

New accounting policies:

Local Authority Mortgage Scheme and Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (New accounting policy for 2012/13)

The Local Authority Mortgage Scheme expenditure is classified as a capital cost, and not as an investment. It is therefore excluded from the Council's non-specified investments. This is because the deposit is for the purposes of service delivery, and not for treasury management. The deposits are classified as a long term debtor, and a long term creditor is recognised for the contribution received from Hertfordshire County Council towards the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme. The Council has an earmarked reserve set aside to help meet the cost for any defaults in the mortgage scheme.

Events after the Balance Sheet Date (New accounting policy for 2012/13)

Events after the Balance Sheet date, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the authorised for issue date are identified into two types:

Adjusting events – where the conditions existed at the end of the reporting period and the Statements are adjusted accordingly, and

Non adjusting events, where conditions were not present but if material are disclosed as a note to the accounts.

Events after the authorised for issue date are not reflected in the Statement of Accounts.