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The Mayor and Executive Secretary
Bormla Local Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**AUDIT REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2014**

In terms of Section P2.06 (c.02) of the Local Councils (Audit) Procedures 2006, I am forwarding a copy of the Audit Report and Financial Statements, together with the Management Letter for the financial year ending 31 December 2014.


After seeking the Council's approval, you are kindly requested to submit your response to the Director (Local Government), the Local Government Auditor, and to this Office as stipulated in Section P2.06 (d) of the same Procedures, by not later than six weeks following receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Mercieca'.

Tanya Mercieca
Asst. Auditor General

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BORMLA LOCAL COUNCIL

Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2014

Prepared by;

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Statement of Council Members' and Executive Secretary's Responsibilities

for the year ended 31 December 2014

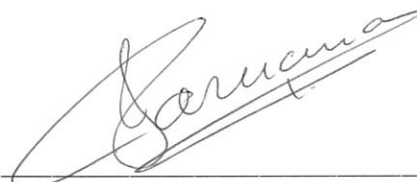
The Local Councils (Financial) Regulations 1993 require the Secretary to prepare a detailed Annual Administrative Report which includes a statement of the Council's income and expenditure for the year and of the Council's retained funds at the end of the year. By virtue of the same regulations it is the duty of the Council and the Secretary to ensure that the financial statements forming part of the report present fairly, in accordance with accounting policies applicable to Local Councils, the income and expenditure of the Council for the year and its retained funds as at the year end, and that they comply with the Act, the Local Councils (Financial) Regulations, 1993, and the Local Council (Financial) Procedures, 1996 issued in terms of the said Act.

This entails, inter alia, responsibility for ensuring that an appropriate system of internal control is in operation to provide them with reasonable assurance that the assets of the Council are properly safeguarded, that fraud and other irregularities will be detected and that the operations of the Council are properly conducted in accordance with the Local Councils Act, 1993, the Local Council (Financial) Regulations, 1993, and the policies, systems and time scales referred to in the Local Council (Financial) Procedures, 1996.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 22/04/2015 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms Alison Zerafa
Mayor



Mr Joseph Caruana
Executive Secretary

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Revenue			
Funds received from Central Government	5	446,669	459,691
Income raised from Council Bye-Laws	6	4,776	2,610
Income from Law Enforcement System	7	5,244	2,931
Investment income	8	482	394
General income	9	1,625	17,672
		<u>458,796</u>	<u>483,298</u>
Expenditure			
Salaries and bonuses	10	110,254	106,514
Operations and maintenance	11	224,466	237,510
Administrative and other expenditure	12	117,430	136,069
		<u>452,150</u>	<u>480,093</u>
Net Profit for the year		<u><u>6,646</u></u>	<u><u>3,205</u></u>

The notes on pages 6 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

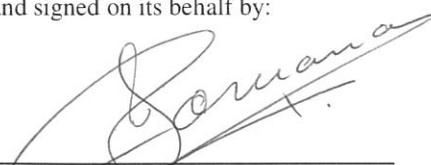
at 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	13	192	287
Property, plant and equipment	14	392,967	426,032
		<u>393,159</u>	<u>426,319</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	15	31,860	30,706
Cash at bank and in hand	16	73,762	50,185
		<u>105,622</u>	<u>80,891</u>
Total assets		<u>498,781</u>	<u>507,210</u>
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Retained earnings		305,581	298,938
Total Reserves		<u>305,581</u>	<u>298,938</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income	18	86,875	93,874
Current liabilities			
Overdrawn bank balance	17	10,353	193
Trade and other payables	19	95,972	114,205
		<u>106,325</u>	<u>114,398</u>
Total liabilities		<u>193,200</u>	<u>208,272</u>
Total Reserves and liabilities		<u>498,781</u>	<u>507,210</u>

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The notes on pages 6 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Retained earnings €
At 1 January 2013	295,730
Net surplus for the year	3,205
At 31 December 2013	298,935
Net surplus for the year	6,646
At 31 December 2014	305,581

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		6,646	3,205
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		42,327	41,177
Amortisation		95	96
Interest received		(482)	(394)
Provision for doubtful debts		(969)	-
		<u>47,617</u>	<u>44,084</u>
Working capital changes:			
(Increase) in trade and other receivables		(188)	149,983
Grants released to income		(9,828)	4,297
(Decrease) in trade and other payables		(20,786)	(177,735)
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>16,815</u>	<u>12,035</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of intangible assets		-	7,969
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(9,262)	(82,379)
Interest received		482	394
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(8,780)</u>	<u>(74,016)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Grants received		5,382	69,884
Net cash flows from financing activities		<u>5,382</u>	<u>69,884</u>
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		<u>13,417</u>	<u>7,903</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		13,417	7,903
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		49,992	42,089
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>63,409</u>	<u>49,992</u>
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank and in hand	16	73,762	50,185
Bank balance overdrawn	17	(10,353)	(193)
		<u>63,409</u>	<u>49,992</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2014

1. General information

The Bormla Local Council is a local government set up by the Local Council Act, 1993. Its ultimate controlling party is the Local Councils Department within the Office of the Prime Minister.

2. Accounting policies

Accounting convention and basis of preparation

These financial statements are presented using the Euro, being the currency that reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to the company. They are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the fair valuation convention where required by International Financial Reporting Standards, and the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU. The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies (see Note 3 - Critical accounting estimates and judgements).

New and revised standards that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014

A number of new and revised standards are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014. Information on these new standards is presented below.

Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Amendments to IAS 32)

The Amendments to IAS 32 add application guidance to address inconsistencies in applying IAS 32's criteria for offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities in the following two areas:

- The meaning of 'currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off'
- That some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement.

The Amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015 and are required to be applied retrospectively. The council members do not anticipate a material impact on the council's financial statements from these amendments.

Disclosures - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Amendments to IFRS 7)

Qualitative and quantitative disclosures have been added to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' (IFRS 7) relating to gross and net amounts or recognised financial instruments that are (a) set off in the statements of financial position and (b) subject to enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements, even if not set off in the statement of financial position. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 and interim periods within those annual periods. The required disclosures should be provided retrospectively. The council members do not anticipate a material impact on the council's financial statements from these amendments.

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the Council.

All the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published but are not yet effective, and have not been adopted early by the Council.

Council members anticipate that all of the relevant pronouncements will be adopted in the council's accounting policies for the first period beginning after the effective date of the pronouncement. Information on new standards, amendments and interpretations that are expected to be relevant to the council's financial statements is provided below. Certain other new standards and interpretations have been issued but are not relevant and therefore are not expected to hold a material impact on the council's financial statements.

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the council.

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, specifies how an entity should classify and measure financial assets and liabilities, including some hybrid contracts. The standard improves and simplifies the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of IAS 39. Most of the requirements in IAS 39 for classification and measurement of financial liabilities were carried forward unchanged. The standard applies a consistent approach to classifying financial assets and replaces the numerous categories of financial assets in IAS 39, each of which had its own classification criteria. The application of the new standard will not have a significant impact on amounts reported in the Council's financial assets and liabilities. However, it is not practicable to provide a reasonable estimate of that effect until a detailed review has been completed.

There are no other standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a significant impact on the Council.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recorded at cost. They are subsequently stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Intangible assets are amortised at 25% per annum, using the straight line method.

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Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administration purposes, are stated in the statement of financial position at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity such that the carrying amounts do not differ materially from those that would be determined using fair values at the end of each reporting period.

A revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent that it reserves a revaluation decrease for the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss, in which case the increase is credited to profit or loss to the extent of the decrease previously expensed. A decrease in the carrying amount arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, held in the properties revaluation reserves relating to a previous revaluation of that asset.

Depreciation on revalued buildings is recognised in profit or loss. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued property, the attributable revaluation surplus remaining in the properties revaluation reserve is transferred directly to retained earnings.

Furniture and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets (other than freehold land and properties under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives, using the reducing balance method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are renewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amounts of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

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Impairment of property, plant and equipment

At the end of each reporting period, the Council reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Council estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

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Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and grants received for specific projects. Depreciation is calculated on a monthly basis using the reducing balance method at rates estimated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets, other than land and trees over their expected useful lives as follows:

Trees	0%
Motor Vehicles	- 20%
Office Equipment	- 20%
Urban improvements (street furniture)	- 10%
Plant and machinery	- 20%
Furniture and fittings	- 7.5%
New street signs	- replacement basis
Road Signs	- replacement basis
Litter bins	- replacement basis
Street Mirrors	- replacement basis
Construction works	- 10%
Assets not yet capitalised	- 0%

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating surplus. The residual values and useful lives of the assets are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate, at each year end. The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Subsequent costs are included in the carrying amount of the asset or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial year in which they are incurred.

Provisions

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

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

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Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of the Council, transactions in currencies other than the Council's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical costs in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Income recognition

Income in general is stated when there is reasonable certainty that the income would be receivable and thus can be accrued for. Other income such as that derived from the organisation of courses, cultural, sporting and social activities is only recognised on a cash basis.

Income from investment activities is recognised when the rights of receipt have been established.

Interest income from financial assets is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Council and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and balances with banks less bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form part of the company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (see below), that the Members have made in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Revenue recognition

In making their judgement, the Council Members considered the detailed criteria for the recognition of revenue from the Law Enforcement System.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

The useful lives of property, plant and equipment is determined by the Local Government Department, within the Office of the Prime Minister and the Council reviews the fixed assets register items at the end of each accounting period with a view to identify any obsolete items.

4. Going concern

The statement of financial position suggests that the going concern assumption used in the preparation of these financial statements is dependent on further sources of funds. This factor indicates that the Council may be unable to continue as a going concern, unless with the continued support of its related parties.

5. Funds received from Central Government

	2014	2013
	€	€
In terms of section 55 of the Local Councils Act, 1993	415,016	415,645
Supplementary Government Income - Waste Serv alloc	9,456	13,488
Amortisation of Government Grants	9,828	4,297
Other Government Income	12,369	26,261
	<u>446,669</u>	<u>459,691</u>

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6. Income raised from Council Bye-Laws

	2014	2013
	€	€
Permits related to construction	<u>4,776</u>	<u>2,610</u>

7. Income from Law Enforcement System

	2014	2013
	€	€
Contraventions received	722	822
Contraventions accrued	(969)	(985)
LES commissions	4,491	3,094
Sponsorships	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,244</u>	<u>2,931</u>

With effect from 1st September 2011, income related to contraventions was allocated directly to regional committees.

8. Investment income

	2014	2013
	€	€
Bank interest	<u>482</u>	<u>394</u>

9. General income

	2014	2013
	€	€
Contributions	1,109	9,714
Tender document fees	380	2,150
Receivables - water and electricity	(214)	4,648
Income from council magazines	<u>350</u>	<u>1,160</u>
	<u>1,625</u>	<u>17,672</u>

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10. Salaries and bonuses

	2014	2013
	€	€
Salaries and bonuses include, inter alia:		
Mayor's honoraria and allowance	11,574	10,117
Council members' allowance	8,754	8,800
Executive salary and allowance	30,260	30,194
Employees' salaries	53,154	51,789
Social security costs	6,512	5,614
	<u>110,254</u>	<u>106,514</u>

11. Operations and maintenance

	2014	2013
	€	€
Repairs and upkeep		
Road and street pavements	-	575
Patching	257	648
Office furniture and equipment	696	421
Public Property	-	26,919
Street signs	2,074	752
Other repairs and upkeep	489	2,757
Street markings	1,321	811
	<u>4,837</u>	<u>32,883</u>
Contractual services		
Refuse collection	97,541	84,899
Bulky refuse collection	9,693	13,093
Hire of open skips	-	165
Tipping fees	32,807	37,754
Cleaning services	435	106
Road and street cleaning	34,080	35,400
Cleaning and maintenance - Public Conveniences	1,504	12
Cleaning council premises	4,899	5,153
Cleaning and maintenance Soft areas	32,775	21,276
Street lighting	5,895	6,769
	<u>219,629</u>	<u>204,627</u>
Total operations and maintenance expenses	<u>224,466</u>	<u>237,510</u>

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12. Administrative and other expenses

	2014	2013
	€	€
Utilities	78	72
Operating materials and supplies	3,044	4,327
Cleaning materials and supplies	400	413
Uniforms	-	1,637
Rents	2,361	2,268
Participation fee national meetings	1,196	849
Printing	1,515	862
Stationery	2,020	2,075
Postages	260	282
Equipment Rental	2,299	986
Water and electricity	10,459	8,909
Maintenance of vehicles	540	803
Fuel	1,075	948
E-government and web space rental	506	361
Advertising	772	392
Publications and newsletters	4,165	3,677
Bank charges	265	186
Librarian Services	3,580	2,531
IT Development services	1,870	1,885
Town planning consultancy	32	600
Accountancy services	4,180	3,939
Re-imbursement to council staff	231	256
Subscriptions	11	5
Balance brought forward to next page	<u>40,859</u>	<u>38,263</u>

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12. Administrative and other expenses

	2014	2013
	€	€
Balance brought forward from previous page	40,859	38,263
Other hospitality costs	3,538	2,927
Legal Services	4,398	1,101
Contract Works	-	3,477
Insurance coverage	1,157	2,114
Jum il-Kunsill	2,473	2,584
Cultural events	14,341	12,677
Sundry minor expenses	2,748	2,383
Provision for bad debts	(969)	31,083
Donations	1,731	-
Travelling expenses	4,733	-
Amortisation - IT Development Costs	95	96
Depreciation	42,326	39,364
	<u>117,430</u>	<u>136,069</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014

13. Intangible assets

	Development costs €
Cost	
At 1 January 2013 / At 31 December 2013	<u>510</u>
At 1 January 2014 / At 31 December 2014	<u>510</u>
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2013	127
Charge for the year	<u>96</u>
At 31 December 2013	<u>223</u>
At 1 January 2014	223
Charge for the year	<u>95</u>
At 31 December 2014	<u>318</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2014	<u>192</u>
At 31 December 2013	<u>287</u>
At 31 December 2012	<u>383</u>

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14. Property, plant and equipment

	Trees €	Motor vehicles €	Office equipment €	Urban improvements €	Plant and machinery €	Furniture and fittings €	New street signs €	Construction works €	Assets not yet capitalised €	Total €
Cost										
At 1 January 2014	13,609	8,269	26,830	198,488	5,959	60,441	21,693	797,299	1,640	1,134,228
Additions	-	-	6,362	560	-	1,038	-	1,302	-	9,262
At 31 December 2014	13,609	8,269	33,192	199,048	5,959	61,479	21,693	798,601	1,640	1,143,490
Depreciation										
At 1 January 2014	-	6,508	20,675	158,137	4,450	30,041	21,693	466,692	-	708,196
Charge for the year	-	352	2,169	4,068	310	2,307	-	33,121	-	42,327
At 31 December 2014	-	6,860	22,844	162,205	4,760	32,348	21,693	499,813	-	750,523
Net book value										
At 31 December 2014	13,609	1,409	10,348	36,843	1,199	29,131	-	298,788	1,640	392,967

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14. Property, plant and equipment

	Trees €	Motor vehicles €	Office equipment €	Urban improvements €	Plant and machinery €	Furniture and fittings €	New street signs €	Construction works €	Assets not yet capitalised €	Total €
Cost										
At 1 January 2013	13,609	8,269	26,635	194,230	5,530	60,441	21,693	719,802	9,609	1,059,818
Additions	-	-	195	4,258	429	-	-	77,497	-	82,379
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,969)	(7,969)
At 31 December 2013	13,609	8,269	26,830	198,488	5,959	60,441	21,693	797,299	1,640	1,134,228
Government grants										
At 1 January/31 December 2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation										
At 1 January 2013	-	6,068	18,912	152,712	4,127	27,576	21,693	435,931	-	667,019
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	440	1,763	5,425	323	2,465	-	30,761	-	41,177
At 31 December 2013	-	6,508	20,675	158,137	4,450	30,041	21,693	466,692	-	708,196
Net book value										
At 31 December 2013	13,609	1,761	6,155	40,351	1,509	30,400	-	330,607	1,640	426,032
At 31 December 2012	13,609	2,201	7,723	41,518	1,403	32,865	-	283,871	9,609	392,799

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15. Trade and other receivables

	2014 €	2013 €
Trade receivables	34,434	26,727
Provision for doubtful debts	(9,686)	(9,686)
Law enforcement system	327,772	328,741
Provision for LES doubtful debts	(327,772)	(328,741)
Prepayments and accrued income	7,112	13,665
	<u>31,860</u>	<u>30,706</u>

16. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and balances with banks. Cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow statement comprise the following amounts in the Council's Statement of Affairs.

	€	€
Cash in hand	1,237	3,100
Petty cash	-	207
Bank balances: current	7,006	32,038
Bank balances: savings	65,519	14,840
	<u>73,762</u>	<u>50,185</u>

17. Borrowings

	2014 €	2013 €
Bank balance overdrawn	<u>10,353</u>	<u>193</u>

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18. Deferred income

	2014 €	2013 €
At 1 January 2014		
Increase	103,635	38,049
Release to income statement	5,382	69,884
	(9,828)	(4,297)
Deferred Income transferred to short term	(12,314)	(9,762)
At 31 December 2014	<u>86,875</u>	<u>93,874</u>
Repayable between one and two years	8,326	8,840
Repayable between two and five years	30,936	33,151
Repayable in five years or more	47,613	51,883
	<u>86,875</u>	<u>93,874</u>

Deferred Income represents agreements signed with the Malta Environment and Planning Authority up to the end of the year under review. The funds are released to income in line with the depreciation charge on the projects that were capitalised up the end of the year under review.

19. Trade and other payables

	2014 €	2013 €
Trade payables	56,052	75,917
Law enforcement unidentified deposits	291	291
Short term deferred income	12,314	9,762
Amounts owed to other councils	920	2,514
Accruals and deferred income	26,395	25,721
	<u>95,972</u>	<u>114,205</u>

Amounts owed to related parties

The amount refers to an advancement of cash by the Ministry of Justice and Internal Affairs on the 17 December 2007 for the sole purpose of financing the eMed-IT project. The Council is to refund the amount when it receives the re-inbursement of expenses from the EU.

20. Events after the reporting date

There were no particular important events affecting the company which occurred since the end of the reporting period.

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21. Contingent liabilities

The council is engaged in a bank guarantee in favour of MEPA amounting to €1,500. The council is restricting such amount to be utilised from their BOV bank accounts to cover the mentioned guaranteed amount.

22. Risk management objectives and policies

The council is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk through its use of financial instruments which result from its operating and investing activities. The company's risk management is coordinated by the council members and focuses on actively securing the council's short to medium term cash flows by minimising the exposure to financial risks.

The most significant financial risks to which the company is exposed to are described below.

Credit risk

The council's credit risk is limited to the carrying amount of financial assets recognised at the date of the Statement of Financial Position, which are disclosed in Notes 15 and 16.

The company continuously monitors defaults of customers and other counterparties, and incorporates this information into its credit risk controls. The company's policy is to deal only with creditworthy counterparties.

None of the company's financial assets is secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

The credit risk for liquid funds is considered to be negligible, since the counterparties are reputable institutions with high quality external credit ratings.

Liquidity risk

The council's exposure to liquidity risk arises from its obligations to meet financial liabilities, which comprise borrowings and trade and other payables. Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash and committed credit facilities to ensure the availability of an adequate amount of funding to meet the council's obligations when they become due.

At 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013, there were no contractual maturities on the financial liabilities of the council. Contractual maturities reflect gross cash flows, which may differ from the carrying values of financial liabilities at the date of the Statement of Financial Position.

Foreign currency risk

Most of the council's transactions are carried out in Euro. Exposure to currency exchange rates arises from the council's transactions in foreign currencies.

The company's financial assets face minimal foreign currency risk since all sales are made receivable in Euro.

Interest rate risk

The council's exposure to interest rate risk is limited as it does not have any borrowings bearing variable interest rates.

23. Comparatives

Certain comparatives have been restated in order to conform to the current year's presentation.

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24. Capital management policies and procedures

The Council manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as going concerns while maximising the return through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Council's overall strategy remains unchanged from 2010.

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Report of the Local Government auditor to the Auditor General

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bormla Local Council which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Respective responsibilities of the Local Council and Local Government auditors

As described in page 1, these financial statements are the responsibility of the Executive Secretary and the Local Council members.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for qualified opinion

1. On 28 July 2006 the council entered into a Joint Venture agreement with a third party. The Statement of Comprehensive Income does not include any amount representing the Council's share of profit or loss from this Joint Venture for the year. We were unable to determine whether the net profit for the year is mis-stated since no information about the accounts of the Joint Venture for the year ended 31 December 2014 was not made available to us.
2. The council's financial statements do not include all the quantitative disclosures required by IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures. These include information about the council's maximum exposure to credit risk, the contractual maturities of the council's liabilities, details of any receivables that are past due but not impaired and categories of financial assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period.
3. Excluded from these financial statements are the budgeted figures for the year. This is not in accordance with the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures, 1996.

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Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in paragraph 1 above, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Bormla Local Council as of 31 December 2014, and of the results of its operations, changes in net assets/equity and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 6 to 11.

Because of the matters set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, these financial statements do not comply fully with the Local Councils Act Cap 363, the Financial Regulations issued in terms of this Act and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures 1996 and because of the matters set out in paragraph 2 these financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



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