

# RAC Foundation for Motoring

## Local Authority Parking Finances in Scotland

### *1. Introduction*

This note covers parking finances for the 32 local authorities in Scotland. As in England, local authorities are required to submit details of their finances to the Scottish Government in a standard format. They are normally published in February, 11 months after the financial year end. This report looks at the section on parking income and expenditure for the periods 2010/11 and 2011/12.

The published data are less comprehensive than in England and do not split on- and off-street parking or show penalty income separately.

Three authorities - East Lothian, Inverclyde and North Lanarkshire - show no income or expenditure as they do not have decriminalised parking and any income or expenditure is shown in the police accounts. Aberdeen City treats its parking as a trading account, although from 2012/13 it will be treated as a normal income and expenditure account. In 2011-12, 17 showed surpluses, 12 showed deficits and as noted 3 do not have any parking accounts.

### *2. Summary*

Table 1 below shows the summary accounts for local authorities in Scotland.

Table 1 Summary of parking accounts for Scotland

	£million	2011-12	2010-11
Parking	Income	66.2	64.6
	Costs	37.2	35.9
	Surplus	29.0	28.6
All transport	Net cost	477	503
	Net cost before parking surplus	506	527
	Parking surplus as % of all transport costs before parking surplus	5.7%	5.4%

### 3. Income

Total income in 2011-12 was £66.2m only slightly higher than 2010-11. Note that this includes penalty income but does not include off-street income received by commercial off-street parking facilities.

Table 2 Parking income

	£000	2011-12	2010-11	Change 2011-12 on 2010-11
1	Edinburgh, City of	22,887	21401	7%
2	Glasgow City	13,836	14376	-4%
3	Aberdeen City	8,502	7798	9%
4	Dundee City	3,847	3747	3%
5	Perth & Kinross	2,915	2864	2%
6	Fife	2,846	2704	5%
7	South Lanarkshire	2,288	2137	7%
8	Stirling	2,214	2179	2%
9	Highland	1,218	1483	-18%
10	Renfrewshire	1,216	1251	-3%
11	East Ayrshire	953	1020	-7%
12	Moray	780	764	2%
13	Argyll & Bute	748	840	-11%
14	Aberdeenshire	699	587	19%
15	Falkirk	485	490	-1%
16	South Ayrshire	349	404	-14%
17	Scottish Borders	206	165	25%
18	Orkney Islands	110	105	5%
19	Dumfries & Galloway	43	46	-7%
20	North Ayrshire	36	139	-74%
21	Eilean Siar (Hebrides)	20	10	100%
22	Clackmannanshire	15	15	0%
23	Shetland Islands	12	0	
24	Angus	4	4	
25	East Dunbartonshire	0	0	
26	East Lothian	0	0	
27	East Renfrewshire	0	0	
28	Inverclyde	0	0	
29	Midlothian	0	0	
30	North Lanarkshire	0	0	
31	West Dunbartonshire	0	0	
32	West Lothian	0	50	
	<b>Total Scotland</b>	<b>66,229</b>	<b>64,579</b>	<b>3%</b>

Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen account for 68% of parking income, although the cities only represent 24% of Scotland's population.

#### 4. Costs

Table 5 below ranks councils in terms of expenditure on parking; capital charges are negligible.

It also shows the proportion of income taken up by costs. Nationally it is 56% with Edinburgh only 39%.

Table 3 Total expenditure

	£ 000	Total expenditure			Expenditure as % of income	
		2011-12	2010-11	Change 2011-12 on 2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
1	Edinburgh, City of	8,875	8,314	7%	39%	39%
2	Glasgow City	7,013	7,386	-5%	51%	51%
3	Aberdeen City	4,185	3,524	19%	49%	45%
4	Dundee City	3,557	3,102	15%	92%	83%
5	Fife	2,301	2,077	11%	81%	77%
6	Stirling	2,230	2,057	8%	101%	94%
7	Perth & Kinross	1,881	2,143	-12%	65%	75%
8	South Lanarkshire	1,708	1,579	8%	75%	74%
9	Highland	898	1,236	-27%	74%	83%
10	East Ayrshire	571	555	3%	60%	54%
11	Renfrewshire	511	407	26%	42%	33%
12	Moray	422	599	-30%	54%	78%
13	Aberdeenshire	417	390	7%	60%	66%
14	Falkirk	354	348	2%	73%	71%
15	Scottish Borders	320	426	-25%	155%	258%
16	Argyll & Bute	314	376	-16%	42%	45%
17	South Ayrshire	303	288	5%	87%	71%
18	Dumfries & Galloway	302	308	-2%	702%	670%
19	North Ayrshire	289	212	36%	803%	153%
20	Angus	157	111	41%	3925%	2775%
21	Orkney Islands	103	102	1%	94%	97%
22	West Lothian	100	94	6%	*	188%
23	Midlothian	87	91	-4%	*	*
24	West Dunbartonshire	78	79	-1%	*	*
25	Clackmannanshire	67	5	1240%	447%	33%
26	East Dunbartonshire	62	72	-14%	*	*
27	East Renfrewshire	40	49	-18%	*	*
28	Shetland Islands	26	-		217%	
29	Eilean Siar	14	17	-18%	70%	170%
30	East Lothian	0	-		*	*
31	Inverclyde	0	-		*	*
32	North Lanarkshire	0	-		*	*
	Total Scotland	37,185	35,947	3%	44%	44%

\* no income recorded

## 5. Surpluses

Table 6 shows the parking surpluses for the past two years and the year on year change. It also shows the proportion that parking surpluses represent of total transport expenditure (before deduction of parking surpluses).

Table 4 Parking surpluses

	£000	Parking surpluses			Surplus as % of transport expenditure	
		2011-12	2010-11	Change 2011-12 on 2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
	£ 000					
1	Edinburgh, City of	14012	13087	7%	50%	45%
2	Glasgow City	6823	6990	-2%	19%	22%
3	Aberdeen City	4317	4274	1%	28%	30%
4	Perth & Kinross	1034	721	43%	7%	4%
5	Renfrewshire	705	844	-16%	5%	7%
6	South Lanarkshire	580	558	4%	2%	2%
7	Fife	545	627	-13%	1%	1%
8	Argyll & Bute	434	464	-6%	3%	2%
9	East Ayrshire	382	465	-18%	3%	4%
10	Moray	358	165	117%	4%	2%
11	Highland	320	247	30%	1%	1%
12	Dundee City	290	645	-55%	4%	6%
13	Aberdeenshire	282	197	43%	1%	1%
14	Falkirk	131	142	-8%	1%	1%
15	South Ayrshire	46	116	-60%	0%	1%
16	Orkney Islands	7	3	133%	0%	0%
17	Eilean Siar	6	-7	-186%	0%	0%
18	East Lothian	*	*			
19	Inverclyde	*	*			
20	North Lanarkshire	*	*			
21	Shetland Islands	-14	0			
22	Stirling	-16	122	-113%	0%	1%
23	East Renfrewshire	-40	-49	-18%	0%	-1%
24	Clackmannanshire	-52	10	-620%	-2%	0%
25	East Dunbartonshire	-62	-72	-14%	-1%	-1%
26	West Dunbartonshire	-78	-79	-1%	-1%	-2%
27	Midlothian	-87	-91	-4%	-1%	-1%
28	West Lothian	-100	-44	127%	-1%	0%
29	Scottish Borders	-114	-261	-56%	-1%	-1%
30	Angus	-153	-107	43%	-1%	-1%
31	North Ayrshire	-253	-73	247%	-2%	-1%
32	Dumfries & Galloway	-259	-262	-1%	-1%	-1%
	Total Scotland	29044	28632	1%	6%	5%

\* no parking accounts

Total parking *surpluses* amount to £30.2m between 17 authorities of which Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen contribute 83%. The increase in surpluses over 2010-11 was 2%. The total of parking *deficits* is £1.2m (£0.9m) between 12 authorities. Edinburgh's parking surplus of £14.0m provides 50% of Edinburgh's total transport expenditure while Glasgow's covers 19% and Aberdeen's 28%. For the rest of Scotland, outside Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, parking surpluses of £3.9m provide only 1% of total transport expenditure.

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