



Financial Statements
for year ending 31st July 2016

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Members of the University Council

The following persons served as governors during the year ended 31st July 2016 or were members as at 24th November 2016 when these financial statements were approved. In the case of those who became or ceased to be governors during the year, the appropriate dates are shown.

The governors are generally appointed for a period of three years. Each year they sign a register of interests. All the members of the Council are Trustees of the University and directors of the Company.

Mgr JP Devine	Chair
Mr C Mills	Vice-Chair
Revd Dr S Anderson	With effect from 15 th October 2015
The Right Reverend Paul Bayes	
Sr. M. Charles-Murray	
Dr JC Chubb	Resigned 31 st July 2016
Mr M Gilbertson	
Fr C. McCoy	
Dr S Hulme	With effect from 15 th October 2015
Dr A. Naylor	
Mr J Norbury	
Professor H Russell	
Mrs D Shaw	
Cllr. N Small	
Mrs M Swinson	
Sr M Walsh	
Miss C Whittington-Egan	Resigned 31 st July 2016
Revd P Winn	
HH Judge Graham Wood QC	
Professor GJ Pillay	Vice Chancellor and Rector
Dr I Vandewalle	Rectorate Team, with effect from 1 st August 2015
Professor N Rees	Rectorate Team
Dr J Bennett	Staff Member
Dr W Bignold	Staff Member
Ms K Cox	President, Students' Union
Mr G Donelan	Secretary

Senior Salaries Remuneration Panel

Chair of University Council, Mgr J Devine
Reverend P Winn
Mr J Norbury

Professor GJ Pillay (except for discussion of his own salary)

Members of the University Council *(continued)*

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Mr J Norbury (Chair)
Fr C. McCoy
Mrs D Shaw
Professor GJ Pillay
Mr B Ricketts (co-opted)

Audit Committee

Reverend P Winn (Chair)
Mr M Gilbertson
Professor H Russell
HH Judge Graham Wood QC

Nominations Committee

Mgr J Devine (Chair)
Professor GJ Pillay
Mr C Mills

Advisers

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Strategic Report

Corporate Plan and Strategic Objectives

The University continued to build its profile as a serious alternative in the higher education sector. Given its history and size, the University does not see itself competing with the large metropolitan Universities (ex-Polytechnics) nor, given the lack of a large science, engineering or medical base with the “red-bricks”. The essence of what Liverpool Hope is striving to be is summarised in the Corporate Plan – a path of excellence in scholarship and collegial life without reservation or hesitation. The University’s distinctive philosophy is to ‘educate in the round’ – mind, body and spirit - in the quest for Truth, Beauty and Goodness.

The Corporate Plan, updated in 2016, provides the strategic framework within which the University operates.

This Corporate Plan identifies goals for the University in six key areas:

- high quality academic pursuit
- knowing our students one by one – deepening the culture of the collegium
- a transformational experience for students and all those we serve
- an enterprising University encourages entrepreneurship and supports graduate employability
- a carefully managed University that works efficiently and effectively
- a distinctive place for learning

Academic Profile

One of the key strategic aims of the University is to continue to develop the academic profile through its student body and academic staff recruitment and development. Over 75% of academic staff are qualified to doctoral level – amongst the top 10 in the country – and the entry requirements to undergraduate degrees have remained at an average of over 300 points, even during the turbulence of the new student funding regime. This has meant that there continues to be a small shortfall on the long term recruitment target of 1,400 non-QTS home and EU undergraduates. Council supported this maintenance of the entry requirements in full cognisance of the likely impact on student numbers recognising that the long term impact of better retention and student success outweighed any short term shortfall in numbers. Whilst there was a slight decrease in retention rates, the University continues to work towards improvements in this important area. Year on year improvements in the National Students Survey now mean that the University is ranked first in the North West for student satisfaction and fourth in the UK.

Following the University’s strong outcome in the Research Excellence Framework with 55% of its academic staff submitted in twelve Units of Assessment. The results of which were published in December 2014, ambitious plans for the next such exercise have been put in place so that 75% of eligible staff will submit research at least of international significance. Thirty full-funded PhD Scholarships were awarded in the year in areas of research strength and attached to lead researchers.

A new outreach and recruitment campaign has been launched to double the number of undergraduate applicants so that a more selective approach to recruiting 1400 students each year can be adopted. This will use the resources of the whole University, bringing together student recruitment, corporate communications, conferencing, alumni, events to coordinate this campaign with active involvement of Faculty staff. Awareness raising activities as well as direct student recruitment will continue to move the University from being a sub-regional provider to being a national recruiter. International links with the link-minded institutions of quality in Africa, North and South America and Europe are continually explored and the international strategy will run alongside the strategy for home recruitment.

Strategic Report *(continued)*

The University continued to make a number of academic appointments in areas where the curriculum was developing and student numbers made it viable, all in line with the well-established policy of appointing only those staff who would improve the University's academic profile and in all but the rarest of cases with doctorates. The University also appointed a limited number of professional staff in support services and administration to provide the best possible assistance to Faculties and students.

The University completed a Higher Education Review by the Quality Assurance Agency in 2015/16 and the outcomes were excellent with all the necessary standards being met and a commendation awarded for the enhancement of student learning opportunities. This was an important review for the University in terms of reputation.

Widening Participation

The University is committed to the Widening Participation agenda and invests considerable money and effort each year on its work with schools and young people. The University's Access Agreement has been approved by the Office of Fair Access and hardship loans are available for students who experience financial difficulties. There are also a range of facilities available for disabled students to ensure that they are not disadvantaged in any way and are able to fully participate in the life of the University. The University continues to beat its benchmarks in the Higher Education Statistical Agency's Performance Indicators for students from state schools, low participation neighbourhoods, socio-economic classes 4-7 and for students with disabilities.

Capital Developments

After investments in buildings and equipment of over £50m in the previous six years, the University major capital project has been the construction of a £13.5 million Science Avenue developed in two phases. The initial phase, completed in 2015/16 provides modern laboratory and teaching space for the Faculty of Science (£8.5m) and the second phase, due to open in early in 2016/17 focuses on Sports Facilities (£5m). The capital build is tied to a strategy of increasing student numbers in Science from the current total, around 900, to around 1,300.

Finance

- Fee income

In 2015/16 Liverpool Hope University charged the maximum £9,000 for full-time undergraduate and PGCE programmes and took the decision to apply the inflationary increase allowed by the Secretary of State in 2017 for new and continuing students; the fee will then be £9,250. The University continued its Scholarships Scheme which paid out a total of £1,489,368 in relation to 2015/16, although for 2016/17 the criteria were tightened to ensure that they were rewarding excellence at the desired level.

- Budget management

The University's budget was devolved to the primary budget holders - the six members of Rectorate Team who report directly to the Vice-Chancellor & Rector. One of the key performance measures for Rectorate Team is the management of their devolved budgets. Monthly variance reports are provided and each budget holder meets a Finance Officer each month to ensure budgets are monitored carefully. The Senior Management Team receives corporate variance reports and any issues are discussed openly. The budget is set from zero each year with only permanent staffing automatically rolled over.

Strategic Report *(continued)*

Results for the Year

The University's Statement of Comprehensive Income and results for the year to 31st July 2016 are summarised below:

	2015/16	2014/15
	£000	£000
Income	51,322	48,694
Expenditure	46,817	45,438
Operating surplus	4,505	3,256

The University's total income decreased by 5% compared with the previous year and income from the funding councils decreased by 22%.

The University continues to generate additional income through a range of Strategic Business Units and increasingly through knowledge transfer CPD and professionally accredited programmes.

The statement of comprehensive income for the year is set out on page 22.

Student Numbers

As at 31st July 2016 the University had 5,119 students (2014/15 – 5,478).

	Full Time Students	Part Time Students
Undergraduate	3,620	174
Postgraduate (taught)	279	317
Postgraduate (research)	69	95
PGCE	417	7
Other	86	55
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	4,471	648
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Treasury Management Policy

At the end of financial year 2016 the cash at bank balance had decreased by £1,101,447 to £11,225,999.

There has been significant capital investment over the last four years which has been funded from reserves and grants provided by HEFCE and NWDA. The University made a strategic decision not to undertake any loans to fund this building programme.

University bank loans had reduced to £7,196,041 at the year end and no new loans were taken out in 2015/16. All borrowing is undertaken in the name of the University and conforms to HEFCE requirements. The Treasury Management policy is monitored by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and was reviewed in June with no changes recommended.

Strategic Report *(continued)*

Environment and Sustainability

The University Council through its Finance & General Purposes Committee receives regular reports on the Carbon Reduction Commitment and the University has adopted an overall Sustainability Policy.

Major Risks

The University takes the management of risk seriously. Where a risk is seen as a threat, then mitigations are put in place. However, risks can also be seen as opportunities and the University is not risk averse. Rather, it will take a measured approach to opportunities to achieve its strategic objectives.

Through its Risk Register, reviewed at Senior Management Team meetings, and overseen by the Audit Committee on behalf of University Council, risks which are not directly financial are highlighted. These might be compliance or accountability risks such as data returns, health & safety, safeguarding matters or they might be reputational such as quality audits and inspections. The whims of government policy remain a major risk. The top five risks over the year related to student recruitment, student experience, government policy and finance.

The University continues to scan the policy environment and is fully engaged with sector bodies and local, regional and national partners. The continued healthy surplus on the accounts and the capital investments made without additional borrowing will enable the University to make decisions from a position of relative strength as the level of public funding continues to decrease dramatically. With pressures on student recruitment, it has become even more important to diversify income streams and the strategy to achieve this remains in place by increased taught postgraduate numbers, increased fee-paying international students, more bids and grant applications, more enterprise activity and increased fundraising. The University will continue to thrive and flourish.

The University is acutely aware of a number of issues that will have an impact on the whole higher education sector over the next few years, primarily the marketisation of higher education. The government drive to move initial teacher training away from Universities to schools continues and the University is planning on this basis.

In order to minimise all the risks, the University models a range of scenarios to ensure that plans are in place to respond to any major changes and protect the financial position of the University.

Directors' Report

Legal status

Liverpool Hope University was re-constituted in 2005 by order of the Privy Council under Section 129B of the Education Reform Act 1988, as a single, joint Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenical University. It is registered in England and Wales as a Company Limited by Guarantee (3285547) and registered as a Charity (1060579).

Liverpool Hope University is the only ecumenical University in Europe, whose origins lie in colleges (one Anglican College founded in 1844, two Catholic Colleges founded in 1856 and 1965) which came together first in a federation, known as Liverpool Institute of Higher Education and then through full merger as a single ecumenical college. In 2002 taught degree awarding powers were secured and the title Liverpool Hope University College officially bestowed. In July 2005 the granting of full University status led to the adoption of the title Liverpool Hope University and in August 2009, the Privy Council granted the University the power to award research degrees. In the academic and financial year 2015/2016 there were 5,119 students and 638 members of staff, with a range of degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Members of the University Council – (list of directors can be found on page 1)

All the members of the University Council are directors of the Company. No director had any interest in any contract made by the University during the financial year, other than a contract of employment as a member of staff and that described in note 18 to the accounts.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement reflects both the University's traditions and its intention to develop and maintain a distinctive and forward-looking programme relevant to local, regional, national and international needs.

Liverpool Hope University is an ecumenical, Christian foundation which strives:

- to provide opportunities for the well-rounded personal development of all students;
- to educate the whole person in mind, body and spirit, irrespective of age, social or ethnic origins or physical capacity, including in particular those with promise who might otherwise not have had an opportunity to enter higher education;
- to be a provider of high quality educational programmes responsive to the needs of students in the UK and abroad;
- to sustain an academic community, enriched by Christian values and culture, which supports teaching and learning, scholarship and research, encourages the understanding of other faiths and beliefs, and promotes religious and social harmony;
- to be globally credible while contributing to the educational, religious, cultural, social and economic life of Liverpool, Merseyside, North-West England and beyond.

Directors' Report *(continued)*

Employee Involvement

The University places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and on good communication with them. Staff are encouraged to participate in formal and informal consultation at University, faculty and department level, sometimes through membership of formal Committees. The Vice-Chancellor addresses all staff at the start of the academic year. The Vice-Chancellor, meets once a month on a Monday, all Heads of Academic Departments and with his senior team and on another Monday the Directors of resource areas. There is a system of cascading information from those meetings to all staff and departments and service areas are expected to hold regular staff meetings to enhance two way communication. The University's People 2020 Strategy has a strategic strand to enhance engagement with and of staff. The Joint Consultative and Negotiating Committee, (JCNC) is a forum for management and Trades Unions' representatives which meets regularly. There is a weekly electronic newsletter sent to the inbox of all members of staff every Wednesday.

Equality and Diversity

The University is cognisant of its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and has due regard to equality and diversity in its policy making processes. Its Equality and Diversity Policy and other related information can be found at <http://www.hope.ac.uk/aboutus/governance/equalityanddiversity/>. The University has an Equality & Diversity Steering Committee which reports to Senior Management Team and the Staffing Committee of University Council. The Steering Committee takes an overview of the University's equality objectives and analyses data reports to ensure that any issues relating to groups with protected characteristics are identified and then tackled. The University has participated in the Aurora programme to support women into management and leadership positions, has registered for the Athena Swan award and a Self Assessment Team, chaired by the University Secretary and with cross-University representation and has established its own Women's Network for Leadership Development.

Areas of Public Benefit provided by Liverpool Hope University

In shaping its objectives and planning its activities the University has considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The University through oversight of its activities at University Council meetings is confident that it fully satisfies the Public Benefit requirements of the Charity Commission as there is a direct benefit to students from its activities and an indirect benefit to the public at large.

The Public Benefit requirement requires two principles to be met.

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits.

The objects of the University are;

- the higher education of men and women including the education and training of persons intending to enter, or engaged in, the teaching profession;
- the furtherance of the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England, of Christian education, of ecumenical ideals, and of understanding between Christian Churches in the promotion of the Gospel;
- the advancement of knowledge by research and scholarship and teaching and learning;

This is a clearly identifiable benefit.

2. The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. This area is expanded below.

Directors' Report *(continued)*

Public benefit

As well as the students themselves the University provides benefits for the general public. This includes a range of events such as concerts, lectures and the Cornerstone Festival that are either free or accessible for a minimal charge.

Health and well-being initiatives are also run at the University which the public are able to attend. The University's Service and Leadership award encourages students to undertake a range of voluntary activities across the local community and overseas and is recognised by a formal award at the end of their degree – in 2016/17 all students will automatically be registered on this award. The University is a partner of Contact the Elderly and participates in Childwall in Bloom.

Going concern

The financial position of the University, its cash flow, liquidity and borrowings are described in the Financial Statements and accompanying Notes. The University currently has £7.6 million of loans outstanding with bankers, all being secured by a fixed and floating charge on University assets. The University's forecasts and financial projections indicate that it will be able to operate within these existing facilities and attached covenants for the foreseeable future, taking into account reasonably expected changes in performance.

Accordingly, the University believes that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason will continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its financial statements.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that s/he ought to have taken as a director to make herself/himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Statement of responsibilities of the Members of the University Council

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Articles of Government, adopted on Incorporation on 29th November 1996 and amended thereafter, the University Council is responsible for the administration and management of the affairs of Liverpool Hope University and is required to present audited financial statements for each financial year. This also includes ensuring the operation of an effective system of internal control.

The University Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the University and enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the revised Instrument and Articles of Government, the Audit Code of Practice issued by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting in Higher and Further Education Institutions, and other relevant accounting standards. In addition, within the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Assurance and Accountability agreed between the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the Council of Liverpool Hope University and in accordance with Company Law, the University Council through its designated office holder (the Vice Chancellor), is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the University and of the surplus or deficit and cash flows for that year.

Directors' Report *(continued)*

Statement of responsibilities of the Members of the University Council *(continued)*

In causing the financial statements to be prepared, the University Council is responsible for ensuring that:

- suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- judgments and estimates are made that are reasonable and prudent;
- applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the University will continue in operation. The Council is satisfied that the University has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future: for this reason the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

The University Council is responsible for taking reasonable steps to:

- ensure that funds from the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) are used only for the purposes for which they have been given and in accordance with the Memorandum of Assurance and Accountability with the Funding Council and the Funding Memorandum with the NCTL and any other conditions which the Funding Council or NCTL may from time to time prescribe;
- ensure that there are appropriate financial and management controls in place to safeguard public funds and funds from other sources;
- safeguard the assets of Liverpool Hope University and to prevent and detect fraud;
- secure the economical, efficient and effective management of the University's resources and expenditure.

While the following is not a specific recreation of the constitutional provisions within the Articles of Government, the principal responsibilities of Council, adopted in December 2005, may be summarised as being:-

1. To approve the educational character, mission and strategic vision of Liverpool Hope University, long-term academic and business plans and key performance indicators, and to ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders.
2. To delegate authority to the head of the institution, as Rector and Vice-Chancellor, for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and personnel management of the institution, and other responsibilities as detailed in the constitution, and keeping those functions under regular review.
3. To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment and procedures for handling internal grievances and for managing conflicts of interest.
4. To ensure processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the institution against the plans and approved key performance indicators, which should be, where possible and appropriate, benchmarked against other comparable institutions.
5. To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of council itself.
6. To conduct its business in accordance with best practice in higher education corporate governance and with the principles of public life drawn up by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Directors' Report *(continued)*

Statement of responsibilities of the Members of the University Council *(continued)*

7. To safeguard the good name and values of Liverpool Hope University.
8. To appoint the head of the institution as Rector and Vice-Chancellor, and to put in place suitable arrangements for monitoring his/her performance.
9. To appoint a secretary to council and to ensure that, if the person appointed has managerial responsibilities in the institution, there is an appropriate separation in the lines of accountability.
10. To be the employing authority for all staff in the institution and to be responsible for establishing a human resources strategy.
11. To be the principal financial and business authority of Liverpool Hope University, to ensure that proper books of account are kept and resources used properly, effectively and efficiently, and to approve the annual budget and financial statements and have overall responsibility for the university's assets, property and estate.
12. To be the institution's legal authority and, as such, to ensure that systems are in place for meeting all the institution's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in Liverpool Hope University's name.
13. To make such provision as it thinks fit for the general welfare of students, in consultation with senate, and for the operation of the Students' Union under a constitution approved by council.
14. To act as trustee for any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift in support of the work and welfare of Liverpool Hope University.
15. To ensure that Liverpool Hope University's constitution is followed at all times and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.



Mgr JP Devine

Director and Chair of Council

Statement on Corporate Governance and Risk Management

The following statement is based on both HEFCE guidelines and the Higher Education Code of Governance, adopted during 2015/16:

1. This statement is provided to enable readers of the annual report and accounts of Liverpool Hope University to obtain a better understanding of its governance and legal structure.
2. The institution endeavours to conduct its business in accordance with the seven principles identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership), and with the guidance to institutions of higher education from the Committee of University Chairmen in its *Guide for Members of HE Governing Bodies in the UK*.
3. Liverpool Hope University is an independent corporation, established as a higher education corporation under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Further and Higher Education Act 1992. Its objects, powers and framework of governance are set out in the articles of government which were approved by the Privy Council in 1996. The current version of the articles was approved by the Privy Council with effect from 20th April 2005.
4. The articles require Liverpool Hope University to have a governing body and a senate, each with clearly defined functions and responsibilities to oversee and manage its activities.
 - a. The **University Council** is the executive governing body, responsible for matters including the finance, property and staffing of the institution. It is specifically required to determine the educational character and mission of the institution and to set its general strategic direction.

The governing body has a majority of independent members, chosen in accordance with strict criteria contained in the legislation. The chair is elected from among the independent members. There is also provision for the appointment of co-opted members, and representatives of the academic staff and the student body. No members of the governing body will receive any reimbursement for the work they do for that body.

- b. Subject to the overall responsibility of the governing body, the **Senate** has oversight of the academic affairs of Liverpool Hope University and draws its membership entirely from the staff and the students of the institution, save for 2 Network of Hope College Principals. It is particularly concerned with general issues relating to the learning and teaching and research work of Liverpool Hope University.
5. The Chief Executive Officer (Vice Chancellor and Rector) is the head of Liverpool Hope University and has a general responsibility to the governing body for the organisation, direction and management of the institution. Under the terms of the formal financial memorandum between Liverpool Hope University and the Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE), the head of the institution is the accounting officer and in that capacity can be summoned to appear before the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons.
6. As chief executive, the head of the institution exercises considerable influence upon the development of institutional strategy, the identification and planning of new developments, and shaping of the institutional ethos. The Rectorate Team (Deans, Pro Vice-Chancellors and the University Secretary) all contribute in various ways to these aspects of the work, but the ultimate responsibility for what is done rests with the governing body.
7. Liverpool Hope University maintains a register of interests of members of the governing body and Rectorate Team members which may be consulted by arrangement with the Secretary.

Statement on Corporate Governance and Risk Management *(continued)*

8. In accordance with the articles of government, a secretary to the governing body has been appointed. In that capacity, he provides independent advice on matters of governance to all members of the governing body.

As the governing body of Liverpool Hope University, we have responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports the achievement of policies, aims and objectives, while safeguarding the public and other funds and assets for which we are responsible, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to the governing body in the instrument and articles and the Memorandum of Assurance and Accountability with the HEFCE.

The system of internal control is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it 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 the principal risks to the achievement of policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the nature and extent of those risks and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. This process has been embedded and was in operation during the year ended 31 July 2016 and, up to the date of signing these financial statements, accords with HEFCE guidance.

As the governing body, we have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. Consistent with the Risk Management Strategy approved by us, the following processes have been established:

1. We meet four times a year to consider the plans and strategic direction of the institution.
2. We receive periodic reports from the chairman of the Audit Committee concerning internal control, and we receive regular reports from managers on the steps they are taking to manage risks in their areas of responsibility, including progress reports on key projects.
3. We receive a report on discussions of risk at Rectorate Team (the University's senior management team) and have requested the Audit Committee to provide oversight on risk.
4. The Audit Committee receives regular reports from the internal auditor, which include the internal auditor's independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the institution's system of internal control, together with recommendations for improvement.
5. A robust risk prioritisation methodology based on risk ranking and cost-benefit analysis is established.
6. An organisation-wide risk register is operational.
7. Reports are received from budget holders and project managers on internal control activities.
8. Policies such as the Code of Practice on Whistleblowing, Declarations of Interest, Financial and other Irregularities, including Fraud Policy and an Anti-Bribery Policy have been periodically reviewed and revised.
9. The key elements of the University's system of internal financial control, which is designed to discharge the responsibilities set out above, include the following:
 - Clear definitions of the responsibilities of, and the authority delegated to, members of the Rectorate Team and other senior managers;
 - A comprehensive medium and short-term planning process, supplemented by detailed annual income, expenditure, capital and cash flow budgets;
 - Regular reviews of academic performance and monthly reviews of financial performance involving variance reporting and updates of forecast outturns;

Statement on Corporate Governance and Risk Management *(continued)*

The Senior Salaries Remuneration Panel determines the remuneration of the most senior staff, including the Vice Chancellor and Rector and reports annually to Council.

The Audit Committee meets three times a year, with the University's external and internal auditors in attendance. The Committee considers detailed reports together with recommendations for the improvement of the University's system of internal control, management's responses and implementation plans. It also receives and considers reports from the Funding Council as they affect the University's business and monitors adherence to the regulatory requirements. Whilst senior executives attend meetings of the Audit Committee as necessary, they are not members of the Committee. The Committee is empowered to meet the External and Internal Auditors on their own for independent discussions.

The Rectorate Team receives reports setting out key performance and risk indicators and considers possible control issues brought to their attention by early warning mechanisms which are embedded within the operational units and reinforced by risk awareness training.

The Rectorate Team and the Audit Committee also receive regular reports from internal audit and, as necessary, from the Health and Safety Committee, which include recommendations for improvement.

The Council's agenda includes consideration of risk and control via reports thereon from the Audit Committee and the Rectorate Team. The emphasis is on obtaining the relevant degree of assurance and not merely reporting by exception.



Independent auditors' report to the Council of Liverpool Hope University

We have audited the financial statements of Liverpool Hope University for the year ended 31 July 2016 set out on pages 17 to 43. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

This report is made solely to the Governing Council in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, paragraph 13(2) of the University's Articles of Government and section 124B of the Education Reform Act 1988. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Governing Council those matters we are required to state to it 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 Governing Council for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Governing Council and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of responsibilities of the Members of the University Council set out on page 10, the Governing Council (who are the Directors of the company for the purposes of company law) is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion, on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the University's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Governing Council; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the University as at 31 July 2016 and of the University's income and expenditure, gains and losses, changes in reserves and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and with the 2015 Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education;
- meet the requirements of HEFCE's *Accounts direction to higher education institutions for 2015-16 financial statements*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent auditors' report to the Council of Liverpool Hope University (continued)

Opinion on other matters prescribed in the HEFCE Audit Code of Practice (effective 1 August 2014) issued under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992

In our opinion, in all material respects:

- funds from whatever source administered by the University for specific purposes have been properly applied to those purposes and managed in accordance with relevant legislation;
- income has been applied in accordance with the University's Articles of Government
- funds provided by HEFCE have been applied in accordance with the Memorandum of Assurance and Accountability and any other terms and conditions attached to them; and
- the corporate governance and internal control requirements of HEFCE's *Accounts direction to higher education institutions for 2015-16 financial statements* have been met.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, the information given in the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and Report of the Governing Council for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the University, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the University financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made;
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Clare Partridge

For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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The maintenance and integrity of the Liverpool Hope website is the responsibility of the governing body; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

29 November 2016

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies

1. Basis of preparation

The University is a company limited by guarantee, and was incorporated on 26 November 1996. Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the University Governing Council have each undertaken to contribute a maximum of £1 in the event of winding up of the company.

The University has prepared its financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 for the first time and consequently has applied the first time adoption requirements. An explanation of how the transition to the 2015 SORP has affected the reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the results can be found in note 22.

Note 22 includes the judgements made by management in the application of accounting policies that have a significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustments. There are four main areas impacted under FRS 102: Fixed Assets; Deferred Capital Grants; Holiday Pay Accrual and Pensions.

The fixed assets were valued at 31st July 2014, the University chose to freeze the valuation at that date and use the deemed cost going forward in accordance with FRS 102. Deferred capital grants are accounted for using the performance model as opposed to the accruals model. A new requirement for holiday pay requires an accrual for unused annual leave as an expense. Pension fund changes relate to interest computations and the inclusion of the USS scheme.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with both the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting in Further and Higher Education Institutions (2015), applicable accounting standards, and Companies Act where appropriate. The University is a public benefit entity and therefore has applied the relevant public benefit requirement of the applicable accounting standards. They conform to guidance published by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

2. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

3. Basis of consolidation

The financial statements include the University only as there are no trading subsidiaries in existence.

The financial statements do not include those of Liverpool Hope Students' Union as it is a separate organisation in which the University has no control or significant influence over policy decisions.

4. Format of the accounts

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 to adapt the format of the accounts to reflect the special nature of the Company's business.

5. Recognition of income

The recurrent grants from the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the National College for Teaching and Leadership represent the funding allocation which is attributable to the current financial year and is credited direct to the consolidated statement of income and expenditure.

Grants intended to support the acquisition of tangible fixed assets are credited to the statement of comprehensive income when the University becomes entitled to them, subject to any performance related conditions being met. This represents a change over the previous accounting policy whereby such income was credited to a reserve for deferred capital grants and released to the income and expenditure account over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets.

Tuition fees represent student fees received and receivable attributable to the current accounting period.

Income to which the university is entitled from research grants and contracts is released to the statement of comprehensive income in proportion to the degree of completion of the associated activity, with reference to expenditure. The university continues to use the accruals method of accounting despite the transition to FRS102.

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies *(continued)*

5. Recognition of income (continued)

The University acts as an agent in the payment of training bursaries from the National College for Teaching and Leadership. Related payments received and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of consolidated of income and are shown separately in note 17.

6. Accounting for retirement benefits

The University operates two defined benefit schemes for staff, the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) and Employer's Pension Scheme (EPP). The schemes are defined benefit schemes which are externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension (S2P).

The USS is a multi-employer scheme for which it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities to the University members due to the nature of the scheme and therefore this scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution retirement benefit scheme.

A liability is recorded within provisions for any contractual commitment to fund past deficits within the USS scheme.

Defined Contribution Plan

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

Defined Benefit Plan

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. The University net obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plans and other post-employment benefits is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods; that benefit is discounted to determine its present value, and the fair value of any plan assets (at bid price) and any unrecognised past service costs are deducted. The liability discount rate is the yield at the balance sheet date on AA credit rated bonds denominated in the currency of, and having that have maturity dates approximating to the terms of the University obligations. When the calculation results in a benefit to the University the recognised asset is limited to the total of any unrecognised past services costs and the present value of benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan, reductions in future contributions to the plan or on settlement of the plan and takes into account the adverse effect of any minimum funding requirements.

7. Employment benefits

Short term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences are recognised as an expense during the year in which the employees render service to the organisation. Any unused benefit is accrued and measured as the additional amount the University expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

8. Maintenance of premises

The cost of routine corrective maintenance is charged to the statement of income and expenditure as incurred.

9. Operating Leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the statement of comprehensive income as incurred on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies *(continued)*

10. Pension schemes

Retirement benefits for employees of the University are provided by defined benefit schemes, which are funded by contributions from the University and its employees.

The principal schemes for the University's staff are the Teacher's Pension Scheme (TPS) for academic and related staff, the Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) and the Merseyside Pension (MPF) for non-academic staff. These are defined benefit schemes which are externally funded and contracted out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the comprehensive statement of income so as to spread the cost of pensions over employee's working lives with the University in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of present and future pensionable payroll. Variations from regular costs are spread over the expected average remaining lifetime of members of the schemes after making allowances for further withdrawals. The contributions are determined by qualified actuaries.

11. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the University has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The calculation of the cost of early retirement provisions charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the year of retirement is based on the total capital cost of providing enhanced pensions with allowance for future investment returns at 2.5% in excess of price inflation.

An amount is included in provisions for liabilities and charges representing the extent to which the capital cost charged exceeds actual payments made. The provision will be released against the cost to the University of enhanced pension entitlements over the estimated life expectancy of each relevant employee. (See note 20).

12. Fixed assets

In 1980 the two former colleges, St. Katharine's and Christ's and Notre Dame, entered into a Deed of Adherence with the Liverpool Institute of Higher Education under which they provided their respective properties to the Institute. These were superseded in 1998 by similar Deeds of Arrangement of Membership with Liverpool Hope.

St. Katharine's College (Warrington Training College Incorporated), was granted a 99 year lease in 1963 from the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England for the properties provided to the Institute under the Deed of Adherence. The lease is renewable upon request for a second and final 99 years from 2062.

Christ's and Notre Dame College property is owned by the Trustees of Christ's and Notre Dame College. Under the Deed of Adherence the property of the College was made available for the use of the Institute. These buildings have been included on the balance sheet since 2004/05 to reflect the fact that the University carries the majority of the benefits and liabilities of the buildings.

Under the terms of the Deed of Adherence neither College shall withdraw from Liverpool Hope without the agreement of the remaining College and the consent of the Secretary of State for Education and Employment.

Subject to the appropriate agreements, written notice must be given at least five years prior to any withdrawal and, in the first instance, may only be given to expire no earlier than 31st August 2023.

Within the Trust Deed and the Deeds of Adherence between the Colleges and the Institute, those elements of the tangible fixed assets which are additions and/or improvements to buildings also become the property of the respective College Trustees.

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies *(continued)*

12 Fixed assets (continued)

Fixed assets land and buildings were subject to a full revaluation as at 31st July 2014 under a policy of periodic reappraisal at least every five years. The revaluation was undertaken by Eddisons, a firm of chartered surveyors and the basis of valuation has varied depending upon the nature of the property. The majority of properties were valued on a depreciated replacement cost basis, others such as St Michaels & St Julies at Aigburth and Gerard Manley Hopkins at Everton at market value. The accounting policy hitherto had been to revalue all land and buildings within a class of revalued assets but for practical purposes there was one instance where this had not been possible and the property has always been carried at depreciated historical cost, namely the refurbishment of HE teaching facilities at St. Mary's 6th Form College, Blackburn. The net book value of the refurbishment in the financial statements as at 31st July 2016 is £94,500 (2015 - £105,000).

The revaluation carried out as at 31st July 2014 will serve henceforth as deemed cost in accordance with the SORP and no further revaluations will be taking place.

Where buildings are acquired with the aid of specific grants the assets are capitalised and depreciated on the basis shown below. The related grants are treated as income and released to the statement of comprehensive income within the year in which the grant is received.

Finance costs which are directly attributable to the construction of land and buildings are not capitalised as part of the cost of those assets.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable.

Buildings under construction are accounted for at cost, based on the value of architects' certificates and other direct costs incurred to 31st July. They are not depreciated until they are brought into use.

Building refurbishment works are capitalised subject to a minimum threshold of £20,000 per refurbishment project. Such costs are not depreciated until the works are completed. Costs of refurbishment projects costing less than £20,000 are written off to the income and expenditure account in the period in which they are incurred.

Equipment costing less than £10,000 per individual item or group of related items constituting a single suite of equipment is written off to the income and expenditure account in the period of acquisition. All other equipment is capitalised at cost.

All assets are depreciated over their useful economic lives as follows, and a full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition or transfer:

Land & Buildings

Buildings	50 years
Building refurbishments (greater than £20,000)	10-20 years

Vehicles

Motor vehicles	5 years
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Equipment

Computer equipment (per item type)	3 years
Equipment (greater than £10,000)	3 years
Furniture & fittings	5 years
Steinway Pianos	10 years

Where equipment is acquired with the aid of specific grants it is capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the above policy, with the related grant being credited to a deferred capital grant account and released to the income and expenditure account over the expected useful economic life of the related equipment.

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies *(continued)*

13. Taxation Status

The University is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the University is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively for charitable purposes. Subsidiary companies are liable for corporation tax for charitable purposes.

The University is partially exempt in respect of Value Added Tax, so that it can only recover a minor element of VAT charged as inputs. Irrecoverable VAT on inputs is included in the costs of such inputs and added to the cost of tangible fixed assets as appropriate, where the inputs themselves are tangible fixed assets by nature.

14. Bursaries and Scholarships

The University provides bursaries and scholarships to students from its own revenue funds. These bursaries and scholarships are shown in the consolidated statement of income and expenditure, as expenditure, and not deducted from income.

The University also distributes bursaries on behalf of the National College for Teaching and Leadership. The University only acts as agent and has no interest in these funds. As such, these transactions are not recognised in the consolidated income and expenditure account.

15. Cash Flows, Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash flows comprise increases or decreases in cash. Cash includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty. Cash Equivalents are short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. They include term deposits, government securities and loan stock held as part of the University's Treasury Management activities and policies.

16. Finance Leases

Fixed assets held under hire purchase agreements and the related hire purchase obligations are recorded in the balance sheet and these assets are depreciated over their useful life.

On 31st March 2011 the University acquired the remaining lease on Gerard Manley Hopkins Hall, a 188 bed student accommodation block at their Everton campus. The remainder of the lease was acquired for a premium of £625,000 payable to the former lease holder and will also require the payment of an annual rent payable to the lessor of £376,494 with inflationary increases every 5 years until the termination of the lease in November 2038. At the end of the term the University has the option to buy the freehold for 25% of market value and this outcome has been treated in the accounts as a foregone conclusion. Taking all aspects of the lease into account the University is accounting for it as a hire purchase, at the rate of interest implicit in the minimum lease payments (including the payment to acquire the freehold at the end of the term), and therefore including the asset at open market value of the property (£6,261,151 adjusting for dilapidations) at 31st March 2011.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31st July 2016

	<i>Note</i>	2016 £	2015 £
Income			
Funding council grants	<i>1</i>	3,615,339	4,522,869
Tuition fees and support grants	<i>2</i>	40,728,352	37,180,801
Research grants and contracts	<i>3</i>	196,290	271,376
Other operating income	<i>4</i>	6,265,559	5,983,871
Investment income	<i>5</i>	132,223	147,901
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Total income before other grants and donations		50,937,763	48,106,818
Donations and other grant income		384,600	582,410
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Total Income		51,322,363	48,689,228
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Expenditure			
Staff costs	<i>6</i>	27,077,608	26,072,721
Other operating expenses	<i>7</i>	14,520,636	14,147,799
Depreciation	<i>10</i>	3,700,399	3,755,567
Interest and other finance costs	<i>8</i>	1,518,038	1,461,695
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Total expenditure	<i>9</i>	46,816,681	45,437,782
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Operating surplus		4,505,682	3,251,446
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Non controlling interest		0	4,327
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Surplus for the year		4,505,682	3,255,773
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of land and buildings		0	7,909
Actuarial (loss) in respect of pension scheme		(3,781,273)	(2,559,306)
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Total comprehensive income for the year		724,409	704,376
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Represented by:		0	4,327
Restricted comprehensive income for the year		724,409	700,049
Unrestricted comprehensive income for the year		<hr/>	<hr/>
		724,409	704,376
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Statement of Changes in Reserves

Year ended 31st July 2016

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Revaluation Reserve	Total
Balance at 1 August 2015	113,237	54,094,377	37,184,287	91,391,901
Operating surplus	(113,237)	4,505,682	-	4,392,445
Actuarial loss in respect of pension scheme	-	(3,781,273)	-	(3,781,273)
Transfers	-	948,519	(948,519)	-
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Balance at 31 July 2016	-	55,767,306	36,235,768	92,003,074
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Statement of Changes in Reserves

Year ended 31st July 2015

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Revaluation Reserve	Total
Balance at 1 August 2014	117,564	53,353,349	38,124,897	91,595,810
Operating surplus	(4,327)	3,255,774	-	3,251,447
Actuarial loss in respect of pension scheme	-	(3,455,356)	-	(3,455,356)
Transfers	-	940,610	(940,610)	-
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Balance at 31 July 2015	113,237	54,094,377	37,184,287	91,391,901
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Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2016

	<i>Note</i>	2016 £	2015 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	<i>10</i>	119,504,844	113,541,980
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		119,504,844	113,541,980
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Current assets			
Debtors	<i>11</i>	1,555,375	1,686,392
Cash at bank and in hand		11,225,999	12,327,446
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		12,781,374	14,013,838
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<i>12</i>	(6,478,428)	(6,606,148)
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Net current assets		6,302,946	7,407,690
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Total assets less current liabilities		125,807,790	120,949,670
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
	<i>13</i>	(12,673,723)	(13,020,986)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	<i>20</i>	(551,993)	(529,784)
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Net assets excluding pension liability		112,582,074	107,398,900
Pension liability	<i>21</i>	(20,579,000)	(16,007,000)
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Total net assets		92,003,074	91,391,900
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Restricted Reserves			
Income and expenditure reserve - Endowment pension reserve		0	113,237
Unrestricted Reserves			
Income and expenditure reserve		55,767,306	54,094,377
Revaluation reserve		36,235,768	37,184,287
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Total funds		92,003,074	91,391,901
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The financial statements on pages 22 to 43 were approved by the University Council on 24th November 2016, and signed on its behalf by:



Monsignor J Devine
Chair of the University

Fr. C McCoy
Member of Finance & General Purposes
Committee



Professor G. Pillay
Rector & Vice Chancellor

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31st July 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
Cashflow from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	4,505,682	3,255,773
Adjustment for non-cash items		
Depreciation	3,700,399	3,755,567
Investment income	(132,223)	(147,901)
Interest payable	1,518,038	1,446,953
(Decrease)/Increase in Debtors	131,018	(60,627)
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	(59,994)	977,030
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(25,914)	(13,778)
Asset impairment	0	16,909
Pension costs	244,000	193,000
Adjustment for investing or financing activities		
Capital grants utilised in year	(384,600)	(582,410)
Endowments received	0	(4,327)
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Net cash inflow from operating activities	9,496,406	8,836,190
Cashflows from investing activities		
Capital grants received	384,600	582,410
Payments to acquire fixed assets	(9,663,263)	(6,032,989)
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	(9,278,663)	(5,450,579)
Cashflows from financing activities		
Income from endowments	(113,237)	0
Other interest received	132,223	147,902
Interest paid	(923,187)	(933,954)
Repayments of borrowed amounts	(414,990)	(396,891)
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	(1,319,191)	(1,182,943)
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(Decrease)/Increase in cash	(1,101,448)	2,202,668
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Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Funding council grants

	2016 £	2015 £
Recurrent grant – HEFCE	2,193,761	2,743,724
Recurrent grant – NCTL	27,540	755,055
Specific grants		
HEFCE Research Assessment	959,565	346,101
Higher Education Innovation Fund	434,473	677,989
	<u>3,615,339</u>	<u>4,522,869</u>

2 Tuition fees and short course fees

	2016 £	2015 £
Full-time students	36,611,364	33,063,087
Full-time students charged overseas fees	754,604	888,726
Part-time students	605,518	725,091
	<u>37,971,486</u>	<u>34,676,904</u>
Total fees paid by or on behalf of individual students		
Short course fees	2,756,867	2,503,897
	<u>40,728,353</u>	<u>37,180,801</u>

3 Research grants and contracts

	2016 £	2015 £
Research councils	0	21,567
Research charities	114,821	119,849
Industry and commerce	15,264	5,144
Other	66,205	124,816
	<u>196,290</u>	<u>271,376</u>

4 Other operating income

	2016 £	2015 £
Residences, catering and conferences	5,604,148	5,167,682
Other income	661,412	816,189
	<u>6,265,560</u>	<u>5,983,871</u>

Notes (continued)

5 Investment income	2016	2015
	£	£
Interest receivable	132,223	146,228
Interest from restricted expendable endowment	0	1,673
	132,223	147,901

6 Staff costs (including directors' emoluments)

	2016	2015
	£	£
Wages and salaries	22,009,842	21,548,727
Social security costs	1,828,935	1,673,796
Other pension costs	3,238,831	2,850,198
	27,077,608	26,072,721

The average numbers of staff employed by the University (FTE)	2016	2015
	Number	Number
	FTE	FTE
Academic	277	264
Administrative and technical	263	281
Manual and ancillary	98	98
	638	643

Emoluments of the Vice-chancellor	2016	2015
	£	£
Salary	261,240	250,986
Benefits	9,741	5,780
Pension	42,533	35,389
	313,514	292,155

The emoluments of the Rector are shown on the same basis as for higher paid staff (excluding employer's social security contributions). The University's pension contributions to the Teachers Pension Scheme are paid on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor & Rector at the same rate as for other academic staff.

All payments to directors are in respect of services as members of staff and relate to the period of office. Where appropriate these emoluments are also included in the bands for higher paid staff.

Notes (continued)

The number of staff, including senior post-holders and the Vice Chancellor & Rector, who received remuneration excluding employer pension contributions in the following ranges was:

	2016	2015
	Number	Number
£100,000 - £109,999	-	2
£110,000 - £119,999	2	1
£120,000 - £129,999	1	1
£130,000 - £139,999	1	-
£250,000 - £259,999	-	1
£270,000 - £279,999	1	-
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Key management personnel

	2016	2015
	1,299,347	1,328,618

While administration of the University is controlled and managed by the University Council, the day to day operations are conducted by the Senior Management Team, comprising the members of the Rectorate team (Vice Chancellor, Pro-vice Chancellors, University Secretary and Deans) and the Directors of Finance, IT Services, Student Administration and Estates. The figure disclosed comprises total gross salaries of the Senior Management Team excluding employer's pension and national insurance contributions.

7 Other operating expenses

	2016	2015
	£	£
Residences, catering and conference operating expenses	306,651	365,522
Teaching departments	3,141,614	2,966,902
Books and periodicals	659,286	489,609
Heat, light, water and power	1,357,837	1,305,220
Repairs and general maintenance	1,824,189	1,843,613
Grants to Liverpool Hope Students' Union	241,772	231,750
External auditors' remuneration	44,768	44,975
Other support services	528,429	675,555
Administration and central services	5,135,659	4,946,670
Other income generating activities	231,893	252,944
Other operating expenses	1,047,500	1,023,656
Reimbursement of Trustees' expenses	1,038	1,383
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	14,520,636	14,147,799
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3 Trustees were reimbursed for expenses directly connected with their duties as Trustees. In 2015/16 these expenses were travel (including international travel), conferences and hospitality amounting to £1,038. In 2014/15 the expenses related to travel and conferences and amounted to £1,383.

Notes (continued)

8 Interest and other finance costs

	2016 £	2015 £
Interest payable on bank loans not wholly repayable within five years	389,088	407,973
Pension fund interest payable	594,850	527,742
Interest payable on finance lease	534,100	525,980
	<u>1,518,038</u>	<u>1,461,695</u>

9 Analysis of expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Interest payable £	Other operating expenses £	Total £
Academic departments	15,774,565	-	-	3,141,614	18,916,179
Academic support services	1,802,713	-	-	1,346,651	3,149,364
Other support services	1,363,239	-	-	770,201	2,133,440
Administration and central services	4,328,117	-	-	5,135,659	9,463,776
General education expenditure	-	-	-	39,364	39,364
Premises	2,227,508	-	-	3,548,603	5,776,111
Other income generating activities	464,795	-	-	231,893	696,688
Residences, catering and conferences	1,116,671	-	-	306,651	1,423,322
Depreciation	-	3,700,399	-	-	3,700,399
Interest payable	-	-	1,518,037	-	1,518,037
	<u>27,077,608</u>	<u>3,700,399</u>	<u>1,518,037</u>	<u>14,520,636</u>	<u>46,816,681</u>

Notes (continued)

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets in the course of construction	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Deemed cost				
At 1 August 2015	4,830,133	110,469,789	5,753,189	121,053,111
Additions at cost	7,772,599	911,286	979,378	9,663,263
Disposals at cost	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(8,223,929)	8,216,635	7,294	-
	<u>4,378,803</u>	<u>119,597,710</u>	<u>6,739,862</u>	<u>130,716,374</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2015	-	2,928,798	4,582,333	7,511,131
Charge for the year	-	2,903,612	796,787	3,700,399
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,832,410</u>	<u>5,379,120</u>	<u>11,211,530</u>
Net book value				
At 31 July 2015	4,830,133	107,540,991	1,170,856	113,541,980
At 31 July 2016	<u>4,378,803</u>	<u>113,765,300</u>	<u>1,360,742</u>	<u>119,504,844</u>

Included is £6,154,875 which relates to Gerard Manley Hopkins Hall, acquired at an imputed cost of £6,261,151 in March 2011. The substantive nature of the acquisition was that of a hire purchase arrangement with rental payments due for 27½ years from the date of acquisition. The property is being depreciated over its remaining useful economic life of 42 years.

Fixed assets include £8,266,000 in relation to land. The land has not been depreciated in the accounts.

11 Debtors

	2016	2015
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	868,852	1,256,383
Sundry debtors	234,817	10,818
Prepayments and accrued income	451,706	419,191
	<u>1,555,375</u>	<u>1,686,392</u>

Notes (continued)

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Loans	434,349	414,990
Trade creditors	347,334	492,118
Social security and other taxation payable	1,028,260	939,075
Accruals and deferred income	4,668,485	4,759,966
	<u>6,478,428</u>	<u>6,606,149</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Loans secured on residential and other property repayable by 2030	6,761,692	7,196,041
Obligations under hire purchase agreement	5,912,031	5,824,945
	<u>12,673,723</u>	<u>13,020,986</u>

Loans are repayable as below	2016 £	2015 £
Within 1 to 2 years	458,217	434,349
Within 2 to 5 years	1,515,722	1,443,363
After 5 years	4,787,753	5,318,329
	<u>6,761,692</u>	<u>7,196,041</u>

Interest/terms on loans	Original Value	Interest rate	Basis	Number of years remaining
	£	%		
Alexander Jones Building	600,000	1.225	Fixed	7
Sports centre	1,900,000	7.101	Fixed	7
Cloisters/Hermitage	420,000	1.123	Fixed	12
Student accommodation	8,300,000	5.622	£7m Fixed	14
		0.908	£1.3m Variable	

The loans are secured on the relevant assets of the University. All loans are repaid by instalments over the period of the loan.

Notes (continued)

14 Lease Obligations

Total payable under hire purchase agreement:	2016	2015
Future minimum lease payments due:		
Not later than 1 year	-	-
Later than 1 year not later than 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	5,912,031	5,824,945
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total payment due	5,912,031	5,824,945
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15 Reconciliation of cash flow to Statement of Financial Position

	2015	Cashflows	2016
Cash at bank	12,327,446	(1,101,447)	11,225,999
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

16 Capital commitments

	2016	2015
	£	£
Commitments contracted for at 31 st July	1,709,000	3,944,127
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

17 Training bursary payments

	2016	2015
	£	£
Grant paid by National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL)	3,129,840	2,131,790
Payments to trainees	(3,223,550)	(2,036,442)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grant due to/from NCTL	(93,710)	95,348
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

During the year the University administered the Training Bursary Scheme for PGCE students. The University acts only as paying agent. The grants and related disbursements are therefore excluded from the income and expenditure account.

Notes (continued)

18 Related party disclosures

Due to the nature of the University's operations and the composition of the University Council (being drawn from local public and private sector organisations), it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a Member of the Board may have an interest. All transactions involving organisations in which a member of the board of governors may have an interest are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the University's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

19 Connected Charitable Institutions

The University is connected to one charitable institution, Liverpool Hope Preston Carter Foundation which was set up in its current state in April 2012. The University appoints two of the trustees. The Foundation has no income or expenditure. Assets were valued by the insurer at £440,000 and the Foundation has £500,000 in its current account as at 31 July 2015.

20 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Obligation to fund Deficit on USS pension £	Pension enhancement on termination £	Total pension provision £
At 1 st August 2015	252,320	277,463	529,783
Utilised in year	45,069	(25,914)	19,155
Interest Cost	7,469	6,382	13,850
Actuarial loss		(10,796)	(10,796)
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At 31 st July 2016	<u>304,857</u>	<u>247,135</u>	<u>551,992</u>

21 Pension and similar obligations

The University's employees belong to three principal pension schemes, the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff, the Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) and the Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) for non-academic staff. The total pension cost for the period was £3,513,679, (2015: £3,117,852).

	2016 £	2015 £
As at 1 August	16,007,000	12,731,000
Increase in liability	4,572,000	3,276,000
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As at 31 st July (see note 21 for further details)	20,579,000	16,007,000
	_____	_____
The University's pension liability is analysed as follows:	£	£
Greater Manchester Pension Fund	18,719,000	14,290,000
Merseyside Pension Fund	1,860,000	1,717,000
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	20,579,000	16,007,000
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Notes *(continued)*

Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS)

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010, and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary-aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers and lecturers and, from 1 January 2007, automatic too for teachers and lecturers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract. Teachers and lecturers are able to opt out of the TPS.

The Teachers' Pension Budgeting And Valuation Account

Although members may be employed by various bodies, their retirement and other pension benefits are set out in regulations made under the Superannuation Act 1972 and are paid by public funds provided by Parliament. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions, along with those made by employers, are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the above Act.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 require an annual account, the Teacher's Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account, to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pension increases). From 1 April 2001, the Account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the Account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The latest actuarial review of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with The Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education (the Department) on 9 June 2014. The key results of the valuation are:

- employer contribution rates were set at 16.4% of pensionable pay;
- total scheme liabilities for service to the effective date of £191.5 billion, and notional assets of £176.6 billion, giving a notional past service deficit of £14.9 billion
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay.

The new employer contribution rate for the TPS was implemented in September 2015.

A full copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation can be found on the Teachers' Pension Scheme website at the following location:

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx>

Notes *(continued)*

Scheme Changes

Following the Hutton report in March 2011 and the subsequent consultations with trade unions and other representative bodies on reform of the TPS, the Department published a Proposed Final Agreement, setting out the design for a reformed TPS to be implemented from 1 April 2015.

The key provisions of the reformed scheme include: a pension based on career average earnings; an accrual rate of 1/57th; and a Normal Pension Age equal to State Pension Age, but with options to enable members to retire earlier or later than their Normal Pension Age. Importantly, pension benefits built up before 1 April 2015 will be fully protected.

In addition, the Proposed Final Agreement includes a Government commitment that those within 10 years of Normal Pension Age on 1 April 2012 will see no change to the age at which they can retire, and no decrease in the amount of pension they receive when they retire. There will also be further transitional protection, tapered over a three and a half year period, for people who would fall up to three and a half years outside of the 10 year protection.

Regulations giving effect to a reformed Teachers' Pension Scheme came into force on 1 April 2014 and the reformed scheme commenced on 1 April 2015.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £1,574,696 (2015: £1,335,961).

Notes (continued)

Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF)

The GMPF is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in a separate trustee administered fund. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 July 2016 was £1,957,000 of which employers contributions totalled £1,432,000 and employees contributions totalled £525,000. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.1% for employers and ranges between 5.5% to 12.5% for employees, dependent on salary.

FRS 17

The following information is based upon a full actuarial valuation of the fund as 31 March 2013 updated to 31 July 2014 by a qualified independent actuary.

	2016	2015	2014
Rate of increase in salaries	3.20%	3.80%	3.80%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment/inflation	1.90%	2.60%	2.70%
Discount rate for liabilities	2.40%	3.60%	4.00%
Commutation of pension to lump sums	55.00%	55.00%	55.00%
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The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	At 31 July 2016	At 31 July 2015	At 31 July 2014
Retiring today			
Males	21.40	21.40	21.40
Females	24.00	24.00	24.00
Retiring in 20 years			
Males	24.00	24.00	24.00
Females	26.60	26.60	26.60
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Notes (continued)

Greater Manchester Pension Fund (continued)

The University's share of assets in the scheme (which is estimated at 0.2% of total scheme assets) and the expected rates of return were:

	Value at 31 July 16	Long term rate of return Expected 31 Jul 15	Value at 31 July 15	Long term rate of return Expected 31 Jul 14	Value at 31 July 14
	£000		£000		£000
Equities	28,108	3.60%	23,465	6.60%	21,435
Bonds	6,546	3.60%	6,004	3.60%	5,434
Property	1,925	3.60%	2,335	4.70%	1,811
Cash	1,925	3.60%	1,334	3.60%	1,510
	38,504		33,357		30,190
Share of total market value of assets					
Present value of scheme liabilities					
- Funded	(57,183)		(47,606)		(41,166)
- Unfunded	(40)		(41)		(43)
Deficit in the scheme	(18,719)		(14,290)		(11,019)

Asset values are at bid value for 2014 while prior years are reported at mid market value. This adjustment has been made in current year as the value is not material.

Analysis of the amount charged to the statement of comprehensive income

	2016	2015	2014
	£000	£000	£000
Current service cost	(1,921)	(1,778)	1,591
Past service cost (including curtailments)	(24)	(17)	-
Total service cost	(1,945)	1,795	1,591

Analysis of pension finance income

	2016	2015	2014
	£000	£000	£000
Interest income on plan assets	1,220	1,228	1,712
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	(1,744)	(1,677)	(1,669)
Total net interest	(524)	449	43
Total defined benefit recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(2,469)	(2,244)	

Notes (continued)

Movement in deficit during year	2016	2015
	£000	£000
Deficit in scheme	(14,290)	(11,019)
Movement in year:		
Current service charge	(1,921)	(1,778)
Past service charge (including curtailments)	(24)	(17)
Net interest/return on assets	(524)	(449)
Contributions	1,432	1,346
Remeasurments recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(3,392)	(2,373)
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Deficit in the scheme at end of year	(18,719)	(14,290)
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History of experience gains or losses

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£
Difference between the expected and actual return on assets	2,839	880	(1,567)	3,657	(811)
Value of Assets	38,504	33,357	30,190	29,039	23,496
% of scheme assets	7.37%	2.64%	(5.19%)	12.595%	(3.45%)
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities	458	254	223	(1)	(295)
Total present value of liabilities	(57,223)	(47,674)	(41,209)	(35,594)	(32,461)
% of Total present value of scheme liabilities	(0.80%)	(0.53%)	(0.54%)	0.00%	0.91%
Actuarial (loss)/gain recognised in statement of comprehensive income	(3,392)	(2,373)	(4,052)	3,030	(4,917)
% of the present value of liabilities	5.93%	4.98%	9.83%	(8.51%)	15.15%
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Notes (continued)

Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF)

The MPF is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 July 2016 was £315,000 of which employer's contributions totalled £306,000 and employees' contributions totalled £9,000. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 38.3% for employers and ranges between 5.5% to 12.5% for employees, dependent on salary.

The following information is based upon a full actuarial valuation of the fund as at 31 March 2013 updated to 31 July 2016 by a qualified independent actuary.

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Rate of increase in salaries	3.20%	3.70%	3.70%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment/inflation	1.70%	2.20%	2.20%
Discount rate for liabilities	2.40%	3.60%	4.10%
Commutation of pension to lump sum	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	At 31 July 2016	At 31 July 2015	At 31 July 2014
Retiring today			
Males	22.50	22.40	22.30
Females	25.40	25.30	25.20
Retiring in 20 years			
Males	24.90	24.80	24.70
Females	28.20	28.10	28.00

The University's share of assets in the scheme (which is estimated at 0.1% of total scheme assets) and the expected rates of return were:

	Value at 31 July 16 £000	Long term rate of return expected 31 Jul 15	Value at 31 July 15 £000	Long term rate of return expected 31 Jul 14	Value at 31 July 14 £000
Equities	3,058	6.50%	3,126	7.00%	2,853
Bonds – government	268	2.50%	718	3.30%	649
Bonds – other	688	3.60%	271	4.30%	109
Property	478	6.10%	447	5.70%	369
Cash & other	1,335	0.50%	640	0.50%	757
Total market value of assets	5,827		5,202		4,737
Present value of scheme liabilities					
- Funded	(7,680)		(6,911)		(6,449)
- Unfunded	(7)		(8)		-
Related deferred tax liability					
	(1,860)		(1,717)		(1,712)

Notes (continued)

Asset values are at bid value for 2010 while prior years are reported at mid market value. This adjustment has been made in year as the value is not material.

Analysis of the amount charged to the income and expenditure account

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Employer service cost (net of employee contributions)	(36)	(32)	(36)
Past service cost	-	-	-
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Total operating credit/(charge)	(36)	(32)	(36)
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Analysis of pension finance income/(costs)

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Interest on plan assets	187	194	259
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(244)	(258)	(246)
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Pension finance costs	(57)	(64)	13
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	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Actual return on plan assets	642	465	299
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities	-	0	(234)
Change in financial and demographic assumptions underlying the scheme liabilities	(997)	(662)	(145)
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Total remeasurment included within statement of comprehensive income	(355)	(197)	(80)
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Movement in deficit during year

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Deficit in scheme at beginning of year	(1,717)	(1,712)	(1,895)
Movement in year:			
Current service charge	(36)	(32)	(36)
Contributions	306	311	286
Administration costs	(1)	(1)	-
Settlements and Curtailments	-	(22)	-
Net interest/return on assets	(57)	(64)	13
Actuarial loss	(355)	(197)	(80)
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Deficit in scheme at end of year	(1,860)	(1,717)	(1,712)
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History of experience gains or losses

	2016 £	2015 £	2014 £	2013 £	2012 £
Difference between the expected and actual return on assets	642	465	299	1,080	(156)
Value of assets	5,827	5,202	4,737	4,403	3,779
% of scheme assets	11.02%	8.94%	6.31%	25.53%	(4.13%)
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities	-	-	(234)	-	-
Total present value of liabilities	(7,687)	(6,919)	(6,449)	(6,298)	(6,319)
% of Total present value of scheme liabilities	0.00%	0.00%	3.63%	0.00%	0.00%
Actuarial (loss)/gain recognised in statement of comprehensive income	(355)	(197)	(80)	433	(672)
% of the present value of liabilities	4.62%	2.85%	1.24%	(6.88%)	10.63%

In its June 2010 budget, the government announced that it intended for future increases in public sector pension schemes to be linked to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rather than, as previously, the Retail Price Index (RPI). In the year ended the 31st July 2010, the University considered the Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) and the Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) scheme rules and associated members' literature and concluded that as a result, a revised actuarial assumption about the level of inflation indexation should be made, with the resulting gain recognised through the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses ('STRGL') in the 2009/10 financial statements. Following the issue of Urgent Issues Task Force ('UITF')

Abstract 48 in December 2010, the University has reconsidered its position in respect of the above and has concluded that the above treatment of the gain remains appropriate.

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22 Transition to FRS 102 and the 2015 SORP

As explained in the accounting policies, these are the University's first financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and the 2015 SORP. The accounting policies set out in pages 17 to 21 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 2016, the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended 2015 and in the preparation of an opening FRS 102 balance sheet Statement of Financial Position at 1 August 2015. An explanation of how the transition to FRS 102 and the SORP have affected the University's financial position, financial performance and the cash flow is set out below:

	2007 SORP £'000	01-Aug-14 Effect of transition to FRS 102 £'000	FRS 102 £'000	2007 SORP £'000	31-Jul-15 Effect of transition to FRS 102 £'000	FRS 102 £'000
Non-current assets						
Fixed Assets	111,273,558	0	111,273,558	113,541,980	0	113,541,980
Heritage assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>111,273,558</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>111,273,558</u>	<u>113,541,980</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>113,541,980</u>
Endowment Assets	117,563		117,563	113,236		113,236
Current assets						
Debtors	1,625,765	0	1,625,765	1,686,392	0	1,686,392
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	10,007,217	0	10,007,217	12,214,213	0	12,214,213
	<u>11,632,982</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,632,982</u>	<u>13,900,605</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,900,605</u>
Less: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,059,100)	(630,884)	(5,689,984)	(5,952,702)	(653,447)	(6,606,149)
	<u>6,573,882</u>	<u>(630,884)</u>	<u>5,942,998</u>	<u>7,947,903</u>	<u>(653,447)</u>	<u>7,294,456</u>
Net current (liabilities)/assets						
Total assets less current liabilities	117,965,003	(630,884)	117,334,119	121,603,119	(653,447)	120,949,672
recorded within other Comprehensive Income.						
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(13,357,011)	0	(13,357,011)	(13,020,986)	0	(13,020,986)
	<u>91,595,809</u>	<u>(743,244)</u>	<u>90,852,565</u>	<u>92,297,669</u>	<u>(905,768)</u>	<u>91,391,901</u>
Provisions						
Provisions for liabilities	(281,183)	(112,360)	(393,543)	(277,464)	(252,320)	(529,784)
Other pension liability	(12,731,000)	0	(12,731,000)	(16,007,000)	0	(16,007,000)
	<u>91,595,809</u>	<u>(743,244)</u>	<u>90,852,565</u>	<u>92,297,669</u>	<u>(905,768)</u>	<u>91,391,901</u>
Restricted Reserves						
Income and expenditure reserve - endowment reserve	117,563	0	117,563	113,236	(113,236)	0
Income and expenditure reserve - restricted reserve	21,916,411	(21,916,411)	0	21,846,832	(21,846,832)	0
Unrestricted Reserves						
Income and expenditure reserve - unrestricted	31,436,939	21,917,515	53,354,454	33,153,314	21,054,300	54,207,614
Revaluation reserve	38,124,896	(744,348)	37,380,548	37,184,287	0	37,184,287
	<u>91,595,809</u>	<u>(743,244)</u>	<u>90,852,565</u>	<u>92,297,669</u>	<u>(905,768)</u>	<u>91,391,901</u>
Non-controlling interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Reserves	<u>91,595,809</u>	<u>(743,244)</u>	<u>90,852,565</u>	<u>92,297,669</u>	<u>(905,768)</u>	<u>91,391,901</u>

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**Statement of Comprehensive Income for year ended
31 July 2015**

	UK GAAP £'000	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £'000	FRS 102 £'000
Income			
Funding body grants	5,039,662	65,618	5,105,280
Tuition fees and education contracts	37,180,801		37,180,801
Research grants and contracts	271,376		271,376
Other income	6,119,068	(135,197)	5,983,871
Investment income	277,901	(130,000)	147,901
Total income before other grants and donations	48,888,808	(199,580)	48,689,228
Donations and other grant income			0
Total income	48,888,808	(199,580)	48,689,228
Expenditure			0
Staff costs	26,050,158	22,563	26,072,721
Other operating expenses	14,146,797	1,000	14,147,797
Depreciation	3,755,567		3,755,567
Interest payable	945,370	516,326	1,461,696
Total expenditure	44,897,892	539,889	45,437,781
Surplus before tax	3,990,916	(739,469)	3,251,447
Taxation	0	0	0
Surplus after tax	3,990,916	(739,469)	3,251,447
Non controlling interest	4,327		4,327
Surplus for the year	3,995,243	(739,469)	3,255,774

Explanation of reconciling items:-

- Change in accounting policy for deferred capital grants – income is performance related
- Movement in holiday pay accrual
- Adjustments to pension revaluations including interest payable and interest receivable
- Inclusion of USS pension scheme
- Change in endowment