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36. RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

Councillors

Members of the Council have direct control over the council's financial and operating policies.

The Councillors Code of Conduct requires elected members to complete a Register of Interest which contains a list of financial interests and important non-financial interests which each member is required to make public. Details of elected Members interests can be assessed from each councillor's page on the following link: Register of Interests

There are no related party transactions with members of the council.

The total of Councillors Remuneration allowances paid in 2023/24 are shown in the Remuneration Report note 2.3 on page 34.

Officers

Officers have the responsibility to adhere to a Code of Conduct, which requires them to declare an interest in matters that may directly or indirectly influence, or be thought to influence their judgement or decisions taken during the course of their work. In terms of any relevant parties, officers with declarations of interest would opt out of taking part in any discussion or decisions relating to transactions with these parties.

During 2023/24 there were no material transactions between the council and any company in which any officer had an interest.

The total remuneration paid to senior officers is detailed in the remuneration report note 3.2 on pages 36 and 37.

During the year, the council entered into a number of transactions with related parties which include Central Government, Other Local Authorities, the Joint Valuation Board and related companies. The council has interests in a number of companies over which it has significant influence or control as detailed in the Group Accounts note G2, G3, and G6 on pages 98 to 100.

EXPENDITURE	2023/24 £'000	2022/23 £'000
Government Payments		
PAYE and National Insurance	84,648	74,384
Superannuation – Teachers	25,886	21,647
Other Local Authority Payments		
Lothian Pension Fund - Superannuation	36,828	34,533
Other Payments	1,273	807
Other Related Party Payments		
Joint Valuation Board – Associate	1,147	1,155
West Lothian Integration Board – Joint Venture	88,607	85,147
West Lothian Leisure Ltd Subsidiary	2,007	3,340
Councillors Remuneration	824	780
Criminal Justice Authority	3,858	4,471
SESTRAN / CITY DEAL (formerly SESPLAN)	104	104
Scotland Excel	133	128
	245,315	226,496
INCOME		
Other Local Authority Receipts	1,324	1,189
Criminal Justice Authority	3,503	3,507
West Lothian Integration Board	88,607	85,147
	93,434	89,843
BALANCE SHEET		
The amounts due (to) or from related parties are detailed below: -		
Government departments	(435)	5,242
Other local authorities	(2,850)	(2,743
Related companies		
West Lothian Leisure Ltd.	1,491	1,625
	(1,794)	4,124