

General Fund Revenue Account Outturn 2011-12

Guidance notes for completing form RS: REVENUE OUTTURN SUMMARY

*These notes should be read in conjunction with RO General Guidance 2011-12
and CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP) 2011-12.*

SPECIFIC LINE GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING FORM RS 2011-12 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT OUTTURN SUMMARY

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These notes list what to include within each line. *Exclusions are in italics.*
All lower-case wording in bold on the form equate to SeRCOP service divisions.

SERVICE EXPENDITURE

Lines 190–698 **Specific service expenditure**

Columns 1 to 3 of these lines are completed automatically with totals of net current expenditure, capital charges and net total cost (excluding specific grants) for each main service as defined in SeRCOP, from forms **RO1 to RO6, completed on a non-IAS19 and PFI 'Off-Balance Sheet' basis** (relevant line totals on these forms are asterisked and cells carried forward are boxed in red).

Line 699 **TOTAL SERVICE EXPENDITURE**

This automatic calculation equals the **sum of lines 190 to 698**. It comprises all direct revenue payments and income from services for which the authority alone is responsible, as opposed to transfers to and from, or expenditure on behalf of, other accounts, funds, authorities or miscellaneous bodies.

OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Group 710 **Housing benefits and transfers between HRA and GFRA**

Note that SeRCOP treats the following lines as Service Expenditure.

*Record all housing benefits administration costs on **RO4 line 57**.*

Line 711 **Rent allowances – mandatory payments**

Mandatory rent allowances paid to the tenants of private landlords and registered social landlords.

*Record discretionary payments of rent allowances on **RO4 line 51**.*

*Record income from mandatory rent allowances subsidy on **RG line 745**.*

Line 712 **Non-HRA rent rebates – mandatory payments**

Mandatory rent rebates paid to local authority tenants living in non-HRA dwellings.

*Record discretionary payments of non-HRA rent rebates on **RO4 line 52**.*

*Record income from mandatory non-HRA rent rebates subsidy on **RG line 746**.*

Line 713 Rent rebates to HRA tenants – mandatory payments

Mandatory rent rebates paid to local authority tenants living in HRA dwellings.

*Record discretionary payments of rent rebates to HRA tenants on **RO4 line 53**.*

*Record income from mandatory HRA rent rebates subsidy on **RG line 747**.*

Line 714 Subsidy limitation transfers from HRA

Transfers from the HRA to the GFRA resulting from the operation of Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation.

Line 718 Contribution to the HRA re items shared by the whole community

Contributions made to the HRA where amenities in the HRA benefit the wider community, which may include:

- Play and other recreational areas;
- Grassed areas;
- Gardens;
- Community centres;
- Play schemes.

Also include any other GFRA contributions to/from the HRA.

*Record HRA interest receipts and payments on **lines 783 or 786**, as appropriate.*

*Exclude prior year adjustments from transfers between HRA & GFRA: record these on **line 920***

Group 720 Precepts and levies

Line 721 Parish precepts

These should be recorded by Billing Authorities only, and comprise the aggregate amounts of any precepts from local precepting authorities, issued to or anticipated by the Billing Authority, which were taken into account in calculating its Budget Requirement. Include amounts under the Local Government Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) Order 1993 and amounts under the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) Regulation 1998. **This line must agree with BR1 line 4, column 2.**

Line 722 Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) levy

Metropolitan districts should record levy payments to (+) ITAs; ITAs should record such levies received as income (-).

Line 724 Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) levy

Authorities in London, Greater Manchester and Merseyside should record levy payments to (+) WDAs in respect of waste disposal functions in those areas established under the Waste Regulation and Disposal (Authorities) Order; WDAs should record such levies received as income (-).

*Record payments to / receipts by Waste Disposal Authorities (WDA) for the disposal of trade waste on **RO5 line 283**.*

Line 727 London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA) levy

London boroughs and the Corporation of London should record levy paid in respect of compensation payment liabilities inherited following the abolition of the Greater London Council (GLC) and the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA). The LPFA is a body corporate, accountable to the Mayor of London, to maintain the superannuation fund which was originally the responsibility of the GLC.

Line 728 Other levies

- Levies paid by police authorities to the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) and the National Crime Squad (NCS);
- Levy paid to / received by Greater London Magistrates' Courts Authority;
- National Parks and Broads Authority levies;
- Garden levies;
- Levies made by Residuary Bodies.

*Record Port Health levies on **RO5 line 225**;*

*Record Internal Drainage Board levies on **RO5 line 243**;*

*Record Environment Agency flood defence levy on **RS line 759**.*

Group 730 Trading account surpluses and deficits

Also see related guidance regarding capital charges recorded on **lines 741 to 742** (automatic); and appropriations to(+)/from(-) financial reserves which are related to trading accounts net surplus(-) / deficit(+) on **lines 811 to 816** (manual).

Line 731 External Trading Accounts net surplus/deficit

This line is completed automatically from **TSR line 698** (column 9) with the net surplus to (-) or net deficit from (+) the GFRA, arising from external trading services.

Line 732 Internal Trading Accounts net surplus/deficit

This line is completed automatically from **TSR line 898** (column 9) with the net surplus to (-) or net deficit from (+) the GFRA, arising from internal trading services.

Line 741 Capital charges accounted for in External Trading Accounts

This line is completed automatically from **TSR line 698** (columns 8), as a negative total in order to remove the capital charges element from **line 731** above.

Line 742 Capital charges accounted for in Internal Trading Accounts

This line is completed automatically from **TSR line 898** (columns 8), as a negative total in order to remove the capital charges element from **line 732** above.

Line 748 Adjustments to net current expenditure

- o Agency arrangements for government departments and health authorities or trusts, as defined in **RO General Guidance 4.1 and 4.2.1**;
- o Town Development – transactions between authorities under the Housing, Rent and Subsidies Act; transitional town redevelopment subsidy and other overspill;
- o Local authority reorganisation costs;
*(record transfers between reorganised authorities on **line 806**)*
- o Any surplus or deficit on a Trading Account in respect of a joint undertaking for which the authority is not the account holder;
- o Irrecoverable input VAT on revenue services.

Exclude irrecoverable VAT directly attributable to the supply of VAT-exempt revenue services – include this on relevant RO service lines.

*Record prior year adjustments on **line 920**.*

Line 749 NET CURRENT EXPENDITURE

This automatic calculation is the **sum of lines 699 to 748**. It comprises Total Service Expenditure plus other items of current expenditure and income within the GFRA.

Line 754 Local tax collection: Council tax benefit paid to the Collection Fund

Payments of discretionary council tax benefits to the Collection Fund.

*Record income from the council tax benefit grant on **RG line 741**.*

*Record council tax benefits administration costs on **RO6 line 425**.*

This figure should be consistent with the corresponding figure on form **QRC4 line 13 column 1**. The QRC4 Council Tax Benefit figure is in respect of the financial year to which the QRC4 relates (i.e. 2011-12), whereas the RS figure is broader, as it relates to any financial year.

Line 757 Local tax collection: Non-domestic rate relief discretionary payments

Payments of discretionary non-domestic rate (NDR) relief in excess of that borne by the NDR pool.

*Record non-domestic rates collection costs on **RO6 line 426**.*

Line 759 Levy: Environment Agency flood defence

Levies demanded by the Environment Agency (EA) as successor to the National Rivers Authority, in accordance with the National Rivers Authority (Levies) Regulations.

*Record levy payments to the EA acting as an Internal Drainage Board on **RO5 line 243**.*

Group 760 Capital Expenditure

Line 765 Capital expenditure charged to the GF Revenue Account (CERA)

Capital expenditure met from the GFRA, including Trading Accounts; or from revenue reserves (for which there should be a corresponding entry in **lines 811, 815 or 816**). Record expenditure only in respect of the year in which it was incurred, *not when it is put into reserves in anticipation of future years' capital expenditure (that should be recorded as an appropriation to reserves on **lines 811, 815 or 816**).*

This figure should be consistent with the corresponding figure on line 25 of the **COR4** form.

Line 771 Provision for bad debts

Provision made for bad debts charged to the GFRA.

Line 773 Provision for repayment of principal

Any charge made to the GFRA in respect of past years' capital expenditure under regulation 27 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003.

Include both the minimum revenue provision calculated in accordance with regulations 28 and 29, and any additional voluntary provision.

*Any charge to GFRA for the current year's capital expenditure should be included in **line 765**.*

*Exclude any element that relates to a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme – see **line 788**.*

Line 776 Leasing payments

The financing element of finance leasing charges should be included here.

Any MRP generated by a finance lease will be part of the general MRP calculation and so included in **line 773** along with any additional voluntary provision.

Charges against operating leases will be included under the relevant service heading.

Group 780 Interest and investment income

Line 781 Interest payable and similar charges

The treatment in the accounts, in terms of amounts relating to particular years, should follow the appropriate CIPFA guidance.

- o Interest payable by the authority on all external borrowings, including external interest payments in respect of the HRA and Trading Accounts;
- o Interest payable to Local authority superannuation funds and trust funds;
- o Interest on all deferred purchase schemes entered into before 7/7/1988;
- o Interest on deferred purchase schemes entered into between 8/7/1988 and 31/3/1990 falling within Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Prescribed Expenditure) (Consolidation and Amendment), which were not transitional credit arrangements under Part 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;
- o Interest paid by the LA on external borrowing re Housing Act Advances;
- o Gains (discounts) or losses (premiums) arising on the repurchase or early settlement of debt: treat as expenditure or a negative offset.
- o impairment losses arising on financial asset.

*Exclude any element that relates to a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme – see **line 788**.*

Line 783 HRA item 8 payments and receipts

Calculate interest in accordance with the formula in the ***HRA General Determination of the Item 8 Credit and Item 8 Debit***. Enter a net figure, being total interest receipts credited to the HRA under Item 8 Part I, less charges made to the HRA under Item 8 Part II. Where receipts credited to the HRA are higher than charges made to the HRA, record as expenditure (+), otherwise record as income (-).

Line 785 Sub-total – this automatic calculation is the sum of lines 749 to 783.

Line 786 Interest and investment income: external receipts and dividends

All external interest receipts and dividends, including those on Housing Act Advances from mortgagees; interest on HRA and Collection Fund balances.

Exclude interest receipts from internal lending, which should not be recorded on RO forms.

Line 788 Private Finance Initiative (PFI) schemes - difference from service charge

It is expected that most authorities will be following the DCLG MRP guidance and making an MRP charge equal to the element of the service charge that goes to reduce the balance sheet liability for the project. Where exceptionally this is not so authorities should ensure that the entry for the project in the service expenditure equals the service charge, and enter the difference between the service charge and the total charge to the revenue account for the scheme on this line.

Line 789 Appropriations to / from financial instruments adjustment account

Regulations 30B to 30F of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No 3146, as amended by SI 2007 No 573 and SI

2008 No 414) allow authorities to offset some of the financial consequences of the new accounting treatment for financial instruments. Where authorities take advantage of these regulations the Accounting Code requires the entries in the Income and Expenditure Account to comply with the relevant Financial Reporting Standards, and the adjustments permitted by the regulations to be implemented by appropriations to or from the financial instruments adjustment account in the Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance. The appropriations should be entered in this line.

Line 790 Appropriations to / from unequal pay back pay account

Regulation 30A of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No 3146, as amended by SI 2007 No 573) allows authorities to defer the impact on the revenue account of certain provisions made for unequal pay back pay. The Accounting Code provides for this deferral to be achieved by appropriations to and from an unequal pay back pay account. The appropriations should be entered in this line.

Line 791 Specific and special grants outside AEF

This line is completed automatically from **RG line 799**.

Line 792 Appropriations to (+) / from (-) Accumulated Absences Account

Short-term accumulated compensated absences refers to benefits that employees receive as part of their contract of employment, entitlement to which is built up as they provide services to the council. The most significant benefit covered by this heading is holiday pay, where employees build up an entitlement to paid holidays as they work. Under the Code, the cost of providing holidays and similar benefits is required to be recognised when employees render services that increase their entitlement to future compensated absences.

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year, e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31 March. Regulation 30H of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No 3146, as amended by SI 2010 No 454) requires that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised in this way .

The appropriations to/from the account should be entered in this line.

Line 793 Business Rates Supplement

Record any income (-) which relates to Business Rates Supplement applied to specific projects expected to promote economic development. This includes income from levying a local supplement on the business rate and using the proceeds for investment in the local area.

Accounting for Business Rates Supplement should follow the principal and agent relationship as in the case of Council Tax.

The amount recorded on this line should only be the element of income that relates to your authority. For example, if you are a billing authority, regardless of the total amount collected the income recorded should be the amount that relates to your authority only.

If you are precepting authority, then the income collected by your respective billing authority on behalf of your authority should be reported on your form.

Line 794 **Community Infrastructure levy**

Record any income (-) which relates to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to be spent on infrastructure to support development in the area. The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money can be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the local authority, community and neighbourhoods want.

Accounting for CIL should follow the principal and agent relationship as in the case of Council Tax.

The amount recorded on this line should only be the element of income that relates to your authority. For example, if you are a billing authority, regardless of the total amount collected the income recorded should be the amount that relates to your authority only. If you are precepting authority, then the income collected by your respective billing authority on behalf of your authority should be reported on your form.

Line 795 **Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) transactions (expenditure)**

Contrary to LAAP Bulletin 91 para 7, CRC transactions should be recorded here and **NOT** allocated to services.

Line 796 **Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) transactions (Income)**

Contrary to LAAP Bulletin 91 para 7, CRC transactions should be recorded here and **NOT** allocated to services.

Line 800 **REVENUE EXPENDITURE**

This automatic calculation is the **sum of lines 785 to 796**.

Line 803 **Local Services Support Grant (LSSG)**

A new unringfenced grant paid under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to support local government functions. The grants listed below should **not** be reported in **lines 791 or 804**, or anywhere on the RG form. The compounded income from these grants in respect of your authority should be reported on this line.

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| • Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authorities | DEFRA |
| • Lead Local Flood Authorities | DEFRA |
| • Preventing Homelessness | DCLG |
| • Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder | DCLG |
| • Transition Grant | DCLG |
| • Community Safety Grant | HO |

Line 804 **Specific and special grants inside AEF**

This line is completed automatically from **RG line 699**.

Line 805 NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE

This automatic calculation is the **sum of lines 800 to 804**.

Section 8 – THE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Line 806 Inter-authority transfers in respect of reorganisation

Transfer of funds between authorities in respect of boundary changes and other forms of reorganisation. *Record local government reorganisation costs on **RO6, line 410**.*

Group 810 Appropriations to / from financial reserves

Line 811 Appropriations to / from schools' reserves

Line 815 Appropriations to / from other earmarked financial reserves

Line 816 Appropriations to / from unallocated financial reserves

Record additions to reserves as expenditure (+) from the GFRA;
record withdrawals from reserves as income (-) to the GFRA.

Trading account balances are counted as appropriations to reserves (for surpluses) or from reserves (for deficits), thus opposite entries amounting to the same surpluses/deficits recorded above on **lines 731 and 732**, must be included within **lines 811 to 816** (broken down as appropriate), that is:

- a negative (surplus) entry above should be added to the reserves figure;
- a positive (deficit) entry above should be subtracted from the reserves figure.

Record as a withdrawal: the amount spent in cases where internal reserves are spent on capital items, without the use of a credit approval (also record on **line 765**).

*Money set aside for provisions should be recorded on the appropriate RO service line when it is set aside. Prior year adjustments to reserves should be recorded on **line 920**.*

Line 830 THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT

This automatic calculation is the **sum of lines 805 to 816**.

This figure should agree with the Budget Requirement data given on the 2011-12 BR forms:

- **BR1 line 5** (column 2) for billing authorities;
- **BR2 line 1** (column 2) for precepting authorities;
- **BR3 line 6** (column 3) for the Greater London Authority.

Line 851 Revenue Support Grant

Record Revenue Support Grant, and any additional grant to be paid into the GFRA.

This figure should agree with the Budget Requirement data given on the 2011-12 BR forms:

- **BR1 line 7** (column 2) for billing authorities;
- **BR2 line 3** (column 2) for precepting authorities;
- **BR3 line 8** (column 3) for the Greater London Authority.

Line 856 Police Grant

Record grant allocated under Principal Formula, defined under section 46 of the Police Act 1996. *Other police specific grants should be recorded on form **RG**.*

This figure should agree with the Budget Requirement data given on the 2011-12 BR forms:

- **BR1 line 8** (column 2) for billing authorities;
- **BR2 line 4** (column 2) for precepting authorities;
- **BR3 line 10** (column 3) for the Greater London Authority.

Line 858 General GLA (Greater London Authority) Grant

General grant for the GLA paid into the GFRA. This figure (for completion by GLA only) should agree with the 2011-12 Budget Requirement data given on the **BR3 line 9** (column 3).

Line 870 Redistributed non-domestic rates

Record redistributed non-domestic rates due to be paid into the GFRA.

Also include for the City of London only: an amount in respect of locally retained non-domestic rates (the “offset”).

This figure should agree with the Budget Requirement data given on the 2011-12 BR forms:

- **BR1 line 6** (column 2) for billing authorities;
- **BR2 line 2** (column 2) for precepting authorities;
- **BR3 line 7** (column 3) for the Greater London Authority.

Line 880 Other Items

- Amounts in respect of Collection Fund surpluses / deficits for 2010-11, to be transferred from / to the authority’s Collection Fund in 2011-12;
- Community charge amounts transferred to / from the authority’s Collection Fund in 2011-12;

This figure should agree with the Budget Requirement data given on the 2011-12 BR forms:

- **BR1 lines 9+10** (column 2) for billing authorities;
- **BR2 line 5** (column 2) for precepting authorities;
- **BR3 line 11** (column 3) for the Greater London Authority.

Line 890 COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

This automatic calculation is the **sum of lines 830 to 880**.

This figure should agree with the Budget Requirement data given on the 2011-12 BR forms:

- **BR1 line 11** (column 2) for billing authorities;
- **BR2 line 6** (column 2) for precepting authorities;
- **BR3 line 12** (column 3) for the Greater London Authority.

This figure should be **zero** for the following authorities:-

Parks and Broads Authorities;
Integrated Transport Authorities;
Waste Disposal Authorities.

FINANCIAL RESERVES

Lines 911 to 916 General Fund Revenue Reserves at start and end of financial year

All revenue reserves of the authority, including former special and capital funds; earmarked reserves; reserves Trading Accounts. Record any surplus as (+) and any deficit as (-). Reserves levels at start of year should reflect the position:

- o before any appropriations to / from other authorities;
- o before any transfers to / from other authorities (other than transfers which are a result of a reorganisation of authorities, as a consequence of the Local Government Act 1992);
- o before any transfers to schools opting out.

Exclude: pension fund reserves; HRA balances; provisions; amounts set aside to meet credit liabilities; unused capital receipts; Collection Fund balances (of billing authorities).

Levels at 31 March 2012 are automatically calculated by adding the appropriations in the year to the start of year levels.

Line 911 Schools' Financial Reserves at 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012

Record those balances which a scheme, made under s.48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, provides must be carried forward to be used for the purpose of schools. These amounts represent the amount of unspent schools' budgets. Levels at 31 March 2012 are automatically calculated by adding the appropriations in the year to the start of year levels.

Line 915 Other Earmarked Financial Reserves at 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012

Record only amounts contributed from the GFRA. Levels at 31 March 2012 are automatically calculated by adding the appropriations in the year to the start of year levels.

Exclude any unapplied capital receipts which may also be held in these funds, as well as amounts earmarked for future council tax reduction or budget support.

Line 916 Unallocated Financial Reserves at 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012

- o those revenue reserves which have not been earmarked;
- o the working balances of the authority which are used to cover cash flow, and are available for emergencies only;
- o amounts 'earmarked' for future council tax reduction or budget support.

Levels at 31 March 2012 are automatically calculated by adding the appropriations in the year to the start of year levels.

Line 920 Prior Year Adjustments

This line is only for prior year adjustments, *and must be distinguished from adjustments line 748.*

CAPITAL CHARGES

Include capital charges on the GFRA, *but not on internal and external Trading Services.*

Line 931 Depreciation

The measure of the cost or revalued amount of the benefits of fixed assets consumed during the year of account.

Line 933 Loss on Impairment of assets

Unexpected downward shifts in the value of assets (e.g. major structural damage or technological obsolescence)

Line 935 Credit for capital grants

Include any grant or contribution towards capital expenditure recognised as income in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. In the authority's statement of accounts these are amounts that will be transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Line 936 Revenue Expenditure funded from Capital by Statute

Expenditure which is classified as total amount of RECS included in the capital charges column for each of the service lines (lines 190 – 698).

Line 939 TOTAL CAPITAL CHARGES

This automatic calculation equals the **sum of lines 931 to 936**.

This figure must equal total Capital Charges on **line 699** (column 2).

EQUAL PAY COSTS

Line 941 One off equal pay costs - falling on the schools budget

Record information on all one off equal pay costs for all employees which fall on the Schools Budget as defined in the School Finance (England) Regulations. These costs should already be included elsewhere under the appropriate service heading in the RO suite of forms. Include all transitional, compensatory and back pay costs related to equal pay claims. It is understood that the powers to charge the financing costs of capitalised one off equal pay costs to the Schools Budget only apply from 2007-08 onwards.

Line 942 One off equal pay costs - chargeable to any other revenue account

Record information on all one off equal pay costs for all employees which are chargeable to any other revenue account (i.e. **excluding** the Schools Budget as defined in the School Finance (England) Regulations). These costs should already be included elsewhere under the appropriate service heading in the RO suite of forms. Include all transitional, compensatory and back pay costs related to equal pay claims but *exclude all costs that are capitalised under a capitalisation direction. These capitalised costs should be included in Line M3 of COR4 to be found in the Capital Outturn Return suite of forms.*

ICELANDIC BANK IMPAIRMENT

Entries relating to investments in Icelandic banks affected by the defaults in Autumn 2008 can appear in lines 781, 786, 789. Amounts in respect of such investments appearing in those lines should also be entered, respectively, in lines 951 and 952 in accordance with the guidance below.

Line 951 Interest payable and similar charges

Record any change to the impairment charge calculated in 2010-11 in accordance with standard accounting practice.

PLEASE NOTE: A figure should only be placed in this cell if the impairment charge from the 2010-11 RO has changed. If it has stayed the same a zero should be entered. If the impairment charge has increased a positive figure should be entered and if it has decreased a negative figure should be entered.

Line 952 Interest and investment income (-): external receipts and dividends

Record any interest credited in respect of impaired Icelandic investments.

PLEASE NOTE: All figures should be negative. This cell should have additional unwinding of the discount relating to 2011-12.

Line 960 **Please confirm the form is completed on non-IAS19 and PFI "Off-Balance Sheet" basis**

The whole RO suite of forms should be completed on a non-International Accounting Standard 19 (non-IAS19) and PFI on an "off balance sheet" basis (except where specified).

Please select "YES" or "NO" from the drop down menu by clicking on the cell. Select "YES" to confirm the form is completed on **non-IAS19 and PFI "Off-Balance Sheet"** basis.

Line 979 **Total service expenditure on non-IAS19 and PFI "On Balance Sheet" basis**

For National Accounts purposes PFI schemes should be accounted for 'On Balance Sheet' basis only where **economic ownership** of the asset rests with the Authority.

When completing the RO suite of forms, therefore, **local authorities should continue to record PFI schemes on an 'Off Balance Sheet' basis** unless they have such economic ownership. These authorities' figure on this line should therefore be different from the total services expenditure on RS line 699 on a **non-International Accounting Standard 19 (non-IAS19) and PFI on an "On Balance Sheet"** basis.

Those local authorities who do **NOT** have such economic ownership should have the same figure as on RS line 699 on a **non-International Accounting Standard 19 (non-IAS19) and PFI on an "On Balance Sheet"** basis.

[For more details, please refer to the General guidance notes.]