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# ADRODDIAD MONITRO ABSENOLDEB SALWCH HANNER BLWYDDYN/CH2 2022/23

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Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn rhoi data absenoldeb i'r pwyllgor ar gyfer cyfnod Ch2 blwyddyn ariannol 2022/23 ynghyd â chrynodeb o'r camau gweithredu.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13.12.22

# SICKNESS ABSENCE MONITORING REPORT

Half Year/Q2 2022/23

#### Sickness absence performance Q2 2022/23

The detailed report attached provides a full picture of sickness absence performance at authority and departmental level and reasons for absence. It also includes narrative on the work of the People Management team illustrating the advice and support provided over the last 12 months

Each department has access to performance data i.e. Rank report and reasons of absence drilled down to team level.

In summary



Depart-ment	Averag e Emplo yee FTE Head- count	Short Term Lost FTE Days	Long Term Lost FTE Days	Total Lost FTE Days	FTE Days Lost by Averag e Emplo yee FTE Head- count	Ra 2021-22 nk- Q2 ing Performance		Q2		arget /4	emain I from 8.
									Tar get	Q2 Tar get	On Target ?
CEX	431.5	539.2	765.1	1304.3	3	1	2.7	0.3	6.9	2.8	No
Corp Services	197.6	446.9	330.8	777.7	3.9	2	1.3	2.6	6.3	2.9	No
Ed & Children	3291.8	6562.5	7915.3	14477.8	4.4	3	3.8	0.6	9	3.7	No
Env	833.1	1816.9	3383.6	5200.5	6.2	4	5.5	0.7	11.2	4.6	No
Comm	1522.9	3952.9	6135.8	10088.7	6.6	5	6.2	0.4	11.6	4.8	No
Authority Total	6277.1	13318.4	18530.6	31849	5.07		4.43	0.6	9.63	4	No

Q2 2021/22	6187	11309.6	16115.4	27425	4.43
Difference		2008.8	2415.2	4424	0.6
		17.80%	15.00%	16.10%	

Coronavirus					
absences -	6,277.	3,332.3		3,959.9	
Sickness	10	0	627.6	0	0.63
Sickness					
excluding					
Coronavirus	6,277.	9,986.1	17,903.	27,889.	
Sickness	10	0	00	10	4.44

PI excluding Coronavirus Sickness

# Schools' performance

	2021-22		2022/23 Q2						
Division	Q2 FTE days lost by avg FTE	Employee FTE	Short Term Lost FTE Days	Long Term Lost FTE Days	Total Lost FTE Days	FTE Days lost by Employe e FTE	Difference (YR ON YR 21/22 TO 22/23		
Secondary	3.2						0.9		
Schools		1072.0	2139.0	2262.6	4401.6	4.1			
Primary Schools	3.4	1284.9	2466.4	2321.2	4787.6	3.7	0.4		
Special Schools	4.4	62.3	249.7	339.6	589.3	9.5	5.1		

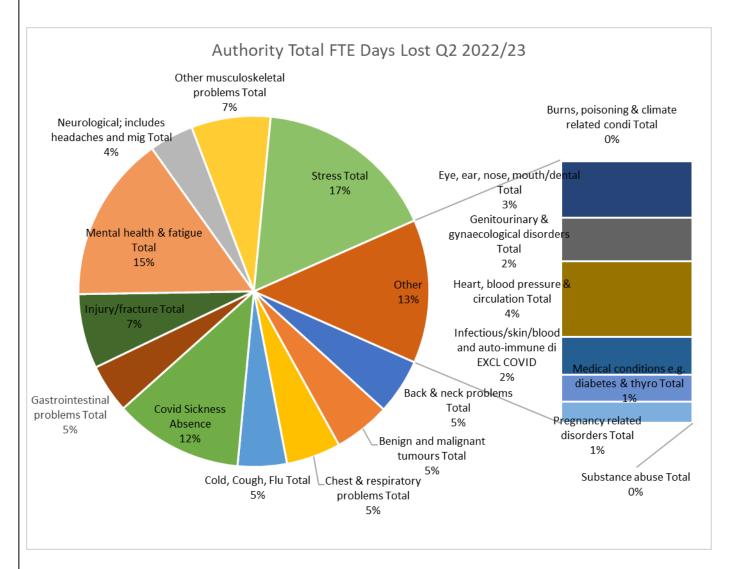
# **Greatest variance**

The service areas with the greatest variance (decrease - / increase +) compared to Q4 2020/21 are:



Department	Division	Difference
Environment	Property	-2.8
Environment	Place & Sustainability	-2.1
Education & Children	Curriculum & Wellbeing	-2
Education & Children	Access to Education	2
Communities	Leisure	2.1
Chief Executives	Media and Marketing	2.1
Corporate Services	Finance	2.4
Communities	Integrated Services	2.5
Corporate Services	Revenues and Financial Compliance	2.9
Environment	Business Support & Performance	2.9
Chief Executives	Electoral and Civil Registration Service	3.6
Education & Children	Special Schools	5.1

#### Reasons for absence



#### **Costs of absence**

The table below illustrates the cost of occupational sick pay for Q1 to Q2 cumulatively in each year since 2020/21. This <u>excludes</u> additional costs that may be incurred by divisions, in particular those delivering frontline services e.g., Overtime costs, agency costs, other replacement costs.



Occupation	% Change			
Quarters 1 and 2		compared to		
Department	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
Corporate Services	43,049	23,452	80,714	244.16%
Chief Executives	115,889	121,175	158,002	30.39%
Education & Children*	867,574	1,485,594	1,701,219	14.51%
Environment	278,715	395,998	413,515	4.42%
Communities	725,914	1,052,950	1,018,664	-3.26%
Authority Total	2,031,141	3,079,170	3,372,114	9.51%

#### Moving forward

As can be illustrated by the data there has been a 16.0% increase in the total number of appointments to the Occupational Health Centre during cumulative period Q1 – Q2 2020/21 compared to 2022/2023.

Although the overall total Wellbeing Support service appointments have only increased slightly on the previous period, when broken down into the number of employees supported, this has increased by 14.7% 2021/22 compared to 2022/2023 and compared to 2020/2021 this shows a 52.1% increase in employees supported. The data shows that employees are now requiring less appointments before discharge (4.6 sessions) in comparison to the previous period (5.3 sessions).

We now have 8 Wellbeing Support Practitioners (WSS), we have increased this in line with the increase in referrals to the service, however this is significantly impacting on the workload of the small OH medical administration team, which needs to be addressed.

OH are closely monitoring referrals to the service and the projected impact on the service, in line with the pressure on primary care and other NHS services. We are also seeing an increase in GPs referring to OH for mental health support for our employees, as waiting lists are high via primary care. We are also monitoring waiting time for NHS treatment and operations for employees, which will impact on their fitness to work and attendance.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	Yes

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Paul R Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management)

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE



#### 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Management of sickness absence supports the strategic aim 'Feeling Fine – Health & Wellbeing.

#### 2. Finance

Related costs of overtime, replacement costs and sickness pay.

#### 3. Staffing Implications

People Management continue to advise and support managers and employees through the sickness absence policy and procedures.

#### CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below Signed: Paul R Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management)

- 1.Local Member(s) N/A
- 2.Community / Town Council N/A
- 3.Relevant Partners N/A
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

<b>CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)</b>
AWARE/CONSULTED

Include any observations here

Yes

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE



# **Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee**

People Management: Sickness Absence Monitoring Report – Half year 2022/23

13<sup>th</sup> December 2022











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# **People Management**

# **Sickness Absence Performance Monitoring Report**

# Half year 2022/23

#### Introduction

The Authority's Performance Indicator (PI) for sickness absence measures the number of working days lost due to sickness absence per full time equivalent (FTE) headcount per annum. The target set by Corporate Management Team for improvement for 2022/23 is 9.63 FTE.

In June 2017 departmental targets were also agreed to support a reduction in sickness absence and these targets have been maintained for 2022/23. Both the corporate and departmental targets are monitored half yearly via Corporate Management Team (CMT) and quarterly via Departmental Management Teams (DMT). The targets were calculated by reference to the average Full Time Equivalent (FTE) headcount figure and End of Year (EOY) results over the preceding 3 years less 5%.

#### What has changed during 2022/23 to date?

It is the responsibility of all DMTs to maintain a high profile on attendance management, monitor performance on a quarterly basis, to set clear expectations of all its managers to manage sickness absence proactively and to foster a healthy working environment that encourages improved attendance from all employees.

The current economic crisis and post covid pandemic recovery is causing concern and is likely to be reflected in increased demand upon health and well being services. This is supported by anecdotal evidence from staff who are experiencing greater anxiety.

From a corporate perspective People Management has focused its energies to date during 2022/23 supporting in the following areas:

#### a. Attendance management during covid

For all concerned the covid recovery period continues to be a challenging period and the focus now is on supporting employees who are managing long covid. The Authority and trades unions recognise the impact that long-covid has on employees. This is a new and debilitating condition to which remedies and treatment is still emerging and therefore, the full extent of its implications is not fully understood.

Currently, the numbers of staff affected by long covid are low and the Authority and trades unions wish to support those individuals as best they can whilst further research is undertaken and there is a fuller understanding of the condition and how it is best managed medically and consistently with other conditions. Cumulative data for Q2 2022/23 for long covid, ie. Sickness absence of over 4 weeks in duration, totals 632.61 FTE days for the first six months and was accrued by 22 individuals. In this respect we work closely with our occupational health colleagues to advise on reasonable adjustments to support any employee experiencing long covid to return to work and maintain positive attendance.

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#### **Health & Wellbeing Team Update**

#### a. Health & Wellbeing Support.

The team continues to listen, adapt, respond, and react swiftly to ensure employees and managers alike are provided with the most up to date, supportive and appropriate information and resources to help them look after their own wellbeing.

Below is an overview of the work provided at a corporate level:

- Continuation of organising e-chats on a corporate level including chats on Mental Health First Aiders and LGBTQIA+.
- Input into the 'New Starter Induction' pilot with L&D, focusing on the health and wellbeing of new starters within the authority.
- Delivery of Mental Health & Wellbeing support to Communities and Environment duty managers course alongside Health & Safety.
- Ongoing Health and Wellbeing input and advice provided on the "Better ways of working" project to ensure employees health and wellbeing are at the core of all project plans.
- Inputted into the new Business Plan format to ensure the Health and Wellbeing implications are considered for each new project.
- Ongoing updates and development of our intranet pages to ensure appropriate advice, information and resources are provided and up to date.
- Ongoing review of a communication plan with the Media & Marketing department to ensure that all resources/ information provided are reaching all employees across the authority in a timely and concise manner.
- Continuation of the Corporate Health & Wellbeing Group Structure including a Corporate Strategic Health & Wellbeing Group, Departmental Groups, Schools Group and Champions Groups.
- Continuing to support and raise the profile of the network of over 70 health and wellbeing champions corporately and the recruitment of at least one champion in each school.
- Ongoing support to all employees via the Health and Wellbeing contact form to ensure staff and managers have an interactive way to contact the team for advice and resources.
- Continual review of employee and departmental feedback to find key themes for promotions.
- Topic-specific articles produced and communicated via the intranet's latest news bulletin and weekly staff news emails.
- Attendance and presentations delivered at various meetings/workshops from DMT's to team level to promote relevant health and wellbeing support and resources available.

Below you will find a comprehensive breakdown of specific priorities, activities and interventions taken.

#### **Corporate Health & Wellbeing Groups**

- Environment H&W group have agreed some quick wins and meet regularly.
- We have reviewed the 'Wellbeing Hour' in terms of feedback and its use and fed this back to the interim directors and the Place & Sustainability team.
- Communities have held another 2 Health, Safety & Wellbeing Group meetings, discussions have included reporting back the 'Best Endeavours' being produced following a report taken to DMT around back-to-back meetings and meetings out of core hours (lead by the Champions). The best endeavours have now been distributed to staff within Communities.
- Corporate Services H&W group have agreed some "quick wins" actions from the survey results and DMT have agreed.
- Chief Executives have been briefed on the Health & Wellbeing Framework and are in discussions regarding most appropriate staff members to form the departmental health and wellbeing group.
- Education H&W group formed, and the first meetings have been held. The first were to agree the terms of reference, as well as meeting free periods.
- Schools group is being developed to continue discussing Staff Wellbeing.
- The team are currently in discussions with IT about pop ups encouraging breaks through the day, taking lunch time, avoiding back-to-back meetings, and so on.

#### **Health & Wellbeing Champions**

- Continuation of Health & Wellbeing Champion recruitment; 155 in total consisting of more than 70 Champions throughout the authority and a network of School H&W Champions (85), Microsoft Teams group created for regular and convenient communication with Champions.
- Regular monthly virtual meetings run to keep Champions up to date with the latest support and resources, events, promotions, and activities etc. Sharing of good practice and ideas, discussion of wellbeing concerns.
- The launch of the Health &Wellbeing Champion buddy system in which experienced Champions can guide newer Champions through the role and mentor them.
- Fortnightly drop-in sessions for Champions to discuss ideas and share good practice.
- Ongoing development of our Health and Wellbeing Champions intranet pages.
- An online Bitesize training for Champions is being developed with Learning and Development for Champions in both schools and the authority.

#### **Mental Health Awareness & Support**

Below outlines the work and support the team have provided in relation to the mental health and wellbeing of staff:

- Continuing to raise the profile of mental health and reduce the mental health stigma across the Authority through articles, e-chats, anti-stigma talks, attendance at senior meetings and team meetings.
- A focus on mental health in our newsletters and articles, including e-chats and guest speakers, when possible, to continue to raise awareness, reduce stigma and discuss mental health signs and symptoms.
- Recently we have had e-chats on:
  - LGBTQIA+

- Mental Health First Aid e-chat
- Becoming a Mental Health First Aider (MHFA)
- Collaboratively working with the provider of our Mental Health First Aid course (Ajuda) to ensure it is tailored to Carmarthenshire County Council employees.
- A further 12 delegates were trained and qualified to become a MHFA in September 2022, this course was focused on managers only.
- There are currently 70 qualified MHFA across all departments within the Authority.
- Ongoing coordination and promotion of our Mental Health First Aider training, a course is booked for December 2022.
- To support the long-term roll out of MHFA and embed the recruitment within the authority, research has been undertaken in to training a member of the authority in becoming a MHFA qualified course provider, and the implications of training in-house (e.g., job retention, cost, out-selling)
- We have been in discussions with the Education department to roll out the MHFA into schools, this will be piloted initially with the corporate MHF Aiders.
- We then hope to roll the MHFA course out across all Carmarthenshire schools, targeting specific schools by analysing absence data.
- We have developed a Teams channel network in which we can have regular contact and updates, as well as any training available for our Mental Health first aiders network to ensure they are supported and equipped to deliver high quality support and signposting.
- From the Teams channel the MHFA can feed into their departments and teams any relevant information and updates.
- We have monthly networking meetings via Teams to update and support the MHFA, with the aim to create fortnightly drop-in sessions, if there is a need. This avenue of support is currently working well, and we will look to develop a support group/buddy system where required.
- To support the MHFA further, we have a dedicated and established area of the intranet to refer to regarding support and signposting including various websites and physical amenities within Carmarthenshire.
- To further promote the MHFA, and ensure they are being utilised within the authority the intranet page has been updated with the name and contact details of each qualified MHFA.
- Again, to promote and utilise the MHFA we have discussed with the communication department using a 'case study' in the weekly newsletter to highlight the role of a MHFA.
- MHFA are using conversation guidance and a newly developed contact form to gain feedback of how they are being utilised thus far has been designed, which departments are needing support for the MH, with the plan to create targeted sessions for these groups.
- Updating HWB with any useful resources to support Mental Health and Wellbeing within schools.
- To date 310 staff have attended Mental Health Awareness courses and 152 Managers/ Head teachers have received Positive Mental health in the workplace training.
- Continuous review of external mental health resources, e-learning, webinars, guidance etc. to ensure staff are appropriately signposted
- The Mental Health in the Workplace eLearning module has been reviewed by the Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, to ensure we are providing the most appropriate/ supportive and up to date information for all staff. This will go live in due course.

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- Attendance at various departmental meetings to promote relevant mental health and wellbeing support and resources, sending quickparts emails as follow ups.
- Ongoing promotion of Personal Resilience e-learning module.
- The daily self-care calendar has been added to the intranet page to encourage and support daily tasks is ongoing.
- Promoting Viva Insights on Microsoft teams to colleagues, MHFA, Health and Wellbeing champions and colleagues.
- Ongoing promotion of relevant mental health awareness raising days, events and promotions.
- Creation of Quick Parts email to ensure all staff have up-to-date, relevant information on Mental Health and wellbeing in the workplace.

#### **Better Ways of Working:**

- Interior design pilot
  - o Took report to Strategic Working Group and the four principles were agreed
  - o Feeding into the design pilot areas with regards to wellbeing Ty Elwyn & Eastgate
- Sustainable Travel pilot
  - Working in conjunction with Property in relation to staff wellbeing facilities (toilets and showers) for Spillman Street, as part of the sustainable travel pilot

#### **Targeted**

#### **Environment**

- Priority actions agreed and started
- Place and Sustainability
  - Working with the HOS and H&W reps to undertake further actions and determine new priority actions.
  - Wellbeing Hour feedback analysed and presented to directors.
- Environment are developing drop-in physiotherapy sessions for depot staff, with the hope for onward referral and early intervention to support sickness absence, where required.

#### **Communities**

- Home Care
  - Set up sessions in the new year at times that would work for the staff's shift patterns
  - Looking to set up a monthly wellbeing focused meeting with Management

    Team
  - Virgin Go pilot has finished. Regular communication with the teams has been established to monitor progress. Update to be delivered to Home Care managers on the success of the pilot.
  - Wellbeing sessions have been organised for 'Yellow' and 'Blue' shifts covering a range of topics such as Nutrition, Sleep and Menopause.
- Business Support
  - Actions drafted following H&W survey. Priority actions determined including a wellbeing 'away day' planned for October.
- Adult Social Care
  - Planning facilitated support sessions before Christmas and peer to peer support network after

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- Action plan for social care staff being developed for the additional support and interventions up until March 22.
- Homes and Safer Communities
  - o Undertook a Health & Wellbeing Survey and Analysed, presented to HOS.
  - Staff Forum has been established and organised for July 2022 with the H&W team inputting advice.
  - New surveys to monitor progress are being planned for the Autumn 2022.
  - o Monitoring the progress of Homes and Safer Communities Action Plan.

#### **Corporate Services**

- Health & Wellbeing Survey undertaken and analysed; actions agreed at DMT.
- Discussions about supporting staff with difficult conversations and calls.
- New Coordinator has been introduced to the health and wellbeing group who is reviewing actions and will take new actions and initiatives forward.

#### **Education and Children's Services.**

- Planning of Education Conference for October in which Health and Wellbeing will give an update and workshop on wellbeing.
- The next Education and Children's Services Wellbeing group meeting has been established and a wellbeing action plan has been drafted.
- The results of the Wellbeing Survey have been analysed and presented to Steffan Smith to establish a Wellbeing group.
- Louise Qaurtermass from Residential Children's Services is in the processes of establishing a Wellbeing Group for each home.

#### Schools

- The Health and Wellbeing Champions scheme has commenced in schools, over 70 schools have nominated a Health and Wellbeing Champion, with larger schools nominating multiple Champions, taking the total number to 85 across Carmarthenshire schools.
- Bitesize training is being developed for Schools Champions.
- Ongoing planning of the Wellbeing Conference for school staff.
- Wellbeing support has been presented to Headteachers at different conferences.
- Wellbeing focus group set up to input into the support developed for HTs Wellbeing
- Ongoing development of Internal Headteacher Peer Support Network created.
- A document containing an overview of all the support available for Headteachers has been drafted and will be sent out to Headteacher's in November 2021.
- The Headteacher Wellbeing Charter has been drafted and has been presented at the Headteacher's meeting for review. Further work is being carried out on the project.
- A targeted approach to Health and Wellbeing in schools is being established.
- Coaching opportunities available from Learning and Development is being offered to Headteacher's as well as 1:1 supervision.
- The partnership with Education Support will be launched in the new term. This includes the support available from ESP as well as the launch of the Health and Wellbeing Champions in schools and Mental Health First Aiders.
- A plan is being developed with the help of the Education Department to roll out the MHFA's in schools.

- A new staff wellbeing focus group is in the processes of being established. This group will be an off shoot of the Strategic Focus Group which will focus specifically on school staff wellbeing.
- As part of the All-School Approach to Emotional and Mental Wellbeing, a staff wellbeing survey has been sent out to the pilot schools in the summer term to determine any areas of concern to do with staff wellbeing and to develop a wellbeing toolkit. The results from this survey have been presented to Kelly Davies and a staff wellbeing toolkit will be created from the data.

#### b. Sickness Absence Policy and Procedures

The Sickness Absence Policy has been reviewed and consulted in conjunction with a wide range of people managers, our recognised trades union representatives and departmental management teams. This was formally adopted in Spring 2020 but due to the covid emergency the launch was delayed. In September 2021, the revised policy was formerly launched supported by learning and development modules for people managers and refreshed resources on the Authority's intranet.

#### c. Resourcelink Reporting Service (RRS) and other reporting developments

This tool provides the facility for all users to run reports direct from My View (our online employee system). The reports are available to Managers on demand. Attendance management information is an essential part of the suite of reports that are available via this system. It provides a valuable additional source for sickness absence data to supplement our performance management information.

A "live feed" has also been developed. This provides a snapshot of all absences for the current day and is updated on an hourly basis. Access has so far been limited to key officers and Heads of Service and should provide an additional useful source of management information.

#### d. Schools' Staff Absence Scheme (SSAS)

As of 1 April 2022, there are currently 86 participating primary schools compared to 60 original entrants in 2017/18, 78 during 2018/19, 87 during 2019/20, 89 during 2021/22.

The level of financial cover has been increased following consultation with participating schools, as follows:

- The daily rate for teachers has increased from £120 to £160 per day;
- The maternity lump sum for teachers has increased from £3000 to £4000;
- The daily rate for teaching assistants, support staff has increase from £50 to £70 per day
- The maternity lump sum for teaching assistants, support staff has increased from £1500 to £2000.

#### e. Performance management information

Maintained the provision of improved performance management information, benchmarking and ranking data, and summaries of main reasons for absence at an authority, departmental, divisional and team level, all school, primary, secondary, and

special school level to inform CMT, DMTs, BMT's and Governing Bodies to enable improved performance monitoring and action planning.

HR Business Partners continue to discuss performance management information at Departmental Management Teams, Primary and Secondary Head Teachers' meetings and offer support and advice on appropriate actions for improvement.

Table 1: Departmental performance ranking Q2 2022/23

Performance indicates that all departments have met their 2022/23 Q2 target.

Department	Average Employee FTE Head- count	Short Term Lost FTE Days	Long Term Lost FTE Days	Total Lost FTE Days	FTE Days Lost by Average Employee FTE Headcount	Rank- ing	1 02 1		22-23 Target. Taremain unchange 2017-18.  (Q2 =whole year /4 & seasonally ac		ged from B. ar target	
								Target	Q2 Target	On Target ?		
Chief Executives	431.5	539.2	765.1	1304.3	3	1	2.7	0.3	6.9	2.8	No	
Corporate Services	197.6	446.9	330.8	777.7	3.9	2	1.3	2.6	6.3	2.9	No	
Education & Children	3291.8	6562.5	7915.3	14477.8	4.4	3	3.8	0.6	9	3.7	No	
Environment	833.1	1816.9	3383.6	5200.5	6.2	4	5.5	0.7	11.2	4.6	No	
Communities	1522.9	3952.9	6135.8	10088.7	6.6	5	6.2	0.4	11.6	4.8	No	
Authority Total	6277.1	13318.4	18530.6	31849	5.07		4.43	0.6	9.63	4	No	

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Coronavirus absences - Sickness	6,277.10	3,332.3	627.6	3,959.9	0.63
Sickness excluding Coronavirus Sickness	6,277.10	9,986.1	17,903.0	27,889.1	4.44

PI excluding Coronavirus Sickness

The Q2 figure for the whole Authority of 5.07 is above the 2021/22 Q2 result of 4.43 There has been an increase of 0.6 FTE days lost by average employee FTE headcount. Covid sickness absence accounts for 0.63 FTE days lost.

#### Table 2: Average number of days lost per FTE – whole Authority

Following the launch of the Sickness Absence policy in 2015 and targeted interventions there was a marked reduction in 2014/15. Since then, the trend line indicates an annual increase in 2015/16 and 2016/17 but a slight decrease in 2017/18. The Q2 2018/19 was the best level achieved since 2014/15. However, the 2019/20 result indicated an upward trend compared to the last 3 reporting years. In stark contrast Q2 2020/21 showed a significant decrease in absence levels. The cause of this may be attributed to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic – school closures and working from home has contributed to the decrease in short term sickness absence levels (a decrease of 46% compared to the same time last year). The 2021/22 Q2 figure indicates a return to pre covid levels, the level of short-term sickness has increased (an increase of 103% compared to the same time as last year). The cessation of the covid shielding measures will have impacted on this figure. The Q2 2022/23 figures shows a continuing upward trend in line with trends nationally. The Absence Team continues to be proactive in supporting managers and teams with absence recording, and absence management.

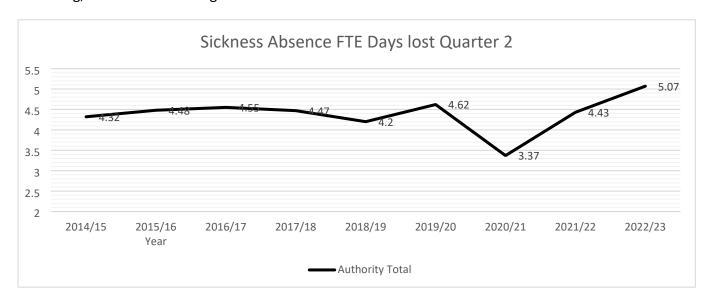


Table 3: Impact of targeted interventions to support schools in managing sickness absence

The table below compares the performance of CCCs primary, secondary, and special schools between Q2 2021/22 and 2022/23.

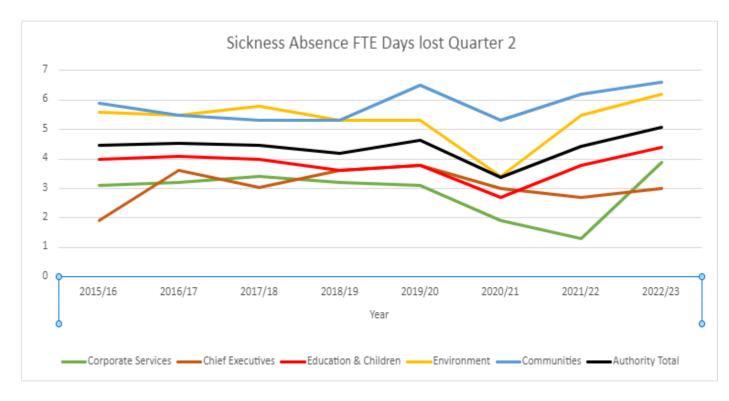
			Difference				
Division	FTE days lost by avg FTE	Employee FTE	Short Term Lost FTE Days	Long Term Lost FTE Days	Total Lost FTE Days	FTE Days lost by Employee FTE	(YR ON YR 21/22 TO 22/23
Secondary Schools	3.2	1072.0	2139.0	2262.6	4401.6	4.1	0.9
Primary Schools	3.4	1284.9	2466.4	2321.2	4787.6	3.7	0.4
Special Schools	4.4	62.3	249.7	339.6	589.3	9.5	5.1

#### **Table 4: Departmental Analysis**

When departmental performance is compared to that of the previous year (Table 1) the level of sickness absence has increased in all Departments

Quarter 2 Year	
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Department	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Corporate Services	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.1	1.9	1.3	3.9
Chief Executives	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.0	2.7	3.0
Education & Children	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.8	2.7	3.8	4.4
Environment	5.5	5.8	5.3	5.3	3.4	5.5	6.2
Communities	5.5	5.3	5.3	6.5	5.3	6.2	6.6
Authority Total	4.55	4.47	4.2	4.62	3.37	4.43	5.07



The service areas with the greatest variance (decrease - /increase +) compared to Q2 2021/22 are:

Department	Division	Difference
Environment	Property**	-2.8
Environment	Place & Sustainability	-2.1
Education & Children	Curriculum & Wellbeing	-2.0
Education & Children	Access to Education	2.0
Communities	Leisure	2.1
Chief Executives	Media and Marketing	2.1
Corporate Services	Finance	2.4
Communities	Integrated Services	2.5
Corporate Services	Revenues and Financial Compliance	2.9
Environment	Business Support & Performance	2.9
Chief Executives	Electoral and Civil Registration Service	3.6
Education & Children	Special Schools	5.1

<sup>\*</sup> Service areas listed above are those with over 50 FTE

<sup>\*\*</sup> Division has been subject to restructuring resulting in some staff transferred to Communities department (HP&SP where sickness absence levels have increased)

#### Table 5: Cost of Absence

The table below illustrates the cost of occupational sick pay for Q1 to Q2 cumulatively in each year since 2020/21. This <u>excludes</u> additional costs that may be incurred by divisions in particular those delivering e.g., Overtime costs, agency costs, other replacement costs.

Occupat	% Change			
Quarters 1 and 2		compared to		
Department	2020/21	2021/22		
Corporate Services	43,049	23,452	80,714	244.16%
Chief Executives	115,889	121,175	158,002	30.39%
Education & Children*	867,574	1,485,594	1,701,219	14.51%
Environment	278,715	395,998	413,515	4.42%
Communities	725,914	1,052,950	1,018,664**	-3.26%
Authority Total	2,031,141	3,079,170	3,372,114	9.51%

<sup>\*</sup> Including schools

Table 6: Occupational Health Appointment Data

<u>Fig.1</u>

Number of Employees seen at the Occupational Health Centre							
Department	Number of Employees Attended Q2 Cumulative						
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23				
Chief Executives	27	38	32				
Communities	238	333	334				
Corporate Services	29	8	16				
Environment	164	339	303				
Education & Children	240	261	308				
External	122	196	210				
Total	820	1175	1203				

The table above indicates the number of employees being referred and supported by the Occupational Health Centre. Each employee will attend at least one appointment with either the Occupational Health Advisor or Physician. Depending on the recommendations made, a proportion will be offered a further referral for an Initial Assessment to the Wellbeing Support Service and supported using a range of interventions and strategies which may include: CBT / CBT informed approach, counselling/active listening, coping skills and problem solving. If they are accepted to the service, they are then offered up to a further 6 sessions (these further sessions/appointments are not included in the table below above).

<sup>\*\*</sup> OSP payments have decreased year on year in Communities despite the increased level of sickness absence due to the impact of recruitment, particularly in Home Care service. There is a high proportion of employees with less than 1 year service which impacts on OSP/SSP entitlements for sickness absence.

The totals include Statutory Health Surveillance appointments to the nurse.

As can be illustrated by the data above (Fig.1) there has been a 46.7% increase in the total number of employees seen at the Centre in Q2 2022/2023 compared to Q2 2020/21. This is likely due to the restrictions that were in placed on the service due to the COVID 19 Pandemic being lifted to allow Face to face medicals to resume following Gold command sign off on 01.12.2020. That, along with the increase in appointments due to increase in attendance management and delays on services in the NHS.

New Employment Questionnaire screens and Night Worker Questionnaire screens by the nurse are not included in the totals. Teachers' pension administration by the practitioners are also not included.

Fig.2

Number of Appointments Attended at the Occupational Health Centre							
	Number of Appointments Q2 Cumulative						
Department	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23				
Chief Executives	107	109	86				
Communities	649	705	604				
Corporate Services	95	23	36				
Environment	267	458	953				
Education & Children	848	819	446				
External	147	273	322				
Total	2108	2387	2447				

The table above indicates the total number of Appointments attended at the Occupational Health Centre. These further sessions referenced above **are** included in the table above (Fig.2).

The totals include Statutory Health Surveillance appointments to the nurse.

As can be illustrated by the data above (Fig.2) there has been a 16.0% increase in the total number of appointments to the Occupational Health Centre during cumulative period Q1 - Q2 2020/21 compared to 2022/2023.

Refer to CBT referrals and NHS waiting list length. It is recognised that NHS is overwhelmed and we are in part picking up fall out from this situation.

These increased numbers are a positive sign and likely due to the resumption of services across the authority. A large proportion of the increase is also likely due to our Health Surveillance programme, which restarted face to face mandatory medicals in December 2020. Following risk assessment, this Service recently resumed in its entirety (Excluding the Physical Aspect of Spirometry testing) which has seen a further increase in attendance.

In comparison to 2019/2020 (Pre Covid) appointments are down 4% (Approx). However, based on knowledge of previous years we are optimistic that the number of appointments at the Occupational Health Centre will increase further, in line with the support required by the authorities' employees.

#### <u>Appointments Attended – Reason breakdown:</u>

Figures 3, 4 and 5 below show a breakdown of the reasons by number of employees that have attended the Employee Wellbeing Centre. The tables below show the breakdown of total number of Appointments attended at the Occupational Health Centre for Q2 cumulative over the last 3 years.

#### Fig. 3

The total number of appointments are gradually increasing, which is likely due to further ease in restrictions since August 2021. Since that time, we have been able to reintroduce Health Surveillance in its entirety (excluding the physical aspect of Spirometry), which has increased engagement with management and in turn attendance.

Breakdown: Total Number of Appointments Attended the Occupational Health Centre									
Q2 Cumulative									
2020/21									
	Appointment Reason								
Department	OHA OHP (205 Employees) H/S *Other Tot								
Chief Executives	9	2	94	0	2	107			
Communities	96	65	475	0	13	649			
Corporate Services	11	4	76	0	4	95			
Environment	55	20	121	68	3	267			
Education & Children	108	40	689	0	11	848			
External	67	34	34	2	5	147			
Total	346	165	1489	70	38	2108			

OHA - Occupational health Advisor

OHP – Occupational Health Physician

WSS – Wellbeing Support Services (mental health)

**H/S** – Health Surveillance (statutory medicals)

<u>Fig.4</u>

Breakdown: Total Number of Appointments Attended the Occupational Health Centre										
Q2 Cumulative										
2021/22										
		Appointment Reason								
Department	ОНА	ОНР	All WSS Appts (272 Employees)	H/S	*Other	Totals				
Chief Executives	13	12	83	0	1	109				
Communities	143	85	457	12	8	705				
Corporate Services	3	1	19	0	0	23				
Environment	50	30	147	231	0	458				
Education & Children	118	38	645	1	17	819				
External	71	89	75	26	12	273				
Total	398	255	1426	270	38	2387				

# **Fig.5**

Breakdown: Total Number of Appointments Attended the Occupational Health Centre									
Q2 Cumulative									
2022/23									
	Appointment Reason								
Department	OHP/OHC  OHA (Including Support Service e and Conferent Reviews (312)		Wellbeing Support Service (312 Employees)	Health Surveillance (Including New employments Screening)	*Other	Total			
Chief Executives	5	12	69	0	0	86			

Communities	140	82	330	52	0	604
Corporate Services	5	5	25	1	0	36
Education & Children	124	57	760	12	0	953
Environment	49	53	130	214	0	446
External	92	66	133	27	4	322
Total	415	275	1447	306	4	2447

<sup>\*</sup>These appointments include: Chair Assessments, III Health Retirement Appointments with the pensions doctor, Case Conference

As can be seen from the above charts, most appointment types have increased on the previous year. Although the overall total Wellbeing Support service appointments have only increased slightly on the previous period, when broken down into the number of employees supported, this has increased by 14.7% 2021/22 compared to 2022/2023 and compared to 2020/2021 this shows a 52.1% increase in employees supported. The data shows that employees are now requiring less appointments before discharge (4.6 sessions) in comparison to the previous period (5.3 sessions).

OH are closely monitoring referrals to the service and the projected impact on the service, in line with the pressure on primary care and other NHS services. We are already seeing an increase in GPs referring back to OH for mental health support for our employees, as waiting lists are high via primary care. We are also monitoring waiting time for NHS treatment and operations for employees, which will impact on their fitness to work and attendance.

#### Percentage of employees who have attended Occupational Health in Q1-Q2

Following the request from P&R scrutiny committee the following table below shows the percentage breakdown of employees that have attended the Occupational Health Centre per department.

Percentages are based on overall headcount (September 2022)

			<b>Wellbeing Support</b>		
Department	ОНА %	OHP %	Service (Initial	Health	Total %
			Assessment) %	Surveillance %	
Chief Executives (432)	1.1%	2.8%	16%	0%	19.9%
Communities (1523)	9.1%	5.3%	21.7%	3.4%	39.5%
Corporate Services (198)	2.5%	2.5%	12.6%	0.5%	18.1%
Education & Children (3292)	3.8%	1.7%	23%	0.4%	28.9%
Environment (833)	5.9%	6.3%	15.6%	25.7%	53.5%

As shown in the above table the Environment department have the highest number of employees who attend Occupational Health, this is due to their mandatory Health Surveillance which employees are required to undertake based on risk assessment.

Without Health Surveillance, the Environment department have 26.4% of employees accessing our services for sickness absence reasons and support.

#### **Charged non-attendances**

Below are the annual totals for Q2 cumulative which include all attended appointments, charged cancellations and Did Not Attends (DNAs).

2019/2021 - 2758

2020/2021 - 2274

2021/2022 - 2614

2022/2023 - 3175

Following the request from P&R scrutiny committee the following table below shows the breakdown of charged non-attendances per department, and the percentage in relation to the total number of appointments.

Department	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Chief Executives	6	2	6
Communities	54	80	82

Grand Total	127 (5.5%)	227 (8.6%)	296 (9.3%)
External	9	18	40
Environment	10	68	77
Education & Children	45	57	87
Corporate Services	3	2	4

Charged non-attendances decreased significantly during the first stage of the pandemic, this likely being due to furloughed/ shielding staff, as well as the stay-at-home message. There has been a decrease in charged non-attendances on the previous period, 17% decrease. The change compared to the main pandemic year, where we have seen individuals having usual commitments and resume has impacted on attendance. However, we know, particularly from looking at the figures above that much of the increase is due to staff shortages in the Environment department, meaning that services are unable to release employees for their annual Health Surveillance appointments. We continue to work closely with the Environment department to find solutions to reduce these instances, as well as ensuring all new employees are checked and cleared efficiently to support the high-volume of recruitment currently in progress.

**Examples of reasons for non-attendance** – Staff shortages leading to non-attendances in Health Surveillance appointments, Individuals accepting appointments when they are not in confidential spaces or when safety is compromised (In company of others/ whilst driving).

A message has been sent to all people managers to ensure that individuals understand the importance of accepting calls only when appropriate to do so.

#### Table 7: Number of employees dismissed on the grounds of capability (health)

Valuing our employees by supporting good health and wellbeing is one of the authority's core values. There is much research to demonstrate that attendance at work contributes to positive health and wellbeing. The authority aims to support its employees by providing a safe and healthy workplace and promoting a culture where regular attendance can be expected of all. Absence from work is unlikely to be a positive experience for the absent employee(s) or their colleagues, so the authority actively manages and supports those employees who experience ill health during their employment in line with its Sickness Absence Management policy.

However, there are occasions where an employee cannot be supported back to work to his/her substantive role or redeployed into suitable alternative employment due to the nature of the illness or condition and in such circumstances an employee will be dismissed on the grounds of capability (health). Table 7 below details the number of employees that have been dismissed on the grounds of capability (health) over the last three years:

	2020/21 EOY	2021/22 Q2	2021/22 EOY	2022/23 Q2
Ill Health Capability	30	15	33	18
Ill Health Capability – Tier 1	17	16	28	12
Ill Health Capability – Tier 2	2	1	1	-

III Health Capability – Tier 3	5	2	4	2
Medical reasons			3	
Resignation - Health Reasons	3	1	1	1
Total	57	35	70	33

Quarter 2 figure indicates that end of year figure will be on a par with previous years (Q2 2020/21 was 30).

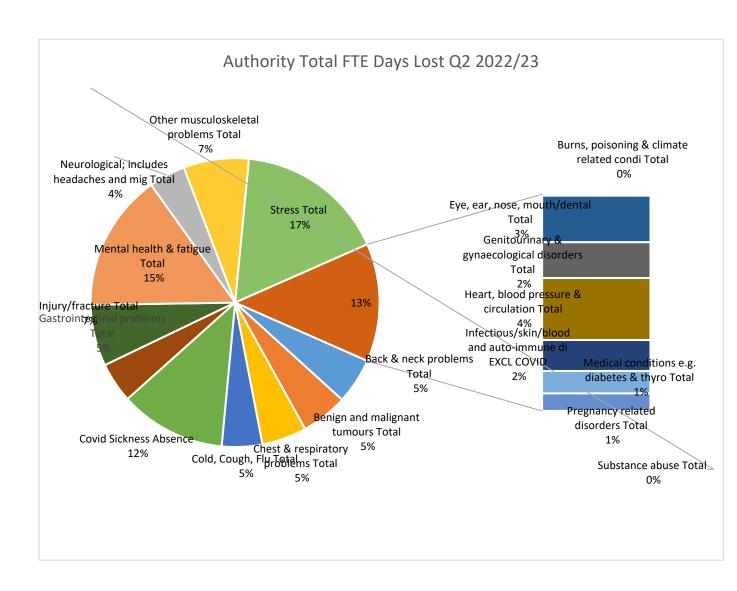
#### Table 8: Causes of absence – half year cumulative Q2 EOY 2022/23

Stress is the most common cause of absence within the authority (17%) followed by mental health and fatigue (15%). Other reasons for absence are as detailed within the pie chart below and will vary from one reporting period due to seasonal variations.

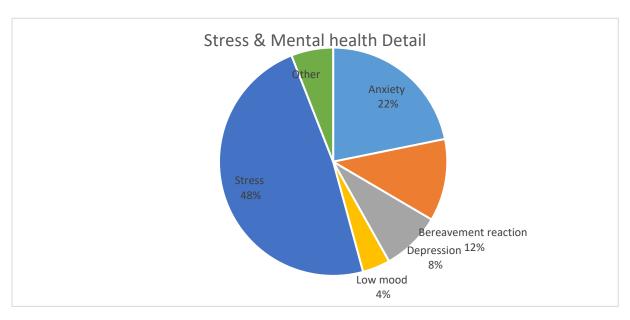
The CIPD Health & Wellbeing at Work report published in April 2022 focusing on the public sector has found that more organisations include mental health and stress related absences amongst the most common reason for short- and long-term absence. The report's findings show that stress continues to be one of the main causes of short- and long-term absence.

Workloads remain by far the most common cause of stress at work, as in previous years. In some organisations the COVID-19 pandemic will have significantly increased workloads, both directly (for example, due to additional operational demands and health and safety procedures) and indirectly (for example, due to higher than usual levels of absence affecting staffing levels).

Whilst stress and mental health are the main causes of absence within CCC and an area of significant concern, the level of absence for this reason is comparable with other public sector organisations including health, education and civil service.



The percentages displayed below relate to the sub categories to the stress and mental health absence codes combined which accounts for 32% of all authority sickness absence. Of the 32% of sickness absence, stress constitutes 52%. (Stress is 17% of all sickness absence).



#### Table 9: Comparative sickness absence performance indicator

The Authority directly employs approximately 8120 employees in a range of occupations including catering, cleaning, residential / domiciliary care, refuse and leisure services. In many of the local authorities listed below these services are contracted outside of the authority and therefore not included in the respective calculations. It should be noted that, according to benchmarking figures, these occupations generally have higher sickness absence rates either due to the physical nature of the work or being more susceptible to illness due to interaction with service users/customers.

It should also be noted that the actual make up of local government reported sickness figures can also vary considerably i.e. first 3 days removed, long term sickness removed; Carmarthenshire County Council include both.

All Wales Comparative benchmarking data for 2021/22 at the time of writing this report is yet to be published.

Full details from all Welsh authorities for 2020/21 is provided below:

	Number of w	employee	Quartile			
Local Authority	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Gwynedd	9	8.7	9.5	9.8	6.3	
Denbighshire	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.1	6.5	
Isle of Anglesey	9.8	10	10.3	8.8	6.8	
Pembrokeshire	10.5	10.2	9.3	8.9	7.1	1
Powys	9	9.7	9.1	9.3	7.7	
Newport	9.8	10.1	10.1	9.5	7.7	
Carmarthenshire	10.8	10.1	9.8	10.7	7.7	
Ceredigion	10.4	13.6	10.9	11.4	7.9	
Conwy	11.3	9.7	10.1	12	8	
Neath Port Talbot	9.9	9.5	9.8	12.1	8.1	2
Wales	10.3	10.4	10.5	11.2	8.4	
Torfaen	10.8	11.1	11.2	11.5	8.4	
The Vale of Glamorgan	8.8	10.1	9.1	10.5	8.6	
Cardiff	10.8	11.3	11.5	11.8	8.6	3
Wrexham	11.3	10.9	11.5	12.2	8.8	3
Bridgend	10.7	10.8	11.9	11.9	9.2	
Swansea	9.7	10.8	11	13.1	9.3	
Merthyr Tydfil	5.5	7.8	8.7	9.4	9.6	
Caerphilly	12.2	12.3	11.3	12	10	4
Monmouthshire	11.5	10.9	11.5	12.2	11	
Blaenau Gwent	12.5	11.2	12.7	13.9	11.7	
Flintshire	9.8	8.9	10.5	11	-	
Rhondda Cynon Taf	-	-	-	-	-	

### NHS Wales benchmarking data

Below is benchmarking data relating to 11 NHS organisations in Wales shown as a percentage. Data is extracted from the NHS Electronic Staff Record. Sickness absence rates by quarter for the period April 2021 to March 2022 and calculated by dividing the total number of sickness absence days by the total number of available days for each organization.

All Wales	5.5	6.7	7 3	6.3	%
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022
	Apr Jun	Jul Sept	Oct-Dec		Jan Mar

Betsi Cadwaladr University LHB	5.3	6.2	7.0	6.0	6.9
Powys Teaching LHB	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.3	6.3
Hywel Dda University LHB	5.0	6.0	6.6	5.7	6.7
Swansea Bay University LHB	6.3	7.8	8.5	7.3	8.6
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University LHB	6.5	7.8	8.1	7.2	7.9
Aneurin Bevan University LHB	5.3	6.5	7.2	6.1	7.1
Cardiff & Vale University LHB	5.8	7.0	7.5	6.6	7.4
Public Health Wales NHS Trust	3.6	4.2	5.0	4.1	4.5
Velindre NHS Trust	3.8	5.7	6.6	4.3	6.5
Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust	8.1	10.6	11.7	9.7	11.7
Health Education and Improvement Wales	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.2
Digital Health and Care Wales	1.7	2.1	3.3	2.4	3.4
NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership	2.5	2.9	3.4	2.9	3.6

Table 10: Sector comparisons by percentage working time lost v FTE days lost

XpertHR is a reference tool for HR professionals with information on compliance, legislation, best practice and benchmarking. It undertakes annual benchmarking exercises on sickness absence rates and costs, and focuses on absence figures according to industry, organisation size and sector.

The latest survey results conducted in 2021 was published in 2022 and approximately 149 employers participated from all industry sectors. 2022 data is pending publication and will be reported in 2022/23 EOY report once published.

The research finds that coronavirus continued to impact sickness absence rates in 2021, particularly in organisations where working from home is not an option. Sickness absence rates climbed to their highest levels since 2009 for the 2021 calendar year.

The average sickness absence rate stands at 3.2%, up from 2.5% in 2020 and 2.9% in 2019. These rates translate to an average of 7.3 days - up from 5.7 days in 2020 and 6.5 in 2019.

The survey presents the interquartile range, which focuses on the middle 50% of findings and excludes the lowest and highest figures. The interquartile range for 2021 stood between 1.7% and 4.7%, an indication of the level of volatility among organisations depending on their function and ability to facilitate homeworking. When the absence rate is measured as the number of days' absence per employee, the interquartile range for 2021 is 4.3 days to 10.5 days. These compare with interquartile ranges from five to 5.7 days in 2020 and between 3.6-and eight-days' absence in 2019.

Absence rates by sector and organisation size 2021, number of days' absence per employee per annum

4.3	6.9	10.5	7.3
3.0	5.7	10.5	6.7
5.8	7.3	10.0	7.6
6.4	8.2	11.6	10.0
2.0	3.1	5.9	4.3
4.3	6.6	9.0	6.7
5.3	7.5	11.4	8.6
7.2	8.0	8.2	7.9
7.5	10.5	12.9	11.0
	5.8 6.4 2.0 4.3 5.3 7.2	5.8     7.3       6.4     8.2       2.0     3.1       4.3     6.6       5.3     7.5       7.2     8.0	5.8     7.3     10.0       6.4     8.2     11.6       2.0     3.1     5.9       4.3     6.6     9.0       5.3     7.5     11.4       7.2     8.0     8.2

Source: XpertHR.



# PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL 13/12/2022

# GWELEDIGAETH AR GYFER CAM NESAF RHAGLEN DRAWSNEWID Y CYNGOR

**Y Pwrpas:** Nod yr adroddiad yw amlinellu gweledigaeth/achos busnes ar gyfer cam nesaf rhaglen trawsnewid a newid y Cyngor, a fydd yn cael ei defnyddio i lywio'r gwaith o ddatblygu Strategaeth Drawsnewid.

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Adolygu'r wybodaeth sydd yn yr Adroddiad a darparu unrhyw sylwadau a / neu argymhellion i lywio'r gwaith o ddatblygu Strategaeth Drawsnewid.

#### Y Rheswm/Y Rhesymau

Pwrpas yr adroddiad hwn yw nodi'r weledigaeth a'r dull gweithredu ar gyfer cam nesaf Rhaglen Drawsnewid y Cyngor.

Bydd yr adroddiad yn sail i Strategaeth Drawsnewid a fydd yn darparu'r fframwaith strategol i gefnogi'r gwaith o weithredu rhaglen trawsnewid sefydliadol yn ystod y pum mlynedd nesaf.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13/12/2022

#### A vision for the next phase of the Council's Transformation Programme

#### **Background**

- The Council's TIC Programme has been the one of the main vehicles for supporting change and transformation across the organisation during the last 10 years. The programme was established in response to the severe budget challenges facing the Council during the years that followed the financial crisis of 2008. The main aim of the TIC programme was to support the delivery of a sustainable approach to transforming the organisation; an approach that would allow the Council deliver on its financial savings targets and protect the standards and quality of front-line services.
- The learning gained from the experience of responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the legacy that follows in its aftermath, now presents both significant challenges and opportunities for the organisation, and these could now act as the main drivers for a new era of transformation and change across the Council. The advent of a new municipal term, and the development of a revised Corporate Strategy also now provides an opportunity to ensure that key Council priorities are used to shape and inform the next phase of our transformation journey.

#### **Key Proposals**

- The aim of the Transformation Programme will be to design and implement a programme of internal change and transformation that will support the Council to deliver on its vision and priorities as set out within its Corporate Strategy- The Programme will be made up of 8 thematic workstreams.
- Governance arrangements will also be strengthened to bring a greater focus to the delivery aspects of the programme. It is proposed that the TIC Programme Board will be renamed the 'Transformation Board' and will now meet on a quarterly basis
- It is also recommended that the membership of the Transformation Board is widened to include all Directors and that the membership of the group should also reflect some of the new priorities that are now to be incorporated within the Programme e.g., Net Zero Carbon and accommodation/buildings priorities.
- Small, focussed 'Delivery Groups' will be responsible for delivering projects within each of these priority areas. These groups will be led and coordinated by a Director/Head of Service and include officers who will be allocated responsibilities for delivering specific projects.
- The current TIC team will now be renamed the 'Transformation Team'. Functions such as learning and development and communication will continue to play a key role in the future of transformation, in ensuring that staff are properly engaged in the work of the programme and by supporting the development of the necessary skills and behaviours to help facilitate the change process.

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# **IMPLICATIONS**



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I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed:	Paul I	R Thomas		Assistan	t Chief Executi	ve (People Management)
Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

#### Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The report will be used to inform the development of a Council Transformation Strategy which will then provide the strategic framework to support the implementation of a programme of organisational transformation and change over the next 5 years. The Transformation Strategy is due to be considered by CMT and Pre-Cabinet in September 2022.

#### **Finance**

The Transformation Programme will encompass two workstreams whose purpose will be to help the Council to continue to achieve a sustainable financial future in the context of a potential reduction in budgetary resources combined with increasing service demands and costs. The 'Efficiencies and Value for Money' workstream will aim to continue and build on the work of the current TIC Expenditure workstream and to deliver financial savings through efficiencies or cost reductions and smarter ways of working. The 'Income & Commercialisation' workstream will look to develop a more commercial approach to the delivery of Council services with a view to increasing the level of income generated and debt recovered.

#### **ICT**

The use of technology will be key to the modernisation and automation of Council processes, supporting smarter and more productive ways of working for staff whilst making it easier for customers to contact us. The Customers and Digital Transformation will be the main vehicle for progressing these changes within the Transformation Programme.

#### Staffing implications

The report proposes that key people/workforce issues also become a key priority for the revised transformation programme. The main purpose of this workstream will be to oversee the development of a Workforce Strategy and delivery of key workforce priorities to enable the Council to become a more modern and responsive organisation and an 'Employer of Choice'.

Effective staff engagement mechanisms will be key to the successful delivery of the wider transformation and change programme.

#### **Risk Management**

The delivery of individual workstreams and wider programme will need to be underpinned by effective application of risk management practices.

#### **Buildings**

The report recommends that the current Better Ways of Working project is brought under the umbrella of the Transformation programme. The workstream will look to exploit the opportunities presented by a move to hybrid working to further rationalise the Council's accommodation portfolio and to modernise and improve the working environment within the remaining core buildings.



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## **CONSULTATIONS**

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below Signed: Paul R Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management)

- 1.Local Member(s) N/A
- 2.Community / Town Council N/A
- 3. Relevant Partners N/A
- 4.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

<b>CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)</b>
AWARE/CONSULTED

Include any observations here

Yes

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE



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# 'Springing Forward' – a Business Case to move to the next phase of our Transformation journey

Corporate Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

December 2022



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## **Executive Summary**

#### 1. Purpose of report

The main aim of the report is to set out a business case and proposed approach to the next phase of the Council's transformation programme.

This report will be used to underpin the development of a Transformation Strategy, which will provide the strategic framework to support the implementation of a programme of organisational change and transformation over the next 5 years.

#### 2. Context/Key drivers

The Council's TIC Programme has been the one of the main vehicles for supporting change and transformation across the organisation during the last 10 years. The programme was established in response to the severe budget challenges facing the Council during the years that followed the financial crisis of 2008. The main aim of the TIC programme was to support the delivery of a sustainable approach to transforming the organisation; an approach that would allow the Council to deliver on its financial savings targets and protect the standards and quality of front-line services. An internal evaluation of the impact of the TIC programme undertaken in 2019, identified that the programme had successfully delivered on these objectives and had helped in the development of more modern and resilient working practices that appear to have served the Council well during its response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The learning gained from the experience of responding to the pandemic, and the legacy that follows in its aftermath, now presents both significant challenges and opportunities for the organisation, and these could now act as the main drivers for a new era of transformation. This period now represents the first opportunity for the Chief Executive, only in post since 2019, and the Senior Management Team, to move away from the 'crisis management' that dominated the period of the pandemic, and to use the experience of that last 2 years to help drive and shape of period of planned change and transformation. The key challenge now for the organisation is how to 'lock' in some of these positive changes and learning that we have acquired during this period, and to ensure that the Covid-19 crisis almost acts as a 'marker in the sand' and that people in years to come will identify the post Covid era as a period of modernisation and transformation for the Council.

The advent of a new municipal term, and the development of a revised Corporate Strategy, also provides an opportunity to ensure that key Council priorities are used to shape and inform the next phase of our transformation journey.

#### 3. Purpose

The aim of the Transformation Programme will be to design and implement a programme of internal change and transformation that will support the Council to deliver on its vision and priorities as set out within its Corporate Strategy.

It should be set apart from the day-to-day workings of the Council in terms of both governance and delivery, to ensure that it is able to provide the energy, capacity, and commitment to deliver the type of change required. It will also aim to ensure that change is sustainable and long term and support a seamless transition from transformation to 'business as usual' activity.

#### 4. Transformation Priorities

It is proposed that the programme will focus on supporting the delivery of the following thematic priorities:

Priority	Aim	Proposed Lead
People	To oversee the development of a Workforce Strategy and	Paul Thomas
	delivery of key workforce priorities to enable the Council to	
	become a more modern and responsive organisation and	
	an 'Employer of Choice'.	
Service Design &	To provide for a more sustainable and creative approach to	Noelwyn Daniel
Improvement	the review, remodelling and improvement of Council	
	services	
Efficiencies and	To continue to deliver financial savings through efficiencies	Jonathan Morgan
Value for Money	or cost reductions and smarter ways of working.	
Income &	To develop a more commercial approach to the delivery of	Chris Moore
Commercialisation	Council services with a view to increasing the level of	
	income generated.	
Customers &	To continue to make better use of technology to deliver	Ainsley Williams
Digital	smarter, efficient service processes and to deliver a better	
Transformation	experience for customers	
Buildings	To exploit the opportunities presented by a move to hybrid	Jake Morgan
	working to further rationalise the Council's accommodation	
	portfolio and to modernise and improve the working	
	environment within the remaining core buildings.	
Net Zero Carbon	To support the Council in delivering transformational	Rhodri Griffiths
	change in support of key NZC targets	
Schools	To assist schools in identifying cost reductions and better	Gareth Morgans
	ways of working and support the development of more	
	sustainable school budgets and help protect front line	
	academic provision.	

#### Governance

Governance arrangements will also be strengthened to bring a greater focus to the delivery aspects of the programme. It is proposed that the TIC Programme Board will be renamed the 'Transformation Board' and will now meet on a quarterly basis. These meetings will place greater emphasis on progress and outcomes in respect of key work programme priorities that are identified within the Transformation Strategy and annual work programme.

It is also recommended that the membership of the Transformation Board is widened to include all Directors and that the membership of the group should also reflect some of the new priorities that are now to be incorporated within the Programme e.g., Net Zero Carbon and accommodation/buildings priorities.

Small, focussed 'Delivery Groups' will be responsible for delivering projects within each of these priority areas. These groups will be led and coordinated by a Director/Head of Service and include officers who will be allocated responsibilities for delivering specific projects.

The successful outcomes generated by the TIC Programme also demonstrates the importance of having dedicated resources to provide the capacity to help deliver an effective organisational change and transformation programme. The current TIC team will undertake this role, but the team will now be renamed the 'Transformation Team'. The resources within the team may need to be reviewed to ensure that it has the capacity and skills to support the priorities outlined within the programme.

Functions such as learning and development and communication will continue to play a key role in the future of transformation, in ensuring that staff are properly engaged in the work of the programme and by supporting the development of the necessary skills and behaviours to help facilitate the change process.

#### 5. Key recommendations

- 1. To approve the report as the basis for the next phase of the Council's Transformation Programme.
- 2. The report to be used to inform the development of a Transformation Strategy to be presented to CMT/ Cabinet in September, to be accompanied by an annual delivery plan
- 3. To agree the new priorities for the programme as set out in section above.

- 4. To approve the revised governance arrangements for the Programme:
  - TIC Programme Board to be renamed 'Transformation Board'
  - The Transformation Board to meet on a quarterly basis
  - The membership of Board to be widened to include all Directors and other officers to reflect new priorities coming into the programme
  - The use of small, focussed Delivery Groups to oversee implementation of programme priorities.
- 5. The current TIC Team to be renamed the 'Transformation Team'.
- 6 To develop supporting Communications Plans and L&D programmes.

## **Main Report**

#### 1. Introduction

In 2012, the Council established the TIC (Transform, Innovate and Change) Programme in response to the significant budget challenges that it was facing during the period of severe financial austerity that followed the worldwide financial crisis of 2008. This response also included the creation of a dedicated team to support the Council in identifying efficiency savings, and the TIC Programme has been the one of the main vehicles for supporting change and transformation across the organisation during the last 10 years.

A 'Taking Stock' Review of the TIC Programme undertaken in 2019, identified that the programme had delivered a number of positive outcomes, including: £20m of financial savings over a period of 10 years, improvements to the quality of services, a greater focus around the needs of customers; all of which had been underpinned by the cultural and behavioural changes that the programme had also influenced. However, the review also identified a number of areas where the programme could be further strengthened, including ensuring better alignment between the TIC Programme and corporate priorities. In response to this review, it was agreed to move to a more thematic approach, which would allow the programme to be more strategic in nature and provide more opportunities for the programme to influence the delivery of the Council's key objectives.

The emergence of the Covid-19 crisis has undoubtably impacted upon the pace at which the programme could transition to this new approach. Although a more thematic work programme has been adopted, and the new workstreams have delivered some significant outcomes, capacity constraints across the organisation during this time has naturally impacted on the ability to fully achieve the expectations outlined in the initial vision for the next phase of the programme, as set out in early 2020. However, the learning from the response to the Covid-19 crisis, and some of the new ways of working adopted during this time, now presents significant opportunities for the organisation to move away from crisis management to the next phase of its modernisation and transformation agenda.

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#### 2. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to set out the vision and approach to the next phase of the Council's Transformation Programme and will seek to cover the following:

- The lessons learned from the transformation journey to date.
- Context the external/internal factors that will need to be considered.
- The key aims of the next phase of transformation
- The principles that will underpin this approach
- Our Transformation priorities
- Projected outcomes/deliverables from the transformation programme
- Governance / Programme Management
- Learning and Development
- Communication

These areas will form the basis of a Transformation Strategy which will provide the strategic framework to support the implementation of a programme of organisational transformation over the next 5 years.

#### 3. Transformation –the lessons learned from the journey so far

#### The TIC Programme 2012-2022

The UK Government's decision to significantly reduce public expenditure as a response to the financial crisis of 2008 resulted in severe budget challenges for local government which lasted for a period of almost 10 years. Early on in this period, it was projected that the Council could expect annual budget reductions of 10%, which would have severely compromised its ability to continue to deliver key front-line service when the demands and expectations of these services were also increasing. It was acknowledged therefore that the Council had to think very differently about the way that it dealt with these challenges, with a knowledge that traditional methods and approaches for delivering savings would not be sufficient to allow it to meet the level of budget savings required whilst continuing to improve the quality of services that it delivers.

It was agreed that a dedicated team would be needed to provide the necessary capacity within the organisation to support this level of change and transformation. As the programme has grown and developed, additional capacity has been added to the team, and the team is now (May 2022) made up of 6 permanent posts.

The additional capacity has allowed the team to support on new priorities, including the roll out of the TIC approach to schools and to support the delivery of the Council's Agile/Better Ways of Working projects. There may be a need to bring further capacity and specialist knowledge into the team as the scope of the programme broadens to focus on a wider range of priorities e.g., supporting the development of a more commercial approach across the organisation.

During the formulation of the original TIC concept, it was also clear that robust and clear governance arrangements would be required to provide strategic direction and to oversee the delivery of the programme. The TIC Board, chaired by the Chief Executive, has also been influential in developing a positive meeting environment, where service representatives were able to feel confident in providing feedback from the outcomes from reviews and projects, as this often required them to provide an honest appraisal of where significant improvement was required within their respective service areas.

Representation on the TIC Programme Board is made up of Directors/Heads of Service, along with 3rd tier officers, who bring a range of specialist expertise to the forum. One of the themes to emerge from the Taking Stock review of the TIC programme was that there appeared to be a disconnect between CMT and TIC Board, and that those Directors that were not represented on TIC Board were often unaware of some of the work being undertaken by the programme. This has been partly addressed through the introduction of quarterly reporting of the programme to CMT and the practice of having Directors to lead on the thematic workstreams. However, perhaps consideration should now be given to ensuring that all Directors are represented on future transformation governance arrangements.

The Council also wanted to ensure that it adopted a sustainable approach to this programme of transformation and was mindful of the need to avoid taking steps to deal with the short-term budget challenges which could impact on its ability to maintain front-line service delivery and compromise its ability to meet its objectives in the medium to long term.

The programme was to be focussed on the delivery of three key objectives: 1) to help identify and deliver financial savings 2) to maintain, and where possible, improve the quality and standards of front-line service performance and 3) support the Council in meeting its budgetary challenges whilst limiting the need to make compulsory redundancies.

It was also recognised that the ability to deliver these objectives would require significant cultural and behavioural change across the organisation, and that the close involvement of staff in the programme would be critical to its success. The methodology and approach that has underpinned the delivery of the programme has therefore encouraged a highly participative approach, which has usually involved the members of the TIC Team working

collaboratively with teams across the organisation to review current service delivery methods and processes. The approach encourages teams to think very differently about 'why' and 'how' they deliver their services, and to identify opportunities for smarter, more efficient ways of working which will deliver better outcomes for users and customers.

By mid-2019, the TIC Programme had been operating for almost 7 years, the new Chief Executive suggested that it would now be appropriate to undertake an evaluation of the impact of the programme to date. It was also agreed that the evaluation should be based on the programme's progress in meeting the original programme objectives set in 2012.

TIC Programme	Evaluation Findings
Objective	
To help identify and	The review identified that by 2019, the TIC Programme had helped identify and
deliver financial	/ or deliver over £20m in efficiency savings.Whilst cashable savings accounted
savings	for the majority of this figure, other savings relating to productivity, costs
	avoided, and the recovery of debt had been achieved.
	The Council has demonstrated its willingness to invest to additional capacity to
	deliver longer term financial benefits. For example, an investment of £300k in
	debt recovery functions, resulted in over £2m of additional debt being
	recovered.
	There has also been a focus on reducing the Council's routine expenditure
	related to back-office support activities which could limit the need to make
	budget reductions in front line services.
	The Taking Stock also proposed that there should be better alignment between
	the TIC Programme and the Council's mid to long term financial planning
	processes.
To maintain, and	By 2019, the TIC Team had helped support on the delivery of over 20 service
where possible,	reviews, with the aim of improving the quality of services provided, ensuring a
improve the quality	better focus around the needs of the customer and where possible to do this in
and standards of	a way that allows the service to deliver financial efficiencies.
front-line service	There are numerous examples where reviews and projects initially delivered
provision	significant change and transformation in support of these objectives.
	However, the evaluation did identify concerns over the sustainability of this
	change and improvement when TIC capacity was withdrawn.
	The programme has sought to learn the lessons from this experience, and this
	was one of the main drivers that has supported the creation of a dedicated
	Service Improvement Workstream.
To support the	The programme was able to achieve the objectives outlined above without
Council in meeting	having the need to make compulsory staff redundancies. This has helped the

its budgetary	team in fostering positive working relationships with staff across the		
challenges whilst	organisation and has helped support an open and transparent approach to be		
limiting the need to	adopted within TIC projects and reviews.		
make compulsory			
redundancies.			

There was also evidence to suggest that the TIC Programme has influenced a level of cultural and behavioural change that has taken place within the organisation over the past 5-10 years. One of the key principles that has underpinned the delivery of the programme has been the need to adopt an inclusive approach to its work, by encouraging and empowering staff to identify and implement opportunities for change and improvement in their own service areas. It is estimated that over 500 staff have participated in TIC related projects over the past 10 years; many of these projects adopted a 'Vanguard/Systems thinking' methodology, which aims to put the needs for customer at the heart its approach. Recent 'Investors in People' reviews have also identified the positive way that the Council has sought to engage staff in its approach to transformation.

The Council has also sought to use the TIC programme to help progress some key cross-cutting projects which may have previously represented a challenge for the organisation. For example, a number of attempts had been made previously to implement agile working initiatives across the Council, but with limited success. It was therefore agreed to bring the project under the umbrella of the TIC Programme in order that it could benefit from the governance and capacity provided via a corporate transformation programme. Within a year, the Council had approved an investment of over £1.9 million in new technology and building adaptations and was then in the process of rolling out this new approach across the organisation. The Council clearly reaped the benefit of this investment when it was to adapt seamlessly to the move to remote working as part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Taking Stock Review also identified the opportunity for the TIC Programme to be more aligned with the delivery of key Council priorities, and in early 2020, this led to the refocussing the programme around 6 thematic workstreams

#### **TIC Thematic workstreams (2020)**

Expenditure	Income
Digital Transformation	Service Improvement
Demands and Waste	Schools

Audit Wales has also suggested that the Council may want to explore whether all transformation related activity should be brought under the umbrella of a corporate transformation programme, and there is now an opportunity for this to be considered as the Council seeks to shape the next phase of its transformation journey.

#### The Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic – unplanned transformation

In March 2020, Carmarthenshire County Council was about to enter one of the most challenging periods ever faced by local government. The impact of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic presented a unique set of challenges for the whole country, and there was an acceptance that Councils would need to be at the heart of the local response to the crisis.

When in July 2020, the Council began to emerge from the immediate period of the crisis, there was a recognition that 'things would never quite be the same' and that we were already not the same organisation that we had been only five months earlier.

The Council was keen therefore to capture the learning from its response to the pandemic; what worked well/didn't work so well, and how this could potentially change 'what we do' and 'how we do', it in the future.

The emergence of the Covid crisis meant that services had to adapt quickly to put in place alternative delivery arrangements for users and staff to ensure continuity of provision. This often required innovative and creative thinking and a multi-team approach to be adopted between services within the Council and with other public sector partners, and this experience can only benefit the way that we shape and deliver our services moving forward. Services have also demonstrated themselves to be extremely resilient and are now armed with more robust service continuity plans and a more mature approach to risk - this means that they can move with greater confidence and ambition in seeking ways of developing more purposeful services.

The move to more remote working and less reliance on face-to-face meetings and paper-based processes, alongside changing customer expectations and demands, will provide an opportunity for the Council to consider the type of services that it provides in future and how it delivers them. The pandemic may also have changed customer expectations of 'how' and 'when' they access services, and therefore the Council may need to consider adopting more flexible service delivery models e.g., 7 day/ 24 hr working.

However, there will also be a need to ensure that services continue to respond to customer needs and expectations. Alternative delivery models put in place as part of a response to a pandemic may not be what the customer wants during more normal circumstances. Co-production therefore should be a central feature of the Council's approach to reviewing and re-designing its services moving forward.

This is also now an opportunity to re-set or go back to basics in using some core principles that underpin service delivery. We do not always have to have extensive service remodelling or to spend significant amounts of money to deliver better services. Simple behavioural and process changes around the way we treat customers can result in dramatic improvements in service provision – it doesn't always require a big investment in staff and systems to achieve this.

The benefits of having a more flexible, dynamic, empowered workforce will now be equally as important to support our transformation programme, and to help the Council achieve its wider aims and objectives. The likelihood is that our staff recruitment challenges are likely to be with us for at least the medium term, and therefore there will need to be a greater focus on the development and retention of staff, which will be a priority of our Workforce Strategy moving forward. The Council is seeking to develop a more sustainable approach to meet its future workforce needs by adopting a 'grow your own' strategy. The Council is currently about to launch its 'Future Workforce' programme which will seek to increase graduate, apprenticeship and work experience opportunities.

There also needs to a considerable focus on the well-being agenda moving forward, including developing a sustainable approach to remote working and re-connecting the organisation to a whole generation of new starters who will have not met their colleagues at all on a face-to-face basis.

The Council has launched its 'Better Ways of Working' Project, which was an early statement of intent on the part of the organisation to fully embrace opportunities presented by the move to greater remote/hybrid working as part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic This Project, led by Strategic Director, is looking to align workforce, technology and buildings initiatives which will feed through into better, more productive ways of working.

A programme of work is already underway to rationalise and automate a number of paper-based processes, such as the processing of mail, timesheets and invoices, and also to move to electronic signing of documentation. All these initiatives will further support staff to work in a hybrid way, deliver financial and productivity savings and help contribute towards our wider environmental objectives.

Expectations around the future use of technology have advanced considerably during the period of the pandemic. Staff and customers have adapted well to delivering and accessing services in different ways and this now present opportunities for further advances in the use of technology in coming years.

The Council is already making use of AI technology for undertaking some back-office tasks, and the next phase of the Digital Transformation programme will look to extend the roll out of this approach across other relevant functions. The use of Chat Box and Live Chat in our customer contact services, together with further promotion of a self-help approach, will continue to expand the ways that customers choose to access our services.

It is anticipated that the majority of what would have been traditionally classed as 'office-based employees', will now move to a more hybrid approach, which will be a combination of office/remote working. The move away from full time office working naturally means that we will probably need less buildings in the future, and that we may need to re-purpose and modernise those buildings that we decide to retain. Office working requirements will be met through the establishment of central hubs in the key towns, which will then allow other buildings to be released for sale or rent. This will provide an opportunity to deliver financial savings, but also for the Council to consider how it can modernise its remaining building assets (including operational depots) to ensure that it can support the needs of a modern workforce.

The response to the pandemic at both a national and local level has further highlighted the importance of having up to date and accurate data to help inform effective planning and decision making. This is reflected in the Council's decision to establish a dedicated team to support the better use of data at a corporate level. The level of data that we can now capture, analyse and report on, and the ease in in which we can share this data, will be fundamental to the way that we plan and deliver our services moving forward. The use of data will also be a central feature of the Council's transformation programme, both in terms of informing the identification of programme priorities and evaluating the impact and outcomes from programme activity.

One of the most positive aspects of the response to the pandemic was the level of cross organisational working that has taken place, where staff across different services and levels within the organisation joined forces to take forward initiatives and projects. The breaking down of barriers between services, and the so called 'silo mentality', has been a long-standing aspiration of the authority as a means of delivering a more flexible, responsive way of working. The Covid crisis demonstrated what can be achieved when the organisation is united behind a common purpose. There is no doubt that the crisis created an urgency which helped energise the Council's response, and the same common purpose and levels of energy will now be required to help maximise the opportunities presented by an organisational transformation programme.

The governance arrangements adopted during crisis were also considered to be very effective as a means of translating organisational priorities into operational reality. The 'actions focussed' approach to meetings provided for greater clarity and accountability for progressing outcomes, and it was suggested that this type of approach should be replicated within some of the Council's wider decision-making arrangements.

#### 4. Strategic Context

#### Legislative/strategic environment

One of the most significant areas of new legislation to emerge in the last 10 years that will have a major bearing on the delivery of the Council's transformation programme, is the Well-Being of Future Generations Act, introduced by the Welsh Government in 2015. This is a statutory duty for every Council in Wales and requires a significant change in Council processes and behaviours. The Act is designed to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales, in accordance with sustainable development principles. The law states that:

'... the public body must act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'

The Council must demonstrate use of the 5 ways of working: Long term, integrated, involving, collaborative and preventative.

This provides a significant opportunity to align the aims and objectives of the WBFG Act with those of the wider transformation agenda and ensure that the 5 ways of working are fully considered and integrated into the design, delivery and evaluation of the transformation programme.

Way of Working	Opportunities for Transformation Programme
Long-term	The Transformation Programme will seek to identify and deliver sustainable solutions in supporting the Council to make better use of its resources.  The programme will aim to deliver on a balanced set of priorities to support the Council in achieving its objectives in the short, medium, and longer term.
Integrated	The delivery of priorities within the transformation programme will also need to consider the impact on, and interdependencies with, other transformation priorities and wider Council and partner objectives. Any initiatives or proposals for change will also consider opportunities to integrate work programmes and processes with others where there is clear benefit to the end user.
Involving	The current transformation has adopted a very inclusive and participative approach to its work and has to include staff from all parts and levels of the organisation in its work. The new phase of the transformation will now place greater emphasis on the use of coproduction – to ensure that users of the service are fully engaged in any review or redesign of processes and service delivery models.
Collaborative	One of the key principles that will underpin the transformation programme will be that the Council will commit to collaborate and work in partnership with others where there is a clear benefit in terms of positive outcomes for the end user.
Preventative	One of the key features of the Council's service improvement methodology involves supporting services to better understand the nature of the customer demands coming into their service areas, and to identify issues which could be prevented if the Council placed more emphasis on understanding and addressing the root cause of these requests and thereby preventing issues from escalating.

There is also a need to consider the implications of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and how the transformation programme can support the Council in meeting some of the key requirements of the Act. Part 6 of the Act provides for an enhanced improvement regime for Councils and seeks to 'establish a more regularised performance and governance system that puts the onus on the Council to take ownership of its own improvement'. The Council will now be required to undertake an annual review of performance and how efficiently it used its resources. There will now be an opportunity to align the transformation framework with the Council's performance management and improvement framework, and for the programme to act as a further mechanism in helping to drive improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of Council services.

#### **Development of new Corporate Strategy**

As outlined earlier in the report, the main purpose of the Transformation Programme will be to support the internal change and improvement required to allow the Council to deliver on its wider strategic objectives. The Corporate Strategy sets out the direction for the Council over a 5-year period and incorporates the Council's improvement and well-being objectives as defined by legislation. The current Strategy is currently being reviewed and the new Strategy will cover the period 2023-2028. This will provide an opportunity to ensure that the aims of the Transformation Programme and Strategy are fully aligned with the Council's wider priorities.

It is proposed that the new the Corporate Strategy will incorporate a smaller number of population-based well-being objectives underpinned by thematic priorities. One of these Well-Being objectives will aim 'To further modernise and develop as a resilient and efficient Council'. It is anticipated that the transformation programme will act as the main vehicle for delivering on this objective.

#### Challenges

The longer-term impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to be far reaching, which will present a number of challenges for the organisation, but also some opportunities.

Pre pandemic, local government was already experiencing increasing demand for many of its services, within the context of shrinking resources. It is likely that the pandemic could make these challenges far more acute, although the full impact of the pandemic on the organisation in the medium to long term is still unknown.

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in a vast financial outlay by the UK Government, and the need to tackle the historic levels of national debt may result in a future tightening of public spending in the short to medium turn, which in turn could result in another extremely challenging financial environment for the public sector, including local councils. Although, it is currently unclear whether this could lead to the type of financial settlements experienced

during the period of financial austerity between 2010-2017, it is still unlikely that the Council will be able to meet the challenge of increasing demand and the desire to continue to invest in its services, without having the need to deliver on-going financial savings and efficiencies.

The new phase of transformation will have a key role to play in identifying and delivering these savings and will continue to seek ways of achieving this in a sustainable way. One way of delivering savings, without having to reduce departmental budgets, would be increase the levels of income generated by the Council. More and more authorities have looked to adopt a more commercial approach within their organisations, and Audit Wales has also recommended that the Council should explore the opportunities presented by increased commercialisation. The launch of the new phase of transformation provides an opportunity for the Council to consider its appetite and ambitions in this area.

The demand for Council services has increased significantly over the last 20 years, both in terms of volume and complexity. This is especially the case for our social care services, where increases in demand have been associated with an ageing population. It is likely that the impact of the Covid pandemic will place additional demands on these and other Council services, including schools, as the legacy of Covid in respect of its implications for people's physical and mental well-being plays out in the wider population.

The effectiveness of the Council's response to the Covid pandemic may have also increased the expectations of our customers, especially in the way that they access and receive services. This may result in the Council having to review the way that it delivers these services and consider a move to a 24hr/7-day approach to service delivery. Such changes will be dependent on the ability create a more flexible and adaptable workforce. A number of services have identified that a quicker, more streamlined recruitment process would greatly enhance their ability to move to a more flexible workforce. A TIC review of the staff recruitment process is already underway, and this, together with the introduction of a new IT system, will create an opportunity for transformational change in this area.

The recruitment and retention of a well-trained, flexible workforce is a key aspiration of many organisations, but the current labour market represents a significant challenge for many in the public sector. The Council is now operating in a far more competitive environment in respect of opportunities and wages, and number of services are experiencing significant difficulty in recruiting suitable qualified staff, The Council is introducing a number of initiatives in an attempt to address this situation, including greater use of graduate and apprenticeship opportunities.

Further advances in the use of technology brought about by the pandemic now presents a significant opportunity for the Council in terms of widening access to services and the automation of back-office processes. However, the skills and capabilities of our workforce will need to keep pace with these developments if we are to fully maximise the potential benefits on offer. There is also a need to be mindful that there is still a significant part of the wider population that may not have kept pace with advances in technology, and this also needs to be considered in our approach.

Climate change represents one of the biggest challenges that currently confronts the organisation. At a meeting of Full Council in February 2019, the Council declared a 'climate change emergency' and unanimously agreed to become a Net Zero Carbon authority by 2030. Achieving NZC by 2030 will require the delivery of a range of ambitious actions and targets as set out within a Carbon Reduction Plan, which in turn will require the involvement and commitment of services across the Council. Although the Council has agreed to adopt a phased and pragmatic approach to this work, it is recognised that transformational change will be required in some areas if these ambitious targets are to be achieved. There is now an opportunity to align the aims of the NZC agenda with those of the wider transformation programme.

#### 5. Aims and objectives of our Transformation Programme

#### Aim

The overall aim of the Transformation Programme will be to design and implement a programme of internal change and transformation that will support the Council to deliver on its vision and priorities as set out within its Corporate Strategy.

The successful delivery of the Transformation Programme will allow the Council to achieve significant and rapid change, and to deliver outcomes that will have a positive impact on the Council and the communities that it serves.

It should be set apart from the day-to-day workings of the Council in terms of both governance and delivery and ensure that it is able to provide the energy, capacity and commitment to deliver the type of change required. It will also aim to ensure that change is sustainable and long term and support a seamless transition from transformation to 'business as usual' activity.

It will aim to encourage a high degree of creativity and innovation, where new ideas and ways of working can be tested and evaluated in a safe environment before being integrated into day-to-day activity. It will also aim to provide for a realistic programme of work where ambitions and expectations are matched to the resources available and will seek 'to do things well' rather than 'do too many things.

#### **Key objectives**

- ➤ To support in the development of a financially sustainable Council, which can deliver high quality, value for money services.
- > To identify and help deliver financial savings through efficiencies or cost reductions.
- ➤ To develop a more commercial approach to the delivery of Council services with the aim of increasing income generation opportunities.
- ➤ To implement a service improvement programme that ensures that the Council is able to deliver high performing services with the highest standards of customer care.
- ➤ To support on the remodelling of services in order to provide modern, flexible and dynamic services designed around the needs of the customer/end user.
- > To become a more creative and innovative organisation.
- ➤ To work in collaboration with stakeholders and end users to identify the most appropriate way of delivering services
- ➤ To continue to develop an agile, well trained, flexible and empowered workforce, committed to delivering high quality services with the highest standards of customer care.
- ➤ To make further use of technology in support of the Council becoming a more modern, dynamic organisation.
- ➤ To act as an intelligent Council by making effective use of data to manage and improve performance and understand and to effectively manage demands through prevention and early intervention
- To provide an opportunity to share and recognise good practice across the organisation
- ➤ To identify where additional capacity and/ or resources may be required to support the change and transformation.
- ➤ To make effective of use communications, staff engagement and L&D mechanisms to help create necessary culture and behavioural change

#### **Development of a Transformation Strategy**

A key component of the next phase of the Council's Transformation Programme will be the development of a Council Transformation Strategy. A transformational strategy is a plan of action aimed at providing the necessary capacity and governance to create significant change within an organisation, usually over a period of many years.

The Strategy will set out the long-term vision to transform the Council in a sustainable way and allow the Council to deliver on its key priorities as set out within its Corporate Strategy. It will also set out the transformation priorities for the organisation and also identify other organisational enablers that will need to be in place to underpin effective implementation of the programme.



#### 6. Transformation Principles

#### The programme will be underpinned by the Council's Core Values:

- Working as one team
- Focus on our customers
- Listen to improve
- Strive for excellence
- Act with Integrity
- Take personal responsibility

#### The other key principles that will underpin our approach:

- To be innovative and creative
- Empower and trust our staff
- ➤ Be willing to invest in the short term to deliver longer term benefits
- Customer focussed
- Encourage inclusivity and participation
- Sustainable and long term
- > Decisions to be based on data and evidence
- > Based on quick and informed decision-making
- > Balanced and appropriate use of risk
- Action and outcome focussed
- Identify cause and focus on prevention
- > Be open to work in partnership to deliver mutual benefit

#### Be solution focussed

#### 7. Our Transformation Priorities

#### **People**

Employees are the organisation's most important asset and account for approximately 60% of total expenditure. The future recruitment, retention, development and well-being of our workforce will be key to the delivery of a successful transformation programme and to the Council's wider strategic objectives.

There are clear benefits in ensuring that key workforce priorities are now better aligned with those of the transformation programme, and therefore it is proposed that the work of the People Strategy Group should now be positioned under the umbrella of transformation.

One of the priorities will be to develop a new Workforce Strategy for the organisation, which will seek to ensure that the Council has the 'right people, with the right skills, in the right place at the right time'.

Staff recruitment and the maintenance of adequate staffing levels currently represent the biggest challenge to the delivery of front-line services. A number of managers have observed that the ability to create a flexible, more dynamic workforce which can respond to fluctuations in service demands, would be the biggest contributory factor in allowing them to transform their services. The ongoing review of the staff recruitment process together with the introduction of a new IT system will provide an opportunity for significant change in this area.

Workforce Planning will be critical to forecasting and identifying current and future organisational needs. Age profile analysis indicates that a low proportion of the workforce is under 25, and as the workforce ages (over 50% of our workforce are over 45 years of age), there is a need to ensure that service delivery is sustained into the future. 'Our Future Workforce' Programme will look to support a 'grow your own approach' to responding to future workforce needs, especially via greater use of graduate and apprenticeship opportunities.

There will also be a need to ensure that our workforce is equipped with the required skills and behaviours to support the type of change and transformation required across the organisation. The development of a dedicated Learning and Development Strategy will enable learning and development activity to more aligned to support on key transformation and other wider Council objectives.

#### **Buildings**

The Council's property portfolio encompasses a range of buildings including office buildings, operational depots, schools, community and leisure facilities. One of the aims of the Agile Working project, which was rolled out across the authority between 2017-18, was to adapt designated Council building, to create a work environment that supported the transition to a more agile way of working and This involved changes to the internal design and layout of some buildings to

create more suitable, open plan office environments, together with the use of designated hotdesking facilities.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has further accelerated the use of remote working, which now provides further opportunities for the Council to rationalise its building stock. This Project, which is led by the Director of Communities, is looking to align workforce, technology and buildings initiatives which will feed through into better, more productive ways of working. The move away from full time office working naturally means that we will probably need less buildings in the future, and also that we may need to re-purpose those we decide to retain. Office working requirements will be met through the establishment of central hubs in the key towns, which will then allow other buildings to be released for sale or rent. This will provide an opportunity to deliver financial savings, but also for the Council to consider how it can modernise its remaining building assets (including operational depots), to ensure that it can support the needs of a modern workforce and increase footfall in town centre locations.

#### **Income and Commercialisation**

One of the key priorities of the TIC programme has been to seek ways of generating more income from fees and charges and to increase the levels of debt that the Council is able to recover.

The majority of the Council's income comes from WG funding, Council Tax and business rates with additional income generated from fees and charges levied by the Council. Many of these charges are set annually as part of the Council's budget setting process and some are set nationally or by statute. Charges can be an important source of income and can help improve or sustain services. In many cases, charges are not based on the cost of providing the service and services can therefore be subsidised to varying degrees. Improved information on the relationship between costs and charges would help identify where current subsidies are disproportionate to the level of positive outcomes delivered for individuals or communities.

This is one example where the Council could adopt more of commercial approach to generate more income. However, commercialisation is more than just reviewing fees and charges, but involves looking at the business as a whole and identifying new opportunities to generate income. A significant number of local authorities are now recognising that an increasing level of commercialisation, and the associated increase in revenue, can provide for a more sustainable approach to dealing with the on-going challenges of shrinking budgets and increasing demands. The Audit Wales study on 'Commercialisation in Local Government' (October 2020) identified that 'local councils are looking at different ways of making savings, safeguarding services and generating income. Commercialisation is consequently becoming more important for Councils'.

A number of Council's have consequently created Commercial Manager roles in order to provide the capacity and expertise to drive this agenda forward in their respective organisations, recognising the significant return on investment that this role could provide.

The TIC Income workstream has been undertaking work to identify the appetite and opportunities to implement a more commercial approach across the organisation and what skills and capacity may be required to support this. The team is currently holding workshops with key services with a view to developing a position statement/business case for increased use of commercialisation to be considered by CMT/Cabinet in September 2022. The initial work undertaken to date has already identified that there are clear benefits of investing in additional capacity and expertise to support a commercial approach, as evidenced by the success achieved by the Council's Leisure Services Division which has significantly developed its income generation activities over the last 5 years which then also reduces the level of Council subsidy required to deliver these services.

#### **Efficiencies and Value for Money**

One of the key priorities of the TIC Programme since the outset has been to support in the identification and/or delivery of financial savings, through efficiencies or cost reductions. to allow the Council to try and protect, or invest in, front line services budgets. Although the Council's financial settlements have generally been more favourable in recent years compared to those experienced during the preceding decade, the outlook beyond the current year remains very uncertain, with an expectation that the need to deal with legacy of Covid related debt at a national level could place a further squeeze on public finances. The need to deliver financial savings to some degree is likely to remain the norm for many years to come.

The current workstream has prioritised the review of areas of 'routine/repetitive' Council expenditure, such as travel, mail, and printing etc, as costs reductions in these areas of spend could limit the need to make any budget reductions in front line service areas as part of the Councils on-going budget setting process. A 5% reduction in repetitive related expenditure could deliver an annual saving of over £1m million.

The Council has achieved ongoing reductions in travel and print related expenditure for a number of years, and over £2m of staff travel related savings (cumulative) have been achieved since 2012. The Covid pandemic and the move to more use of remote working, now presents opportunities for further savings in these areas, and the workstream identified that a further £300k should be saved from travel and print during the next 3 years, which will also deliver associated environmental benefits.

This workstream has also prioritised a review of the Council's staffing related expenditure with a view to developing more sustainable staffing models moving forward. The Council currently spends over £5m per year on the use of agency staff and overtime payments and there may be opportunities to review core staffing levels within certain services which could deliver net financial savings and provide wider benefits in terms of ensuring enhanced service resilience. An action plan is already in place to start investigating these opportunities and this will probably remain a priority as part of the next phase of transformation.

The workstream may also want to continue its current role in strategically overseeing the Council's procurement activity, which includes evaluating the potential to make further use of the category management approach and reviewing the contract management procedures.

An independent divisional budget analysis exercise was undertaken in the Autumn of 2021 to support services in identifying future budget savings, which is an integral part of the Council's budget setting process. The Efficiency and Value for Money workstream will look to identify any corporate themes to emerge from the reports which could then be further explored as potential savings opportunities, whilst also seeking to work with individual service areas to offer support and assistance in further exploring and progress opportunities at a service level.

#### **Customers & Digital Transformation**

The priorities of Digital workstream have been re-focussed during the last 12 months in order to take account of the learning from the Covid-19 pandemic, both in terms of addressing the barriers which impacted on the ability of some staff to work remotely, and also due to the need to act on the opportunities to capitalise on the smarter, better ways of working which had been adopted during this time.

One of the findings from the Strategic Review of the Council's response to Covid-19 was that the Council was still heavily reliant on a range of paper-based processes (e.g., incoming and outgoing mail, invoices, timesheets and signing of documents and forms requiring wet signatures) which had required some staff to attend office bases during the period of the pandemic. The Council had already been working towards rationalising and automating a number of these processes during the pre-pandemic period, but the experience of the last two years has further highlighted the need to press ahead with these changes, and to achieve some of the associated financial and environmental benefits that these changes will also deliver. A programme of process automation work is already underway, and a business case has been approved to support the implementation of an e-signature's platform and a hybrid mail solution is also being piloted in a number of services.

The majority of what were previously categorised as office based staff, now have the equipment to work remotely, but there is a need to ensure that we achieve the real benefits from genuine mobile working by maximising the number of work tasks that can be undertaken remotely without having to need to attend a fixed base, such as an office or depot.

Technology has acted as a key enabler to allow services to be delivered and accessed in alternative ways during the pandemic. The way that staff and customers have adapted to these changes has also increased expectations about the use of technology moving forward. New technologies can play a key role in modernising services by allowing them to be delivered in a way that provides better outcomes for customers, with fewer resources and reduced costs. In addition, increasing numbers of people are seeking faster and more flexible ways to access services and experiences.

Therefore, digital transformation is expected to play a central role in the future design and delivery of services. Data collected from a range of LA's by SOCITM shows that web contact is 5% of the cost of a phone contact, which in turn is less than a third of the cost of a phone contact. In addition to being significantly cheaper, fully integrated web services also offer other additional benefits, as they are available 24hrs per day, are often faster, can reduce workload and suit the preference of the individual service user. They offer an opportunity to make significant savings and deliver better, more accessible services.

The Council has already embarked on a programme of work which is looking to improve the way that it manages and responds to customer contacts. This will aim to ensure that contacts are managed in a timely manner and are dealt with at 'first point of contact', where possible.

The use of technology, and especially the integration of IT systems, will be key to this supporting this approach and ensure that the most efficient 'end to end' process is adopted. The Council will only be able to fully maximise the benefits of greater take-up of online provision if it is able to ensure that the associated back office processes are as efficient as possible, so that the move to digital options does not result in the automation of waste and inefficiency into the electronic version of the process Increasing the number of services provided online does not mean that traditional ways of accessing the Council should be deliberately downgraded or removed and ensuring the sustainability of face to face and telephone options will still need to be a priority for the Council.

As more services look to the use of technology, and commission specific IT systems to support the automation of service processes, there will be more of a reliance on the effective integration with existing core IT systems.

The Council has established a dedicated fund to provide investment of £200k per year to support digital transformation projects across the organisation; there may be a need to increase this funding in order to keep pace with future service expectations and technological advances. The Council is already making use of AI technology for undertaking some back-office tasks, and the next phase of the Digital Transformation programme will look to extend the roll out of this approach across other relevant functions. The use of Chat Box and Live Chat in our customer contact services, together with further promotion of a self-help approach, will continue to expand the ways that customers choose to access our services. However, there will be a need to ensure that the pace of digital related developments also matches the needs and capabilities of service users.

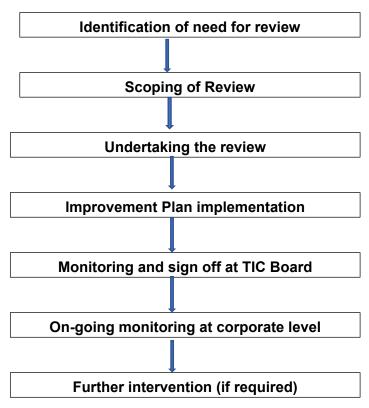
#### **Service Design and Improvement**

This workstream was established to provide for a more evidence based and sustainable approach to the improvement of Council services. Previously, there has been concerns that the Council was not making best use of TIC capacity and that the team's work was not sufficiently aligned to support the Council's priorities in respect of service improvement. There were also concerns over the pace and delivery of TIC reviews, and follow-up improvement plans, and that often the change and improvement generated by these interventions were short-lived and seemed to diminish significantly when TIC resources and governance was withdrawn.

This was particularly evident in respect of the Planning Services Review, where a TIC review had resulted in significant initial improvements in respect of service performance, which then appeared to deteriorate in the years following the review. This ultimately led to a very critical WAO Review and the need for corporate intervention in the management of the service.

The Council has sought to learn the lessons from the experience and part of this response will be to strengthen the governance arrangements for the 'sign off' of TIC reviews and improvement plans, and also to introduce mechanisms to ensure a corporate overview of ongoing performance. This will also provide for greater clarity on when corporate intervention will be required if there are concerns over the capacity within the service to deliver the levels of change and improvement expected.

The Workstream has developed a **Service Review Improvement framework** which will include the whole life cycle of the change and improvement process:



Further details of the approach to be adopted within specific stages of the cycle can be found in Appendix B

There will be greater use of data and information to inform the review programme, and it is likely that CMT quarterly performance monitoring reports will be the main source of review requests. Suggestions for reviews may also come directly for Directors or Heads of Service or via elected members. The requests to consider carrying out a review may not necessarily be based on performance related concerns, and instead could be driven by the need to exploit new opportunities in a specific area or to create better alignment in support of a key strategic objective e.g. reviewing the approach to the delivery of a Well-Being objective

The TIC Programme is now identified with a clear methodology for undertaking reviews which provides for a consistent approach that can then be modified to suit the needs of specific services. The principles that underpin the Vanguard/System Thinking methodology remain at the heart of the approach, but the experience of undertaking over 20 reviews over the last 10 years has resulted in an approach which is tailored more to the specific needs of Carmarthenshire and its core values.

The current TIC review methodology and any follow-on re-design of processes, continue to be based around the need to identify and best meet the needs of customers and also the need for evidence-based decision making and to seek all opportunities to eliminate waste and bureaucracy. However, principles of ensuring good customer care and having robust and effective performance and workforce management practices have also been integrated into the approach. Simple changes to working practices and behaviours can often result in significant benefits in terms of customer outcomes and service quality and it does not always require a huge investment in resources or systems to generate transformational improvements in service performance.

The TIC methodology has also sought to promote a very inclusive approach to its reviews with staff being actively encouraged to contribute to the development of new ideas and solutions as part of review teams.

Understanding the needs and priorities of service users has also been central to the approach adopted as part of TIC reviews. There is now an opportunity to take this further and actively involve service users in the review process, especially when looking at options for redesigning processes or the remodelling of service delivery. This emphasis on a 'co-production' approach has clear benefits in helping users shape the future of the service around their specific needs.

The experience of creating alternative service ways of accessing and delivering services during the Covid pandemic may mean that services are now more willing to explore other more ambitious service delivery options in the future. The strengthening of service continuity plans and a mature approach to risk could mean that services are now more confident in exploring more radical options for delivering their services in the future. The development of a risk appetite at both a corporate and service level should further assist in this area.

One of the key lessons learned from undertaking previous TIC reviews has been the need to develop mechanisms to ensure that any changes brought about by the review result in long term, sustainable change and improvement. The commitment of leaders within the service to ensure that changes arising from reviews are fully implemented will be key to this, but there will also be a need to develop mechanisms to provide on-going monitoring at a corporate level.

TIC review sign off processes will be strengthened and will require services to identify a suite of measures which can then be used to support the on-going monitoring and oversight of performance at a service and corporate level. These measures will then form part of the overall corporate performance monitoring framework with any issues and concerns being highlighted at the relevant forums. If there is sufficient concern that the deterioration in performance cannot be justified or there are concerns over the capacity of the service to deliver the change and improvement required, further corporate intervention will be recommended, which could lead to the decision to establish an Intervention Board to take over management of the service on interim basis.

#### **Schools**

The TIC Schools' Programme was established in 2017 to support our schools as education budgets come under increasing pressure whilst schools strive to maintain high quality outcomes for children and young people. The programme aims to apply the core TIC principles of collaborative working and challenging existing practices by engaging with schools to support head teachers and governing bodies in taking advantage of cost saving opportunities across a wide range of activities.

A key focus of the programme to date has been to work with schools to identify alternative procurement arrangements for a range of support services and this work helped deliver over £1million to date. These have included printing and copying, telephone services, stationery and educational resources and waste and recycling, among others. Moving forward, it will be necessary to continue to raise awareness of these opportunities and encourage schools to maintain a focus on achieving Best Value and consider the most efficient deployment of resources in their spending plans, particularly when there are changes in leadership. This can be achieved through regular newsletters and formal engagement sessions with school governors which have taken place in the past.

The programme has also sought to improve the quality and value for money of a range of operational services provided to schools including building cleaning, property maintenance and grounds maintenance. These reviews have generated a number of positive outcomes including the introduction of the Property 'Handyvan' Service for schools which has the potential to deliver significant change and improvement in the quality of the service received by schools. Early

feedback from primary head teachers on the service suggests that it is having a positive impact and it is hoped that, following the current pilot phase, schools will be willing to fund the service direct from school budgets in the future.

Another key activity promoted by the programme is the sharing of good practice in planning for efficient budget setting and making savings in all areas of school operation by using locally derived benchmarking data to enable schools to compare their spending with others. Enabling schools to compare themselves with others in the county across a range of curriculum, staffing and operational areas rather than operating in isolation has enabled open dialogue and good practice to be shared between schools in terms of operating more efficiently. For example, a number of schools have reviewed their staffing profiles in light of information in the benchmarking documents and revised their TLR structures leading to savings and leaner structures. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the efficacy of schools' financial data which has meant that the benchmarking activity has been curtailed over the past two years, but it is planned to re-energise this work in the coming months and into the next academic year.

The use of financial efficiency templates to provide schools with a financial 'health-check' has also been trialled with a number of individual schools and it is hoped that it will be possible to develop this in the future alongside the benchmarking work to support schools in developing sustainable budgets. These reports can also be used to contribute to the evidence base in considering business plans and decision making in the context of the MEP review.

Over the past two years, the programme has become more embedded more firmly in the work of the Access to Education division within the Education and Children Department, in particular through contributing to the MEP review which is considering the future sustainability of the school footprint across the Authority. This has included ongoing work to develop a new programme of School Suitability assessments and supporting with school capacity calculations, all of which contribute to the strategic MEP review.

#### **Net Zero Carbon**

At a meeting of Full Council in February 2019, the Council declared a 'climate change emergency' and unanimously agreed to become a Net Zero Carbon authority by 2030. Achieving NZC by 2030 will require the delivery of a range of ambitious actions and targets as set out within a Carbon Reduction Plan which in turn will require the involvement and commitment of services across the Council.

Although the Council has agreed to adopt a phased and pragmatic approach to this work, it is recognised that transformational change will be required in some areas if wider, overall objectives are to be achieved.

This could look to build on the work of projects undertaken as part of the current TIC programme which have sought to reduce the environmental and financial cost of staff travel through the promotion of more sustainable meeting and travel options together with initiatives to rationalise printing and paper processes.

#### 8. Proposed outcomes

- Improvements in service quality and value for money
- More cost-efficient services
- Purposeful, responsive, customer focussed services
- A highly trained, flexible workforce
- A more engaged, motivated workforce
- Further development of a learning and 'can do' culture
- The best standards of customer care
- Delivery of financial savings
- Environmental savings and benefits
- Increases in the level of income generated
- Modernised and efficient work processes
- Increases in staff productivity
- More modern and 'fit for purpose' working environments

#### 9. Governance / Delivery arrangements

One of the perceived strengths of the current TIC approach has been the governance arrangements for overseeing the management and delivery of the programme. The man objective of the TIC Programme Board has been to provide for 'robust and inclusive governance arrangements that will aim to encourage and promote creativity, flexibility and learning across the organisation in support of sustainable change and transformation but will also be underpinned by a comprehensive project and performance management approach to ensure effective implementation and delivery of required outcomes.'

The TIC Taking Stock Review undertaken in 2019, identified the positive culture and environment created within the TIC Programme Board, which has engendered an honest and transparent approach to the programme's improvement work. The Board has also sought to strengthen its role in monitoring and overseeing progress and delivery of outcomes from the work programme. There is now an opportunity to further review the approach in this area and to bring for an even greater focus to the delivery aspects of the programme.

It is proposed that the board will be renamed the 'Transformation Board' and will now meet on a quarterly basis. These meetings will place greater emphasis on progress and outcomes achieved in respect of key work programme priorities identified within the Transformation Strategy and annual work programme and to help identify solutions to problems or barriers that may be impacting on progress.

It is also recommended that the membership of the Transformation Board is now be widened to include all Directors, and that it should also reflect some of the new priorities that are now to be incorporated within the Programme e.g., Net Zero Carbon and the Accommodation/buildings priorities.

Small, focussed Delivery Groups will also be established to support the implementation of each of the transformation priorities and these will be led by a Director/Head of Service.

Each Delivery group will produce an end of year summary and then agree a new delivery plan for the following year taking into account the priorities as agreed at Transformation Board.

Quarterly progress meetings will be held with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transformation and 6 monthly updates will be reported to Cabinet.

#### 10. Resources

The successful outcomes generated by the TIC Programme during the last 10 years, also demonstrates the importance of having dedicated resources to provide the necessary capacity to help deliver an effective organisational change and transformation programme.

This capacity allows the programme to be developed and delivered in a structured and timely way and to drive actions, oversee progress and to support monitoring and reporting.

The current TIC team will undertake this role but will now be renamed 'Transformation Team'.

Resources within the team may need to be reviewed to ensure that it has the capacity and skills to support the priorities outlined within the programme.

#### 11. Learning and Development

The Council's learning and development function will also have a key role to play in any organisational transformation programme, by ensuring that staff are able to develop the necessary skills, knowledge and behaviours required to support the type of change required.

The Transformation Programme itself can also have a role to play in supporting the development of these skills and behaviours, by actively engaging staff in the work of the programme.

One of the key themes to emerge from the review of the Councils response to the Covid-19 was that staff felt more empowered and were encouraged to think creatively when looking to develop new solutions to the challenges posed by the pandemic. The programme should continually seek opportunities for staff to be actively engaged and participate in the projects and reviews that will underpin the delivery of the programme. The principles of collaboration and partnership working has been very much at the heart of the TIC approach and the new phase of transformation should look to further build on this approach.

The programme should also seek to develop the skills and knowledge required to support a sustainable approach to the transformation journey which will enable teams to resource their own change and improvement work on an on-going basis.

#### 12. Communication

There will be a need to clearly communicate the vision and purpose of the Transformation Programme to the rest of the organisation. Staff will need to understand their role in helping to deliver the programme and to have an opportunity to contribute to its development and implementation. It will also be important to share information on progress and the outcomes being achieved via the programme.

This will also provide an opportunity to good practice across the organisation and to provide examples of innovation and good practice from other local authorities and external organisations. The annual TIC Awards event was launched in 2017 to help recognise and profile the excellent work being undertaken by teams across the organisation to transform and improve services. The Covid-19 has caused the cancellation of the last two events but there may be an opportunity for a similar initiative to be re-launched as part of the new phase of transformation.

#### 13. Recommendations

- To approve the report as the basis for the next phase of the Council's Transformation Programme
- 2. The report to be used to inform the development of a Transformation Strategy to be presented to CMT/ Cabinet in September, to be accompanied by an annual delivery plan
- 3. To agree the new priorities for the programme as set out in section above.
- 4. To approve the revised governance arrangements for the Programme:
- 5. TIC Programme Board to be renamed 'Transformation Board'
- 6. Council Transformation Board to meet on a quarterly basis
- 7. Membership of Board to be widened to include all Directors, Membership of Board to be widened to include all Directors, and other officers to reflect new priorities coming into the programme
- 8. The use of small, focussed Delivery Groups to oversee implementation of programme priorities.
- 9. The current TIC Team to be renamed the 'Transformation Team'.
- 10. To develop supporting Communications Plans and L&D programmes

#### **Transformation Framework**

#### **Transformation Board**

- Meets qtly
- Chaired by CEX
- Sets priorities for each workstream, approves and monitors progress
- Receives progress updates with measures

Cabinet – 6 monthly reports

**Cabinet member – monthly meetings** 

**CMT - Performance Management** meetings

Service Improvement and re-design	Income & Commercialisation	Efficiency and Value for Money	Customers & Digital Transformation	People	Schools	Buildings	Net Zero Carbon
<ul> <li>Agree review programme based on data and priorities</li> <li>Oversee reviews - engaging users and staff</li> <li>Monitor implementation and outcomes</li> <li>Use data to ensure sustainability of improvement</li> <li>Re-model services to meet user needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of Commercial Strategy</li> <li>Reviews of fees and charges – cost recovery approach</li> <li>Selling of services to other partners</li> <li>Advertising and sponsorship</li> <li>Income from renewable energy</li> <li>Debt Recovery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Routine         Spend/cost         reductions</li> <li>Data to identify         PBB's</li> <li>Oversee         delivery of         PBB's</li> <li>Capacity to         help deliver         PBB's</li> <li>Category         Management</li> <li>Contract         Management         and VFM</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Digital         Transformation         Strategy</li> <li>Automation of         paper-based         processes.</li> <li>Use of AI</li> <li>Mobilising the         workforce</li> <li>Customer         Contacts</li> <li>Increase First         point of contact         response</li> <li>Shift to online         options</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Workforce/ People Strategy</li> <li>Recruitment process/IT systems</li> <li>Staff engagement</li> <li>Leadership and Management Programmes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustainable school budgets</li> <li>Financial Sustainability Assessments linked to MEP</li> <li>Support services hub model -0</li> <li>Leadership and Management Programme</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of hubs</li> <li>Fit for purpose/modern buildings</li> <li>Sustainable travel facilities</li> <li>Sustainable approach to hybrid/remote working</li> </ul>	Oversee delivery of carbon reduction plan priorities

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**Council Transformation Strategy** 

#### **Transformation Team**

#### **Service Improvement Review Framework**

#### 1. Identification of Review Programme

-Use of data and intelligence to identify priorities e.g., Corporate Performance
Monitoring reports and CMT discussion

- Requests from TIC Board/CMT/Cabinet

#### 2. Scoping of Review

- Ensuring that we are clear on what we expect to achieve/outcomes -Sign off by Directors/Heads of Service/Service Workstream

#### 3. Undertaking Review

- Service to allocate capacity to ensure that reviews can be carried out in timely manner

-Reviews to be undertaken in line with a consistent methodology which has been designed and adapted to meet the specific needs of Carmarthenshire and is underpinned by the Council's Core Values.

- Outcomes to be reported to Service Improvement Workstream

#### 4. Development and Delivery of Service Improvement Plan

- Development of delivery plans that set out of how, when and by whom actions will be taken to address findings of the review
- Heads of Service to provide leadership and commitment to the implementation process
- Development of measures to evaluate outcomes
- Actions/measures to be integrated into service business planning process

#### 5. Sign off from TIC Programme

- Evidence of significant change and improvement
- Evidence of ability to create long term-sustainable change
- Production of key measures to be reported into corporate performance management framework

#### 6. On-going monitoring of performance

- Corporate Performance Monitoring reports to CMT
- Monitoring via Corporate Data unit

#### 7. Further Corporate Intervention (if required)

- Transformation Team required to undertake further review/provide support
- Request that Intervention Team take over interim management of the service



# Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD CORFFORAETHOL AC ADNODDAU 13 RHAGFYR 2022

# COFNODION BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS (PSB) SIR GÂR - MEDI 2022

#### GOFYNNIR I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU:-

Adolygu ac asesu'r wybodaeth sydd yng nghofnodion cyfarfod BGC ar y 28 Medi 2022 a darparu unrhyw argymhellion, sylwadau, neu gyngor i'r Aelod Cabinet a/neu'r Cyfarwyddwr cyn i'r Cabinet ystyried yr adroddiad.

#### Y Rhesymau:

Mae Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015 yn nodi gofyniad i bwyllgor craffu llywodraeth leol gael ei benodi i graffu gwaith y BGC. Yn Sir Gâr, mae'r Pwyllgor Craffu Perfformiad Corfforaethol ac Adnoddau wedi ei benodi fel y pwyllgor craffu priodol.

YR AELOD O'R CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Cyng. Darren Price, Arweinydd

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth: Rhifau ffôn:

Prif Weithredwr Swyddi:

**Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:** Pennaeth Gwasanaeth TGCh a **Cyfeiriadau E-bost:** 

Noelwyn Daniel Pholisi Corfforaethol NDaniel@sirgar.gov.uk

Awdur yr Adroddiad:

Gwyneth Ayers

Rheolwr Polisi Corfforaethol,

Rheolwr Polisi Corfforaethol,

Perfformiad a Phartneriaeth



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13 DECEMBER 2022

# Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) Minutes – September 2022

In order to ensure PSBs are democratically accountable, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a requirement on councils to designate an overview and scrutiny committee to scrutinise the work of the PSB. In the 'Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards' issued by Welsh Government in August 2017 it notes:

'Under the provisions contained in the Act, overview and scrutiny committees have extensive powers to review the PSB's governance arrangements as well as any decisions made or actions taken by the PSB. In addition, overview and scrutiny committees are provided with considerable reporting powers as they are required to share copies of any reports or recommendations made in connection with the board's function or governance arrangement with the Welsh Ministers, the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and the Auditor General for Wales.'

In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny.

The minutes of the September 2022 Carmarthenshire PSB meeting were approved by the PSB at its 23 November 2022 meeting.

The minutes are presented to the Corporate Performance Policy & Resources Scrutiny for further consideration and scrutiny.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

Policy, Crime	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk	Staffing	Physical
& Disorder				Management	Implications	Assets
and				Issues		
Equalities						
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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Carmarthenshire
County Council

#### 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The presentation of PSB minutes to a designated overview and scrutiny committee is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Paragraph 181 of Statutory Guidance SPSF 3: Collective role notes:

'The (scrutiny) committee must send a copy of any report or recommendation it makes to the Welsh Ministers, the (Future Generations) Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.'

### CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below Signed: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

#### 1. Scrutiny Committee

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 19 October 2022

#### 2.Local Member(s) N/A

#### 3.Community / Town Council

Representatives from one of the seven Carmarthenshire Town & Community Councils subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act in their own right, attend PSB meetings on a rota basis.

#### **4.Relevant Partners**

Through the Public Services Board meeting

#### 5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

CABINET MEMBER POF HOLDER(S) AWARE/CO YES		Cllr. Darren Price, Leader – chair of Carmarthenshire PSB
	•	1972 – Access to Information ne preparation of this report:
THESE ARE DETAILED		ic proparation of this report.
Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
SPSF 3 – Guidance on the collective role through public services boards		Cymraeg http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161111-spsf-3- collective-role-cy.pdf English http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161111-spsf-3- collective-role-en.pdf
Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards		Cymraeg http://gov.wales/docs/dpsp/publications/170817-public-services-boards-guidance-cy.pdf English http://gov.wales/docs/dpsp/publications/170817-public-services-boards-guidance-en.pdf



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### 2.00pm, Dydd Mercher 28 Medi 2022 Cyfarfod Aml-leoliad – YGD, Neuadd y Sir, Caerfyrddin a Zoom

#### **COFNODION**

Yn bresennol	
Enw	Corff/mudiad
Y Cynghorydd Darren Price (Cadeirydd)	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin
Noelwyn Daniel	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin
Huwel Manley	Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (ar-lein)
Mydrian Harries	Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru
	(ar-lein)
Y Cynghorydd Elwyn Williams	Awdurdod Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub Canolbarth a
	Gorllewin Cymru (ar-lein)
Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr (ar-lein)
Carys Morgans	Swyddfa'r Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd (ar-lein)
Dr Daniel Warm	Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda (ar-lein)
Marie Mitchell	Cymdeithas Gwasanaethau Gwirfoddol Sir Gaerfyrddin
	(ar-lein)
Andrew Charles	Llywodraeth Cymru (ar-lein)

Hefyd yn bresennol			
Enw	Corff/mudiad		
Gwyneth Ayers	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin		
Llinos Evans	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin		
Kate Harrop	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin (ar-lein)		
Wendy Phillips	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin		
Mark Howard	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin (ar-lein)		
Owain Enoch	Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin (ar-lein)		
Beth Cossins	lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru (ar-lein)		

### 1. Croeso, Cyflwyniadau ac Ymddiheuriadau

Ymddiheuriadau			
Enw	Corff/mudiad		
Barry Liles	Prifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant		
Maria Battle	Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda		
Yr Uwch-arolygydd Clark Jones-John	Heddlu Dyfed Powys		
Mark Bowling	Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda		
Jo McCarthy	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru		

Dr Michael Thomas	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru
Wyn Morris	Adran Gwaith a Phensiynau
Christine Harley	Gwasanaeth Prawf

Croesawodd Darren Price, y Cadeirydd, bawb i'r cyfarfod hybrid cyntaf.

#### 2. Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig y De Orllewin

Cyflwynodd Mark Howard gyd-destun y gwaith o ran Ffyrdd Newydd o Weithio ac amcanion y prosiect. Sefydlwyd is-grŵp gyda nifer o bartneriaid y BGC er mwyn edrych ar y cyfleoedd posib o ran cydweithredu yn y dyfodol. Mae nodau ac amcanion llawer o'r partneriaid yn debyg iawn wrth i ni symud allan o'r pandemig, gan gynnwys gwneud y defnydd gorau o adeiladau a lleoliadau gwaith.

Mae gan y sector cyhoeddus nifer o amcanion ar y cyd o ran gweithleoedd, costau ynni, gwneud y defnydd gorau o leoliadau a sicrhau gwasanaethau o safon i'n cwsmeriaid. Mae gwahaniaethau mewn diwylliant, offer TG, cyllideb, ac arferion gwaith; fodd bynnag, mae partneriaid wedi cytuno i ddod â'r cyfleoedd gorau posibl i'r bwrdd o ran y trafodaethau o'r cychwyn cyntaf.

Mae her barhaus wedi bod o ran caniatáu mynediad i leoliadau. Cytunwyd bod Llandeilo yn leoliad delfrydol ar gyfer treialu'r ffordd newydd hon o weithio. Bydd y gofod ar gael o 9-5 o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener ac mae system cadw lle yn cael ei datblygu ar hyn o bryd. Bydd y cyfleusterau diwifr yn cysylltu unigolion â'u sefydliadau eu hunain. Ni gofod swyddfa parhaol sydd mewn golwg ond mae cyfle i drafod hynny, pe bai angen.

Mae camau positif wedi deillio o'r gwaith hyd yn hyn a nodwyd un enghraifft diweddar lle bu modd i GTACGC gynnig gofod swyddfa i unigolyn sy'n cefnogi partner a oedd yn derbyn triniaeth yn Ysbyty Glangwili er mwyn arbed straen teithio a gwella lles emosiynol.

Nodwyd nad oes gan Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ofod swyddfa yn Llandeilo ers nifer o flynyddoedd ond byddai aelodau o staff yn ei ddefnyddio pe bai ar gael. Mae heriau o ran fflyd y sefydliad a gofynnwyd a oedd modd rhannu mannau parcio a gwefru rhwng y partneriaid hefyd. Trafodwyd parcio hanesyddol ar stad Beechwood a'r posibilrwydd o edrych ar y lleoliad hwnnw. Cytunwyd y byddai Mark Howard a Huwel Manley yn cael trafodaeth bellach a gwahoddir Huwel i fynychu cyfarfodydd prosiect yn y dyfodol.

Mae nifer o safleoedd gwefru yn cael eu datblygu gan GTACGC a bydd modd ystyried ymhellach sut y gellir rhannu adnoddau ar gyfer y dyfodol. Mae gwaith hefyd ar y gweill o fewn y Cyngor Sir o ran fflyd drydan a gellid archwilio cyfleoedd i rannu fflyd drydan ar gyfer y dyfodol. Cytunodd Mark Howard y bydd modd mapio safleoedd gwefru cyfredol mewn cyfarfod prosiect yn y dyfodol.

GWEITHREDU	
Gwahodd Huwel Manley i'r is-grŵp Ffyrdd Gwell o Weithio	Mark Howard
Cysylltu â Mydrian Harries ynglŷn â defnyddio pwyntiau gwefru cerbydau	Huwel Manley
trydan mewn Gorsafoedd Tân	
Mapio lleoliadau pwyntiau gwefru cerbydau trydan yn y cyfarfod Ffyrdd Gwell	Gwyneth Ayers /
o Weithio nesaf	Mark Howard

#### 3. Ffordd Newydd o Weithio Llandeilo - Y Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus

Eglurodd Owain Enoch, Rheolwr Busnes a Phortffolio, y cyd-destun ar gyfer y Cyd-Bwyllgor Corfforedig a sefydlu'r strwythur newydd. Rhoddwyd amlinelliad o lywodraethu'r Cyd-Bwyllgor Corfforedig (CJC). Y Cadeirydd yw'r Cynghorydd Rob Stewart o Gyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe, a'r Is-Gadeirydd yw'r Cynghorydd Darren Price.

Mae'r CJC wedi mabwysiadu dau gynllun i weithio tuag atynt - Cynllun Datblygu Economaidd Rhanbarthol a Chynllun Ynni Rhanbarthol. Bydd y rhain yn rhoi fframwaith i'r CJC. Bydd ardoll Awdurdod Lleol yn seiliedig ar faint y boblogaeth a bydd pob Sir yn arwain ar rai elfennau h.y. Cyfreithiol, TGCh, Gwasanaethau Democrataidd, Archwilio Mewnol, Cyllid a Chyfathrebu.

Bydd nifer o ffrydiau gwaith yn cynnwys ymyriadau polisi yn seiliedig ar lleoliad ar y Cynllun Datblygu Strategol, y Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol a Llesiant Economaidd. Y camau nesaf yw datblygu'r ffrydiau gwaith fel rhan o ddull portffolio, datblygu strwythur Pwyllgorau, datblygu brandio a chodi ymwybyddiaeth.

Gofynnwyd a oedd potensial i amcanion y Cynllun Llesiant gael eu cynnwys yn ffrydiau gwaith y CJC? Eglurodd Owain Enoch fod amcanion y CJC yn canolbwyntio ar y meysydd statudol ond bod ystyriaeth i Gynlluniau Llesiant lleol wrth symud ymlaen. Bydd ystyriaeth hefyd o ran cyllid Lefelu i Fyny a'r Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin. Mae her barhaus o ran ôl troed y bartneriaeth ranbarthol ac ôl troed y Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus, ond y pwynt pwysig yw sicrhau ein bod yn hyblyg o ran y partneriaethau hynny wrth symud ymlaen. Yn yr un modd, mae angen trafodaeth o ran ôl troed y Fargen Ddinesig a sut mae hyn yn cysylltu â'r CJC.

Tybir y bydd y CJC yn cysylltu â'r Rhaglen Ynni Genedlaethol. Mae potensial y bydd un o'r safleoedd cyntaf yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ac mae disgwyl cyhoeddiad gan Weinidog Llywodraeth Cymru yn y misoedd nesaf. Dywedodd Owain Enoch y bydd y Strategaeth Ynni Rhanbarthol yn ffocws i waith isbwyllgor penodol o'r CJC.

ACTION	
Gwahodd Owain Enoch i gyfarfod yn y dyfodol i roi diweddariad ar Ffrydiau	Tîm Cefnogi BGC
Gwaith CJC	

#### 4. Cofnodion a Materion yn codi

#### 12 Gorffennaf 2022

Cytunwyd bod y cofnodion yn gofnod gwir a chywir.

#### Cofnod o'r Camau Gweithredu

Darparwyd y wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y camau gweithredu blaenorol.

#### 5. Cynllun Lles 2023-28 (drafft)

Rhoddodd Llinos Evans drosolwg o'r Cynllun Llesiant Drafft yn dilyn cytuno ar yr Asesiad Llesiant mewn cyfarfod blaenorol.

Mae strwythur yr adroddiad yn gryno ac yn glir o ran ei nod, gweledigaeth y BGC, camau posibl a sut mae'r pum ffordd o weithio wedi'u hystyried wrth ei baratoi. Wrth i'r Cynllun gael ei ddatblygu ymhellach ac ymgynghori arno, y nod yw datblygu camau gweithredu tymor byr, canolig a hir. Darparwyd crynodeb o'r ffrydiau adborth sydd wedi bwydo i mewn i'r Cynllun.

Y cam nesaf yw cynnwys unrhyw adborth ychwanegol a ddaw i law cyn 17 Hydref yn y Cynllun drafft a pharhau i drafod camau gweithredu gyda Swyddfa WBFGC. Bydd ymgynghoriad 12 wythnos yn rhedeg o 25 Hydref tan 17 Ionawr ynghyd â digwyddiadau ymgysylltu ac ymgynghori amrywiol.

Gofynnwyd cwestiynau ynghylch data penodol i Gymru ac effaith benodol Covid-19 ar grwpiau Du a Lleiafrifoedd Ethnig. Cadarnhaodd Beth Cossins fod data lleol ar gael ac y byddai'n cysylltu â Llinos Evans dros yr wythnos nesaf.

Dywedodd y Cyng Darren Price ei fod, fel Cadeirydd newydd, ac oherwydd nifer yr ymddiheuriadau a dderbyniwyd, yn teimlo y byddai'n fanteisiol i'r Bwrdd gynnal gweithdy i drafod gwerth ychwanegol cyfarfod fel Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ac i ddatblygu rhaglen waith i'r dyfodol. Cytunwyd i gynnal cyfarfod wyneb yn wyneb cyn y cyfarfod nesaf a drefnwyd ar 23 Tachwedd.

GWEITHREDU	
Darparu sylwadau ar y Cynllun Llesiant drafft erbyn 17 Hydref	Pawb
Cysylltwch â Beth Cossins a Huwel Manley ynghylch y Cynllun Llesiant	Llinos Evans
Trefnu Gweithdy Myfyrio cyn y cyfarfod nesaf ym mis Tachwedd	Tîm Cefnogi BGC

#### 6. Unrhyw fater arall

Rhoddwyd diweddariad ar gynnydd GTACGC ar ddod yn sefydliad Cyflog Byw Gwirioneddol. Bydd hyn yn cael ei drafod ymhellach yng nghyfarfod mis Tachwedd ynghyd â gwahoddiad i Gomisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddu fel Cadeirydd Grŵp Rhanbarthol Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru o Go Iawn Cymru, a Mari Arthur o sefydliad Cynnal Cymru i fynychu'r cyfarfod.

GWEITHREDU	
Gwahodd Dafydd Llywelyn a Mari Arthur i drafod y Cyflog Byw Gwirioneddol	Gwyneth Ayers
yn y cyfarfod nesaf	

### PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL 13eg RHAGFYR 2022

### ADRODDIAD MONITRO CYLLIDEB CYFALAF A REFENIW 2022/23

#### **GOFYNNIR I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU:**

 Derbyn yr Adroddiad Monitro Cyllideb Corfforaethol yr Awdurdod, Adroddiadau adrannol y Prif Weithredwr a'r Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol a'r Adroddiad Monitro Arbedion ac yn ystyried y sefyllfa cyllidebol.

#### Y Rhesymau:

• I ddatgan sefyllfa bresennol y gyllideb i'r Pwyllgor ar 31<sup>ain</sup> Awst 2022, ynglyn â 2022/23.

#### **AELODAU'R CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:**

- Cyng. Darren Price (Arweinydd)
- Cyng. Alun Lenny (Adnoddau)
- Cyng. Phillip Hughes (Trefniadaeth a'r Gweithlu)

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth: Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol	Swydd:	Rhif Ffôn / Cyfeiriad E- bost:
Enw Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaeth: Chris Moore	Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol	01267 224120 CMoore@sirgar.gov.uk
Awdur yr adroddiad: Chris Moore		

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13th DECEMBER 2022

# **REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

The Financial Monitoring report is presented as follows:

#### **Revenue Budgets**

#### Appendix A – Authority Corporate Budget Monitoring Report

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an overspend for the year at departmental level of £4,930k, with a forecast overspend on the Authority's net revenue budget of £4,804k.

At a high level this is due to a combination of:

- nationally negotiated pay offers (as yet unresolved) at much higher levels than budgeted, for which additional governmental funding is currently unknown. High level estimates are that this could be £7.1m above budget.
- overspends in service areas where budget reductions have been implemented, but progress against delivery of these is delayed, for example in Learning Disabilities
- a sustained reduction in commercial income, covering car parks, leisure centres and school meals
- capital financing underspends due to scheme delays and reduced need to borrow

As part of the 2022/23 budget setting process the Authority has agreed a £3m in year contingency budget which is currently held centrally which provides a partial offset to the general pressures above.

#### Appendix B

Chief Executive and Corporate Services detailed variances for information purposes only.

#### **Capital Budgets**

#### Appendix C - Corporate Capital Programme Monitoring 2022/23

The current capital programme is based on information available as at the end of August 2022.

**Appendix C** shows a forecasted net spend of £78,293k compared with a working net budget of £148,731k, giving a -£70,438k variance. This is a significant reappraisal of the forecasted outturn to that reported following the June Monitoring. This is mainly owing to reprofiling and slippage of City Deal, Towy Valley Path, MEP and HRA programme. In part, some of the slippage is because of contractor capacity issues.

The net budget includes the original H.R.A. and General Fund capital programmes approved by Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and slippage from 2021/22. Some of the budgets have also been amended to account for differences in actual grant allocations compared with the anticipated allocations at the time the programme was approved, and new grant awards received during the year to date.



#### Appendix D

Details the main variances within each department.

#### New Projects and virements to note and approve for the current year:

There are no new virements or new grants to approve at this time.

#### Appendix E

Details a full list of Chief Executive and Regeneration schemes, respectively. There are no Corporate Services schemes.

#### **Savings Report**

#### Appendix F

The Savings Monitoring report.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?** 

YES – A list of the main variances is attached to this report.

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services

Policy,	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk	Staffing	Physical
Crime &				Management	Implications	Assets
Disorder and				Issues		
Equalities						
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES

#### 3. Finance

#### Revenue

Overall, the Authority is forecasting an overspend of £4,804k.

Corporate Performance & Resources Services are projecting to be under the approved budget by £1,376k.

#### Capital

The capital programme shows a variance of -£70,438k against the 2022/23 approved budget.

#### **Savings Report**

The expectation is that at year end £417k of Managerial savings against a target of £484k are forecast to be delivered. There were no Policy savings put forward.

#### 7. Physical Assets

The expenditure on the capital programme will result in the addition of new assets or enhancement to existing assets on the authority's asset register.

CABINET MEMBE HOLDER(S) AWA	ER PORTFOLIO ARE / <del>CONSULTED</del> ?	YES					
Section 100D Loc	cal Government Act, 19	72 – Access to Information					
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:							
Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations t	hat the papers are available for public inspection					
2022/23 Budget	Corporate Services D	epartment, County Hall, Carmarthen					
2022-27 Capital Programme	Online via corporate w 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	vebsite – Minutes of County Council Meeting					





#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

#### CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

#### **COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

Director and Designation	Author & Designation	Telephone No	Directorate
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#### Table 1

#### Forecasted for year to 31st March 2023

Department	Controllable Expenditure	Working Controllable Income	Budget Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Forec Controllable Income	asted Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Aug 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year	June 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Chief Executive	38,311	-16,962	-4,140	17,210	38,706	-17,993	-4,139	16,574	-636	-490
Communities	175,762	-69,960	13,794	119,596	178,241	-70,717	13,795	121,319	1,723	1,619
Corporate Services	79,849	-46,040	-1,693	32,116	74,508	-41,439	-1,693	31,377	-739	-794
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	197,905	-33,417	22,906	187,394	225,473	-56,400	22,906	191,980	4,585	3,854
Environment	136,117	-83,585	13,252	65,784	143,096	-90,567	13,252	65,781	-2	545
Departmental Expenditure	627,944	-249,963	44,120	422,100	660,025	-277,115	44,121	427,030	4,930	4,735
Unfunded pay offers (above budget):  NJC Staff (employers' offer)  Teachers (IWPRB recommendation)				0				6,500 600	6,500 600	6,500 600
Corporate Contingency				0				-3,000	-3,000	-3,000
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-17,694				-19,194	-1,500	-750
Levies and Contributions:  Brecon Beacons National Park Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority West Wales Corporate Joint Committee				154 11,170 155				152 11,170 155	-2 0 0	-2 0 0
Net Expenditure				415,885				423,414	7,528	8,082
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves - Chief Executive - Communities - Corporate Services - Education & Children (incl Schools) - Environment				0 0 0				318 -982 370 -2,431	318 -982 370 -2,431	245 -982 397 -2,431 -545
Net Budget				415,885				420,690	4,804	4,767

### **Chief Executive Department**

### **Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022**

		Working Budget				Forec	Aug 2022 Forecasted	June 2022 Forecasted		
Division	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000	Variance for Year £'000
Chief Executive	859	0	-845	14	718	-4	-845	-130	-144	-145
People Management	4,680	-1,585	-2,619	476	5,173	-1,751	-2,619	803	326	333
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,785	752	6,442	-995	-4,785	662	-90	-77
Admin and Law	4,926	-838	703	4,791	4,776	-932	703	4,547	-244	-277
Marketing & Media	2,826	-713	-1,430	683	2,380	-526	-1,430	424	-259	-165
Statutory Services	1,444	-346	281	1,380	1,498	-550	281	1,229	-151	-206
Regeneration	17,076	-12,518	4,555	9,114	17,719	-13,235	4,555	9,039	-74	47
GRAND TOTAL	38,311	-16,962	-4,140	17,210	38,706	-17,993	-4,139	16,574	-636	-490

### Chief Executive Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 **Main Variances**

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

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Working	Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022
Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
240	0	215	0	-26
618	0	503	-4	-119
0	0	66	0	66
662	-365	732	-355	80
1,174		1,263	-282	83
815	-359	820	-353	11
454 129	- <del>40</del>	527 104	-7 -1	106 -26
5,643	-921	5,540	-887	-68
722	-32	707	-39	-23 1
2,133	-290	1,991	-315	-168
526	0	507	-30	-49 35
103	-2/3	90	-233	35
2 002	-273	2 058	-275	-35
				-23
40	0	31	-0	-4
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Notes	Jun Year
	£,000
	2 000
Savings on supplies & services	-2
3 staff on secondment, savings on supplies & services £15k.	-12
Unfounded most	
Unfunded post Past year staffing efficiencies not being met	6
Past year staning enciencies not being met  Temporary additional resource to deal with increased recruitment.	3
Shortfall on budgeted external SLA income.	2
Training efficiency target not currently being met (£33k). Investors in People assessment one off costs of £26k, Unfunded Welsh Language post previously	
funded from Risk Management fund.	10
Review of DBS checks process & budget to be undertaken	- <u>-2</u>
	-
Vacant posts during year. 5 currently vacant, estimated to be filled from Nover	
Vacant posts in early part of year, now mostly filled. One currently vacant, estil	mated
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# Chief Executive Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

	Working	g Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Marketing & Media					
Marketing and Media	409	-171	430	-32	161
Translation	595	-53	473	-53	-122
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	959	-358	-240
Yr Hwb, Rhydamman a Llanelli	174	-96	73	-53	-58
Statutory Services					
Registrars	525	-343	577	-498	-104
Electoral Services - Staff Other variances	265	0	220	0	-45 -3
Regeneration & Property					
Community Development and External Funding	545	0	529	0	-16
Property	1,195	-91	1,079	-12	-37
Commercial Properties	34	-463	108	-563	-26
Industrial Premises	494	-1,519	520	-1,567	-21
County Farms Other variances	79	-351	82	-308	46 -20
rand Total					-636

Notes	
Oversi	end on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from
extern	al partners (e.g. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership ements
	nt posts pending divisional realignment & number of staff working reduced savings on supplies & services.
	ar vacancies in Contact Centre and Hwbs. Constantly out to advert due to y in filling posts.
	nt posts pending divisional realignment, offset partly by less income from sed demand for desk rent space.
	se in anticipated income due to large number of ceremonies taking place.
	currently vacant, unlikely to be filled until January. Another vacant post in first year has now been filled.
	have recently become vacant. Estimated to be filled from December
4 posts	currently vacant estimated to be filled from November. These vacancies and
	erspend on supplies and services are covering a shortfall on income
3	ted from external work undertaken.
	ancy levels relatively high
	ancy levels relatively high
	target not met due to current economic climate, as no scope to increase
tenano	y agreements at the moment

June 2022

£'000

168

-117

-160

-57

-115

43 41

-490

### **Department for Communities**

### **Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022**

		Working	g Budget			Fore	casted		Aug 2022 Forecasted	June 2022 Forecasted
Division	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000	Variance for Year £'000
Adult Services										
Older People	71,356	-26,220	3,557	48,693	71,155	-26,852	3,557	47,860	-833	-1,162
Physical Disabilities	8,497	-1,909	286	6,874	8,548	-2,371	286	6,463	-411	-109
Learning Disabilities	44,036	-11,718	1,438	33,756	45,078	-11,338	1,438	35,178	1,422	1,407
Mental Health	11,478	-4,324	233	7,387	12,025	-4,314	233	7,945	558	364
Support	10,461	-6,544	1,167	5,085	10,504	-6,629	1,167	5,043	-42	38
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,506	-1,384	532	2,655	3,433	-1,234	532	2,731	76	-48
Council Fund Housing	9,216	-7,993	798	2,020	10,845	-9,468	798	2,176	156	90
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	17,211	-9,868	5,783	13,126	16,653	-8,512	5,783	13,923	797	1,040
GRAND TOTAL	175,762	-69,960	13,794	119,596	178,241	-70,717	13,795	121,319	1,723	1,619

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOUR	RCES 13th DE	CEMBER 20	22	1			
	Working	Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022		June 2022
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	Notes	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Commissioning	4,520	-912	4,292	-911	-227	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. Additional budget has been allocated in 2022/23 and a wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.	-235
Older People - LA Home Care	7,764	0	7,602	0	-162	Demand for Home Care remains high but capacity to deliver is constrained by staff recruitment issues. A wide range of initiatives have been launched to address this.	-112
Older People - Direct Payments	1,285	-313	1,429	-313	143	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	104
Older People - Private Home Care	9,515	-2,638	9,672	-2,638	157	Additional costs in the Home Care Framework due to supporting rural provision	86
Older People - Enablement	2,132	-485	1,685	-485	-447	Demand for Reablement Services remains high but capacity to deliver is constrained by staff recruitment issues. A wide range of initiatives have been launched to address this.	-389
Older People - Day Services	895	-84	525	-24	-309	Provision of Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-136
Older People - Other variances					12		-481
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,574	-313	1,317	-313	-257	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.	-297
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,447	-174	941	-174	-506	Demand for Supported Living placements is lower than pre-pandemic.	-210
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,031	-603	3,487	-603	456	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	540
Phys Dis - Other variances					-104		-142
Learning Disabilities							
Hearn Dis - Employment & Training	1,921	-279	1,645	-126	-123	Provision of LD Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-123
b Meearn Dis - Commissioning □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	1,041	-35	917	-35	-124	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. A wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.	-68
earn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	12,296	-4,482	13,274	-4,482	978	Whilst demand for LD Residential Placements has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.	831

Division	Working Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Inc	For		≲ π
			ture	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	Notes	Forecasted Variance for Year
Loarn Die Direct Paymonte	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Lealli Dis - Dilect Fayillellis	4,490	-572	4,949	-572	459	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	401
	10,967	-2,295	12,175	-2,295	1,209	Whilst demand for LD Supported Accommodation has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.	956
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,651	-464	2,405	-427	-209	Provision of LD Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-213
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,179	-84	696	-84	-483	Provision of LD Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-240
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	2,940	-1,992	2,432	-1,803	-318	Provision of LD Day Services which forms part of the Shared Lives Services, is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-172
Learn Dis - Other variances					33		34
Mental Health							
M Health - Commissioning	1,558	-154	1,219	-143	-329	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. Additional budget has been allocated in 2022/23 and a wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.	-296
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,653	-3,377	7,122	-3,376	469	Whilst demand for MH Residential Placements has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.	358
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,648	-466	2,085	-466	438	Accommodation and Efficiency project plans for strategic longer term future accommodation options as well as current client group has experienced delays due to COVID19. The Progression & Review Team will prioritise Rightsizing in Supported Living in 2022.	212
M Health - Direct Payments	273	-45	397	-45	124	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	154
M Health - Other variances					-145		-64
Support Support							
Other Variances - Support					-42		38

1	Working	Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022		June 202
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	Notes	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Business Support unit	160	0	136	0	-25	Under on salaries & supplies & services	-22
Noise Control	227	0	188	0	-40	Under on salaries	-40
Animal Welfare	87	-87	90	-41	49	Under achievement of income, mainly due to reduction in licensed dog breeders	43
Dog Wardens	105	-30	122	-26	20	Increase in abandoned dogs & not reclaimed	20
Licensing	373	-345	359	-353	-23	Underachievement of licence income	-12
Trading Standards Services							
Management	94	-40	44	-40	-50	Staff Vacancy	-65
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial							
Investigation	96	0	43	0	-53	Under on salaries & Supplies & Services	-23
Financial Investigator Other Variances	124	-527	194	-427	170 28	This is on assumption that court process for outstanding cases will be part delivered during 2022/23. There is a significant risk that some cases will be carried forward to 2023/24	0 51
Council Fund Housing							
Independent Living and Affordable							
Homes	121	-45	59	-45	-62	Savings on supplies & services budget.	-32
Penybryn Traveller Site	182	-132	153	-132	-29	Reduced employee costs and expenditure on supplies and services.	-8
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	175	0	155	-0	-21	Reduced employee costs	-6
Temporary Accommodation	533	-113	1,420	-745	254	Increased pressure on service previously funded through Hardship Grant. Alternative accommodation options currently being developed e.g. more dispersed /smaller schemes	87
Other variances			.,0		14		49
							70
Leisure & Recreation							
<del> </del>	557	075	000	400	60	Income shortfall for Board & Accom (COVID19 recovery) £190k offset by reduced staffing requirement £117k along with various underspends in Premises and S & S	4.5
endine Outdoor Education Centre	557	-375	393	-186	26	headings	45
5 Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	337	-192	302	-132	26	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £60k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £20k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	41

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOU	RCES 13th DE T	CEMBER 20	22				
	Working	Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022		June 2022
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	Notes	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,513	-1,616	1,397	-1,348	151	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £267k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £95k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	279
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	960	-856	908	-692	112	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £165k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £53k Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £116k offset with by in year vacancies / lower	150
Llandovery Swimming Pool	376	-259	357	-143	97	use of casual staff £19	125
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	-37	0	-37	Credit relating to backdated NNDR	-38
Actif health, fitness and dryside	213	-135	189	-71	40	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £67k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £27k	0
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	21	-48	11	-58	-20	Forecast excess income to budget £10k along with numerous minor underspends in Supplies & Services £10k	-2
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	62	-14	39	-13	-23	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-9
						Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £287k and Premises Mtce £69k offset by in	
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,297	-1,094	1,309	-807	299	year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £45k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	255
Pembrey Country Park	873	-1,139	881	-1,105	41	Forecast overspend due to planned on site mtce	90
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	519	-382	528	-434	-44	Forecast to over achieve income to budget	-51
Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	187	-20	168	-21	-20	Numerous minor underspends in Supplies & Services	-7
Museum of speed, Pendine	89	-27	82	-2	17	Unable to achieve income target as site closed for most of 2022/23	12
Museums General	158	0	230	0	72	Unable to achieve vacancy factor, a legacy of undelivered PBB's and unfunded post	63
Arts General	16	0	1	0	-15	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-15
St Clears Craft Centre	111	-39	61	-16	-27	Vacant posts being held pending potential community run venture	-19
Laugharne Boathouse	157	-117	143	-64	39	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	46
Lyric Theatre	417	-315	387	-317	-33	Forecast underspend on cost of Performance Fees	-19
Y Ffwrnes	813	-486	782	-390	65	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £96k, offset by forecast underspend on cost of Performance Fees £23k and cost of catering £8k	49
Attractor - Management	0	0	27	0	27	Forecast cost of Project Manager post (6 mths) not funded	27
<u> </u>						£25k PBB proposal for Attractor site not yet achievable due to delays in contract	
Attractor - Externals	7	-58	7	-24	34	completion	30
eisure Management	436	-3	405	0	-28	In year staff vacancy	-26
ther Variances					-3		12
∰rand Total					1,723		1,619
Prairy rotal					1,723		1,019

### **Corporate Services Department**

### **Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022**

		Working	j Budget		Forecasted					
Division	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Financial Services	15,750	-2,788	-863	12,098	15,001	-2,499	-863	11,638		
Revenues & Financial Compliance	64,099	-43,252	-830	20,018	59,508	-38,940	-830	19,739		
GRAND TOTAL	79,849	-46,040	-1,693	32,116	74,508	-41,439	-1,693	31,377		

Aug 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	June Fored Varian Ye £'0
-460	
-279	
-739	

June 2022
Forecasted
Variance for
Year
£'000
-419
410
-375
-794

# Corporate Services Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

	Working	Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial Services					
Treasury and Pension Investment					
Section	277	-200	270	-217	-25 -14
Grants and Technical	357	-114	282	-52	-14
Payments	581	-79	512	-79	-68 -25
Audit Fees	325	-96	300	-96	-25
Miscellaneous Services	10,016	-125	9,644	-81	-329
Other variances					0
Revenues & Financial Compliance					
Procurement	638	-36	600	-36	-38
Audit	511	-20	491	-40	-40
Corporate Services Training	62	0	52	0	-11
Local Taxation	986	-763	974	-802	-50
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	17,249	0	17,008	0	-241
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	37,206	-37,311	112
Rates Relief	289	0	184	0	-105
Housing Benefits Admin	1,750	-753	1,538	-615	-74
<b>H</b> evenues	984	-139	1,149	-136	168
Other variances					-2
<u>v</u>	1				
Grand Total					-739

Notes
Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership
Vacant post estimated to be filled (est December)
5 Vacant posts estimated to be filled from November
A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants
£329k underspend on pre LGR pension costs
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Savings from staff member working reduced hours and a number of posts currently
at lowest point on the salary scale
1 vacant post estimated to be filled in November, 1 recently filled post and one post
working at reduced hours
Less planned training during the year
Savings on 4 vacant posts to date. Two have been filled, and two remain vacant ar
are being covered by agency following failure to recruit.
Underspend based on latest demand figures.
Projections on expenditure based on 2021/22 claims
Low take-up anticipated in 2022/23. Based on current demand.
Admin grant received is £212k less than budget. Offset by £283k underspend on
pay costs, primarily down to 11 current vacant posts, estimated to be filled from
November. Number of posts on lower points of the scale and some staff working
less hours than budgeted for.
£100k increase in bank charges over budget due to increased number of card
payments. £106k one off essential software upgrade. Offset by short term vacant
posts that are being covered by agency following failure to recruit, along with 3
recent vacant posts that are estimated to be filled from November.

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# Department for Education & Children Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022

	Working Budget Forecasted							Aug 2022 Forecasted	June 2022 Forecasted	
Division	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000	Variance for Year £'000
Schools Delegated Budgets Transfer from Reserves	149,922	-21,887	0	128,035 0	157,572	-21,887 -7,650	0	135,685 -7,650	7,650 -7,650	8,400 -8,400
Director & Strategic Management	2,692	0	-109	2,583	1,867	0	-109	1,758	-825	-957
Education Services Division	5,068	-1,332	17,587	21,323	7,704	-2,801	17,587	22,490	1,167	963
Access to Education	3,496	-103	1,339	4,733	11,501	-7,295	1,339	5,545	812	1,245
School Improvement	2,271	-119	460	2,613	3,612	-1,447	460	2,624	12	16
Curriculum & Wellbeing	6,787	-1,467	895	6,216	9,731	-4,267	895	6,359	143	232
Children's Services	27,668	-8,510	2,734	21,892	33,487	-11,054	2,734	25,168	3,276	2,355
TOTAL excluding schools	47,982	-11,530	22,906	59,359	67,901	-26,863	22,906	63,944	4,585	3,854
GRAND TOTAL	197,905	-33,417	22,906	187,394	225,473	-56,400	22,906	191,980	4,585	3,854

# Department for Education & Children - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

	Working	Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Director & Strategic Management					
Director & Management Team Other variances	2,321	0	1,504	0	-817 -8
Education Services Division					
School Redundancy & EVR	2,133	0	2,029	0	-104
Additional Learning Needs	2,461	-1,332	4,730	-2,330	1,271
Access to Education					
School Admissions	420	0	372	0	-48
School Modernisation	142	0	251	-41	67
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	2,934	-103	10,878	-7,254	793
School Improvement					
Other variances					12
Curriculum and Wellbeing					
Music Services for Schools	333	0	1,582	-1,222	27
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	3,406	-226	4,093	-667	244
_ Youth Support Service & Participation	1,178	-157	1,596	-705	-130
School Information Systems Other variances	370	-28	343	-28	-27 29
)					

Note	s
	th & remainder of budget held back from budget review 2021/22 - to be
alloc	ated by Director to service pressures below
	mitments are based on known redundancies at this time and therefore forecast bject to fluctuation
	Ok overspend relates to Statementing. £317k for increased number of children d Out of County.
	ear vacant posts currently being recruited to
	closed schools & £9k additional transport costs following school anisations
	d on existing costs and income levels for school meals £650k. Primary
	fast contributions for care element shortfall £90k & increased costs of food & ir £53k. Does not reflect any forecasting regarding UPFSM.
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	ncome insufficient to cover core staffing costs to deliver this SLA provision.
	ever, this has been reduced by utilising grant funding to support core costs.
costs	spend on salaries, due to current staffing level pressures and high agency .
	rspend due to a number of vacancies, delays in recruitment and additional term grants being utilised.
	year vacant posts being reviewed as part of current restructure

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-96

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# Department for Education & Children - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances

	Working	j Budget	Forec	Aug 2022	
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children's Services					
Commissioning and Social Work	7,814	-109	8,824	-161	957
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,037	-124	943	-124	-94
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,271	0	4,849	0	579
	1,211		1,010		0.0
Adoption Services	564	0	1,242	-507	170
Out of County Placements (CS)	330	0	1,242	-31	881
Residential Units	669	-365	1,850	-1,082	464
hort Breaks and Direct Payments Other Family Services incl Young	655	-59	1,091	-61	434
Other Family Services incl Young Sarers and ASD	946	-577	1,029	-763	-103

	June 2022
heir families £150k and legal costs £378k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases. This is partly offset by other net savings - £34k, mainly on staffing budget due to vacancies - not able to recruit.  Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.  Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £30k, increased fostering costs including transport to school costs £36k re demand & increased fuel costs, enhancement costs re more complex children in placements £41k, boarded out costs re demand, allowance increases and additional payments due to connected carers £161k, one off IT equipment purchases for Carers £36k and cost of an extension for 1 family £32k, promotion & marketing costs £20k. In addition, specialist	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000
Increased agency staff costs forecast - £463k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, additional demand forecast for assistance to clients and their families £150k and legal costs £378k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases. This is partly offset by other net savings - £34k, mainly on staffing budget due to vacancies - not able to recruit.	627
Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.	-132
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Increased staffing costs, including agency staff re ongoing service demands and	409
maternity leave cover required for 3 members of the team - £135k. Also, more therapy services being used to help placements remain stable - £35k.	71
3 new highly complex placements in 22/23 - 1 additional placement since June forecast.	611
£295k forecast overspend at the new Ty Magu Residential Unit - increased staffing costs re complex placements - £254k and estimated running costs - £41k, with no allocated budget or grant funding currently available for these non-staff costs. £169k in relation to Garreglwyd - non achievement of efficiency saving in relation to selling places / beds to other counties. This projected outturn position assumes £505k income from Hywel Dda University Health Board.	347
Increased demand for Direct Payments since change in legislation, further pressures linked to COVID19 & lack of commissioned services available £266k. Increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available	347
location based services £168k.	440
Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division.	-86

# Department for Education & Children - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances

	Working	j Budget	Forecasted		
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc					
Eclipse)	1,165	-164	1,405	-447	
Educational Psychology	1,074	-184	1,398	-464	
Other Variances					
Grand Total					

Aug 2022
Forecasted Variance for Year
£'000
-44 44
-12

Notes
1 member of staff on long term sick leave, no pay currently forecast from December 2022 onwards - £26k, 1 member of staff reducing their hours - £9k and 1 member of staff budgeted at top of grade, but currently on bottom point as newly appointed - £9k.
Ongoing demand for additional staff, partly arising from COVID19 pandemic.

June 2022
Forecasted Variance for Year
£'000
-26
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-3

### **Environment Department**

### **Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022**

	Working Budget Forecasted					Aug 2022 Forecasted	June 2022 Forecasted			
Division	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000	Variance for Year £'000
Business Support & Performance	4,273	-3,878	492	887	4,416	-3,959	492	949	62	52
Waste & Environmental Services	28,964	-4,795	1,399	25,568	29,029	-4,978	1,399	25,451	-117	-187
Highways & Transportation	56,630	-32,886	10,132	33,875	56,577	-32,071	10,132	34,638	762	1,011
Property	40,945	-39,970	899	1,874	47,920	-47,356	899	1,463	-411	-19
Place and Sustainability	5,305	-2,056	330	3,579	5,154	-2,203	330	3,281	-298	-311
GRAND TOTAL	136,117	-83,585	13,252	65,784	143,096	-90,567	13,252	65,781	-2	545

#### **Environment Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances**

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOUR	KCES 13th DI	ECEINIBER 20	)22		
	Working	g Budget	Forec	asted	Aug 2022
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Business Support & Performance					
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,311	-3,783	4,414	-3,873	14
Operational Training	40	-59	40	-50	10
Departmental - Core	45	0	78	0	32
Other variances					6
Waste & Environmental Services					
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	-81	-0	-70
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval	100	101	100		
Body Unit	132	-134	130	-92	40
Environmental Enforcement	589	-19	560	-18	-28
Green Waste Collection	574	-446	622	-540	-47
Other variances					-13
Highways & Transportation					
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	17	0	17
Passenger Transport	5,147	-3,145	5,380	-3,378	0
School Transport	12,534	-946	13,221	-1,046	587
Traffic Management	553	-162	920	-606	-78
Car Parks	2,108	-3,340	1,877	-2,702	407
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	85	-34	129	-60	19
Road Safety	248	-5	165	-1	-78
Echool Crossing Patrols	160	0	134	0	-26
5. ₩Highway Lighting	2,611	-1,221	2,223	-861	-28
Public Rights Of Way	1,057	-75	977	-61	-66
Other variances					7
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	June 2022
Notes	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000
Additional resource (agency) required to cover sickness. Issues retaining and	
recruiting staff are leading to additional pressures.	33
ncome shortfall due to staff sickness	9
214k health and wellbeing staff; £19k estimated recruitment costs for Director post	8
1.14K Health and wellbeing stair, 2.15K estimated recruitment costs for Director post	1
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nterim staffing complement, recruitment will be reviewed in the Autumn.	-73
Anticipated income not materialised - dependent on number of submissions and	
market buoyancy of development projects	25
Underspend relates to vacated post. Work underway to assess future needs.	-62
ncreased customer base	-56
	-21
	-
Jnder-utilisation of pool vehicles	16
205 th patimated additional past of fuel price increases. C222k actimated additional	-0
2354k estimated additional cost of fuel price increases, £233k estimated additional ender price increases.	587
Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-9
Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres.	
NG reimbursement is no longer available. Please note £125k efficiency for	•
ncreasing charges and an additional £72k validation applied to budget.	688
Reduced demand on the service	12
/acant post estimated to be filled in November, reduced hours for another post and	
an estimated £40k officers time recharged to grants	-79
Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled	-26
Vacant Assistant Public Lighting Engineer post estimated to be filled by December 2022	-28
Savings on pay due to reduced hours; vacancies during the first and second quarters	-121
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# Environment Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st August 2022 Main Variances

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES 13th DECEMBER 2022

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	Working	Budget	Forecasted			
Division	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
Property						
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	0	0		
Property Maintenance Operational	27,989	-28,939	35,884	-37,205		
Pumping Stations	55	0	101	0		
Design Services CHS Works	4,232	-4,437	3,768	-4,011		
Property Design - Business Unit	2,970	-3,338	3,513	-3,791		
Place and Sustainability						
Planning Admin Account	331	-17	408	-116		
Building Control	687	-509	660	-429		
Minerals	333	-198	294	-172		
Development Management	1,839	-948	1,715	-1,087		
Conservation	485	-13	457	-13		
Net Zero Carbon Plan	135	0	112	0		
Other Variances						
Grand Total						

Aug 2022
Forecasted Variance for Year
£'000
-140
-371
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-14
-263
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No commitment for HOS post  Estimated sub-contractor costs based on 81% of works programme, this may vary as the year progresses  Additional cost due to further testing at Llandovery pumping station  Based on current programme of works  Purchasing of equipment to facilitate hybrid working and return to the office.  Increased non chargeable time due to increased leave  Due to underspend on supplies & services  Income shortfall offset by vacant post estimated to be filled in November  Due to vacant post estimated to be filled in November  £252k underspend on pay costs, four estimated to be filled from November, no commitment for fifth, offset by additional agency, fees & travel  Some officers not on top of grade  Carbon Reduction officer post vacant for first 5 months of this financial year	Notes	
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, e	commitment for fifth, offset by additional agency, fees & tra	vel
Carbon Reduction officer post vacant for first 5 months of this financial year	Some officers not on top of grade	
	Carbon Reduction officer post vacant for first 5 months of t	his financial year

June 2022

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#### **Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Report** Budget Monitoring as at 31st August 2022 - Detail Monitoring

		Working	Working Budget Forecasted				asted		Aug 2022	Aug 2022				
Division	Expenditure 00	Income £000	Net non- 00	۷ و £'000	Expenditure ວິ	Income 5000	Net non- 00 controllable ຜິ	£'000	Forecasted o	Notes	Forecasted overience for Suriance for Surian			
Chief Executive	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000		2 000			
Chief Executive-Chief Officer	240	0	-260	-20	215	0	-260	-45	-26	Savings on supplies & services	-24			
Chief Executive Business Support Unit	618	0	-585	34	503	-4	-585	-85	-119	3 staff on secondment, savings on supplies & services £15k.	-121			
Chief Executive Total	859	0	-845	14	718	-4	-845	-130	-144	3 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-145			
People Management									_					
TIC Team	242	-61	-221	-40	236	-61	-221	-46	-6		1			
Agile Working Project	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	66	66	Unfunded post	66			
SCWDP	738	-417	1	322	751	-430	1	322	-0		-0			
Practice Placements	68	-67	0	1	79	-78	0	1	0		-0			
Health & Social Care Induction Training					40	40								
Pilot	0	0	0	0	12	-12	0	0	0		0			
Business & Projects Support	255	0	-275	-21	260	0	-275	-15	5	Destruction of Winner Winner and being most	5 35			
Payroll	662	-365	-285	11	732	-355	-285	92	80	Past year staffing efficiencies not being met	35			
People Services – HR	1,174	-275	-786	113	1,263	-282	-786	195	83	Temporary additional resource to deal with increased recruitment.	111			
Employee Well-being	815	-359	-423	33	820	-353	-423	44	11	Shortfall on budgeted external SLA income.	27			
Organisational Development	454	-40	-498	-84	527	-7	-498	22	106	Training efficiency target not currently being met (£33k). Investors in people assessment one off costs of £26k, Unfunded Welsh Language post previously funded from Risk Management fund.	108			
Employee Services – HR/Payroll Support	142	0	-132	11	150	0	-132	18	7		7			
School Staff Absence Scheme	0	0	0	0	172	-172	0	0	0		-0			
DBS Checks	129	0	0	129	104	-1	0	103	-26	Review of DBS checks process & budget to be undertaken	-26			
People Management Total	4,680	-1,585	-2,619	476	5,173	-1,751	-2,619	803	326		333			
ICT & Corporate Policy														
Information Technology	5,643	-921	-3,846	876	5,540	-887	-3,846	808	-68	Vacant posts during year. 5 currently vacant, estimated to be filled from November.	-39			
Welsh Language	125	-11	-153	-39	126	-11	-153	-38	1		-0			
Chief Executive-Policy	722	-32	-786	-96	707	-39	-786	-118	-23	Vacant posts in early part of year, now mostly filled. One currently vacant, estimated to be filled from November.	-38			
Public Services Board	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	0		0			
Armed Forces Covenant Scheme	0	0	0	0	57	-57	0	0	0		0			
Armed Forces Veterans Hub	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-0	-0		0			
Armed Forces and Remembrance	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	0		0			
Total ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,785	752	6,442	-995	-4,785	662	-90		-77			
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# Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Report Budget Monitoring as at 31st August 2022 - Detail Monitoring

		Working				Forec			Aug 2022			
Division	Expenditure ວິດ	Income 600	Net non- 0 controllable ผู	£'000	Expenditure 00	Income 500	Net non- 00 controllable ฉี	£'000	Forecasted o Variance for 6 Year	Notes	Forecasted o	
Admin and Law											2000	
Democratic Services	2,133	-290	2,372	4,216	1,991	-315	2,372	4,047	-168	Underspend on members pay and allowances £125k, travelling costs £17k, along with an additional £26k of income for work undertaken for the HRA.  Additional income for work undertaken for the Wales pension	-206	
Democratic Services - Support	526	0	-494	32	507	-30	-494	-17	-49	partnership £21k & PCC £8k, savings on supplies & services £20k.	-44	
Corporate Management	0	0	296	296	0	0	296	296	0	LEON.	0	
Civic Ceremonial	25	0	21	45	21	0	21	42	-4		-5	
Land Charges	103	-275	20	-152	96	-233	20	-117	35	Shortfall in income due to low demand for searches	55	
Police and Crime Commissioner	0	0	0	0	72	-72	0	0	0		0	
Legal Services	2,092	-273	-1,511	307	2,058	-275	-1,511	272	-35	Vacancies in early part of the year now filled. 1 current vacancy estimated to be filled from November.	-55	
Central Mailing	46	0	1	47	31	-8	1	24	-23	Saving on franking machine leasing costs	-22	
Admin and Law Total	4,926	-838	703	4,791	4,776	-932	703	4,547	-244		-277	
Marketing & Media										Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of		
Marketing and Media	409	-171	-213	25	430	-32	-213	185	161	income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements	168	
Translation	595	-53	-502	40	473	-53	-502	-81	-122	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment & number of staff working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services.	-117	
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	-762	79	959	-358	-762	-162	-240	Part year vacancies in Contact Centre and Hwbs. Constantly out to advert due to difficulty in filling posts.	-160	
Yr Hwb, Rhydamman a Llanelli	174	-96	8	87	73	-53	8	29	-58	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment, offset partly by less income from decreased demand for desk rent space.	-57	
Marketing Tourism Development	405	-5	37	436	404	-5	37	436	-0		-0	
Visitor Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Events	40	-26	2	16	40	-26	2	16	-0		-0	
Total Marketing & Media	2,826	-713	-1,430	683	2,380	-526	-1,430	424	-259		-165	
Statutory Services												
Elections-County Council	110	0	129	238	110	0	129	238	-0		-0	
Elections-Community Council	0	0	0	0	17	-17	0	-0	-0		-0	
Registration Of Electors	176	-3	243	416	208	-35	243	416	0		-52	
Refestrars Commoners	525	-343	192	374	577	-498	192	271	-104	Increase in anticipated income due to large number of ceremonies taking place.	-115	
Compners	369	0	8	377	366	0	8	374	-3		-15	
© Eleetoral Services - Staff	265	0	-291	-26	220	0	-291	-71	-45	post currently vacant, unlikely to be filled until January.     Another vacant post in first half of year has now been filled.	-23	
Statutory Services Total	1,444	-346	281	1,380	1,498	-550	281	1,229	-151		-206	
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# Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Report Budget Monitoring as at 31st August 2022 - Detail Monitoring

		Working	Budget			Foreca	asted		Aug 2022	Notes		
Division	Expenditure ວິດ	income 000	Net non- 0 controllable นี	£'000	Expenditure ೦೦	Income £000	Net non- 0 controllable นี	£'000	Forecasted o			
Regeneration & Property												
Regeneration Management	308	0	38	346	310	0	38	348	1		1	
Parry Thomas Centre	37	-37	11	11	38	-38	11	11	0		-0	
Betws wind farm community fund	87	-87	1	1	87	-86	1	1	0		0	
Welfare Rights & Citizen's Advice	161	0	2	162	161	0	2	162	0		-0	
Llanelli Coast Joint Venture	150	-150	5	5	155	-155	5	5	-0		-0	
Business Grants	0	0	0	0	188	-188	0	0	0		0	
Town Centres	405	0	6,307	6,712	405	0	6,307	6,712	0		0	
Econ Dev-Llanelli, C Hands, Coastal,												
Business, Inf & Ent	470	0	89	558	470	0	89	558	0		0	
Community Development and External										3 posts have recently become vacant. Estimated to be filled		
Funding	545	0	89	635	529	0	89	618	-16	from December	0	
Food Banks	0	0	0	0	3	-3	0	-0	-0		3	
Kickstart	0	0	0	0	122	-122	0	0	0		0	
Transforming Towns Business Fund	0	0	0	0	23	-23	0	0	0		0	
Wellness	275	0	19	294	275	0	19	294	-0		0	
City Deal	0	0	24	24	-0	0	24	24	-0		0	
SBCD - Digital Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	295	-295		0	0		0	
SBCD - Skills and Talent	0	0	0	0	149	-149		0	0		0	
										4 posts currently vacant estimated to be filled from November. These vacancies and an underspend on supplies and services are covering a shortfall on income generated from external work		
Property	1,195	-91	-1,251	-146	1,079	-12	-1,251	-183	-37	undertaken.	5	
Commercial Properties	34	-463	537	108	108	-563	537	82	-26	Occupancy levels relatively high	-25	
Provision Markets	623	-556	376	443	589	-532	376	434	-9		9	
Asset Transfers	0	0	0	0	39	-39	0	-0	-0		-0	
Asset Sales	20	0	0	20	20	0	0	20	0		0	
Operational Depots	356	0	-326	30	357	0	-326	31	1		-5	
Administrative Buildings	3,399	-796	-3,111	-508	3,373	-778	-3,110	-516	-8		-1	
Industrial Premises	494	-1,519	940	-85	520	-1,567	940	-107	-21	Occupancy levels relatively high	-16	
The Beacon	164	-144	50	70	162	-142	50	70	-0		0	
0										Income target not met due to current economic climate, as no		
County Farms	79	-351	428	156	82	-308	428	202	46	scope to increase tenancy agreements at the moment	43	
Livestock Markets	62	-114	3	-48	21	-78	3	-54	-5		35	
Externally Funded Schemes	8,214	-8,210	323	327	8,160	-8,156	323	327	-0		0	
Regeneration & Property Total	17,076	-12,518	4,555	9,114	17,719	-13,235	4,555	9,039	-74		47	
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# Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Report Budget Monitoring as at 31st August 2022 - Detail Monitoring

		Working	Budget			Foreca	asted		Aug 2022	Notes Jui		
Division	Expenditure	Income	Net non- controllable	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net non- controllable	Net	Forecasted Variance for Year			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	
Financial Services											_	
Corporate Services Management Team	510	-142	-422	-54	545	-176	-422	-54	0		-7	
Accountancy	1,877	-478	-1,253	146	1,855	-447	-1,253	155	9	Additional income for work wadertaken for Walso Dension	0	
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	277	-200	-70	7	270	-217	-70	-18	-25	Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership	-25	
Grants and Technical	357	-114	-218	25	282	-52	-218	11	-14	Vacant post estimated to be filled (est December)	-18	
Payroll Control	97	0	-88	9	97	0	-88	10	0		0	
Payments	581	-79	-457	44	512	-79	-457	-24	-68	5 Vacant posts estimated to be filled from November	-14	
Pensions	1,555	-1.469	-58	28	1,366	-1,280	-58	28	0	·	0	
Audit Fees	325	-96	4	234	300	-96	4	209	-25	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants	-25	
Bank Charges	66	0	1	67	57	0	1	58	-9		-7	
Wales Pension Partnership	88	-86	0	3	74	-71	0	3	0		0	
Miscellaneous Services	10,016	-125	1,698	11,589	9,644	-81	1,698	11,260	-329	£329k underspend on pre LGR pension costs	-324	
Financial Services Total	15,750	-2,788	-863	12,098	15,001	-2,499	-863	11,638	-460		-419	
Revenues & Financial Compliance												
										Savings from staff member working reduced hours and a		
Procurement	638	-36	-551	51	600	-36	-551	13	-38	number of posts currently at lowest point on the salary scale	-36	
										1 vacant post estimated to be filled in November, 1 recently		
Audit	511	-20	-463	27	491	-40	-463	-12	-40	filled post and one post working at reduced hours	-56	
Risk Management	158	-1	-149	9	159	-1	-149	10	1		1	
Business Support Unit	149	0	-81	68	146	0	-81	65	-3		0	
Corporate Services Training	62	0	-59	3	52	0	-59	-7	-11	Less planned training during the year	-4	
										Savings on 4 vacant posts to date. Two have been filled, and		
Lead Toyetian	000	700	500	750	074	000	500	700	50	two remain vacant and are being covered by agency following	00	
Local Taxation Council Tax Reduction Scheme	986 17,249	-763 0	528 78	750 17,327	974 17,008	-802 0	528 78	700 17,086	-50	failure to recruit.	-63	
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540		1,278	37,206	-37,311		,	-241 112	Underspend based on latest demand figures.  Projections on expenditure based on 2021/22 claims	-241 112	
Rates Relief	289	<del>-41,540</del>	1,495 5	294	184	-37,311	1,495 5	1,390 190	-105	·	-105	
Rates Relief	289	U	5	294	184	0	5	190	-105	Low take-up anticipated in 2022/23. Based on current demand.  Admin grant received is £212k less than budget. Offset by	-105	
Housing Popolite Admin	4.750	750	077	400	4 500	045	077	40		£283k underspend on pay costs, primarily down to 11 current vacant posts, estimated to be filled from November. Number of posts on lower points of the scale and some staff working less	400	
Housing Benefits Admin	1,750	-753	-877	120	1,538	-615	-877	46	-74	hours than budgeted for.	-180	
Tua a e Re <sup>Me</sup> nues	984	-139	-755	90	1,149	-136	-755	258	168	£100k increase in bank charges over budget due to increased number of card payments. £106k one off essential software upgrade. Offset by short term vacant posts that are being covered by agency following failure to recruit, along with 3 recent vacant posts that are estimated to be filled from November.	195	
Revenues & Financial Compliance Total	64,099	-43,252	-830	20,018	59,508	-38,940	-830	19,739	-279		-375	
TOTAL FOR CORPORATE												
PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES	118,160	-63,002	-5,832	49,326	113,215	-59,432	-5,832	47,951	-1,376		-1,284	

### **Capital Programme 2022/23**

## **Capital Budget Monitoring - Report for August 2022**

	Wo	rking Bud	get		Forecasted					
Department	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	for Year			
Public Housing	49,711	-15,330	34,381	39,254	-16,711	22,543	-11,838			
Private Housing	3,956	-368	3,588	3,336	-368	2,968	-620			
Leisure	3,737	-1,248	2,489	3,251	-498	2,753	264			
Social Care	397	0	397	388	-56	332	-65			
Environment	42,525	-14,451	28,074	31,427	-12,120	19,307	-8,767			
<b>Education &amp; Children</b>	72,928	-42,559	30,369	21,972	-7,725	14,247	-16,122			
Chief Executive	3,462	0	3,462	1,967	-50	1,917	-1,545			
Regeneration	89,356	-43,385	45,971	28,897	-14,671	14,226	-31,745			
TOTAL	266,072	-117,341	148,731	130,492	-52,199	78,293	-70,438			

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Capital Progra	Capital Programme 2022/23										
Capital Budget Monitoring - Report for August 2022 - Main Variances											
		king Bu			Forecasted						
DEPARTMENT/SCHEMES	Expenditure £'000	Income	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000				
COMMUNITIES											
- Public Housing	49,711	-15,330	34,381	39,254	-16,711	22,543	-11,838				
Sewage Treatment Works Upgrading	20	0	20	5	0	5	-15				
Internal and External Works (Property)	19,557	0	19,557	15,543	-1,282	14,261	-5,296				
Environmental Works (Housing Services)	450	0	450	450	0	450	0				
Adaptations and Equalities Works (Building Services)	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0				
Programme Delivery and Strategy	1,056	0	1,056	1,130	0	1,130	74				
Housing Development Programme	25,527	0	25,527	18,882	-99	18,783	-6,744				
Retrofit and Decarbonisation	1,101	0	1,101	1,245	0	1,245	144				
MRA and IHP Grants Income	0	-15,330	-15,330	0	-15,330	-15,330	0				
- Private Housing	3,956	-368	3,588	3,336	-368	2,968	-620				
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	2,966	0	2,966	2,346	0	2,346	-620				
ENABLE - Adaptations to Support Independent Living	368	-368	0	368	-368	0	0				
Empty Properties Initiatives	622	0	622	622	0	622	0				
- Leisure	3,737	-1,248	2,489	3,251	-498	2,753	264				
Amman Valley Leisure Centre Masterplan	1,050	0	1,050	1,500	0	1,500	450				
Oriel Myrddin Redevelopment	1,724	-1,000	724	725	-250	475	-249				
Libraries & Museums	400	0	400	383	0	383	-17				
Burry Port Harbour Walls	34	0	34	34	0	34	0				
Country Parks	529	-248	281	609	-248	361	80				
- Social Care	397	0	397	388	-56	332	-65				
ENVIRONMENT	42,525	-14,451	28,074	31,427	-12,120	19,307	-8,767				
Highways & Infrastructure	35,224	-14,451	20,773	25,369	-12,120	13,249	-7,524				
Property	7,301	0	7,301	6,058	0	6,058	-1,243				
Property D T											
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Variance for Year £'000	Comment
-11,838	
-11,036	
-5,296	Void Project is accelerated but there is supply chain issues with other schemes.
0	
0	
74	Outline in a supply of the sup
-6,744	Continuing supply chain issues. The purchase of new properties also depends on the supply in the market for suitable properties in areas of demand.
144	Additional costs because of inflationary pressures.
0	
-620	Dalicam will be constrained by contractor consity.
-620 0	Delivery will be constrained by contractor capacity.
0	
264	
450	Accelerated works funded by 2023/24 budget. Additional spend in 2022/23 will be covered by variances in year.
-249	Slip to 2023/24
-17	Variance available for other projects.
0 80	£79k additional spend on Morfa Bacas subject to an additional funding bid report.
-65	Slippage on the Learning Disability Accommodation.
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-8,767	
-7,524	Main Variances: -£1,673k Fleet Replacement Programme - slipped to 2023/24; -£146k against Murray Street Car Park which is needed for future works; -£780k Waste Strategy - Programme will be delivered in future years; £154k Trebeddrod Reservoir - additional works; Cross Hands EDR £103k - additional costs; £5,407k Towy Valley Path - delays with land acquisition.
-1,243	Slippage to programme of works at County Hall and Ty Elwyn.

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Capital Programme 2022/23							
Capital Budget Monitoring - Report	for Aug	ust 202	22 - Mai	n Varia	nces		
	Wor	king Bu	dget	Fo	recaste	d	
DEPARTMENT/SCHEMES	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000
EDUCATION & CHILDREN	72,928	-42,559	30,369	21,972	-7,725	14,247	-16,122
Schools: General Projects, inluding Equality Act Works, Bus Bays, Mobile Class Provision	2,167	0	2,167	2,117	0	2,117	-50
Sustainable Communities for Learning - Band A - Design Stage Schemes	200	0	200	102	0	102	-98
Sustainable Communities for Learning - Band A - WG FBC Approved Schemes	4,476	0	4,476	4,415	0	4,415	-61
Sustainable Communities for Learning - Band B - Design Stage Schemes	870	0	870	950	0	950	80
Sustainable Communities for Learning - Band B - WG FBC Approved Schemes	8,823	0	8,823	5,974	0	5,974	-2,849
Infant Class Size	0	0	0	140	0	140	140
Welsh Language Immersion Centres	4,187	-4,187	0	70	-50	20	20
School Buildings - Education Capital Grants - including Capital Maintenance, Rollout of free school meals and Use of facilities by the Community	6,101	-1,256	4,845	6,263	-1,418	4,845	0
Flying Start Capital Expansion Programme	214	-214	0	252	-251	1	1
Childcare Offer Places	658	-658	0	895	-895	0	0
Play Opportunities Grant Projects	10	0	10	10	0	10	0
Rhydygors Intermediate Care Project	734	0	734	734	0	734	0
MEP Income - Sustainable Communities for Learning Grant	0	-5,402	-5,402	0	-5,111	-5,111	291
Sustainable Communities For Learning - Match Funding Budget	44,488	-30,842	13,646	0	0	0	-13,646
Other Projects with Minor Variances	0	0	0	50	0	50	50
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	3,462	0	3,462	1,967	-50	1,917	-1,545
IT Strategy Developments	1,670	0	1,670	599	0	599	-1,071
Purchase of Grillo Site, Burry Port	414	0	414	0	0	0	-414
Block 3, St David's Park	1,292	0	1,292	1,292	0	1,292	0
Glanamman Industrial Estate Redevelopment	85	0	85	25	0	25	-60
Rural Estates	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Glanamman Industrial Estate Redevelopment Rural Estates Other Projects with Minor Variances	0	0	0	50	-50	0	0
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	Comment				
Variance to fund retent	tions on Dyffryn Aman				
Delays with acquiring I Rhydygors.	and for Laugharne Primary School. Slippage on				
Design of Gwenllian £8	30k.				
Pembrey slip to 2023/2	24				
Penygroes costs cover	red by MEP match funding.				
New award of funding	for Strade Welsh Immersion Centre and additional				
	be phased over future years. Additional costs lraeth covered by MEP match funding.				
against Maes y Gwend	raeth covered by MEP match funding.				
against Maes y Gwend Change in income for I	Pembrey due to reprofiling				
against Maes y Gwend Change in income for I	raeth covered by MEP match funding.				
against Maes y Gwend Change in income for I	Pembrey due to reprofiling elopment. Funding to slip to future years.				
against Maes y Gwend Change in income for I	Pembrey due to reprofiling elopment. Funding to slip to future years.				
against Maes y Gwend Change in income for I Programme under dev Other minor projects, r	Pembrey due to reprofiling elopment. Funding to slip to future years. etentions.				

	Capital Progra							
	Capital Budget Monitoring - Report	for Aug	ust 202	22 - Mai	n Varia	nces		
		Wor	king Bu	dget	F	orecaste	ed	_
DEF	PARTMENT/SCHEMES	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000
REC	GENERATION	89,356	-43,385	45,971	28,897	-14,671	14,226	-31,745
	Swansea Bay City Region Projects	55,194	-34,013	21,181	10,117	-10,117	0	-21,181
	County Wide Regeneration Funds	4,859	0	4,859	1,383	0	1,383	-3,476
	Cross Hands East Strategic Employment Site Phase 1	567	0	567	567	0	567	0
	Cross Hands East Phase 2	95	-6	89	30	-6	24	-65
	Cross Hands East Plot 3 Development	6,902	-3,250	3,652	6,902	-3,250	3,652	0
	Carmarthen Town Regeneration - Jacksons Lane	5	0	5	5	0	5	0
	Carmarthen Old Town Quarter	691	0	691	25	0	25	-666
	Pendine Iconic International Visitors Destination	2,183	0	2,183	2,383	-200	2,183	0
	Llandeilo Market Hall	3,484	0	3,484	3,484	0	3,484	0
	Ammanford Regeneration Development Fund	280	0	280	128	0	128	-152
	Town Centre Loan Scheme	1,400	0	1,400	1,400	0	1,400	0
	TRI Strategic Projects - Market Street North	1,788	0	1,788	10	0	10	-1,778
	TRI Strategic Projects - Former YMCA Building, Stepney Street, Llanelli	884	0	884	884	0	884	0
	Transforming Town Centres Strategic Projects	1,410	0	1,410	0	0	0	-1,410
	Business Support for Renewable Energy Initiatives	500	0	500	250	0	250	-250
	Ten Towns Growth Plan	1,000	0	1,000	350	0	350	-650
	Place Making	1,680	-925	755	4	0	4	-751
Tu	Levelling Up Fund Projects	6,192	-5,141	1,051	850	-850	0	-1,051
d	Other Projects	242	-50	192	125	-248	-123	-315
ıdaÆ		266,072	-117,341	148,731	130,492	-52,199	78,293	-70,438

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
-31,745	
-21,181	
-3,476	
0	
-65	
0	
-666	Detailed design to follow Greening Infrastructure masterplan outcome.
000	betailed design to follow electring initiastructure masterplan outcome.
0	
-152	Delays because of changes to State Aid rules following Brexit.
0	
-1,778	Project called in by Welsh Government planning division.
0	
-1,410	Slip to 2023/24. To be applied against projects in the Transforming Towns Programme.
-250	Slip to 2023/24.
-650	Town Working Groups developing projects. Relies on third parties to deliver.
-751	Project Slipped.
-1,051	Carmarthenshire West and Pembrokeshire South Levelling up. Covered from underspends in other projects in 2021/22. Negative slippage to future years.
-315	Llanelli JV, Brilliant Basics.
-70,438	

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#### **Chief Executive**

#### Capital Budget Monitoring - Scrutiny Report For August 2022

		Working Budget			Forecasted			
Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	
Acquisitions of County Buildings		414	0	414	0	0		
Purchase of Grillo Site, Burry Port	Complete	414	0	414	0	0	(	
St David's Park	Complete	1,292	0	1,292	1,292	0	1,292	
St David's Block 3		1,292	0	1,292	1,292	0	1,292	
Rural Estates Capital Schemes	Mar'23	1	0	1	1	0		
House Improvements - Farms		1	0	1	1	0		
Industrial Redevelopments	Complete	85	0	85	25	0	25	
Glanamman Industrial Estate Redevelopment	·	85	0	85	25	0	25	
Covid-19 - Field Hospitals		0	0	0	50	-50		
Covid-19 - Field Hospitals		0	0	0	50	-50	(	
IT Strategy Developments	Ongoing	1,670	0	1,670	599	0	59	
Digital Transformation		469	0	469	279	0	279	
PSBA Network		142	0	142	20	0	20	
Strategic Digital Initiatives		193	0	193	38	0	38	
Corporate Wifi Environment/Meraki Broadband Hardware		205	0	205	92	0	92	
Data Centre and Power		29	0	29	15	0	15	
Voice Infrastructure		164	0	164	45	0	45	
HWB for Schools Infrastructure Grant		374	0	374	60	0	60	
Information Security and Governance		94	0	94	50	0	50	
NET BUDGET		3,462	0	3,462	1,967	-50	1,91	

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
-414	
-414	
0	Subject to contractor appointment and renewed lease agreement with tenant.
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0	
0	
-60	
-60	
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	Slip to 2023/24.
-190 -122	
-155	
-113	
-14	
-119	
-314	
-44	
-1,545	

#### Regeneration

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		Working Budget				Forecasted			
Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000		
Llanelli JV General	Ongoing	7	0	7	22	-15	7		
Llanelli JV General		7	0	7	22	-15	7		
Swansea Bay City Region Projects	Ongoing	55,194	-34,013	21,181	10,117	-10,117	0		
SB City Region - Pentre Awel - Phase 1		36,100	-32,013	4.087	, 6	-10,117	-10,111		
SB City Region - Pentre Awel - Ecology Pre-		,	,	,	10.111				
Commencement Work		0	0	0	10,111	0	10,111		
SB City Region - Pentre Awel - Ecology Pre- Commencement Wstage		0	0	0	0	0	0		
Swansea Bay City Region - Llanelli Leisure Centre - New Development		17,094	0	17,094	0	0	0		
SB City Region - Digital Project		0	0	0	0	0	0		
SB City Region - Yr Egin		2,000	-2,000	0	0	0	0		
County Wide Degeneration Funds	Ongoing	4,859	0	4,859	1,383	0	1,383		
County Wide Regeneration Funds Transformation Strategy Project Fund	Ongoing	233	0	233	233	0	233		
Rural Enterprise Fund		1,715	0	1,715		0	250		
Transformation Commercial Property Development Fund		2,911	0	2,911		0	900		
, , ,				2,311					
Business Flood Relief & Infrastructure Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0		
Llanelli, Cross Hands & Coastal Belt Area		7,564	-3,256	4,308	7,499	-3,256	4,243		
Cross Hands East Strategic Employment Site Ph1	Complete	567	0	567	567	0	567		
Cross Hands East Plot 3 Development	Mar '23	6,902	-3,250	3,652	6,902	-3,250	3,652		
Cross Hands East Phase 2	Dec '22	95	-6	89	30	-6	24		
Ammanford, Carmarthen & Rural Area		6,752	-50	6,702	6,134	-250	5,884		
Carmarthen Town Regeneration - Jacksons Lane (81086)		5	0	5	5	0	5		
Laugharne Carpark	Ongoing	9	0	9	9	0	9		
Pendine Iconic International Visitors Destination	Dec '22	2,183	0	2,183	2,383	-200	2,183		
Ammanford Regeneration Development Fund	Mar '23	280	0	280	128	0	128		
Llandeilo Market Hall	Dec '22	3,484	0	3,484	3,484	0	3,484		
Car <del>m</del> erthen Old Town Quarter Regeneration	Ongoing	691	0	691	25	0	25		
Brillant Basics Fund - Sustainable and Accessible Peragne Sands	Jun'22	100	-50	50	100	-50	50		
Town Centre Loan Scheme	Mar'22	1,400	0	1.400	1,400	0	1,400		
Town Centre Loan Scheme (TCLS) - Y Linc Llanelli		1,400	0	1,400	,	0	1,400		

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
	Funded by JV.
0	
-21,181	Slip to 2023/24.
-14,198	Oilp to 2020/24.
10,111	
0	
-17,094	
0	
0	
-3,476	
	Funding transferred to Other Projects.
-1,465	Current round of great awards complete. Palance of funds to
-2,011	Current round of grant awards complete. Balance of funds to be slipped to 2023/24 for future rounds.
0	
CE	
<b>-65</b>	
0	
-65	
-818	
0	
0	Funded by Reserve.
0	Delays because of changes to State Aid rules following
-152	Brexit.
-666	Slip to 2023/24.
	Onp to 2020/24.
0	
0	
0	Loan negotiations ongoing.

#### Regeneration

#### Capital Budget Monitoring - Scrutiny Report For August 2022

		Working Budget			Forecasted		
Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Transforming Towns Strategie Brainets (former-br		4 000		4.000	4.400	-183	05/
Transforming Towns Strategic Projects (formerly TRI Strategic Projects - Market Street North	Ongoing	<b>4,208</b> 1,788	<b>0</b>	<b>4,208</b> 1,788	<b>1,138</b>	-183	<b>95</b> 5
TRI Strategic Projects - Market Street North TRI Strategic Projects - Former YMCA Building, Stepney Street. Llanelli	Ongoing Ongoing	884	0	884	884	0	884
Transforming Towns (Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity) - Llanelli Library Green Wall	Dec '22	98	0	98	227	-183	44
Transforming Towns (Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity) - Carregamman Car Park Enhancements	Complete	28	0	28	17	0	17
TRI Strategic Projects	Ongoing	1,410	0	1,410	0	0	(
Business Support for Renewable Energy Initiatives	Ongoing	500	0	500	100	0	100
Business Support for Renewable Energy Initiatives		500	0	500	100	0	100
Ten Town Growth Plan	Ongoing	1,000	0	1,000	250	0	250
Ten Town Growth Plan		1,000	0	1,000	250	0	250
Place Making	Ongoing	1,680	-925	755	4	0	4
Place Making		1,680	-925	755	4	0	2
Levelling Up Projects	Ongoing	6,192	-5,141	1,051	850	-850	
Levelling Up Carmarthen West and South Pembs		6,192	-5,141	1,051	850	-850	(
NET BUDGET		89,356	-43,385	45,971	28,897	-14,671	14,220

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
	01. 14. 0000/04
	Slipped to 2023/24.
-1,778	Project delayed. Slip to future years.
0	
-54	Slipped to 2023/24.
-11	
-1,410	Slipped to 2023/24.
-400	Slip to 2023/24.
-400	
-750	Town Working Groups developing projects. Relies on third parties to deliver.
-750	
	Project slipped.
-751	
-1,051	
-1,051	
-31,745	

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# 2022/23 Savings Monitoring Report Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee 13th December 2022

1 Summary position as at : 31st August 2022 £67 k variance from delivery target

	2022/23	3 Savings mor	nitoring	
	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	
	Target	Delivered	Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
ıtive	304	237	67	
e Services	180	180	0	
	484	417	67	

2 Analysis of delivery against target for managerial and policy decisions:

Managerial £67 k Off delivery target
Policy £0 k ahead of target

		MANAGERIAL				
	2022/23 2022/23 2022/23					
	Target	Variance				
	£'000	£'000	£'000			
Chief Executive	304	237	67			
Corporate Services	180	180	0			
	484	417	67			

POLICY							
2022/23	2022/23	2022/23					
Target	Delivered	Variance					
£'000	£'000	£'000					
0	0	0					
0	0	0					
0	0	0					

3 Appendix F (i): Savings proposals not on target

Appendix F (ii): Savings proposals on target (for information)

DEPARTMENT	2021/22 Budget	FACT FILE	2022/23 Proposed	2022/23 Delivered	2022/23 Variance	EFFICIENCY DESCRIPTION	REASON FOR VARIANCE
	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000		

#### Managerial - Off Target

#### **Chief Executive**

People Management division	Includes Payroll, People Services, Organisational Development, Employee Wellbeing , HR Development Team, Business and Project Support	67	) (	Focus is going to be on delivering the targets based on the realignment of OD, together with some additional income generation right across the division, this proving to be difficult as only have the staffing budgets to yield the efficiencies, and that is becoming more difficult as each year passes.	Saving not yet progressed
Chief Executive Total		67	) 6	7	

Policy - Off Target

NOTHING TO REPORT

DEPARTMENT	2021/22 Budget	FACT FILE	2022/23 Proposed	2022/23 Delivered	2022/23 Variance	EFFICIENCY DESCRIPTION
	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	

#### Managerial - On Target

#### **Chief Executive**

Chief Executive, Business and Executive Support	237	Office of the Chief Executive, business and executive support	20	20	0 Reduction in supplies, e.g. photocopying / postages / vehicle hire & others.
Information Technology	4,088	ICT Services underpins and contributes towards all that the Council delivers both internally as an organisation and externally to service users and communities, independently or in partnership. It is a vital function providing innovative opportunities for improving services and achieving our priorities in an efficient and effective way. IT Services is pivotal as an enabler of change and a vehicle for driving forward transformational improvement to all services. As we continually strive to deliver our solutions in an efficient manner and in line with our key Digital Strategies (Digital Transformation Strategy, Digital Technology Strategy, Digital Schools Strategy) our major savings in future years however will have to be found from our staffing budget. The work the service does significantly contribute to financial savings being delivered from revenue budgets held across the Authority by other service areas.	20	20	0 To be met by reduction in travel and stationery.
Statutory services / Coroners	372	The Coroner is an independent Judicial Officer and discharges his duties in accordance with the Coroners Act 1988. He has a duty to investigate deaths reported to him where he has reasonable cause to suspect that the death was violent, unnatural or of unknown cause or which occurs in prison.	18	18	Although efficiencies can be identified in the Coroner budget, the following must be highlighted: JNC for Coroners' pay has been agreed - 1.5% pay rise for 2021/22 with effect from 1st April 2021. Current budget can cover this. 2021-22 and 2022-23 will see one jury inquest with costs of approx. £100k. Current review of amalgamation of the jurisdiction of Pembrokeshire/Carmarthenshire with Swansea/Neath Port Talbot is being picked up again pos COVID, unknown at present whether this will cost more to Carmarthenshire or less.
Member Travel & Printing			27	27	Reduction in Travel & Printing following implementing of paperless meetings and Hybrid Meetings
Regeneration division	3,542	Regeneration is a key priority for the council. The Division provides Business, employability, grant funding and skills support and advice. We also deliver physical regeneration projects throughout the county, including the Swansea Bay City Deal Pentre Awel Life Science and Wellness Village planned for Delta Lakes. The Regeneration Division is responsible for the management of land assets (those within the economic/commercial portfolio) of the Council, taking a strategic commercial view to ensure the portfolio is managed to meet the Council's economic development needs. The Division is also responsible for the delivery of the Council's Net Zero Carbon agenda.	70	70	£20k - Anticipated increase in Income/reduction in operating costs on Administrative estate through New Ways of Working. £25k anticipated decrease in utility costs on administrative estate due to reduced occupancy through continued agile working. £10k reduction in community grants. £15k supplies within industrial estate budget.
Marketing & Media	1,914	Business Unit comprising of translation, marketing and tourism, contact centres, customer services, press and communications.	45	45	£20k reduction in event support scheme, we will look at better ways of helping communities develop their events through advice and promotion. £5k reduction in Tourist Information Centre costs as we hand back Castle House and relocate to the Hwb/Debenhams. £20k tourism marketing - reduction in printing and advertising.
Departmental travel as per Transformation Innovation Change team exercise		Cross departmental travel costs	17	17	0 £17k reduction in departmental travel budgets
Departmental printing as per Transformation Innovation Change team exercise		Cross departmental printing costs	20	20	0 £20k reduction in departmental printing budgets

237 0 **Chief Executive Total** 237

## Corporate Services Financial Services

PRE LGR Pension Costs	1,860	Cost of Pre LGR Pension Costs	100	100	(	0 Reduction in call on budget over time
Bank Charges	68	Cost of Authority's Banking arrangements	5	5		0 Reduction in bank charges following negotiation of new contract
Corporate Services Management Team	360	Departmental costs of Director, Head of Finance & Direct Support	10	10	(	Increase in external SLA income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership
External Audit Fees	229	Cost of external audit fees	10	10	(	Reduction in external audit cost by maximising audit costs chargeable against grant schemes
Total Financial Services			125	125	0	

Revenues & Financial Compliance

Revenues & Financial Compilance						
Rates Relief	328	Cost to CCC of properties that are eligible and have successfully applied for discounts on their business rates	50	50	(	Demand is currently less than current budget provision
Total Revenues and Financial Compliance			50	50	0	

Corporate Services General						
General	12	Staff Travel	5	5		0 Reduction in staff travel by utilising technology
Total Corporate Services General			5	5	(	

0 **Corporate ServicesTotal** 180 180

#### **Policy - On Target**

NOTHING TO REPORT
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## Eitem Rhif 8

#### PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL 13/12/2022

# ADRODDIAD CHWARTEROL YNGYLCH RHEOLI'R TRYSORLYS A DANGOSYDD DARBODAETH EBRILL 1AF 2022 I MEDI 30AIN 2022

#### GOFYNNIR I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU:-

Adolygu ac asesu'r wybodaeth sydd yn yr Adroddiad a darparu unrhyw argymhellion, sylwadau, neu gyngor i'r Aelod Cabinet a/neu'r Cyfarwyddwr cyn i'r Cabinet ystyried yr adroddiad.

#### Y Rhesymau:

I ddarparu y gwybodaeth diweddaraf i aelodau, ynglyn a gweithgareddau'r adran Rheoli'r Trysorlys yn ystod y cyfnod Ebrill 1af 2022 i Medi 30ain 2022.

#### YR AELOD O'R CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Clir. A. Lenny

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13/12/2022

# MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

#### 1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities from 1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?** 

YES

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: C Moo	re		Di	rector of Corporate Services				
Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets		
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE		

#### 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Within the requirements of the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Report 2022-2023

#### 3. Finance

The authority's investments during the period returned an average return of 0.94%, exceeding the 90-day uncompounded SONIA rate.

The average gross interest earned on investments for the period amounted to £920k and interest paid on loans was £8.18m.

The Authority did not breach any of its Prudential Indicators during the period.



#### **CONSULTATIONS**

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: C Moore Director of Corporate Services

1. Scrutiny Committee For information to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on the 13th December 2022.

2.Local Member(s) N/A

3.Community / Town Council N/A

4.Relevant Partners N/A

5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	Include any observations here
YES	

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:						
Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection				
CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services - Code of Practice Revised 2017		County Hall, Carmarthen				





# MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT

1<sup>ST</sup> April 2022 – 30<sup>TH</sup> September 2022

#### A. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### 1. Introduction

The Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2022-2023 was approved by Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. Section B 1.1(2) stated that Treasury Management activity reports would be made during the year. This report outlines the Treasury Management activities in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and satisfies the reporting requirement stated above.

There was one policy change to the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for this period. Due to the increased level of income and cash available for investment, the Director of Corporate Services made the decision in April 2022 under emergency powers to increase the counterparty limits for the DMADF and Money Market Funds (as per section A. 4). To reflect these changes, the limits for Interest Rate Exposure have been updated for 2022-2023 (as per section B. 2.1.1).

#### 2. Economic update

In August 2022, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) increased Bank Rate to 1.75%, and in September 2022 moved rates up a further 50 basis points to 2.25%. The MPC continues to work through the challenges of getting inflation back on track over a three-year period.

The core of the government's new policies are tax cuts and regulatory simplification. This position has now been superseded following the change of Chancellor, who has announced a reversal of the planned tax cuts and changes to the level of Government spending. It is currently too early to say how these revised policies will impact growth and inflation, but the expectation is that the plans will reduce the concerns about the level of unfunded expenditure that had previously alarmed the markets.

The Bank Rate forecast set out below will be dependent on joint communications from the Bank of England and the government.

The US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has increased its rate by 3% this year to date and is expected to increase rates further before the end of 2022. Similarly, the European Central Bank (ECB) has also started to tighten monetary policy, albeit from a low starting point, as have all the major central banks apart from Japan. It is US monetary policies that are having the greatest impact on global bond markets.

What happens in Ukraine will also impact the global economy, but particularly in Europe. The search for alternative providers of energy, other than Russia, will take both time and effort.

#### 3. Prospects for Interest Rates

Based on the average projection from a number of sources we can expect the trend in base rates over the year to be as follows:

	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023
Base Rate %	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50

(Source: LINK Asset Services)

Link Asset Services undertook its last review of interest rate forecasts on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 after the MPC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, where the decision was made to increase the Bank Rate to 2.25% from 1.75%.

The revised 3 year projection based on this review is:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	%	%	%
Revised Average Bank Rate	3.13	4.63	3.19
Original Average Bank Rate (TM Strategy 2022-23)	1.13	1.25	1.25

#### 4. Investments

One of the primary activities of the Treasury Management operation is the investment of surplus cash for which the Authority is responsible. As well as the Authority's own cash the County Council invests School Trust Funds and other Funds, with any interest derived from these investments being passed over to the relevant Fund.

All surplus money is invested daily on the London Money Markets. The security of the investments is the main priority; appropriate liquidity should be maintained and returns on the investments a final consideration. It continues to be difficult to invest these funds as the market continues to be insecure and as a consequence, appropriate counterparties are limited.

The total investments at 1st April 2022 and 30th September 2022 analysed between Banks, Building Societies, Local Authorities and Money Market Funds, are shown in the following table:

Investments		01.04.22			30.09.22			
	Call and notice	Fixed Term	Total		Call and notice	Fixed Term	Total	
	£m	£m	£m	%	£m	£m	£m	%
Banks	39.50	0.00	39.50	25	27.50	14.00	41.50	21
Building Societies	0.00	7.00	7.00	4	0.00	7.00	7.00	4
Money Market Funds	25.00	0.00	25.00	16	40.00	0.00	40.00	21
DMADF (DMO)	0.00	57.00	57.00	36	0.00	76.50	76.50	39
Local Authorities	0.00	32.00	32.00	20	0.00	30.00	30.00	15
TOTAL	64.50	96.00	160.50	100	67.50	127.50	195.00	100

Investments on call are available immediately on demand. Fixed term investments are fixed to a maturity date. The current longest investment is maturing on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The DMADF (DMO) limit was increased in April 2022 to £125m from £100m by the Director of Corporate Services under Emergency powers. The limits on Money Market Funds were also increased to £10m (each) from £5m.

During the period the total investments made by the Council and repaid to the Council (turnover) amounted to £1,060.50m. This averaged approximately £40.57m per week or £5.80m per day. A summary of turnover is shown below:

	£m
Total Investments 1st April 2022	160.50
Investments made during the period	547.50
Sub Total	708.00
Investments Repaid during the period	(513.00)
Total Investments 30th September 2022	195.00

The main aims of the Treasury Management Strategy is to appropriately manage the cash flows of the Council, the required short term and longer term market transactions and the risks associated with this activity. Lending on the money market secures an optimum rate of return and also allows for diversification of investments and hence reduction of risk, which is of paramount importance in today's financial markets.

Benchmarks are widely used to assess investment performance. Previously, the "7 day LIBID rate" was the recognised rate which the Council would aim to exceed when lending money, however the LIBID rates ceased from 31st December 2021. Following discussions with our Treasury advisors at Link, a decision was made to utilise the "90 day uncompounded SONIA rate" (backward looking) to benchmark our investment performance going forward. This benchmark will be reviewed periodically with our advisors.

For the period under review the average "90-day uncompounded SONIA rate" was 0.91% whereas the actual rate the Council earned was 0.94%, an out performance of 0.03%. This outperformance can be quantified as £29k additional interest earned compared to the "90-day uncompounded SONIA rate".

The average gross interest earned on investments for the period amounted to £920k. This includes £220k interest on monies held for the Swansea Bay City Deal region.

The income from investments is used by the Authority to reduce the net overall costs to the Council taxpayer.

#### 5. Security, Liquidity and Yield (SLY)

Within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2022-2023, the Council's investment priorities are:

- Security of Capital
- Liquidity and
- Yield

The Council aims to achieve the optimum return (yield) on investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity. In the current economic climate it is considered appropriate to keep investments short term to cover short term cash flow needs but also to seek out value available in significantly higher rates in periods up to 12 months with highly credit rated financial institutions.

Attached at Appendix 1 is the Investment Summary and Top 10 Counterparty Holdings as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### 6. Borrowing

One of the methods used to fund capital expenditure is long term borrowing. The principal lender for Local Authorities is the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).

Under the Treasury Management Strategy, it was agreed to borrow when interest rates are at their most advantageous.

The total loans at 1st April 2022 and 30th September 2022 are shown in the following table:

Loans	Balance at 01.04.22 £m	Balance at 30.09.22 £m	Net Increase/ (Net Decrease) £m
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)	387.61	398.61	11.00
Market Loan	3.00	3.00	0.00
Salix, Invest to Save, HILS & TCL	10.13	10.11	(0.02)
TOTAL	400.74	411.72	10.98

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The Salix interest free loans have been provided by an independent publicly funded company dedicated to providing the public sector with loans for energy efficiency projects.

The interest free 'Invest-2-Save' funding is to assist in the conversion of traditional street lighting to LED, which will help deliver a legacy of reduced energy costs and associated carbon taxes.

The Home Improvement Loan Scheme (HILS) repayable funding is provided by the Welsh Government to help individual homeowners, small portfolio landlords, developers and charities to improve homes and increase housing supply.

The Town Centre Loan (TCL) repayable funding is provided by the Welsh Government to provide loans to reduce the number of vacant, underutilised and redundant sites and premises in town centres and to support the diversification of the town centres by encouraging more sustainable uses for empty sites and premises, such as residential, leisure and for key services.

#### 6.1 New Borrowing

The following loans were borrowed during the period:

Loan	Amount	Interest			
Reference	(£m)	Rate	Start Date	Period	Maturity Date
PWLB 548866	5.00	3.91%	12th September 2022	47yrs	28th September 2069
PWLB 548868	5.00	3.90%	12th September 2022	48yrs	28th September 2070
PWLB 548870	5.00	3.90%	12th September 2022	49yrs	28th September 2071
PWLB 548872	5.00	3.89%	12th September 2022	49yrs 10mths	31st July 2072
Total	20.00				

#### 6.2 Interest Paid

Interest paid on loans during the period was:

PWLB	Market Loan	Total
Interest	Interest	Interest
Paid	Paid	Paid
£m	£m	£m
8.11	0.07	8.18

#### 7. Rescheduling and Premature Loan Repayments

No rescheduling opportunities arose during the period and there were no premature loan repayments. However, due to the current economic climate and the consequential structure of interest rates opportunities may arise in the future.

#### 8. Leasing

#### **B. PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT**

#### 1. Prudential Indicators

As part of the 2022-2023 Budget and the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2022-2023, the Council adopted a number of Prudential Indicators. These Indicators are designed to ensure that any borrowing or other long-term liabilities entered into for capital purposes were affordable, sustainable and prudent.

The indicators are required by the Local Government Act 2003 and the Revised Prudential Code of Practice in order to control Capital Finance. The Prudential Code also required that those Prudential Indicators that were forward looking should be monitored and reported. Some of the indicators are monitored by officers monthly and are only reported if they are likely to be breached, others are to be monitored quarterly by the Executive Board.

#### 1.1 Affordability Prudential Indicator

#### 1.1.1 Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

The indicator set for 2022-2023 in the Budget was:

	2022-2023
	%
Non-HRA	3.95
HRA	30.90

An examination of the assumptions made in calculating this indicator concluded that there have been no changes in this period.

#### 1.2 Prudence Prudential Indicators

#### 1.2.1 Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

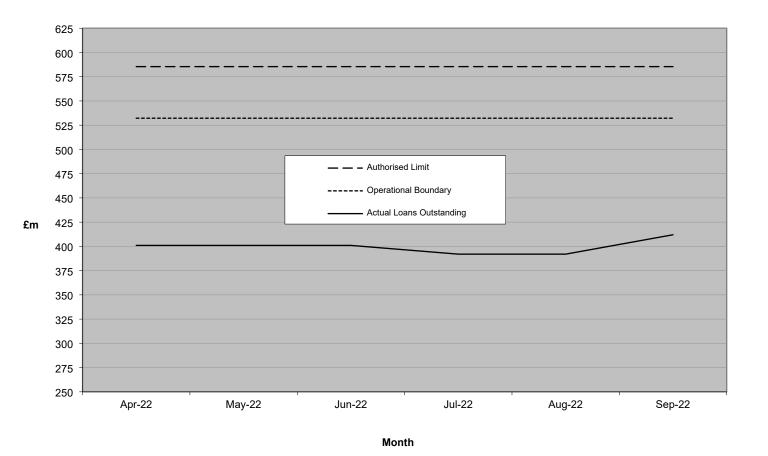
The Director of Corporate Services reports that no difficulties are envisaged for the current or future years in complying with this prudential indicator.

	2022-2023	As at	2022-2023			
	Estimate	30.09.22	Forecast			
	£m	£m	£m			
Capital Financing Requirement						
CFR – non housing	285	283	283			
CFR – housing	178	170	170			
CFR - housing subsidy buy-out	69	69	69			
Total CFR	532	522	522			

#### 1.2.2. Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary

The actual value of loans outstanding must not exceed the Authorised Limit. In normal activity actual loans outstanding should be close but less than the Operational Boundary. The Operational Boundary can be breached in the short term due to adverse cash flows.

	Authorise Extern	d Limit for al Debt	Operationa for Exter	•
	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23
	Estimate Forecast		Estimate	Forecast
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	584.9	584.9	532.1	532.1
Other Long-Term Liabilities	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
Total	585.4	585.4	532.2	532.2



	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Authorised Limit	585.4	585.4	585.4	585.4	585.4	585.4
Operational Boundary	532.2	532.2	532.2	532.2	532.2	532.2
Loans Outstanding	401	401	401	392	392	412

Neither the Authorised Limit nor the Operational Boundary have been breached.

#### 2.1 <u>Treasury Management Prudential Indicators</u>

#### 2.1.1 Interest Rate Exposure

Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022:

	Fixed Interest Variable		TOTAL
	Rate	Interest Rate	
	£m	£m	£m
Borrowed	408.72	3.00	411.72
Invested	(127.50)	(67.50)	(195.00)
Net	281.22	(64.50)	216.72
Limit	512.00	51.00	
Proportion of Net			
Borrowing Actual	129.76%	(29.76)%	100.00%
Limit	150.00%*	5.00%	

<sup>\*</sup>Revised limit, increased from 125.00%.

The authority is within limits set by the 2022-2023 indicators.

#### 2.1.2 Maturity Structure of Borrowing

	Structure at 30.09.22 %	Upper Limit %	Lower Limit %
Under 12 months	0.52	15	0
12 months to 2 years	1.77	15	0
2 years to 5 years	6.76	50	0
5 years to 10 years	8.89	50	0
10 years to 20 years	20.80	50	0
20 years to 30 years	20.28	50	0
30 years to 40 years	22.52	50	0
40 years and above	18.46	50	0

The authority is within the limits set by the 2022-2023 indicators.

#### 2.1.3 <u>Maximum Principal Sums Invested Longer than 365 Days</u>

	2022-2023 £m
Limit	10
Actual as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be received by the Corporate Performିଅଣ୍ଡ ଅଣୀଶ<sup>0</sup> Resources Scrutiny Committee.

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Totals			
Total	£195,000,000		
Calls & MMFs	£67,500,000	35%	
Fixed Deposits	£127,500,000	65%	
Specified	£67,500,000	100%	

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Weighted Average			
Yield		1.77%	
Maturity (Days)			
Total Portfolio	Total Portfolio	64.74	
Long Term	Short Term		
AAA	-	1.00	
AA	F1	84.31	
Α	F1	74.32	
BBB	F2	0.00	
CCC	С	0.00	

Maturity Structure				
< 1 Week	£67,500,000	35%		
< 1 Month	£32,500,000	17%		
2 - 3 Months	£54,000,000	28%		
3 - 6 Months	£24,000,000	12%		
6 - 9 Months	£10,000,000	5%		
9 - 12 Months	£7,000,000	4%		
12 Months	£O	0%		

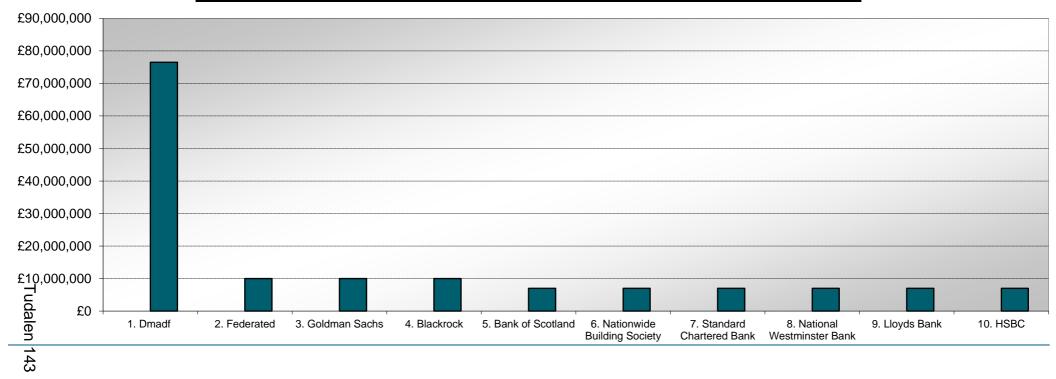
£195,000,000

Risk Factors			
< 1 year	£13,383	0.007%	
1 - 2 years	£0	0.000%	
2 - 3 years	£0	0.000%	
3 - 4 years	£0	0.000%	
4 - 5 years	£0	0.000%	
Total Portfolio	£13,383	0.007%	

# **SLY Model**

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Counterparty	Principal	% of Total Holding	WAM (Days)	WAYield	WADefault
1. Dmadf	£76,500,000	51.52%	69	2.16%	0.003%
2. Federated	£10,000,000	6.73%	1	1.91%	0.000%
3. Goldman Sachs	£10,000,000	6.73%	1	1.75%	0.000%
4. Blackrock	£10,000,000	6.73%	1	1.76%	0.000%
5. Bank of Scotland	£7,000,000	4.71%	1	0.50%	0.000%
Nationwide Building Society	£7,000,000	4.71%	49	0.35%	0.013%
7. Standard Chartered Bank	£7,000,000	4.71%	1	2.04%	0.000%
8. National Westminster Bank	£7,000,000	4.71%	182	2.30%	0.047%
9. Lloyds Bank	£7,000,000	4.71%	280	2.00%	0.072%
10. HSBC	£7,000,000	4.71%	1	1.62%	0.000%



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### PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL **13 RHAGFYR 2022**

### DIWEDDARIAD AR GAMAU GWEITHREDU Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU

Y Pwrpas: Rhoi gwybod i'r Pwyllgor am y camau a gymerwyd mewn ymateb i benderfyniadau a wnaed

### Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:

Craffu ar y cynnydd a wnaed mewn perthynas â chamau gweithredu, ceisiadau neu atgyfeiriadau a gofnodwyd yn ystod cyfarfodydd blaenorol y Pwyllgor.

### Y rhesymau:

Galluogi'r aelodau i gyflawni eu rôl graffu mewn perthynas â monitro perfformiad.

Angen cyfeirio'r mater at y Cabinet / Cyngor er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad: **NAC OES** 

YR AELOD CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Amherth	nasol
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Y Gyfarwyddiaeth:

**Prif Weithredwr** 

Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

**Linda Rees Jones** 

Awdur yr Adroddiad:

Martin S. Davies

Swydd:

Pennaeth Gweinyddiaeth a'r

Gyfraith

Swyddog Gwasanaethau

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13th DECEMBER, 2022

### **Scrutiny Action Update**

During the course of a municipal year, several requests for additional information are made by the Committee in order to assist it in discharging its scrutiny role.

The attached report provides members of the Committee with an update on the progress made in relation to these requests.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

### **IMPLICATIONS**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk	Staffing	Physical
& Disorder				Management	Implications	Assets
and				Issues		
Equalities						
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

### **CONSULTATIONS**

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below						
Signed:	Linda Rees-Jones	Head of Administration and Law				
1.Local I	Member(s) - N/A					
2.Comm	unity / Town Council – N/A					
3.Releva	nt Partners - N/A					
4.Staff S	ide Representatives and other	Organisations - N/A				
	CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED					
NO	NO					
Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THERE ARE NONE						



### **Policy Resources Scrutiny Committee Actions 2021-2022**

Ref No	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action / Referral	Description	Progress Update	Member / Officer	Status
P&R 001 21/22	22nd July 2021	ACTION	CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020/21 - the Executive Board Member for Resources agreed to ascertain the amount of money spent on external contractors when work was above the capacity of the Council's own workforce.	Update required INFORMATION CAN BE E- MAILED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Cllr. D.M. Jenkins / L. Jenkins - Executive Board Support Officer	Cllr Alun Lenny, Cabinet Member for Resources, will provide a verbal update at meeting on 13/12/22.
P&R 002 21/22	22nd July 2021	ACTION	CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020/21 - the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider the issue of pavement provision requests	Considered by Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee on 4/10/21 which resolved that a report be included on that Committee's Forward Work Programme to provide background information and the current position in relation to the provision of pavements in rural areas.	Martin S. Davies	Completed
P&R 003 21/22	22nd July 2021	ACTION	WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2020- 21 - The Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance) agreed to ascertain the language record figures for the 2460 school- based staff included in the language skills data	The Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance) stated at the meeting on 16/3/22 that he would ensure that the language record figures for the 2460 school based staff included in the language skills data was circulated to members.	Paul R. Thomas	Completed
P&R 004 21/22	22nd July 2021	ACTION	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - the Head of ICT & Corporate Policy agreed:  to ascertain the reason why, in Wales between 2018 and 2020, there had been a decrease in the percentage of households which could access the internet from 89% to 88%;  2. to follow up a concern regarding the backlog of funding applications awaiting approval by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to enable the provision of superfast broadband to communities where it was needed;  3. to circulate details of the voucher scheme to support rural communities where possible to increase digital connectivity;	2 & 3) info e mailed to members 7/12/21	Noelwyn Daniel	Completed
P&R 005 21/24dalen 147	20th October 2021	ACTION	VACCINATION POLICY - It was suggested that the wording 'Staff who refused to have the Covid 19 vaccination' be changed to 'Staff who do not wish to have the Covid 19 vaccination'. Officers advised they would consider re-wording the sentence.	At the meeting held on 16/3/22 the Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance) stated that the relevant wording in the Vaccination Policy had been amended;	Paul R. Thomas	Completed

### Policy Resources Scrutiny Committee Actions 2021-2022

P&R 006 21/22	20th October 2021	ACTION	ETHICAL EMPLOYMENT IN SUPPLY CHAINS POLICY AND MODERN SLAVERY, ETHICAL EMPLOYMENT IN SUPPLY CHAINS STATEMENT - Reference was made to the wording of Employment practices on page 135 of the agenda pack. It was suggested that the wording "zero hour contracts are not used unfairly" be changed to "zero hour contracts are not used unless specifically requested by the employee"	Actioned - http://intranet/media/661816/ccc-ethical-employment-policy.pdf	Helen Pugh	Completed
P&R 007 21/22	10th December 2021	REFERRAL	REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2021/22 - RESOLVED that the Education and Children Scrutiny Committee be recommended to closely monitor progress on the Modernising Education Programme, recognising the slippage reported in the capital monitoring report.	21/12/21 E mail sent to Chair of Education and Children Scrutiny Committee	Martin S. Davies	Completed
P&R 008 21/22	10th December 2021	ACTION	CARMARTHENSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 2021- The Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager agreed to ask the Economic Development section for a report detailing progress with the 10 Rural Towns initiative in each of the 10 towns. The Leader also agreed to convey to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Rural Affairs the possibility of arranging a meeting in due course to consider the ways in which each of the 10 towns was benefitting from the initiative	Update required	Gwyneth Ayers / Cllr. E. Dole	Outstanding
P&R 009	14th January 2022	ACTION	2021/22 QUARTER 2 - DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021) •The Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance agreed to follow up concerns over delays by the Valuation Office in applications to reassess council tax	Update Required	Randal Hemingway	Outstanding
P&R 010 Tudaler	14th January 2022	ACTION	2021/22 QUARTER 2 - DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021) The Marketing & Media Manager agreed to look into the appropriateness of introducing a measure relating to response times to public queries including those received out of hours	Update Required	Deina Hockenhall	Outstanding

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### Policy Resources Scrutiny Committee Actions 2021-2022

P&R 011	14th January 2022	ACTION	2021/22 QUARTER 2 - DEPARTMENTAL	At the meeting on 16/3/22 the Assistant Chief	Paul R. Thomas	Completed
			PERFORMANCE REPORT (1ST APRIL TO	Executive (People Management & Performance)		
			30TH SEPTEMBER 2021) The Assistant Chief	stated that he would raise the matter at the next		
			Executive (People Management) agreed to	meeting of the TIC Board but assured the		
			ascertain from the TIC Programme Manager	Committee that feedback would be given to		
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	residents and service users who responded to		
			and service users who responded to consultation	consultation and engaged in the identification of		
			and engaged in the identification of future TIC	future TIC priorities and projects		
			priorities and projects			

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### PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL 13 RHAGFYR 2022

### EITEMAU AR GYFER Y DYFODOL

### Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:

 Nodi'r eitemau ar gyfer y dyfodol i'w hystyried yng nghyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Craffu Perfformiad ac Adnoddau Corfforaethol i'w gynnal ar 30 Ionawr, 2023.

### Rhesymau:

 Mae'n ofynnol yn ôl Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor bod Pwyllgorau Craffu, ar dechrau bob blwyddyn y cyngor, yn datblygu ac yn cyhoeddi Blaenraglen Gwaith sy'n nodi'r pynciau a'r adroddiadau sydd i'w hystyried yn ystod y blwyddyn.

Angen cyfeirio'r mater at y Cabinet er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad: NAC OES

**Yr Aelod Cabinet sy'n gyfrifol am y Portffolio:** Cyng. D. Price (Arweinydd), Cyng. A. Lenny (Adnoddau), Cyng. P. Hughes (Trefniadaeth a'r Gweithlu)

Awdur yr Adroddiad:
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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13th DECEMBER, 2022

### FORTHCOMING ITEMS

The Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees, at the commencement of each municipal year, to develop and publish a Forward Work Programme which identifies the issues and reports to be considered at meetings during the course of the year. When formulating the Forward Work Plan the Scrutiny Committee will take into consideration those items included on the Cabinet's Forward Work Programme.

The list of forthcoming items attached includes those items which are scheduled in the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Plan to be considered at the next meeting, to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

Also attached for information are the 2022/23 Forward Work Plans in respect of the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED? YES:
(1) List of Forthcoming Items
(2) CP & R Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan
(3) Cabinet Forward Work Plan

### **IMPLICATIONS**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

### CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

- 1. Local Member(s) N/A
- 2. Community / Town Council N/A
- 3. Relevant Partners N/A
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER AWARE / CONSULTED

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

There are none.



# FORTHCOMING ITEMS – TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report
		What is Scrutiny being asked to do? e.g. undertake a full review of the subject? Investigate different policy options? Be consulted on final proposals before decision making? Monitor outcomes /implementation?
		If the item is for information or for noting, can the information be provided in an alternative format i.e, via email?
Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 2022/23 to 2025/26	This item will provide members with an opportunity to consider and comment on the budget settlement, departmental service budgets and efficiency savings proposals.	To undertake consultation with the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee on the 3-year Revenue Budget Strategy.
Five Year Capital Programme 2023/24 - 2027/28	This item will provide members with an opportunity to consider and comment on the draft five-year capital programme.	To undertake consultation with the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee on the five year Capital Programme.
Treasury Management Policy & Strategy 2023/24	This item will enable members to consider and approve the content of the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2023/24. This information will form the basis of this Committee's role in scrutinising the activity and function during the forthcoming financial year. The report is presented to the Committee in order to comply with the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and CIPFA Prudential Code 2009.	To comply with the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and CIPFA Prudential Code 2017. To formally approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023-24 including the Treasury Management Indicators, Prudential Indicators, the MRP Statement and recommendations therein.
Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (April - October)	This is a standard item which allows members to undertake their monitoring role of the departmental and corporate budgets.	The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the budget information.
November 2022 PSB minutes	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 notes the requirement that a designated local government scrutiny committee is appointed to scrutinise the work of the PSB. In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny committee.	To consider and scrutinise on the content of the PSB minutes.

### Items attached for information

- The latest version of the Corporate Performance & Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2022/23
   The latest version of the Cabinet's Forward Work Programme 2022/23

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Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22 (outturn)  Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (April-June)	Sickness Absence Monitoring Report - Half Year Q2 2022/23	Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 2022/23 to 2025/26	Quarterly Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (April – December)
Quarterly Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022	TIC Annual Report 21/22	Five Year Capital Programme 2023/24 - 2027/28	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (April – December) moved to March	
May & July 2022 PSB minutes	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (April – August)	Treasury Management Policy & Strategy 2023/24	Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Actions and Referrals Update	
Quarter 1 performance management report	Mid-Year Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (April - October)		
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22	Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Actions and Referrals Update	November 2022 PSB minutes		
CP & Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2022/23	September 2022 PSB minutes			

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### CABINET/COUNCIL - FORWARD PLAN

### FOR THE PERIOD 21 NOVEMBER 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director Report Author
MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022	To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities from 1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022	Cabinet 28 Nov 2022	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Anthony Parnell, Treasury & Pension Investments Manager aparnell@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - ENHANCEMENT ON DOG RELATED CONTROLS	The report sets out the results of an engagement exercise undertaken on the potential options of enhanced Public Space Protection Orders for the control of dogs within Carmarthenshire.	Cabinet 28 Nov 2022	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Daniel John, Environmental Services Manager DWJohn@carmarth enshire.gov.uk

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
RECLASSIFICATI ON OF THE A476 CROSS HANDS	Following completion of the Cross Hands Economic Link Road planned for September 2022 it is proposed that the new road will be classified as the A476 and a section of the existing A476 be given a B road classification. Other minor modifications are also included.	Cabinet 28 Nov 2022	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Steve Pilliner, Head of Transportation & Highways SGPilliner@carmart henshire.gov.uk
SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE APPROVAL BODY (SAB) PRE- APPLICATION FEES AND CHARGES	To consider the potential for charging external bodies and developers a preapplication fees for the professional advice provided by the SAB team in relation to sustainable drainage requirements and solutions for qualifying developments.  The charges would apply for advice provided over and above reasonable levels of advice and guidance normally provided by the unit.	Cabinet 28 Nov 2022	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Ben Kathrens, Flood Defence and Coastal Protection Manager BKathrens@carmar thenshire.gov.uk
Council Tax Base 2023/24	For Cabinet to consider the Tax Base calculations and determine the Tax Base in respect of the financial year 2023-24	Cabinet 12 Dec 2022	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Ann Thomas, Revenue Services Manager
Tuc ag Waste Strategy 158	This report covers detailed policies implement within the strategic and operational functions of service in line with	Cabinet 12 Dec 2022	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Daniel John,

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
	the interim (2022/2023) kerbside waste changes. Placing into context the impending changes following the 2021-2025 waste strategy showing the planed path to improve recycling rates and adopt Welsh Government kerbside sort in Carmarthenshire.				Environmental Services Manager DWJohn@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 UPDATE	To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2022/23 capital programme, as at the 31st October 2022.	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
CARMARTHENSH IRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021/22  Tudalen	Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 we must publish an Annual Report on past performance by the end of October each year. Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 we are required to publish an Annual Report on our Well-being Objectives. This report meets both these requirements in one document.	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Leader of the Council	Chief Executive Nicola Evans, Business Support Manager njevans@carmarth enshire.gov.uk

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	The report seeks formal adoption of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Ann Thomas, Revenue Services Manager
COUNCIL'S REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT	To provide the Cabinet with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 31st October 2022, in respect of 2022/23.	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME (COUNCIL FUND) - 2023/24 TO 2027/28	To enable the authority to agree a five- year capital programme 2023/24 to 2027/28	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cllr. Alun Lenny, Cabinet Member	Director of Corporate Services Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services cmoore@carmarthe nshire.gov.uk
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2023-2026	The HRA Business plan sets out our priorities and activities for new and existing council homes for the next three years. It also sets our capital and revenue budgets and confirms rental levels for tenants.	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Rachel Davies, Strategic Housing Delivery Manager RaMDavies@carm arthenshire.gov.uk

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT QUARTER 2 2022/23(1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022)	Authorities are under a general duty to make arrangements to monitor performance.  We need to demonstrate to citizens, members and regulators how performance is managed, and appropriate interventions implemented	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Organisation & Workforce	Chief Executive Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT and Corporate Policy ndaniel@carmarthe nshire.gov.uk
REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2025/26	To provide the Cabinet with an overview of the budget issues and outlook for the forthcoming years	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cllr. Alun Lenny, Cabinet Member	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
SELF- EVALUATION AND SCHOOL DATA Tudale	Self-evaluation is integral to the business planning process. ECS has modified its approach by triangulating judgements from a wider range of perspectives	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	Director of Education & Children Aeron Rees, Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing jarees@carmarthen shire.gov.uk
SUPPORT FOR CURRICULUM	This report provides an overview of the support offered to our schools in relation	Cabinet 9 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh	Director of Education &

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE SCHOOLS IN CARMARTHENSH IRE – PARTNERIAETH AND THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT.	to the implementation of the Curriculum for Wales, from Partneriaeth and the Education and Children's services department. In addition, the report outlines the impact of this support and the effective practice that is developing within the authority.			Language	Children Elin Forsyth, Principal Challenge Advisor EMForsyth@carma rthenshire.gov.uk
CWM BUSINESS PLAN & PROGRESS REPORT	This report presents the annual business plan of CWM Environmental, setting the annual actions and objectives and the progress the company has made	Cabinet 30 Jan 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Daniel John, Environmental Services Manager DWJohn@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
ALTERNATIVE OUTDOOR EDUCATION OFFER  Tudo acconservation	The purpose of this report is to review Carmarthenshire County Council's current Outdoor Education offer and to explore options for a re-modelled service within existing resources.	Cabinet 13 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Director of Communities Ian Jones, Head of Leisure IJones@carmarthe nshire.gov.uk
TONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS	This report sets out the work being undertaken to review ten designated Conservation Areas across the County. It	Cabinet 13 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy	Director of Place & Infrastructure Rhodri Griffiths,

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
	identifies the outcome of the review and the subsequent consultation exercise including on the: •A character appraisal; •A boundary review and •A management plan. The report in setting out the above identifies the outcome of the public consultation exercise and the next steps including the processes required to amend any of the Conservation Area designations.				Head of Place and Sustainability RDGriffiths@carma rthenshire.gov.uk
CORPORATE STRATEGY	To update our Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives	Cabinet 13 Feb 2023	No	Leader of the Council	Chief Executive Nicola Evans, Business Support Manager njevans@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN Maintenance Manual Ode	The Maintenance Manual is being developed as a portfolio of individual highway maintenance and management policies adopting a risk-based approach and according with a national code of practice.  The topic being brought forward covers the management of highway drainage.	Cabinet 13 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Richard Waters, Highways and Transportation Services Manager RWaters@carmarth enshire.gov.uk

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HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME (HSP) STRATEGY 2022-26	This strategy sets out our priorities and those of our partner agencies for homelessness prevention, homelessness relief and housing related support services over the coming four years (2022-26) to support our most vulnerable citizens to live as part of their communities.	Cabinet 13 Feb 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Christine Harrison, Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning Chris.harrison@pe mbrokeshire.gov.uk
Tudalen	In January 2021, the Welsh Government announced regulatory measures to address agricultural pollution. These regulations are known as The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. The regulations will have a huge impact on the majority of the Council's farms, especially the dairy farms, which will involve having to upgrade slurry storage facilities to accommodate at least five months' worth of slurry. The average capacity of slurry stores on Council farms currently stands at 2-3 months of storage.  This report provides an update on the current situation regarding the impact of the regulations on the Farm Estate and the implications following the outcome of recent condition surveys carried out on all 24 farms.	Cabinet 13 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Chief Executive Jason Jones (Head of Regeneration), Head of Regeneration JaJones@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
FIVE YEAR	To enable the authority to agree a five-	Cabinet	No	Cllr. Alun Lenny, Cabinet	Director of

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME (COUNCIL FUND) – 2023/24 TO 2027/28	year capital programme 2023/24 to 2027/28	20 Feb 2023		Member	Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2025/26	To enable the Authority to set its Revenue Budget for the Council Fund and resultant Council Tax for 2023/24.	Cabinet 20 Feb 2023	No	Cllr. Alun Lenny, Cabinet Member	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
COUNCIL'S REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT  Tuda	To provide the Cabinet with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 31st December 2022, in respect of 2022/23.	Cabinet 27 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
Treasury Management and	To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities from	Cabinet 27 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services

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PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022	1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022				Anthony Parnell, Treasury & Pension Investments Manager aparnell@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2023- 2024	That Council formally approves the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2021-22 and recommendations therein. That Council formally approves the Treasury Management Indicators, Prudential Indicators, the MRP Statement, the Investment Strategy and recommendations therein.	Cabinet 27 Feb 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Anthony Parnell, Treasury & Pension Investments Manager aparnell@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
BUSINESS RATES – RETAIL, LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY RATES RELIEF CHEME 2023/24	To consider the adoption of a rate relief scheme being made available to billing authorities by Welsh Government for 2023/24	Cabinet 13 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Ann Thomas, Revenue Services Manager

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EQUESTRIAN STRATEGY	The Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2019-2029 has been produced and published in accordance with section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act (2000).  The ROWIP details Carmarthenshire's plan for the strategic management, development, and improvement of the County's Public Rights of Way network up until 2029.  During consultation with the Local Access Forum, The Forum identified a need for the local authority to commit to producing a Carmarthenshire Equestrian Strategy to recognise the access opportunities and challenges for horse riding and carriage driving across the County.  An Equestrian Strategy to 'promote and develop an accessible network for equestrian use' has therefore been published in the Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2019-2029.  The report sets out the proposal to adopt an Equestrian Strategy for Carmarthenshire.	Cabinet 13 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Steve Pilliner, Head of Transportation & Highways SGPilliner@carmart henshire.gov.uk
EDENANT COMPENSATION POLICY 67	The report sets out our approach to when it may be appropriate to compensate a tenant who has suffered loss or inconvenience due to service failure. The	Cabinet 13 Mar 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Jonathan Morgan, Head of Homes &

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	policy will guide officers when dealing with council tenants ensuring a consistent approach.				Safer Communities JMorgan@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
TENANT RECHARGE POLICY	Occasionally it may be necessary to recharge a tenant for work that we have carried out to the property which was the tenant responsibility under the tenancy agreement.  The policy will guide officers when dealing with council tenant recharges, ensuring a consistent approach.	Cabinet 13 Mar 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Jonathan Morgan, Head of Homes & Safer Communities JMorgan@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
WEST WALES ADULT ADVOCACY STRATEGY 2023 - 2027	THE ADULT ADVOCACY STRATEGY SEEKS TO SHAPE THE COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS OF HDUHB, CARMARTHENSHIRE CC, CEREDIGION CC AND PEMBROKESHIRE CC IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR STATUTORY DUTIES. IT SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT GOOD QUALITY ADVOCACY IS READILY AND EQUITABLY AVAILABLE, IN THE WEST WALES REGION.	Cabinet 13 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services	Director of Communities Christine Harrison, Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning Chris.harrison@pe mbrokeshire.gov.uk
©APITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 UPDATE	To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2022/23 capital programme, as at the 31st December 2022.	Cabinet 27 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head

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					of Financial Services RHemingway@car marthenshire.gov.u k
CARMARTHENSH IRE'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING (CSCfL)	To provide Cabinet with an updated CSCfL (formerly known as Modernising Education Programme (MEP)) as the long-term strategy and investment plan for schools.  The plan will be brought forward following extensive consultation with stakeholders.	Cabinet 27 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	Director of Education & Children Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education sidavies@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTUR E STRATEGY, TWELVE MONTH REVIEW	The report provides an update on progress with the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy.	Cabinet 27 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Steve Pilliner, Head of Transportation & Highways SGPilliner@carmart henshire.gov.uk
THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES STRATEGY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS AND SPECIALIST	This report outlines the range of differentiated support provided to our schools, PRUs and specialist settings ensuring that leaders, teachers and teaching assistants access the necessary support to ensure that all pupils progress and thrive.	Cabinet 27 Mar 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	Director of Education & Children Elin Forsyth, Principal Challenge Advisor EMForsyth@carma

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SETTINGS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE MOST CHALLENGED.					rthenshire.gov.uk
AN EVALUATION OF ESTYN INSPECTIONS ACROSS CARMARTHENSH IRE SCHOOLS, PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS AND SPECIALIST SETTINGS.	This report provides an evaluation of Estyn inspections over the last five years, outlining the strengths of our schools, PRUs and specialist settings, as well as providing an overview of recommendations for improvement. In addition, the report outlines how the ECS department supports schools both pre and post Estyn inspections to ensure that all of our learners' progress and thrive.	Cabinet 11 Apr 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	Director of Education & Children Elin Forsyth, Principal Challenge Advisor EMForsyth@carma rthenshire.gov.uk
LEISURE, CULTURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION STRATEGY - POST CONSULTATION	The document provides a framework for the service to work with key stakeholders to deliver a strategically aligned Leisure, Culture and Outdoor Recreation Strategy for the next 10 years.	Cabinet 22 May 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Director of Communities Ian Jones, Head of Leisure IJones@carmarthe nshire.gov.uk
TON THE WELSH WEDUCATION	The Carmarthenshire 2022-32 WESP became operative on 1.9.22. The Local Authority is required to submit an annual	Cabinet 17 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	Director of Education & Children

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STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP)	progress report to Welsh Government. It's deemed pertinent to present this report to the Scrutiny process prior to WG submission.				Aeron Rees, Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing jarees@carmarthen shire.gov.uk
ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 2022- 2023	To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities for 2022-2023	Cabinet 4 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Anthony Parnell, Treasury & Pension Investments Manager aparnell@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 UPDATE	To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2022/23 capital programme	Cabinet 27 Nov 2023	No		

Mae'r dudalen hon yn wag yn fwriadol

# Eitem Rhif 11 PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL

### **DYDD MERCHER, 19 HYDREF 2022**

**PRESENNOL** Cynghorydd A.G. Morgan (Cadeirydd)

### Cynghorwyr (Yn y Siambr):

P. Hughes-Griffiths

### **Cynghorwyr (Yn rhithwir):**

K.V. Broom L. Davies T. Davies A. Evans H.A.L. Evans A.D. Harries R. James D. Jones

M.J.A. Lewis K. Madge

### Hefyd yn bresennol (Yn y Siambr):

Cyng. D. Price, Aelod Cabinet - Arweinydd;

Cyng. P. Hughes, Aelod Cabinet - Trefniadaeth a'r Gweithlu;

Cyng. A. Lenny, Aelod Cabinet – Adnoddau;

### Roedd y Swyddogion canlynol yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod (Yn y Siambr):

R. Hemingway, Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Ariannol;

P.R. Thomas, Prif Weithredwr Cynorthwyol (Rheoli Pobl a Pherfformiad);

A. Eynon, Prif Gyfieithydd;

M.S. Davies, Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd;

### Roedd y Swyddogion canlynol yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod (Yn rhithwir):

J. Jones, Pennaeth Adfywio;

H. Pugh, Pennaeth Dros Dro Archwilio, Riag a Chaffael;

L.R. Jones, Pennaeth Gweinyddiaeth a'r Gyfraith;

G. Ayers, Rheolwr Polisi Corfforaethol a Phartneriaeth;

M. Evans Thomas, Prif Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd;

J. Williams, ICT Operational Delivery Manager

Siambr, Neuadd y Sir, Caerfyrddin ac o bell: 10.00 yb - 11.45 yb

### 1. YMDDIHEURIADAU AM ABSENOLDEB

Cafwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan y Cynghorydd J. P. Hart a'r Cynghorydd D. Nicholas.

# 2. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU PERSONOL GAN GYNNWYS UNRHYW CHWIPIAU PLEIDIAU A RODDIR MEWN YMATEB I UNRHYW EITEM AR YR AGENDA

Y Cynghorydd	Rhif y Cofnod	Y Math o Fuddiant
K. Madge	8 – Adroddiad Alldro'r Gyllideb	Ei ferch yn gweithio i'r
	Refeniw 2021-22;	Gwasanaethau
	9 – Adroddiad Monitro'r Gyllideb	Cymdeithasol.
	Refeniw a'r Gyllideb Gyfalaf	
	2022-23;	
A. Evans	8 – Adroddiad Alldro'r Gyllideb	Ei fam yn gweithio i'r
	Refeniw 2021-22;	adain Gwasanaethau



#### 3. CWESTIYNAU GAN Y CYHOEDD

Nid oedd cwestiynau gan y cyhoedd wedi dod i law.

### 4. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL CYNGOR SIR CAERFYRDDIN AR GYFER 2021/22

Cyflwynodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Drefniadaeth a'r Gweithlu Adroddiad Blynyddol drafft y Cyngor ar gyfer 2021/22 ynghyd â'r adroddiadau manwl perthnasol ar Amcanion Llesiant sy'n dod o fewn cylch gwaith y pwyllgor sef:

- Amcan Llesiant 5 Creu mwy o swyddi a thwf ledled y sir;
- Amcan Llesiant 8 Cefnogi cydlyniant cymunedol, cydnerthedd a diogelwch;
- Amcan Llesiant 13 Llywodraethu a Defnyddio Adnoddau yn well.

Nodwyd ei bod yn ofynnol o dan Fesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) i'r Awdurdod gyhoeddi Adroddiad Blynyddol ar berfformiadau blaenorol erbyn diwedd mis Hydref bob blwyddyn.

Roedd y canlynol ymhlith y materion a godwyd ynghylch yr adroddiad:

### **Amcan Llesiant 5**

- Mewn ymateb i bryder fod gan Sir Gaerfyrddin y gyfradd gyflogaeth drydedd isaf yng Nghymru, cynghorwyd y pwyllgor bod proses recriwtio a theitlau/proffiliau swyddi y Cyngor yn cael eu hailasesu a nodwyd bod Pentre Awel a datblygiadau eraill y Fargen Ddinesig yn debygol o greu llawer o gyfleoedd newydd am waith. Cydnabuwyd hefyd yn ehangach, ers y pandemig Covid, bod llawer o bobl wedi gwneud dewisiadau ffordd o fyw ac nad oeddent bellach yn chwilio am waith;
- Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn yn ymwneud â'r fenter 10 tref, pwysleisiwyd bod y Cyngor yn ddibynnol ar fod busnesau a chymunedau lleol yn gwneud y gorau o'r cyfleoedd a'r cyllid sydd ar gael, a allai ddenu rhagor o gyllid ac yn hyn o beth roedd gan yr aelodau lleol rôl bwysig i'w chwarae hefyd;
- Nodwyd bod gan yr Awdurdod nifer o fentrau ar waith i gau'r bwlch cyflog rhwng y rhywiau;

#### **Amcan Llesiant 8**

- Soniodd yr aelodau am y ffyrdd cadarnhaol yr oedd cymunedau wedi cyddynnu yn ystod ac ers y pandemig COVID ac roeddent o'r farn y byddai cydlyniant cymunedol a chydnerthedd yn parhau i fod yn hollbwysig yn ystod y misoedd nesaf, yn enwedig gyda golwg ar y sefyllfa economaidd. Yn hyn o beth cyfeiriwyd at fentrau i'w croesawu fel banciau bwyd a 'mannau croeso cynnes' yn y llyfrgelloedd cyhoeddus ac mewn lleoliadau eraill:
- Cydnabuwyd bod Covid wedi peri heriau enfawr i'r gweithlu a chafodd y Pwyllgor wybod bod adolygiad 'gwersi a ddysgwyd' wedi'i gynnal gyda'r bwriad o ddatblygu ffyrdd o weithio a fu'n fuddiol i staff, y Cyngor a



- defnyddwyr gwasanaeth ac adeiladu arnynt. Roedd arolwg staff a gynhaliwyd fel rhan o'r adolygiad wedi rhoi adborth cadarnhaol;
- Cyfeiriwyd at y cyllid sydd ar gael o'r Gronfa Dlodi i gynorthwyo gyda sefydlu clybiau cinio neu gaffis cymunedol;

#### -Amcan Llesiant 13

- Nodwyd bod salwch staff, ar wahân i Covid, ar y lefel darged;
- Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn cafodd yr aelodau wybod nad oedd cais gan undebau llafur am gyflwyno lwfans gweithio gartref yn cael ei gefnogi gan gyflogwyr.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL argymell i'r Cabinet fod y fersiwn ddrafft o Adroddiad Blynyddol 2021/22 yn cael ei gymeradwyo.

## 5. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU POLISI AC ADNODDAU 2021/22

Bu'r Pwyllgor yn ystyried Adroddiad Blynyddol y Pwyllgor Craffu - Polisi ac Adnoddau am flwyddyn y cyngor 2021/22 a oedd yn rhoi golwg gyffredinol ar waith y Pwyllgor gan gynnwys:-

- Trosolwg ar y Rhaglenni Gwaith Craffu;
- Y materion allweddol a ystyriwyd;
- Materion oedd wedi'u cyfeirio at y Cabinet neu Bwyllgorau Craffu Eraill neu ganddynt;
- Presenoldeb yr Aelodau yn y cyfarfodydd.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL gymeradwyo'r adroddiad.

## 6. CYNLLUN WAITH Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU PERFFORMIAD AC ADNODDAU CORFFORAETHOL AR GYFER 2022/23

Bu'r Pwyllgor yn ystyried ei Flaenraglen Waith ar gyfer 2022/2023 a baratowyd yn unol â Chyfansoddiad y Cyngor sy'n ei gwneud yn ofynnol i Bwyllgorau Craffu ddatblygu a chyhoeddi blaenraglen waith bob blwyddyn gan glustnodi materion ac adroddiadau sydd i'w hystyried mewn cyfarfodydd yn ystod blwyddyn y cyngor.

Dywedwyd wrth yr aelodau, yn dilyn cyhoeddi Blaengynllun y Cabinet yn ddiweddar ar gyfer y cyfnod rhwng 1 Hydref 2022 a 29 Rhagfyr 2023, y byddai trefniadau yn cael eu gwneud ar gyfer sesiwn ddatblygu er mwyn i aelodau'r Pwyllgor ystyried a oedd yno unrhyw eitemau o fewn cylch gwaith y Pwyllgor y byddai'n dymuno eu cynnwys yn ei Flaenraglen Waith ei hun.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL gymeradwyo Blaenraglen Waith y Pwyllgor Craffu - Perfformiad Corfforaethol ac Adnoddau ar gyfer 2022/23.

# 7. COFNODION BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS (PSB) SIR GÂR - GORFFENNAF 2022

Cyflwynodd yr Arweinydd gofnodion cyfarfod Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Sir Gaerfyrddin a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Gorffennaf 2022.



Roedd Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015 yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol bod pwyllgor craffu llywodraeth leol dynodedig yn cael ei benodi i graffu ar waith y Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus. Yn Sir Gaerfyrddin, penodwyd Pwyllgor Craffu – Perfformiad Corfforaethol ac Adnoddau y Cyngor fel y Pwyllgor Craffu perthnasol.

Estynnwyd llongyfarchiadau i'r Arweinydd ar gael ei benodi'n Gadeirydd y Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus a thalwyd teyrnged i'r cyn-Gadeirydd Mr. Barry Liles.

Cafodd yr aelodau wybod, fel oedd yn digwydd yn flaenorol, y dylent gysylltu â'r Rheolwr Polisi Corfforaethol, Perfformiad a Phartneriaeth os oedd ganddynt ddiddordeb mewn mynd i gyfarfod Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus fel arsylwr.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL dderbyn cofnodion cyfarfod y Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Gorffennaf 2022.

### 8. ADRODDIAD ALLDRO CYLLIDEB REFENIW 2021/22

[SYLWER: Wedi datgan buddiant yn yr eitem hon yn gynharach, arhosodd y Cynghorwyr A. Evans a K. Madge yn y cyfarfod wrth iddi gael ei hystyried.]

Aeth yr Aelod Cabinet dros Adnoddau ati i gyflwyno Adroddiad Alldro Cyllideb Gorfforaethol 2021/22 yr Awdurdod ac adroddiadau adrannol y Prif Weithredwr a'r Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol. Yn gyffredinol, sefyllfa net yr Awdurdod oedd tanwariant o £1,433k gydag Adrannau'r Prif Weithredwr a'r Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol yn dangos amrywiant net o -£2,014k yn erbyn cyllidebau cymeradwy 2021/22. Ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn roedd £281k o arbedion Rheolaethol wedi'u cyflawni yn erbyn targed o £451k.

Mewn ymateb i bryder ynghylch y 12 swydd wag yn y canolfannau gwasanaethau cwsmeriaid, dywedwyd wrth y Pwyllgor bod yna anawsterau ynglŷn wrth lenwi'r swyddi oherwydd i rai aelodau staff gael eu hadleoli yn ystod y pandemig Covid.

### PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL dderbyn yr adroddiad.

### 9. ADRODDIAD MONITRO CYLLIDEB CYFALAF A REFENIW 2022/23

[SYLWER: Wedi datgan buddiant yn yr eitem hon yn gynharach, arhosodd y Cynghorwyr A. Evans a K. Madge yn y cyfarfod wrth iddi gael ei hystyried.]

Aeth yr Aelod Cabinet dros Adnoddau ati i gyflwyno Adroddiad Monitro Cyllideb Gorfforaethol yr Awdurdod ac adroddiadau adrannol y Prif Weithredwr a'r Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol fel yr oeddent ar 30 Mehefin 2022 gyda golwg ar flwyddyn ariannol 2022/23. Roedd yr adroddiad hefyd yn cynnwys atodiad a oedd yn rhoi manylion Monitro Arbedion 2022/23.

Roedd yr adroddiad monitro yn rhagweld y byddai gorwariant diwedd blwyddyn o  $\pounds 4,767k$  ar gyllideb refeniw net yr

Awdurdod ac y byddai gorwariant o £4,735k ar lefel adrannol.

### PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL dderbyn yr adroddiad.



## 10. ADRODDIAD CHWARTEROL YNGYLCH RHEOLI'R TRYSORLYS A DANGOSYDD DARBODAETH EBRILL 1 2022 I MEHEFIN 30 2022

Aeth yr Aelod Cabinet dros Adnoddau ati i gyflwyno'r Adroddiad Chwarterol ynghylch Rheoli'r Trysorlys a'r Dangosyddion Darbodaeth ar gyfer y cyfnod 1 Ebrill 2022 - 30 Mehefin 2022 a oedd yn rhestru gweithgareddau rheoli'r trysorlys a ddigwyddodd yn ystod chwarter cyntaf y flwyddyn yn unol â Pholisi a Strategaeth Rheoli'r Trysorlys 2022-2023 a fabwysiadwyd gan y Cyngor ar 2 Mawrth 2022.

Nid oedd yr Awdurdod wedi torri unrhyw un o'i Ddangosyddion Darbodus yn ystod y cyfnod.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL gymeradwyo'r adroddiad.

**11. EGLURHAD AM BEIDIO Â CHYFLWYNO ADRODDIAD CRAFFU**Derbyniodd y Pwyllgor yr adroddiad nad oedd wedi'i gyflwyno.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL nodi'r adroddiad.

12. COFNODION - 16EG MAWRTH 2022

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL lofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod oedd wedi'i gynnal ar 16 Mawrth 2022 gan eu bod yn gywir.

CHAIR	DATE



