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The latest edition of Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics is published today by the Welsh Assembly Government.

This annual publication contains information on local authority finance in Wales. The tables cover revenue and capital spending by service and by authority, sources of financing, general and specific grants, council tax and information on non-domestic rates. The detailed expenditure data relate to 2006-07, whilst revenue budget and capital forecast data are both 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Key points

2006-07 outturn

- Gross revenue expenditure, including spending financed by specific grants, stood at £6,472 million or £2,182 per head of population.
- Capital expenditure was £1,077 million, of which £267 million was expenditure on housing and £186 million was expenditure on education.

2008-09 budget

- Local authorities budgeted to spend £2,354 per head of population or £6,983 million.
- Provision for education services accounted for 34% of the total budgeted gross revenue expenditure, social services for 19%, whilst police and fire services accounted for a further 9% and 2% respectively.
- Local authorities forecast capital expenditure to be £983 million in 2008-09.
- The total number of dwellings liable for council tax in Wales in 2008-09 was 1,308,620. The average band D council tax across Wales for 2008-09 was £1,044, a rise of 3.9% over 2007-08.
- By 31 March 2007, councils had collected an estimated 97% of all council tax due for 2007-08, which was 100% of the amount budgeted to be collected.

Copies of Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics 2008 (ISBN 978 0 7504 4909 0), published by the Welsh Assembly Government, are available free of charge from the Statistical Policy, Publications and Internet Unit, Welsh Assembly Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

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