



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, for Healthy, Safe and Strong Communities and Individuals and for an Effective and Efficient Council.

This special section of Daventry Calling highlights some of the services, events and projects that the income we received in 2012/13 enabled us to achieve. It also sets out where this income came from and how we spent it towards our services.

Improve Our Business Economy

- We continued working with our development partner Henry Boot on the proposed Mulberry Place retail development, cinema and library on land north of High Street and for a supermarket with a petrol filling station north-west of the town centre, helping to bring these proposals to the stage where a planning application was submitted.
- Work began on building a new warehouse for manufacturing company Hi-Force Ltd, next to their existing unit on the Royal Oak Industrial Estate to help accommodate business expansion.
- Our support continued for the development of the new University Technical College and we saw construction work begin on the new facility off Ashby Road.
- Our proposals for a new crematorium serving Daventry District and Rugby Borough obtained planning permission.
- Planning approval was obtained and a building contract was awarded for 45 new homes for rent, including 13 affordable homes, at Middlemore, Daventry.
- We approved applications for Neighbourhood Development Areas at Brixworth, Moulton, Spratton and Creaton, adopted Village Design Statements for Spratton and Clipston and set up a new process for parishes seeking professional advice on their neighbourhood plans.
- We produced the new Daventry 2040 Masterplan, to provide ambition and drive for the social, economic and environmental growth over the decades to come.
- We received a national award from the Forum of Private Business as one of the country's fastest-paying local authorities, paying 89% of our suppliers in under 10 days – a target aimed at helping businesses improve their cash flow. ■



Protect and Enhance Our Environment



- In response to high levels of metal theft we held action days jointly with the police using stop and search powers to target illegal carriage of scrap metal. This led to a successful prosecution of a business using fake documentation for the collecting and transfer of scrap metal.
- We worked with parish councils and the police to stage five action days across the district to promote responsible dog ownership and discourage environmental crimes such as littering.
- We issued over 50 fixed penalty notices targeting littering and dog fouling.
- 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. A new nature trail was installed working in partnership with Cummins.
- We designed new buildings to high environmental standards, with the new warehouse at Morris Road set to achieve an EPC rating of B and BREEAM "Very Good" standard. The Council's 45 new homes for rent were designed to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 (25%) and Level 4 (75%).
- We hosted several students from Saudi Arabia so that they could learn from the way that we regulate to ensure the safety of local food.
- Work started on how to increase the amount of wildflower planting across the district and we produced an easy 'how to' online planting guide for residents.
- We supported and helped to fund a 12-month volunteer programme to improve the environmental management of seven canal sites.
- Following a consultation exercise with local communities, we refreshed the wind turbines guidelines for use in determining planning applications.
- We introduced a new procedure to tackle noise complaints. This involved meeting complainants within five days of receiving the complaint, to discuss the issues rather than relying on the completion of diaries and other forms before initiating an investigation. ■



Healthy Safe and Strong Communities and Individuals



- Everyone Active was appointed to operate our leisure services and quickly established themselves by enhancing facilities and increasing their usage.
- We supported a summer of events and activities district-wide for the Queen's Jubilee and London 2012, including the Big Jubilee Lunch at Daventry Country Park and the school games organised by the Althorp Estate and Everyone Active, when the Olympic torch passed through the district.
- Several community groups were brought together to obtain approval for a new play area and skate park at the New Street Recreation Ground in Daventry.
- CCTV was successfully transferred to Daventry Town Council ensuring that the benefits of this would continue to be available to town centre users.

- We worked with the police and other organisations as part of the Community Safety Partnership to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. In 2012/13 violent crime reduced by 14.6% in Daventry District and anti-social behaviour reduced by 20.1%.
- Hundreds of people attended the second free family cinema day at Daventry Country Park which we successfully delivered with Daventry Town Council.
- The first Cyclefest event was a great success with families being able to ride unusual bikes, guided cycle rides, cycle repairs and much more.
- We worked with partners to stage a series of Wise and Well roadshow events for residents over the age of 50 and more than 100 people attended our Christmas tea dance.



- The Care & Repair service helped keep Daventry Districts residents living safely and independently in their own homes by delivering disabled facilities grants and providing minor works and repairs to over 300 people. They also received external funding from the Electrical Safety Council to offer free electrical safety tests where identified.

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Effective and Efficient Council



- In 2012/13 we collected 98.2% of Council Tax and 98.85% of Business Rates.
- We have worked towards delivering a number of projects that contribute to the objectives and priorities of our Strategic Plan to build a better district for residents, whilst also generating revenue income to support the provision of services.

Efficient Council

- We have taken a hard line on benefit fraud and identified £144,000 which is being recovered from fraudulent claimants.
- 600 solar photovoltaic panels were installed on one of our major industrial units, helping to generate a significant amount of renewable electricity and reduce carbon generation.
- We have worked with Northamptonshire County Council to introduce civil parking enforcement which will enable the control of on and off street parking at a significant reduction in cost to the Council.
- Our staff have continued to identify ways of making savings and efficiencies through procurement of goods and services.

- We have continued to improve self-service facilities available via our website including the launch of a new mobile web app. ■



- We supported over 45 community and voluntary groups district-wide through our grants scheme and staged a funding fair to help groups achieve external funding from other organisations.
- Hundreds of families took part in our new free family activities delivered every Monday and Wednesday over the summer holidays. These were a great success with lots of positive feedback.

- We revised the way we allocate social housing district-wide and produced a new Tenancy Strategy which provides a framework for registered providers.
- We produced a new supplementary planning document setting out our approach to providing affordable housing, approved funding for an affordable homes scheme in Walgrave and continued to survey

parishes district-wide to gain valuable feedback on local housing needs.

- Our Environmental Health Officers visited several large local events to help ensure that no harm came to those attending.
- We carried out food sampling at lots of local food businesses to ensure that the food that they sell is safe to eat. ■

Summary of Accounts 2012/13

Our revenue spending for 2012/13

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 2012/13?

The table below shows the net expenditure for 2012/13 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.

| What We Spent – Running our services (Revenue) | 2011/12 £'000 | 2012/13 £'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Central Service to the public (e.g. Electoral Registration, Land Charges, Financial Services regarding Council Tax, Business Rates and Benefits) | 722 | 800 |
| Cultural & Related Services | 1,502 | 1,069 |
| Environmental Services | 3,413 | 2,819 |
| Planning and Development Services | 3,472 | 1,972 |
| Highways, Roads and Transport | 441 | 57 |
| Housing Services | 1,374 | 1,466 |
| Corporate and Democratic Core (e.g. External Audit Fees and Management Costs) | 2,193 | 1,692 |
| Non Distributed Costs | 305 | 45 |
| Net Cost of Services | 13,422 | 9,920 |
| Other Operating Expenditure | (4,393) | (2,649) |
| Investment Income | (242) | (500) |
| Capital Expenditure financed from Revenue | 18 | 216 |
| Money taken to/from Earmarked Reserves for future use | 587 | 2,196 |
| Cost of Local Services met by Local and National Taxes and General Reserves | 9,392 | 9,183 |

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

We received a total of £4.002m from Council Tax – which equates to £133.70 per household* and 9.7% of your total Council Tax Bill. The remainder of the Council Tax went to Parish Councils (3.8%), Northamptonshire County Council (72.9%) and Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner (13.7%).

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

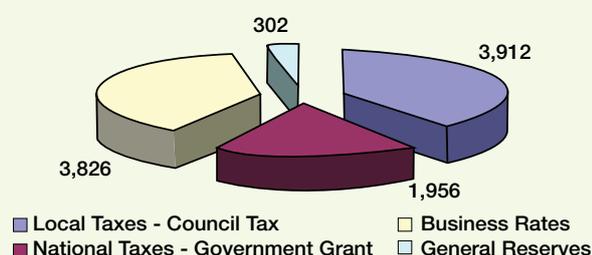
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Where did the money come from?

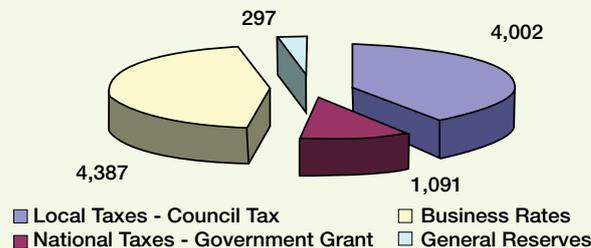
After allowing for income such as rents and investments, fees and charges from services we provide, a total of £9.183m was spent on running services that was financed using local and national taxes.

The charts below shows where this money came from:

How we paid for Services Restated 2011/12 £'000



How we paid for Services 2012/13 £'000



Did we have any money left over?

The table right shows the net cost of services resulted in a surplus of £0.297m in 2012/13. 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 2014/15 budget preparation process and the Medium Term Financial Plan.

| Income & Expenditure Account | 2011/12 £'000 | 2012/13 £'000 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cost of Services | 9,392 | 9,183 |
| Income from Local and National Taxes | (9,694) | (9,480) |
| (Surplus)/Deficit for the Year | (302) | (297) |

Our capital spending for 2012/13

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 2012/13?

The table right shows the net expenditure for 2012/13 compared to the previous year.

| What we spent - investing in our property and land (capital) | 2011/12 £'000 | 2012/13 £'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Improvement to dwelling | 911 | 624 |
| Environmental improvements | 228 | 33 |
| Leisure | 154 | 678 |
| Offices | 259 | 36 |
| Economic Development & Regeneration | 1,019 | 3,470 |
| Information Technology | 131 | 187 |
| Waste Collection and Disposal | 26 | 0 |
| Cemetery & Crematoria | 162 | 132 |
| Reduction of Icelandic Impairment | (1,936) | 0 |
| Total Capital Expenditure | 954 | 5,160 |

| Where did the money come from? | 2011/12 £'000 | 2012/13 £'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Use of Capital Receipts | 486 | 4,508 |
| Use of External Contributions and Government Grants | 450 | 436 |
| Contributions from Revenue | 18 | 216 |
| Total Funding for Capital Expenditure | 954 | 5,160 |

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 figures in this

summary of accounts have been compiled from the full statement of accounts, which is currently being audited by our appointed auditor, KPMG.

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 2013/14



- We hope planning permission can be granted by the end of 2013 or early 2014 for the Mulberry Place and supermarket developments.
- We will engage contractors to commence work on a new Cadet Centre and building for MIND as part of the relocation of community groups affected by the redevelopment of Daventry town centre.
- Our work will continue with Northamptonshire County Council to take forward the proposed Daventry Development Link road which will bypass Weedon, Flore and Upper Heyford and enable the sustainable growth of Daventry town.
- We will build the new crematorium to serve both the Daventry District and Rugby communities.
- Our work with the Local Enterprise Partnerships and other partners will continue to deliver regeneration and growth.
- We will continue to use a robust approach to deal with littering offences including the use of fixed penalty fines, balanced by an ongoing education campaign targeted towards environmental crime hotspots.
- Work will continue on schemes including new rental homes at Middlemore and the Daventry District and Rugby crematorium, to address community needs whilst generating new income to support Council services.
- Working closely with our partners, we will help people on low incomes in our district deal with issues arising from the Welfare Reform Act.
- We will continue to inspect local food businesses to help ensure the food you eat is safe and support this by continuing to offer food safety and health & safety training. We will also continue to visit local food businesses to ensure that their gas equipment is safe.
- A variety of community activities will be delivered for all the family, including the outdoor cinema, Wicked Wednesdays sessions, Monday mini adventures, plus many more.
- We will encourage more people to be more active, more often and take up cycling by providing improved cycling information, infrastructure and events.
- Preparations will be made with our partners towards the First World War Centenary commemorations taking place in 2014.
- We will continue to work towards improving health and well-being district-wide through events such as fall prevention road shows and Care & Repair service.
- We will strive to retain the Green Flag Award at Daventry Country Park and work with local partners to continue to improve facilities available.
- Our Housing, Homelessness and Empty Homes strategies will be reviewed to ensure they continue to reflect our priorities to address local need. Further work and consultation will take place on the Community Infrastructure Levy, a new levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area.
- Job Centre Plus will move into DDC's civic offices, improving access for residents and allowing both organisations to make savings.
- Public consultation will be undertaken with local schools and residents for a new playground in Ashby Fields
- We will play a lead role in significant area-wide partnerships that can improve our district economy, environment and communities. ■