	1,158	1,158	0	0
Renfrewshire	1,165	1,165	0	0
Scottish Borders	1,084	1,084	0	0
Shetland	1,053	1,053	0	0
South Ayrshire	1,154	1,154	0	0
South Lanarkshire	1,101	1,101	0	0
Stirling	1,197	1,197	0	0
West Dunbartonshire	1,163	1,163	0	0
West Lothian	1,128	1,128	0	0
All Scotland average	1,149	1,149	0	0

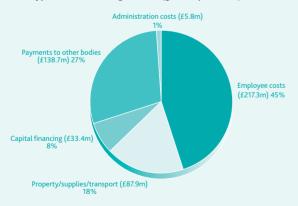
### **GENERAL FUND: WHERE THE MONEY GOES**

#### How our budget is allocated to services (net expenditure)



Note: The above analysis shows the General Fund net expenditure budget which is inclusive of income budgets. The general fund excludes Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

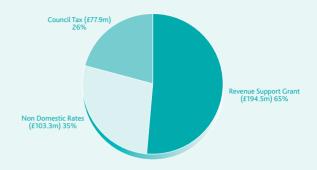
#### What type of costs our budget covers (gross expenditure)



The above analysis shows the General Fund gross expenditure budget which excludes HRA, Trading Operations and external bodies. The above figures also exclude internal charges between services.

### **GENERAL FUND: WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM**

Service Expenditure Analysis (net)



## Government grant allocation taken from settlement letter from the Scottish Government

The government provides a grant allocation to assist councils in planning their budgets and Council Tax levels. The figures shown below highlight the grant allocated for the next financial year.

	2015-2016	2014-2015	Change in allocation			
Grant Allocation	£m	£m	£m	%		
Allocation	297.825	291.675	(6.150)	(2.11)		

### HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

#### Background

There is a statutory requirement for local authorities to maintain a housing revenue account (HRA or 'rent account') ring-fenced within the General Fund. All expenditure incurred and income received in providing rented accommodation must be included in the HRA.

The Council is not allowed to subsidise the rent account by making contributions from the Council Tax account. Accordingly, the HRA must break even in its own right. The bulk of income is derived from house rents. The cost of additional borrowing to deliver the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) investment programme has been the main factor in the need to increase average rents by 3.5%.

#### Summary of budgeted expenditure and income 2015–16

Expenditure	£m	%
Employee costs	6.222	12.7
Property costs	14.680	30.01
Supplies and services	0.344	0.7
Transport	0.017	0.0
Payments to other bodies	0.821	1.7
Administration costs	2.281	4.7
Support service costs	3.500	7.2
Capital financing costs	20.957	42.9
Gross expenditure	48.822	100
Income		
Sales, fees and charges	0.071	0.1
Interest on revenue balances	0.131	0.3
Rental income-houses	46.391	95.0
Rental income-others	1.425	2.9
Transfer from working balances	0.581	1.2
Other income	0.223	0.5
Total income	48.822	100

### Housing Stock

Types of houses	Number of houses 2013–14	Number of houses 2014–145
1 Apartment	411	404
2 Apartment	3,617	3,660
3 Apartment	5,965	5,775
4 Apartment	2,121	2,042
5 Apartment	214	212
6 Apartment	3	3
8 Apartment	2	2
Totals	12,333	12,098

### WEEKLY RENT LEVELS IN SCOTLAND

Council	Weekly rent 2014–15	Weekly rent 2015–16	Increase	
	£	£	£	%
Aberdeen City	67.76	70.11	2.35	3.5
Aberdeenshire	62.90	65.73	2.83	4.5
Angus	57.47	59.53	2.06	3.6
Argyll and Bute*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clackmannanshire	65.20	67.65	2.45	3.8
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dumfries and Galloway*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dundee City	67.73	69.42	1.69	2.5
East Ayrshire	63.57	66.24	2.67	4.2
East Dunbartonshire	65.30	67.45	2.15	3.3
East Lothian	52.78	55.42	2.64	5
East Renfrewshire	63.28	66.38	3.10	4.9
City of Edinburgh	90.97	92.79	1.82	2
Falkirk	57.57	59.64	2.07	3.6
Fife	61.94	63.98	2.04	3.3
Glasgow City*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highland	64.86	65.51	0.65	1
Inverclyde*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Midlothian	61.80	65.51	3.71	6
Moray	49.69	51.92	2.23	4.5
North Ayrshire	64.19	65.54	1.35	2.1
North Lanarkshire	55.95	57.49	1.54	2.8
Orkney	70.01	71.55	1.54	2.2
Perth and Kinross	62.59	64.58	1.99	3.2
Renfrewshire	71.18	73.67	2.49	3.5
Scottish Borders*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Shetland	70.86	72.04	1.18	1.7
South Ayrshire	67.26	68.60	1.34	2
South Lanarkshire	59.48	61.34	1.86	3.1
Stirling	62.62	63.35	0.73	1.2
West Dunbartonshire	65.94	70.51	4.57	6.9
West Lothian	64.12	66.04	1.93	3
All Scotland average	63.94	65.99	2.05	3.2

\*denotes Housing Stock has been transferred

### POLICY BOARDS FRAMEWORK

The Council's agreed framework for decision making and policy development is based on a series of policy boards. The thematic policy boards reflect policy priorities rather than Council service structures.

Policy Board	Service
Social Work, Health and Wellbeing	Social Work; Care; Health; North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority; Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership; Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership. This Board will be disbanded on the transfer of adult social care functions to the Integration Joint Board on or before 1st April 2016.
Education	Education; Community Learning and Development. The child care and criminal justice functions currently within the remit fo the Social Work, Health and Well-being Policy Board transfer to the existing Education Policy Board with effect from 1st April, 2015 and the board's name will be the Education and Children Policy Board from that date.
Housing and Community Safety	Housing; Emergency Planning; Building Services; Police; Fire and Rescue; Community Safety & Public Protection.
Environment	Environmental Issues; Facilities Management; Water and Sewerage; Waste Management; Flood Prevention ; Roads and Transport; Sustainability; Parks and Cemeteries; Trading Operations; Clyde Valley Waste Initiative; Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and SPTA; Carts Greenspace
Finance and Resources	Finance & Corporate Services; Civic functions; HR and Organisational Development; Risk Management; Procurement; Renfrewshire Licensing Forum; RVJB; Scotland Excel
Planning and Property	Development Planning; Development Management; Building Standards; Strategic Development Plan; Area Regeneration, Development and Renewal; Corporate Asset Management; Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority
Sport Leisure and Culture	Sport and Leisure; Arts, Culture and Libraries; Community Facilities and Halls; Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. This Board will be disbanded with effect from 30th June, 2015 following the establishment of the Leisure and Culture Trust.
Economy and Jobs	Economic Development; Employment; Tourism; Town Centres Management and Events

The Council also has the following boards:

Leadership Board - which has responsibility to provide strategic leadership, ensure consistency across the Council's policy objectives, to provide the strategic oversight of the Council's corporate strategy and the key policy priorities including the Council's business plan:

Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board - which has responsibility to act as the Council's Audit Committee, to oversee corporate governance and risk management arrangements, to monitor service performance, policies and practices, to monitor other public bodies, to consider petitions and to consider matters in relation to elected member standards and ethics: and

**Regulatory Functions Board** – which determines applications for licences, permits. permissions and/or registrations, develops and reviews Council policies in relation to applications not specifically allocated to another policy board: exercises the functions of the Council in matters of: food safety and control; control of pollution, animal welfare and control of animals, insects and rodent pests; health and safety at work: public health, the abatement of statutory nuisances and the control of communicable diseases; consumer advice and protection, and trading standards.

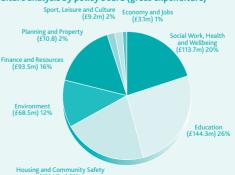
Political representation		
Scottish Labour Party	22	55%
Scottish National Party (SNP)	15	37.5%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	2.5%
Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1	2.5%
Independent	1	2.5%
Total	40	100%

#### **EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS**

The Council's 2015–16 budget will be monitored and reported on a policy board basis and the analysis below shows the distribution of the budget.

Policy Board	£m	%
Social Work Health and Wellbeing	110.7	20
Education	146.6	27
Housing and Community Safety	116.8	21
Environment	62.1	11
Finance and Resources	90.0	16
Planning and Property	11.9	2
Sport, Leisure and Culture	10.9	2
Economy and Jobs	3.1	1
Total	552.1	100

#### Expenditure analysis by policy board (gross expenditure)



(£114.5m) 21%

Note: The above figures include all General Fund Services as well as the Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations. Figures stated above are gross expenditure figures and therefore are exclusive of income.

### NON HOUSING SERVICES: CAPITAL RESOURCES

Capital expenditure is the spending on assets of the Council which have a benefit of longer than one year, such as upgrading council housing, construction of new leisure centres or day care centres, or acquisition of land or other assets. Capital investment programmes have been developed with reference to the prudential code. The key objective of this is to assist councils to determine their own capital investment plans that are affordable, prudent and sustainable.

### Budgeted capital resources 2015–18: Non-housing services

	2014–15 £m	2015–16 £m	2017–18 £m	TOTAL £m
Prudential borrowing	12.348	24.669	17.993	55.010
Contributions from revenue budgets	6.752	1.800	-	8.552
Capital receipts	13.591	-	-	13.591
Capital grants	19.448	-	-	19.448
Total projected capital resources	52.139	26.469	17.993	96.601

### Analysis of 2015–18 capital programme by service: Non-housing services

Service	2015–16 £m	2016–17 £m	2017–18 £m	TOTAL £m
Corporate projects	7.681	5.563	1.400	14.644
Education services	23.846	14.956	16.193	54.995
Leisure services	2.938	5.250	-	8.188
Housing and Development	4.266	-	-	4.266
Community Resources	10.642	0.400	0.400	11.442
Private sector housing grant	2.766	0.300	-	3.066
Total	52.139	26.469	17.993	96.601

### MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: NON HOUSING PROJECTS

Service	2015–16 £m	2016–17 £m	2017–18 £m
Major Programmes			
Schools Estates Programme	23.846	14.956	16.193
Leisure Estate	2.650	5.250	-
Town Halls	0.288	-	-
Russell Institute	2.269	-	-
North Renfrew Flood Prevention	2.645	-	-
ICT Corporate Change Programme	1.250	2.799	-
Private Sector Housing Programme 2.766 0.300			
Asset Lifecycle Maintenance Programme			
Vehicle Replacement	1.500	-	-
Roads and Footpaths	3.762	0.400	0.400
Bridges	1.735	-	-
Lighting Columns	0.750	-	
Buildings Capital Lifecycle	4.830	1.000	1.000
ICT Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Programme	1.601	0.400	0.400
Other Programmes	2.247	1.364	
Total Programme	52.139	26.469	17.993

### HOUSING SERVICES: CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Council will have completed a 5 year programme of significant investment in its housing stock by the end of 2015 to deliver the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS). The Council is on track to comply with the Standard taking account of allowable abeyances and exemptions. The Capital Investment Plan will then enter a period of Lifecycle Maintenance and reinvestment to maintain the Standard on an ongoing basis.

The Capital Investment Plan also includes provision for Housing Regeneration and Renewal with budget for 224 New Build Houses in Paisley, Bishopton and Johnstone. It is intended to secure support for this investment from the Scottish Government Affordable Housing Programme.

The Capital Plan will continue to be supported by a 30 year business plan for the Housing Revenue Account to ensure investment can be delivered whilst maintaining rents at affordable levels.

The following table gives the budgeted capital resources for the financial year 2015-18.

### Budgeted capital resources 2015-18: Housing

	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
	£m	£m	£m
Prudential borrowing	9.450	11.968	17.278
Capital funded from current revenue	1.872	0.910	0.463
Receipts from house sales	3.101	-	-
Capital grants	-		
Total projected capital resources	14.423	12.878	17.741

### MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: HOUSING PROJECTS

Project	2015–16 £m	2016–17 £m	2017–18 £m
Kitchen, bathroom and rewiring programme and related internal works.	2.125	1.191	1.150
Heating	2.270	1.260	0.986
External improvements	4.555	3.438	3.850
Energy efficiency programme	0.011	0.011	0.011
Common and environmental works	0.028	0.028	0.110
Regeneration	0.872	2.064	1.376
Other investment	0.900	0.907	0.854
Multi storey flats and related mechanical and electrical requirements.	0.475	0.482	0.466
Sheltered and amenity housing.	0.577	0.403	0.274
Other assets and non physical investment.	0.301	0.238	0.230
Council house new build	2.309	2.856	8.434
Total projects	14.423	12.878	17.741

## SCHOOLS AND LEISURE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME CAPITAL INVESTMENT

As part of the planned major capital investment programme communities across Renfrewshire will benefit from large scale investment by Renfrewshire Council in schools, sports, social care and community facilities.

This ongoing investment is designed to continue to drive forward the regeneration of our town centres, improve our school estate, encourage healthy lifestyles, increase participation in sport and leisure activities and improve services for adults with learning disabilities.

The table below summarises the facilities which will be delivered as part of this investment:

Educational Establishments	New Build	Refurbishment	Planned Operational Date
Additional Support Needs School	~		Summer 2016
Early Years Estate Programme	$\checkmark$		Spring 2016
Primary Schools Estate Programme (SEMP)	~		Summer 2015 – Spring 2019
Town Hall/Town Centre Regeneration	New Build	Refurbishment	Operational
Johnstone Town Hall	✓		Spring 2015

A planned further phase of the Schools Investment Programme will include a new phase of investment in the Early Years provision and the Primary School Estate with investment levels forecast to be approximately £32m.

#### Education

Туре	Number	Number of Pupils
Nurseries (incl classes)	34	1,673
Partnership nurseries	34	1408
Primary schools	49	12,783
Secondary schools	11	10,097
Special schools	3	365

### Leisure

Facility	Number of facilities
Leisure centres/swimming pools- Managed by Renfrewshire Leisure Limited (RLL)	9
Museums/Art galleries*	2
Art Centre*	1
Libraries*	12
Halls*	21
Town Halls*	4

\*Managed by RLL from 1 July 2015.

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

### Area: 26,968 hectares (104 square miles) Electorate: 126,104

### Population (2013)

Age Group	Population	% Population
0–15	30,121	17
16–29	29,793	17
30-44	32,875	19
45-59	39,696	23
60–74	27,514	16
75+	13,901	8
Total	173,900	100
Scotland		5,327,000

### Renfrewshire and Scotland Male/Female ratio (2013)

Age group	Renfrewshire		Scotland	
	% Female	% Male	% Female	% Male
0–15	49%	51%	49%	51%
16–29	49%	51%	50%	50%
30-44	53%	47%	51%	49%
45–59	52%	48%	51%	49%
60–74	53%	47%	52%	48%
75+	61%	39%	60%	40%
Total population	52%	48%	51%	49%

### Renfrewshire – Small Area Population Estimates (SAPE) for Multi Member Wards (2011)

Multi Member Wards	Population	%
Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	11,471	6.6
Erskine and Inchinnan	16,846	9.7
Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	16,653	9.6
Johnstone North, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch	13,632	7.8
Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood	15,484	8.9
Paisley East and Ralston	16,201	9.3
Paisley North West	19,104	11.0
Paisley South	18,818	10.8
Paisley South West	18,047	10.4
Renfrew North	13,444	7.7
Renfrew South and Gallowhill	14,200	8.2
Renfrewshire	173,900	100

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION Social work

Service	Number of units	Number of places
Residential – children	5	35
Residential – older people	3	180
Residential – learning difficulties	1	10
Day Care – older people	5	200
Day Care – learning difficulties	6 (includes 1 external resource)	274
Day Care – physical disability	1	40

### **Roads and planning**

Renfrewshire roads – dual carriageway	21.1km
Renfrewshire roads - single carriageway	800km
Number of building warrant applications	1,467.60
Number of planning applications	985.20

### **Environmental Services**

Tonnes of refuse collected (2012/13)	90.649
Length of roads swept regularly	1,250km
Buildings regularly cleaned	122
Recycling centres	32
Household Waste Recycling Centres	5
Number of school meals provided	1.3 million

### **Employee statistics**

Employee category	Number
Budgeted full time equivalents 2014/15	6,640

### LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES

Renfrewshire Council has five Local Area Committees (LACs) which act as a focus for community consultation and allocate a wide range of grants and funds. The LACs are designed to let residents see and influence how services are operating in the community.

LACs are statutory committees of the Council. Formal membership is restricted to councillors (this lets LACs take decisions such as making grants to local organisations without having to refer back to another Council committee or board).

LACs meet on a quarterly basis, and cover the following areas:

- Renfrew and Gallowhill
- Paisley North
- Paisley South
- Johnstone and Villages
- · Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Useful websites**

Description	Address
Renfrewshire Council	www.renfrewshire.gov.uk
Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission	www.audit-scotland.gov.uk
Scottish Government	www.scotland.gov.uk
Information for Local Government	www.info4local.gov.uk
The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)	www.cipfa.org.uk
CIPFA Finance Advisory Network	www.cipfanetworks.net/fan
UK legislation	www.legislation.gov.uk
COSLA	www.cosla.gov.uk
Government information	www.gov.uk

### **Renfrewshire's Community Plan**

Contact the Community Plan Partners on www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ communityplanning. Or search for Community Planning on Facebook.		
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	West College Scotland	
Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce	Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership	
Scottish Enterprise	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency	
Police Scotland	Engage Renfrewshire	
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	
Bridgewater Housing Association	University of West of Scotland	
Linstone Housing Association	Ferguslie Park Housing Association	
Williamsburgh Housing Association	Paisley South Housing Association	
Renfrewshire Leisure Limited	Glasgow Airport – BAA	
Zero Waste Scotland	Scottish Natural Heritage	
Renfrewshire Council	Department of Work and Pensions	

### **FURTHER ENQUIRIES**

If you have a query relating to any of the details in this booklet, or would like further clarification or background information, please call the Business Planning and Finance team on 0141 618 7386.

Alternatively you can write to:

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#### Or e-mail: finit@renfrewshire.gov.uk

If you are interested in any of the following Council publications, these can be obtained by calling the above number:

- Public performance reports
- Annual report and accounts
- Renfrewshire's Community Plan and Council Plan
- Renfrewshire's Single Outcome Agreement

For further information on the Council visit our website

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This publication is available in alternative format if required.

### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### **Council Taxes**

Council Tax is the local tax which is set by each local authority that the residents within the authority area are required to pay. The money raised from Council Tax helps to fund the services which the local authority provides.

### National Non domestic rates

From 1st April 2011, the distribution methodology provides that Councils retain what it is estimated they can collect in business rates (rather than the previous policy where it was redistributed on the basis of population shares). As the combined total of NDR income and General Revenue Funding (GRF) provided to councils is guaranteed by the Scottish Government, any reduction in the amount of NDR collected is compensated for by a corresponding increase in GRF and vice versa. Any surpluses or deficits are paid out or recovered from Councils in the calculation of future years distributable business rates totals. The DA is based upon a forecast of the NDR income and prior year adjustments, and is therefore not guaranteed to match the total contributions to the pool for that year'

### General fund

The fund to which a local authority's day-to-day running costs are charged with the exception of housing.

### Revenue support grant

The main form of central government support to local authorities. It is not related to specific services but is a general grant payable as a contribution towards the cost of total general fund expenditure. Distribution between authorities is based on the Government's assessment of their spending needs.

### Aggregate External finance (AEF)

The total of government determined support for local authorities, in other words, revenue support grant plus specific grants plus non domestic rate income.

### Scottish Water

The Council is required by law to include charges from Scottish Water in the Council Tax bill but has no responsibility or control over the setting of charges.

### CFCR (Capital from current revenue)

The amount that is contributed to the capital programme from the Council's revenue budget.

### **CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

We would welcome any suggestions or comments on this publication and would be grateful if you could spare some time to answer the questions below.

Completed questionnaires should be returned to;

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#### Questions

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Did you find this booklet useful?

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