# Budget Trends in Sussex & Wantage 2004-2008

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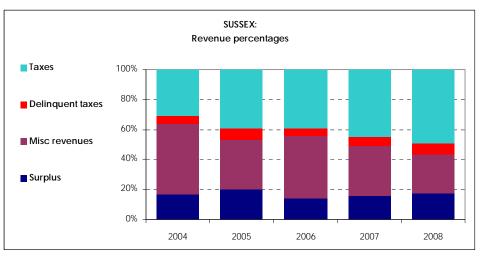
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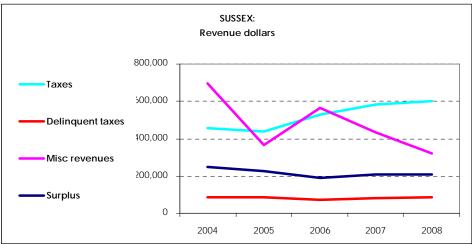
### Revenues as % of total

### Revenues in absolute terms

Taxes grow as % of total revenues

"Good" revenues (surplus & miscellaneous) fall, while "bad" revenues (taxes) rise





# SUSSEX analysis 2004-2008

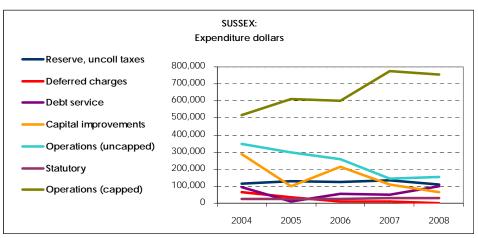
### **Expenditures as % of total**

Operations grow as % of total; capital shrinks

# SUSSEX: Expenditure percentages Reserve, uncoll taxes Deferred charges Debt service Capital improvements Operations (uncapped) Statutory Operations (capped)

### **Expenditures in absolute terms**

Uncapped costs fall while capped costs rise.



### Revenues as % of total

Taxes fall, then rise; miscellaneous revenues rise, then fall; surplus falls

Taxes

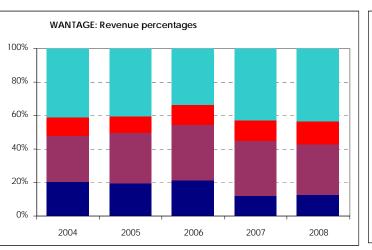
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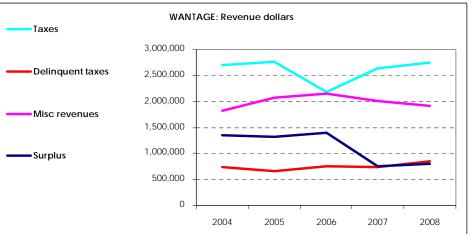
Misc revenues

Surplus



"Good" revenues (surplus + miscellaneous) fall in recent years; "bad" revenues (taxes) rise in recent years





## Wantage analysis 2004-2008

### **Expenditures as % of total**

Capped operations grow as uncapped items shrink; debt grows and capital shrinks

### WANTAGE: **Expenditure percentages** Reserve, uncoll taxes Deferred charges ■ Debt service Capital improvements 40% Operations (uncapped) Statutory 20% Operations (capped) 2004 2005 2006 2007

### **Expenditures in absolute terms**

All costs except capital grow

