# C TFE Records of the Finance Department of the Hull Corporation Relating to Education

1907-1948

## **Historical Background:**

The origins of government in Kingston upon Hull began with the King appointing a mayor to govern the town, but in 1331 his powers were transferred to a mayor elected by the burgesses. In 1440 the town was separated from Yorkshire as an independent county with its own sheriff, and the burgesses were empowered to elect twelve aldermen to assist the mayor and to serve as magistrates for the new county (Oxley, 1973, p.3). This system of government remained in force in the town until 1835.

The Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 (5 & 6 Wm. IV., c.76), sometimes known as the Municipal Reform Act, was an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom that reformed local government in the incorporated boroughs of England and Wales (Warren, 1948, p.21). In Kingston upon Hull the revolution accomplished by the Municipal Reform Act of 1835 was to give political power to a different set of voters, namely those inhabitants who fulfilled a property qualification (Oxley, 1973, p.8).

The only new function given to the reformed corporation was the administration of the police force and despite the financial position of the corporation being strengthened by the granting of wider powers to levy rates, these powers were little used. Fifteen years elapsed before the political changes of 1835 were matched by major changes of function.

The replacement of the old Improvement Commissioners with the new Board of Health in 1851 and with the Boards' attack on the problem of providing a really healthy environment for the people of Kingston upon Hull saw the beginning of major changes to the town, both structurally and in the services provided by the Corporation.

The finance department of the Hull Corporation played a major role in the improvements to the town, as well as in the general functions of the corporation, as it possessed the responsibility for providing the funds to finance such functions and for recording income and expenditure for the many departments and functions of the Hull Corporation.

Financial decisions of the Hull Corporation were officially made and represented by a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee joined with the Property Committee in 1876/7 to form the Finance and Property Committee in order to consider and from time to time report on the amount of rates necessary to be levied by the Corporation, so as to proportion the amount of rates to the actual expenditure in each year. However, after a short period of just three years the two committees reverted back to their original committee titles in 1879/80.

The finance department held responsibility for such functions as borrowing and debt collection, as well as recording the finances of various sectors of the Hull Corporation, such as education, libraries, telephones, and water. Each of these sectors were, and still remain, extremely important to the City.

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The school board had been established in 1871 to make adequate provision for elementary education. When the board later turned its attention toward higher education and the establishment of higher grade schools it brought the board into direct conflict with the corporation, which, through its Technical Instruction Committee, was responsible for the provision of vocational higher education in the arts and sciences. The functions of the school board were transferred to the Corporation in 1903 and the new Education Committee began to develop and expand education at all levels (Oxley, 1973, p.13).

Today, the Finance Department of the Hull City Council, also known as the Corporate Finance Team, remains responsible for the financial functions and activities of the Hull City Council.

**Description:** The records of the finance department of the Hull Corporation were created during the natural course of the department's business processes.

The Education financial records include education journals, fees registers, volumes regarding income and expenditure, and abstract ledgers.

### **Arrangement:**

C TFE/1	Education Journals	1907-1945
C TFE/2	Fees Registers	1936-1948
C TFE/3	Income and Expenditure	1932-1943
C TFE/4	Education Abstract Ledgers	1908-1938

Extent: 15 volumes

**Related material:** For records regarding the Borough of Kingston upon Hull before the Corporation was reformed by the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 please see C BR. For minutes of the Finance Committee meetings please see the Hull City Council minutes at reference C TCM.

**Custodial History:** These records were created and stored by the Finance Department of the Hull City Council until they were transferred to the Hull City Archives in October 1983

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#### C TFE/1 Education Journals

1907-1945

Relating to payments and costs of such items as books, apparatus, stationery, furniture for schools, repairs to buildings, fuel, light and cleaning, rents,

Hull History Centre: Records of the Finance Department of the Hull Corporation: Education rates, taxes and insurance, etc., as well as expenses such as salaries of teachers, superannuation, and sundries to City Treasurer 6 volumes C TFE/1/1 **Education Journal** Apr 1907-Divided by month the journal lists costs/payments Aug 1909 with description under such headings as Sundry Elementary Accounts and Sundry Higher Accounts to Sundry Tradesmen for books, apparatus, stationery, furniture for schools, repairs to buildings, fuel, light and cleaning, rents, rates, taxes and insurance, etc. 1 volume C TFE/1/2 **Education Journal** Mar 1912-1 volume Mar 1914 C TFE/1/3 **Education Journal** Apr 1914-Includes sundry accounts to elementary mortgage Apr 1916 and other loans sinking funds. Also includes a list of elementary loan instalments to the sinking fund. 1 volume C TFE/1/4 **Education Journal** Apr 1926-1 volume [Dec] 1932 C TFE/1/5 **Education Journal** 1932-1945 Regarding expenses, including salaries of teachers, superannuation, sundries to City Treasurer, sundries to the Director of education, children committed to the care of the authority to remand home, and evening institutes 1 volume C TFE/1/6 **Education Abstract Journal** 23 Mar 1922-Details money orders giving name of company, Apr 1926 trustees, individuals, etc., description of work, and total money. The table is divided into sections of expenditure relating to furniture, buildings and insurance, fuel, light and cleaning, rents, rates and taxes, provision of meals, administration, and is also divided into elementary and secondary schools.

# C TFE/2 Fees Registers

1 volume

1936-1948

Includes registers regarding fees for education at Hull Grammar School, Malet Lambert High School, and Etton Camp School Hull History Centre: Records of the Finance Department of the Hull Corporation: Education 3 volumes

C TFE/2/1

Fees Register: Hull Grammar School Gives register number, date of birth, name, address, initials, fee due and in which term, amount paid, date of entry and date of leaving, with remarks.

For records of the Hull Grammar School please see C DEHG. As the corporation were involved with the Grammar School at various stages references can be found under the records of the pre-1836 corporation (C BRK/1) and the minutes of the post-1836 corporation (C TCM).

1 volume

C TFE/2/2

Fees Register: Malet Lambert High School Gives name, address, parent's initials, date of admission, date of leaving, and scholarship/special place. For the first, second and third terms gives the arrears brought forward, fee due and date, receipt number and amount paid. Also includes a summary of payments/fees for the school year and a list of those with arrears brought forward at the end of each year. For an aerial view of Malet Lamber School see L RH/3/415 and for a view of Malet Lamber School in c.1930s see L RH/2/514.

2 Oct 1943-19 Nov 1945

1936-1939

C TFE/2/3

Fees Register: Etton Camp School Gives parents/guardians name and address, amount of arrears, maintenance debit, [footwear] repairs, and cash received each month. The register also includes a summary of payments. 1 volume 1 Apr 1947-31 Mar 1948

> Apr 1932-Mar 1943

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# **Income and Expenditure**

Includes various tables relating to income and expenditure. Income includes such things as rates, grants from the board of education and under the Agricultural Rates Act 1923, as well as through the sale of books, etc. Expenditure includes money going out to different types of schools (i.e. elementary or nursery schools), provision of meals, administration, etc. The volume also details apportionment of loan service charges and outstanding loan debt and sinking

funds, and a summary of revenue accounts for elementary and higher education.

2 volumes

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C TFE/3/1	Education Account: Income and Expenditure 1 volume	1 Apr 1932- 31 Mar 1933	
C TFE/3/2	Education Account: Income and Expenditure 1 volume	1 Apr 1942- 31 Mar 1943	
C TFE/4	Education Abstract Ledgers Divided into various sections relating to individual schools, individual people, and expenditure on such items as books, apparatus, stationery, contributions to other (industrial) schools, administration, and salaries for teachers 4 volumes	Apr 1908- Mar 1938	
C TFE/4/1	Abstract Ledger: 1 Indexed and includes balance sheets 1 volume	1 Apr 1908- 31 Mar 1911	
C TFE/4/2	Abstract Ledger: 2 Indexed and includes balance sheets 1 volume	1 Apr 1911- 31 Mar 1914	
C TFE/4/3	Abstract Ledger: 3 Indexed and includes balance sheets 1 volume	1 Apr 1914- 31 Mar 1916	
C TFE/4/4	Abstract Ledger Gives voucher number, payee, reasons for payment, amount to pay, types of payments (e.g. books, stationery, fuel, food, laundry), and each page is usually headed by which college or school the information is relating to 1 volume	20 Mar 1936- 31 Mar 1938	