

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE: 2021/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF: THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

FOR SUBMISSION TO: AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE: 25 APRIL 2024

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report summarises the draft Audit Completion Report from Mazars LLP, the Authority's external auditor, in relation to the audit of the Authority's 2021/22 Final Accounts. The report summarises the auditor's findings and invites Members to authorise the Financial Adviser to sign the Authority's letter of management representation. The report presents the audited 2021/22 Statement of Accounts including the Authority's Annual Governance Statement for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Audit Committee is recommended to:

- A. Note the draft Audit Completion Report
- B. Receive any oral update from the Authority's auditors
- C. Authorise the Financial Adviser or the Director of Corporate Services to sign the 2021/22 letter of management representation as drafted at the end of Appendix A
- D. Approve the Authority's 2021/22 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement in Appendix B and authorise the Audit Committee Chair and Clerk to sign these documents.

SIGNED: Jon Rowney, Financial Adviser

DATE: 15 April 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The outturn for the financial year 2021/22 was reported to the June 2022 Authority meeting. The report concluded that the Authority ended the year with revenue balances of £15.250m at 31 March 2022. The Authority's final outturn and revenue balance position remains unchanged at the conclusion of the audit.
- 1.2. These statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and provide an important means by which the Authority accounts for its stewardship of public funds. They were also prepared in line with The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022.
- 1.3. Like many other local Authorities, the preparation of final accounts and the audit of them have fallen behind since the start of the COVID -19 pandemic. The audit of the 2020/21 statements was signed off by the Audit Committee in April 2023.
- 1.4. Officers published the unaudited statement of accounts for 2021/22 in August 2023 and the audit of the statements commenced in December. A notice advising of the delay to the audit of the 2021/22 statements was published on the Authority's website at the end of July 2022 and further updates were provided in papers to subsequent Authority meetings.
- 1.5. The audit has been undertaken by Mazars. Mazars are also the external auditors for the London Borough of Camden, who provide the Authority with internal audit, financial systems, treasury management as well as accounts payable and receivable support.
- 1.6. The Statement of Accounts includes Group accounts for the Authority and LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL). It should be noted that the financial year for LEL ends on 31 December, whereas the Authority's year-end is 31 March.
- 1.7. As the responsible financial officer, the Financial Adviser is required to report to the Authority on any material amendments made as a result of the audit. Similarly, auditing standards placed on the auditor requires that an Audit Completion Report be presented, setting out the key issues that Members should consider before the audit is completed and before the auditor issues a formal opinion on the Authority's accounts. The draft Audit Completion Report is attached at Appendix A.

2. KEY MESSAGES

Key issues and Recommendations

- 2.1. The Audit Completion report has not identified any new issues with internal controls, however one internal control recommendation remains open from the 2020/21 audit, relating to the valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment. It is

classified as a priority 1 (high priority) where in the Auditor's opinion '...there is a potential for financial loss, damage to reputation or loss of information. This may have implications for the achievement of business strategic objectives. The recommendation should be taken into consideration by management immediately.'

Property Plant & Equipment

- 2.2. Each year, the Authority obtains an updated valuation of the land, plant and equipment at the EcoPark so that it can reflect an up-to date valuation in the group accounts. This is because the Authority prepares its financial statements based on International Financial Reporting Standards which require the Authority to use the 'carrying value,' whereas LEL's financial statements are prepared following UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice which uses the historic cost.
- 2.3. The auditor has identified that Energy from Waste (EfW) facility is a specialised asset which consists largely of plant and machinery. Mazars have identified that within the approach to the valuation, 'the valuer did not apply sufficient consideration of the specific factors such as:
 - 2.3.1. Componentisation and associated consideration of their associated (and different) useful economic lives; and
 - 2.3.2. Effective age and hence consideration of asset status through capital expenditure requirements.'
- 2.4. Officers agree with this recommendation, however due to the time lag between the end of the 2021/22 financial year and the completion of the 2020/21 audit of the accounts, the valuers work on the 2021/22 valuation had already been completed on the existing basis.
- 2.5. In coming years, the Authority will bring new assets built as part of the North London Heat & Power project onto its books. These will be fully componentised with appropriate useful economic lives identified for each asset.
- 2.6. In the interim, the Authority will complete a value for money assessment whether it is cost effective to have a complete review of the plant and equipment within the existing Energy from Waste facility. Officers will report back to Members on the outcome of this assessment.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLISHED DRAFT ACCOUNTS

- 3.1. One significant change has been made to the financial statements during the audit, to Property, Plant & Equipment. This is outlined in section 6 of the Audit Completion report.

- 3.2. The Valuation of the EcoPark for the 2021/22 financial statements reflected conditions that existed at that date. At the time, the Bulky Waste and Recycling Facility (BWRf), on the north of the EcoPark site, was still being operated by LondonEnergy and was included in the valuation with a fair value of £3.875m.
- 3.3. Within 12 months of the valuation date, the BWRf was demolished as it is on the footprint of the planned new Energy Recovery Facility. Given that the period of use is shorter than was assumed in the valuation, the fair value has been reduced to £0.219m, a reduction of £3.656m.
- 3.4. As a full valuation was undertaken at 31 March 2022, this is treated in the financial statements as a revaluation loss rather than an impairment. The remaining value will be written off on disposal in the 2022/23 financial statements.
- 3.5. Over the course of the audit, amendments have been made to the notes relating to Officer remuneration and cash and equivalents. These do not impact the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement or the Expenditure and Funding Analysis.

4. UNADJUSTED DIFFERENCES

- 4.1. Section 6 of the Audit Completion Report also reports one unadjusted item in the statement of accounts. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) was overstated in the draft financial statements by £0.107m. MRP is a sum set aside each year for the repayment of debt. The Authority agreed a policy for calculating the North London Heat & Power Project proportion of MRP on an annuity basis. This was the first year that the new basis applied.
- 4.2. The MRP was calculated using the straight-line basis which meant that too much was provided for in-year. This has not been adjusted in the statements.
- 4.3. Instead, in future years, the annuity method will be used, adjusting the amount to be provided, which will correct the provision. Mazars have indicated that they consider this to be reasonable.

5. VALUE FOR MONEY CONCLUSION

- 5.1. At the point that this report was prepared, the Auditors had not completed their work on the Authority's arrangements, but noted that '...we have not identified any significant weaknesses in arrangements that require us to make a recommendation, however we continue to undertake work on the Authority's arrangements.'

6. AUDIT OPINION

- 6.1. Mazars anticipates issuing an unqualified audit opinion once the Authority provides the letter of management representation and approves the Statement of Accounts. The Authority is recommended to authorise the Financial Adviser to sign the 2021/22 letter of management representation. The draft letter, as proposed by the Auditor, is included on pages 24-38 of Appendix A of this report.
- 6.2. The draft 2021/22 statement of accounts, including the Annual Governance Statement is included at Appendix B and Members are asked to approve this and authorise the Audit Committee Chair and Clerk to sign these documents.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1. Subject to the auditor providing an oral update, members are asked to:
 - 7.1.1. note the Audit completion report;
 - 7.1.2. authorise the Financial Adviser or Director of Corporate Services to sign the 2021/22 letter of management representation; and
 - 7.1.3. approve the Authority's 2021/22 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement and authorise the Audit Committee Chair and Clerk to sign these documents.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

9. COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

- 9.1. The Legal Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and comments have been incorporated.

List of documents used:

Mazars' Audit Completion report 2021/22

North London Waste Authority statement of accounts 2021/22

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APPENDIX A AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT

Audit Completion Report

North London Waste Authority - Year
ended 31 March 2022

15 April 2024



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15 April 2024

Dear Committee Members

Audit Completion Report – Year ended 31 March 2022

We are pleased to present our Audit Completion Report for the year ended 31 March 2022. The purpose of this document is to summarise our audit conclusions.

The scope of our work, including identified significant audit risks and other areas of management judgement, was outlined in our Audit Strategy Memorandum which we presented on 31 October 2023. We have reviewed our Audit Strategy Memorandum and concluded that the original significant audit risks and other areas of management judgement remain appropriate:

- Management override of controls
- Valuation of property, plant and equipment

We would like to express our thanks for the assistance of your team during our audit.

If you would like to discuss any matters in more detail then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07977 261873.

Yours faithfully

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Section 01:

Executive summary

1. Executive summary

Principal conclusions and significant findings

The detailed scope of our work as your appointed auditor for 2021/22 is set out in the National Audit Office's (NAO) Code of Audit Practice. Our responsibilities and powers are derived from the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and, as outlined in our Audit Strategy Memorandum, our audit has been conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and means we focus on audit risks that we have assessed as resulting in a higher risk of material misstatement.

In section 4 of this report we have set out our conclusions and significant findings from our audit. This section includes our conclusions on the audit risks and areas of management judgement in our Audit Strategy Memorandum, which include:

- Management override of controls; and
- Valuation of property, plant and equipment

Misstatements and internal control recommendations

Section 5 sets out internal control recommendations and section 6 sets out audit misstatements; there were unadjusted misstatements of £107k, and adjusted misstatements of £3,656k identified. Section 7 outlines our work on the Authority's arrangements to achieve economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Status and audit opinion

We have substantially completed our audit in respect of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. At the time of preparing this report, significant matters remaining outstanding are outlined in section 2. We will provide an update to you in relation to the significant matters outstanding through issuance of a follow up letter.

Subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the remaining audit work, we have the following conclusions:



Audit opinion

We anticipate issuing an unqualified opinion, without modification, on the financial statements. Our proposed audit opinion is included in the draft auditor's report in Appendix B.



Value for Money

We anticipate having no significant weaknesses in arrangements to report in relation to the arrangements that the Authority has in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. Further detail on our Value for Money work is provided in section 7 of this report.



Whole of Government Accounts (WGA)

We have completed our work on the Authority's WGA submission.



Wider powers

The 2014 Act requires us to give an elector, or any representative of the elector, the opportunity to question us about the accounting records of the Authority and to consider any objection made to the accounts. We have received no such correspondence from electors.

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Section 02:

Status of the audit

2. Status of the audit

Our work is substantially complete and there are currently no matters of which we are aware that would require modification of our audit opinion, subject to the outstanding matters detailed below.

Audit area	Status	Description of the outstanding matters
Events after the reporting period		Review of events after the reporting period, up to the point at which we sign our audit report.
File closure procedures		Following completion of the final review procedures for the above outstanding issues, we need to complete file closedown procedures, including confirming the final set of financial statements, receipt of management’s letter of representation and complete our consideration of post balance sheet events to the date of sign-off.

-  Likely to result in material adjustment or significant change to disclosures within the financial statements.
-  Potential to result in material adjustment or significant change to disclosures within the financial statements.
-  Not considered likely to result in material adjustment or change to disclosures within the financial statements.



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Section 03:

Audit approach

3. Audit approach

Changes to our audit approach

We provided details of our intended audit approach in our Audit Strategy Memorandum in October 2023. We have not made any changes to our audit approach since we presented our Audit Strategy Memorandum.

Materiality

Our provisional materiality for the Authority at the planning stage of the audit was set at £1.657m for the Group accounts and £1.218m for the Authority. Our final assessment of materiality, based on the final financial statements and qualitative has not changed from our assessment at planning.

Use of experts

We have made use of PwC whom the NAO appointed to review the qualifications, resources objectivity and approach of the actuaries involved in the production of IAS19 figures for Local Government Pension Schemes (LGPS). The assessment also looks at the approach taken by each actuary and considers the main assumptions used by each in order to value the schemes underlying assets and liabilities. We rely on the work of PwC to identify any further procedures that may be required with respect to defined benefit pension liabilities.

Service organisations

The Authority has made use of the London Borough of Camden as a service organisation for the following:

- Financial systems used for producing the statement of accounts; and
- Financial instrument valuations.

Group audit approach

The Authority has one wholly owned subsidiary, the LondonEnergy Limited (LEL).

We engaged and communicated with the auditor of LEL, formally through issuing group instructions and less formally with update calls and emails. We have reviewed the auditor’s response to our instructions and reviewed the work they carried out on the audit risks we identified for the Group accounts. We found that we could place reliance on the component auditor’s work and we are satisfied we have carried out sufficient review of their work.

We have no matters to report.



3. Audit approach

Group audit approach

Group component	Approach adopted	Key points or other matters to report
LondonEnergy Limited	●	There are no matters we need to bring to the attention of members.

- **Full audit**
Performance of an audit of the component's financial information prepared for group reporting purposes using component materiality
- **Audit of balances and/or disclosures**
Performance of an audit of specific balances and/or disclosures included in the component's financial information prepared for group reporting purposes, using component materiality
- **Specific audit procedures**
Performance of specific audit procedures on the component's financial information
- **Review procedures**
Review of the component's financial information prepared for group reporting purposes using the component materiality assigned



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Section 04: **Significant findings**

4. Significant findings

In this section we outline the significant findings from our audit. These findings include:

- our audit conclusions regarding other significant risks and key areas of management judgement outlined in the Audit Strategy Memorandum;
- our comments in respect of the accounting policies and disclosures that you have adopted in the financial statements. On page 15 we have concluded whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework and commented on any significant accounting policy changes that have been made during the year;
- any further significant matters discussed with management; and
- any significant difficulties we experienced during the audit

Significant risks

Management override of controls	Description of the risk
	In all entities, management at various levels within an organisation are in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of their ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively. Due to the unpredictable way in which such override could occur, we consider there to be a risk of material misstatement due to fraud and thus a significant risk on all audits.
	<p>How we addressed this risk</p> <p>We addressed this risk through performing audit work over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting estimates impacting amounts included in the financial statements; • Consideration of identified significant transactions outside the normal course of business; and • Journals recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in preparation of the financial statements.
	<p>Audit conclusion</p> <p>We have completed our planned procedures and have not identified any evidence of management override of controls and any material misstatement due to fraud</p>



4. Significant findings

Valuation of property, plant and equipment	Description of the risk
	<p>The CIPFA Code requires that where assets are subject to revaluation, their year-end carrying value should reflect the current value at that date. The Authority has adopted a rolling revaluation model which sees all land and buildings revalued in a five-year cycle.</p>
	<p>The draft accounts showed Land and buildings with a value of £167m and assets under construction at £85m. Land and buildings primarily being made up of the Edmonton EcoPark and Pinkham Way and Hornsey Street sites (valued on DRC basis), and Assets Under Construction relating almost entirely to the North London Heat and Power Project.</p>
	<p>These were revalued by external valuation expert Savills.</p>
	<p>Due to the high degree of estimation uncertainty associated with valuations, we determined this area to be a significant risk.</p>
	<p>How we addressed this risk</p>
	<p>Our audit procedures included:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtaining an understanding of the Authority’s valuer’s qualifications, objectivity and independence to carry out such valuations.• Reviewing the valuation methodology used in the year including testing the underlying data and assumptions.• Considering whether the overall revaluation methodologies used by the Authority’s valuers are in line with industry practice, the CIPFA code of practice and the Authority’s accounting policies.
	<p>We followed up on the recommendations we made in the prior year audit conclusion report regarding PPE valuations.</p>
	<p>Audit conclusion</p>
	<p>We have completed our work on the valuation of property, plant and equipment. Valuations of the NLWA assets were reasonable and assumptions were supported by review of comparable evidence for all assets other than the Bulky Waste Recycling Facility. This asset was due to be disposed of in the 2023/24 financial year, which was known at the time of the valuation. The valuer valued this asset as though it were not being demolished but this should only have been valued for a year - this has given rise to a material misstatement of £3.7m.</p>
	<p>Having followed up on the prior year findings, one of the issues identified with the Authority’s approach remains, being that the valuation did not consider the different components of the Energy for Waste (EfW) asset and the different economic lives they hold.</p>
	<p>The follow up of the prior year recommendation is included at Section 05.</p>



4. Significant findings

Qualitative aspects of the Authority's accounting practices

We have reviewed the Authority's accounting policies and disclosures and concluded they comply with the 2021/22 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting, appropriately tailored to the Authority's circumstances. The accounts have been prepared on the correct (continued provision of service) going concern basis.

Draft accounts and supporting working papers were received from the Authority and were of a good quality.

Significant difficulties during the audit

During the course of the audit we did not encounter any significant difficulties and we have had the full co-operation of management.

Wider responsibilities

Our powers and responsibilities under the 2014 Act are broad and include the ability to:

- issue a report in the public interest;
- make statutory recommendations that must be considered and responded to publicly;
- apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law; and
- issue an advisory notice under schedule 8 of the 2014 Act.

We have not exercised any of these powers as part of our 2021/22 audit.

The 2014 Act also gives rights to local electors and other parties, such as the right to ask questions of the auditor and the right to make an objection to an item of account. No such objections have been raised.

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5. Internal control recommendations

The purpose of our audit was to express an opinion on the financial statements. As part of our audit we have considered the internal controls in place relevant to the preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures to allow us to express an opinion on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control or to identify any significant deficiencies in their design or operation.

The matters reported are limited to those deficiencies and other control recommendations that we have identified during our normal audit procedures and that we consider to be of sufficient importance to merit being reported. If we had performed more extensive procedures on internal control we might have identified more deficiencies to be reported or concluded that some of the reported deficiencies need not in fact have been reported. Our comments should not be regarded as a comprehensive record of all deficiencies that may exist or improvements that could be made.

Our findings and recommendations are set out below. We have assigned priority rankings to each of them to reflect the importance that we consider each poses to your organisation and, hence, our recommendation in terms of the urgency of required action. In summary, the matters arising fall into the following categories:

Priority ranking	Description	Number of issues
1 (high)	In our view, there is potential for financial loss, damage to reputation or loss of information. This may have implications for the achievement of business strategic objectives. The recommendation should be taken into consideration by management immediately.	1 Prior Year
2 (medium)	In our view, there is a need to strengthen internal control or enhance business efficiency. The recommendations should be actioned in the near future.	0
3 (low)	In our view, internal control should be strengthened in these additional areas when practicable.	0



5. Internal control recommendations

Significant deficiencies in internal control – 2020/21 follow up – Level 1

Description of deficiency

The Group's main non-current asset is the Eco-Park which contains an Energy for Waste (EfW) incinerator. This is a very specialised asset and consistent largely of plant and machinery (P&M). The valuation of P&M is a specialist form of asset valuation. Our evaluation of the Authority's external valuer found that they did not apply sufficient consideration of specific factors such as:

- Componentisation and associated consideration of their associated (and different) useful economic lives; and
- Effective age and hence consideration of asset status through capital expenditure requirements.

Potential effects

There is a risk that the valuation of P&M non-current assets overall will be misstated. This risk may be increased in future years as the Authority's asset base grows.

Recommendation

For future valuations the Authority should consider specific componentisation for assets made up of P&M where the individual components may have differing economic lives and seek specialist P&M valuation input.

Prior year Management response

The Authority agrees with this recommendation and is working with our external valuer to ensure that this is reflected in future valuations. As new assets are brought into use, they will be fully componentised within the fixed asset register reflecting the useful economic lives of these assets.

The requirement for the valuation of the Eco-Park arises as the LondonEnergy Ltd financial statements are prepared in line with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UKGAAP) while the Authority's financial statements are prepared using International Financial Reporting Standards. LondonEnergy hold a componentised fixed asset register for the existing facilities.

Update for 2021/22

We have identified that this remains a current issue for 2021/22

Current year Management response

The Authority will to ensure that all new assets created from the North London Heat and Power Project are fully componentised and that the accounts fully reflect the economic useful lives of these assets.

As the existing Energy from Waste facility at the EcoPark only has a few years of useful life left, officers intend to undertake an assessment to ensure that a full plant and machinery valuation each year provides value for money in the context of the financial statements. Officers will review proposals before changing the method of valuation.



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Section 06:

Summary of misstatements

6. Summary of misstatements

This section outlines the misstatements identified during the course of the audit, above the trivial threshold for adjustment of £37k.

Unadjusted misstatements

		Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		Balance Sheet	
		Dr (£'000)	Cr (£'000)	Dr (£'000)	Cr (£'000)
1	Dr: Capital Adjustment Account			107	
	Cr: General Fund				(107)
<p>The additional MRP was calculated using the straight-line method rather than the annuity method for post 19/20 borrowings as per the policy. There is a difference of £107,028 between the straight-line method calculation and the annuity method calculation. Management have responded that this is a slightly over-prudent way of calculating the minimum revenue provision which they do not consider would mislead the readers of the financial statements. Management have said that the method will be adjusted in the next year to take account of this difference rather than correcting in year. Mazars consider this to be reasonable.</p>					
Total unadjusted misstatements		0	0	107	(107)

Adjusted misstatements

		Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		Balance Sheet	
		Dr (£'000)	Cr (£'000)	Dr (£'000)	Cr (£'000)
1	Dr: Revaluation Reserve			3,656	
	Cr: Property Plant and Equipment				(3,656)
<p>The Bulky Waste Recycling Facility was due to be disposed of in the 2023/24 financial year, which was known at the time of the valuation. The valuer valued this asset capitalising rent into perpetuity as though it were not being demolished but this should only have been valued for a year - this has given rise to a material misstatement of £3.7m.</p>					
Total adjusted misstatements				3,656	(3,656)

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Disclosure amendments

Over the course of the audit, three significant presentational misstatements were noted and have been corrected by the Authority, these are:

- Note 19: Officers Remuneration: National Insurance had been included in place of pension back-funding.
- Note 19: Officers Remuneration: The advisers section stated: “The Statement of Arrangements also provides for various Adviser roles. These roles are undertaken by specific posts within each Lead Borough. Advisers receive an honorarium the cost of which is recharged to the Authority as follows:”, this has been corrected to read “The Statement of Arrangements also provides for various Adviser roles the cost of which is recharged to the Authority. These roles are undertaken by specific posts within each Lead Borough. Advisers receive an honorarium as follows:”.
- Note 15: Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents were grouped previously and not split between Cash, MMF and ST Investments

A number of other minor presentational and typographical changes made to the financial statements that do not require individual analysis.



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Section 07:

Value for Money

7. Value for Money

Approach to Value for Money

We are required to consider whether the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The NAO issues guidance to auditors that underpins the work we are required to carry out and sets out the reporting criteria that we are required to consider. The reporting criteria are:

- **Financial sustainability** - How the Authority plans and manages its resources to ensure it can continue to deliver its services
- **Governance** - How the Authority ensures that it makes informed decisions and properly manages its risks
- **Improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness** - How the Authority uses information about its costs and performance to improve the way it manages and delivers its services

At the planning stage of the audit, we undertake work to understand the arrangements that the Authority has in place under each of the reporting criteria and we identify risks of significant weaknesses in those arrangements. Although we describe this work as planning work, we keep our understanding of arrangements under review and update our risk assessment throughout the audit to reflect emerging issues that may suggest significant weaknesses in arrangements exist.

The table overleaf outlines the risks of significant weaknesses in arrangements that we have identified, the risk-based procedures we have undertaken, and the results of our work.

Where our risk-based procedures identify actual significant weaknesses in arrangements we are required to report these and make recommendations for improvement. Where such significant weaknesses are identified, we report these in the audit report.

The primary output of our work on the Authority's arrangements is the commentary on those arrangements that forms part of the Auditor's Annual Report. We intend to issue the Auditor's Annual Report in [insert date].

Status of our work

We are yet to complete our work in respect of the Authority's arrangements for the year ended 31 March 2022. At the time of preparing this report, we have not identified any significant weaknesses in arrangements that require us to make a recommendation, however we continue to undertake work on the Authority's arrangements.

Our draft audit report at Appendix B outlines that we have not yet completed our work in relation to the Authority's arrangements. As noted above, our commentary on the Authority's arrangements will be provided in the Auditor's Annual Report.



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Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

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Dear Nikesh

North London Waste Authority - audit for year ended 31 March 2022

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of North London Waste Authority ('the Authority') for the year ended 31 March 2022 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 (the Code), the Code Update and applicable law.

I confirm that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that I can properly make each of the following representations to you.

My responsibility for the financial statements and accounting information

I believe that I have fulfilled my responsibilities for the true and fair presentation and preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Code and applicable law.

My responsibility to provide and disclose relevant information

I have provided you with:

- access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other material;
- additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
- unrestricted access to individuals within the Authority you determined it was necessary to contact in order to obtain audit evidence.

I confirm as Director of Corporate Services that I have taken all the necessary steps to make me aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you, as auditors, are aware of this information.

As far as I am aware there is no relevant audit information of which you, as auditors, are unaware.



Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

Accounting records

I confirm that all transactions that have a material effect on the financial statements have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements. All other records and related information, including minutes of all Authority and committee meetings, have been made available to you.

Accounting policies

I confirm that I have reviewed the accounting policies applied during the year in accordance with Code and International Accounting Standard 8 and consider these policies to faithfully represent the effects of transactions, other events or conditions on the Authority's financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

Accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value

I confirm that any significant assumptions used by the Authority in making accounting estimates are reasonable, including those measured at current or fair value.

I confirm that I am satisfied that the actuarial assumptions underlying the valuation of pension scheme liabilities for IAS19 disclosures are consistent with my knowledge. I confirm that all settlements and curtailments have been identified and properly accounted for. I confirm that all significant retirement benefits have been identified and properly accounted for (including any arrangements that are statutory, contractual or implicit in the employer's actions, that arise in the UK or overseas, that are funded or unfunded).

Contingencies

There are no material contingent losses including pending or potential litigation that should be accrued where:

- information presently available indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired, or a liability had been incurred at the balance sheet date; and
- the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

There are no material contingent losses that should be disclosed where, although either or both the conditions specified above are not met, there is a reasonable possibility that a loss, or a loss greater than that accrued, may have been incurred at the balance sheet date.

There are no contingent gains which should be disclosed.

All material matters, including unasserted claims, that may result in litigation against the Authority have been brought to your attention. All known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the Code and applicable law.



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Laws and regulations

I confirm that I have disclosed to you all those events of which I am aware which involve known or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, together with the actual or contingent consequences which may arise therefrom.

The Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the accounts in the event of non-compliance.

Fraud and error

I acknowledge my responsibility as Director of Corporate Services for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

I have disclosed to you:

- all the results of my assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud;
- all knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Authority involving:
 - management and those charged with governance;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; and
 - others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

I have disclosed to you all information in relation to any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Authority's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others

Related party transactions

I confirm that all related party relationships, transactions and balances, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Code and applicable law.

I have disclosed to you the identity of the Authority's related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware.



Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

Impairment review

To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing to indicate that there is a permanent reduction in the recoverable amount of the property, plant and equipment below their carrying value at the balance sheet date. An impairment review is therefore not considered necessary.

Charges on assets

All the Authority's assets are free from any charges exercisable by third parties except as disclosed within the financial statements.

Future commitments

I am not aware of any plans, intentions or commitments that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities or give rise to additional liabilities.

Group accounts

I confirm I consider where any of the Council's subsidiary companies have not been included within the group accounts prepared, their inclusion would not have a material impact on the accounts.

Subsequent events

I confirm all events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the Code and applicable law, require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

Should further material events occur after the date of this letter which may necessitate revision of the figures included in the financial statements or inclusion of a note thereto, I will advise you accordingly.

Going concern

To the best of my knowledge there is nothing to indicate that the Authority will not continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future. The period to which I have paid particular attention in assessing the appropriateness of the going concern basis is not less than twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts.

Annual Governance Statement

I am satisfied that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) fairly reflects the Authority's risk assurance and governance framework and I confirm that I am not aware of any significant risks that are not disclosed within the AGS.



Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

Narrative report

The disclosures within the Narrative Report fairly reflect my understanding of the Authority's financial and operating performance over the period covered by the financial statements.

Unadjusted misstatements

I confirm that the effects of the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. All uncorrected misstatements are included in the Appendix 1 to this letter.

Other matters

I can confirm in relation to the following matters that:

- I confirm that I have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of Russian Forces entering Ukraine on the business, including the impact of mitigation measures and uncertainties, and that the disclosure in the Narrative Report and the subsequent events note to the financial statements fairly reflects that assessment.
- We confirm that we have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union, including the impact of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and that the disclosure in the Statement of Accounts fairly reflects that assessment.
- I confirm I have considered the treatment of items or probable and potential expenditure notified to us by external parties in line with the accounting standards for contingent liabilities and provisions.
- We confirm that we have assessed the impact on the Authority of the on-going Global Banking challenges, in particular whether there is any impact on the company's ability to continue as a going concern, and on the post balance sheet events disclosures.

We confirm that our exposure (either direct cash exposure or direct / indirect through investments) with Silicon Valley Bank, Credit Suisse, Signature Bank or any other bank in a distress situation, is not material.

- I confirm the Authority has assessed the potential impact of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete on the Authority, and in particular, whether there are indications of a need for an impairment of the Authority's property, plant and equipment or investment property balances. I confirm there are no such indications of impairment in those assets.

Yours faithfully

Nikesh Shah
Director of Corporate Services

Date:



Appendix B: Draft audit report

Independent auditor’s report to the members of North London Waste Authority

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on the financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of North London Waste Authority (‘the Authority’) and its subsidiaries (‘the Group’) for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Authority and Group Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statements, the Authority and Group Movement in Reserves Statements, the Authority and Group Balance Sheets, the Authority and Group Cash Flow Statements, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22, as amended by the Update to the Code and Specifications for Future Codes for Infrastructure Assets (‘the Code Update’), published in November 2022.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority and the Group as at 31st March 2022 and of the Authority’s and the Group’s expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 as amended by the Code Update.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Authority and Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC’s Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Director of Corporate Services’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, and taking into account the requirements of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 as amended by the Code Update, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Authority’s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Director of Corporate Services’ with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the Annual Governance Statement and information included in the Statement of Accounts, other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of The Director of Corporate Services for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Director of Corporate Services' Responsibilities, The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts, which includes the financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 as amended by the Code Update, and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Director of Corporate Services is also responsible for such internal control as The Director of Corporate Services determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Director of Corporate Services is required to comply with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 as amended by the Code Update and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, on the assumption that the functions of the Authority will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for assessing each year whether or not it is appropriate for the Authority and Group to prepare its accounts on the going concern basis and disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Based on our understanding of the Authority, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Local Government Act 2003 (and associated regulations made under section 21), the Local Government Finance Acts of 1988, 1992 and 2012, and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- inquiring with management and the Audit Committee, as to whether the Authority is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- considering the risk of acts by the Authority and the Group which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.



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We evaluated the Director of Corporate Services' incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of management and the Audit Committee on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management and the Audit Committee. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

We are also required to conclude on whether the Director of Corporate Services' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. We performed our work in accordance with Practice Note 10: Audit of financial statement and regularity of public sector bodies in the United Kingdom, and Supplementary Guidance Note 01, issued by the National Audit Office in February 2022.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Authority's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources

Matter on which we are required to report by exception

We are required to report to you if, in our opinion, we are not satisfied that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2022.

We have not completed our work on the Authority's arrangements. On the basis of our work to date, having regard to the guidance issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in January 2022, we have not identified any significant weaknesses in arrangements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

We will report the outcome of our work on the Authority's arrangements in our commentary on those arrangements within the Auditor's Annual Report. Our audit completion certificate will set out any matters which we are required to report by exception.

Responsibilities of the Authority

The Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance, and to review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.



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Auditor’s responsibilities for the review of arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of resources

We are required under Section 20(1)(c) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether all aspects of the Authority’s arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

We have undertaken our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in January 2022.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception under the Code of Audit Practice

We are required by the Code of Audit Practice to report to you if:

- we issue a report in the public interest under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- we make a recommendation under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; or
- we exercise any other special powers of the auditor under sections 28, 29 or 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

We have nothing to report in these respects

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the members of North London Waste Authority, as a body, in accordance with part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and as set out in paragraph 44 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the Authority those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor’s report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of the Authority, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Delay in certification of completion of the audit

We cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until we have completed the work necessary to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources.

[Signature]

Suresh Patel, Key Audit Partner
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Appendix C: Independence

As part of our ongoing risk assessment we monitor our relationships with you to identify any new actual or perceived threats to our independence within the regulatory or professional requirements governing us as your auditors.

We can confirm that no new threats to independence have been identified since issuing the Audit Strategy Memorandum and therefore we remain independent.



Appendix D: Audit fee

Fees for work as the Council's appointed auditor

We include below our current view on the audit fee for 2021/22 and include as a comparison the fees that we agreed with the Director of Corporate Services for the 2020/21 audit.

Area of work	2021/22 Proposed Fee	2020/21 Actual Fee
Code Audit Work (Scale fee)	£14,068	£14,068
Scale fee variations:		
- Increased regulatory requirements (Note 1)	£6,195	£5,900
- Correspondence from members of the public (Note 2)	0	£1,470
- Group accounts (Note 3)	£5,250	£5,000
- Code changes to value for money (Note 4)	£5,250	£5,000
- Non-current asset valuations expert (Prior year) and additional work (Note 5)	£6,000	£5,750
- Revised auditing standard on accounting estimates (Note 6)	£2,500	£2,200
TOTAL	£39,263	£39,388

Notes:

1. Since the most recent PSAA tender there has been a significant increase in the requirements of auditors including increased challenge on management judgements (for the Authority in respect of capital works and borrowing), more granular testing and increased internal quality control requirements. The additional auditor inputs should be reflected in the fees.
2. We are required to consider correspondence and questions from local electors. The time we need to do this, which tends to be by senior team members, necessitates an additional audit fee. No such correspondence received in 2021-22.
3. The Authority has a material subsidiary. There is a different reporting framework, reporting date and auditor – we, as group auditor, need to undertake testing of consolidation adjustments, including valuations of PPE and goodwill.
4. The Code introduces new VFM requirements. We have used the PSAA determined range for the additional fees that this requires.
5. In 2020/21 we consulted our valuation experts as part of auditing the valuation of PPE. For both years, the level of work required in obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence is not reflected in the scale fee.
6. For 2020/21 a revised auditing standard in relation to auditing accounting estimates applies, requiring additional audit inputs. We have used the PSAA determined range for the additional fees.

Appendix E: Other communications

Other communication	Response
Compliance with Laws and Regulations	<p>We have not identified any significant matters involving actual or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.</p> <p>We will obtain written representations from management that all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements have been disclosed.</p>
External confirmations	<p>We did not experience any issues with respect to obtaining external confirmations.</p>
Related parties	<p>We did not identify any significant matters relating to the audit of related parties.</p> <p>We will obtain written representations from management confirming that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. they have disclosed to us the identity of related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which they are aware; and b. they have appropriately accounted for and disclosed such relationships and transactions in accordance with the requirements of the applicable financial reporting framework.
Going Concern	<p>We have not identified any evidence to cause us to disagree with the Director of Corporate Services that North London Waste Authority will be a going concern, and therefore we consider that the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in the preparation of the financial statements.</p>

Appendix E: Other communications

Other communication	Response
<p>Subsequent events</p>	<p>We are required to obtain evidence about whether events occurring between the date of the financial statements and the date of the auditor’s report that require adjustment of, or disclosure in, the financial statements are appropriately reflected in those financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.</p> <p>We will obtain written representations from management that all events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the applicable financial reporting framework requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.</p>
<p>Matters related to fraud</p>	<p>We have designed our audit approach to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud. In addition to the work performed by us, we will obtain written representations from management, and Those Charged With Governance, confirming that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. they acknowledge their responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud; b. they have disclosed to the auditor the results of management’s assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud; c. they have disclosed to the auditor their knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Management; ii. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or iii. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements; and d. they have disclosed to the auditor their knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity’s financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.



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APPENDIX B 2021/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS



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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

THE AUTHORITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Authority is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs as the Chief Finance Officer. For the North London Waste Authority that officer is the Financial Adviser.
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- Approve the Statement of Accounts.

THE FINANCIAL ADVISER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Financial Adviser is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code of Practice). In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Financial Adviser has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code of Practice.
- kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities;
- assessed the Authority's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- used the going concern basis of accounting on the assumption that the functions of the Authority and the Group will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future; and
- maintained such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

CERTIFICATION BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

The accounts which follow have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 issued under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and, except where specifically stated, in accordance with all recognised statutory requirements and codes of practice applicable to local authorities.

I certify that the statement of accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority and of the Group as at 31 March 2022 and the income and expenditure of the Authority and of the Group for the year then ended.

Jon Rowney

Financial Adviser date

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NARRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this foreword is to provide an easily understandable guide to the most significant matters reported in the Authority's accounts which have been prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22* (The Code) and the *Guidance Notes for Practitioners* (both published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy). The Code requires that five key statements are provided; they comprise:

Movement in Reserves Statement: This shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Authority, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure) and other reserves. The Surplus or (Deficit) on the Provision of Services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Authority's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement: This summarises the Authority's income and expenditure for the year in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. Adjustments required to show the extent to which revenue balances have increased or decreased are shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Balance Sheet: This shows the value at the balance sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Authority. The net assets of the Authority (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Authority. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category of reserves is usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the Authority may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve that may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt). The second category of reserves is those that the Authority is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold; and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

Cash Flow Statement: This summarises the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Authority during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Authority generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which the operations of the Authority are funded by the levy on the NLWA constituent boroughs, charges for non-household waste and other miscellaneous income receipts. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources which are intended to contribute to the Authority's future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (i.e. borrowing) to the Authority.

Expenditure and Funding Analysis: This statement shows how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources (principally the levy) in comparison with those resources consumed in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and supporting notes.

GROUP ACCOUNTS

The summarised group accounts show in aggregate the income and expenditure and assets, liabilities and reserves of the group comprising the Authority and the Authority's interest in LondonEnergy Ltd.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE

NLWA manages waste in line with the waste hierarchy to protect the environment and preserve resources for future generations. We work with our boroughs to deliver public-facing behaviour change programmes

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to encourage waste prevention and recycling. We did fewer face-to-face activities due to COVID-19 restrictions, but our campaigns had a cumulative reach of more than 77million people.

We processed 113,685 tonnes of mixed dry recycling tonnages from households. This is slightly lower than the 117,728 tonnes processed in 2020/21, but higher than pre-pandemic tonnages. The provisional household recycling rate is 28.7%, which is an increase on the previous year's 28.5%.

2020/21 saw a reduction in garden and food waste as some boroughs temporarily suspended organic waste collections to safeguard Residual and Dry Mixed Recycling collections. This was reversed in 2021/22 where the tonnage increased to 47,672 from 42,460 tonnes in 2020/21, which is even higher than tonnages collected pre-pandemic. Given the relatively low proportion of homes with gardens and the high proportion of flats, volumes of organic waste in north London are lower than many other authorities.

This year we became the first Authority in the UK to start recycling polystyrene. In June 2021 we launched a scheme to recycle mattresses and by the end of March recycled 67,000 mattresses, saving 1,527 tonnes from being treated as residual waste.

Reuse and Recycling Centres operated with a booking system which was introduced the previous year. This enabled facilities to be run safely and residents to be confident that they could maintain social distancing and use the sites without queueing. The booking system will be kept under review in 2022/23. 38,607 tonnes of material were collected at our Reuse and Recycling Centres, of which 72% was reused, recycled or composted.

We dealt with 573,359 tonnes of residual waste, a slight increase on the previous year (570,394) , but lower than pre-pandemic level. A damaged turbine at the aging energy from waste facility meant it was not able to operate to its full planned capacity. This resulted in 29,491 tonnes of waste going to landfill compared with 25,172 tonnes in 2020/21.

NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT

To help tackle the climate emergency and to prevent rubbish going to landfill we are delivering the largest project in our history. The 50-year-old energy from waste plant at Edmonton, which is reaching the end of its operational life, is being replaced by the greenest Energy Recovery Facility in the country.

We are building a resource recovery facility (RRF) to maximise recycling from bulky waste and a new public reuse and recycling centre. The new EcoPark House will provide a visitor centre and community space for local residents and home for the Edmonton Sea Cadets. Significant progress was made on these facilities this year, and they are on course to be complete in 2023.

In December 2021 the Authority decided to award the contract to Acciona SA for the design and build of the new energy recovery facility. The contract was signed in January 2022. This followed a thorough review of the business case which assessed that it represented the most cost effective and environmentally responsible solution for dealing with north London's residual waste. Members noted that the facility would have the flexibility to deal with a range of waste volumes and therefore if waste reduced, it would not prevent the facility working. Members also noted that the facility would have tighter emissions control than any facilities in the UK and would be linked with a district heating network which would ensure that the power generated from the facility would be used as efficiently as possible.

Building the Energy Recovery Facility is creating hundreds of skilled jobs, including 180 training placements and 90 apprenticeships, bringing life-changing career opportunities for local people. These new positions are in addition to the hundreds of jobs, apprenticeships and training placement already created to take the project to this point.

Community engagement on the project continued with the Community Liaison Group meetings and increased communications to increase awareness of the project and its benefits. Newsletters were sent to 28,000 residents in the wards around the site and

briefings were held with community groups. Social media campaigns reached 518,000 people.

Further information about the key developments, activities and trends in the Authority's management of north London's waste are available on NLWA website:

<https://www.nlwa.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/03%20NLWA%20Annual%20Report%202021-22%20%28Signed%29.pdf>

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Authority agreed its 2021/22 budget at a level that needed to be sufficiently robust to meet the costs of its day-to-day statutory waste obligations but also sufficient to fund the costs of the NLHPP. In doing so, the Authority was aware, as in past years, that if favourable circumstances arose during the year some revenue balances might become available to help fund future budgets.

The Authority plans to finance the cost of the NLHPP through borrowing. To date, the Authority has borrowed £100m from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), part of HM Treasury, in February 2020 at the Local Infrastructure Rate. Since then the Authority has borrowed a further 670m from the PWLB at the certainty rate. In addition, the Authority has also taken a short-term loan from LondonEnergy Ltd of £8m as part of the long-term lease of the EcoPark in November 2020.

In February 2022, the Authority was advised that revenue balances at 31 March 2022 were forecast to be £9.266m. Since then, lower volumes of residual tonnage were delivered during the period of reinstated national Covid-19 restrictions in early 2021, Increased income from recyclates, the effects of increases in wholesale electricity prices and non-use of contingency have resulted in revenue balances at 31 March 2022 of £15.251m.

Compared to the accounts for 2020/21, the net cost of services reduced by £5.408m (10.5%). This can largely be attributed to the increased wholesale price of electricity generated by LondonEnergy Ltd and favourable market prices for the onward sale of recyclates.

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ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

1. Scope of Responsibility

North London Waste Authority is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Authority also has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

In discharging this overall responsibility, The Authority is also responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, including arrangements for the management of risk.

2. The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, culture and values, by which the Authority is directed and controlled. It enables the Authority to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost-effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of the framework and is 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 is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Authority'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 has been in place within the North London Waste Authority for the year ended 31 March 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and statement of accounts.

3. The Governance Framework

The key elements of the governance framework in which the Authority functions can be summarised as follows:

- The Authority has a clearly defined set of objectives in terms of service delivery, and these are reflected in its contract with LondonEnergy Ltd. and other key contracts.
- Policy and decision-making are managed and controlled within a strong well-established framework. The Authority's standing orders set out in detail how the Authority operates, how decisions are made and the procedures to be followed to ensure efficiency, transparency and accountability. Political and management control is exercised through Authority Members and Advisers and Officers, whose roles are defined in Standing Orders and who work to defined and established processes.
- Compliance with policies, laws and regulations is dealt with through a range of written rules and procedures which are regularly reviewed and updated. These include Standing Orders relating to the Authority, Standing Orders relating to Committees, delegations to Officers, and Contract Standing Orders. The Authority also follows the London Borough of Camden Financial Standing Orders.
- Central to the Authority's achievement of its objectives is an effective risk management regime. In addition to regular reviews of detailed risk registers by the Authority's management team, the registers are considered annually by the Members' Finance Working Group. Informed by the annual review, a report is presented to the Authority outlining developments in the Authority's key corporate risks. The report also includes an up-to-date high level risk register.

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- The Authority is also able to benefit from the rules and procedures set in place by its Lead Borough. Officer responsibilities and actions are controlled through Schemes of Officer Delegation.
- The effective and efficient use of resources and the securing of continuous improvement are achieved through a range of review processes and are integral to the Joint Waste Strategy, Residual Waste Reduction Plan 2020 to 2022 and the development of the next generation of waste infrastructure and services for north London. A new Joint Waste Strategy is being prepared for consideration by Members along with Constituent Boroughs (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Waltham Forest) which will focus on activities to move all waste up the waste hierarchy.
- The financial management of the Authority is organised through a wide range of well-established processes and procedures which deliver strong financial control arrangements. The Authority has in place a detailed strategic budget planning process which is supported by the London Borough of Camden's comprehensive Financial Standing Orders. Members receive and consider detailed financial information on a regular basis, and this facilitates the political decision making process. The process is further supported by the work of the Members' Finance Working Group.
- Other features of the financial control environment include the annual production and review of a medium-term financial forecast. The Authority also benefits from the Internal Audit Shared Service of the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington which provides assurances to management that the London Borough of Camden's – and therefore the NLWA's – control systems are adequate, effective and operating as intended and investigates identified or suspected cases of fraud/irregularity.
- Performance management within the Authority is considered through a range of review arrangements including external/internal audit reviews and annual reports.

4. Covid-19 Response

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was less severe than in 2020/21. The Reuse and Recycling centres remained open to residents throughout the year. The booking system remained in place to ensure orderly access to the sites for the safety benefit of members of the public and staff.

It is yet to become clear how far the pandemic has influenced long term trends on matters such as volumes and types of waste. The Authority keeps data under review to assess any emerging trends, and as part of the Authority's Medium-Term Financial Strategy, assumptions regarding costs, income, financing and investments will continue to be based on the latest information.

5. Review of Effectiveness

North London Waste Authority has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is a significant part of the framework and is informed by the work of the internal auditors and the executive managers within the Authority who have responsibility for the development, maintenance and ongoing assurance in respect of the internal control environment covering their individual areas of responsibility. This is also supported by reviews conducted by the external auditors and other review agencies. In addition, Authority meetings receive reports on key aspects of the day-to-day work of the Authority and the Authority's financial health.

The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require that the Head of Internal Audit provide an annual audit opinion that can be used by the organisation to inform its governance statement. The wider content of this annual governance statement indicates an adequate level of assurance from the Authority's governance framework. With regard to the annual opinion of the Head of Internal Audit (HIA), the HIA is satisfied that the work undertaken by Internal Audit during 2021/22 has enabled the HIA to form a reasonable conclusion that Camden's – and therefore NLWA's control framework, specifically with regard to key financial systems, is adequate.

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The Audit Committee, the Programme Committee with regard to the NLHPP and the Members' Finance Working Group, provide an effective means of enabling detailed review and examination by Members of the Authority's financial and risk management issues.

The Authority was further supported by the work of the Members' Recycling Working Group. The Authority continues to have in place strong and effective working arrangements with its constituent boroughs.

As services are provided through both the Lead Borough Camden and also Haringey, the Authority has also benefited from reviews undertaken by those authorities in providing corporate and service-based assurance on the overall system of internal control in operation.

6. Significant Governance Issues

A key element of the annual governance review process is to identify any significant internal control issues. The Authority has adopted the approach recommended by the CIPFA, which has identified what may be considered generally as a significant issue. These include:

- The issue has seriously prejudiced or prevented achievement of a principal objective;
- The issue has resulted in a need to seek additional funding to allow it to be resolved;
- The issue has resulted in significant diversion of resources from another aspect of the business;
- The issue has led to a material impact on the accounts;
- The Audit Committee, or equivalent, has advised that it should be considered significant for this purpose, or
- The Camden and Islington Shared Head of Internal Audit has reported on it as significant in the annual opinion on the internal control environment.

No significant governance issues have been identified during the year. Work has been undertaken however to ensure that the Authority's governance arrangements continue to follow best practice:

- The Members' Finance Working Group reviewed the Authority's risk register, and the conclusions were reported to the Authority in April 2021 and again in March 2022. A high-level risk register for London Energy Ltd, containing the organisations key risks, was included so that the risks for the company could be taken into account by the Authority as shareholder.
- The Authority signed an updated treasury management agreement with the London Borough of Camden. The revised agreement ensures that it still reflects the requirements of both parties and reflects the need to manage significant cash balances during the construction of the new Energy Recovery Facility.
- On 16 December 2021 deputations were made at the North London Waste Authority Meeting concerning the NLHPP. Responses were provided and the Authority continues to engage with the general public, including north London residents to inform them about the case for the project, its costs, benefits and value.
- The Authority has reviewed its Standing Orders during the year. In October 2021, the Authority approved a change to the Financial Standing orders to provide additional governance for borrowings of £100m or above. In March 2022, the Authority approved amendments to contract standing orders and amended the 'Officer' roles to add the Head of Strategic Communications.
- At the Authority meeting in March 2022, The Authority 'opted-in' to Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd. national procurement for external audit contracts to begin from April 2023.

7. Matters for Future Action

There is a continuing need to keep the Authority's governance and control arrangements under review and to take action where appropriate. This will include:

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- Keeping under review the governance arrangements for LondonEnergy Ltd, including the preparation for the next operating contract from 2025.
- Training, where appropriate, to Members and officers, and an ongoing review of the over-arching and supporting risk registers so that the Authority will be able to track and accurately manage the identified risks associated with all aspects of its work.
- Implementation of any recommendations proposed by internal audit reviews and the development and completion of a further internal work programme in 2022/23.

8. Signed Agreement

We have been advised of the arrangements that are in place to ensure that an effective system of governance exists in the Authority and of the plan to further review and enhance our governance arrangements in the coming year. We are satisfied with these steps and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next review.

Councillor Richard Olszewski
Chair of the Audit Committee

Jenny Rowlands
Clerk to the NLWA

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MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

	General Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves
2021/22	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 31 March 2021 brought forward	8,043	1,439	9,482	151,837	161,319
Movement in reserves during 2021/22					
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	11,696	-	11,696	58,701	70,397
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	(4,489)	-	(4,489)	4,489	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2021/22	7,207	-	7,207	63,190	70,397
Balance at 31 March 2022 carried forward	15,250	1,439	16,689	215,027	231,716
	General Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves
2020/21	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 31 March 2020 brought forward	8,443	1,439	9,882	91,089	100,971
Movement in reserves during 2020/21					
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	3,719	-	3,719	56,629	60,348
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	(4,119)	-	(4,119)	4,119	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2020/21	(400)	-	(400)	60,748	60,348
Balance at 31 March 2021 carried forward	8,043	1,439	9,482	151,837	161,319

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COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Gross Expenditure	2020/21			2021/22		
	Gross Income	Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
37,847	-	37,847	Main Waste Disposal Contract	33,958	-	33,958
1,442	-	1,442	Landfill Tax (non RRC)	1,860	-	1,860
1,810	-	1,810	Composting Services	1,875	-	1,875
10,061	-	10,061	Materials Recovery Facility Services	9,915	-	9,915
2,326	(356)	1,970	Transfer Stations and Other Sites	3,441	(897)	2,544
4,294	(298)	3,996	Reuse and Recycling Centres (incl. Landfill Tax)	5,166	(518)	4,648
2,189	-	2,189	Corporate and Other Support Service Costs	2,567	-	2,567
592	-	592	Operations Team	824	-	824
296	-	296	Waste Prevention Programme – New Initiatives	219	-	219
10	-	10	Communications Campaign – Household Recycling	85	-	85
94	-	94	Other Recycling Initiatives	153	-	153
551	-	551	North London Heat & Power Project	833	-	833
-	(6,026)	(6,026)	Non-Household Waste	-	(6,276)	(6,276)
-	(1,201)	(1,201)	Household Waste	-	(1,428)	(1,428)
-	(2,980)	(2,980)	Sale of Recyclable Material	-	(7,057)	(7,057)
-	(120)	(120)	Rent Receivable	-	(124)	(124)
-	(52)	(52)	Other Income	-	(9)	(9)
61,512	(11,033)	50,479		60,896	(16,309)	44,587

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Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
-	(55,229)	(55,229)	Levy	-	(57,798)	(57,798)
-	(55,229)	(55,229)	Other Operating Income	-	(57,798)	(57,798)
-	(136)	(136)	Interest Receivable	-	(52)	(52)
5	-	5	Pension Interest Cost	4	-	4
1,147	-	1,147	Revenue Funding of Capital – Interest	1,567	-	1,567
1,152	(136)	1,016	Financing and Investment (Income) and Expenditure	1,571	(52)	1,519
		(3,734)	(Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services			(11,692)
		(56,629)	(Surplus)/Deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment Assets			(60,659)
		-	- Surplus/(Deficit) on revaluation on Currency Euro account			1,958
		15	Actuarial Loss/(Gain) on Pension Assets			(4)
		(56,614)	Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(58,705)
		(60,348)	Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(70,397)

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	31 Mar 2021 £'000	31 Mar 2022 £'000
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	188,082	347,445
Long Term Investments	7	119,392	119,392
LONG TERM ASSETS		307,474	466,837
<u>Short Term Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	162,686	607,437
LondonEnergy Ltd		432	2,006
Other Local Authorities		134	65
HM Revenue and Customs		4,711	4,476
Other Entities and Individuals		490	52
CURRENT ASSETS		168,453	614,036
<u>Short Term Creditors</u>			
Short Term Borrowings	8	(9,239)	(21,056)
LondonEnergy Ltd		(7,877)	(5,240)
Other Local Authorities		(6,034)	(7,396)
Other Entities and Individuals		(11,219)	(15,256)
CURRENT LIABILITIES		(34,369)	(48,948)
Long Term Borrowings	8	(280,000)	(800,000)
Other Long Term Liabilities	17	(239)	(209)
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		(280,239)	(800,209)
NET ASSETS		161,319	231,716
<u>Usable Reserves</u>			
General Fund Balance		8,043	15,250
Capital Receipts Reserve	12	1,439	1,439
<u>Unusable Reserves</u>			
Capital Adjustment Account	9	64,103	68,563
Revaluation Account	10	66,267	124,967
Capital Revaluation Account	11	21,706	21,706
Pension Reserve	17	(239)	(209)
TOTAL RESERVES		161,319	231,716

Jon Rowney

Financial Adviser [date]

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	31 Mar 2021 £'000	31 Mar 2022 £'000
Net surplus on the provision of services		(3,734)	(11,692)
Adjustments to net surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements	14	(697)	(4,525)
Net cash (inflow) / outflow from operating activities		<u>(4,431)</u>	<u>(16,217)</u>
Investing activities		69,824	101,466
Financing activities		(128,627)	(530,000)
Net decrease / (increase) in cash and cash equivalents	15	<u>(63,234)</u>	<u>(444,751)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>(99,452)</u>	<u>(162,686)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>(162,686)</u>	<u>(607,437)</u>

The Authority's cash balances are held and managed on its behalf by the London Borough of Camden.

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EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

2020/21			2021/22		
Net Expenditure Chargeable to Balances	Adjustments between the Funding and Accounting Basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	Net Expenditure Chargeable to Balances	Adjustments between the Funding and Accounting Basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
37,847	-	37,847	33,958	-	33,958
1,442	-	1,442	1,860	-	1,860
1,810	-	1,810	1,875	-	1,875
10,061	-	10,061	9,915	-	9,915
1,167	804	1,971	1,739	804	2,543
3,995	-	3,995	4,648	-	4,648
2,220	(30)	2,190	2,596	(30)	2,566
592	-	592	825	-	825
296	-	296	219	-	219
9	-	9	86	-	86
94	-	94	153	-	153
551	-	551	833	-	833
6,060	(4,913)	1,147	6,830	(5,263)	1,567

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Net Expenditure Chargeable to Balances	Adjustments between the Funding and Accounting Basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement		Net Expenditure Chargeable to Balances	Adjustments between the Funding and Accounting Basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
(6,026)	-	(6,026)	Non-Household Waste	(6,276)	-	(6,276)
(1,201)	-	(1,201)	Household Waste	(1,428)	-	(1,428)
(2,980)	-	(2,980)	Sale of Recyclable Material	(7,057)	-	(7,057)
(120)	-	(120)	Rent Receivable	(124)	-	(124)
(136)	-	(136)	Interest Received	(52)	-	(52)
(52)	-	(52)	Other Income	(9)	-	(9)
-	5	5	Pension Interest	-	4	4
-	15	15	Pension Asset – Actuarial (Gain)/Loss	-	(4)	(4)
55,629	(4,119)	51,510	Net Cost of Services	50,591	(4,489)	46,102
(55,229)	-	(55,229)	Levy	(57,798)	-	(57,798)
(55,229)	-	(55,229)	Other Income and Expenditure	(57,798)	-	(57,798)
400	(4,119)	(3,719)	(Surplus) or Deficit	(7,207)	(4,489)	(11,696)
8,443			Opening Balance	8,043		
(400)			Add Surplus/(Deficit) in Year	7,207		
8,043			Closing Balance at 31 March	15,250		

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22, which has been developed under the oversight of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board.

Accruals

In general, the accounts have been prepared on a basis that accrues and accounts for income and expenditure in the period to which they relate. At year-end, allowance is made in the accounts for expenditure and income not paid or received by 31 March, either on the basis of invoices received or a best estimate of the income or expenditure which should be accrued in that year's accounts.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Authority's cash and treasury management requirements are undertaken on its behalf by the London Borough of Camden; it therefore has no cash or cash equivalents on its own account. Instead, the Authority maintains an inter-authority account with Camden. The Authority receives interest on its Sterling balances equivalent to the average return achieved on Camden's own investment activity for the year. Foreign currency balances are held separately and the Authority receives interest on the balance at the prevailing rate.

Capital receipts

Capital receipts are credited to the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve when received. They are only available to fund future capital expenditure or to repay debt.

Leases

Expenditure on operating leases is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which it relates.

Employee Benefits

Benefits payable during employment

Short-term employee benefits are those due to be settled within 12 months of the year-end. They include such benefits as wages and salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits for current employees and are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees render service to the Authority. IFRS requires the Authority to consider accruing for the cost of the leave entitlement earned by employees but not taken before the year-end which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The Authority has assessed the value of carried forward leave and has concluded that it is not significant and therefore no accrual has been made. However, non-consolidated performance related pay paid to staff in 2022/23 in respect of their work in 2021/22 has been accrued.

Post-employment benefits

In December 1994 all operational staff of the Authority transferred to LondonEnergy Ltd. However, the Authority continues to be responsible for the payment of employer borne pension costs (annual compensation) of former retired employees. The Authority has previously decided that this should continue to be paid on a pay-as-you-go basis. However, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 19 – Employee Benefits (IAS 19), the liability has been reflected in the Authority's Balance Sheet.

Employer-borne pension costs attributable to staff employed by the London Borough of Camden for work performed on behalf of the Authority are included in the support service recharges to the Authority.

Non-Current Assets

Land and buildings shown in the balance sheet represent the residual non-operational assets held by the Authority. Depreciation is not charged on non-operational assets. Fixed assets are valued at five-yearly intervals in accordance with the Statements of Asset Valuation Practice and Guidance Notes issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, although material changes to asset valuations are adjusted in the interim period, as and when they occur.

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Investments and Property

The Authority's investment in LondonEnergy Ltd is held at cost. The land at Pinkham Way was valued at 31 March 2018, but the land valuation was updated to reflect market conditions at 31 March 2022. The Hornsey Street property was valued at 31 March 2018. The land at EcoPark was valued at 31 March 2022.

Charges to Revenue in respect of Capital Assets

The comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is charged with a capital charge for capital assets used in the provision of services. The charge consists of the annual provision for:

- Depreciation attributable to the assets used
- Impairment

The Authority is not required to include depreciation or impairment when setting its levy for the year but is required to make an annual provision from revenue to contribute towards the reduction in its overall borrowing requirement equal to an amount calculated on a prudent basis determined in accordance with statutory guidance known as the Minimum Revenue Provision. The Minimum Revenue Provision is a proper charge to the Authority but does not appear in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Such amounts shall be transferred from the Capital Adjustment Account and reported in the Movement in Reserves Statement. The amounts of Minimum Revenue Provision to be charged for the year are set out in regulations and guidance.

Depreciation and impairment are therefore replaced by revenue provision in the Movement in Reserves Statement by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account for the difference between the two.

Capital charges have a neutral impact on the amount to be raised by the levy as they are reversed out in the Movement in Reserves Statement and replaced by the Statutory Provision for Debt repayment.

Prior Year Adjustments

No prior year adjustments have been included in the financial statements.

Reserves

The Authority may set aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by appropriating amounts out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When expenditure to be financed from a reserve is incurred, it is charged to the appropriate service in that year to score against the surplus or deficit on the provision of services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The reserve is then appropriated back into the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement so that there is no net cost to the Authority for that year.

Certain reserves are kept to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, and do not represent usable resources for the Authority.

Group accounts

The Authority has prepared group accounts to provide greater transparency and understanding of the Authority's shareholding in LondonEnergy Ltd. These are presented as supplementary information to the primary financial statements in accordance with the Code. More details are given in the introduction to the group accounts.

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Members' allowances

Members of the Authority receive allowances from the borough that they represent. No allowances are paid by the Authority.

Value Added Tax

VAT payable is included as an expense only to the extent that it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income.

Financial Instruments

Financial Liabilities

Financial Liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Authority becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and carried at their amortised cost. Annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for the interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments over the life of the instrument to the amount at which it was initially recognised.

All of the Authority's borrowing is with the Public Works Loan Board and LondonEnergy Ltd. The amount presented in the balance sheet is the outstanding principal payable (plus accrued interest); and interest charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable for the year according to the loan agreement.

Financial Assets

The Authority's financial assets comprises of cash balances held with the London Borough of Camden and interest receivable. Annual credits to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest receivable are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. This means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the cash balance (plus accrued interest) and interest credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount receivable for the year.

Financial Instrument Risk

The Authority has reviewed the nature and extent of the risks associated with its financial instruments and has concluded that:

In respect of its short-term borrowings from LondonEnergy Ltd and long-term borrowings from the Public Works Loans Board it is not exposed to market risk since the interest rates are fixed for the duration of the loans. Liquidity risk in that the Authority may not have the funds to meet its commitments to make future payments is considered to be very low since the Authority has access to borrow from the PWLB. Additionally, the Authority is required to achieve a balanced budget which ensures that sufficient monies are raised to cover annual expenditure. There is no significant risk that the Authority will be unable to raise finance to meet its commitments.

The Authority's cash balances are managed through the treasury management arrangements operated by the London Borough of Camden. Camden's Treasury Management policy requires it to place deposits only with a limited number of high quality institutions whose credit ratings are independently assessed.

Its main sources of income are its constituent boroughs which are required to pay a levy and charges for the management of non-household and some types of household waste. Accordingly, the risk of non-payment is considered to be extremely low and no provision for bad or doubtful debts is required.

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Small amounts of income come from other commercial sources. The risk to the Authority of non-payment of this income is considered to be low. Accordingly, the Authority does not make a provision for bad or doubtful debts in respect of this income stream.

Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities are possible obligations that may require a payment or a transfer of economic benefit but for which there is no certainty regarding amount or date of settlement. They are disclosed in the notes to the accounts and accruals are not made for contingent liabilities and no adjustments are included within the accounting statements.

CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In applying the accounting policies set out above, the Authority has to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events.

Although none of the Authority's expenditure is funded directly by central government, almost all of its income is derived from its constituent boroughs for whom central government funding is a significant element of their income. Although mindful of the uncertainty about future levels of funding to the boroughs from central government, the Authority has determined that this uncertainty is not sufficient to indicate that the Authority's assets might be impaired or facilities closed to reduce levels of service provision. The nature of the Authority's statutory responsibilities for waste disposal and its demand led nature of its services provide very limited scope to reduce service levels.

ASSUMPTIONS MADE ABOUT THE FUTURE AND OTHER MAJOR SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures based on assumptions made by the Authority about the future, or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made by taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. The Authority has assessed the risk that items in its Balance Sheet being materially different from the assumptions and estimates as being low but recognises that uncertainty cannot be entirely eliminated. Areas of risk are as follows:

The Authority's makes monthly on account payments to LondonEnergy Ltd for Landfill Tax and Electricity Income Claim liabilities based on best available estimates. The Authority makes an assessment at 31 March of the extent to which it has under or overpaid during the year and the balance owed to or by the Authority is reflected in the Balance Sheet. Settlement of these sums is subject to formal agreement with LondonEnergy Ltd. The agreed sum may differ from that included in the Balance Sheet but this difference is likely not to be significant.

All staff currently undertaking work for the Authority are employed by the London Borough of Camden and all related pension assets and liabilities are reflected LB Camden's Balance Sheet. The Authority does however have a liability in respect of pensions for 4 formerly directly employed but now retired staff. Payment of pensions to these individuals is made on the Authority's behalf by the London Pension Fund Authority. An assessment of the assets and liabilities is undertaken annually by Barnett Waddingham who in their calculations must make assumptions about inflation, mortality and returns on pension fund assets.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

This Statement of Accounts was authorised by the Financial Adviser on xx [Month] 202x. Events taking place after this date are not reflected in the financial statements or notes. Where events taking place before this date provided information about conditions existing at 31 March 2022, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information.

The £8.6m loan from LondonEnergy Ltd. Was repaid on 8 April 2022.

On 19 January 2023, the Authority borrowed a further £200m from the Public Works Loan Board for the North London Heat and Power Project. This consisted of 1 loan with a length of 43.5 years.

2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPORTING THE EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

The Expenditure and Funding Analysis shows how the income and expenditure reported to the Authority at meetings for decision making purposes translates to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the final accounts for generally accepted accounting practices. To achieve this, a number of adjustments are made and these are identified below:

Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	2021	2022
	£'000	£'000
Statutory provision for the financing of capital investment – Minimum Revenue Provision	(4,913)	(5,263)
Property, plant and equipment - Depreciation	804	804
Pension asset – Actuarial (gain)/loss	15	(4)
Net interest on defined benefit liability	5	4
Employer's pension contributions paid in year	(30)	(30)
Balance at 31 March	<u>(4,119)</u>	<u>(4,489)</u>

3. NON-HOUSEHOLD AND CHARGEABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE

The Authority operates separate charging arrangements for non-household waste and certain categories of household waste in accordance with s52 (9) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. As a consequence, only the cost of treating non chargeable household waste is funded from the levy.

Constituent councils make monthly payments on account to the Authority based on estimated levels of non-household and chargeable household waste. Following completion of the audit of accounts an additional amount is charged or overpayment repaid based on actual tonnage levels and the actual cost of treatment.

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Non household waste	31 Mar 2021		31 Mar 2022	
	Tonnes	£'000	Tonnes	£'000
Borough				
Barnet	8,081	657	10,709	833
Camden	19,355	1,519	19,296	1,349
Enfield	6,951	569	9,045	717
Hackney	14,826	1,156	21,210	1,499
Haringey	1,800	142	2,871	201
Islington	23,337	1,879	21,147	1,561
Waltham Forest	1,287	104	1,554	116
	<u>75,637</u>	<u>6,026</u>	<u>85,832</u>	<u>6,276</u>

Chargeable household waste	31 Mar 2021		31 Mar 2022	
	Tonnes	£'000	Tonnes	£'000
Borough				
Barnet	936	77	2,086	165
Camden	3,235	254	3,344	236
Enfield	1,054	86	1,431	113
Hackney	4,851	367	6,699	467
Haringey	2,461	195	2,881	201
Islington	2,825	222	3,487	246
Waltham Forest	-	-	-	-
	<u>15,362</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>19,928</u>	<u>1,428</u>

4. LEVY

The levy on constituent boroughs of £57.798m was agreed at the Authority Meeting on 11 February 2021 and represents, after allowance for the use of revenue balances, the net cost of meeting the Authority's statutory responsibility for the disposal of household waste and operating Re-use and Recycling Centres that have been transferred to the Authority. The levy was apportioned in accordance with the menu price based arrangements agreed by constituent councils in January 2016.

	31 Mar 2021		31 Mar 2022	
	%	£'000	%	£'000
Borough				
Barnet	22.36	12,351	23.12	13,362
Camden	10.31	5,695	8.87	5,125
Enfield	12.69	7,007	12.34	7,134
Hackney	12.81	7,075	13.12	7,586
Haringey	14.50	8,007	15.57	8,999
Islington	11.52	6,363	10.43	6,026
Waltham Forest	15.81	8,731	16.55	9,566
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>55,229</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>57,798</u>

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5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and Buildings £'000	Assets Under Construction £'000	Total £'000
Movement on balances in 2021/22			
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 April 2021	105,841	84,661	190,502
Additions,	-	99,508	99,508
Disposals	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Revaluation	60,659	-	60,659
Asset Reclassified	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	166,500	184,169	350,669
Depreciation and Impairment			
At 1 April 2021	2,420	-	2,420
Depreciation charge	804	-	804
Revaluation	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	3,224	-	3,224
Net Book Value at 31 March 2022	163,276	184,169	347,445
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	103,421	84,661	188,082
Comparative movement on balances in 2020/21			
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 April 2020	31,648	32,401	64,049
Additions,	17,532	52,292	69,824
Disposals	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Revaluation	56,629	-	56,629
Asset Reclassified	32	(32)	-
At 31 March 2021	105,841	84,661	190,502
Depreciation and Impairment			
At 1 April 2020	1,616	-	1,616
Depreciation charge	804	-	804
Revaluation	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	2,420	-	2,420
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	103,421	84,661	188,082
Net Book Value at 31 March 2020	30,032	32,401	62,433

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Depreciation is provided for on property plant and equipment by the allocation of depreciable amounts over their useful lives. Exceptions to this are land which does not have a determinable useful life and assets under construction which are not yet available for use.

It is the Authority's policy to revalue assets every five years on the basis of open market value in accordance with the Statements of Asset Valuation Practice and Guidance Notes issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

For the years that formal valuations are not undertaken, the Authority conducts a review to determine whether its assets useful lives have changed and that values have been impaired as a result. The review also considers market values where appropriate.

The Authority revalued Hornsey Street Waste Transfer station on 31 March 2018. It was valued at £15.9m, an increase of £0.7m. As a result of the re-valuation, the plant and Buildings at Hornsey Street is being depreciated over 20 years (from 1 April 2018) and all historic depreciation at 31 March 2018 has been removed, matched by a corresponding charge to the Capital Adjustment Account (note 9).

The Authority also owns land at Pinkham Way and this was valued on 31 March 2018 at £14.1m, an increase of £3.0m on the previous valuation from 2013. In line with the policy to review the value of the Authority's assets for impairment or a change in value, the market value of Pinkham Way was reviewed as at 31 March 2022, based on market evidence from the land value included in the March 2022 valuation of the EcoPark. The carrying value of Pinkham Way was increased by £5.1m to £19.2m as at March 2021 and by a further £9.6m to £28.8m at March 2022. The change to the value of Pinkham Way was not based a full valuation and does not take into account changes in planning designation or the environmental conditions at the site. A full valuation of the site will be undertaken as at 31 March 2023, in line with the Authority's policy to revalue every 5 years.

In December 2020, the Authority agreed a 999-year lease for 73% of the area of the EcoPark from LondonEnergy Ltd for £17.3m (including stamp duty). The Authority commissioned chartered surveyors Savills to value the lease as at 31 March 2022 and concluded that the fair value was £117.6m. The Authority has an agreement in place with LondonEnergy Ltd to lease the remaining 27% of the land when the existing Energy from Waste facility at Edmonton EcoPark is taken out of service.

6. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2022, the Authority has entered into a number of contracts for the construction or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment in 2022/23 and future years. The major commitments are:

Contract description	£'000
EcoPark South	47,054
Northern Area Clearance - Demolitions Works	1,526
Energy Recovery Facility	799,340
	<u>847,920</u>

7. INVESTMENTS – LONDONENERGY LTD

	31 Mar 2021 £'000	31 Mar 2022 £'000
Balance at 31 March	119,392	<u>119,392</u>

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Until 22 December 2009 LondonEnergy Ltd (formerly LondonWaste Ltd) operated as a joint venture company with Sita UK Ltd and the Authority each holding 50% of the share capital. On 22 December 2009 the Authority purchased the shares held by Sita UK Ltd at a gross cost of £97.686m (including stamp duty) under a deferred payment arrangement. Payment took place on 12 April 2010.

Details of the net assets and results of the company are given in Note 2 to the group accounts.

8. BORROWING

Details of borrowings at 31 March 2022 are set out below:

Short Term and Long Term Creditors

Repayment Date	Sum Borrowed
Public Works Loan Board:	
16-Jul-22	£10,000,000
16-Jul-24	£10,000,000
12-Apr-26	£10,000,000
12-Apr-28	£10,000,000
24-Jun-36	£54,000,000
24-Aug-36	£41,000,000
24-Jun-46	£64,000,000
24-Aug-46	£54,000,000
18-Sep-52	£140,000,000
24-Jun-56	£75,000,000
24-Aug-56	£69,000,000
26-Feb-60	£100,000,000
24-Jun-66	£87,000,000
24-Aug-66	£86,000,000
LondonEnergy Ltd:	
08-Apr-22	£8,626,913

The fair value of each loan is determined by calculating the Net Present Value of future cash flows, which provides an estimate of the value of payments in the future in today's terms. The discount rate used was the new borrowing rate at 31 March 2022. Since the carrying value included in the balance sheet includes accrued interest, this is also included in the fair value calculations, which are as follows:

	31 Mar 21		31 Mar 22	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sum Borrowed - £818,626,913 (2020/21: £288,626,913)	289,239	276,695	821,056	719,347

All loans are at a fixed rates of interest. The total fair value is lower than the carrying amount as the overall interest rate payable is lower than rates available for similar loans at the balance sheet date.

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9. CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT

The Capital Adjustment Account shows the resources used to finance capital expenditure and the historic cost of acquiring and enhancing non-current assets.

	2021 £'000	2022 £'000
Balance brought forward	59,994	64,103
Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	4,913	5,263
Depreciation	(804)	(804)
Revaluation	-	-
Balance at 31 March	<u>64,103</u>	<u>68,563</u>

10. REVALUATION ACCOUNT

The Revaluation Account records gains and losses arising from the revaluation of non-current assets.

	2021 £'000	2022 £'000
Balance brought forward	9,638	66,267
Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment Assets	56,629	60,659
Revaluation on Currency Euro account		(1,958)
Balance at 31 March	<u>66,267</u>	<u>124,967</u>

11. CAPITAL REVALUATION ACCOUNT

This balance represents the original cost on vesting date (15 December 1994) of the Authority's investment in LondonEnergy Ltd.

	2021 £'000	2022 £'000
Balance at 31 March	<u>21,706</u>	<u>21,706</u>

12. USABLE CAPITAL RECEIPTS RESERVE

This reserve represents unspent receipts from disposals of capital assets and can be used only to fund capital expenditure or repay debt.

	2021 £'000	2022 £'000
Balance at 31 March	<u>1,439</u>	<u>1,439</u>

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13. RELATED PARTIES

The Authority is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Authority or to be controlled or influenced by the Authority. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the Authority might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely.

Central Government

Central government has effective control over the general operations of the Authority in that it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Authority operates.

Members

Each of the seven constituent boroughs of the Authority appoints two of their Members to the Authority. Transactions between the Authority and its constituent boroughs, principally the Levy and charges for the treatment of non-household waste, are detailed elsewhere in the accounts. Apart from this dual role, no Member of the Authority has reported that he/she or members of their families and households exercised any control or influence on any of the companies or other bodies with which the Authority transacted in 2021/22.

Officers

No officer or member of their family or household, whether working wholly for the Authority or in an advisory role has indicated that they or members of their families and households exercised any control or influence on any of the companies or other bodies with which the Authority transacted in 2021/22.

Other Public Bodies

A number of transactions with related parties are disclosed elsewhere in the accounts. Details of each constituent borough's levy and charges for the treatment of non-household and chargeable household waste are shown in notes 3 and 4.

The Authority operates through a lead borough arrangement with its constituent boroughs. Charges are made by the constituent boroughs in providing the following services.

Camden

Managing Director
Clerk and committee services
External relations
Financial Adviser and financial services
Internal Audit
Legal Adviser and legal and governance services
Operations (waste strategy, contracts management)
Personnel services
Planning and technical solutions

Haringey

Operational support services

Enfield

Environmental adviser

In 2021/22 the Authority paid Camden £2.840m (2019/20: £2.696m) for the provision of lead borough services. On 31 March 2022 Camden held cash and cash equivalents of £607.437m (31 March 2020: £162.686m) on behalf of the Authority.

The London Borough of Haringey provides Operational support services to the Authority. In 2021/22 the Authority paid Haringey £0.177m for these services (2019/20: £0.153m).

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To the extent that monies paid to boroughs for services are paid on by those boroughs to their senior officers, these sums are reflected in Note 19.

Entities Controlled by the Authority

At 31 March 2022, the Authority owned 100% (31 March 2021: 100%) of the shares in LondonEnergy Ltd. In 2021/22 the Authority paid LondonEnergy Ltd £52.406m (2020/21: £45.420m) for waste disposal and transport services. The Company paid no dividend to the Authority in 2021/22 (2020/21: £nil). The Authority's accounts include a creditor of £5.251m (2020/21 £7.877m) in respect of the services provided to the Authority by the Company and a debtor of £2.006m (2020/21 £0.432m) in respect of income due to the Authority from the Company.

On 20 January 2021, Cllr Loakes, Cllr Rennison, Cllr Zinkin, and the Authority's Managing Director and Head of Legal and Governance were appointed as non-executive directors on LondonEnergy Ltd board.

Amounts Written Off

No related party debts were written off in 2021/22 (2020/21: £nil) and no provisions for doubtful debts were raised (2020/21: £nil).

14. ADJUSTMENT TO NET SURPLUS FOR NON-CASH MOVEMENTS

The surplus or deficit on the provision of services in the cash flow statement has been adjusted for the following non-cash movements

	2021	2022
	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operation activities include:		
Depreciation	(804)	(804)
Movement in pension liability	25	26
(Increase)/decrease in creditors	(1,861)	(4,579)
Increase / (decrease) in debtors	1,943	832
Balance at 31 March	(697)	(4,525)

15 ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	At 31 March		At 31
	2021	Cash flows	March
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash	-	-	-
Short Term Investments	28,974	95,538	124,512
Money Market Funds	133,712	349,213	482,925
Cash and cash equivalents held	162,686	444,751	607,437

During the year to 31 March 2022, the Authority secured borrowing of £530m from HM Treasury, via the Public Works Loan Board to fund the works of the capital NLHPP project.

16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Cash on Deposit with London Borough of Camden

The cash and cash equivalents carried on the balance sheet are held by London Borough of Camden on behalf of the Authority. This can be further subdivided into the following categories of financial

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instruments. The Authority's funds are held in interest bearing accounts and are therefore shown as being held in short term investments and money market funds.

Market Risk

The Authority is exposed to market risk in terms of the value that an instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market factors. These factors will have an impact on the overall performance of these instruments, the risk of which can be reduced by diversification into assets that are not correlated with the market.

The Authority holds part of the Money Market Funds in Euro which will be used to pay for the construction of the process equipment within the Energy Recovery Facility being built as part of the North London Heat and Power Project. As the Euro are held exclusively for this use and the work is capital expenditure, any unrealised gain or loss at the balance sheet date has been captured as part of the unusable reserves.

	2021	2022
	£'000	£'000
Short Term Investments	28,974	124,512
Money Market Fund	133,712	482,925
Balance at 31 March	<u>162,686</u>	<u>607,437</u>

Financial Liabilities

	2021		2022	
	Carrying amount	Fair Value	Carrying amount	Fair Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Loans	280,569	268,025	812,418	710,709
LondonEnergy Ltd Loan	8,670	8,670	8,638	8,638
Short term creditors	25,130	25,130	27,892	27,892
	<u>314,369</u>	<u>301,825</u>	<u>848,948</u>	<u>747,239</u>

17. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME

The Authority does not have any directly employed staff. The payroll and pension arrangements for staff wholly employed on authority business are administered by the London Borough of Camden and all transactions, assets and liabilities relating to these staff are included in the accounts of Camden's pension scheme. Similarly, the pension arrangements of the advisers to the Authority are managed by the respective adviser's own authority.

The Authority does however have obligations and liabilities in respect of the added years' element of pensions paid to retired former employees who were directly employed by the Authority prior to the transfer of staff to LondonEnergy Ltd (formerly LondonWaste Ltd) in December 1994. In 2021/22 the Authority paid £30,193 to the London Pension Fund Authority (£34,416 in 2020/21) in respect of these employees. The Authority's future liability as at 31 March 2022 has been calculated by Barnett Waddingham, the actuaries for the LPFA as being £0.209m (£0.239m at 31 March 2021).

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The figure is based on the following assumptions:

	2019/20	2020/21
Return on assets discount rate	1.70%	2.60%
Pension increases	2.80%	3.55%
Inflation (CPI)	3.55%	3.55%

For 2021/22 the actuary adopted a set of demographic assumptions consistent with those used for the formal funding valuation of the LPFA as at 31 March 2019 (2020/21: valuation as at 31 March 2019). The Authority has recognised this liability in the balance sheet and established a pension reserve of an equal amount which is defrayed by the value of the payments made to the LPFA during the year, i.e. by means of a transfer to the pension reserve.

18. NON-MONETARY CAPITAL RECEIPTS

In October 2003, the Authority signed a relocation agreement with Ashburton Properties Ltd (the company set up by the Arsenal Football Club for the purpose of this relocation) and also the corresponding relocation agreement with LondonEnergy Ltd for relocation of the Authority's waste transfer station from Ashburton Grove to Hornsey Street. Subsequently, in July 2004, following the issue of an independent Engineer's Certificate of Practical Completion, the Authority entered into two 999-year leases for the new facility at Hornsey Street.

Ashburton Properties Ltd therefore provided the new waste facility at Hornsey Street in exchange for the Authority's land at Ashburton Grove. There has been no capital outlay for the Authority in this respect, however, for the purpose of recognising the new asset in the Authority's accounts, the asset, which was originally valued at £12.440m at completion, is deemed to have been funded by a non-monetary capital receipt. As at 31 March 2022 the property is carried on the balance sheet at £12.720m (£13.515m at 31 March 2021).

19. OFFICERS' REMUNERATION

The Authority does not have any directly employed staff. Instead, its staff are employed by the London Borough of Camden. The Statement of Arrangements between the Authority and the London Borough of Camden sets out the services that will be provided to the Authority including the provision of the Clerk and other key Adviser roles. The cost of these services is recovered from the Authority by Camden. Details of staff employed wholly on NLWA business receiving annual remuneration in excess of £50,000 are shown below.

Senior Officers with Remuneration over £150,000

		Salary	Variable Pay	Employers Pension Contribution	Total
		£	(Note 1) £	£	£
Managing Director	2020/21	149,662	5,986	51,053	206,701
(Martin Capstick)	2021/22	152,281	7,484	53,707	213,472

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Senior Officers with remuneration between £50,000 and £150,000 per year

		Salary	Variable Pay	Employers Pension	Total
		£	(Note 1) £	Contribution £	£
Programme Director	2020/21	125,766	5,031	42,902	173,699
	2021/22	127,967	6,289	45,131	179,387
Head of Strategy & Services 1 (Note 2)	2020/21	57,731	-	18,937	76,668
	2021/22	-	-	-	-
Head of Strategy & Services 2 (Note 3)	2020/21	-	-	-	-
	2021/22	62,886	1,630	21,891	86,407
Head of Legal & Governance	2020/21	84,424	1,688	28,454	114,566
	2021/22	86,003	-	29,499	115,502
Commercial Lead	2020/21	92,640	1,688	30,032	124,360
	2021/22	94,251	1,009	31,598	126,858
Head of Finance	2020/21	84,424	-	28,113	112,537
	2021/22	86,003	844	29,665	116,512
Head of Strategic Communications (Note 4)	2020/21	-	-	-	-
	2021/22	31,291	1,300	10,989	43,580

Note 1 – Variable pay is a non-consolidated payment based on performance.

Note 2 – The Head of Strategy and Services (1) resigned on 06 December 2020.

Note 3 – The Head of Strategy and Services (2) commenced duties on 28 June 2021.

Note 4 – The Head of Strategic Communications commenced duties on 11 October 2021.

The Authority's other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employers pension contribution) were paid in the following bands:

Salary range	2020/21	2021/22
£50,000 to £54,999	-	1
£55,000 to £59,999	-	2
£60,000 to £64,999	2	-
£65,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £74,999	-	-
£75,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £84,999	1	1
Total	3	4

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Advisers

The Statement of Arrangements also provides for various Adviser roles. These roles are undertaken by specific posts within each Lead Borough. Advisers receive an honorarium the cost of which is recharged to the Authority as follows:

		Variable Pay (Note 1) £	Employers Pension Contribution £	Total £
Clerk – Chief Executive (Camden)	2020/21	9,350	3,114	12,464
	2021/22	9,350	3,231	12,581
Financial Adviser – Executive Director of Corporate Services (Camden)	2020/21	8,993	2,995	11,988
	2021/22	8,993	3,108	12,101
Legal Adviser – Borough Solicitor (Camden)	2020/21	7,723	2,572	10,295
	2021/22	7,723	2,669	10,392

20. EXTERNAL AUDIT COSTS

Mazars LLP were appointed auditors to the Authority from 2018/19. The Authority has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the statutory accounts. Mazars LLP have not provided any additional services to the authority in either 2020/21 or 2021/22. No other audit fees were incurred in 2020/21 or 2021/22.

	2020/21 £	2021/22 £
Audit of the Statutory Accounts	14,068	14,068

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Until 22 December 2009 the Authority held a 50% interest in the shares of LondonEnergy Ltd (formerly LondonWaste Ltd). The interest arose as a result of the Acquisition and Collaboration Agreement between the Authority and Sita UK Ltd. The company was established as a means of complying with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. However, on 22 December 2009 the Authority purchased the shares held by its joint venture partner and LondonEnergy Ltd became wholly owned by the Authority but continues to operate at arm-length with its own board of directors and management team.

ABOUT LONDONENERGY LTD

LondonEnergy Ltd is a company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The company's origins date back to the late 1960's when the Greater London Council (GLC) built the Edmonton Energy from Waste plant. The plant was operated by the GLC until 1986, when the body was abolished. Between 1986 and 1994 the Edmonton plant was owned and operated by the Authority. In 1994 the plant was transferred to a unique public/private partnership between the Authority and SITA, resulting in the formation of the company. Today LondonEnergy Ltd has returned to NLWA ownership and as well as handling the Authority's waste, also holds a contract to treat some waste from Hertfordshire County Council. The company employs approximately 330 staff offering a wide range of services. The company is committed to providing economic, efficient, and environmentally responsible solutions for disposal and treatment of waste, and ultimately, to help preserve and protect the environment.

ABOUT THE GROUP ACCOUNTS

The CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom requires the primary statements of the Authority to be prepared on a stand-alone basis to enable the reader to understand how the Authority has accounted for its stewardship of the funds supplied by local taxpayers through the charges made to and levies raised from the constituent boroughs.

Where an Authority has a significant interest in the operation of a company the Code of Practice recognises that a full understanding of the overall picture of the Authority's operations and resources can only be gained from summarised group accounts. Accordingly, the accounts of the Authority contain summarised group accounts which present the consolidated financial position of the Authority and its interest in LondonEnergy Ltd.

The Authority's accounting year ends on 31 March and LondonEnergy Ltd has an accounting year end of 31 December. The Code permits the consolidation of accounting statements of different dates so long as the two dates are not more than three months apart and that accounting statements of a date that isn't 31 March are adjusted for the effects of significant transactions and events that occurred between the two dates. No adjustments were found to be necessary to the financial statements of LondonEnergy Ltd at 31 December 2021.

In accordance with IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* and the Code of Practice, LondonEnergy has been included on a line by line basis. Accordingly, these group accounts consist of:

- this introduction, explaining the basis on which the group accounts have been prepared;
- a group expenditure and funding analysis;
- a group movement in reserves statement;
- a group comprehensive income and expenditure statement;
- a group balance sheet;
- a group cash flow statement.

GROUP MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

	General Balance £'000	Capital Receipts Reserve £'000	Total Usable Reserves £'000	Unusable Reserves £'000	Total Authority Reserves £'000
2021/22					
Balance at 31 March 2021 brought forward	32,436	1,439	33,875	135,706	169,581
Movement in reserves during 2021/22					
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	6,167	-	6,167	97,873	104,040
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	(4,489)	-	(4,489)	4,489	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2021/22	1,678	-	1,678	102,362	104,040
Balance at 31 March 2022 carried forward	34,114	1,439	35,553	238,068	273,621
2020/21					
Balance at 31 March 2020 brought forward	22,097	1,439	23,536	117,988	141,524
Movement in reserves during 2020/21					
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	14,373	-	14,373	13,684	28,057
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	(4,034)	-	(4,034)	4,034	-
Increase/(Decrease) in 2020/2021	10,339	-	10,339	17,718	28,057
Balance at 31 March 2021 carried forward	32,436	1,439	33,875	135,706	169,581

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GROUP COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

2020/21			2021/22		
Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
79,790	(41,579)	38,211	82,855	(32,578)	50,277
79,790	(41,579)	38,211	82,855	(32,578)	50,277
		Cost of Services			
	(55,229)				(57,798)
	984				1,396
	808				(748)
	(15,226)	(Surplus)/Deficit on Provision of Services			(6,873)
	(8,551)	(Surplus)/Deficit on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment Assets			(99,831)
	-	(Surplus)/Deficit on revaluation of Currency			1,958
	853	Actuarial (Gain)/Loss on Pension Assets			706
	(7,698)	Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(97,167)
	(22,924)	Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			(104,040)

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GROUP BALANCE SHEET

	Note	31 Mar 2021 £'000	31 Mar 2022 £'000
Property, Plant and Equipment	4.7, 4.10	231,573	436,104
Investments	4.8	-	7,000
Long Term Investments	4.7, 4.10	50,213	50,213
LONG TERM ASSETS		281,786	493,317
CURRENT ASSETS	4.9	203,685	634,349
CURRENT LIABILITIES	4.10	(33,574)	(51,918)
Long Term Borrowings		(280,000)	(800,000)
Long Term Liabilities - Pension		(239)	(209)
Deferred Taxation		(2,077)	(1,918)
Other Long Term Liabilities		-	-
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		(282,316)	(802,127)
NET ASSETS		169,581	273,621
<u>Usable Reserves</u>			
General Fund Balance		32,436	34,114
Capital Receipts Reserve		1,439	1,439
<u>Unusable Reserves</u>			
Capital Adjustment Account		64,104	68,564
Revaluation Account		26,010	124,968
Capital Revaluation Account		21,706	21,706
Acquisition Revaluation Reserve		24,125	23,039
Pension Reserve		(239)	(209)
TOTAL RESERVES		169,581	273,621

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Financial Adviser date

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2020/21 £'000	2021/22 £'000
Net surplus on the provision of services	(15,226)	(6,873)
Adjustments to net surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements	<u>6,291</u>	<u>(9,313)</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(8,935)	(16,186)
Investing activities	67,892	119,167
Financing activities	<u>(128,627)</u>	<u>(530,000)</u>
Net (increase)/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(69,670)	(427,019)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>(112,034)</u>	<u>(181,704)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>(181,704)</u>	<u>(608,723)</u>

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GROUP EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

2020/21			2021/22		
Net Expenditure Chargeable to Balances	Adjustments between the Funding and Accounting Basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	Net Expenditure Chargeable to Balances	Adjustments between the Funding and Accounting Basis	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
42,245	(4,034)	38,211	54,766	(4,489)	50,277
42,245	(4,034)	38,211	54,766	(4,489)	50,277
(52,584)	-	(52,584)	(56,444)	-	(56,444)
(10,339)	(4,034)	(14,373)	(1,678)	(4,489)	(6,167)
22,097		Opening Balance	32,436		
10,339		Add Surplus/(Deficit) in Year	1,678		
32,436		Closing Balance at 31 March	34,114		

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NOTES TO THE GROUP ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTS OF LONDONENERGY LTD

The 2021 accounts were approved by the Board of LondonEnergy Ltd on 28 July 2022 and received an unqualified audit opinion by BDO LLP (the Company's statutory auditor) on 29 July 2022. LondonEnergy Ltd is not required to comply with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 but with effect from 2015 it is required to prepare financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The accounts of LondonEnergy Ltd can be obtained from the Company Secretary, LondonEnergy Ltd, Energy from Waste Plant EcoPark, Advent Way, Edmonton, London N18 3AG.

2. INVESTMENT IN LONDONENERGY LTD

Summarised balance sheet of LondonEnergy Ltd

		31-Dec-20 £'000	31-Dec-21 £'000
	Note		
LONG TERM ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4.7	35,499	41,495
Investments	4.8	-	7,000
		<u>35,499</u>	<u>48,495</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		3,354	3,435
Debtors		28,974	27,463
Cash at bank and in hand		19,018	1,286
		<u>51,346</u>	<u>32,184</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(15,321)</u>	<u>(14,843)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,025</u>	<u>17,341</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		71,524	65,836
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES -			
Deferred tax		(2,077)	(1,918)
TOTAL PROVISIONS		<u>(2,077)</u>	<u>(1,918)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>69,447</u>	<u>63,918</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital		31,196	31,196
Share premium		1,648	1,648
Profit and loss account		36,603	31,074
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>69,447</u>	<u>63,918</u>

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3. SHARE PREMIUM RESERVE

The share premium reserve represented the Authority's 50% share of LondonEnergy Limited's share premium account.

4. NOTES TO THE GROUP ACCOUNTS

In addition to the notes and accounting policies to the Authority single-entity accounts, the following disclosures are made in respect of LondonEnergy Ltd.

Accounting Policies

4.1 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 March 2022. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal.

4.2 Valuation of Investments

Investments in unlisted Company shares, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to market value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement for the period. Where market value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment.

4.3 Goodwill

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions has been capitalised.

4.4 Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

4.5 Deferred Taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as likely that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing difference can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

4.6 Pensions

LondonEnergy Ltd operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

The pension charge is based on the latest actuarial valuation.

For the defined benefit scheme, the company recognises the net assets or liabilities of the scheme in the balance sheet, net of any related deferred tax liability or asset. The changes in scheme assets and liabilities, based on actuarial advice are as follows:

- a. The current service cost based on the most recent actuarial valuation is deducted in arriving at operating profit.

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- b. The interest cost, based on the present value of the scheme liabilities and the discount rate at the beginning of the year and amended for changes in scheme liabilities during the year, is included as interest.
- c. The expected return on scheme assets, based on the fair value of scheme assets and expected rates of return at the beginning of the year and amended for changes in the scheme assets during the year, is included as interest.
- d. Actuarial gains and losses, representing differences between the expected return and actual return on scheme assets, differences between the actuarial assumptions underlying the scheme liabilities and actual experience during the year, and changes in actuarial assumptions, are recognised in the movement in reserves statement.
- e. Past service costs are spread evenly over the period in which the increases in benefit vest and are deducted in arriving at operating profit. If an increase in benefits vests immediately, the cost is recognised immediately.
- f. Gains and losses arising from settlements or curtailments not covered by actuarial assumptions, are included in operating profit.

4.7 Non-Current Assets and Depreciation

The non-current assets of LondonEnergy Ltd are included in its financial statements at depreciated historical cost. This is not in accordance with The Code which permits this method of depreciation only for small value assets with short lives and where no other approach is practicable. Moreover, the Company values its freehold land at historic cost. Accordingly, the Authority commissioned Savills chartered surveyors to value the Company's land, buildings, plant and machinery at 31 March on an existing use value basis. The conclusions from Savills' investigations are reflected in the Group financial statements and in the table below. Vehicles and office equipment were outside the scope of Savills' work and are included at depreciated historical cost. The depreciation rates used for these assets are within the range 12.5% and 25%.

The non-current assets of the North London Waste Authority are as set out in Authority's statements and notes. The Authority has two depreciable assets – a waste transfer station and yard at Hornsey Street in the London Borough of Islington and a water pumping station in Edmonton in the London Borough of Enfield. For these assets, depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over 20 years and 9 years, respectively. This is in accordance with advice sought from the valuer. The Authority also has a land holding at Pinkham Way in the London Borough of Haringey. Land is not depreciated. All assets are valued on a five-year cycle and impairment reviews are undertaken in the interim years.

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PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Movement on balances in 2021/22

	Land and Buildings	Vehicles & Equipment	Assets Under Construction	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or Valuation				
At 1 April 2021	151,368	8,697	91,803	251,868
Additions,	-	33	110,176	110,209
Disposals	(782)	(315)	-	(1,097)
Transfer between classes	2,010	206	(2,216)	-
Revaluation	99,831	-	-	99,831
At 31 March 2022	252,427	8,621	199,763	460,811
Depreciation and Impairment				
At 1 April 2021	15,787	4,508	-	20,295
Depreciation Charge	4,473	1,008	-	5,481
Disposals	(779)	(290)	-	(1,069)
At 31 March 2022	19,481	5,226	-	24,707
Net Book Value at 31 March 2022	232,946	3,395	199,763	436,104
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	135,581	4,189	91,803	231,573

Comparative movement on balances in 2020/21

	Land and Buildings	Vehicles & Equipment	Assets Under Construction	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or Valuation				
At 1 April 2020	133,696	8,097	35,762	177,555
Additions,	253	76	58,863	59,192
Disposals	(6,465)	(205)	(625)	(7,295)
Transfer between classes	1,468	729	(2,197)	-
Revaluation	22,416	-	-	22,416
At 31 March 2021	151,368	8,697	91,803	251,868
Depreciation and Impairment				
At 1 April 2020	17,164	3,701	-	20,865
Depreciation Charge	5,083	1,005	-	6,088
Disposals	(6,460)	(198)	-	(6,658)
At 31 March 2021	15,787	4,508	-	20,295
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	135,581	4,189	91,803	231,573
Net Book Value at 31 March 2020	123,836	1,484	9,079	134,399

4.8 Long Term Investments

On 31 December 2021, LondonEnergy Ltd invested in Lime Street Insurance Guernsey PCC Ltd, a protected cell company. It acquired 7,000,000 non-voting cell shares of £1 each.

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4.9 Accounting for Capital Grants

In 2005 the Authority was successful in securing a capital grant from the London Recycling Fund to assist with the funding of a new In-vessel Composting Facility (IVC) at LondonEnergy Ltd.'s Eco-Park. £1.7m was paid over to LondonEnergy Ltd in March 2005 which was offset by the receipt of a grant from the London Recycling Fund. LondonEnergy Ltd constructed the IVC facility at the Eco-Park and has been using it to process compostable waste delivered by the Authority since 2005.

Under The Code of Practice, where there were no conditions attached or where the recipient has complied with any conditions, the grant must be recognised immediately in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. If the expenditure that the grant was intended to fund has been incurred the income must be reversed out of General Fund balances via the Movement in reserves Statement.

The policy of LondonEnergy Ltd with regard to this grant has been to amortise the grant over the 15 year expected life of the IVC facility. Accordingly, each year, the Company credits its Profit and Loss Account and the un-amortised balance are retained as a creditor. In December 2020, the remaining balance £85k of the IVC grant was fully amortised.

This accounting treatment is not compliant with the Code. The Authority therefore, as part of the group accounts consolidation process, has changed the accounting treatment of the grant to reflect the provisions of the Code.

4.10 Acquisition Note

On 22 December 2009, the Authority acquired the remaining 50% of its joint venture, LondonEnergy Limited. LondonEnergy Limited is fully consolidated in these financial statements. The acquisition has been accounted for using acquisition accounting. The goodwill arising at acquisition of £50.213m was capitalised.

The 2009 accounts for LondonEnergy Ltd showed that the Company's net assets (EcoPark) were valued at £46.327m at 31 December 2009. The Code of Practice requires the Authority to take into account the estimated fair value of LondonEnergy Ltd at the balance sheet date and therefore in preparing its 2009/10 accounts the Authority determined this to be £94.577m after a positive adjustment of £48.250m to the Company's non-current assets.

In December 2020, NLWA entered into a 999-year lease with LondonEnergy Ltd for 73% of the area of the EcoPark for £17.3m (including stamp duty).

For the purposes of ensuring that the 2021/22 group accounts were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the Authority commissioned chartered surveyors Savills to value the EcoPark land, buildings and plant and machinery at 31 March 2022. Savills concluded that the fair value of the remaining 23% of the EcoPark belonging to LondonEnergy Ltd. was £69.670m (2020/21: £32.160m), an increase of £47.164m. This adjustment has been reflected in the group balance sheet.

The increase in the net assets on acquisition of LondonEnergy Ltd gave rise to an increase in value which is recorded in an Acquisition Revaluation Reserve in the sum of £24.125m and included in the 2009/10 group accounts. Annual valuations undertaken since then to March 2022 has decreased this reserve by £1.086m to £23.039m.

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4.11 Analysis of Current Assets

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2022 £'000
HM Revenue and Customs	4,711	4,476
Other debtors	13,916	17,715
Inventories	3,354	3,435
Cash and cash equivalents	181,704	608,723
	<u>203,685</u>	<u>634,349</u>

4.12 Analysis of Current Liabilities

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2022 £'000
Short Term Borrowings	(569)	(12,418)
Other creditors	(28,414)	(39,069)
Central Government	(4,591)	(431)
	<u>(33,574)</u>	<u>(51,918)</u>