

Appendix D

New accounting policy: Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets (New accounting policy for 2011/12)

A heritage asset will be recognised as an asset with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture and is not being used for operational purposes and where the council can obtain, at reasonable cost, the valuation of the heritage asset. Where that valuation is material these assets will be recognised as a separate class of asset – heritage asset on the face of the balance sheet. The method of valuation will be appropriate and relevant to the type of heritage assets and the method of valuation will be disclosed as a note to the Statement of Accounts.

Depreciation will not be applied where a heritage asset has an indefinite life, however where there is evidence of physical deterioration or doubts arise as to the authenticity of the asset, the value of the assets will be reviewed. In addition assets held at current value will be reviewed with sufficient frequency as to ensure that the valuation is up to date.