

**2005/2006 FINAL ACCOUNTS
(Report of the Treasurer)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 2005/2006 accounts have been finalised, and have been audited. This report contains details of actual expenditure and income levels at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park.

2. COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND BUDGETED NET EXPENDITURE

- 2.1 The financial position for last year can be summarised as follows:-

Details	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variation £'000
Expenditure	281	340	+59
Income	69	108	+39
Net Expenditure	212	232	+20

Attached at Annex A is a more detailed breakdown of the variations from the budget.

- 2.2 The £20k variation on expenditure was due to the following:-

- **Employees Costs** – increased by £30k in total. The staff working in the café were not included in the original budget, however, the additional £23k was more than off-set by additional income (see paragraph 2.3). The remaining variation was due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the budget, an amount was allocated from HDC's general contingency to cover part of this.
- **Premises Costs** – An unbudgeted National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) charge was levied on the country park for the first time in 2005/06. This charge was £14k and covered two financial years, 2003/04 and 2005/06. Savings on other items helped to off-set this additional cost and some of the higher supplies and services costs.
- **Supplies & Services Costs** – the operating costs of the café, e.g. catering supplies and equipment (£13k), were not included in the budget. However, this expenditure is offset by additional income (see paragraph 2.3). Promotion and advertising costs were £4k higher than budgeted for.

- **Irrecoverable VAT** – previously, VAT has had no impact on the costs of running the country park because any irrecoverable VAT on “exempt” services e.g. room hire and courses, has been met by HDC. In order to comply with the Accounting Code of Practice £5k of irrecoverable VAT was charged to the country park last year.
- **Central Department recharges** – increased by £7k due to the impact of Financial Reporting Standard 17 which requires the accounts to reflect the cost of future pension commitments arising from current staffing levels. Recharges also increased by a further £3k due to changes in staff time allocations or changes in the method of allocating the costs of support services.

2.3 Income was £40k higher than the budget. The café, which opened in October 2005, generated £38k income which wasn't in the original budget. Commuted sums received from developers to support recreational facilities, drawn on to support the maintenance costs at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park increased by £2k.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Overall, expenditure and income is managed very well by staff at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. The additional costs that arose (NNDR, Irrecoverable VAT and Central Department Recharges) were outside the direct control of the Senior Ranger.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

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Source Documents:

- 1. FMS Summary**
- 2. 2005/06 Closedown File – Accountancy Section**

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Actual 2004/05 £	Details	Budget 2005/06 £	Actual 2005/06 £	Variation £
EXPENDITURE				
167,136	Employees	170,100	199,709	29,609
25,093	Premises	37,920	35,003	-2,917
30,804	Supplies & Services	16,810	34,295	17,485
0	Irrecoverable VAT	0	5,436	5,436
26,844	Central Department Charges	28,100	38,130	10,030
29,218	Capital Charges	27,510	27,633	123
279,095	Total Expenditure	280,440	340,206	59,766
INCOME				
-2,258	Donations/Contributions Sales,	-1,130	-636	494
-841	Publications/Plants etc	-900	-778	122
-504	Fishing	-450	-838	-388
-8,373	Catering (Café)	0	-37,653	-37,653
-1,730	Commuted Sum	-1,770	-3,478	-1,708
-14,305	Social Services	-14,520	-14,686	-166
-51,832	Room Hire etc	-49,750	-50,410	-660
-79,843	Total Income	-68,520	-108,479	-39,959
199,252	HDC NET EXPENDITURE	211,920	231,727	19,807

Note:-

Staff based at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park also oversee the following sites as part of their day to day duties:-

Holt Island
St Ives Sites – The Thicket and Wilhorn Meadow
Spring Common
Stukeley Meadows
Ouse Valley Way