

Donald McGougan OBE CPFA

Record of Employment

Having been retired since June 2011, I do not have an up to date C.V. Summary Career Information is as shown below:-

Professional Qualifications

Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.
(by examination May 1976)

May 1971 - May 1975

Trainee Accountant - Midlothian County Council

May 1975 - January 1977

Professional Assistant - City of Edinburgh District Council

January 1977 - May 1987

Senior Accountant, then Principal Accountant, then Depute Director of Finance - Falkirk District Council

May 1987 - March 1995

Depute Director of Finance - City of Edinburgh District Council

March 1995 - March 1996

Acting Director of Finance - City of Edinburgh District Council

July 1995 - June 2011

Director of Finance - City of Edinburgh Council
Treasurer of Lothian and Borders Police and Fire Boards, Lothian Joint Valuation Board and the Forth Bridge Joint Board (latterly Forth Estuary Transport Authority)

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Director of Finance - City of Edinburgh Council
1995 / 96 to June 2011

Key Responsibilities

- 1) A member of the Council Management Team, helping develop strategy and delivering the authority's strategic objectives.**
- 2) Heading the Finance function across the authority and the leadership of over 600 staff in the Finance department.**
- 3) Finance advice and guidance to elected members (including at Council and Committees) and officials in all departments of the authority.**
- 4) Collection of income due to the authority including Council Tax, Non Domestic Rates and all miscellaneous income (over £400m p.a.)**
- 5) Administration of Housing Benefits and Council Tax Benefits to over 40,000 claimants.**
- 6) Stewardship of assets, the keeping of proper financial records and preparation of financial strategy, budgets and annual accounts.**
- 7) Procurement, Payment to Suppliers and the Payroll function for 17,000 staff and over 20,000 Pensioners.**
- 8) Administration and Investment of the Lothian Superannuation Fund with a value of over £3bn**
- 9) The Internal Audit and Treasury Management functions.**
- 10) Treasurer for the Lothian and Borders Police Board, Lothian and Borders Fire Board, Lothian Valuation Board and the Forth Bridge Joint Board (latterly FETA) with overall financial responsibility for these bodies, as well as the council.**

In overall terms, taking Revenue and Capital together, the net expenditure of these bodies was around £1.5bn per annum.

I have attached a copy of the CIPFA paper " The Role of The Chief Financial Officer in Local Government " for information.

Donald McGougan
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