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COMPANY INFORMATION

COMPANY REGISTERED OFFICE: 7 Ridgmount Street
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COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER: 954616

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 258815

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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The Executive Committee presents the report and financial statements of the Institute for Fiscal Studies for the year ended 31 December 2007.

Structure, Governance and Management

CONSTITUTION

The Institute for Fiscal Studies was incorporated by guarantee on 21 May 1969. It has no share capital and is a registered charity. The guarantee of each member is limited to £1. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company and members of the Executive Committee are the Directors of the company.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, which met four times during the year, is established by the IFS Council. The members of the Council are elected by Members of the Institute in General Meeting. Committee membership during the year was:

Lord Adebowale (to 9 July)	R Lomax (President from 15 October)
F Cairncross (from 15 October)	J J Maynes
E Chamberlain (from 15 October)	I Menzies-Conacher (Honorary Company Secretary)
J F Chown	A Redston
N C Dee (Chairman of the Executive Committee)	N O Taube
Prof J Freedman	Prof Sir John Vickers (Committee Member and President of IFS to 15 October)
K Green	
W J Hopper	

INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

During 2004 a programme of training and induction of Trustees was developed and approved by the Executive Committee. A major feature of keeping Trustees up to date with IFS research is covered by a rolling programme of research presentations made at each meeting of the Executive Committee. An induction programme for the new Members of the Committee who joined in late 2007 was held in February of 2008.

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE OF THE INSTITUTE AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The operational responsibilities of the Institute are delegated to the Director of the Institute via a "Scheme of Delegation" who in turn delegates various duties to senior staff via an "Internal Scheme of Delegation". During the year there were no changes to the Principal Officers.

Director	R Chote
Executive Administrator	R H Markless

The Institute employs directly some forty-five full and part-time staff based at its offices in London. Research staff are divided into sectors and a small core of administrative and secretarial staff provide support facilities. The Institute employs a number of senior academic staff based at UK universities on a part-time basis. In addition, a number of other academics from both UK and overseas institutions work with the staff as Research Fellows and Research Associates on an *ad-hoc* collaborative basis.

RISKS AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Institute has appropriate systems of control, both financial and operational. These systems are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

During the year, the Executive Committee continued to review the major financial and operational risks facing the Institute. It continues to monitor, on an annual basis, the implementation of any changes necessary to ensure that, as far as is reasonable, controls are in place to protect the Institute, its Members, its staff, the general public and other stakeholders.

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Objectives and Activities

OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

To advance education for the benefit of the public by promoting on a non-political basis the study and discussion of and the exchange and dissemination of information and knowledge concerning national economic and social effects and influences of existing taxes and proposed changes in fiscal systems.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

IFS operates within a strategic framework agreed by the Executive Committee in 2005. The six areas covered by the framework are maintaining excellence in research, preserving independence and impartiality in policy analysis, engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, financial viability and good management, good governance and supporting Institute Members. The framework can be found on the IFS website at <http://www.ifs.org.uk/about/strategy.pdf>.

HOW HAS THE INSTITUTE TRIED TO FURTHER THESE AIMS?

During the year the Institute has carried out a wide range of research and has publicised the resulting findings as widely as possible through publications, conference participation, on its own web site and in the media.

Achievements and Performance

WHAT HAS THE INSTITUTE ACHIEVED DURING THE YEAR?

A number of research projects have been completed and in addition to providing final reports to funders the Institute has published a range of outputs. During the year 27 articles were published in peer-reviewed journals, 18 chapters were published in edited volumes and 70 working papers were produced. 92 papers and talks were given by Centre researchers over the year. In addition to a quarterly journal, *Fiscal Studies*, IFS staff produced 26 non-academic reports. We held 42 events at IFS and Centre staff took part in many more external events. Centre staff continue to serve on a range of committees and editorial boards, to give evidence to select committees and to advise on policy issues wherever possible. Much of this work has been widely reported in the media and referred to frequently in Parliament. During 2007 Centre staff made around 60 appearances on radio and television; IFS was mentioned just under 600 times in the printed press.

A fuller account of the Institute's activities can be found on its web site (www.ifs.org.uk) where an increasing amount of IFS dissemination of output takes place.

IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING 2007

Following the launch of the major review of the tax system chaired by the Nobel Laureate Sir James Mirrlees in 2006 IFS held a major residential conference in Cambridge at which participants had the opportunity to discuss the initial thoughts of the contributors. As usual, we have been heavily involved in the debates on the Pre-Budget Report and the Budget, particularly through our annual Green Budget in collaboration with Morgan Stanley. We held a second successful conference with the European Tax Policy Forum (ETPF) on the welfare implications of international taxation and tax competition. In the 2007 Annual Lecture Professor Tim Besley (LSE and a Member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee) spoke on the political economy of data. ESRC funding for The Centre for Micro-data Methods and Practices (*cemmap*) commenced in July following the initial funding provided by the Leverhulme Trust. A major conference (Measurement Matters) to mark this change in funding attracted a wide range of leading experts from around the world. Finally the Executive Committee would like to thank Prof Sir John Vickers, who stood down as President, for his support of the Institute and its work.

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Financial Review

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year are as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7 and show a modest increase in expenditure.

The financial policy laid down by the Executive Committee in 2007 was that the Institute should aim to break even at the operating level after any contributions to reserves. The investment policy of the Executive Committee has been to invest cash reserves in interest-bearing accounts and not to risk any of the principal.

The Institute attempts to raise its research funds from a range of organisations so that it is not dependent upon a single source of funding, although 53% was provided by the Economic and Social Research Council (54% in 2006) covering a range of projects. With regard to its publishing and mainstream conference activities, the Institute aims to break even, whilst keeping prices as low as possible to maximise public access to our findings. Conferences run by our Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (*cemmap*) aim to make a moderate surplus which contributes to the overhead recovery of the Centre. Expenditure in these areas includes the relevant proportion of staff costs involved.

RESERVES POLICY

During the year the Executive Committee reviewed its reserves policy and concluded that under current expenditure patterns the Institute still held adequate cash reserves for working capital requirements. Working capital is necessary because most of IFS' income is receivable in arrears whilst many payments are made quarterly in advance, such as for rent and for payments to Research Fellows and Scholars. In 2006 it was considered prudent to establish a property reserve to allow for any costs that may relate to any future accommodation decisions and during the year £20,930 was spent in relation to additional space acquired by the Institute. Following the acquisition of this additional space and the extension of the lease to June 2012 this reserve was deemed to be no longer required and the funds transferred to the General Fund. The Committee then decided to establish a General Risks Reserve, to cover unexpected and exceptional costs, by transferring an amount from the General Fund equivalent to about 1% of expenditure (excluding Direct Project Costs).

Following the winding up of IFS NW in 2006 a designated reserve to support activities of Pro-Manchester which related to the objects of the Institute was established for a period of five years in the first instance from 10 May 2006. During 2007 no Pro-Manchester reserves were spent.

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 7 shows that a surplus of £33,295 was made in 2007 representing investment income of £53,094 and a surplus on operating activities of £1,130 after allowing for the use of part of the Property Reserve.

This policy is subject to review in the light of current risks.

Plans for the Future Period

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Executive Committee plans to develop the activities of the Institute in furtherance of research into fiscal policy to include matters of international as well as of United Kingdom interest. Significant work is due to be carried out on the planned report to be produced under the direction of Prof Sir James Mirrlees to review the state of the British tax system, with the aim of publishing the report in 2008. We also hope to be able to apply for continued funding for the existing ESRC Research Centre.

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Each of the directors has confirmed that so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and that he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,



Nicholas DEE

(Chairman of the Executive Committee)
21 April 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

We have audited the financial statements of the Institute for Fiscal Studies for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The responsibilities of the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards ('United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice') are set out in the statement of trustees' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the trustees' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements.

London, UK

30 April 2008

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PKF (UK) LLP
Registered Auditors

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 (incorporating income and expenditure)

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2007</u> £	<u>2006</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds			
Investment Income		53,094	31,811
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Membership subscriptions	2	68,957	70,006
Research contract grants		3,940,889	3,752,031
Publication sales		40,817	58,779
Conference income		167,821	114,482
Branch surplus		-	230
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		4,271,578	4,027,339
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RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities			
Research activities	3	3,948,837	3,674,228
Publications		38,283	48,095
Conferences		158,283	114,977
Membership		67,223	68,259
Governance Costs	4	25,658	21,536
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	5	4,238,284	3,927,095
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NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		33,294	100,244
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FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2007		1,099,755	999,511
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FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2007	10	1,133,049	1,099,755
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There were no other recognised gains or losses other than the net incoming resources for the year.

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET
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	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
FIXED ASSETS		£	£
Tangible assets	7	164,082	128,106
 CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	804,122	1,019,017
Bank deposits (COIF)		903,781	635,661
Cash at bank and in hand		248,196	4,039
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		1,956,099	1,658,717
 CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	987,132	687,068
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		968,967	971,649
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NET ASSETS		1,133,049	1,099,755
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 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	10	1,079,837	1,020,132
Property Reserve	10	0	66,411
General Risks Reserve	10	40,000	0
Pro-Manchester Reserve	10	13,212	13,212
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		1,133,049	1,099,755
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Approved and authorised for issue by the Executive Committee on 21 April 2008



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Rachel LOMAX

Members of the Executive Committee



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Nicholas DEE

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They have also been prepared in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Total incoming resources including interest amounted to **£4,271,578** (2006: £4,027,339).

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accounts are as follows:-

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are capitalised and depreciated. Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost of each asset over the term of its estimated useful life.

The Executive Committee had determined that all costs relating to refurbishment of the premises and any furniture be depreciated over five years and all other assets depreciated over three years. Assets are written off on a straight-line basis commencing from the quarter after the date of purchase.

(c) Subscriptions and donations

These are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities to the year to the extent that they are received by the time the accounts are prepared.

(d) Publication sales

Sales of books and publications are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of sales for the year. No value is placed on book stocks.

(e) Research contract grants

The Institute is usually legally entitled to income from research contract grants in stages over the course of each project, which approximates to when related expenditure was expected to be incurred. Accordingly, all research contract grant income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when it falls due to be received to the extent that it is matched by relevant expenditure. Any income received in advance of expenditure is treated as deferred income.

(f) Allocation of expenses

Direct and indirect expenses are included when incurred. The majority of expenses are directly attributable to specific activities

(g) Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(h) Pension costs

The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Institute to employees' personal pension plans in respect of the year.

(i) Operating leases

Leasing charges in respect of operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

(j) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are calculated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction and the exchange gain or loss is included in the category of income or expenditure to which it relates. IFS opened a Euro account in 2004 and a Dollar account in 2007 and the value of the balance at the end of the year was based on the exchange rate as at 31 December 2007.

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2 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

	<u>2007</u> £	<u>2006</u> £
Corporate	44,243	44,043
Partnerships	13,850	14,350
Individuals	10,864	11,613
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	68,957	70,006
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3 EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

	<u>2007</u> £	<u>2006</u> £
Staff costs	2,816,808	2,562,678
Direct Project costs	567,139	606,563
Premises	381,544	339,925
IT and Office Costs	109,049	108,169
Insurance and Professional Fees	49,789	38,126
Public relations and events	9,218	6,772
Irrecoverable VAT	2,924	225
Miscellaneous	12,366	11,770
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	3,948,837	3,674,228
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“Direct Project costs” includes payments to outside bodies which work together with the IFS on particular projects. Where the Institute is the lead organisation it receives funding from the grant giving body for all participating organisations for onward transmission.

4 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	£	£
Staff costs	13,208	11,993
Audit remuneration	7,100	6,775
Trustee indemnity insurance, Companies House Fees	2,703	2,063
Meeting costs and Council Members’ travel costs	2,647	705
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	25,658	21,536
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Members of the Executive Committee received no remuneration in respect of their duties as members of the Executive Committee but are able to claim travel expenses in furtherance of their duties. In 2007 no Members claimed travel expenses (2006: one member claimed £94).

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year two members of the Executive Committee (Emma Chamberlain and Judith Freedman) received £2,500 each for work relating to the Mirrlees Review although Emma Chamberlain’s payment was made before she was appointed to the Committee. These payments were in line with money paid to other contributors and in neither case did they play a part in the decision to employ them in this way, nor in the level of remuneration payable. There were no further related party transactions during the year (2006: payment of £1,330 was made for research services to a member of the close family of one Executive Committee Member, Anne Redston, who has a controlling interest in the company Seven Crosses Limited).

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5 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other £	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
Research activities	2,816,808	64,547	1,067,482	3,948,837	3,674,228
Publications	29,802	693	7,788	38,283	48,095
Conferences	30,192	702	127,389	158,283	114,977
Membership	59,196	1,376	6,651	67,223	68,259
Governance	13,208	-	12,450	25,658	21,536
	<u>2,949,206</u>	<u>67,318</u>	<u>1,221,760</u>	<u>4,238,284</u>	<u>3,927,095</u>

6 STAFF COSTS

	2007 £	2006 £
Staff costs:		
Wages and salaries	1,660,918	1,596,273
Social security costs	176,965	172,139
Pension costs (see note 13)	223,427	219,199
	<u>2,061,310</u>	<u>1,987,611</u>
Staff from universities	535,752	393,831
Research Fellows and Research Associates, Graduate Scholars and other associated research staff costs	352,144	309,329
	<u>2,949,206</u>	<u>2,690,771</u>

Staff costs have been allocated to expenditure headings where they can be specifically identified as in note 5. The average number of employees analysed by function, was:

	2007	2006
Research activities	44	41
Publications	1	1
Conferences	1	1
Membership	1	1
	<u>47</u>	<u>44</u>

The emoluments of the employees (excluding pension contributions) fell in the following ranges in excess of £60,000.

	Number of employees	
	2007	2006
£60,001 - 70,000	1	-
£70,001 - 80,000	-	-
£80,001 - 90,000	-	1
£90,001 - 100,000	1	-
£100,001 - £110,000	-	1
£110,001 - £120,000	1	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

Pension contributions were paid by the Institute on behalf of all three employees noted above. The total sum of these contributions was **£58,587** (2006: £43,896 to two staff).

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7	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures and improvements to short leasehold premises	Office equipment	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2007	635,582	259,553	895,135
	Additions	43,080	60,214	103,294
	Disposals	-	(21,166)	(21,166)
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	At 31 December 2007	678,662	298,601	977,263
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	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2007	578,855	188,174	767,029
	Charge for the year	23,413	43,905	67,318
	Disposals and assets no longer in use	(-)	(21,166)	(21,166)
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	At 31 December 2007	602,268	210,913	813,181
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	Net book amounts			
	At 31 December 2007	76,394	87,688	164,082
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	At 31 December 2006	56,727	71,379	128,106
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	All fixed assets are held for use on a continuing basis for the purpose of charity activities.			
8	DEBTORS		2007	2006
			£	£
	Research grants receivable (note 1e)		631,053	870,072
	Prepayments and accrued income		173,069	148,945
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			804,122	1,019,017
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9	CREDITORS		2007	2006
			£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year			
	Grants received in advance of expenditure (note 1e)		706,966	424,406
	Taxation and social security		57,316	54,549
	Accrued expenses		222,850	208,113
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			987,132	687,068
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10 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	General Fund £	Property Reserve £	Pro-Manchester Reserve £	General Risks Reserve £	Total £
Reserves at 1 January 2007	1,020,132	66,411	13,212	-	1,099,755
Net Incoming Resources	54,224	-	-	-	54,224
Use of Property Reserve to fund property related expenditure	-	(20,930)	-	-	(20,930)
Transfer from Property Reserve to General Fund	45,481	(45,481)	-	-	-
Transfer from General Fund to Establish the General Risks Reserve	-40,000	-	-	40,000	-
Reserves at 31 December 2007	1,079,837	-	13,212	40,000	1,133,049

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the general objects of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Executive for particular purposes.

The aim and use of each fund is set out in the Report of the Executive Committee.

11 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the end of the year the Institute had operating lease commitments in respect of buildings running to 21 June 2012 to pay during the following year as follows:

	<u>2007</u> £	<u>2006</u> £
Contracts expiring: After one year but less than five years	290,000	245,000
	<u>290,000</u>	<u>245,000</u>

12 PENSION SCHEME

The total pension cost to the Institute for the contributions to employees pension shares under group personal pension plans with Scottish Mutual and Scottish Widows was **£216,011** (2006: £212,584). In addition one member of staff participates in another personal pension scheme, to which the Institute contributed **£7,416** (2006: £6,615).