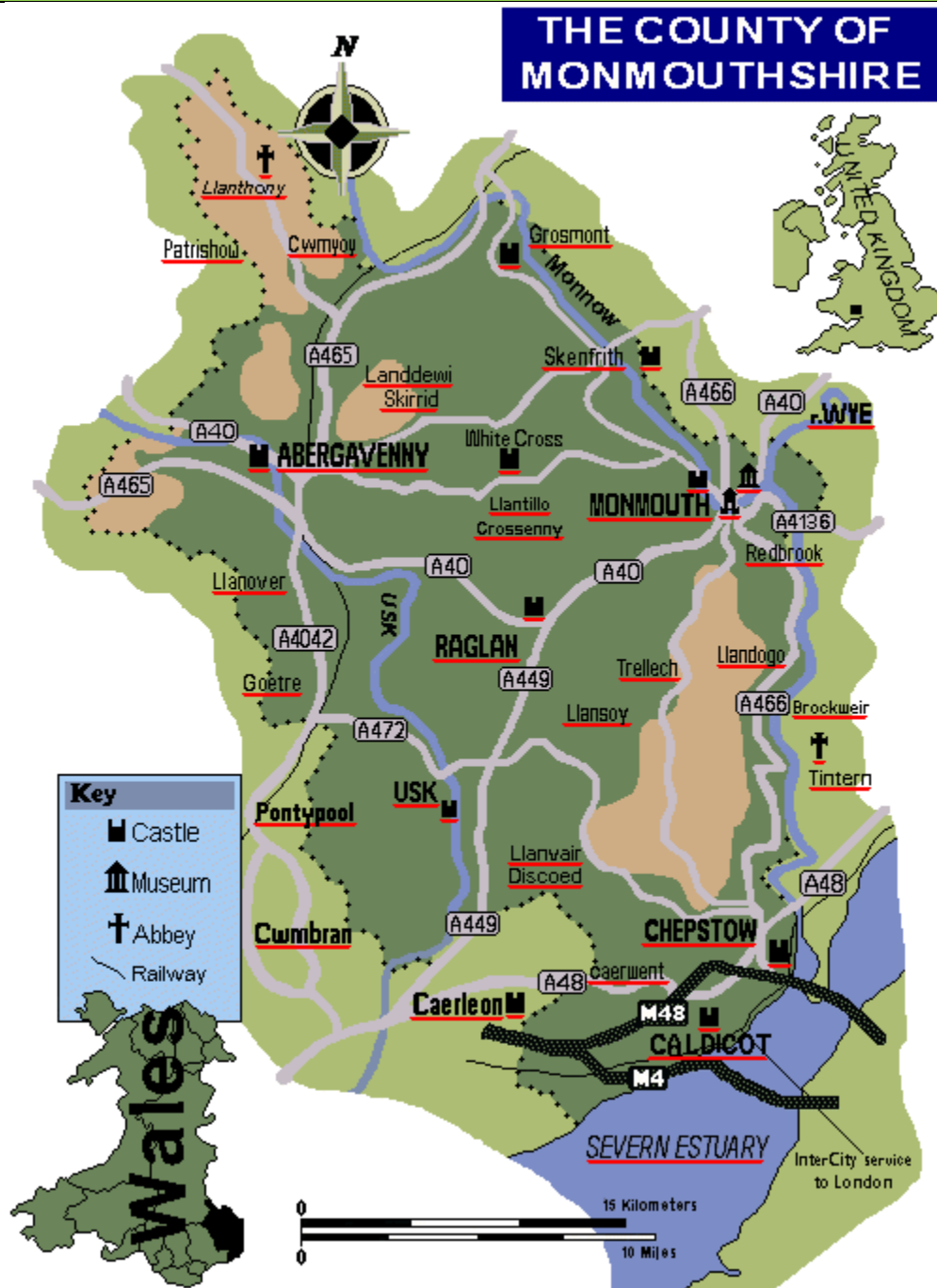




SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16

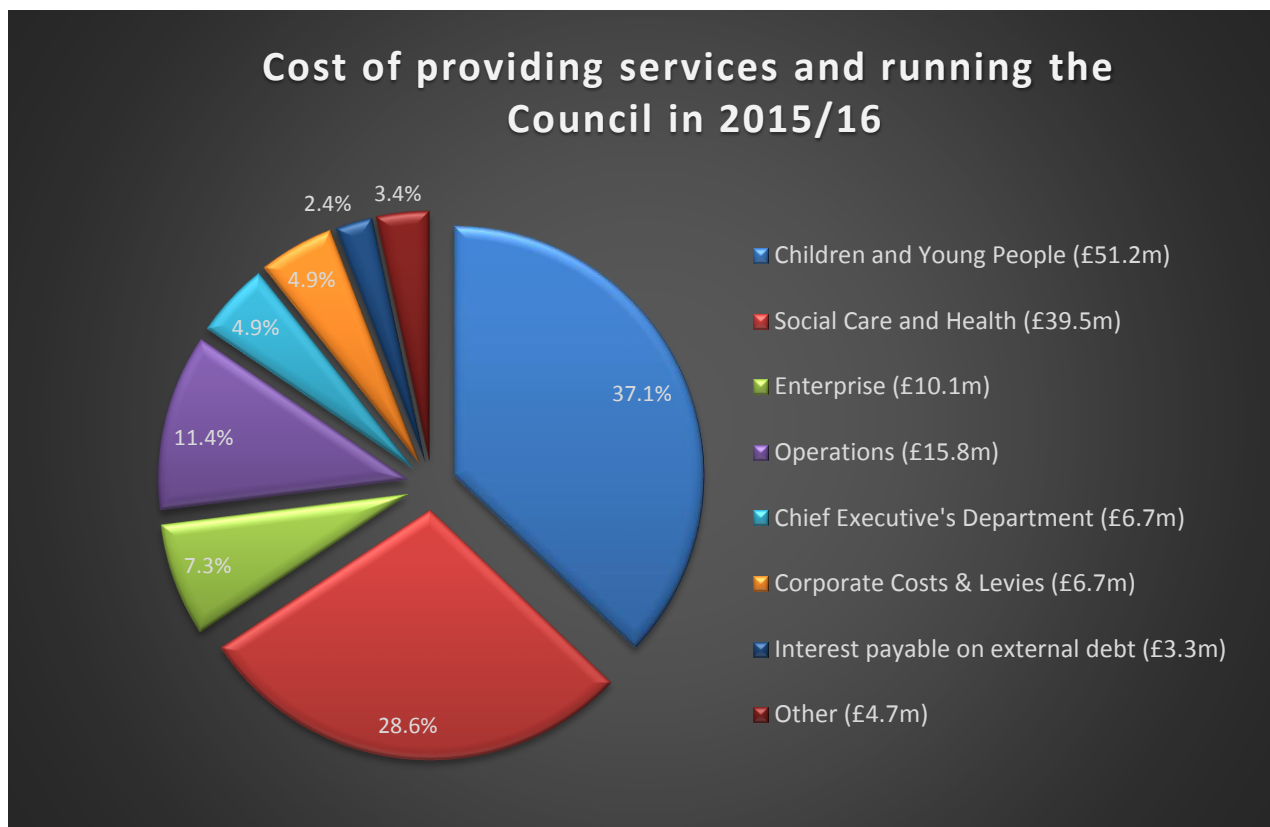


Introduction

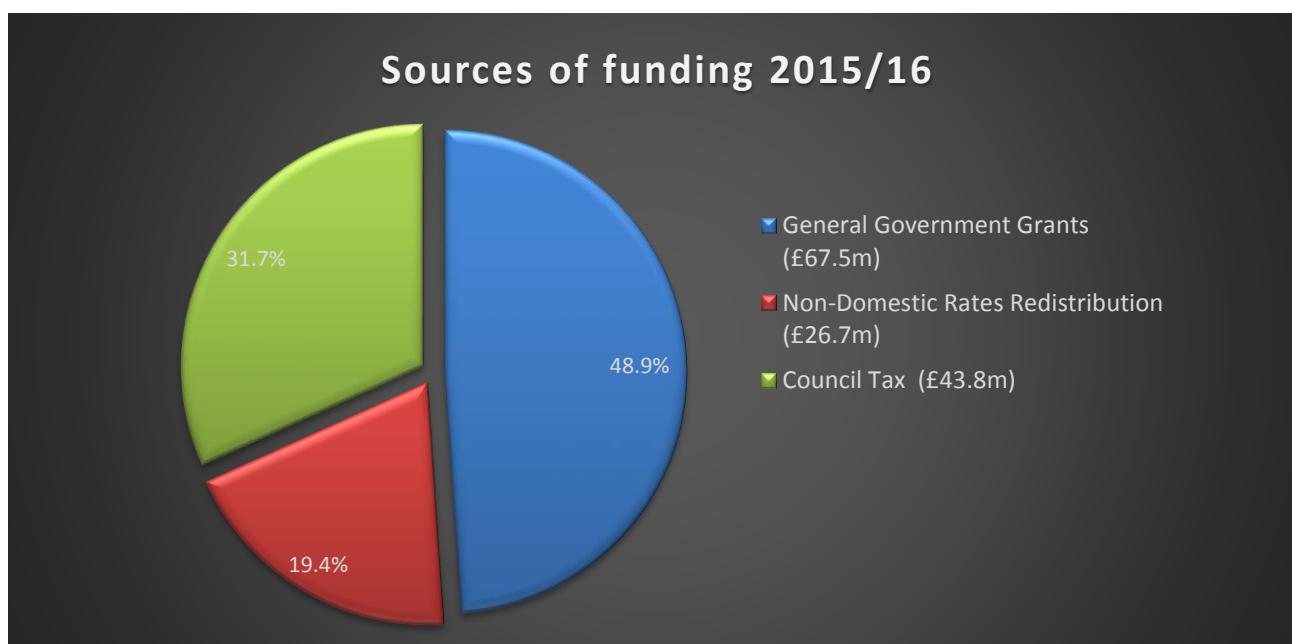
This document provides an overview of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2015/16 and its financial position as at 31 March 2016. The full audited statement of accounts, once published, can be viewed on line at <http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/annual-accounts>

The Cost of Running Services

In 2015/16 the Council spent £138.0 million (£139.2 in 2014/15) providing services for Monmouthshire residents. The chart below gives a breakdown of service costs:



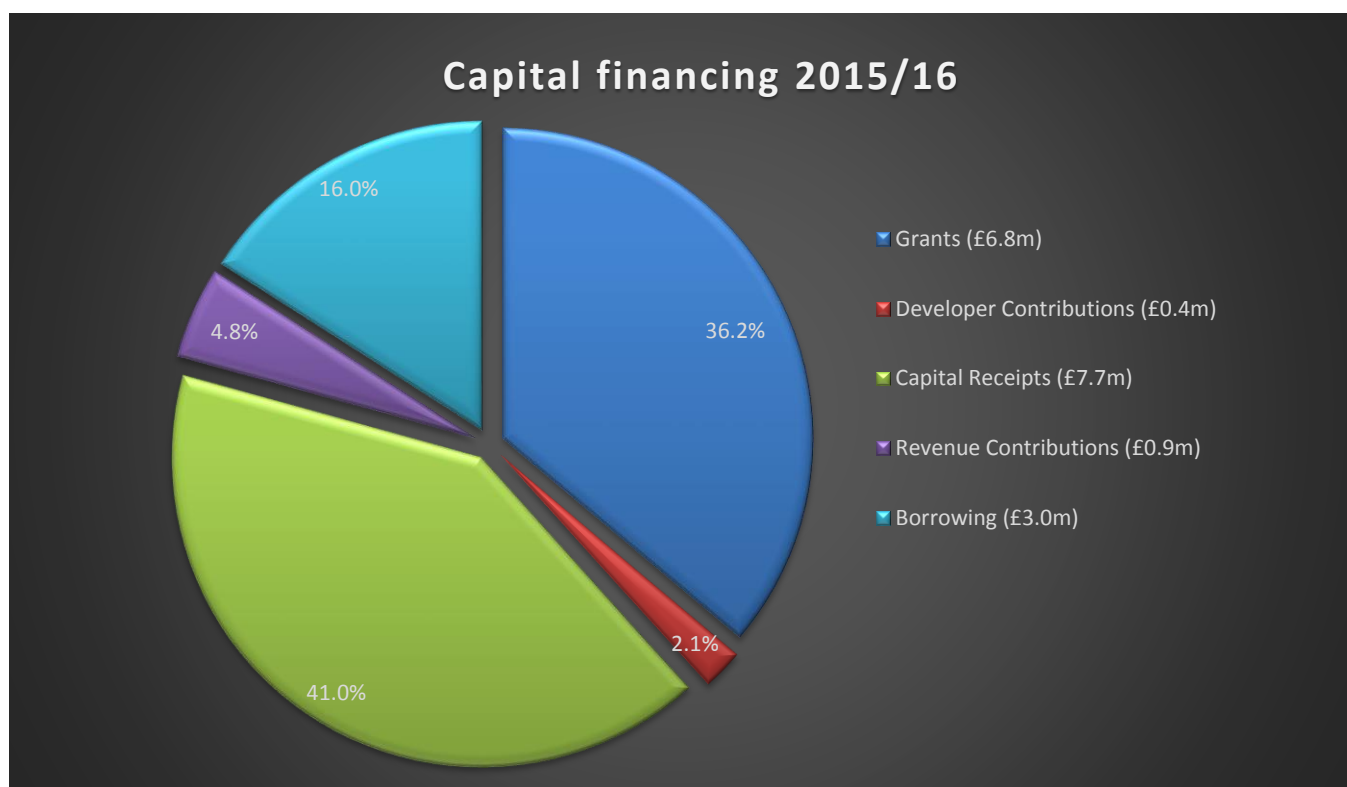
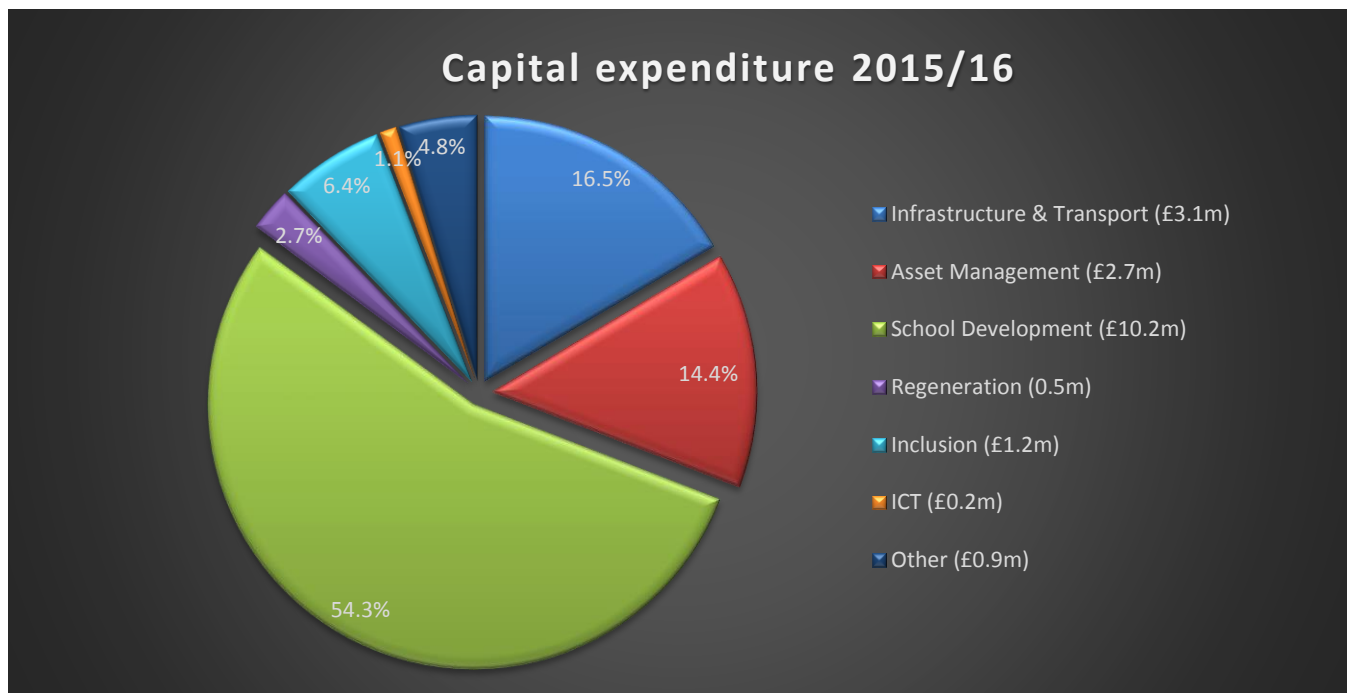
These services were paid for by a combination of general government grants, council tax and business rates. Total core funding in 2015/16 was £138.1m million (£139.2m in 2014/15), as illustrated below.



Revenue balances represent the difference between core funding and cumulative net expenditure receivable to or payable from the *Council Fund* – which is like a ‘current account’ that exists to provide for the Council’s day to day activities. As at 31 March 2016 our Council Fund and Revenue balances stood at £17.5 million (£19.1m at 31 March 2015), this being the excess of cumulative revenue income over cumulative revenue expenditure. Of these balances £1,155,000 relates to delegated school balances (£1,140,000 at 31 March 2015). Balances are held as a buffer to meet unforeseen / unplanned costs which would otherwise have to be met from reductions in service expenditure.

Capital spending

Capital expenditure is where money is spent on acquiring new assets or enhancing existing assets, such as roads and buildings, which provide benefit to the Council beyond the immediate financial year. In 2015/16 capital expenditure totalled £18.8m (£14.3 million in 2014/15). The charts below show where this was spent and how it was financed (paid for).



Financial Position as at 31 March 2016

There is a difference of £35.5 million (£40.1 million as at 31 March 2015) between the Council's assets (things we own e.g. property, investments, stocks and debtors) and its liabilities (what we owe to others). This difference represents a surplus of assets over liabilities and is a measure of *Total Worth* – i.e. what the council would be worth if bought / acquired by someone else.

A summary of the Council's Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2016 is shown below:

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
What we own and are owed (Assets)		
Property, plant and equipment	£250.2m	£227.4m
Heritage assets	£4.8m	£4.6m
Investment property	£41.1m	£42.7m
Investments	£4.0m	£4.0m
Cash and cash equivalents	£7.9m	£20.4m
Money owed to Council (debtors)	£19.9m	£16.8m
Inventories and other assets	£21.9m	£23.2m
Total	£349.9m	£339.1m
What we owe (Liabilities)		
Borrowing - to finance capital expenditure	£95.6m	£101.3m
Short term borrowing - to support day to day cash flow needs	£1.0m	£0.0m
Goods & services received but not paid for (creditors)	£24.7m	£24.6m
Liability for meeting future pension costs	£188.2m	£167.4m
Other liabilities	£4.9m	£5.7m
Total	£314.4m	£299.0m
Total Worth (Assets less Liabilities)	£35.5m	£40.1m