

FGURA LOCAL COUNCIL

Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2014

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014

Statement of Council Members' and Executive Secretary's Responsibilities


The Local Councils (Financial) Regulations 1993 require the Secretary to prepare a detailed Annual Administrative Report which includes the Council's Statement of Comprehensive Income 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.

This statement was approved by the Council on 28 April 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



Byron Camilleri
Mayor



Christopher Cutajar
Executive Secretary

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Statement of Income

Year ended 31 December

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Revenue			
Funds received from Central Government	6	585,224	600,521
Income raised under Council Bye-Laws	7	6,175	5,626
Income from Law Enforcement System	8	6,257	10,091
General Income	9	33,528	26,554
Total Income		<u>631,184</u>	<u>642,792</u>
Expenditure			
Personal emoluments	10	(125,837)	(126,806)
Operations and maintenance	11	(239,297)	(256,954)
Administrative and other expenditure	12	(179,335)	(227,109)
Other income/expenditure	13	3,217	(28,911)
Total Expenditure		<u>(541,252)</u>	<u>(639,780)</u>
Operating surplus for the year		89,932	3,012
Finance income	14	2,549	1,787
Finance Costs	15	(76)	(72)
Finance income - net		<u>2,473</u>	<u>1,715</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>92,405</u>	<u>4,727</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 42 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

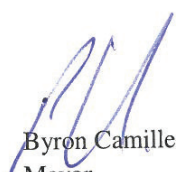
		As at 31 December	
	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	16	2,074,184	2,065,232
Fair Value through profit and loss	17	14,338	13,297
Government Grants receivable	18	17,104	18,304
Intangible asset	19	247	329
Total non-current assets		<u>2,105,873</u>	<u>2,097,162</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	20	875	875
Receivables	21	50,316	34,446
Cash and bank balances	22	398,256	340,914
Total current assets		<u>449,447</u>	<u>376,235</u>
Total assets		<u>2,555,320</u>	<u>2,473,397</u>
Reserves and liabilities			
Reserves			
Retained Earnings		1,719,358	1,626,953
Total reserves		<u>1,719,358</u>	<u>1,626,953</u>

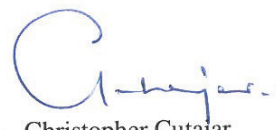
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		As at 31 December	
		2014	2013
	Notes	€	€
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	23	430,866	454,470
Other financial liabilities	24	23,609	28,331
Deferred income	24	195,720	171,040
Total non-current liabilities		<u>650,195</u>	<u>653,841</u>
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	23	25,931	23,277
Other financial liabilities	24	4,722	9,444
Payables	25	155,114	159,882
Total current liabilities		<u>185,767</u>	<u>192,603</u>
Total liabilities		<u>835,962</u>	<u>846,444</u>
Total reserves and liabilities		<u>2,555,320</u>	<u>2,473,397</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Retained Earnings €	Total €
Balance as at 1 January 2013	1,622,226	1,622,226
Surplus for the year	<u>4,727</u>	<u>4,727</u>
At 31 December 2013	<u>1,626,953</u>	<u>1,626,953</u>
Balance as at 1 January 2014	1,626,953	1,626,953
Surplus for the year	<u>92,405</u>	<u>92,405</u>
At 31 December 2014	<u>1,719,358</u>	<u>1,719,358</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 €	2013 €
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operating activities	29	144,183	(18,312)
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>144,183</u>	<u>(18,312)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(101,888)	(148,456)
Additions to intangible assets		-	-
Interest received		2,549	858
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(99,339)</u>	<u>(147,598)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from bank borrowings		17,838	179,290
Repayment of bank borrowings		(39,887)	(33,541)
Urban improvements funds received		33,448	61,749
Public Private Partnership agreement		-	-
Public Private Partnership payment		-	-
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities		<u>11,399</u>	<u>207,498</u>
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents		56,243	41,588
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		339,574	297,986
Cash and equivalents at end of year	22	<u>395,817</u>	<u>339,574</u>

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

1. General Information

The Fgura Local Council is a local authority of Malta set up in accordance with the Local Councils Act. The office of the Local Council is situated at 68 Dar il-Kunsill, Triq il-Karmnu, Fgura. These financial statements were approved for issue by the Council Member on the 28 April 2015. The Local Council's presentation as well as functional currency are denominated in Euro (€). Its ultimate controlling party is the Department for Local Government within the Office of the Prime Minister.

2. Summary of the Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the accounting policies and reporting procedures prescribed for Local Councils in the Financial Regulations issued by the Minister of Finance in conjunction with the Minister responsible for Local Government in terms of section 67 of the Local Councils Act (Cap 363), the Financial Regulations issued in terms of this Act and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures 1996

The financial statements of the Zejtun Local Council have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) applicable to entities/companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Local Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

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2. 1.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

New and amended standards adopted by the Council

The following standard have been adopted by the Council for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2014 but do not have a material impact on the Council:

Amendment to IAS 32 - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities.

Amendment to IAS 36 - Recoverable amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets.

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2014, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Council, except the following set out below:

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and October 2010. It replaces the parts of IAS 39 that relate to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured as at fair value and those measured at amortised cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the IAS 39 requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch. The Local Council Fgura is yet to assess IFRS 9's full impact and intends to adopt IFRS 9 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Local Council Fgura will also consider the impact of the remaining phases of IFRS 9 when completed by the Council.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Council.

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2.2 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land, 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:

	Rates in %
Buildings	1.0
Office Furniture & Fittings	7.5
Construction Works	10.0
New Street Signs	100.0
Urban Improvements (Street Furniture)	10.0
Special Programmes (Projects)	10.0
Office Equipment	20.0
Motor Vehicles	20.0
Plant and Machinery	20.0
Computer Equipment	25.0
Trees	0
Litter Bins	100.0
Playground Equipment	100.0
Street Lighting	100.0

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 2. 5).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'Other (losses)/gains – net' in the income statement.

When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in other reserves are transferred to retained earnings.

2.3 Intangible assets

Computer Software

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognized as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly attributable to the outright purchase identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Council are recognised as intangible assets when the following criteria are met:

- it is probable that the future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity; and
- the cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

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2.4 Impairment of property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows (cash-generating units). Prior impairments of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

2.5 Financial Assets

Classification

The Council classifies its financial assets in the following categories: loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if expected to be settled within 12 months, otherwise they are classified as non-current.

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. These are classified as non-current assets. The group's loans and receivables comprise 'trade and other receivables' and 'cash and cash equivalents' in the balance sheet.

2.6 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.7 Impairment of financial assets

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(a) Assets carried at amortised cost

The Local Council assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Evidence of impairment may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation, and where observable data indicate that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For loans and receivables category, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in the consolidated income statement. If a loan or held-to-maturity investment has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

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2.8 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the average cost method. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

2.9 General Receivables

General receivables are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

General receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

General receivables are expected to be settled within the short-term and as such cash flows relating to such receivables are not discounted since the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Known bad debts are written off at the end of the accounting period.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and credit bank balance as per books.

2.11 General payables

General payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

General payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

General payables are expected to be settled within the short-term and as such cash flows relating to such payables are not discounted since the effect of discounting is immaterial.

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2.12 Borrowing costs

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use.

Investment income on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

2.13 Financial instruments

Subsequent to initial recognition, the liability component of a financial instrument is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

2.14 Provisions

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

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2. 15 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, and represents amounts receivable for Central Government allocation in terms of section 55 of the Local Councils Act, 1993, goods supplied services provided and other Central Governemtn Grants. The Local Council Fgura recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities, as described below. The Local Council Fgura bases its estimate of return on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

(a) Central Government allocation in terms of section 55 of the Local Councils Act, 1993

The Council does not have control on the amount of this income stream or the timing of its actual transfer to the Council's bank accounts. The amount receivable under this heading is communicated to the Council through the Department for Local Government after the annual Central Government budget is approved by Parliament and is transferred directly to the Council's designated bank account at the beginning of each quarter. The receipt of such funds is usually net of any deductions deemed by the Department for Local Government and these deductions may include; penalties inflicted, use of the Central Govenment electronic infrastacture or any other cost that the Department for Local Government passes on to the Council.

The income under this heading accounts for major income stream to the Council and is primarily tied up to specific expediture headings on which the Council is bound to allocate.

(b) Sales of goods

The Council has a number of items (mementos) recognised in these financial statements under inventories, that are for sale to the general public.

(c) Services provided

The Council derives income from permit fees issued to the general public. The Council also provides services to the South East Regional Committee for; share of cleaning expenses; share of electronic ifrastracture and Council employees attending Tribunal sittings.

The Council also derives income in the form of 10% commission on the payments of contraventions under the Local Law Enforcement system accruing to the five Regional Committees..

(c) Central Government Grants

Note 2. 16, refers to the treatment of grants that are aimed to finance the Council for the urban improvement of the locality.

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2.16 Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Council will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Council recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Council should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as deferred income in the statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Council with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

The benefit of a government loan at a below-market rate of interest is treated as a government grant, measured as the difference between the proceeds received and the fair value of the loan based on prevailing market interest rates.

There are no unfulfilled conditions and contingences attached to recognised grants. The Council immediately writes off any variance between the value of any grants that were originally agreed upon and that the amount receivable and/or received is less than that agreed once the Council comes to know of the variance.

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3. Financial Risk Management

The Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, that include market risks, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest risk. The Council's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Council's financial performance.

Where applicable, any significant changes in the Council's exposure to financial risks or manner in which the Council manages and measures these risks are disclosed below.

Where possible, the Council aims to reduce and control risk concentrations. Concentrations of financial risk arise when financial instruments with similar characteristics are influenced in the same way by changes in economic or other factors. The amount of risk exposure associated with the financial instruments sharing similar characteristics is disclosed in more detail in the notes to the financial statements.

With respect to credit risk, the receivables are monitored continuously for recoverability. Receivables are presented net of an allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidences of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows. Known bad debts are therefore maintained to the lowest possible, thereby lowering as much as possible the concentration of credit risk.

Interest Rate risk

The Council's interest rate risk arises from the long term bank loan. Borrowing issued at variable rates expose the Council to cash flow interest rate risk, In general, the Council Members and Executive Secretary the Council's exposure to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financing position and cash flows are not deemed to be substantial in view of the nature of the assets and liabilities.

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Liquidity risk

The Council monitors and manages its risk to a shortage of funds by maintaining sufficient cash and plans projects accordingly. The Council Members and Executive Secretary do not consider that it is significantly exposed to liquidity risk.

	Less than 3 month	Between 3 month and 1 year	Within 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years
	€	€	€	€	€	€
At 31 December 2014						
Bank Borrowings	8,312	17,618	25,930	23,491	70,473	336,902
Borrowings under Private Public Partnership	-	4,721	4,721	4,721	14,166	9,444
Trade and other payables (excluding Grants deferred income)	55,904	77,522	133,426	-	-	-
	<u>47,592</u>	<u>55,183</u>	<u>154,635</u>	<u>18,770</u>	<u>56,307</u>	<u>327,458</u>
At 31 December 2013						
Bank Borrowings	6,648	33,240	41,442	39,887	124,326	290,257
Borrowings under Private Public Partnership	-	9,444	9,444	4,722	14,166	14,166
Trade and other payables (excluding Grants deferred income)	140,945	1,196	139,749	-	-	-
	<u>134,297</u>	<u>43,880</u>	<u>171,747</u>	<u>35,165</u>	<u>110,160</u>	<u>276,091</u>

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Credit risk

Financial assets which potentially subject the Council to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash at bank and receivables. The Council's cash is placed with quality financial institutions as well as it limits the amount of credit exposure with any financial credit history. In this respect, credit with respect to receivables is monitored continuously and the Council places a provision on any debt on which there is doubt of recoverability. Bad debts are therefore negligible and in this respect the Council has no significant concentration of credit risk.

Included in the Council's receivables balance are the following debtors which are past due at the end of the reporting period net of an allowance for doubtful debts and excluding related party receivables. For balances with related parties refer note 31. The remaining amounts are still considered recoverable as these customers have not defaulted in the past. The credit period allowed by the Council to its debtors is 60 days.

	2014	2013
	€	€
30 to 60 days	33	948
61 to 90 days	-	-
+ 91 days	2,033	1,819
	<u>2,066</u>	<u>2,767</u>

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4. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Council's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Council Members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

4.1 Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations, that the Council 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 consolidated financial statements

4.1.2 Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

As described at 2. 3 above, the Council reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period. The depreciation rates are dictated by the Local Councils Department and as such the Council is not in a position to change the useful lives of the property, plant and equipment. The review of the estimated useful lives of the property, plant and equipment is used to decide whether to write off the asset, the said asset or group of assets are no longer useful or to impair the asset as required.

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5. Surplus for the year		2014	2013
	Note	€	€
Surplus for the year is stated after charging:			
Personal Emoluments	10	125,837	126,806
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	12	91,713	98,368
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	12	1,220	-
Bad debts written off	13	338	-
Movement in Provision for doubtful debts	13	-	28,911
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and after crediting:			
Movement in provision for doubtful debts	13	3,555	-
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6. Funds Received from Central Government		2014	2013
		€	€
In terms of section 55 of the Local Councils Act, 1993		513,316	514,144
Supplementary Income		47,945	39,467
Urban Improvement Funds released to income		23,963	46,910
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		585,224	600,521
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7. Income raised under Council Bye-Laws		2014	2013
		€	€
Permits related to construction		4,824	5,349
Other Permits		140	47
Courses		828	230
Kiosks deposits		383	-
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		6,175	5,626
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8. Income raised under Law Enforcement System

	2014 €	2013 €
Contraventions cut off	-	1,454
Contraventions Received	1,095	2,694
Contraventions Accrued	(3,555)	(947)
Commission from all regions	8,717	6,890
	<u>6,257</u>	<u>10,091</u>

In accordance with the Law Enforcement System (LES) issued by the Ministry by virtue of Section 72 of the Local Councils Act, 1993, the income relating to contraventions was delegated to the local councils through Legal Notice 32 of 2000.

The recording of income from contraventions for offences was based on reports generated by the contractor entrusted with the system by the Ministry.

9. General Income

	2014 €	2013 €
Community Services	15	104
Cultural Activities & Community Services	3,507	3,720
Sponsorships	50	2,000
Liabilities written off	7,114	(7,589)
Joint Committee Tribunal Sitings	2,306	3,307
Refund of expenses FJC	1,097	3,473
Sports activities	-	4,559
General Income	74	113
Nuisance	4	-
Media Charges/Adverts on Street Furniture	908	1,149
Tender Document Fees	2,325	1,200
Other re-imbursements	11,151	12,992
Waste Management	4,827	1,526
Donations	150	-
	<u>33,528</u>	<u>26,554</u>

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10. Personal emoluments

	2014 €	2013 €
Personal emoluments include, inter alia:		
Mayor's Honoraria & Allowance	10,302	10,055
Council Members' Allowance	11,114	10,715
Executive Secretary Salary and Allowance	31,265	30,550
Employees' Salaries	64,967	67,313
Social Security Contributions - Employer's Share	8,189	8,173
	<u>125,837</u>	<u>126,806</u>

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11. Operations and Maintenance

Operations and maintenance includes, inter alia:

Repairs and Upkeep:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Materials and supplies	1,292	4,456
Cleaning Materials & Supplies	84	22
Operating cleaning material and supplies	-	1,973
Sundry Materials & Supplies	67	112
Repair & Upkeep Pavements	-	127
Repair & Upkeep Roads	20,739	12,135
Other Repair & Upkeep	8,392	1,212
Public Property	112	-
Street Signs	3,011	4,237
Bus Shelters	-	148
Sundry repairs	-	208
Street Markings	714	2,700
	<u>34,411</u>	<u>27,330</u>

Contractual Services:

Waste Disposal	79,443	95,711
Refuse Collection (including bins on wheels)	55,151	57,528
Bulky Refuse Collection (including open skips)	10,302	10,735
Road & Street Cleaning	31,620	33,212
Contract Management Fees	2,637	702
Clean. & Maint. of Parks & Gardens	-	18,010
Cleaning & Maintenance Soft Areas	17,642	-
Street Lighting	7,004	11,953
Law Enforcement System	1,087	1,773
	<u>204,886</u>	<u>229,624</u>

Total Operations and Maintenance expenses	<u><u>239,297</u></u>	<u><u>256,954</u></u>
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12. Administration and Other Expenses

	2014 €	2013 €
Utilities	10,014	9,878
Operating Materials & Supplies	399	-
Uniforms	36	-
Maintenance R Miller Square	-	378
Office Furniture & Equipment	476	499
Maintenance of Motor Vehicle	592	288
Other Repairs & Upkeep	-	2,909
Rents	9,956	11,093
Participation fee National Meetings	796	553
Membership - Local Organisations	-	190
Printing	2,251	2,151
Office Srevices	-	124
Stationery	3,067	4,477
Subscriptions	177	177
Photocopy Agreement	1,147	1,579
Postages	1,434	1,958
Library Books	603	-
Other Office Services	1,402	323
Transport	60	556
Hire of Transport	664	248
Fuel	1,008	1,080
Other Re-imbursements	1,008	1,408
Motor Vehicle Licence	187	211
Transportation of goods	1,520	60
Advertising	1,914	2,192
Publications and newsletters	-	2,310
Lease of Equipment	1,533	1,749
CCTV Cameras	-	432
Hire of football pitch	4,306	4,664
Insurance Coverage	2,933	5,223
Bank Charges	201	712
Entertainment	-	875
Balance carried forward to next page	47,684	58,297

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12. Administration and Other Expenses (cont.)

	2014 €	2013 €
Balance brought forward from previous page	47,684	58,297
Cleaning Council Premises	2,621	2,418
Librarian Services	5,138	4,760
Professional Services	81	5,679
IT Development Services	1,685	2,206
Engineering Services	-	5,508
Architect Services	-	624
Legal Services	249	1,631
Medical Services	300	300
Accountancy Services	6,647	11,729
Other Support Services	35	431
Organisation of Courses	4,911	4,218
Course fees - Local Training	110	655
Other Hospitality Costs	390	15
Social Events	8,851	7,968
Jum il-Fgura	4,134	2,610
Cultural Events	286	1,952
Sports Activities	434	12,332
Community Services	793	2,647
Penalties inflicted	-	500
Sundry Minor Expenses	2,053	2,151
Asset Disposals account	1,220	-
Amortisation of intangible asset	-	110
Depreciation	91,713	98,368
	<u>179,335</u>	<u>227,109</u>

13. Other Income and Expenses

	2014 €	2013 €
Bad debt write off	338	-
Movement in provision for LES doubtful debts	(3,555)	28,799
Movement in provision for doubtful debts	-	112
	<u>(3,217)</u>	<u>28,911</u>

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14. Investment income

	2014 €	2013 €
Interest received on Government Stocks	1,970	853
Bank interest	579	934
	<u>2,549</u>	<u>1,787</u>

15. Financial Income and Expenses

	2014 €	2013 €
<i>Financial Expenses</i>		
Movement in provision for fair value of investments	<u>76</u>	<u>72</u>

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16. Property, plant and equipment

Cost	Trees €	Construc. Works €	Furniture & Fittings €	New Street Signs €	Urban Improve. €	Office Equip. €	Plant and machinery €	Motor vehicles €	Acquisition of Property development €	Property held for €	Assets Not yet Capitalised €	Total €
At 1 January 2014	7,055	1,567,424	33,687	11,735	443,291	41,967	1,685	11,586	1,001	1,170,800	3,644	3,293,875
Additions	3,400	-	1,188	-	43,840	3,059	49	-	-	45,508	4,844	101,888
Disposals	-	-	(2,097)	-	-	(5,966)	-	-	-	-	-	(8,063)
At 31 December 2014	10,455	1,567,424	32,778	11,735	487,131	39,060	1,734	11,586	1,001	1,216,308	8,488	3,387,700
Government Grants												
At 31 December 2013	-	191,677	-	-	43,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,087
Depreciation												
At 1 January 2014	-	735,646	19,211	11,735	182,793	34,088	1,197	8,681	205	-	-	993,556
Reclassifications	-	-	(28)	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current charge	-	75,687	1,119	-	12,122	2,096	100	581	8	-	-	91,713
Eliminated on Disposals	-	-	(1,387)	-	-	(5,456)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,843)
At 31 December 2014	-	811,333	18,915	11,735	194,915	30,756	1,297	9,262	213	-	-	1,078,426
N.B.V. at 31 Dec 2014	10,455	564,414	13,863	-	248,806	8,304	437	2,324	788	1,216,308	8,488	2,074,187

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16. Property, plant and equipment

Cost	Trees €	Construc. Works €	Furniture & Fittings €	New Street Signs €	Urban Improve. €	Office Equip. €	Plant and machinery €	Motor vehicles €	Acquisition of Property development €	Property held for €	Assets Not yet Capitalised €	Total €
At 1 January 2013	7,055	1,567,424	33,634	11,735	381,163	40,360	1,685	11,586	1,001	1,085,471	8,005	3,149,119
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-	330	-	-	-	-	2,111	(2,441)	-
Additions	-	-	53	-	61,798	1,607	-	-	-	83,218	1,780	148,456
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,700)	(3,700)
At 31 December 2013	7,055	1,567,424	33,687	11,735	443,291	41,967	1,685	11,586	1,001	1,170,800	3,644	3,293,875
Government Grants												
At 1 Jan & 31 Dec 2013	-	191,677	-	-	43,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,087
Depreciation												
At 1 January 2013	-	651,550	18,009	11,735	172,710	31,957	1,075	7,955	197	-	-	895,188
Current charge	-	84,096	1,202	-	10,083	2,131	122	726	8	-	-	98,368
Eliminated on Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2013	-	735,646	19,211	11,735	182,793	34,088	1,197	8,681	205	-	-	993,556
N.B.V. at 31 Dec 2013	7,055	640,101	14,476	-	217,088	7,879	488	2,905	796	1,170,800	3,644	2,065,232

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17. Financial assets at fair value through comprehensive income

	Government Stocks	Total
<i>Held to Maturity</i>	<i>(2015) - 6.1%</i>	
	€	€
Cost		
At 1 January 2014	13,976	13,976
At 31 December 2014	13,976	13,976
Fair Value Provision		
At 1 January 2014	679	679
Movement	(1,041)	(1,041)
At 31 December 2014	(362)	(362)
Net Book Value at 31 December 2014	14,338	14,338

	Government Stocks	Total
<i>Held to Maturity</i>	<i>(2015) - 6.1%</i>	
	€	€
Cost		
At 1 January 2013	13,976	13,976
At 31 December 2013	13,976	13,976
Fair Value Provision		
At 1 January 2013	607	607
Movement	72	72
At 31 December 2013	679	679
Net Book Value at 31 December 2013	13,297	13,297

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18. Government Grants	2014	2013
	€	€
Balance at the beginning of the year/period	20,604	18,304
Increase	51,200	64,049
Received	(33,448)	(61,749)
Forgone	(52)	-
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Balance at the end of the year/period	38,304	20,604
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Amount Receivable within one year	21,200	2,300
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Amount Receivable beyond one year	17,104	18,304
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19. Intangible Assets

	Computer Software €	Total €
Cost		
At 1 January 2014	472	472
At 31 December 2014	472	472
Amortisation Provision		
At 1 January 2014	143	143
Movement	82	82
At 31 December 2014	225	225
Net Book Value at 31 December 2014	247	247

	Computer Software €	Total €
Cost		
At 1 January 2013	472	472
At 31 December 2013	472	472
Amortisation Provision		
At 1 January 2013	33	33
Movement	110	110
At 31 December 2013	143	143
Net Book Value at 31 December 2013	329	329

20. Inventories	2014	2013
	€	€
Stocks comprise of :		
Council medals, badges, videos and ties	875	875

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21. Receivables		2014	2013
		€	€
Falling due within One Year			
Receivables	21. 1	17,237	16,532
Government grants receivable	18	21,200	20,604
Other Related Undertakings	21. 1	56	34
		<u>38,493</u>	<u>37,170</u>
Prepayments, accrued income and deferred expenditure		11,823	15,578
		<u>50,316</u>	<u>52,748</u>
		2014	2013
		€	€
21. 1 Credit period analysis:			
Within credit period		6,777	8,832
Exceeded credit period but not impaired		10,516	7,734
Impaired and provided for		398,419	402,086
Provision for doubtful debts		(398,419)	(402,086)
		<u>17,293</u>	<u>16,566</u>
Impaired and written off		<u>338</u>	<u>-</u>
Provision for doubtful debts		2014	2013
		€	€
Opening balance		402,086	373,175
Increase/(Decrease) in provision for doubtful debts		(3,667)	28,911
		<u>398,419</u>	<u>402,086</u>
Closing balance		<u>398,419</u>	<u>402,086</u>

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As at the date of the statement of financial position, the ageing analysis of the receivables is as follows:

	Total	current neither past due nor impaired	less than 30 days	Past due but not impaired 30 to 60 days	60 to 90 days	90 days and over
	€	€	€	€	€	€
At 2014	<u>17,237</u>	<u>1,264</u>	<u>1,214</u>	<u>1,092</u>	<u>1,092</u>	<u>12,575</u>
At 2013	<u>16,532</u>	<u>4,442</u>	<u>4,784</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>6,587</u>

22. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

	2014 €	2013 €
Cash in hand	532	532
Bank balances: Current accounts	(1,274)	(175)
Bank balances: Savings accounts	<u>396,559</u>	<u>339,217</u>
	395,817	339,574
Transfer to note 23.	<u>2,439</u>	<u>1,340</u>
	<u><u>398,256</u></u>	<u><u>340,914</u></u>

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23. Borrowings	2014	2013
	€	€
Non-Current		
Bank Borrowing	430,866	454,470
	<u>430,866</u>	<u>454,470</u>
Current		
Credit balance in current bank account	2,439	1,340
Bank Borrowing	23,492	21,937
	<u>25,931</u>	<u>23,277</u>
Total Borrowings	<u><u>456,797</u></u>	<u><u>477,747</u></u>
(a) Bank borrowings		

The Bank Loans are guaranteed by the Central Government and secured by a 1st General Hypothec over the Local Council Fgura assets and a Special Hypothec and Privilege on Comprehensive Insurance Policy over the new premises. It attracts interest at 3.65% (31 December 2013 : 3.65%) and is repayable in monthly instalments of € 2,054.72 and € 1,269.15 (31 December 2013 : € 2,054.72) inclusive of accumulated interest.

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24. Amounts payable under the PPP agreement	2014	2013
	€	€
Non-Current		
Public Private Partnership (PPP) Agreement	<u>23,609</u>	<u>28,331</u>
Current		
Public Private Partnership (PPP) Agreement	<u>4,722</u>	<u>9,444</u>
 Total Amount payable under the PPP Agreement	 <u>28,331</u>	 <u>37,775</u>
 Amount payable between one and two years	 4,722	 4,722
Amount payable between two and five years	14,166	14,166
Amount payable beyond five years	<u>4,721</u>	<u>9,443</u>
	<u>23,609</u>	<u>28,331</u>

The amount payable under the Public Prive Partnership (PPP) will be 50% paid out of Central Government Funds and 50% out of the Council's general funds, in line with the PPP agreement reached between the Central Government and the Council.

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24. Deferred Income		2014	2013
Government Grants		€	€
	<i>Note</i>		
Balance at 1 January		188,681	171,542
Increase		51,200	64,049
		<u>239,881</u>	<u>235,591</u>
Released to income		(23,963)	(46,910)
Forgone	(a)	(52)	-
		<u>215,866</u>	<u>188,681</u>
Non-Current		<u>195,720</u>	<u>171,040</u>
Current	25	<u>20,146</u>	<u>17,641</u>
Deferred Government Grants			
Amount to be released between one and two years		15,727	15,439
Amount to be released between two and five years		38,358	37,656
Amount to be released beyond five years		141,635	117,945
		<u>195,720</u>	<u>171,040</u>
Deferred after five or more years:			
Amount to be released beyond five years		<u>141,635</u>	<u>117,945</u>

Deferred Government Grants represent agreements signed with the Malta Environment & Planning Authority, the ERDF fund and other Central Government Grants, collectively referred to as 'Government Grants', 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.

(a) Foregone

Foregone represents the amounts previously agreed with the relevant authority but were eventually not received. Refer also to note 21.

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25. Payables	2014	2013
	€	€
Falling due within One Year		
Payables	110,395	97,859
Government Grants - Deferred Income	20,146	17,642
Other taxes and social security costs	-	57
Accruals and deferred income	24,573	44,324
	<u>155,114</u>	<u>159,882</u>

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26. Financial Instruments

The Council manages its liquidity to ensure that it will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Council's overall strategy remains unchanged from 2011.

26.1 Categories of financial instruments	2014 €	2013 €
<i>Financial Assets</i>		
Non-Current Assets		
Fair Value through profit and loss	14,338	13,297
Loans and receivables	17,104	18,304
	<u>31,442</u>	<u>31,601</u>
Current Assets		
Loans and receivables	42,930	24,886
Cash and cash equivalents	398,256	340,914
	<u>441,186</u>	<u>365,800</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities</i>		
Non-Current Liabilities		
Financial liabilities restated at amortised cost		
Bank Loans	430,866	454,470
Long term liability	23,609	28,331
	<u>454,475</u>	<u>482,801</u>
Current Liabilities		
Bank Loans	23,492	21,937
Bank balance	2,439	1,340
Trade and other liabilities	139,689	151,682
	<u>165,620</u>	<u>174,959</u>

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27. Capital commitments

	2014 €	2013 €
Details of capital commitments at the accounting date are as follows:		
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	85,000	85,000
Approved but not yet contracted for	341,750	240,750
These can be analysed further as follows:		
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:		
- Construction	-	-
- Finalisation of construction works at New Council Premises	-	-
- Special Programmes (Library Extension)	35,000	35,000
- Urban Improvements	50,000	50,000
	85,000	85,000
Approved but not yet contracted for:		
- Construction (Resurfacing of Triq Buqexrem and Pavements)	100,000	-
- Urban Improvements	-	-
- Finshings (excluding apertures) at New Council Premises	68,750	67,750
- Electrical and engineering services at New Council Premises	90,000	90,000
- Special Programme - (Smartphone software App.)	4,000	4,000
- Special Programme - (Bocci Club & Triq il-Pitirross)	79,000	79,000
	341,750	240,750

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The Council will be applying for financing of the Library extension Bocci Club development and Triq il-Pitirross, from the Central Government. The projects will only be carried out should the said financing be granted.

28. Contingent liabilities

The Constitutional Court passed a judgement on the 8 January 2010, reversing the judgement passed by the Court of Appeals on the 28 March 2008 that had awarded the Council EUR 3,494. In addition the judgement also included that the Council is liable to pay two-thirds (2/3) of the procedural expenses incurred by both the Constitutional Court and the Court of First Instance. The amount involved cannot as yet be quantified.

One of the Council's contractors, who had completed the assigned works, is claiming that the total amount certified as full and final settlement is EUR 5,140 less than it should be.

A person claimed that she suffered injuries due to the bad state of a pavement in Triq it-Taghlim in Fgura, way back in November 2010. The Council is attending the hearings in Court related to this case. The amount involved cannot as yet be quantified.

29. Cash generated from operations	2014	2013
	€	€
Surplus for the year	92,405	4,727
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	91,713	98,368
Bad debts written off	338	-
Amortisation of investments & intangibles	76	182
Urban improvement funds released to income	(23,963)	(46,910)
Investment income	(2,549)	(1,792)
Disposal of assets	1,220	-
Movements in working capital:		
Inventories	-	152
Receivables	(44,451)	(38,355)
Payables	31,328	(109,855)
Deferred income	1,733	46,260
Provision for doubtful debts	(3,667)	28,911
Cash Generated/(Absorbed) by Operations	<u>144,183</u>	<u>(18,312)</u>

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30. Post Balance Sheet events

There were no particular important events affecting the Council which occurred since the end of the accounting period.

31. Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

The ultimate controlling party of the Local Council Fgura is the Local Councils Department within the Office of the Prime Minister.

All the Companies, Authorities and Agencies set up by the Central Government are also considered to be related parties to Local Council Fgura but do not have significant control. The Joint Committee (up to the 31 August 2011), All Regional Committees (from 1 September 2011), the Local Councils Association and the other Local Councils are also considered to be a related parties.

During the year under review the Council carried out transactions with the following parties:

Name of Entity:	Nature of Relationship
Department of Local Councils	Significant Control
Inland Revenue Department	No Control
Regional Committee - Local Law Enforcement	No Control
Bank of Valletta	No Control
Cleansing Services Department	No Control
Employment & Training Corporation	No Control
Enemalta Corporation	No Control
Head of School	No Control
Kunsill Malti għall-Isport	No Control
Local Councils Association	No Control
Local Councils, other than Local Council Fgura	No Control
Malta Environment and Planning Authority	No Control
Police Commissioner	No Control
Water Services Corporation	No Control
Wasteserv Malta Limited	No Control
Works Division - Director General Works	No Control

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The following were the significant transactions carried out by the Council with related parties having significant control:

	2014 €	2013 €
Financial Income:		
Annual Financial Allocation	513,316	514,144
LES administration fees	8,717	6,890
Interest Receivable from Malta Government Stocks	1,970	853
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	2014 €	2013 €
Non-Cash Transactions:		
Government Grants Released	23,963	46,910
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Year-end balances arising from related party transactions	2014 €	2013 €
Grants receivable	38,304	20,604
Other Receivables	13,502	11,569
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The receivables from related parties arise mainly from the annual financial allocation by Central Government, Grants receivable and income arising from delegation of responsibilities. The receivables are unsecured in nature and bear no interest.. No provisions are held against receivables from related parties.

32. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform to current year's presentation.

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Report of the Local Government auditor to the Auditor General

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fgura Local Council which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, the statement of 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. Up to 31 August 2011 the Council operated the Local Enforcement System (LES). At that date the Council had outstanding debtors which by 31 December 2014 were either received or provided for. During our audit work we noted that a particular LES report generated from the IT system is indicating that during the year ended 31 December 2014 the Council received more cash than that shown by other reports printed from the same IT system. This casts doubt on the integrity of the data being generated from the IT system.
2. Included with Payables in note 25 are amounts due to two third parties. The statements issued by the said third parties show that one of the balances is overstated by € 2,873 whilst the other is understated by € 10,428. We have not been provided with satisfactory evidence to show that the amounts recorded by the council are correct.
3. The accounting treatment applied to measure long-term creditors relating to PPP projects, shown in note 24, does not satisfy the requirements of IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition & Measurement*, which requires that such creditors are accounted for at amortised cost.
4. The amounts disclosed in notes 3 and 26 do not report the correct figures under "Financial assets" and "Financial liabilities" and therefore do not satisfy the requirements of the quantitative disclosures relating to liquidity risk and categories of financial assets. This contravenes the requirements of IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.
5. The cash flow statement does not reflect the correct cash outflows on the purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment as required by IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flow*.
6. 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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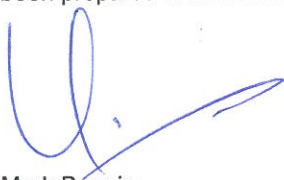
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Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Fgura 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 7 to 19.

Because of the matter set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 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 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 these financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



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