



To:
Chief Finance Officers
Local Authorities listed in Annex A

cc:
Chief Finance Officers of Police Forces in Wales

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Dear Chief Finance Officers

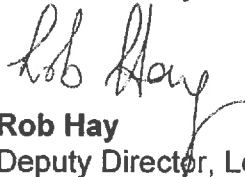
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 SECTIONS 16(2) (b) AND 20: TREATMENT OF CERTAIN COSTS AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

1. This direction supersedes the previous direction issued on 15 March 2016.
2. In December 2017, the Secretary of State announced, the continuation of the capital receipts flexibility programme for a further three years, to give local authorities in England the continued freedom to use capital receipts from the sale of their own assets (excluding Right to Buy receipts) to help fund the revenue costs of transformation projects and release savings.
3. Accordingly, the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services directs, in exercise of his powers under sections 16(2)(b) and 20 of the Local Government Act 2003 ("the Act"), that the local authorities listed in Annex A ("the Authorities") treat as capital expenditure, expenditure which:
 - a. is incurred by the Authorities that is designed to generate ongoing revenue savings in the delivery of public services and/or transform service delivery in a way that reduces costs or demand for services in future years for any of the public sector delivery partners; and
 - b. is properly incurred by the Authorities for the financial years that begin on 1 April 2016, 1 April 2017, 1 April 2018, 1 April 2019, 1 April 2020 and 1 April 2021.



4. In further exercise of Welsh Ministers' powers under section 20 of the Act, it is a condition of this direction that expenditure treated as capital expenditure in accordance with it, may only be met from capital receipts – within the meaning of section 9 of the Act and regulations made under that section (see Part 3 of SI 2003/3239(W319) as amended), which have been received in the years to which this direction applies.
5. This direction is given for the purposes of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Act only. It does not convey any other consent that may be required or any view as to the propriety of the expenditure. It is for each Authority to be satisfied that any amount to which this direction is applied is properly incurred in the financial year concerned.
6. When applying the direction, authorities are required to have regard to the *Guidance on Flexible Use of Capital Receipts* issued by Welsh Ministers under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.
7. If you have any queries in connection with the above, please do not hesitate to contact Local Government Finance Policy Division at:
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Yours faithfully



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Authorised to sign this direction by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

Annex A: List of Authorities to which this direction applies

Welsh Local Authorities
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Gwynedd County Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Flintshire County Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
Powys County Council
Ceredigion County Council
Pembrokeshire County Council
Carmarthenshire County Council
Swansea City and County Council
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Bridgend County Borough Council
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
Monmouthshire County Council
Newport City Council
Cardiff City and County Council

Welsh Fire & Rescue Authorities
North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

Welsh Police and Crime Commissioner
Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent
Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales
Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales