



Improve Our Business Economy

- We supported the successful bid for a new University Technical College in Daventry and began work with partners on developing the flagship new facility on part of the former pitch and putt course off Ashby Road.
- The doors opened to the award-winning iCon Environmental Innovation Centre off Eastern Way.
- We continued working with Henry Boot, our development partner, on the proposed Mulberry Place development on land north of High Street for a new library, multi-screen cinema and new retail units. We also progressed plans for a supermarket with a petrol filling station on land north west of the town centre.
- A planning application was submitted for a mixed use development in Daventry town on land north of Eastern Way and the former pitch and putt course off Ashby Road. An application was also submitted for the proposed 2.6 km long canal arm link from the Grand Union Canal to the town centre.
- A club offering advice and support to jobseekers was extended into the rural areas of Daventry District.
- Work continued to relocate community groups affected by town centre redevelopments, with Daventry Brass Band moving into a new building off Daneholme Close designed and constructed by the Council. We also obtained planning permission for a new Cadet Centre and a replacement building for MIND.



- We embarked on the second phase of regenerating the Royal Oak Industrial Estate by designing a new warehouse for local manufacturing company Hi-Force Ltd which will be located off Morris Road to the south of Hi-Force's existing unit.
- We signed up to become part of the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership, a new business and public sector partnership promoting economic prosperity in Northamptonshire. Daventry also became part of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership.

Daventry District Council's vision to Build a Better District focuses on four supporting objectives. To Improve Our Business Economy, Protect and Enhance our Environment, Healthy, Safe and Strong Communities and Individuals and an Effective and Efficient Council.

This special section of Daventry Calling highlights some of the things the income we received in 2011/12 has enabled us to achieve.

Protect and enhance our environment

- Daventry Country Park achieved its 11th Green Flag Award in 12 years and a new higher level stewardship agreement was put in place to protect and maintain the park, Borough Hill and Cracks Hill to a high standard. We continued to improve the park with a new-look visitor centre and new outdoor gym equipment.
- DDC worked with The Wildlife Trust, British Waterways and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) on a programme to improve the biodiversity of canal sites in the district.
- We placed environmental good practice at the forefront of all our development projects, such as the new building for Daventry Brass Band which included a green roof with a rain water harvesting watering system, energy efficient lighting, air source heat pumps and high levels of insulation and air tightness.



- We installed solar panels on our buildings and reduced carbon emissions from Council operations. We also worked with local businesses to improve energy efficiency as part of the Environmental Business Network and our first renewable energy event was a great success.
- Kerbside recycling services were extended with the introduction of food waste collections across Daventry District to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.
- In response to continued high numbers of complaints about dog fouling, we introduced new Dog Control Orders, which make it an offence across the district to fail to pick up after your dog, resulting in a £75 fine.
- In October 2011 a six month campaign to tackle environmental crime such as littering and fly tipping resulted in 29 fixed penalty notices of £75. Offences included drivers throwing discarded food packaging from their cars and residents dumping unwanted household furniture onto public land.



Healthy Safe and Strong Communities and Individuals



- In 2011/12 we worked with other organisations within the Community Safety Partnership on a range of initiatives to achieve a 23.5% reduction in anti-social behaviour.
- Our first outdoor cinema at Daventry Country Park and fireworks event at Borough Hill proved very popular with residents, providing free family fun for everyone and encouraging stronger communities.
- We celebrated the district's cultural and sporting legacy in the run-up to London 2012 Olympics by staging the second Daventry Open Weekend, attended by hundreds of people.
- Key priority services for residents were commissioned to provide community transport and welfare advice for the district
- New small grant funding was available from the Council to help the community and voluntary sector access funding for small capital items and training, with many residents benefiting district-wide.
- We worked with Northamptonshire Trading Standards to secure a successful prosecution, with a substantial fine, against a local food business that was found to be trading in illegal meat.
- Over 350 people attended one of our Wise and Well events in Daventry, Brixworth and Woodford Halse, aimed at promoting healthier living for the over 50s and we continued to support the Daventry & District Over Fifties Forum which goes from strength to strength.
- We sent surveys to over 7,000 households in over 20 parishes across the district to gain valuable feedback and information on their housing needs to help inform future decision making.
- The Care & Repair service continued to help people live independently in their own homes by providing repairs and adaptations and we secured external funding to help people in hardship.
- We took forward plans to meet local housing needs with a scheme for 45 new homes, a mixture of market rent and affordable housing in Daventry.

Effective and Efficient Council

- In 2011/12 we collected 98.1% of Council Tax and 98.8% of Business Rates.
- We continued to tackle our financial challenges in 2011/12 by completing a major restructure of the Council which resulted in revenue savings of approximately £1.1 million.
- We refocused resources on telephones and our website, the key contact channels for customers, and implemented plans for alternative communications, such as a new online Daventry Calling.
- We achieved the Investors in People Bronze Award, improving our performance by supporting staff in worklife balance issues, making the most of their talents and skills and helping managers to develop employees.
- We have taken a hard line on benefit fraud and identified £126,700 which is being recovered from fraudulent claimants.
- We continued to implement energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects in our Carbon Management Plan, such as LED lighting and solar panels on our buildings to save 39 tonnes of CO2 annually. The solar panels will save the Council £30,000 for the next 25 years.



Summary of Accounts 2011/12

Our revenue spending for 2011/12

What is revenue spending?

This is the money that is spent on the day-to-day running of services including employee, premises and supplies and services costs. Before the start of each year, the Council sets a budget to finance the services it provides

How was this money spent in 2011/12?

The table below shows the net expenditure for 2011/12 compared to the previous year and what amount of this was met from local and national tax income – for example Council

Tax, Business Rates and the Revenue Support Grant the Council receives from Central Government.

How much of my council tax bill went to Daventry District Council?

We received a total of £3.912m from Council Tax – which equates to £134.06 per household* and 9.6% of your total Council Tax Bill. The remainder of the Council Tax went to Parish Councils (3.7%), Northamptonshire County Council (73.0%) and Northamptonshire Police Authority (13.7%).

*based on DDC's proportion of the Council Tax bill from an average Band D Property

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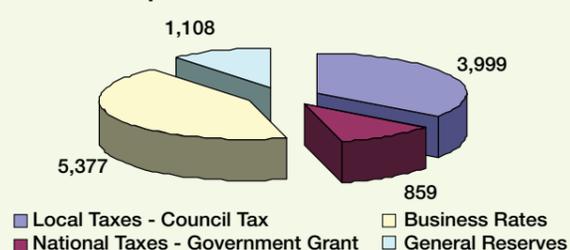
What We Spent – Running our services (Revenue)	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Central Service to the public (e.g. Electoral Registration, Land Charges, Financial Services regarding Council Tax, Business Rates and Benefits)	864	722
Cultural & Related Services	1,661	1,502
Environmental Services	4,237	3,413
Planning and Development Services	3,381	3,472
Highways, Roads and Transport	757	441
Housing Services	1,708	1,374
Corporate and Democratic Core (e.g. External Audit Fees and Management Costs)	2,366	2,193
Non Distributed Costs	49	305
Net Cost of Services	15,023	13,422
Other Operating Expenditure	(3,609)	(4,393)
Investment Income	(372)	(242)
Capital Expenditure financed from Revenue	73	18
Money taken to/(from) Earmarked Reserves for future use	228	587
Cost of Local Services met by Local and National Taxes and General Reserves	11,343	9,392

Where did the money come from?

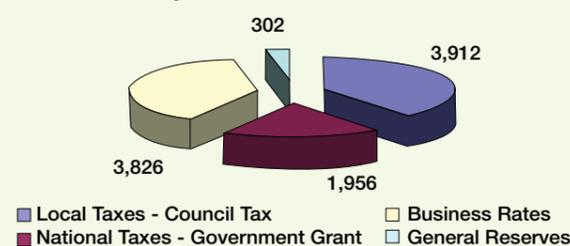
After allowing for income such as rents and investments, fees and charges from services we provide, a total of £9.392m was spent on running services that was financed using local and national taxes.

The charts below shows where this money came from:

How we paid for Services 2010/11 £'000



How we paid for Services 2011/12 £'000



Did we have any money left over?

The table right shows the net cost of services resulted in a surplus of £0.302m in 2011/12. Future years, due to continuing central government funding cuts, show an underlying deficit position. The Council will be addressing the budget deficit, and the affordability and sustainability of future services, as part of the 2013/14 budget preparation process and the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Income & Expenditure Account	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Cost of Services	11,343	9,392
Income from Local and National Taxes	(10,235)	(9,694)
(Surplus)/Deficit for the Year	1,108	(302)

Our capital spending for 2011/12

What is capital spending?

This is money that we invest in land and property, for its purchase and improvement and is accounted for separately from the day-to-day revenue expenditure.

How did we spend this money in 2011/12?

The table below shows the net expenditure for 2011/12 compared to the previous year.

What we spent - investing in our property and land (capital)	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Improvement to dwelling	1,176	911
Environmental improvements	146	228
Leisure	152	154
Offices	0	259
Economic Development & Regeneration	3,465	1,019
Information Technology	257	131
Waste Collection and Disposal	190	26
Cemetery & Crematoria	0	162
Capitalisation of Icelandic Impairment	(322)	(1,936)
Total Capital Expenditure	5,064	954

Where did the money come from?

Where did the money come from?	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Use of Capital Receipts	3,694	486
Use of External Contributions and Government Grants	1,297	450
Contributions from Revenue	73	18
Total Funding for Capital Expenditure	5,064	954

Resources Statement

As Daventry's statutory Chief Financial Officer, I can confirm that this year's statement of accounts has been prepared in line with the CIPFA Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice (The Code). The figures in this

summary of accounts have been compiled from the full statement of accounts, which is currently being audited by our appointed auditor, the Audit Commission. A full audited statement of accounts will be available as

soon as the audit is complete on the Daventry website at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/accounts.

Audra Statham
Chief Financial Officer

What's in store for 2012/13

- We will seek feedback from residents to review corporate guidelines for dealing with wind turbine applications to continue to improve the way these types of developments are assessed in and around Daventry District.
- We will continue to inspect local food businesses to help ensure that the food you eat is safe - you can see their Food Hygiene Rating online at ratings.food.gov.uk.
- In 2012/13 we will continue to work towards reducing anti-social behaviour and will tackle youth nuisance by providing diversionary activities at hot spot areas. We will also work towards reducing violent crime in 2012/13 and concentrate resources on tackling domestic violence.
- We will focus on improving Daventry Leisure Centre and sports development services through a new partnership with a leading national leisure provider.
- By providing improved cycling information, infrastructure and events, we will encourage more people to be more active, more often by taking up cycling.
- We will launch a campaign to educate people on the importance of disposing of litter correctly and will follow this up with patrols visiting known littering hotspots.
- A new procedure will be introduced to tackle nuisance complaints, such as noisy neighbours. It will involve meeting complainants to discuss the issues rather than relying on the completion of diaries and other forms before initiating an investigation, assisting many.
- We will continue to support the project to construct a University Technical College in Daventry by September 2013.
- Planning applications will be submitted for Mulberry Place and the supermarket site proposed for Daventry and we will continue to relocate affected community groups.
- We will continue work on the second phase of regenerating parts of the Royal Oak Industrial Estate by constructing a new warehouse for Hi-Force and encouraging other companies to discuss possible regeneration projects with us.
- Opportunities to install further solar photovoltaic panels on Council-owned buildings will be investigated and implemented where it is economic to do so.
- We will continue to work with Rugby Borough Council on providing a crematorium which is closer for our residents.
- There will be an increase in community activities and projects district-wide, including holiday sessions for youngsters and a scheme for new play equipment at New Street recreation ground.
- We will retain the green flag at Daventry Country Park and work with local partners to continue to improve the facilities available.
- We will consult on a review of our policies for Affordable Housing and allocating social housing.
- We will start work on a Local Plan for the Settlements and Countryside of Daventry District.

