
Charity Commission

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for both the resource and capital costs of the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The Commission is the statutory body that regulates charities. It aims to provide the best possible regulation of charities in England and Wales to increase their effectiveness and public confidence in them. In doing so, the Commission seeks to ensure that charities operate within a framework which enables them to work effectively for their proper purposes, and helps them to modernise and change to meet new demands and keep pace with economic and social developments. The Commission maintains an electronic public register of charities; provides guidance and advice to charities; monitors their activities through their accounts and annual reports; and seeks to identify and investigate any dishonesty or deliberate fraud that may endanger charitable assets. The Commission uses its expertise and knowledge to promote the effective regulation of charities by providing guidance and advice to other regulators and similar bodies.
2. The work of the Commission is governed by statute. The members of the Commission's Board are appointed by the Minister for the Third Sector. Decisions of the Commission are independent from Ministerial direction or influence, although challengeable in the High Court. Further information on expenditure can be found in tables 1 to 3 of the Charity Commission Departmental Report 2007 (Cm 7113).
3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

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Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity	30,243,000
Total net resource requirement	30,243,000
Net cash requirement	30,631,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the Charity Commission on:

RfR 1: Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity

Administration, capital expenditure and associated non-cash items.

The **Charity Commission** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	30,243,000	13,609,000	16,634,000
Total net resource requirement	30,243,000	13,609,000	16,634,000
Net cash requirement	30,631,000	13,743,000	16,888,000

Part II: Subhead detail

										£'000	
2007-08 Provision										2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Resources						Capital Non- operating		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources		
Admin 1	Other Current 2	Grants 3	Gross Total 4	A in A 5	Net Total 6	Capital 7	A in A 8				
RfR 1: Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity											
30,263	-	-	30,263	20	30,243	1,399	-	31,893	30,648		
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
A Administration											
30,263	-	-	30,263	20	30,243	1,399	-	31,893	30,648		
Total for Estimate:											
30,263	-	-	30,263	20	30,243	1,399	-	31,893	30,648		

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	30,243	31,893	30,648
Voted capital items			
Capital	1,399	1,399	1,585
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	1,399	1,399	1,585
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-88	-188	-164
Depreciation	-650	-1,000	-845
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-93	-293	-93
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-180	-280	-58
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	50	-
Use of provisions	-	800	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-1,011	-911	-1,160
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	30,631	32,381	31,073

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2007-08 or 2006-07. None were received in 2005-06.

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Administration Costs			
RfR 1	30,243	31,893	30,648
Total Net Administration costs	30,243	31,893	30,648
Total Net Operating Cost	30,243	31,893	30,648
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	30,243	31,893	30,648
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	30,243	31,893	31,467

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	30,243	31,893	30,648
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Non-voted expenditure in the OCS	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	30,243	31,893	30,648
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
Voted expenditure outside the budget	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated resource provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	819
Resource Budget (Budget)	30,243	31,893	31,467
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	30,243	31,893	31,467
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	1,399	1,399	1,585
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-	-	-
Capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget (Budget)	1,399	1,399	1,585
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1,399	1,399	1,585
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

In accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 the Treasury has made the following Accounting Officer appointment for the Request for Resources within this Estimate.

Request for Resources 1: Andrew Hind, Chief Executive of the Charity Commission

Andrew Hind as the Accounting Officer of the Charity Commission has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the department's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation, or by the Treasury, and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, remains in general overall charge of the Charity Commission.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in Annex 4.1 of Government Accounting. In essence these responsibilities include a personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable; for keeping of proper accounts; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; and for the efficient and effective use of all the available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the organisation's policies, aims and objectives and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
RfR 1: Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity			
Administration	20	270	457
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	20	270	457
Total RfR 1	20†	270	457
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: the sale of copies of documents, and amounts which relate to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office/Charity Commission joint International Outreach project.</i>			
Total Operating A in A	20	270	457

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	30,243	-	30,243
<i>of which:†</i>			
Administration budget	30,243	-	30,243
Near-cash in RDEL	29,232	-	29,232
Capital DEL††	1,399	-	1,399
Less Depreciation†††	-650	-	-650
Total DEL	30,992	-	30,992

† The total of the 'Administration Budget' and 'Near-cash in Resource DEL' figures may well be greater than total resource DEL, due to the definitions overlapping.

†† Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and accounts but which are treated as Capital DEL in budgets.

††† Depreciation, which forms part of resource DEL, is excluded from total DEL since capital DEL includes capital spending and to include depreciation of those assets would lead to double counting.

Comparison of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2007-08 of £30,243,000 is 5.2 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2006-07 of £31,893,000 and 7.8 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2006-07 of £32,787,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Cash which may be retained by the department to offset expenditure in the year due to its relationship with income (operating and non-operating) that has been, or will be, appropriated in aid.	20	270	457