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**Interim Report
and
Financial Statements**

1 January – 30 June 2014

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**INTERIM REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
30 JUNE 2014**

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Statement of Local Council Members' and Executive Secretary's Responsibilities

The Local Councils (Financial) Regulations require the Executive Secretary to prepare a detailed annual administrative report which includes the Local Council's Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period and of the Council's retained funds at the end of period. By virtue of the same regulations it is the duty of the Local Council and the Executive Secretary to ensure that the financial statements forming part of the report present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies applicable to Local Councils, the income and expenditure of the Local Council for the period and its retained funds as at the period end, and that they comply with the Act, the Local Councils (Financial) Regulations, and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures issued in terms of the said Act.

The Executive Secretary is responsible to maintain a continuous internal control to ascertain that the accounting, recording and other financial operations are properly conducted in accordance with the Local Councils Act, Local Councils (Financial) Regulations, and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures. The Executive Secretary is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Local Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Council and signed on its behalf on November 2014 by:


Saviour Borg
Mayor


Odette Camilleri
Executive Secretary


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION


As at 30 June 2014

	Notes	30 June 2014 €	31 December 2013 €
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	302,226	315,903
		<u>302,226</u>	<u>315,903</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	4	13,974	8,273
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	117,771	81,891
		<u>131,745</u>	<u>90,164</u>
Total Assets		<u>433,971</u>	<u>406,067</u>
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
Retained Fund		356,709	342,146
Non-current Liabilities			
Deferred Income	6	54,844	37,514
Liabilities			
Payables	7	22,418	26,407
Total reserves and liabilities		<u>433,971</u>	<u>406,067</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 20 are an integral part of the financial statements.

These Financial Statements were approved by the Local Council on November 2014 and signed on its behalf by:


Saviour Borg
Mayor


Odette Camilleri
Executive Secretary

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Period ended 30 June 2014

	Notes	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014 €	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013 €
REVENUE			
Funds received from central government	8	75,421	145,139
General Income	9	1,420	3,206
		<u>76,841</u>	<u>148,345</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Personal emoluments	10	(19,059)	(36,383)
Operations and maintenance	11	(13,200)	(48,071)
Administration and other expenditure	12	(30,020)	(62,878)
		<u>(62,279)</u>	<u>(147,332)</u>
Operating Surplus for the year		14,562	1,013
Investment income	13	1	290
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		<u>14,563</u>	<u>1,303</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 20 are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
Period ended 30 June 2014

	Retained Funds 30 June 2014 €	Retained Funds 31 December 2013 €
At 1 January	342,146	340,843
Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year	14,563	1,303
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At 30 June/31 December	356,709	342,146

The notes on pages 8 to 20 are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Period ended 30 June 2014

	Note	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014 €	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013 €
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year		14,563	1,303
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		19,033	36,431
Deferred income released		(5,908)	(6,786)
Interest receivable		(1)	(290)
Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes		27,687	30,658
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables		(5,701)	5,810
(Decrease) in payables		(8,011)	(37,652)
Net cash flows from operating Activities		13,975	(1,184)
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(5,356)	(51,363)
New grants received		24,783	-
Interest received		1	290
Net cash flows from Investing Activities		19,428	(51,073)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		33,403	(52,257)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of Year		80,978	133,235
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of Year	5	114,381	80,978

The notes on pages 8 to 20 are an integral part of the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014

1. General Information

Fontana Local Council is the local authority of Fontana setup in accordance with the Local Councils Act. The office of the Local Council is situated at Triq ta' Mulejja Fontana.

2. Accounting Policies and Reporting Procedures

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

a. Accounting convention

These financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the accounting policies and reporting procedures prescribed for Local Councils in the Financial Regulations issued by the Minister of Finance in conjunction with the Minister responsible for Local Government in terms of section 67 of the Local Councils Act (Cap 363).

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include fair values stated in the accounting policies below. These Financial Statements are prepared in accordance to the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and comply with the Local Councils Act Cap 363, the Financial Regulations issued in terms of this Act and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures 1996.

b. Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards

Annual Improvements: 2014 made several minor amendments to a number of IFRSs. None of the changes to IFRSs and interpretations has had, or is expected to have, a material impact on the council's financial statements.

New and amended standards adopted by the council

Information on new standards, amendments and interpretations that are relevant to the Council's financial statements is provided below. Certain other new standards and interpretations have been issued but are not relevant and therefore are not expected to have any impact on the council's financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Amendments to IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities specifically clarify the meaning of 'currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off' and 'simultaneous realisation and settlement'. The amendments require retrospective application. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014.

IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements

IFRS 11 classifies joint arrangements on the basis of their substance by focusing on the rights and obligations of the arrangement, rather than its legal form. Under IFRS 11, joint arrangements are classified as joint ventures or as joint operations. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method of consolidation since the use of proportionate consolidation for such arrangements has been eliminated. Joint operations are accounted for in a manner that is similar to the current accounting treatment applicable for jointly controlled assets and jointly controlled operations. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014.

Amendments to IAS 36 Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets

These amendments to IAS 36 address the disclosure of information about the recoverable amount of impaired assets if that amount is based on fair value less costs of disposal. The amendments are to be applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 – continued

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the council

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published but are not yet effective, and have not been adopted early by the council. These include the following:

The IASB issued 'Annual Improvements 2010-2012 cycle', a collection of amendments to IFRSs, in response to issues addressed during the 2010–2012 cycle. Five standards are primarily affected by the amendments, with consequential amendments to numerous others. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments – This standard represents the completion of the classification and measurement part of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39. This Standard addresses the classification and measurement of certain financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 requires financial assets that fall due within its scope to be classified on the basis of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The standard requires financial assets to be subsequently measured at amortised cost or at fair value. The new requirements in relation to financial liabilities address the problem of volatility in profit or loss arising from an issuer to measure its own debt at fair value. With the new requirements, any entity choosing to measure the liability at fair value will present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in other comprehensive income rather than within the profit or loss. This standard is applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

The IASB issued 'Annual Improvements 2011-2013 cycle', a collection of amendments to IFRSs, in response to issues addressed during the 2011–2013 cycle. The issues included in this cycle are Meaning of effective IFRSs (IFRS 1); Scope exceptions for joint ventures (IFRS 3); Scope of paragraph 52 (IFRS 13); and Clarifying the interrelationship of IFRS 3 and IAS 40 when classifying property as investment property or owner occupied property. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014.

Council members anticipate that all of the relevant pronouncements will be adopted in the council's accounting policies for the first period beginning after the effective date of the pronouncement and that they will have no material impact on the financial statements in the period of initial application.

c. Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue and the associated costs can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues.

d. Local Enforcement System

Fontana Local Council formed part of Gozo Joint Committee until the 1st September 2011. After this date the Local Enforcement System was taken over by the Gozo Regional committee. During 2014 the amount disclosed in the financial statements under Local Enforcement Income represents the administrative fee of 10% that is chargeable to the Gozo Regional Committee for contraventions paid at the Council.

e. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss to date. Depreciation is calculated on a monthly basis using the reducing balance method at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

	%
Land	0
Trees	0
Buildings	1
Office Furniture and Fittings	7.5
Construction Works	10

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

Urban Improvements (Street Furniture)	10
Special Projects	10
Office Equipment	20
Motor Vehicles	20
Plant and Machinery	20
Computer Equipment	25
Plants	100
Litter Bins	replacement basis
Playground furniture	100
Road and traffic Signs	replacement basis
Street Mirrors	replacement basis
Street Lights	100

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit. The residual values and useful lives of the assets are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate, at each financial reporting date. The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Subsequent costs are included in the carrying amount of the asset or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Local Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

f. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on the Income Approach according to IAS 20. They are accounted for on a systematic basis in the Statement of Comprehensive income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs which they are intended to compensate. If such costs have already been incurred when the grant is made, or if there are no related cost, then the grant is accounted for when it becomes receivable.

g. Impairment of Assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation or depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value of the asset less cost to sell and the value in use. Impairment losses are immediately recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

h. Amounts Receivable

Amounts receivable are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of amounts receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amounts of the asset in the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

i. Foreign Currencies

Items included in the Financial Statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Local Council operates. These Financial Statements are presented in Euro which is the Council's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Euro at rates of exchange in operation on the dates of transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into EUR at the rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the Statement of Financial Position.

j. Surplus and deficits

Only surpluses that were realised at the date of the Statement of Financial Position are recognised in these Financial Statements. All foreseeable liabilities and potential deficits arising up to the said date are accounted for even if they become apparent between the said date and the date on which the Financial Statements are approved.

k. Cash and Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents are carried in the Statement of Financial Position at face value. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and balances held with banks.

l. Related parties

Related parties are those persons or bodies of persons having relationships with the Council as defined in IAS 24.

During the period under review, the Local Council's related party that exercises a significant control was the Department for Local Government. The parties that exercise no control were Water Services Corporation and Malta Environment and Planning Authority.

m. Payables

Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Amounts payable are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Local Council.

n. Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred.

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value plus transactions costs. They are measured subsequently as described below.

Financial assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets of the council are classified into loans and receivables upon initial recognition.

Receivables are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired when there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 - continued

All income and expenses relating to loans and receivables are presented within 'finance income' or 'finance costs', except for impairment of receivables which is presented within 'administration and other expenditure'.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The council's other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in groups, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of counterparty and other available features of shared credit risk characteristics. The percentage of the write down is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified group.

Financial liabilities

The council's financial liabilities include other payables. These are stated at their nominal amount which is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

All interest-related charges are included within 'finance costs'.

o. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires council members to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in making estimates. Actual results in future could differ from such estimates and the differences may be material to the financial statements. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the opinion of the council members, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1 (revised).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 – continued

3a Property, Plant and Equipment

	Office Furniture /fittings	Plant & Machinery	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment	Urban Improvements	New Street Signs	Construction	Playground furniture	Assets under construction	Total
Cost	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 January 2014	17,840	17,939	5,011	12,590	217,037	2,161	375,556	2,985	-	651,119
Additions this year	-	-	-	-	490	-	585	3,008	1,273	5,356
At 30 June 2014	17,840	17,939	5,011	12,590	217,527	2,161	376,141	5,993	1,273	656,475
Grants and other reimbursements										
At 1 January 2014	-	-	-	-	(24,109)	-	(3,769)	-	-	(27,878)
Received during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 June 2014	-	-	-	-	(24,109)	-	(3,769)	-	-	(27,878)
Depreciation Provision										
At 1 January 2014	(9,439)	(7,537)	(3,909)	(11,773)	(82,266)	(2,161)	(187,268)	(2,985)	-	(307,338)
Charge for the year	(310)	(998)	(131)	(78)	(5,435)	-	(9,073)	(3,008)	-	(19,033)
At 30 June 2014	(9,749)	(8,535)	(4,040)	(11,851)	(87,701)	(2,161)	(196,341)	(5,993)	-	(326,371)
Net Book Value										
At 30 June 2014	8,091	9,404	971	739	105,717	-	176,031	-	1,273	302,226

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 - continued

3b Property, Plant and Equipment

	Office Furniture /fittings	Plant & Machinery	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment	Urban Improvements	New Street Signs	Construction	Playground furniture	Total
Cost	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 January 2013	15,640	17,939	4,371	12,590	191,247	2,161	355,808	-	599,756
Additions this year	2,200	-	640	-	25,790	-	19,748	2,985	51,363
At 31 December 2013	17,840	17,939	5,011	12,590	217,037	2,161	375,556	2,985	651,119
Grants and other reimbursements									
At 1 January 2013	-	-	-	-	(24,109)	-	(3,769)	-	(27,878)
Received during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2013	-	-	-	-	(24,109)	-	(3,769)	-	(27,878)
Depreciation Provision									
At 1 January 2013	(8,797)	(5,212)	(3,606)	(11,590)	(71,058)	(2,161)	(168,483)	-	(270,907)
Charge for the year	(642)	(2,325)	(303)	(183)	(11,208)	-	(18,785)	(2,985)	(36,431)
At 31 December 2013	(9,439)	(7,537)	(3,909)	(11,773)	(82,266)	(2,161)	(187,268)	(2,985)	(307,338)
Net Book Value									
At 31 December 2013	8,401	10,402	1,102	817	110,662	-	184,519	-	315,903

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
4 Receivables		
Other receivables	4,959	4,872
Prepayments and accrued income	9,015	3,401
	<u>13,974</u>	<u>8,273</u>

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
Receivables		
Within the current period	12,744	7,043
Exceeded credit period but not yet impaired	1,230	1,230
	<u>13,974</u>	<u>8,273</u>

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and balance with banks. Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise the following amounts in the statement of financial position:

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
Bank Balances:		
Overdrawn bank balance	(3,390)	(913)
Savings Account	116,937	81,570
Cash in hand	834	321
	<u>114,381</u>	<u>80,978</u>
Transfer to payables	3,390	913
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>117,771</u>	<u>81,891</u>

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
6 Deferred Income Grants		
Deferred Income – between 1 to 2 years	6,382	4,957
Deferred Income – between 2 to 5 years	14,647	11,065
Deferred Income - over 5 years	33,815	21,492
	<u>54,844</u>	<u>37,514</u>

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
Opening Balance	43,307	50,093
Increase in grants	24,783	-
Release of grants	5,908	6,786
Closing balance	<u>62,182</u>	<u>43,307</u>
Less Current portion	7,338	5,793
Non-current portion	<u>54,844</u>	<u>37,514</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
7 Payables		
Overdrawn bank balance	3,390	913
Accounts payable	6,627	10,317
Accruals	5,063	9,384
Deferred income	7,338	5,793
	<u>22,418</u>	<u>26,407</u>
	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
8 Funds received from Central Government	€	€
In terms of section 55 of the Local Councils Act (CAP 363)	65,280	130,868
Other Government Income	10,141	14,271
	<u>75,421</u>	<u>145,139</u>
	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
9 General Income	€	€
Income from Tender Documents	564	702
Income from Permits	3	997
Sundry contributions and donations	853	1,507
	<u>1,420</u>	<u>3,206</u>
	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
10 Personal Emoluments	€	€
Personal emoluments include, inter alia:		
Mayor's Allowance	4,236	6,727
Councillors' Allowance	2,800	5,920
Executive Secretary's Salary	7,550	15,846
Employees' salaries	4,042	6,443
Social Security Contributions	431	1,447
	<u>19,059</u>	<u>36,383</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

11 Operations and Maintenance

Operations and maintenance includes, inter alia:	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
	€	€
Repairs and Upkeep:		
Signs and road markings	-	889
Road /street pavements	-	13,003
Public property	1,096	3,155
Other repairs and upkeep	342	3,848
Total	<u>1,438</u>	<u>20,895</u>
Contractual Services:	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
	€	€
Refuse Collection (including bins on wheels)	6,260	13,459
Bulky Refuse Collection (including open skips)	250	423
Cleaning and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	912	1,824
Road and street cleaning	-	278
Parks and gardens and soft areas	37	-
Tipping fees	2,206	5,732
Street Lighting	2,097	5,460
	<u>11,762</u>	<u>27,176</u>
Total Operations and Maintenance Expenses	<u>13,200</u>	<u>48,071</u>

12 Administration and other expenditure

	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
	€	€
Utilities	423	1,709
Rent	1,262	2,894
National and International Memberships	112	1,137
Office Services	2,210	3,374
Transport	177	307
Information services	553	1,935
Professional Services	4,078	5,496
Community and Hospitality	483	1,157
Social Events	1,648	6,910
Cultural Events	-	1,447
Bank Charges	35	81
LES related expenses	6	-
Depreciation	19,033	36,431
	<u>30,020</u>	<u>62,878</u>

13 Investment income

	1 January 2014 - 30 June 2014	1 January 2013 - 31 December 2013
	€	€
Bank Interest Receivable	1	290
	<u>1</u>	<u>290</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

14 Contingent Liability

The Council has a guarantee in favour of MEPA amounting to Euro 400.

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
15 Capital commitments		
Approved but not contracted for	77,200	22,300
Contracted for but not provided for	<u>51,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
	<u>128,700</u>	<u>26,800</u>
Approved but not contracted for:		
Hard Stone for public roof of Council office	20,000	12,000
Construction	50,000	-
Outdoor fitness equipment/safety carpets	-	3,000
Works on J. Gaspard Le Merchant Street	5,000	5,000
Live streaming	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,300</u>
	<u>77,200</u>	<u>22,300</u>
Contracted for but not provided for:		
Decorative luminaries	4,500	4,500
Eco Gozo	<u>47,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>51,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>

16 Related Parties Disclosures

During the period under review, the Council carried out transactions with the following related parties:

Name of entity	Nature of relationship
Department of Local Councils	Significant control
Regional Committees	No control
Ministry for Gozo	No control
Malta Environment and Planning Authority	No control
Water Services Corporation	No control

The following were the significant transactions carried out by the Council with related parties having:

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
Significant control:		
Revenue:	-	-
Annual financial allocation	<u>65,280</u>	<u>130,868</u>

The ultimate controlling party of the Local Council is Central Government since the Council's main revenue is from the Government allocation received every quarter. Apart from the normal funds received from Government, Councils also receive funds relating to specific projects as well as other funds for the improvement and betterment of the locality.

The Council also receives revenue from other Government entities such as Water Services Corporation for trenching works carried out in the locality, and for the reinstatement of roads as a result of the trenching works.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2014 (cont)

17. Risk management objectives and policies

The Council's activities expose it to credit risk and liquidity risk through its use of financial instruments which result from its operating activities. The Council is not exposed to any market risk. The Council's risk management is coordinated by the council members and focuses on actively securing the council's short to medium term cash flow by minimising exposure to financial risks.

The most significant financial risks to which the council is exposed are described below.

17.1 Credit risk

The council's exposure to credit risk is limited to the carrying amount of financial assets recognised at the end of the reporting period, as summarised below:

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
Class of financial assets – carrying amounts		
Trade and other receivables	13,974	8,273
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>117,771</u>	<u>81,891</u>
	<u>131,745</u>	<u>90,164</u>

The council continuously monitors defaults of counterparties, identified either individually or by group, and incorporates this information into its credit risk controls. The council's policy is to deal with only creditworthy counterparties.

The council considers that the above financial assets that are not impaired for each of the reporting dates under review are of good credit quality, including those that are past due. See note 4 for further information on impairment or financial assets that are past due.

None of the council's financial assets is secured by collateral or other credit enhancements

The credit risk for liquid funds is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

17.2 Liquidity risk

The council's exposure to liquidity risk arises from its obligations to meet its financial liabilities which comprise payables. Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash and committed credit facilities to ensure the availability of an adequate amount of funds to meet the council's obligations when they become due.

The council manage its liquidity needs through yearly budgets and business plans by carefully monitoring expected cash inflows and outflows on a daily basis. The council's liquidity is deemed to be sufficient in view of an excess of financial assets.

	30 June 2014	31 December 2013
	€	€
Payables	<u>22,418</u>	<u>26,407</u>
	<u>22,418</u>	<u>26,407</u>

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17.3 Interest rate risk

The Council has no significant interest-bearing assets other than cash and cash equivalents (Note 5), issued at variable rates. Cash and cash equivalents issued at variable rates expose the Council to cash flow interest rate risk. Management monitors the level of floating rate bank balances as a measure of cash flow risk taken on. Based on this analysis, management considers the potential impact on profit or loss of a defined interest rate shift that is reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period to be immaterial.

17.4 Summary of the financial assets and liabilities by category

The carrying amounts of the council's financial assets and liabilities as recognised at the reporting dates under review are categorised as follows:

	30 June 2014 €	31 December 2013 €
Current Assets		
Loans and receivables:		
Trade and other receivables	13,974	8,273
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>117,771</u>	<u>81,891</u>
	<u>131,745</u>	<u>90,164</u>
 Current Liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised costs:		
Payables	<u>22,418</u>	<u>26,407</u>
	<u>22,418</u>	<u>26,407</u>

17.5 Capital risk management

The Council's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Council's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide a service to the residents of the Local Council by maintaining an optimal capital structure to reduce cost of capital.

The Council's equity, as disclosed in the statement of financial position, constitutes its capital. The Council's capital structure is monitored by the Executive Secretary and the Council with appropriate reference to its financial obligations and commitments arising from operational requirements. In view of the nature of the Council's activities, the capital level as at the end of the reporting period is deemed adequate by the Council.

18 Fair value estimation

At 30 June 2014 and 31 December 2013, the carrying amounts of cash at bank, receivables and payables reflected in the financial statements are reasonable estimates of fair value in view of the nature of these instruments or the relatively short period of time between the origination of the instruments and their expected realisation.



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Report of the Local Government Auditor to the Auditor General

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Local Council Fontana set out on pages 4 to 20, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30th June 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows of the Local Council for the period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

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Council Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

As described on page 3, the Executive Secretary and the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and for such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Local Government Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the Local Council. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the Executive Secretary and the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as of 30 June 2014 and of the Council's financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Councils Act, (CAP 363); the Financial Regulations issued in terms of the said Act; and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures.



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