

DRIVING FORWARD PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS



Annual Report & Accounts

as of 31 March 2010

Registered Charity: SC006187

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Status of GTC Scotland

- ❖ Established under the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965
- ❖ An Advisory Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB)
- ❖ Funded through the annual registration fees paid by registered teachers
- ❖ A Scottish Charity (SC:006187).

Vision

GTC Scotland is the independent professional body which maintains and enhances teaching standards and promotes and regulates the teaching profession in Scotland. We strive to be a world leader in professional education issues.

Responsibilities

- ❖ Maintain a register of those entitled to teach in public sector schools and colleges in Scotland
- ❖ Regulate the conduct and competence of the teaching profession
- ❖ Set teacher standards
- ❖ Advise Scottish Ministers on issues relating to teaching and the teaching profession
- ❖ Act in the public interest.

Governance

- ❖ 50 Council members
 - 26 elected registered teacher members
 - 18 members appointed by relevant organisations
 - 6 members nominated by Scottish Ministers
- ❖ A new Council is formed and elections are held every four years
- ❖ The Convener and Vice Convener of Council, and committee conveners are elected by Council members
- ❖ The Council's functions are administered through statutory committees and other committees
- ❖ A comprehensive induction and training programme is provided for all Council members
- ❖ The Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day management of GTC Scotland, supported by a Senior Management Team and a total staff of 60 (54 full-time equivalent) staff.

Objectives: Strategic Plan 2009-2013

Against the backdrop of the Council's principal aims and key functions, the following six strategic objectives have been identified to underpin the growth and development of the Council for 2009-2013:

- ❖ To facilitate the transition of GTC Scotland to an independent, profession-led, regulatory body;
- ❖ To maintain and enhance the quality of teaching and learning in Scotland;
- ❖ To maintain standards of professional conduct and competence in teaching;
- ❖ To enhance the status and standing of teaching and the teaching profession;
- ❖ To develop the strengths and expertise of Council members and staff;
- ❖ To run an effective and cost-efficient organisation.

The Strategic Plan sets out the Council's strategic objectives and the priorities which underpin each objective. This Plan will be reviewed and updated as appropriate on an annual basis.

In line with National Outcomes 14 and 15 of the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework, GTC Scotland sets out to deliver a high quality, continually improving, and efficient public service which is responsive to the needs of the teaching profession and the public and which takes account of the local and global environment wherever practical and appropriate. GTC Scotland recognises that it also has a contribution to make to National Outcomes 3, 4 and 5 of the Framework and has sought to discharge these in its strategic planning.

Performance: Year to 31 March 2010

- ❖ Close liaison with Scottish Government in relation to independence proposals (including responding to Scottish Government consultation) and co-ordinated engagement with key stakeholders;
- ❖ Standard for Chartered Teacher revised and published;
- ❖ Development of an upgraded register database and processes to refine online collection of data;
- ❖ Time limits (and reminder) policy and procedure implemented relating to the probationary period, provisional (conditional) registration, and following a lapse or cancellation of registration;
- ❖ Development of Indicative Sanctions Guidance and Practice Notes to support consistent, proportionate and transparent disciplinary processes and procedures;
- ❖ Research strategy revised and implemented, with research launched and publicised;
- ❖ Revision of Corporate Communications strategy and planning for redesign of GTC Scotland website;
- ❖ GTC Scotland election held and effective transition to new Council, with enhanced induction and training for Council members;
- ❖ Training, development and discussion opportunities provided for Council staff in respect of independence issues and teacher professionalism.

Full details of GTC Scotland's performance during the year are set out in the Annual Plan 2009-2010 End-of-Year Review available from the website at www.gtcs.org.uk.

Plans for the Future include

- ❖ Working closely with the Scottish Government regarding the shaping of legislation setting out a new constitution for an independent GTC Scotland;
- ❖ Reviewing, developing and consulting on proposals for the election and appointment of an independent Council and governance, rules, processes and procedures relating to the conduct of its functions;
- ❖ Preparing to take the lead role in relation to the Standards as part of the move to independent status;
- ❖ Engaging with stakeholders and consulting on the development of teacher re-accreditation mechanisms with a view to establishing an appropriate system for Scottish teachers; developments in the leadership area; and changes to the functions of an independent GTC Scotland;
- ❖ Development of the GTC Scotland website and enhanced online information and services;
- ❖ Launching an upgraded register database and continuing to develop e-services to provide an enhanced service to teachers and other stakeholders;
- ❖ Continuing to refine regulatory hearing processes and procedures, including the further development of Indicative Sanctions Guidance to support investigating and disciplinary procedures;
- ❖ Reviewing flexible working arrangements and related policies to improve access for stakeholders to GTC Scotland information and advice and for the benefit of staff.

Detailed plans for the year to 31 March 2010 are set out in the Annual Plan 2009-2010 and Strategic Plan 2009-2013 available from the website at www.gtcs.org.uk.

Principal Office

Clerwood House
96 Clermiston Road
Edinburgh
EH12 6UT

Senior Management Team

Chief Executive	*Anthony Finn (*Registered Teacher)
Director of Education Policy	*Tom Hamilton
Director of Corporate and Legal Governance (Council Secretary)	Irene Hunter
Director of Finance and Administration	Gavin Scott
Director of Professional Services	Avril Barker

The Chief Executive/Registrar is responsible in conjunction with the Senior Management Team for the day to day management of GTC Scotland and for ensuring that activities are consistent with the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965 and other regulatory requirements.

Advisers

Auditors:

Scott-Moncrieff
Exchange Place 3
Semple Street
EH3 8BL

Principal Bankers:

The Bank of Scotland
The Mound
Edinburgh
EH1 1YZ

Presenting Solicitors:

R G Burnett SSC
BCKM Solicitors
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Edinburgh EH1 1YH

Brodies LLP
15 Atholl Crescent,
Edinburgh,
EH3 8HA

Membership of the Council - 1 April 2009 to 31 October 2009

Elected Members

- (a) **Primary/Nursery Headteachers (4)**
*Patrick J Boyle
*Thomas L F Burnett (To August 2010)
*Frieda E Fraser
*Gerard Maguire
*Vacancy (From August 2010)
- (b) **Primary/Nursery Teachers (7)**
*Margaret Bryce-Stafford
*May Ferries (Convener)
*Linda A Fisher-Dougan
*Frances Fyfe
*Linda J Gray
*Susan Quinn
*Margaret C H Smith
- (c) **Secondary Headteachers (3)**
*Ian Anderson
*Douglas Milne
*James Thewliss (Vice Convener)
- (d) **Secondary Teachers (8)**
*Ann L Ballinger (To May 2009)
*Kay Barnett
*John Devine
*James B Forbes
*William Gorrie
*David M M Malloch
*Anne M O'Kane
*Margaret A Smith
*Vacancy (From June 2009)
- (e) **Pre-school/Non-school Teachers (1)**
*Vacancy
- (f) **Further Education (2)**
*John M Cassidy
*Kirsty Devaney
- (g) **Relevant Institutions (1)**
*Anne T Wilson

Assessors Appointed by Scottish Ministers

Michael Kellet, Deputy Director for Teachers Division,
Scottish Government
John Gunstone, Scottish Government, Teachers
Division

Observer

Kenneth Muir, HM Inspectorate of Education

Appointed Members

- (a) **Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (3)**
Eric Gotts
*Terry Loughran
Isobel Strong
- (b) **Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (3)**
*Gordon Ford
Donald MacKay
*Leslie Manson
- (c) **Further Education Colleges (1)**
Graeme Hyslop
- (d) **Scottish Council of Independent Schools (1)**
Judith Sischy
- (e) **Relevant Institutions (4)**
*Jill Bourne
*James C Conroy
*Pamela Munn
*Ian Smith
- (f) **Universities Other Than Relevant Institutions (3)**
Veronica Bamber
*Lesley H R Kydd
*Ian Minty
- (g) **Church of Scotland (1)**
*David McTaggart
- (h) **Roman Catholic Church (1)**
*Michael McGrath
- (i) **Association of Directors of Social Work in Scotland (1)**
Tom Kirk

Members Nominated by Scottish Ministers (6)

Ephraim Borowski
Ian Jackson
*Catherine Macaslan
Brian Paterson
Eileen Prior
Vacancy

*Registered Teacher

(Numbers in brackets refer to the number of members available to each category)

Membership of the Council - 1 November 2009 to 31 March 2010

Elected Members

- (a) **Primary/Nursery Headteachers (4)**
 - *Frieda E Fraser (Vice Convener)
 - *Alison H Palmer
 - *Lilias L Proudfoot
 - *John Telford
- (b) **Primary/Nursery Teachers (7)**
 - *Patricia M Duncan
 - *Patricia Fallow
 - *Linda A Fisher-Dougan
 - *Frances J Fyfe
 - *Linda J Gray
 - *Andrew R McNeil
 - *Edith Swinley
- (c) **Secondary Headteachers (3)**
 - *Carole L Ford
 - *Dorothy M White
 - *George F Wynne
- (d) **Secondary Teachers (8)**
 - *Aileen C Barrie
 - *David Drever (Convener)
 - *Karen J Farrell
 - *Jason B L Fitzgerald
 - *James B Forbes
 - *Stephen McCrossan
 - *Catherine G Nicol
 - *Margaret A Smith
- (e) **Pre-school/Non-school Teachers (1)**
 - *Vacancy
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 - *Carol Ann Houston
 - *Hugh M Paton
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 - *Jill Bourne
 - *Richard Edwards
 - *Lesley H R Kydd
 - *Myra A Pearson
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 - Robert Craik
 - Gordon Munro
 - Neil Simco
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Statistics - Year ended 31 March 2010

Accreditation and Review	
<i>Programmes/Modules Accredited during the year</i>	
Initial Teacher Education Programmes	5
Chartered Teacher	1
Headship	n/a

Registered Teacher Numbers	
Registered	79,352
Newly Qualified	3,128
Admission (Trained outwith Scotland)	448
Total Registered	82,928

Chartered Teacher Awards	
Programme Route	43
Accreditation Route	180
Total Awards	223
Total Chartered Teachers	1,010

Probationer Teachers Awarded Full Registration	
Teacher Induction Scheme	3,048
Alternative Route	889
Total Awards	3,937

Investigating and Disciplinary Procedures						
Continued & Outstanding Cases C/F From 2008/2009					159	
New cases 2009/2010					265	
New cases reported					264	
Applicants for restoration to the register					0	
Notification of teachers included on the Disqualified from Working with Children List (DWCL) under the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003					1	Total: 424
Cases Resolved 2009/2010					192	
Administratively or by ISC Convener					146	
By Investigating Sub-Committee (ISC)					22	
<i>[Note: Cases Referred to DSC – 23]</i>						
By Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC)					23	
Application for Registration	- Accepted	-	Registered Teacher	- No Order	1	
	- Refused	1		- Reprimand	1	
	- Withdrawn	1		- Conditional Registration Order	1	
Application for Restoration	- Accepted	-		- Removal from the Register	17	
	- Refused	-		• Conviction	8	
	- Withdrawn	1		• Conduct	8	
			• Competence	1		
Removal from the Register following inclusion on the DWCL					1	
Continued & Outstanding Cases C/F to 2009/2010					232	Total: 424

Freedom of Information Requests	63
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Complaints (Process or Service Delivery)	
Total of 8	4 concluded at Stage 1 (informal investigation) of complaints procedure - concluded at Stage 2 (formal investigation) of complaints procedure 2 concluded at Stage 3 (review) of complaints procedure 2 referred to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) <i>[1 not upheld and 1 not considered as outwith the 12 month time limit]</i>

Staff Monitoring Summary													
Staff	Gender		Ethnic Origin				Age						With a
	Female	Male	White	Mixed or Other	Black	Asian	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	Over 65	
58	79%	21%	98%	-	-	2%	6%	22%	24%	33%	15%	-	6%

More detailed statistics are set out in the GTC Scotland Annual Statistical Digest 2009-2010 available from the website at www.gtc.org.uk.

Financial Review

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in 2005.

Review of Activities	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
• Operating (deficit) / surplus	(185)	61
• Unrealised potential pension liabilities (increased)/reduced by	(1,232)	(701)
• (Decrease) in Unrestricted Reserves	(1,150)	(889)
• Investment in Fixed Assets	145	240
• Net Current Assets	1,904	1,720

Policies:

Reserves

GTC Scotland's policy, which was approved on 9 March 2005 and is reviewed annually, is to ensure that the net assets are sufficient to meet contractual obligations to staff and pension commitments to former staff, to provide for appropriate development and to assist with the regulation of registration fees. The Council consider that the minimum level of reserves should be £1.0M held in liquid funds and investments excluding the value of the office property, Clerwood House. To maintain the level of reserves, Council agreed to increase the annual teacher registration fee by £5 to £45 in 2010/11. Current financial projections allow for the level of liquid funds to reduce in the medium term.

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 17 "Retirement Benefits" provision has been made for the actuarially valued share of the deficit in the Strathclyde Pension Fund which relates to Council staff and former staff and has established a Defined Benefit Pension Scheme Reserve. Details of this are set out in notes 14 and 17 to the accounts.

Investments

GTC Scotland's operates a balanced risk and ethically based investment policy whereby up to one third of funds available for investment may be placed in investments other than bank deposit accounts. GTC Scotland does not anticipate investment gains when preparing budgets but measures performance against comparator funds. The gain on investments suffered during the year reflects the movement in stock markets.

Risk

GTC Scotland members have assessed and re-assess on a regular basis the major risks to which the Council is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Council, and are satisfied that appropriate systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Supplier Payments

GTC Scotland supports the CBI Prompt Payment Code and pays its suppliers in accordance with the principles of the Code. Properly authorised invoices are paid within ten days in line with the Scottish Government's request to assist businesses in the current economic climate.

Council Responsibilities

The Council is required by the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of GTC Scotland as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for that period.

Council confirms that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently; reasonable and prudent judgements have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010. Council also confirms that applicable UK accounting standards have been followed and that the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of GTC Scotland and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

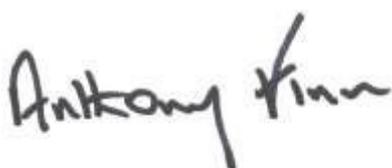
Charitable Status and Independence

In 2006 GTC Scotland was informed by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR) that GTC Scotland would be removed from the Scottish Charity Register as OSCR considered that GTC Scotland failed to meet the charity test in respect of the degree of control potentially exercisable by Scottish Ministers. GTC Scotland appealed this decision and following the passing of relevant legislation, OSCR confirmed in December 2009 that GTC Scotland meets the charity test as laid out in the Charity and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

In February 2008 the First Minister announced the Government's intention to pass legislation which would establish GTC Scotland as a fully independent organisation thereby removing the potential for ministerial control questioned by OSCR. The Scottish Government conducted a consultation exercise which closed on 26 June 2009 and Government proposals were published in February 2010. Initial legislation to enable GTC Scotland to become an independent organisation reporting directly to the Scottish Parliament was included in the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Bill which was passed on 25 March 2010 and is expected to receive royal assent in 2010. The Scottish Government is expected to introduce the secondary legislation which will underpin the independent GTC Scotland in 2011.

Conclusion

The Council remains in a strong financial position with an appropriate level of reserves and suitable policies to continue to undertake its statutory functions effectively.



Anthony O B Finn
Chief Executive



David Drever
Convener of Council

29 September 2010

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of the General Teaching Council for Scotland

This report is issued in respect of an audit carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

We have audited the financial statements of The General Teaching Council for Scotland for the year ended 31 March 2010 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Council members, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Council's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Council and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of the Council and Auditors

The responsibilities of the council members for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Council Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (United Kingdom and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the information given in the Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements, if the Council has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (United Kingdom and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965.

Scott-Moncrieff

Scott-Moncrieff
Registered Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
Chartered Accountants
Exchange Place 3
Edinburgh EH3 8BL

29 September 2010

Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 March 2010

	Notes	Total Unrestricted Funds 2010 £'000	Total Unrestricted Funds 2009 £'000
Incoming Resources			
From Council Activities	2	3,582	3,790
From Generated Funds			
Interest and Investment Income	3	24	125
Other Incoming Resources		<u>33</u>	<u>13</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>3,639</u>	<u>3,928</u>
Resources Expended			
Council Activities	4	3,651	3,785
Governance - General Expenses	5	91	82
Governance - Election Expenses	6	<u>82</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>3,824</u>	<u>3,867</u>
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before recognised gains and losses			
Gain / (loss) on investment assets	11	267	(249)
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension scheme	17	<u>(1,232)</u>	<u>(701)</u>
Net decrease in funds		(1,150)	(889)
Unrestricted funds at 1 April 2009	14	<u>4,550</u>	5,439
Unrestricted funds at 31 March 2010	14	<u>3,400</u>	<u>4,550</u>

If a separate Income and Expenditure Account were produced, the surplus for the year would be the same as the net outgoing / incoming resources shown above.

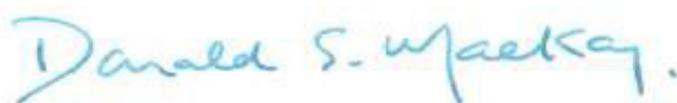
All incoming resources and expenditures are derived from continuing activities.

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Note of Historical Cost (Deficit)/Surplus		
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources for the year	(185)	61
Difference between historic and actual depreciation charge for the year on the revalued amount	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>
Historical cost (deficit) / surplus for the year	<u>(160)</u>	<u>85</u>

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2010

	Notes	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Tangible fixed assets	9	<u>3,463</u>	<u>3,542</u>
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	10	102	72
Investments	11	859	592
Short term deposits		1,101	1,125
Bank and cash balances		<u>291</u>	<u>250</u>
		<u>2,353</u>	<u>2,039</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	12	<u>(449)</u>	<u>(319)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,904</u>	<u>1,720</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		5,367	5,262
Provision for liabilities and charges			
Provision for pension liabilities	13	<u>(443)</u>	<u>(399)</u>
Net Assets excluding defined benefit pension scheme liability		<u>4,924</u>	<u>4,863</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability		<u>(1,524)</u>	<u>(313)</u>
Net Assets including defined benefit pension scheme liability		<u>3,400</u>	<u>4,550</u>
Represented by unrestricted funds			
Accumulated unrestricted reserve	14	3,358	3,273
Revaluation reserve	14	<u>1,566</u>	<u>1,590</u>
Unrestricted funds excluding pension reserves		4,924	4,863
Defined benefit pension scheme reserve	14	<u>(1,524)</u>	<u>(313)</u>
Total funds		<u>3,400</u>	<u>4,550</u>

Approved on 29 September 2010 by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council and signed on its behalf by the Convener:



Approved on 29 September 2010 by The General Teaching Council for Scotland and signed on its behalf by the Convener of Council:



Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 31 March 2010

	Notes	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Net cash flow from operating activities	15	138	148
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received	3	24	125
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of fixed assets	9	<u>(145)</u>	<u>(240)</u>
Cash inflow before financing		17	32
Management of liquid resources	16	24	25
Increase in cash in the year	16	<u>41</u>	<u>58</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Net cash and liquid funds at 1 April 2009		1,967	2,183
Movement in net cash		41	58
Movement in liquid resources		(24)	(25)
Non-cash changes		267	(249)
Net cash and liquid funds at 31 March 2010	16	<u>2,251</u>	<u>1,967</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2010

1 Statement of accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared consistently in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005. GTC Scotland is a professional registration body and income and expenditure is allocated to activities in accordance with the requirements of the SORP. All GTC Scotland activities are charitable activities in terms of the SORP. Allocation of support costs has been based on direct staff costs applicable to each activity for which there is a defined income source.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of Clerwood House.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity when the Council is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The principal sources of income relate to fees charged, interest on investments and support received from the Scottish Executive in relation to continuing professional development. Fees received in advance are deferred until the appropriate accounting period.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Governance costs are those incurred in holding the Council election, by Council members in attending committee and other meetings and the costs of professional services such as external audit.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Capitalisation and Replacement

Clerwood House was revalued in January 2008 and is included in the accounts at valuation amount. Clerwood House is revalued every five years. Council has sought advice from the valuers and consider that the current economic situation has not materially affected the valuation of the property. All other assets are included at their purchase price together with any incidental costs of acquisition, less depreciation. The asset capitalisation threshold for 2009/10 was £500 and was increased to £1,000 on 1 April 2010.

Impairment

Impairment reviews are carried out on an annual basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Buildings are depreciated on a straight line basis at 2% per annum, computing equipment at 33% per annum and office furniture at 20% per annum.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the year end. Unrealised gains and losses on revaluation or disposal are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. Investments are intended to be for the medium to longer term but can be converted into cash within a short period and are therefore disclosed under current assets.

Irrecoverable VAT

Any irrecoverable VAT is charged to the statement of financial activities, or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset, where appropriate.

Recognition of Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised and provided for when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Pension Costs

Employees of the Council participate principally in the Strathclyde Pension Fund, a defined benefit scheme administered by Glasgow City Council. Annual contributions to the scheme are based on the recommendation of the scheme actuary and are charged to the income and expenditure account so as to spread the expected cost of providing pensions over the employees' period of service with the Council. The Council's share of the scheme deficit has been incorporated in the accounts and has had the impact of decreasing total funds by £1.2M (2009 - £0.7M).

Six employees contributed to the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (STSS) during the year. Annual contributions to the scheme, at the rates determined by the Scottish Executive, are charged to the income and expenditure account.

Operating Leases

Payments made under operating leases are charges to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

2 Incoming Resources from Council Activities

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Registration	3,446	3,492
Continuing Professional Development (CPD)	136	298
	3,582	3,790

3 Interest and Investment Income

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Bank Interest	1	18
Short Term Deposit Interest	23	107
	24	125

4 Council Activities

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Salaries and related staff costs	2,199	2,104
Administration	479	514
Bureaux and professional services	455	461
Continuing Professional Development	139	275
Property and Security	156	183
Depreciation	223	246
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	2
	<u>3,651</u>	<u>3,785</u>

5 Governance – General Expenses

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Accommodation and catering	29	28
Travel and subsistence	51	43
Auditors' remuneration	11	11
	<u>91</u>	<u>82</u>

No remuneration is received by members of Council. Travel and subsistence represents the cost of reimbursing Council Members for expenses incurred by them in attending meetings.

6 Governance – Election Expenses

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
	<u>82</u>	<u>-</u>

An election to determine the 26 elected teacher members of the Council was held in September 2009.

7 Employee Information

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	1,704	1,628
Social security costs	130	126
Pension costs	266	239
	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,993</u>

The average number of persons (excluding Council members) employed by the Council during the year was 60 (2009 - 59) of which 14 (2009 - 14) were part-time. During the year there were on average 54 (2009 - 53) full time equivalent employees. Payments in respect of temporary staff amounted to £17,686 (2009 - £21,868).

Employee Costs – Salary Bands

		2010	2009
£'000	£'000	No	No
1	9	2	3
10	19	20	21
20	29	21	21
30	39	6	4
40	49	4	5
50	59	1	3
60	69	4	1
70	79	-	-
90	99	1	1

Chief Executive's Remuneration	Salary		Employer's pension contribution	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
A.O.B Finn	99	48	15	6
M.M. Maclver	-	51	-	7

8 Taxation

The Council is a registered charity (SC006187) and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income from investments. The Council is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all expenditure is recorded inclusive of any VAT incurred.

9 Fixed assets

	Heritable Property £'000	Office Furniture Computer Equipment £'000	Website £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At 1 April 2009	3,338	835	279	4,452
Additions	68	77	-	145
Disposals	-	(58)	(1)	(59)
At 31 March 2010	3,406	854	278	4,538
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2009	66	685	159	910
Charge for year	67	85	71	223
Depreciation on disposals	-	(57)	(1)	(58)
At 31 March 2010	133	713	229	1,075
Net book value				
At 31 March 2010	3,273	141	49	3,463
At 31 March 2009	3,272	150	120	3,542

- (a) Clerwood House was valued in January 2008 at £3,250,000 on an existing use basis by independent valuers Speirs Gumley, Chartered Surveyors.
- (b) The historic cost of the land and buildings as at 31 March 2010 was £2,149,350 (2009 - £2,081,067).

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Debtors	33	2
Prepayments	66	52
Accrued Income	3	18
	102	72

11 Investments

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Market value at 1 April 2009	592	841
Net gain/(loss) on re-valuation	267	(249)
Market value at 31 March 2010	859	592

12 Creditors

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Due within one Year:		
Trade Creditors	61	94
Accruals	60	105
Chartered Teacher Programme	115	100
Deferred Income	194	-
George D Gray Award	19	20
	449	319

13 Provision for pension liabilities

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Provision at 1 April 2009	399	388
Amounts used during year	(17)	(16)
Increase during the period in the discounted amount arising from the passage of time and a change in the discount rate (reflecting the reduction in interest rates).	<u>61</u>	<u>27</u>
Provision at 31 March 2010	<u>443</u>	<u>399</u>

The provision relates to future obligations to former members of staff. The provision is an actuarial calculation based on information relating to each recipient. Date of birth, gender and any entitlements of a spouse are taken into account. The provision is released as payments are made to each recipient.

14 Reserves

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Revaluation reserve		
Balance at 1 April 2009	1,590	1,614
Revaluation during Year	-	-
Depreciation released to SOFA	(24)	(24)
Balance at 31 March 2010	<u>1,566</u>	1,590
Accumulated unrestricted reserve		
Balance at 1 April 2009	3,273	3,509
Deficit for year	(1,150)	(889)
Unrestricted Reserve prior to pension transfer	<u>2,123</u>	<u>2,620</u>
Transfer from revaluation reserve	24	24
Transfer re pension scheme reserve	<u>1,211</u>	<u>629</u>
Balance at 31 March 2010	<u>3,358</u>	<u>3,273</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme reserve		
Balance at 1 April 2009	(313)	316
Realised movement	21	72
Unrealised movement	(1,232)	(701)
Balance at 31 March 2010	<u>(1,524)</u>	<u>(313)</u>
Total Reserves at 31 March 2010	<u>3,400</u>	<u>4,550</u>

15 Reconciliation of surplus of income over expenditure to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
(Deficit)/Surplus of income over expenditure	(185)	61
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	223	246
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	2
Less: Interest on deposits	(24)	(125)
Increase in debtors	(30)	(20)
Increase in creditors	130	5
Defined benefit pension scheme	(20)	(32)
Increase in pension provisions	<u>44</u>	<u>11</u>
Net cash inflow from operations	<u>138</u>	<u>148</u>

16 Analysis of Changes in Net Funds

	At 01/04/09 £'000	Cash Flows £'000	Unrealised Gain £'000	At 31/03/10 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	250	41	-	291
Management of Liquid resources: Short term deposits and investments	1,717	(24)	267	1,960
Total Funds	1,967	17	267	2,251

17 Pensions

The Council participates in two pension schemes. Six employees contributed to the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (STSS) during the year. The contributions are 6.4% (2009 - 6.4%) for employees and 14.9% (2009 - 13.5%) for employers. The STSS is a defined benefits scheme administered by the Scottish Executive with contribution rates based on notional assets set for the area covered as a whole. The scheme is unable to identify each individual body's share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. The Council therefore accounts for these pension costs as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

Employees of the Council participate principally in the Strathclyde Pension Fund, a defined benefit scheme administered by Glasgow City Council. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme. Annual contributions to the scheme are based on the recommendation of the scheme actuary and are charged to the income and expenditure account so as to spread the expected cost of providing pensions over the employees' period of service with the Council. Employees contribute between 5.5% and 12 % of their salary. Employers' contributions were 17.3% for 2009/10 (16.8%). Unfunded early retirement pension enhancements for which the Council is liable are provided for in full when employees retire and are charged against the provision when paid.

A formal valuation of the Strathclyde Pension Fund (SPF) was carried out as at 31 March 2008 by a qualified independent actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP. In order to assess the actuarial value of the SPF's liabilities as at 31 March 2010, the Scheme's actuaries have rolled forward the actuarial value of the liabilities allowing for changes in financial assumption as prescribed under "FRS 17 : Retirement Benefits".

The principal assumptions used as at 31 March were as follows:

	2010 % per annum	2009 % per annum
Inflation/ Pension increase rate	3.8%	3.1%
Salary increases	5.3%	4.6%
Pension increases	7.2%	6.5%
Discount rate	5.5%	6.9%

The demographic assumptions adopted are consistent with those used for the formal funding valuation as at 31 March 2008. Life expectancy for pensioners and non-pensioners is based on the PMA/PFA92 "year of birth" mortality tables. It has been assumed that 5% of retiring members will opt to increase their lump sums to the maximum allowed. The assumed life expectations from age 65 are:

		2010 Years	2009 Years
Current Pensioners	Males	20.6	20.3
	Females	23.9	23.2
Future Pensioners	Males	22.6	21.7
	Females	25.0	24.6

The estimated split of the fund's assets and expected rate of return of the Strathclyde Pension Fund as at 31 March were as follows:

	2010 Share	2009 Share	2010 Return	2009 Return
Equities	77.0%	73.0%	7.8%	7.0%
Bonds	13.0%	16.0%	5.0%	5.4%
Property	7.0%	8.0%	5.8%	4.9%
Cash	3.0%	3.0%	4.8%	4.0%

Present value of scheme liabilities, based on the actuary's assumptions, with the estimated employer assets.

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Fair value of employer assets	4,045	2,774
Present value of funded liabilities	(5,494)	(3,027)
Present value of unfunded obligations	(75)	(60)
Net liability in the balance sheet	<u>(1,524)</u>	<u>(313)</u>

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Opening fair value of scheme assets	2,774	3,285
Expected return on scheme assets	187	238
Actuarial gains/(losses)	889	(883)
Contributions by employer	215	195
Contributions by participants	80	70
Estimated benefits paid (net of transfer)	(100)	(131)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	<u>4,045</u>	<u>2,774</u>

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit pension liability

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Opening defined benefit liability	3,087	2,969
Service cost	138	147
Interest cost	218	208
Actuarial loss/(gain)	2,121	(182)
Estimated benefits paid (net of transfer)	(104)	(135)
Contributions by participants	80	70
Past service losses	29	10
Closing defined benefit liability	<u>5,569</u>	<u>3,087</u>

Movement in (deficit)/surplus during the year

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Operating (deficit)/surplus	(313)	316
Current service cost	(138)	(147)
Employers contributions	215	195
Past service costs	(29)	(10)
Contributors' unfunded benefits	4	4
Interest cost	(218)	(208)
Expected return on employer assets	187	238
Actuarial losses	(1,232)	(701)
Closing deficit	<u>(1,524)</u>	<u>(313)</u>

Amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Current service costs	138	147
Past service costs	29	10
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	218	208
Expected return on employer assets	<u>(187)</u>	<u>(238)</u>
	<u>198</u>	<u>127</u>
Actual return on scheme assets	<u>1,078</u>	<u>(697)</u>

Five year history of experience gains and losses

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Defined benefit obligation	(5,569)	(3,087)	(2,969)	(3,300)	(3,234)
Value of scheme assets	<u>4,045</u>	<u>2,774</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>3,202</u>	<u>2,841</u>
Net (liability)/asset	<u>(1,524)</u>	<u>(313)</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>(98)</u>	<u>(393)</u>
Experience (loss)/gain on scheme liabilities	(2,121)	182	718	273	(421)
Experience gain/(loss) on scheme assets	<u>889</u>	<u>(883)</u>	<u>(334)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>441</u>
Actuarial (loss)/gain recognised in Statement of Financial Activities	<u>(1,232)</u>	<u>(701)</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>20</u>

Employer's contributions for the year ended 31 March 2011 are expected to be £231,000.

18 Operating Leases

At 31 March the Council had annual operating lease commitments as set out below

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Leases which expire:		
- within one year	-	-
- in two to five years	23	-
- over five years	-	-
	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>

In May 2010 the Council entered into a three year leasing agreement with an annual commitment of £23,273

19 Indemnity insurance

The Council paid £13,125 (2009: £17,325) for professional indemnity insurance for the year ended 31 March 2010.

20 Future Commitments

The Council had future capital commitments amounting to £ nil (2009: £ nil). The Council's budget for the year 2010-11 includes provision for asset purchases amounting to £250,000 (2009 - £250,000).

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