

Committee: MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

Date: 14th July 2011

Agenda item:

Wards: Borough Wide Merton and Sutton

Subject: ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/2011

Lead officer: Zoe Church

Lead member:

Key decision reference number:

Urgent report:

The legal requirements for Access to Information have not been met. The board is advised to consider the report as an urgent matter as the board must consider its Statement of Accounts by the end of June:

Recommendations:

- A. To re-appoint Mazars LLP as auditors of the Board to hold office until the conclusion of the next general Meeting at which accounts are laid before the board.
 - B. To receive and approve the Draft Abstract of Accounts for 2010-11
 - C. To approve the Annual Audit Return for 2010-11
 - D. That a board meeting is scheduled for the last week of June 2012 to ensure that the board meet it's statutory requirements in respect of account sign off.
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1. Purpose of report and executive summary

- 1.1 This report presents MSJCB's Accounts for 2010-11, where appropriate amendments have been made to the presentation to comply with the CIPFA Accounting Code of Practice which is compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The 2009-10 accounts have been restated and two additional statements in respect of "Movement in Reserves" (including capital gains and losses on disposals in the income and expenditure account) and "Cash Flow".

2. Details

- 2.1 The statement of accounts for 2010-11 is attached to this report. It includes the details of actuals for 2009/2010 for comparison purposes. The accounts are subject to audit.

2.2 The principal under/over spending areas are as follows: -

<u>Item</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Income underachieved	40,710	The administration of maintenance of graves set to coincide with the financial year.
Employee expenditure	(26,479)	Reduction of staffing
Loan Repayment	(72,000)	Required for budgeting to ensure income levels required are achieved to break even
Other expenditure	3,368	
Net Overspend	<u>(54,401)</u>	

2.3 **Fund balances and reserves**

2.4 Members should note the overall level of the Common Fund Balance to be £150,009. A distribution to Constituent Boroughs for 2011-12 is not recommended due to ongoing capital projects.

2.5 **Statutory requirement for account sign off**

2.6 In accordance with Small Bodies Regulations MSJCB accounts should be signed off by the Chair of MSJCB by 30th June 2011. It is recommended that a meeting is scheduled during the financial year which meets this target in 2012.

3. **Alternative options**

3.1 None for the purposes of this report

4. **Consultation undertaken or proposed**

4.1 None for the purposes of this report

5. **Timetable**

5.1 None for the purposes of this report

6. **Financial, resource and property implications**

6.1 As contained in the body of the report

7. **Legal and statutory implications**

7.1 None for the purposes of this report

8. **Human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications**

8.1 None for the purposes of this report

9. Risk management and health and safety implications

9.1 None for the purposes of this report

10. Appendices – the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report

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Appendices	A – Movement in Reserves B – Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2011 C – Income and Expenditure Account 2010-11 D – Cash Flow Statement E – Copy of Annual Return 2010-11 to Auditors F – Capital Accounts G – Precept History
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11. Background Papers – the following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report

11.1 2010/2011 Closing files, 2010/11 Budget files and Budgetary Control files in the Corporate Services Department

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13. Useful links

13.1 Merton Council's Web site: <http://www.merton.gov.uk>

13.2 Readers should note the terms of the legal information (disclaimer) regarding information on Merton Council's and third party linked websites.

13.3 <http://www.merton.gov.uk/legal.htm>

13.4 This disclaimer also applies to any links provided here.

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2011

Treasurer of the Board

Merton Civic Centre
London Road
Morden
Surrey
SM4 5DX

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/2011

STATEMENT OF MAIN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1983. There was a change in the basis of accounting during 1995/96. In prior years accounts have been prepared on an income and expenditure basis. Since 1996/97, the accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. The Revenue Account therefore includes all sums due to the Board in respect of the financial year and all sums payable for work done or goods received during the year.

For the financial year 2010-11 the accounts have been produced in accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice which is based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). This has resulted in minor presentational changes and the addition of two statements: "Movement in Reserves – Appendix A" and "Cash Flow Statement – Appendix D. Further presentational changes have been minimised as MSJCB receives no grants, has no finance leases and no leave carried forward from 2010-11.

Capital expenditure defined as expenditure relating to assets in excess of £1,000. Capital expenditure is financed from the capital fund and loans, the redemption of which is provided for by the annual setting aside of sums in the Movement of Reserves Statement to repay the principal and the charging of interest on the loan in the revenue account.

A precept can be levied on the London Boroughs of Merton and Sutton to meet the net expenditure of the Board (after adjusting for contributions to or from balances held in the Board's Common Fund). No precept was levied in 2010-11. This is to be reviewed in the 2012-13 budget setting process.

AREA OF CEMETERY'S LAND	ACRES
Utilised at present for burial purposes	21.8
Let for stabling and grazing of horses at a rent of £17,700 per annum	32
Let to Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames for school playing fields at a rent of £3,500 per annum.	2.5
Crown Castle UK Ltd rent of £12,900 per annum	0.03
ARQIVA rent of £7,875 per annum	0.02
TOTAL	56.35

MSJCB Movement in Reserves Statement 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

Type of Funding	Usable				Unusable		Combined
Fund Narrative	Purchasing Graves Reserves Fund	Maintenance of Graves Fund	Common Fund	Capital Fund	Capital Adjustment Account	Revaluation Reserve Account	Total
Balance at 1 April 2009 b/fwd	(26,040)	(252)	(186,568)	(2,727)	(239,273)	(150,748)	(605,608)
(Surplus)/Deficit of the Year	0	0	81,567	0	0	0	81,567
Adjustments between statutory Accounting and Proper Accounting Practice							
Depreciation	0	0	(32,839)	0	32,839	0	0
Loss on Disposal	0	0	(10,500)	0	10,500	0	0
Appropriations							
Provision for loan repayment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LBM Loan	0	0	0	(204,004)	204,004	0	0
Contribution to Capital Fund	0	0	50,000	(50,000)	0	0	0
Application of Money to Fund Capital	0	0	0	254,030	(254,030)	0	0
Balance at 31 March 2010 c/fwd	(26,040)	(252)	(98,340)	(2,701)	(245,960)	(150,748)	(524,041)

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(Surplus)/Deficit of the Year	0	0	(54,401)	0	0	0	(54,401)
Adjustments between statutory Accounting and Proper Accounting Practice							
Depreciation	0	0	(25,347)	0	25,347	0	0
Appropriations							
Provision for loan repayment	0	0	18,000	0	(18,000)	0	0
Contribution to Capital Fund	0	0	20,119	(20,119)	0	0	0
Application of Money to Fund Capital	0	0	0	18,901	(18,901)	0	0
Balance at 31 March 2011 c/fwd	(26,040)	(252)	(139,970)	(3,919)	(257,514)	(150,748)	(578,443)

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2011

31st March 2010		31st March 2011
LONG TERM ASSETS		
	Capital Outlay	
	Less Capital Discharged	
436,272	Land and Building	441,694
164,692	Vehicles, Plant Furniture & Equipment	152,824
0	Long Term Debtors	0
600,963		594,518
CURRENT ASSETS		
0	Investment at cost	249
249	Sundry Debtors	0
31,488	Provision of Bad Debt	0
(31,488)	Cash & Bank/(Overdraft)	169,738
127,015		
127,264		169,987
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
0	Sundry Creditors	0
127,264		169,987
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
		169,987
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
204,005	Loans from London Borough of Merton	186,005
182	Loans from the Public Works Loans Board	57
204,186		186,062
524,041		578,443
NET ASSETS		
UNUSABLE RESERVES		
245,960	Capital Adjustment account	257,514
150,748	Capital Revaluation account	150,748
		408,262
USABLE RESERVES		
98,340	Common Fund	139,969
2,701	Capital Fund	3,919
26,040	Purchasing Graves In Reserve Fund	26,040
252	Graves maintained in perpetuity	252
		170,180
524,041	TOTAL RESERVES	578,443

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2011

Actual to date 2009/10 £	REVENUE ESTIMATE 2010/11 £	Actual to date 2010/11 £
Employees		
48,812 Salaries	61,130	51,696
207,148 Wages	172,080	150,028
4,549 Pensions	280	5,377
0 Gratuities	90	0
260,509	233,580	207,101
Running Expenses		
5,266 Maintenance - Buildings	4,700	5,980
8,596 Maintenance - Electrical	0	2,388
9,540 Maintenance - Grounds and Paths	11,440	7,743
2,472 Electricity	3,530	1,815
4,418 Gas	2,790	5,371
295 Cleaning Materials	310	243
203 Rubbish Disposal	0	0
1,998 Water	2,150	1,913
5,335 Rates	5,600	5,588
2,242 Equipment	1,770	382
Tools	160	0
3,642 Materials	3,200	5,182
1,161 Memorial Seats - Purchase	1,220	1,647
0 Laundry	100	0
1,756 Clothing and Uniforms	630	255
198 Car Allowances	0	94
36 Petrol and Oil	910	464
2,904 Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles and Plant	5,410	7,559
2,079 Printing and Stationery	1,480	1,402
0 Advertising	770	0
345 Postage	380	362
358 Telephones & IT	1,040	2,698
2,825 Training & Conference Expenses	530	1,246
310 Subscriptions	400	730
2,880 Insurance	2,920	2,880
56,110 Management and Administration Expenses	56,080	56,080
1,208 Audit Fee	2,580	3,080
0 Travel Expenses	60	0
10,500 Loss on Disposal	0	0
32,839 Depreciation	0	25,347
31,488 Provision for Bad Debt	0	0
191,004	110,160	140,449

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2011**

Actual to date 2009/10 £		REVENUE ESTIMATE 2010/11 £	Actual to date 2010/11 £
	0 Capital Debt Charges	72000	0
	0 Operational Leasing	1500	0
	73 Other	0	129
	73 Debt Charges	73,500	129
	Miscellaneous Expenses		
	15,601 Gate & Fencing Repairs		
	168 Landscaping		
	0 Specific Maintenance Provision	25,550	0
	15,769	25,550	0
	467,356 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	442,790	347,679
	INCOME		
	(326,212) Interment Fees	(371,430)	(360,942)
	(20,056) Memorial Fees	(20,100)	(25,322)
	0 Memorial Seats	(1,100)	0
	(25,373) Maintenance of Graves	(35,750)	(3,105)
	(1,629) Grave Rights Transfer Fees	(2,010)	0
	(11,570) Rents	(11,300)	(11,375)
	(902) Interest	(1,050)	(686)
	(47) Miscellaneous Fees	(50)	(650)
	(385,789) TOTAL INCOME	(442,790)	(402,080)
	81,567 NET EXPENDITURE/(INCOME)	0	(54,401)

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2011**

Actual to date 2009/10 £	REVENUE ESTIMATE 2010/11 £	Actual to date 2010/11 £
<u>(1) PURCHASING GRAVES IN RESERVE FUND</u>		
26,040 Balance Brought Forward		26,040
0 Add Surplus		0
26,040		26,040
<u>(2) COMMON FUND</u>		
186,568 Balance Brought Forward		98,340
0 Contribution to - London Borough of Merton		0
0 London Borough of Sutton		0
186,568		98,340
(81,567) Add Surplus (Deficit) for the year		54,401
32,839 Transfer depreciation to capital adjustment account		25,347
10,500 Loss on Disposal		0
0 Provision for Repayment of Loan		(18,000)
(50,000) Contribution to Capital Fund		(20,119)
98,340 Common Fund Balance		139,969
<u>(3) CAPITAL FUND</u>		
2,727 Balance Brought Forward		2,701
204,005 Add Loan from LBM		0
50,000 Add Contribution from Common Fund		20,119
(254,030) Less Capital Investment Programme		(18,901)
2,701 Balance Carried Forward		3,919
127,081 TOTAL FUNDS AND BALANCES		169,928

Appendix D

MSJCB Cash Flow Statement 2009-10	£
<p>The cash flow statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the authority during the reporting period. The statement shows how MSJCB generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cashflows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which the operations of the authority are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the authority. 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 MSJCB.</p>	
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	81,567
Adjustment to the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services for non-cash movements	(71,912)
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	0
Net cashflows from Operating Activities	9,655
Investing activities	254,030
Financing activities	(203,935)
Net increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	59,750
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	(186,765)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	(127,015)

MSJCB Cash Flow Statement 2010-11	£
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	(54,401)
Adjustment to the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services for non-cash movements	(25,346)
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	0
Net cashflows from Operating Activities	(79,747)
Investing activities	18,901
Financing activities	18,124
Net increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(42,722)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	(127,015)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	(169,738)

Small Bodies in England

Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2011

Small relevant bodies in England with an annual turnover of £1 million or less must complete an annual return summarising their annual activities at the end of each financial year.

The annual return on the following pages is made up of four sections:

- **Sections 1 and 2** are to be completed by the person nominated by the body.
- **Section 3** will be completed by the external auditor.
- **Section 4** is to be completed by the body's internal audit provider.

Each body must ensure this annual return is approved no later than 30 June 2011.

Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Please complete all sections highlighted in red. Do **not** leave any red box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns may require additional external audit work and incur additional costs.

Please send the annual return, together with your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2011, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements and any additional information requested, to your appointed external auditor by the due date.

If required, your auditor will identify and ask for any documents needed for audit. Unless requested, please do **not** send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Audited and certified annual returns will be returned to the body for publication or public display of sections 1, 2 and 3.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor or the Audit Commission directly for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guides for either local councils or internal drainage boards. These publications may be downloaded from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) or Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) websites (www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk) or from the members area of the Association of Drainage Authorities website (www.ada.org.uk).

Section 1 – Accounting statements for:

ENTER NAME OF REPORTING BODY HERE

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2010 £	31 March 2011 £	
1 Balances brought forward	215 338	127 015	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the body's financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2 (+) Income from local taxation and/or levy	—	—	Total amount of local tax and/or levy received or receivable in the year including funding from a sponsoring body.
3 (+) Total other receipts	589 794	402 080	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less income from taxation and/or levy (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4 (-) Staff costs	260 509	207 101	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all body employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	143	129	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the body's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	417 465	152 127	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (=) Balances carried forward	127 015	169 738	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8 Total cash and short term investments	127 015	169 738	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	611 251	594 767	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the body and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties and any long-term investments.
10 Total borrowings	204 113	186 062	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2011 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the body and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the body on:

DD/MM/YYYY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of meeting approving these accounting statements:

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date DD/MM/YYYY

Section 2 – Annual governance statement

We acknowledge as the members of our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2011, that:

	Agreed – Yes or No*	'Yes' means that the body:
1 We have approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.		prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
2 We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3 We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the body to conduct its business or on its finances.		has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.
4 We have provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.		during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the body's accounts.
5 We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the body and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6 We have maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the body's accounting records and control systems.		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the body.
7 We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8 We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the body and where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.

This annual governance statement is approved by the body and recorded as minute reference

dated

Signed by:

Chair

dated

Signed by:

Clerk

dated

***Note:** Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a **separate sheet** for each 'No' response that has been given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

Section 3 – External auditor’s certificate and opinion

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2011 of

ENTER NAME OF REPORTING BODY HERE

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2011; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

External auditor’s report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the body:

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor’s signature

External auditor’s name Date

Note: The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission’s publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies*.

Section 4 – Annual internal audit report to

ENTER NAME OF REPORTING BODY HERE

The body's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2011.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the body's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the body.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose from one of the following Yes/No*/Not covered**
A Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	
B The body's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	
C The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	
D The annual taxation or levy or funding requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	
E Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	
F Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	
G Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with body approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	
H Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	
I Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	
J Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and, where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	

For any other risk areas identified by the body (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: PRINT NAME

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: SIGNATURE REQUIRED Date: DD/MM/YYYY

***Note:** If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

****Note:** If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Guidance notes on completing the 2011 annual return

- 1 Proper practices for preparing this annual return are found in the *Practitioners' Guides**. These publications are regularly updated and contain everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent audit. Both NALC and SLCC have helplines should you wish to talk through any problem you may encounter.
- 2 Please make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty red boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making any amendments to the completed return. But, if this is unavoidable, make sure the amendments are approved by the body, properly initialled and an explanation for them is provided to the auditor. Annual returns containing unapproved or unexplained amendments will be returned unaudited and may incur additional costs.
- 3 Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a member or the Chair, to review your annual return for completeness before sending it off to the auditor.
- 4 Please do not send the auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful. However, you must advise the auditor of any change in Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chair.
- 5 Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your auditor with the annual return covers **all** your bank accounts. If your body holds any short-term investments, please note their value on the bank reconciliation. The auditor should be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the Statement of Accounts. **You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8.** More help on bank reconciliation is available in the *Practitioners' Guides**.
- 6 Please **explain fully** significant variances in the accounting statements. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The auditor wants to know that **you** understand the reasons for all variances. Please include a complete analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the *Practitioners' Guides** to assist you.
- 7 If the auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge.
- 8 Please make sure that your accounting statements add up! Also please ensure that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2010) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2011).
- 9 **Do not complete section 3.** The external auditor will complete it at the conclusion of their audit.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Done?
All sections	All red boxes have been completed?	
	All information requested by the external auditor has been sent with this annual return? Please refer to your notice of audit.	
Section 1	Approval by the body confirmed by signature of Chair of meeting approving the accounting statements?	
	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2011 agreed to Box 8?	
	An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	
Section 2	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	
Section 4	All red boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	

***Note:** *Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in England – A Practitioners' Guides*, is available from NALC and SLCC representatives or *Governance and Accountability for Internal Drainage Boards in England – A Practitioners' Guides*, is available from the ADA at The Association of Drainage Authorities, 12 Cranes Drive, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 8AL or from the NALC, SLCC or ADA websites - see page 1 for addresses.

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

	Expenditure to 31/3/2008 £	Expenditure during year £	Expenditure to 31/3/2009 £	Expenditure during year £	Expenditure to 31/3/2010 £
	Expenditure to 31/3/2009 £	Depreciation at 31/03/2009	Disposals during year	Additions during year £	Valuation at 31/3/2010 £
Land acquired from constituent authorities -					
Carshalton UDC	22,220	0			22,220
Merton & Morden UDC	29,975	0			29,975
acquired from Merton & Morden UDC	18,621	0			18,621
Layout of new section	4,632	116			4,516
Superintendent's house & office	4,079	102			3,977
Waiting room and lavatories	7,153	179			6,974
Drawing room for works staff	220	6			215
Greenhouses	2,949	74			2,875
Chapel	13,033	326			12,707
Chapel heating	514	13			501
Layout of Roman Catholic section	928	23			905
Potting shed conversion	941	94			847
Cemetery extension	574	0		179,535	180,109
Mess room	4,166	104			4,062
Various Capital Assets	151,556	3,789			147,768
Tractor	8,054	1,151			6,903
Grave Digger	35,815	5,116	10,500	34,970	55,168
Vehicle equipment & potting sheds	6,575	939			5,636
Ivenco Tipper Truck	20,692	2,956			17,736
Indexing & Digitization DB	30,785	6,157			24,628
Cemetery Grounds	20,457	1,023			19,434
Sub Transformer	0	0		39,526	39,526
Store shed	193	19			174
Backlog Depreciation		10,039			(10,039)
Repairs to Service Yard & Storage	6,140	614			5,526
TOTAL	390,272	32,839	10,500	254,030	600,963

436,272

Capital Re-valuation account

150,748

	Expenditure to 31/3/2010 £	Depreciation at 31/03/2010	Disposals during year	Additions during year £	Valuation at 31/3/2011 £
Land acquired from constituent authorities -					
Carshalton UDC	22,220	0			22,220
Merton & Morden UDC	29,975	0			29,975
acquired from Merton & Morden UDC	18,621	0			18,621
Layout of new section	4,516	113			4,403
Superintendent's house & office	3,977	99			3,878
Waiting room and lavatories	6,974	174			6,800
Drawing room for works staff	215	5			209
Greenhouses	2,875	72			2,803
Chapel	12,707	318			12,389
Chapel heating	501	13			489
Layout of Roman Catholic section	905	23			882
Potting shed conversion	847	85			762
Cemetery extension	180,109	0		10,119	190,228
Mess room	4,062	102			3,960
Various Capital Assets	147,768	3,694			144,073
Tractor	6,903	986			5,917
Grave Digger	55,168	7,881			47,287
Vehicle equipment & potting sheds	5,636	805			4,831
Ivenco Tipper Truck	17,736	2,534			15,202
Indexing & Digitization DB	24,628	4,926		8,782	28,484
Cemetery Grounds	19,434	972			18,462
Sub Transformer	39,526	1,976			37,549
Store shed	174	17			156
Backlog Depreciation	(10,039)				(10,039)
Repairs to Service Yard & Storage	5,526	553			4,973
TOTAL	600,963	25,347	0	18,901	594,518

441,694

Capital Re-valuation account

150,748

Year ended 31st March	Interments	Expenditure	Income (excluding precepts)	Net Expenditure/ (Income)	Precepts	Surplus / (Deficit) C/Fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
1948	170	8,000	1,266	6,734	8,243	1,316
1949	285	7,477	2,214	5,263	4,593	646
1950	377	8,803	3,476	5,327	5,747	1,066
1951	414	9,927	4,572	5,355	6,494	2,205
1952	373	10,422	3,931	6,491	4,411	125
1953	406	10,845	4,152	6,693	6,927	359
1954	364	10,305	5,032	5,273	7,531	2,617
1955	379	11,091	5,660	5,431	5,344	2,530
1956	417	12,915	6,297	6,618	6,626	2,538
1957	423	14,338	6,584	7,754	7,355	2,139
1958	396	15,237	7,482	7,755	7,413	1,797
1959	422	14,680	7,459	7,221	9,215	3,791
1960	374	17,225	7,123	10,102	8,903	2,592
1961	372	16,485	7,121	9,364	9,455	2,683
1962	379	17,968	8,226	9,742	10,462	3,403
1963	409	19,154	8,202	10,952	11,406	3,851
1964	333	18,636	8,150	10,486	10,956	4,327
1965	339	19,356	7,727	11,629	10,472	3,170
1966	410	21,488	9,539	11,949	12,971	4,192
1967	355	24,293	9,307	14,986	13,989	3,195
1968	375	26,500	9,322	17,178	18,346	4,363
1969	399	26,182	10,103	16,079	17,564	5,848
1970	411	25,878	10,191	15,687	17,983	8,144
1971	387	30,941	10,156	20,785	17,983	5,342
1972	397	33,707	15,173	18,534	26,228	13,036
1973	359	33,495	18,645	14,850	18,395	16,581
1974	346	37,703	15,871	21,832	20,104	14,853
1975	322	46,775	17,103	29,672	19,785	4,966
1976	323	57,495	24,559	32,936	35,180	7,210
1977	295	67,119	24,308	42,811	42,084	6,483
1978	313	67,444	25,799	41,645	36,636	1,424
1979	301	75,975	28,991	46,984	53,581	8,071
1980	325	91,654	34,860	56,794	60,155	11,432
1981	304	107,837	43,524	64,313	69,434	16,553
1982	304	117,461	48,842	68,619	69,784	17,718
1983	325	129,798	48,909	80,889	71,163	7,992
1984	303	137,921	51,307	86,614	80,920	2,298
1985	306	129,955	61,550	68,705	88,640	22,533
1986	311	134,485	66,690	67,795	80,560	35,298
1987	333	148,940	71,782	77,158	67,860	26,000
1988	320	146,533	75,728	70,805	73,442	28,637
1989	340	159,704	80,465	79,239	69,058	18,456
1990	327	162,053	88,208	73,845	75,565	20,176
1991	314	179,929	92,042	87,887	85,149	17,438
1992	343	188,624	110,025	78,599	68,365	7,204
1993	312	191,312	107,427	83,885	76,192	(489)
1994	387	189,687	152,926	36,761	79,444	42,194
1995	379	231,725	167,181	64,544	79,444	36,261

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Year ended 31st March	Interments	Expenditure	Income (excluding precepts)	Net Expenditure/ (Income)	Precepts	Surplus / (Deficit) C/Fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
1996	358	207,870	197,191	10,679	80,795	106,377
1997	348	198,678	204,958	(6,280)	40,000	152,658
1998	364	194,514	236,535	(42,021)	0	194,679
1999	356	211,242	244,542	(33,300)	0	227,979
2000	312	216,869	248,694	(31,825)	0	259,804
2001	314	230,329	255,315	(24,987)	0	284,791
2002	317	218,613	286,709	(68,096)	(194,064)	158,823
2003	320	260,664	302,866	(42,202)	0	201,025
2004	320	285,719	336,688	(50,970)	0	251,995
2005	302	291,487	351,113	(59,626)	(150,000)	161,621
2006	290	329,568	394,944	(65,376)	0	226,997
2007	290	357,500	374,118	(16,619)	0	243,616
2008	264	363,008	361,033	1,975	0	241,641
2009	267	503,040	447,967	55,073	0	186,568
2010	228	484,517	385,789	98,728	0	87,840
2011	243	342,451	402,080	(59,629)	0	147,469