Target audience:

- Principals / Directors of Further Education Colleges
- College Finance Directors
- Chairs of Governing Bodies
- Northern Ireland Audit Office
- Colleges NI


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This circular sets out summary information from college accounts for the academic year 2014/15 and the preceding seven years.

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## COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

## INTRODUCTION

1. This circular contains summary information from college accounts for the academic year 2014/15 and the preceding seven years.

## BACKGROUND

2. The legal requirements relating to the preparation of college accounts are set out in Article 19 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997. In particular, colleges are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year to 31 July. This statement should comply with the directions given by the Department for Employment and Learning ('the Department').
3. The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2007. The SORP has now been updated to comply with FRS 102 and as a result the colleges will prepare their accounts in accordance with the 2015 SORP from the year ended 31 July 2016.
4. The form and content of the annual college accounts are set out in the Accounts Direction provided by the Department prior to the end of the financial year.

## ABBREVIATIONS

5. Please note the following abbreviations used in this circular:
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\begin{array}{ll}\text { BMC } & \text { Belfast Metropolitan College } \\
\text { DEL } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Department for Employment and Learning } \\
\text { FE }\end{array}
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Further Education\end{array}\right]\)| Management Statement/Financial Memorandum between the |
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| Department for Employment and Learning and the Further Education |
| Colleges |

6. Where brackets are used around a number this indicates that the number is negative.

## COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

7. The governing body of each Further Education College is required to provide the Department with audited accounts in respect of its activities each year, usually by 30 November following the 31 July year end.
8. The Institutions of Further Education (Public Sector Audit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires that the Department shall lay a copy of the statement of accounts and of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
9. College accounts, being laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly, are considered to be in the public domain and colleges are required to make this information available to members of the public by publishing the Annual Report and Financial Statements on their website. This requirement is included in the annual Accounts Direction issued from the Department. Colleges publish the Annual Report and Financial Statements on their websites once the documents have been laid before the Assembly each year.

## INTERPRETATION

10. Since 1 August 2007 there have been six college bodies in Northern Ireland:

- Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)
- Northern Regional College (NRC)
- North West Regional College (NWRC)
- South Eastern Regional College (SERC)
- Southern Regional College (SRC)
- South West College (SWC)

11. Any figures used in the accounts are taken from the audited financial statements. Where accounts are restated in a subsequent year, the updated, restated figures are used.
12. Eleven key accounting ratios have been calculated for each college. The audited accounts of the colleges have been aggregated to enable key ratios to be calculated for the sector. When considering the ratios, care should be taken to make appropriate allowances for individual college circumstances and information should not be taken out of context. There is no single value for each ratio that indicates whether a college is performing well or poorly. The definitions of the ratios are set out in Appendix 1.
13. College management and governing body members are encouraged to monitor the ratios for their college on an ongoing basis. This circular will enable comparisons to be made with other colleges and the sector as a whole on an annual basis.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND RELATED RATIO ANALYSIS

## Overall Sector Outturn

14. Details of sectoral outturn are included at Table 1 below.
15. While the results of individual colleges vary, the sector recorded an historic cost surplus of approximately $£ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ in the year ended 31 July 2015. The surplus reported for the previous year was $£ 4.4 \mathrm{~m}$.
16. The operating surplus/(deficit) is total income less total expenditure including a charge for depreciation based on the revalued amount of fixed assets.
17. The historic outturn is arrived at by adjusting for the difference between depreciation calculated on the historic cost of the fixed assets and the actual charge for the period calculated on the revalued assets which is included in the operating surplus/ (deficit).

Table 1: Income and Expenditure

| Year | 2014/15 <br> £'000 | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2013 / 14 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2012 / 13 \\ \text { (restated) } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 2011/12 } \\ \text { (restated) } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2010 / 11 \\ \text { (restated) } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2009 / 10 \\ \text { (restated) } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 2008/09 } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2007 / 08 \\ \text { (restated) } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income | 256,303 | 253,963 | 252,037 | 263,286 | 249,938 | 237,443 | 222,818 | 243,023 |
| Expenditure | 262,266 | 261,801 | 260,706 | 261,900 | 249,860 | 244,070 | 236,662 | 242,061 |
| Exceptional Expenditure/ (income) | 2,594 | $(2,608)$ | 1,055 | 1,323 | 5,457 | 415 | 694 | 17,798 |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit) | $(8,557)$ | $(5,230)$ | $(9,724)$ | 63 | $(5,379)$ | $(7,042)$ | $(14,538)$ | $(16,836)$ |
| Historic Cost Adjustment | 10,483 | 9,622 | 7,159 | 4,949 | 4,802 | 5,848 | 8,580 | 8,542 |
| Historic <br> Surplus/(Deficit) | 1,926 | 4,392 | $(2,565)$ | 5,012 | (577) | $(1,194)$ | $(5,958)$ | $(8,294)$ |

18. As detailed in the table above total income for the sector has increased each year since 2008/09 with a slight decrease in 2012/13. Total expenditure (excluding exceptional expenditure) has followed a similar trend.
19. Exceptional expenditure in the year ended 31 July 2015 mainly relates to exceptional staff costs including the cost of the Voluntary Exit Scheme in the colleges less amounts reimbursed by the Department for the VES cost. One college also received a rebate in respect of insurance on their PFI agreement.
20. The $£ 17.8$ m exceptional expenditure in $2007 / 08$ is mainly due to the mergers of the sixteen FE institutions to six FE colleges.
21. The historic cost adjustment has fluctuated over the years due to changes in the valuations of properties.
22. Summary information from individual college accounts for each reporting period since 2007/08 is set out in Appendix 2. The sectoral income and expenditure account and balance sheet are set out in Appendices 3.1 and 3.2.

## Solvency

23. Two main ratios (current ratio and the number of cash days in hand) are calculated to give a measure of the solvency of the sector and individual colleges as detailed at Appendix 1.

## Current Ratio

24. The Department recommends that colleges should aim for a current ratio in the range of $1.5: 1$ to $2 \cdot 5: 1$. Although some colleges may be able to operate safely on current ratios below 1.5:1 in some circumstances, a ratio of 1.5:1 will, in general, provide a margin of security to a college in meeting liabilities as they fall due. Each college is required to consider its planned use of reserves when formulating its College Development Plan.
25. The current ratio for the sector for 2014/15 is 1.79:1, indicating that the overall solvency of the sector is within the Department's recommended range. The trend for the sector for this ratio is set out in Table 2. There is some variation in the ratio between the colleges within the sector.

Table 2: Current Ratio

| Year | 2014/15 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | 2008/09 | 2007/08 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current <br> ratio for <br> the Sector | 1.79 | 1.95 | 2.27 | 2.41 | 2.33 | 2.43 | 2.92 | 2.09 |

## Cash Days in Hand

26. The number of cash days in hand is a measure of the cash that a college has available to meet its liabilities. The range suggested by the Department for this ratio is 20 to 40 days. The cash days in hand for the sector as a whole are 72 days compared with the previous year (2013/14) when the cash days in hand were 61 days. The trend for the sector for this ratio is set out in Table 3. As can be seen, while there has been some fluctuation in the cash days ratio.
27. Colleges are encouraged to ensure that a sufficient level of working capital is maintained to support ongoing operations and future investments. However, as Non Departmental Public Bodies colleges should ensure that they do not hold an excessive level of cash.
28. Under the Financial Memorandum in place between the Department and the FE Colleges to 31 July 2015, colleges can hold $10 \%$ of prior year income in cash reserves, or income and expenditure reserves, as uncommitted reserves.
29. Under the new Management Statement/Financial Memorandum (MS/FM) which is effective from $1^{\text {st }}$ August 2015 Colleges can maintain up to $10 \%$ of income as cash, for working capital purposes. Colleges are working with the Department to minimise any cash balances in excess of the 10\% threshold.
30. Colleges must ensure that sufficient and appropriate budget cover is in place prior to spending cash.

Table 3: Cash Days in Hand

| Year | 2014/15 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | 2008/09 | 2007/08 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash days in <br> hand for <br> sector | 72 | 61 | 54 | 59 | 53 | 59 | 68 | 89 |
| No. of <br> colleges with <br> fewer than 20 <br> cash days in <br> hand | $0 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ |

31. Diagram 1 below shows cash days in hand for each college at the end of 2014/15 and over the past seven years.
32. In August 2014 BMC repaid in full a loan from SRC to fund working capital.

Diagram 1: Cash days in hand


## Operating Surplus I (Deficit): Total Income

33. This ratio compares each college's operating surplus or deficit against its total income. The sector operating deficit was $3.3 \%$ of income in 2014/15. The ratio for the previous financial year reported a deficit of $2.1 \%$. The trend in operating surplus / (deficit) for the sector is set out in Table 4.
34. Operating surpluses/ (deficits) are arrived at after charging depreciation based on the revalued amount of the assets. Depreciation charges do not result in an outflow of cash from the college.

Table 4: Operating Surplus I (Deficit)

| Year | $2014 / 15$ | $2013 / 14$ | 2012/13 <br> (restated <br> ) | 2011/12 <br> (restated <br> ) | 2010/11 <br> (restated <br> ) | 2009/10 <br> (restated <br> ) | 2008/09 | 2007/08 <br> (restated <br> ) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating <br> surplus I <br> (deficit) | $(£ 8,557 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 5,230 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 9,724 \mathrm{k})$ | $£ 63 \mathrm{k}$ | $(£ 5,379 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 7,042 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 14,538 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 16,836 \mathrm{k})$ |
| Operating <br> surplus I <br> (deficit) as <br> \% of <br> income | $(3.3 \%)$ | $(2.1 \%)$ | $(3.9 \%)$ | $0.0 \%$ | $(2.2 \%)$ | $(3.0 \%)$ | $(6.5 \%)$ | $(6.9 \%)$ |
| No. of <br> colleges <br> with an <br> operating <br> deficit | $0 / 6$ | $5 / 6$ | $5 / 6$ | $3 / 6$ | $3 / 6$ | $5 / 6$ | $5 / 6$ | $4 / 6$ |

## Historic Surplus I (Deficit): Total Income

35. This ratio compares each college's historic cost surplus or deficit against its total income. For the sector there was a surplus of $0.8 \%$ of income. The figure for the previous financial year was a surplus of $1.7 \%$ of income.
36. The historic outturn is arrived at by adjusting for the difference between depreciation calculated on the historic cost of assets (historical cost depreciation) and the actual charge for the period calculated on the revalued assets included in the operating surplus / (deficit). The trend in historic surplus / (deficit) for the sector is set out in Table 5.

Table 5: Historic Surplus / (Deficit)

| Year | 2014/15 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | 2008/09 | 2007/08 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Historic surplus / <br> (deficit) | $£ 1,926 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 4,392 \mathrm{k}$ | $(£ 2,565 \mathrm{k})$ | $£ 5,012 \mathrm{k}$ | $(£ 577 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 1,194 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 5,958 \mathrm{k})$ | $(£ 8,294 \mathrm{k})$ |
| Historic surplus I <br> (deficit) as \% of <br> income | $0.8 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $(1.0 \%)$ | $1.9 \%$ | $(0.2 \%)$ | $(0.5 \%)$ | $(2.7 \%)$ | $(3.4 \%)$ |
| No. of colleges <br> with a historic <br> deficit | $1 / 6$ | $2 / 6$ | $3 / 6$ | $2 / 6$ | $2 / 6$ | $3 / 6$ | $4 / 6$ | $4 / 6$ |

33. Diagram 2 shows the annual historic cost outturn for each college over the period from 2007/08 to 2014/15.

Diagram 2 Historic cost outturn

34. As NDPBs, the colleges, from $1^{\text {st }}$ April 2012, have fallen under the budgetary responsibility of the Department and therefore must also ensure that they do not under-spend or overspend against their budget for the Department's year ended 31 March each year.
35. A new MS/FM, based on the DFP Model for NDPBs, became effective on $1^{\text {st }}$ August 2015. The Colleges submit monthly budgetary returns to the Department, based on the Departments year end, 31 March. The cash position of the college
budgetary position of each college is now monitored on a monthly basis throughout the year.
36. The cash position of the colleges is also monitored. Under the new MS/FM colleges can retain up to $10 \%$ of their income as cash, for working capital purposes.

Income and Expenditure (I\&E) Reserves: Total Income
37. The income and expenditure (I\&E) reserves show the aggregation of the retained annual surpluses or deficits.
38. This ratio measures the amount of the I\&E reserves a college has compared with its total income.
39. The value of I\&E reserves shown in a college's balance sheet is indicative of a college's financial performance over time. Details of I\&E reserves are shown in Table 6 below.
40. Negative pension reserves are shown separately on the colleges' balance sheets. These reserves are included in Table 6 and taken together with the I\&E reserve make up the net reserve figure.

## Table 6: I\&E and Net Reserves

| Year | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 / 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3 / 1 4}$ | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8 / 0 9}$ | 2007/08 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I\&E reserve | $£ 39.9 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 35.6 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 30.9 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 32.1 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 29.3 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 28.5 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 43.6 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 47.1 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| I\&E reserve <br> as \% of <br> total <br> income | $15.6 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $19.6 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ |
| No. of <br> colleges <br> with <br> negative <br> l\&E <br> reserves | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ |
| FRS 17 <br> pension <br> reserve | $(£ 39.1 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 55.7 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 16.1 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 30.8 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 8.9 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 46.5 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 52.7 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 21.4 \mathrm{~m})$ |
| Net reserve <br> (including <br> pension <br> reserve) | $£ 1 \mathrm{~m}$ | $(£ 20.1 \mathrm{~m})$ | $£ 14.8 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 1.4 \mathrm{~m}$ | $£ 20.4 \mathrm{~m}$ | $(£ 18.0 \mathrm{~m})$ | $(£ 9.1 \mathrm{~m})$ | $£ 25.7 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| Net reserve <br> as a \% of <br> income | $0.3 \%$ | $(7.9 \%)$ | $5.9 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $(7.6 \%)$ | $(4.0 \%)$ | $10.6 \%$ |
| No. of <br> colleges <br> with <br> negative net <br> reserves | $4 / 6$ | $4 / 6$ | $4 / 6$ | $4 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $5 / 6$ | $3 / 6$ |  |

Pay Expenditure: Income and Pay Expenditure: Total Expenditure
41. Detailed in Table 7 are payroll costs for the current year and the previous seven years with relevant ratios.
42. The ratio of pay expenditure to income measures the level of expenditure on payrelated items against income. In 2014/15 59.8\% of income expended on payroll. For the previous financial year, $60.1 \%$ of income was expended on payroll.
43. Exceptional payroll costs generally relate to restructuring, redundancy costs or, for the year ended 31 July 2015, the net cost of the Voluntary Exit Scheme.
44. The ratio of pay expenditure to total expenditure measures the level of expenditure on pay-related items compared to total expenditure. In 2014/15 $58.5 \%$ of expenditure was attributable to payroll. For the previous financial year, $58.3 \%$ of expenditure was spent on payroll.

Table 7: Payroll Costs (excluding exceptional costs)

| Year | 2014/15 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | 2008/09 | 2007/08 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Payroll <br> costs | $£ 153,343 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 152,746 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 150,592 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 146,397 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 152,622 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 144,607 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 146,440 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 146,830 \mathrm{k}$ |
| Exceptional <br> payroll <br> costs | $£ 3,137 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 1,564 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 725 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 1,585 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 5,171 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 378 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 443 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 17,656 \mathrm{k}$ |
| Payroll <br> costs (excl. <br> exceptional) <br> as a of <br> income | $59.8 \%$ | $60.1 \%$ | $59.7 \%$ | $55.6 \%$ | $61.1 \%$ | $60.9 \%$ | $65.7 \%$ | $60.4 \%$ |
| No. of <br> colleges <br> with payroll <br> costs (excl. <br> exceptional) <br> above 70\% <br> of income | $0 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $1 / 6$ | $2 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ | $3 / 6$ | $0 / 6$ |
| Payroll <br> costs (excl. <br> exceptional) <br> as a \% of <br> total <br> expenditure | $58.5 \%$ | $58.3 \%$ | $57.8 \%$ | $55.9 \%$ | $61.1 \%$ | $59.2 \%$ | $61.9 \%$ | $60.7 \%$ |

## Estate Expenditure: Total Expenditure

45. Detailed in Table 8 are estate costs for the current year and the previous four years with relevant ratios.
46. The ratio of estate expenditure to total expenditure measures the level of expenditure on estate-related items compared to total expenditure. In 2013/14 $15.7 \%$ of expenditure was attributable to estates spend. Estates costs are defined as premises staff costs and premises other operating costs (including PFI costs where applicable, with the exception of PFI interest costs) as detailed in the college accounts.
47. This ratio is only available from 2009/10 as premises staff costs were not detailed in college accounts prior to 2008/09 and the interest costs on PFI were not shown separately in all colleges until 2009/10.
48. Northern Regional College and Southern Regional College do not operate PFI contracts.
49. Diagram 3 details estate costs as a percentage of total expenditure for each college from 2009/10 to 2013/14.

Table 8: Estate Expenditure: Total Expenditure

| Year | $2014 / 15$ | $2013 / 14$ | $2012 / 13$ <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Estate costs as a \% of total <br> expenditure | $16.0 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ |

Diagram 3: Estates costs as percentage of total expenditure


## Diversity of Income

50. This ratio measures the extent to which colleges derive income from sources other than recurrent grant from the Department. These sources would include, for example, income from other parts of the Department (Training for Success (TfS) and Steps to Work (StW)), contributions to PFI unitary payments from the Department, Entitlement Framework income from schools, tuition fees and catering operations. The ratio for the sector for $2013 / 14$ is $42.0 \%$ of income. For the previous financial year the ratio was $41.8 \%$ of income. The trend in this ratio is shown in Table 10.
51. The diversity of income ratio can be broken down further by removing all other Departmental income (including TfS and StW) from the equation so that only external income sources are included. The ratio for the sector for the year ended 31 July 2014 is $15.5 \%$ of income. For the previous financial year the ratio was $14.2 \%$ of income. The trend in this ratio is shown in Table 9.

Table 9: Diversity of Income

| Year | 2014/15 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | 2011/12 <br> (restated) | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | 2008/09 | 2007/08 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage <br> of income <br> from <br> sources <br> other than <br> DEL <br> recurrent <br> grant | $41.2 \%$ | $42.0 \%$ | $41.8 \%$ | $44.8 \%$ | $40.9 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ | $36.2 \%$ | $42.9 \%$ |
| Percentage <br> of income <br> from non- <br> DEL <br> sources | $15.1 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ |

## Principals' Emoluments

52. Information on principals' emoluments is presented in Table 10. The figures show total emoluments and include salaries and employers' pension contributions.

Table 10: Principals' Emoluments for the Year Ending 31 July

| Year | $2014 / 15$ | $2013 / 14$ | 2012/13 <br> (restated) | $2011 / 12$ | 2010/11 <br> (restated) | 2009/10 <br> (restated) | $2008 / 09$ | 2007/18 <br> (restated) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total <br> emoluments <br> of principals | $£ 769 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 753 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 752 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 755 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 750 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 776 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 840 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 835 \mathrm{k}$ |
| Average <br> emoluments <br> of principals | $£ 128 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 126 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 126 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 126 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 125 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 129 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 140 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 139 \mathrm{k}$ |
| Highest <br> emoluments <br> of any <br> principal | $£ 139 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 135 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 135 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 135 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 135 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 151 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 222 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 161 \mathrm{k}$ |
| Lowest <br> emoluments <br> of any <br> principal | $£ 125 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 122 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 122 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 122 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 120 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 120 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 119 \mathrm{k}$ | $£ 119 \mathrm{k}$ |

Actual figures for each college are included in the relevant individual financial statements.

## SUMMARY

53. A summary of the ratios for the periods ended 31 July 2008 through to 31 July 2015, and the levels recommended by the Department, are shown in Table 11.

Table 11: Summary of Ratios for Years Ended 31 July 2008 to 31 July 2015

| RATIO | 2014/15 | 2013/14 | $\begin{gathered} 2012 / 13 \\ \text { (restated) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2011/12 } \\ & \text { (restated) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2010 / 11 \\ \text { (restated) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2009/10 } \\ \text { (restated) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20081 \\ 09 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2007/08 } \\ \text { (restated) } \end{gathered}$ | Suggested Range |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current ratio | 1.79 | 1.95 | 2.27 | 2.41 | 2.33 | 2.43 | 2.92 | 2.09 | 1.5 to 2.5 |
| Cash days in hand | 72 | 61 | 54 | 59 | 53 | 59 | 68 | 89 | 20 to 40 |
| Operating surplus/(defi cit) | (3.3\%) | (2.1\%) | (3.9\%) | 0.0\% | (2.2\%) | (3.0\%) | $\underset{( }{(6.5 \%}$ | (6.9\%) | - |
| Historic surplus/(defi cit) | 0.8\% | 1.7\% | (1.0\%) | 1.9\% | (0.2\%) | (0.5\%) | $\underset{\text { ) }}{(2.7 \%}$ | (3.4\%) | $\begin{gathered} \text { (2.0\%) to } \\ 2.0 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| I\&E reserve: <br> Total income | 15.6\% | 14.0\% | 12.3\% | 12.2\% | 11.7\% | 12.0\% | 19.6\% | 19.4\% | Up to 10\% |
| Net reserve: Total income | 0.3\% | (7.9\%) | 5.9\% | 0.5\% | 8.1\% | (7.6\%) | $\underset{(4.0 \%}{(4)}$ | 10.6\% | - |
| Payroll expenditure: Income | 59.8\% | 60.1\% | 59.7\% | 55.6\% | 61.1\% | 60.9\% | 65.7\% | 60.4\% | Up to 70\% |
| Payroll expenditure: Total expenditure | 58.5\% | 58.3\% | 57.8\% | 55.9\% | 61.1\% | 59.2\% | 61.9\% | 60.7\% | Up to 70\% |
| Estates costs: Total expenditure | 16.0\% | 15.7\% | 15.8\% | 16.7\% | 13.7\% | 12.9\% | N/a | N/a | - |
| Diversity of income (nonrecurrent grant income) | 41.2\% | 42.0\% | 41.8\% | 44.8\% | 40.9\% | 38.5\% | 36.2\% | 42.9\% | - |
| Diversity of income (non- DEL income) | 15.1\% | 15.5\% | 14.2\% | 13.3\% | 15.0\% | 16.1\% | 16.6\% | 14.4\% | - |

54. Colleges should have due regard to the indicative ranges of financial performance measures suggested by the Department and should continue to ensure efficient and effective financial management.

## CALCULATION OF RATIOS

There are a number of ratios that are particularly useful in determining a college's financial health.

## Current Ratio

This compares the amount of cash and other current assets with the level of current liabilities. This ratio, also known as "liquidity ratio", gives an indication of ability to pay back short term liabilities with short term assets. The higher the figure, the more capable a college is of paying its obligations:

## Total Current Assets <br> Total Current Liabilities

## Cash Days in Hand

The level of cash days in hand gives a measure of solvency demonstrating the number of days expenditure covered by cash balances held. This is calculated as:

Cash balance $\times 365$
Cash operating expenses

## Operating Surplus/(Deficit) : Total Income

The operating surplus/(deficit) is the surplus/(deficit) on continuing operations after depreciation of assets at valuation and tax. The operating surplus/(deficit) is then divided by total income and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

## Historic Surplus/(Deficit) : Total Income

The historic surplus/(deficit) is the surplus/(deficit) on continuing operations after depreciation of assets at valuation and tax less the difference between historical cost depreciation and the actual charge for the period calculated on the revalued amount. The historic surplus/(deficit) is then divided by total income and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

## I\&E Reserve: Total Income

I\&E reserve is the accumulated balance on the income and expenditure account. The I\&E reserve is divided by the total income and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

## Net Reserve: Total Income

Net Reserve (I\&E reserve including pension reserve) is the I\&E reserve less the pension reserve. This net reserve is then divided by the total income and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

Pay Expenditure: Income
This is the total staff cost excluding exceptional items divided by total income and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

## Pay Expenditure : Total Expenditure

This is the total staff cost excluding exceptional items divided by total expenditure, excluding exceptional items, and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

## Estate Expenditure : Total Expenditure

This is the total estate cost (staff costs and other operating costs) excluding exceptional items and PFI interest, where applicable divided by total expenditure, excluding exceptional items, and multiplied by 100 to give a percentage figure.

## Diversity of Income (Non-Recurrent Grant Income)

This ratio measures the extent to which colleges rely on income from the DEL recurrent grant, i.e. it is the percentage of income other than that of the DEL recurrent grant. The ratio is calculated as follows:

$$
\frac{\text { Total Income - DEL Recurrent Grant Income }}{\text { Total Income }} \times 100
$$

## Diversity of Income (Non-DEL Income)

This ratio measures the extent to which colleges derive income from sources other than the Department. It should be noted that the ratio is calculated on the basis of DEL grant income and DEL contract income from TfS income and StW. Any other minor DEL income is not included. The ratio is calculated as follows:

Total Income - (DEL Grant Income+TfS income+StW income) x 100
Total Income

Extracts from College Accounts 2014/15
(August 2014 - July 2015)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 60,608 | 32,746 | 34,635* | 48,081 | 39,845 | 40,388 | 256,303 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 63,465 | 34,251 | 35,229 | 48,291 | 41,137 | 42,487 | 264,860 |
| Operating surplus <br> I (deficit) <br> £'000 | $(2,857)$ | $(1,505)$ | (594) | (210) | $(1,292)$ | $(2,099)$ | $(8,557)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | 728 | 29 | 216 | 1,316 | 699 | $(1,062)$ | 1,926 |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | 1.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.6\% | 2.7\% | 1.8\% | (2.6\%) | 0.8\% |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 102,253 | 60,505 | 65,023 | 134,022 | 53,500 | 92,058 | 507,361 |
| Current assets £'000 | 19,298 | 10,924 | 12,035 | 11,001 | 19,700 | 11,042 | 84,000 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 13,678 | 9,172 | 4,049 | 8,702 | 4,684 | 6,687 | 46,972 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & \text { f'inon } \end{aligned}$ | 10,822 | 4,787 | 9,638 | 3,727 | 14,456 | 4,687 | 48,117 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 5,280 | 1,718 | 8,228 | 3,761 | 19,154 | 1,777 | 39,918 |
| I\&E reserve as \% prior year income | 9\% | 5\% | 24\% | 8\% | 46\% | 4\% | 16\% |
| Current ratio | 1.41 | 1.19 | 2.97 | 1.26 | 4.21 | 1.65 | 1.79 |
| Cash days in hand | 70 | 56 | 108 | 31 | 138 | 43 | 72 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 57\% | 69\% | 61\% | 56\% | 65\% | 54\% | 60\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 57\% | 66\% | 60\% | 57\% | 63\% | 51\% | 59\% |
| Estate costs as \% total expenditure | 18.9\% | 13.9\% | 15.1\% | 17.8\% | 14.4\% | 13.5\% | 16.0\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 41.5\% | 32.6\% | 31.2\% | 47.6\% | 32.8\% | 57.0\% | 41.2\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 18.3\% | 16.0\% | 13.1\% | 12.6\% | 14.3\% | 14.8\% | 15.1\% |

*Income relating to VES moved to exceptional items.

Extracts from College Accounts 2013/14
(August 2013 - July 2014)

| RATIO | BMC Restated | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 57,909 | 32,098 | 34,346 | 46,799 | 41,377 | 41,434 | 253,963 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 58,486 | 32,712 | 34,397 | 49,149 | 43,681 | 40,768 | 259,193 |
| Operating surplus <br> I (deficit) <br> £'000 | (577) | (614) | (51) | $(2,350)$ | $(2,304)$ | 666 | $(5,230)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | 2,213 | 705 | 582 | (64) | (560) | 1,516 | 4,392 |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | 3.8\% | 2.2\% | 1.7\% | (0.1\%) | (1.4\%) | 3.7\% | 1.7\% |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 123,780 | 55,547 | 64,566 | 123,414 | 60,914 | 86,299 | 514,520 |
| Current assets $£^{\prime} 000$ | 16,053 | 3,640 | 10,724 | 5,894 | 14,010 | 9,903 | 60,224 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 11,844 | 2,215 | 3,354 | 5,807 | 2,442 | 5,253 | 30,915 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & £^{\prime} 000 \end{aligned}$ | 10,120 | 2,511 | 9,783 | 2,013 | 11,398 | 4,828 | 40,653 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 3,937 | 1,390 | 7,734 | 1,903 | 18,075 | 2,535 | 35,574 |
| I\&E reserve as \% prior year income | 7\% | 4\% | 22\% | 4\% | 43\% | 6\% | 14\% |
| Current ratio | 1.36 | 1.64 | 3.20 | 1.01 | 5.74 | 1.89 | 1.95 |
| Cash days in hand | 66 | 30 | 111 | 16 | 102 | 44 | 61 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 58.9\% | 70.7\% | 60.6\% | 57.7\% | 64.8\% | 51.3\% | 60.1\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 56.5\% | 69.4\% | 60.6\% | 56.3\% | 61.9\% | 49.6\% | 58.3\% |
| Estate costs as \% total expenditure | 18.8\% | 10.5\% | 15.2\% | 18.0\% | 14.4\% | 14.6\% | 15.7\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 42.6\% | 32.8\% | 30.3\% | 47.0\% | 34.9\% | 59.3\% | 42.0\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 18.8\% | 17.4\% | 13.5\% | 12.3\% | 16.1\% | 14.0\% | 15.5\% |

Extracts from College Accounts 2012/13 Restated (August 2012 - July 2013)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 57,058 | 32,078 | 34,912 | 44,940 | 41,879 | 41,170 | 252,037 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 58,081 | 35,032 | 34,513 | 49,094 | 42,943 | 42,098 | 261,761 |
| Operating surplus I (deficit) £'000 | $(1,023)$ | $(2,954)$ | 399 | $(4,154)$ | $(1,064)$ | (928) | $(9,724)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | 167 | $(1,447)$ | 950 | $(2,639)$ | 587 | (183) | $(2,565)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | 0.3\% | (4.5\%) | 2.7\% | (5.9\%) | 1.4\% | (0.4\%) | (1.0\%) |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 118,331 | 50,381 | 60,062 | 110,846 | 58,064 | 77,853 | 475,537 |
| Current assets $£^{\prime} 000$ | 11,856 | 3,464 | 9,361 | 5,171 | 14,191 | 9,431 | 53,474 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 7,768 | 2,763 | 2,778 | 3,482 | 1,808 | 4,978 | 23,577 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & £^{\prime} 000 \end{aligned}$ | 6,204 | 2,226 | 8,248 | 1,451 | 11,757 | 6,264 | 36,150 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 1,670 | 690 | 7,073 | 1,933 | 18,572 | 965 | 30,903 |
| I\&E reserve as \% income | 2.9\% | 2.2\% | 20.3\% | 4.3\% | 44.3\% | 2.2\% | 12.2\% |
| Current ratio | 1.53 | 1.25 | 3.37 | 1.49 | 7.85 | 1.89 | 2.27 |
| Cash days in hand | 42 | 25 | 93 | 12 | 105 | 58 | 54 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 58.5\% | 74.6\% | 58.7\% | 61.5\% | 61.6\% | 47.0\% | 59.7\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 57.5\% | 69.5\% | 59.3\% | 56.7\% | 60.1\% | 46.1\% | 57.8\% |
| Estate costs as \% total expenditure | 18.0\% | 11.4\% | 15.1\% | 17.5\% | 15.2\% | 15.7\% | 15.8\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 40.1\% | 31.9\% | 32.1\% | 46.2\% | 36.5\% | 60.6\% | 41.8\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 17.3\% | 16.5\% | 13.4\% | 10.5\% | 15.0\% | 11.8\% | 14.2\% |

Extracts from College Accounts 2011/12 Restated
(August 2011 - July 2012)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC (restated) | SERC | SRC (restated) | SWC (restated) | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income $£^{\prime} 000$ | 63,222 | 31,494 | 35,834 | 49,372 | 42,771 | 40,593 | 263,286 |
| Total expenditure $£^{\prime} 000$ | 65,697 | 33,862 | 33,835 | 50,061 | 40,630 | 39,138 | 263,223 |
| Operating surplus <br> I (deficit) <br> £'000 | $(2,475)$ | $(2,368)$ | 1,999 | (689) | 2,141 | 1,455 | 63 |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | $(1,022)$ | $(1,129)$ | 2,154 | 61 | 3,124 | 1,824 | 5,012 |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | (1.6\%) | (3.6\%) | 6.0\% | 0.1\% | 7.3\% | 4.5\% | 1.9\% |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 118,969 | 55,651 | 58,735 | 109,283 | 59,226 | 76,732 | 478,596 |
| Current assets $£^{\prime} 000$ | 10,986 | 4,479 | 9,291 | 7,052 | 14,711 | 10,453 | 56,972 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 21,895 | 2,610 | 3,447 | 2,886 | 2,675 | 5,140 | 38,653 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & £ ’ 000 \end{aligned}$ | 6,426 | 3,170 | 7,858 | 3,063 | 11,937 | 7,342 | 39,796 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 1,078 | 1,923 | 5,955 | 4,370 | 17,784 | 1,036 | 32,146 |
| I\&E reserve as \% income | 1.7\% | 6.1\% | 16.6\% | 8.9\% | 41.6\% | 2.6\% | 12.2\% |
| Current ratio | 1.59 | 1.72 | 2.70 | 2.44 | 5.50 | 2.03 | 2.41 |
| Cash days in hand | 41 | 37 | 85 | 23 | 111 | 73 | 59 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 52.5\% | 75.2\% | 56.7\% | 52.1\% | 58.8\% | 45.2\% | 55.6\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 51.2\% | 70.8\% | 60.0\% | 51.3\% | 62.0\% | 46.9\% | 55.9\% |
| Estate costs as \% total expenditure | 18.3\% | 11.0\% | 14.6\% | 23.7\% | 12.8\% | 15.6\% | 16.7\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 46.3\% | 32.0\% | 36.3\% | 50.2\% | 38.1\% | 60.5\% | 44.8\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 15.7\% | 16.5\% | 12.1\% | 9.8\% | 14.6\% | 10.8\% | 13.3\% |

Extracts from College Accounts 2010/11 Restated (August 2010 - July 2011)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 54,414 | 33,843 | 34,487 | 44,898 | 43,073 | 39,223 | 249,938 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 60,725 | 35,164 | 34,104 | 45,882 | 41,015 | 38,427 | 255,317 |
| Operating surplus I (deficit) £'000 | $(6,311)$ | $(1,321)$ | 383 | (984) | 2,058 | 796 | $(5,379)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | $(4,905)$ | (322) | 489 | 125 | 3,041 | 995 | (577) |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | (9.0\%) | (1.0\%) | 1.4\% | 0.3\% | 7.1\% | 2.5\% | (0.2\%) |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 63,460 | 58,491 | 48,704 | 99,889 | 47,291 | 61,596 | 379,431 |
| Current assets $£^{\prime} 000$ | 16,474 | 5,636 | 8,378 | 7,646 | 13,490 | 9,312 | 60,936 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 8,898 | 2,687 | 2,883 | 4,447 | 2,670 | 4,579 | 26,164 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & £{ }^{\prime} 000 \end{aligned}$ | 1,889 | 4,530 | 6,817 | 4,461 | 10,879 | 6,066 | 34,642 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 2,200 | 3,088 | 3,783 | 4,416 | 14,750 | 1,052 | 29,289 |
| I\&E reserve as \% income | 4.0\% | 9.1\% | 11.0\% | 9.8\% | 34.2\% | 2.7\% | 11.7\% |
| Current ratio | 1.85 | 2.10 | 2.91 | 1.72 | 5.05 | 2.03 | 2.33 |
| Cash days in hand | 13 | 50 | 76 | 38 | 102 | 60 | 53 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 70.4\% | 71.4\% | 60.0\% | 57.9\% | 59.8\% | 45.1\% | 61.1\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 66.6\% | 69.3\% | 61.2\% | 58.4\% | 63.3\% | 46.1\% | 61.1\% |
| Estate costs as \% total expenditure | 13.4\% | 13.1\% | 16.7\% | 14.9\% | 12.9\% | 11.4\% | 13.7\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 38.8\% | 35.0\% | 31.8\% | 43.1\% | 36.8\% | 58.9\% | 40.9\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 20.4\% | 16.4\% | 13.8\% | 12.0\% | 14.2\% | 11.4\% | 15.0\% |

Extracts from College Accounts 2009/10 Restated
(August 2009 - July 2010)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 57,135 | 33,419 | 33,191 | 39,811 | 39,482 | 34,405 | 237,443 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 56,719 | 33,655 | 34,598 | 40,402 | 40,826 | 38,285 | 244,485 |
| Operating surplus I (deficit) $£^{\prime} 000$ | 416 | (236) | $(1,407)$ | (591) | $(1,344)$ | $(3,880)$ | $(7,042)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | 2,013 | 1,075 | $(1,204)$ | 955 | (153) | $(3,880)$ | $(1,194)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | 3.5\% | 3.2\% | (3.6\%) | 2.4\% | (0.4\%) | (11.3\%) | (0.5\%) |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 59,092 | 52,130 | 45,768 | 78,816 | 50,217 | 61,355 | 347,378 |
| Current assets £'000 | 16,806 | 8,257 | 9,092 | 6,875 | 9,663 | 8,585 | 59,278 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 5,212 | 5,367 | 3,452 | 3,928 | 1,875 | 4,588 | 24,422 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & £^{\prime} 000 \end{aligned}$ | 6,116 | 5,272 | 8,099 | 3,948 | 7,300 | 5,561 | 36,296 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 6,575 | 3,066 | 3,167 | 4,073 | 11,652 | (66) | 28,467 |
| I\&E reserve as \% income | 11.5\% | 9.2\% | 9.5\% | 10.2\% | 29.5\% | (0.2\%) | 12.0\% |
| Current ratio | 3.22 | 1.54 | 2.63 | 1.75 | 5.15 | 1.87 | 2.43 |
| Cash days in hand | 42 | 62 | 94 | 38 | 69 | 60 | 59 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 63.9\% | 68.3\% | 58.8\% | 63.1\% | 63.1\% | 45.8\% | 60.9\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 64.3\% | 68.3\% | 56.4\% | 62.2\% | 61.0\% | 41.3\% | 59.2\% |
| Estate costs as \% total expenditure | 10.4\% | 12.1\% | 16.4\% | 12.6\% | 15.8\% | 11.8\% | 12.9\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 37.6\% | 32.3\% | 29.7\% | 36.9\% | 37.4\% | 57.3\% | 38.5\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 22.1\% | 14.6\% | 14.9\% | 13.1\% | 16.0\% | 12.5\% | 16.1\% |

## Extracts from College Accounts 2008/09

(August 2008 - July 2009)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 53,624 | 32,303 | 33,497 | 32,580 | 38,288 | 32,526 | 222,818 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 56,220 | 34,920 | 33,396 | 39,354 | 40,932 | 32,534 | 237,356 |
| Operating surplus I (deficit) <br> £'000 | $(2,596)$ | $(2,617)$ | 101 | $(6,774)$ | $(2,644)$ | (8) | $(14,538)$ |
| Historic cost <br> surplus / (deficit) <br> £'000 | $(1,008)$ | $(1,305)$ | 401 | $(2,909)$ | $(1,476)$ | 339 | $(5,958)$ |
| Historic cost surplus / (deficit) as \% income | (1.9\%) | (4.0\%) | 1.2\% | (8.9\%) | (3.9\%) | 1.0\% | (2.7\%) |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 65,859 | 58,586 | 40,737 | 66,030 | 62,765 | 68,939 | 362,916 |
| Current assets $£^{\prime} 000$ | 20,365 | 7,262 | 11,496 | 6,423 | 12,731 | 12,833 | 71,110 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 6,437 | 4,424 | 3,516 | 3,385 | 3,426 | 3,206 | 24,394 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & \text { £'000 } \end{aligned}$ | 6,679 | 5,397 | 7,839 | 5,065 | 10,561 | 5,747 | 41,288 |
| I\&E reserve $£^{\prime} 000$ | 8,300 | 2,935 | 7,008 | 4,180 | 13,541 | 7,679 | 43,643 |
| I\&E reserve as \% income | 15.5\% | 9.1\% | 20.9\% | 12.8\% | 35.4\% | 23.6\% | 19.6\% |
| Current ratio | 3.16 | 1.64 | 3.27 | 1.90 | 3.72 | 4.00 | 2.92 |
| Cash days in hand | 46 | 60 | 92 | 53 | 99 | 68 | 68 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 70.0\% | 74.4\% | 58.4\% | 76.8\% | 64.5\% | 48.0\% | 65.7\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 66.8\% | 69.1\% | 58.6\% | 63.7\% | 60.7\% | 48.3\% | 61.9\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 35.5\% | 32.6\% | 30.7\% | 33.2\% | 34.6\% | 51.3\% | 36.2\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 21.2\% | 15.1\% | 15.5\% | 14.7\% | 16.7\% | 13.5\% | 16.6\% |

Extracts from College Accounts 2007/08 Restated
(August 2007 - July 2008)

| RATIO | BMC | NRC | NWRC | SERC | SRC | SWC | Sector |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income £'000 | 58,803 | 35,548 | 37,694 | 36,146 | 39,854 | 34,978 | 243,023 |
| Total expenditure £'000 | 65,119 | 37,514 | 37,348 | 43,780 | 42,272 | 33,826 | 259,859 |
| Operating surplus I (deficit) <br> £'000 | $(6,316)$ | $(1,966)$ | 346 | $(7,634)$ | $(2,418)$ | 1,152 | $(16,836)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) £'000 | $(4,532)$ | (659) | 646 | $(3,266)$ | $(1,751)$ | 1,268 | $(8,294)$ |
| Historic cost surplus I (deficit) as \% income | (7.7\%) | (1.9\%) | 1.7\% | (9.0\%) | (4.4\%) | 3.6\% | (3.4\%) |
| Fixed assets £'000 | 75,716 | 66,035 | 44,531 | 60,264 | 70,224 | 69,648 | 386,418 |
| Current assets $£^{\prime} 000$ | 18,254 | 9,660 | 11,476 | 13,935 | 16,295 | 11,974 | 81,594 |
| Current liabilities £'000 | 9,784 | 6,127 | 4,848 | 7,642 | 6,089 | 4,513 | 39,003 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & \text { £'000 } \end{aligned}$ | 6,818 | 7,686 | 8,540 | 11,769 | 13,859 | 5,924 | 54,596 |
| I\&E reserve £'000 | 8,422 | 3,781 | 6,424 | 6,742 | 14,883 | 6,800 | 47,052 |
| I\&E reserve as \% income | 14.3\% | 10.6\% | 17.0\% | 18.7\% | 37.3\% | 19.4\% | 19.4\% |
| Current ratio | 1.87 | 1.58 | 2.37 | 1.82 | 2.68 | 2.65 | 2.09 |
| Cash days in hand | 43 | 83 | 98 | 130 | 136 | 71 | 89 |
| Payroll costs as \% income | 66.5\% | 68.5\% | 52.6\% | 65.6\% | 60.8\% | 44.7\% | 60.4\% |
| Payroll costs as \% total expenditure | 64.8\% | 68.0\% | 55.6\% | 60.4\% | 61.4\% | 49.4\% | 60.7\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonrecurrent grant income) | 40.6\% | 38.0\% | 43.9\% | 41.9\% | 41.7\% | 52.8\% | 42.9\% |
| Diversity of income \% (nonDEL income) | 19.5\% | 11.4\% | 11.8\% | 14.6\% | 12.5\% | 13.7\% | 14.4\% |


|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ 2014 / 15 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { 2013/14 } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { Restated } \\ 2012 / 13 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { Restated } \\ 2011 / 12 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { Restated } \\ 2010 / 11 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { Restated } \\ 2009 / 10 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { 2008/09 } \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Actual } \\ \text { Restated } \\ 2007 / 08 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
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| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEL grants | 188,785 | 180,240 | 178,705 | 186,001 | 175,383 | 168,837 | 162,990 | 186,677 |
| Education contracts | 36,092 | 41,811 | 44,982 | 50,071 | 46,033 | 39,292 | 31,669 | 26,120 |
| Tuition fees and charges | 19,763 | 18,624 | 18,251 | 17,949 | 18,558 | 19,392 | 17,592 | 18,186 |
| Other grant income | 6,013 | 7,127 | 4,795 | 3,796 | 4,768 | 4,005 | 4,275 | 3,989 |
| Other operating income | 4,761 | 4,848 | 4,469 | 3,767 | 4,364 | 4,921 | 4,318 | 4,469 |
| Investment income | 889 | 1,313 | 835 | 1,702 | 832 | 996 | 1,974 | 3,582 |
| Total income | 256,303 | 253,963 | 252,037 | 263,286 | 249,938 | 237,443 | 222,818 | 243,023 |
| Expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Staff costs | 153,343 | 152,746 | 150,592 | 146,397 | 152,622 | 144,607 | 146,440 | 146,830 |
| Other operating expenses | 88,997 | 91,590 | 93,105 | 99,743 | 85,942 | 81,852 | 75,489 | 76,854 |
| Depreciation | 19,921 | 17,402 | 16,703 | 13,565 | 10,538 | 14,019 | 11,423 | 15,704 |
| Impairment |  |  | 11 | 2,156 | (265) | 1,441 | 2,584 | 2,639 |
| Interest payable | 5 | 63 | 295 | 39 | 1,023 | 2,151 | 726 | 34 |
| Total expenditure | 262,266 | 261,801 | 260,706 | 261,900 | 249,860 | 244,070 | 236,662 | 242,061 |
| Exceptional Items Exceptional costs staff | 3,137 | 1,564 | 725 | 1,585 | 5,171 | 378 | 443 | 17,656 |
| Exceptional costs -non-staff | (346) | $(2,127)$ | (40) | (135) | 29 | 37 | 60 | 153 |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of fixed assets | (197) | $(2,045)$ | 370 | (127) | 257 | - | 191 | (11) |
| Total exceptional items | 2,594 | $(2,608)$ | 1,055 | 1,323 | 5,457 | 415 | 694 | 17,798 |
| Surplus/(deficit) on continuing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation of assets at valuation and before tax | $(8,557)$ | $(5,230)$ | $(9,724)$ | 63 | $(5,379)$ | $(7,042)$ | $(14,538)$ | $(16,836)$ |
| Transfer from revaluation reserve | 10,483 | 9,622 | 7,159 | 4,949 | 4,802 | 5,848 | 8,580 | 8,542 |
| Historic cost surplus/(deficit) for the year | 1,926 | 4,392 | $(2,565)$ | 5,012 | (577) | $(1,194)$ | $(5,958)$ | $(8,294)$ |



