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The Financial Statements for the Group comprise the consolidated results of the University and its subsidiaries, which undertake activities that for legal, commercial or taxation reasons are more appropriately undertaken through a limited company. The principal trading subsidiaries consolidated in the accounts are: Sussex Innovation Centre Development Limited, Sussex Innovation Centre Management Limited, University of Sussex Intellectual Property Limited and East Slope Housing Limited. In addition the University has a major share in the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (SMS), which is accounted for as a joint venture according to Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 9.

This statement is drawn up in accordance with the Accounting Standards Board's Financial Reporting Standard: Operating and Financial Review and seeks to set the financial results in the context of the University's strategy and operations.

Strategy and context

The University is working towards a number of academic, financial and other objectives set out in the strategy *Making the future* published in 2009. This strategy sets out a vision for growth in quantity and quality of research and teaching learning, supported by investments in capital, IT and learning and research infrastructure and increasing financial and environmental sustainability. The University's growth is being achieved not by incremental improvement but by targeted and focused projects. The strategy is being successfully implemented, overall, with strong progress towards many targets well ahead of the 2015 horizon set in *Making the future*.

The greatest growth contribution to date has come from International Student activity. This is a growing market for the UK as a whole and Sussex has played a part in expanding quality provision. Some UK student numbers were still heavily regulated in 2010/11 and so offered little opportunity for significant growth. Research, our other principal activity has also been constrained by the pressure on available public and private funds. These areas have grown but less strongly. Other critical targets such as recognition of student experience have also been met early. Given the strong progress made in a number of these areas and the increase in opportunities for growth afforded by announced and likely future UK government policy changes, the University will be reviewing its strategy this year with the likely outcome that we will replace targets in many areas (especially in student recruitment at all levels and origins) with still more ambitious ones.

The University Council's prime target for achieving financial sustainability is that, taking one year with another, we publish surpluses of 4% of turnover. This objective serves as a benchmark for evaluating plans and performance and is largely being met: the operational surplus excluding non-recurrent items has been in the range 3 million to 12 million in each of the last four years, only a little short of the average of 6% required. 4% surplus was met in 2010/11 and has been met twice in the last four years. Setting aside exceptional staff costs in 2009/10, the objective would have been met three out of the last four years.

Council has also set borrowing policies for maximum level of borrowings and deployment between interest-only and amortising loans, and between fixed and floating interest rates) and capital investment targets which have been applied in full during the year. Council monitors performance of the institution through a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and risk measures at each meeting. Our KPIs and risk measurement and mitigation are specifically aligned to the University's objectives as set out in *Making the future*. Performance is assessed against a balanced range of targets which include financial and non financial measures. Despite the difficult prevailing economic conditions, our long term focus remains unaltered and our specific objectives continue to be for growth, cash, research, staff, and

The University's total income rose by 6.1% compared with the previous year.

Our strategy is for selective growth and diversification of our income base. Consolidation of the University's reputation for teaching excellence is key to this and to delivering our core activity. Total recurrent grants from funding councils again fell slightly due to the impact of public finance cuts to higher education. Real terms increases in income were achieved in research grants and contracts income and other operating income. The major component of growth in revenue came from a further large increase in International Student fee income, which grew by 36% over 2009/10.

Within our cost base, pay unit costs increased as a result of nationally agreed cost of living rises, settled this year at 0.4%, and the impact of incremental salary increases around 2%. We have been implementing policy to increase the quality and functional suitability of our estate year on year as result, spend on non-capitalised property maintenance funds was higher than last year.

As noted above the bottom line resulting surplus is £11.3m compared to a position just over breakeven after exceptional staff costs in 2009/10.

Balance Sheet review

Capital investment

The University is currently in the third year of implementing a three year capital programme, comprising £120m of developments for the period to 2011/12. Projects have been carefully prioritised to support *Making the future*, addressing major academic, research and student services initiatives, while removing some of our poorer quality buildings and replacing them with new fit-for-purpose facilities. Our approach has been endorsed by the funding council through approval of our Capital Investment Fund Round 2 strategy submission.

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The net liability on the USP S self-administered trust scheme is held on our balance sheet. This would have increased but for the change in the official Pensions, at which replaces

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(Making the future). As noted above, we have developed a comprehensive development and extension of existing programmes in our successful submission to the FFI (which may also be found on the University's website) through proposals to reinvest additional fee income equating to £6.5 million (at 2010/11 prices) in a programme of widening access activities. These will cover a step change in engagement with local and regional educational providers, assistance for students while at Sussex and extensive support through targeted careers and placement activities.

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	Note	2011 £'000	2010 000
Income			
Funding council grants	1.1	56,619	56,615
Academic fees and support grants	1.2	57,066	49,142
Research grants and contracts	1.3	31,337	29,600
Other operating income	1.4	31,361	30,044
Endowment income and interest receivable	1.5	734	529
Total income: Group and share of joint ventures		177,117	165,990
Less: Share of joint ventures income	1	(10,313)	(9,332)
Group income		166,804	156,658
Expenditure			
Staff costs	2.1	19,923	19,460
Exceptional staff costs	2.5	-	5,000
Depreciation	2.4	7	

	Note	2011 £'000	2010 000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1 4,969	150,11
Investments	4	356	322
Investment in joint venture:			
Share of gross assets	1	7,37	6,459
Share of gross liabilities	1	(2, 16)	2,1
Endowment investments	6	6,503	5,112
Current assets			
Stocks		274	2 9
Debtors		13,310	12, 53
Investments	11.5	-	2 ,556
Cash at bank and in hand	11.5	402	209
		13,9 6	40, 9
Creditors amounts falling due within one year		(44,5 3)	4 ,605)
Net current liabilities		(30,597)	6, 0
Total assets less current liabilities		165,793	153,020
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(47,440)	4 ,100)
TOTAL NET ASSETS excluding pension liability		118,353	148,920

	Note	2011 000	2010 000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1 1,251	146,262
Investment	4	51	4 4
Endowment investments	6	6,503	5,112
Current assets			
Stocks		274	261
Debtors		17,212	16,635
Investments	11.5	-	2 ,556
Cash at bank and in hand		-	1
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	8	(44,703)	4 ,969
Net current liabilities		(27,217)	3,516
Total assets less current liabilities		161,055	14 ,342
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(45,746)	46,293
TOTAL NET ASSETS excluding pension liability		115,309	102,049
Pension liability	14	(25,524)	34,104
TOTAL NET ASSETS including pension liability		9,7 5	6 ,945
Represented by:			
Deferred capital grants	10	63,3 2	61,509
Endowments			
Permanent	13	3,449	3,252
Expendable	13	3,054	1, 6 06

	Note	2011 £'000	2010 000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	11.1	16,363	15, 5
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	11.2	(2,962)	3,1 0)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	11.3	(37,374)	14,013)
Cash outflow before use of liquid resources and financing	11.5	(23,973)	1,426)
Management of liquid resources		27,556	2 6)
Financing	11.4	(6)	1,456
Increase (decrease) in cash		2, 95	256)

Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Funds

		2011 £'000	2010 000
Increase (decrease) in cash in the year		2, 95	256)
Decrease) increase in short-term deposits	11.5	(27,556)	2 6)
New finance acquired	11.4	-	40,2 2)

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1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting in Further and Higher Education Institutions 200 and in accordance with applicable accounting Standards. They conform to guidance published by the Higher Education Funding Council.

In these financial statements the following new standard has been adopted for the first time: FRS 30 Heritage Assets. The implementation of FRS 30 has had no material effect on these financial statements.

2. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified for the valuation of Land and Buildings, Asset Investments and Fixed Asset Investments.

3. Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the University and its subsidiary undertakings for the financial year to 31 July 2011. These are Sussex Innovation Centre Development Limited, East Slope Housing Limited, University of Sussex Intellectual Property Limited and Sussex Innovation Centre Management Limited. The results of the Students' Union are not consolidated because it is an independent association with separate control.

4. Recognition of income

Funding Council Grants are accounted for in the period to which they relate.

Tuition Fee income is credited to the income and expenditure account in the year in which students are studying. Bursaries and scholarships are accounted for as expenditure and not deducted from income.

Research grants, contracts and other services rendered are accounted for on an accruals basis and included to the extent of the completion of the contract or service concerned. Any payments received in advance of such performance are recognised on the balance sheet as deferred income within creditors.

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gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

The University is registered for and subject to VAT on its business activities. The University's charitable non business activities fall outside the scope of VAT. Any irrecoverable input VAT suffered on the acquisition of goods and services forms part of the cost, charged to the income and expenditure account, of those goods and services and of the values attributed to assets and liabilities in the balance sheet.

The University's subsidiary companies are subject to taxes including corporation tax and VAT in the same way as any commercial organisation.

12. Investments

Listed investments held as fixed assets or endowment assets are shown at market value. Investments in subsidiary undertakings are shown at the lower of cost or net realisable value, and investments in joint ventures are shown in the consolidated balance sheet at attributable share of net assets.

Current asset investments, which may include listed investments, are shown at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

13. Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

14. Repairs and maintenance

Expenditure to ensure that a tangible fixed asset maintains its previously recognised standard of performance is recognised in the income and expenditure account in the period it is incurred. The Institution has a planned 5 year rolling maintenance programme, which is reviewed on an annual basis.

15. Cash flows and liquid resources

Cash flows comprise increases or decreases in cash. Cash includes cash in hand, cash at bank, and deposits repayable on demand. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are available within 24 hours without penalty. No other investments, however liquid, are included as cash.

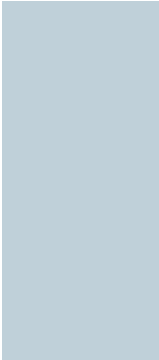
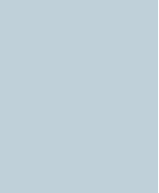
Liquid resources comprise assets held as readily disposable store of value. They include term deposits, government securities and loan stock held as part of the Institution.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 Income

	2011	2010
	£'000	000
1.1 Funding council grants		
Recurrent grant		
FC grant	49,059	4,419
Training and Development Agency For Schools (TD)	1,15	1,695
Specific grant		
Other	3,336	4,311
Deferred capital grants released in year		
Buildings	1,7	2,23
Equipment	531	1,012
	56,619	56,65
1.2 Tuition fees and education contracts		
Full-time students: UK	2,660	2,14
Full-time students: international	24,261	1,56
Part-time and other	2,	2,94
Research training support grants	220	2
Short courses	1,037	1,12
	57,066	49,142
1.3 Research grants and contracts		
Research councils	16,4	16,369
UK-based charities	5,509	4,31
European Commission	3,657	3,621
Other grants and contracts	4,469	4,441
Releases from deferred capital grants	1	05
	31,337	29,60
1.4 Other operating income		
Residences, catering and other operations	1,137	1,16
Other services rendered	2,55	2,45
Other income		
General academic services	3,053	3,33
US grants	1,19	1,145
Staff and student services	961	9
Central administrative	3,443	2,654
Other	1,723	1,91
	31,361	30,044
1.5 Endowment income and interest receivable		
Transferred from endowments (note 13)	532	302
Income from short-term investments	202	22
	734	529



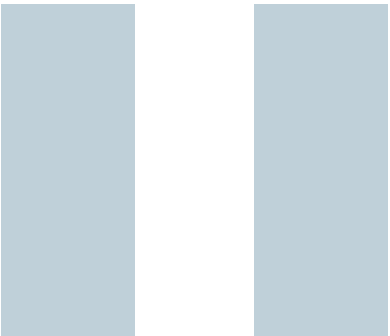
2.4 Analysis of expenditure by activity

	Staff costs	Exceptional Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other operating expenses	Interest payable	Total 2011	Total 2010
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Schools	46,92	-	3,411	329	-	5,667	60,914
Academic services	5,92	-	1,644	5,2	-	12,903	11,69
Research grants contracts	11,361	-	943	10,359	-	22,663	21,40
Residences, non-2	1,172	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Freehold	Leasehold	Assets in course of construction	Liabilities	Total
2019	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2020	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2021	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2022	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2023	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2024	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2025	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2026	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2027	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2028	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2029	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2030	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2031	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2032	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2033	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2034	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2035	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2036	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2037	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2038	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2039	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2040	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2041	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2042	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2043	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2044	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2045	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2046	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2047	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2048	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2049	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2050	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2051	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2052	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2053	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2054	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2055	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2056	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2057	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2058	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2059	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2060	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2061	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2062	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2063	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2064	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2065	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2066	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2067	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2068	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2069	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2070	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2071	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2072	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2073	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2074	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2075	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2076	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2077	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2078	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2079	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
2080	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000

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amounts repayable in respect of bank loans outstanding at 31 July 2011 may be analysed as follows:

Lender	Year loan obtained	Year of final repayment	Interest	Balance 2011 £'000	Balance 2010 £'000
University					
Barclays Bank	2009	2039	Fixed	40,000	40,000
S C	1996	2016	Variable	1,250	1,500
S C	1992	2012	Variable	-	4
S C	1991	2011	Variable	7	33
				41,257	41,540
Subsidiary company					
Barclays Bank	2004	2022	Fixed	1, 0	1,916
				43,065	43,496
Due within one year				372	432
Due between one and five years				1,537	1,512
Due in five years or more				41,156	41,552
				43,065	43,496

On 16 August the University drew down the first £10m of a £50m loan facility from Lloyds TSB Bank plc, a further £10m was drawn on 5 September 2011. This loan consists of £5m fixed for 10 years and £5m fixed for 5 years both of which have to be drawn by 31 November 2012 and repaid by 31 August 2022 and 31 August 2017 respectively.

NOTE 10 Deferred capital grants**At 1 August 2010**

Land and buildings

Equipment

Other

Total

Cash receivable

Land and buildings

Equipment

Other

Total

Consolidated
2011
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University
2011
£'000

5,950

5,365

2,622

2,622

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NOTE 11 Notes to consolidated cash flow statement (continued)**11.2 Returns on investments and servicing of finance**

	2011	2010
	£'000	000
Income from endowments	143	134
Income from short-term investments	176	204
Interest paid	(3,211)	3,504
	(2,962)	3,104

11.3 Capital expenditure and financial investment

	2011	2010
	£'000	000
Tangible fixed assets acquired (other than leased equipment)	(42,665)	25,444
Fixed asset investments	(20)	50
Endowment asset investments acquired	(1,144)	161
	(43,829)	25,655
Deferred capital grants received	4,922	11,313
Endowments received	1,533	329
	(37,374)	14,013

11.4 Analysis of changes in consolidated financing during the year

	Total	Finance leases	Mortgages loans/other	Preference share capital
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Balance at 1 August 2010	50,596	5,29	43,49	1,802
Capital repayments	6,88	25,8	430	-
Balances at 31 July 2011	49,90	5,039	43,067	1,802

11.5 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 August 2010	Cash flows	At 31 July 2011
	000	000	000
Cash at bank and in hand	209	193	402
Overdraft	5,254	2,002	2,552
	5,045	2,195	2,150
Short term deposits	2,556	2,556	-
Debt due within one year	690	2,8	662
Debt due after 12 months			

NOTE 12 Movement on reserves	Consolidated	University	Consolidated	University
	2011	2011	2010	2010
	£'000	£'000	000	000
12.1 Income and expenditure account reserve				
1 August	1,665	1,111	535	2
Surplus retained for the year	11,263	11,070	263	3
Actuarial gain on pension scheme	7,492	7,492	6	6
At 31 July	20,420	19,743	1,665	1,111
Balance represented by:				
Pension reserve	(25,524)	(25,524)	34,104	34,104
Income and expenditure account reserve excluding pension reserve	45,944	45,267	35,69	35,25
At 31 July	20,420	19,743	1,665	1,111
			2011	2010
			£ 000	000
12.2 Consolidated revaluation reserve				
1 August			143	105
Increase (decrease) in the value of fixed asset investments			14	3
1 July			157	143
			2011	2010
			£ 000	000
12.3 Consolidated Capital reserve				
1 July			1,02	1,02

The capital reserve balance of 1.02m arises on consolidation of the University's subsidiary companies, Sussex Innovation Centre Developments Limited and Sussex Innovation Centre Management Limited, and relates to the acquisition of 1.0m and 0.002m respectively of preference shares (nominal value) in the companies on the 31 July 2009 for a consideration of 2.

NOTE 13 Movement on endowments	Permanent Restricted	Permanent Unrestricted	Permanent Total	Expendable Restricted	Total
	000	000	000	000	000
1 August 2010					
Capital	2,41	33	2,44	1,299	4,13
Accumulated income	30	4	34	561	939
	3,211	41	3,252	1,860	5,112
Additions	16)	-	16)	1,549	1,533
Depreciation of Endowment Asset Investments	156	2	158	9	24
Income	1	1	2	61	143
Expenditure	2)	-	2)	505)	532)
At 31 July 2011	3,405	44	3,449	3,054	6,503
Represented by:					
Capital	2,91	35	3,016	2,925	5,941
Accumulated income	424	9	433	129	562
	3,405	44	3,449	3,054	6,503

NOTE 14 Pension schemes

The two principal pension schemes for the University's staff are the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) and the University of Sussex Pension and Assurance Scheme (USPAS). The schemes are defined benefit schemes, which are valued every three years by actuaries using the projected unit method. The rates of contribution payable are determined by the trustees on the advice of the actuaries. Both schemes provide benefits based on final pensionable salary. During the year the University opened its 'Group Stakeholder' defined contribution scheme which will become more significant in future years.

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The institution participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme, a defined benefit scheme contracted out of the State Second Pension (S2P). The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund, Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited. Because of the mutual nature of the scheme, the scheme's assets are not hypothecated to individual institutions and a scheme-wide contribution rate is set. The institution is therefore exposed to actuarial risks associated with other institutions' employees and is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets that it participates in.

NOTE 14 Pension schemes (continued)

Use of these mortality tables reasonably reflects the actual USS experience but also provides an element of conservatism to allow for further small improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement at age 65 are:

Males (females) currently aged 65	22.5 (24.5) years
Males (females) currently aged 45	24.0 (25.9) years

At the valuation date, the market value of the assets of the scheme was £242.6m and the value of the scheme's technical provisions was £135.3m leaving a surplus of £107.3m. The assets therefore were sufficient to cover 103% of the benefits, which had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

The actuary also valued the scheme on a number of other bases as at the valuation date. On the scheme's historic gilts basis, using a valuation rate of interest in respect of past service liabilities of 4.4% per annum (the expected return on gilts) the funding level was approximately 110%. Under the Pension Protection Fund regulations introduced by the Pensions Act 2004 it was 100% funded (on a buy out basis i.e. assuming the Scheme had discontinued on the valuation date) the assets would have been approximately 90% of the amount necessary to secure all the USS benefits with an insurance company and using the FRS17 formula as if USS was a single employer scheme, using a bond discount rate of 6.5% per annum based on spot yields, the actuary estimated that the funding level at 31 March 2009 was 104%.

The technical provisions relate essentially to the past service liabilities and funding levels, but it is also necessary to assess the ongoing cost of newly accruing benefits. The cost of future accrual was calculated using the same assumptions as those used to calculate the technical provisions except that the valuation rate of interest assumed asset outperformance over gilts of 1.0% per annum compared to 2.0% per annum for the technical provisions) giving a discount rate of 6.1% per annum also the allowance of promotional salary increases was not as high. Analysis has shown very variable levels of growth over and above general pay increases in recent years, and the salary growth assumption built into the cost of future accrual is based on more stable, historic, salary experience. However when calculating the past service liabilities of the scheme, a cautionary reserve has been included, in addition, on account of the variability mentioned above.

The institution contribution rate required for future service benefits alone at the date of the valuation was 16% of pensionable salaries and the trustee company, on the advice of the actuary, agreed to increase the institution contribution rate to 16% of pensionable salaries from 1 October 2009.

Since 31 March 2009 global investment markets have continued to fluctuate and as at 31 March 2011 the market's assessment of inflation has increased slightly. The government has also announced a change to the inflation measure used in determining the official Pensions Index from the Retail Price Index to the Consumer Prices Index. The actuary has taken this all into account into his funding level as at 31 March 2011 by reducing the assumption for pension increases from 3.3% to 2.9% pa. The actuary estimated that the funding level as at 31 March 2011 funding under the scheme specific funding regime had fallen from 103% to 91% (a deficit of circa £100 million). Over the past 12 months, the funding level has improved from 91% as at 31 March 2010 to 95%. This estimate is based on the funding level at the 31 March 2009 adjusted to reflect the fund's actual investment performance over the three years and changes in market conditions (market conditions affect both the valuation rate of interest and also the inflation assumption which in turn impacts on the salary and pension increase assumptions).

On the FRS17 basis, using a bond discount rate of 5.5% per annum based on spot yields, the actuary estimated that the funding level at 31 March 2011 was 56%. An estimate of funding level measured on a buyout basis at that date was approximately 54%.

The next formal valuation is at 31 March 2011 and this will incorporate updated assumptions agreed by the Trustee Company.

NOTE 14 Pension schemes (continued)

Surpluses or deficits which arise at future valuations may impact on the University's future contribution commitment. A deficit may require additional funding.

NOTE 14 Pension schemes (continued)[illegible]

NOTE 14 Pension schemes (continued)**Scheme assets**

The weighted average asset allocation at the 31 July 2011 was:

	At 31 July 2011	At 31 July 2011 £'000	At 31 July 2010	At 31 July 2010 £'000
Equities	60.3	44,236	60.3	39,366
Bonds	19.0	13,965	19.5	12,933
Gilts	19.0	13,964	19.5	12,936
Cash	1.2	1,101	0.4	244
Total Market value of assets		73,266		65,329

To develop the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption, the university considered the current level of expected returns on risk free investments (primarily government bonds), the historical level of the risk premium associated with the other asset classes in which the portfolio is invested and the expectations for future returns of each asset class. The expected return for each asset class was then weighted based on the target asset allocation to develop the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption for the portfolio. This resulted in the selection of the 5.90% assumption for the pension expense for the year ended 31 July 2011 and the 6.10% assumption for the pension expense for the year ended 31 July 2010.

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Actual return on plan assets	7,744	4,410
Financial assumptions		
Discount rate	5.20%	5.50%
Salary increases	4.40%	3.00%
Rate of increases of pensions in payment - Pensioners		
PI capped at 6% pa	N/A	2.50%
PI capped at 3% pa	N/A	2.50%
CPI capped at 6% pa	2.20%	-
CPI capped at 3% pa	1.90%	-
Rate of increases of pensions in payment - Non-pensioners		
PI capped at 6% pa	N/A	4.00%
PI capped at 3% pa	N/A	2.90%
CPI capped at 6% pa	2.00%	-
CPI capped at 3% pa	2.50%	-
Rate of increase for deferred pensioners		

NOTE 14 Pension schemes (continued)

Five year history	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	£'000	000	000	000	000
Benefit obligation	9,790	99,433	91,996	92,634	92,543
Fair value of scheme assets	73,266	65,329	5,243	5,194	60,193
Deficit	(25,524)	34,104	34,443	35,440	21,429
Experience Gains and (Losses) on Scheme Assets					
Amount (£'000)	3,753	4,535	4,129	3,222	1,141
Percentage of Scheme Assets	5%			14%	2%
Experience Gains and (Losses) on Scheme Liabilities					
Amount (£'000)	10	-	1,900	1,500	1,449
Percentage of the Present value of Scheme Liabilities	-	-	2%	2%	2%
Total amount recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and (losses)					
Amount (£'000)	7,492	6	1,462	13,600	11,900
Percentage of the Present value of the Scheme Liabilities	1%	1%	2%	16%	14%

SGSS

Sussex Group Stakeholder Scheme (SGSS) is a defined contribution scheme for newly employed technical, clerical and other support staff. The scheme allows members to contribute a minimum 3% of monthly salary and offers life assurance and income protection in addition to pension benefits. The University contributes two times the member contribution up to a maximum 12% of monthly salary.

The pension costs for the University and its subsidiaries were:

	<i>Forecast</i>		
	2012	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000	000
Contributions to USS	8,013	7,974	7,962
Contributions to USSPS	3,322	3,243	2,292
Contributions to SGSS	167	166	144
Other Contributions	357	355	313

NOTE 15 HEFCE Access funds

	2011	2010
	£'000	000
Balance at 1 August	4	10
Funding Council Grants	194	226
Disbursed to Students	(196)	232
Balance unspent at 31 July	2	4

Funding Council grants are solely for students the University acts only as a paying agent. The grants and related disbursements are therefore excluded from the Income and Expenditure account.

NOTE 17 Brighton and Sussex Medical School

University University Joint venture

Explanatory notes

(i) Background

The Brighton Sussex Medical School (SMS) is an equal partnership between the Universities of Sussex and Brighton. However it is agreed that the University of Sussex will be allocated 5% of the income and expenditure relating to oncology research.

In accordance with FRS 9 transactions are reported under the definition of a joint venture.

All revenue income received in respect of SMS by each University is held in a community chest, managed by the University of Sussex. Expenditure incurred by each university on behalf of SMS is reimbursed from the community chest.

(ii) Accounting arrangements

The income and expenditure of the SMS for the year ended 31 July 2011 is reflected in the audited Financial Statements of both Universities as reflected in the table above. Each University has included its share of the gross assets and liabilities of the joint venture and its share of the turnover and surplus.

(iii) Cash at bank and in hand

The balance of £11.663m was held on behalf of the School at 31 July 2011. This is included in the University of Sussex's Financial Statements.

NOTE 1 Capital commitments

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
authorised and contracted for at 31 July		
wholly or partly funded from loans and consolidated reserves	1,142	20,21
	1,142	20,21

NOTE 19 Operating lease commitments

The University entered into an operating lease in September 2000 on a new student residence comprising 450 rooms. The lease has a minimum term of 20 years with annual rentals of £1.4m.

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
annual rentals under operating leases payable and expiring after 5 yrs	1,400	1,400

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