

Cyngor Tref y Trallwng | Welshpool Town Council

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Agenda & Summons Finance Committee - 16/04/2025 7:15pm

14th April 2025

To: Councillor(s) Dr Ben Gwalchmai, David France, Estelle Bleivas, Morag Bailey (Chair), Phil Owen, Sally Fitzgerald, Revd William Rowell

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee of Welshpool Town Council which will be held on Wednesday 16th April 2025 in the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall at 7:15pm to transact the business outlined below.

Yours sincerely,

Richard T Williams LLB (Hons) Town Clerk & Proper Officer

In accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, this meeting is available to view by remote means. Please visit <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87157435668?pwd=KIZZVbrAC5k7vD5d7IBmPhIGRqGByb.1</u> to join online or use Zoom Meeting ID 871 5743 5668 and passcode 600072, or via telephone by ringing +44 208 080 6592.

Agenda

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will welcome Councillors and members of the public and will receive, and if desired, resolve to approve, any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

To receive and resolve if desired, declarations of interest and relevant dispensations. [Part III, Local Government Act 2000]

Declarations of Interests Guide & Form [Appendix A]

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive members of the public who wish to address the meeting, in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. No resolutions may be made under this item and should relate only to matters of Council policy or practice, and not individual affairs or the questioner or any other named person. [Para. 27A, Sch 12, Local Government Act 1972]

4. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 19th March 2025 as a correct record.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1. Council Accounts (March 2025 - Period 12)

To consider and accept the Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook Reports and Income and Expenditure Report for March 2025.

March 2025 - Bank Reconciliation - Main Account [Appendix C] March 2025 - Bank Reconciliation - Petty Cash [Appendix D] March 2025 - Bank Reconciliation - Savings [Appendix E] March 2025 - Cashbook - Main [Appendix F] March 2025 - Cashbook - Petty Cash [Appendix G] March 2025 - Cashbook - Savings [Appendix H] 24-25 - Income and Expenditure [Appendix I]

5.2. Payment of Invoices - April

To confirm and agree payment of invoices for April 2025, including any additional payments tabled on the night.

Payments for End of Year 24-25 [Appendix J] Payments for April 2025 v2 [Appendix K]

5.3. Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025/26

To note for information, the limit on expenditure for the Council under Section 137 is £52,325.40 for the 2025/26 financial year. [Section 137(1), Local Government Act 1972]

Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2025-26 [Appendix L]

5.4. IRPW Annual Report 2025/26

To note for information the annual report issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for 2025/26. The report will be presented to Full Council at the Annual Meeting along with an accompanying paper. [Section 153, Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011]

IRPW Annual Report 2025-26 [Appendix M]

6. THE HUB

To receive an update from the Responsible Finance Officer on financing and accounting for the Hub.

7. END OF YEAR 2024/25

To receive an update from the Responsible Finance Officer on the financial position of the Council following the End of Year process.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of Finance Committee will be subject to approval at the Annual Meeting.

9. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - EXCLUSION

To resolve, if required, that members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted. [Section 1(2), Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960]

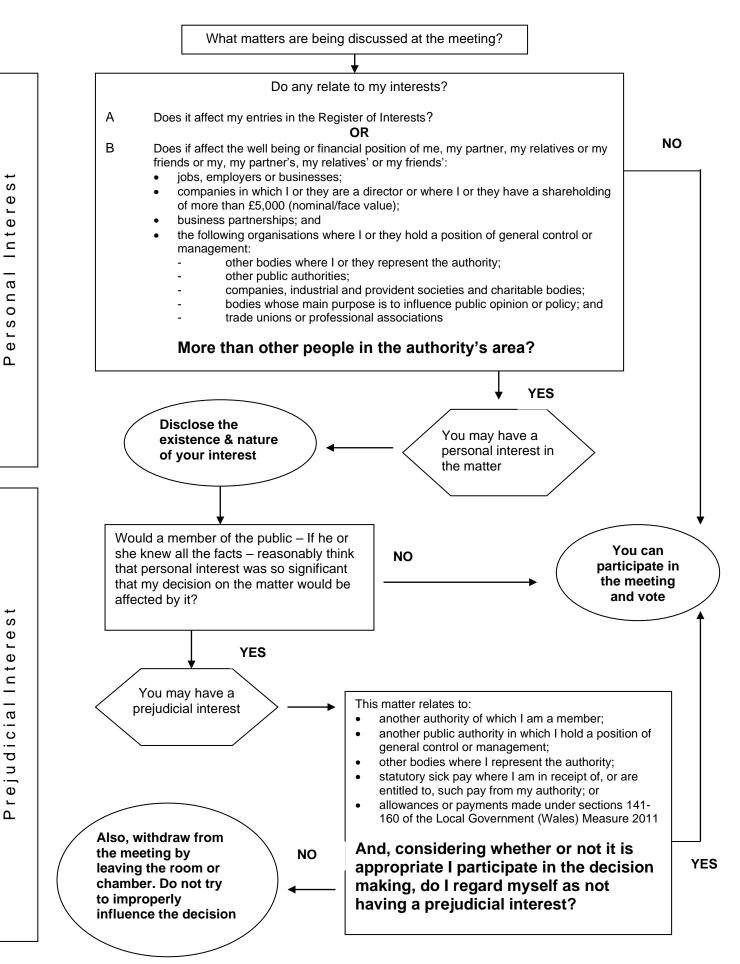
10. SALES LEDGER - DEBTORS [Confidential]

To receive an update on the Sales Ledger.

Appendix A



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.....TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT –PARAGRAPH 11 (4) PARAGRAPH 14 (3) (b) (ii)

NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF:-(1) PERSONAL INTEREST ORALLY DISCLOSED AT <u>MEETING</u> [(2) DISPENSATION RELIED UPON AT <u>MEETING</u>]

1.	NAME OF MEMBER:	

2. DATE AND DETAILS OF MEETING AT WHICH ORAL DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST MADE:

DATE:	
MEETING:	

3. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND BUSINESS TO WHICH THE PERSONAL INTEREST RELATES :

AGENDA	
ITEM:	
BUSINESS	
CONSIDERED:	

4. DETAILS OF PERSONAL INTEREST <u>(Insert ALL category number(s) referred to in the accompanying guidance notes</u> <u>that apply together with any Additional Detail)</u>: If this involves SENSITIVE information give details of the agreement of the Monitoring Officer allowing you to simply disclose the EXISTENCE of the interest

5. PREJUDICAL INTEREST

Complete sections (a), (b), (c) and (d) in the box below by deleting those sections and words in square brackets as appropriate.

The personal interest detailed in Section 4 above:-

[(a) Is NOT a prejudicial interest because the business concerned relates to [another relevant authority of which I am also a member] [another public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature in which I hold a position of general control or management] [a body to which I have been elected, appointed or nominated by my Council] [my role as a non LEA School Governor and the business does not relate to my school] [my role as a member of the Local Health Board] AND the business does not relate to the determination of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration]

[(b) Is NOT a prejudicial interest because (under the objective, public perception test in Paragraph 12 (1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) it WOULD NOT be regarded as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest].

[(c) Is NOT a prejudicial interest because the business relates to a grant, loan or other form of financial assistance to community or voluntary organisations up to £500].

[(d) IS ALSO A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST because (under the objective, public perception test in Paragraph 12 (1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) it WOULD BE regarded as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest].

6. IF YOU HAVE A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN RESPECT OF WHICH YOU HAVE THE BENEFIT OF A DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE BOX BELOW.

DATE OF MEETING OF THE	
STANDARDS COMMITTEE/SUB-	
COMMITTEE	
EXACT WORDING OF	
DISPENSATION	
[As an alternative you may simply	
attach the letter (or a copy) from	
the Standards Committee/Sub-	
Committee notifying you of the	
grant of dispensation]	

7. DATE AND SIGNATURE:

DATE:	
SIGNATURE:	

This written notification, fully completed, dated and signed must be given BEFORE or IMMEDIATELY AFTER the close of the meeting to the Clerk. V:\WLEGAL\CLARENCE\STANDARDS\TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS – DECLARATION OF INTEREST (VERSION 2)

Appendix B



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MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of Welshpool Town Council Finance Committee held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 in the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall at 6.30pm

- Present: Cllr M.Bailey Cllr W.Rowell Cllr S.Fitzgerald (via Zoom) Cllr P.Owen Cllr P.Pritchard Cllr E.Bleivas
- Also Present: Cllr C.Robinson (via Zoom) Cllr N.Howells (via Zoom) PCC Cllr Graham Breeze V.Voysey (Responsible Finance Officer/Proper Officer) K.Wright (Events and Markets Officer) W.Lewis (Services Manager)

F102.2024 Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting

F103.2024 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to receive an apology from Cllr Ben Gwalchmai and Cllr David France

F104.2024 Declarations of Interest.

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

F105.2024 Public Question Time and Participation

There were none at this time

F106.2024 Minutes

RECOMMENDED to confirm the minutes of Wednesday 26th February 2025 as a true record

F107.2024 Town Council Accounts

Members scrutinised the Town Council's accounts. There was discussion on the following matters:

- It was noted that the invoice for Healthmatic is a final invoice.
- It was noted that the cost of water supply to the Football Club for half a year was £1334.93, with the yearly income from rent of £700. There was a discussion on the need to improve income from sports clubs, and comments were made about charging market rents and about the amount of subsidy that should be offered or otherwise to sports clubs. The Town Mayor, Cllr Phil Owen, offered a legal opinion on leases and licenses. The Chairman, Cllr Morag Bailey, noted that the Audit Committee has included sports clubs on its list of reviews.
- The £10K overspend on recreation maintenance relates to the fencing put up by the Bowling Club. Full Council are being asked to make a virement to amend this part of the budget. The Chairman, Cllr Morag Bailey, noted that the Bowling Club had offered to pay part of the costs of the fence and that this sum should be invoiced to the club.
- The loan from BLT covering the final costs of the TiC building have been repaid. Cllr Pritchard said that the R.F.O and staff should be thanked for ensuring this was repaid on time as promised by the Town Council.
- Charity monies raised by ClIr Estelle Bleivas' booksales, ClIr Nick Howells coffee morning, and ClIr Alison Davies' International Women's Day Collection are on the payment schedule for March. Thanks was given to ClIr Bleivas for her work in putting on charity book sales each year

Rev. Bill Rowell said the R.F.O should be thanked for her work.

RECOMMENDED to confirm and agree the following

February 2025 (month 11)

- Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook Report
- Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook 30 Day Deposit A/C
- Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook Petty Cash

• Income and Expenditure Report

RECOMMENDED to confirm and agree payment of invoices March 2025

F108.2024 The Hub

The R.F.O (Ms Voysey) asked members if they would consider it useful to set up a separate charity account for the Hub. There was some discussion on this matter, including reference to other charity works undertaken by Councillors. Grants are currently paid through LGA 1972 s.137, this requires separate accounting for auditing purposes.

It was agreed that this should be considered, and information on suitable accounts be brought back to the next meeting.

F109.2024 Date of Next meeting

Member noted that the next meeting will be held on the 19th April 2025 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

F110.2024 Exclusion of Public and Press

RECOMMENDED that in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and that they are instructed to withdraw, due to the nature of the business about to be transacted which is considered to be prejudicial to the public interest

F111.2024 Sales Ledger

The R.F.O (Ms Voysey) and Events and Markets Officer (Mrs Wright) gave Council an update on the Sales Ledger.

It was resolved to give the Events and Market Officer authority to do with a market agreement issue.

F112.2024 Legal Matters

The R.F.O (Ms Voysey) updated Councillors on legal matters relating to Sports Clubs. A way forwards was agreed.

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/03/2025 for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Business Account	31/03/2025		14,447.15
		_	14,447.15
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	
		_	0.00
			14,447.15
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
			0.00
			14,447.15
	Balanc	e per Cash Book is :-	14,447.15
		Difference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:			
Name	Signed	Date	
Signatory 2:			
Name	Signed	Date	

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/03/2025 for Cashbook 7 - Petty Cash

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Petty Cash - Grounds	01/03/2025		31.80
Petty Cash - Office	01/03/2025		243.91
		—	275.71
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	
		_	0.00
			275.71
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
		_	0.00
			275.71
	Bala	nce per Cash Book is :-	275.71
		Difference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:			
Name	Signed	Date	
Signatory 2:			
Name	Signed	Date	

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/03/2025 for Cashbook 2 - 30 Day A/C

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
30 Day	31/03/2025		32,216.53
		—	32,216.53
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	
		_	0.00
			32,216.53
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
			0.00
			32,216.53
	Balance pe	er Cash Book is :-	32,216.53
		Difference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:			
Name	Signed	Date	
Signatory 2:			

NameDate

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Cashbook 1 Current Bank A/c

For Month No: 12

Receipts f	Nominal Ledger Analysis								
<u>Receipt Ref</u>	Name of Payer	<u>£ Amn</u>	t Received	£ Debtors	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	Transaction Detail
	Balance Broug	ght Fwd :	30,398.71					30,398.71	
	Banked: 01/03/2025	72.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1032		72.00	72.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1032
	Banked: 01/03/2025	20.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1034		20.00	20.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1034
Davies	Banked: 01/03/2025	-50.00							
Davies	Winter Festival Stall		-50.00		-8.33	5120	230	-41.67	refund Davies
card2802	Banked: 01/03/2025	438.00							
card2802	TIC Sales		350.00			1500	180	350.00	Owens coaches
	Meals On Wheels		65.00		10.83				Meals card 28th Feb
card2802	TIC Sales		23.00		3.83	1510	180	19.17	handbag
	Banked: 01/03/2025	40.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1053		40.00	40.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1053
	Banked: 01/03/2025	198.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1057		198.00	198.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1057
card2603	Banked: 01/03/2025	-0.45							
card2603	TIC Sales		-0.45		-0.08	1510	180	-0.37	transposition error
	Banked: 03/03/2025	40.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1040		40.00	40.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1040
502278	Banked: 03/03/2025	75.00							
502278	Various		75.00			1455	210	75.00	Old Bakehouse donation
	Banked: 03/03/2025	52.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1041		52.00	52.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1041
	Banked: 03/03/2025	416.67							
	Sales Recpts Page 1043		416.67	416.67		100			Sales Recpts Page 1043
	Banked: 03/03/2025	7.00							
7card2602	Petty Cash		7.00			255		7.00	card payment 26th Feb
	Banked: 03/03/2025	150.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1045		150.00	150.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1045
502279	Banked: 04/03/2025	127.85							
502279	Various		127.85			1860	230	127.85	donations 3/3/25
Agnewmeals	Banked: 04/03/2025	58.50							
Agnewmeals	Meals On Wheels		58.50		9.75	1650	200	48.75	Meals Agnew
	Banked: 05/03/2025	25.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1033		25.00	25.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1033
Evans	Banked: 05/03/2025	-25.00							
	Winter Festival Stall		-25.00		-4.17	5120	230	-20.83	refund Evans
card0103	Banked: 05/03/2025	370.18							
	TIC Sales		300.00			1500	180	300.00	Owens coach travel
							-		Continued on Page

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Cashbook 1 Current Bank A/c

For Month No: 12

Receipts f	or Month 12	Nominal Ledger Analysis							
Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	<u>£ Amnt</u>	Received	£ Debtors	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	Transaction Detail
	TIC Sales		41.70			1500	180		National Express tickets
card0103	TIC Sales		28.48		4.75	1510	180	23.73	jewellery and other sales
	Banked: 05/03/2025	76.69							
	Meals On Wheels		76.69		12.78	1650	200	63.91	Meals cash 28th Feb
	Banked: 05/03/2025	3.00							
	Meals On Wheels		3.00		0.50	1650	200	2.50	cash 28th feb
	Banked: 05/03/2025	443.37	070.00			4500	100	070.00	
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		378.00 65.37		10.90	1500 1510	180 180		Owens coach tickets souvenirs other sales
card0403	Banked: 05/03/2025	308.50							
	TIC Sales		8.00			1510	180	8.00	Maps
card0403	Meals On Wheels		300.50		50.08	1650	200	250.42	Meals card 4th March
	Banked: 06/03/2025	270.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1042		270.00	270.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1042
502076	Banked: 06/03/2025	435.00							
502076	Meals On Wheels		435.00		72.50	1650	200	362.50	Meals cash - inc Haven
	Banked: 06/03/2025	120.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1046		120.00	120.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1046
card0303	Banked: 06/03/2025	678.00							
card0303	TIC Sales		678.00			1500	180	678.00	Owens coaches ticketts
nightsafe	Banked: 06/03/2025	227.50							
nightsafe	Meals On Wheels		227.50		37.92	1650	200	189.58	meals cash nightsafe
502078	Banked: 07/03/2025	247.00							
502078	Meals On Wheels		247.00		41.17	1650	200	205.83	Meals cash 7th March
502280	Banked: 08/03/2025	73.54							
502280	Various		73.54			1380	210	73.54	donations MFCC on IWDay
	Banked: 10/03/2025	12.99							
card0503	TIC Sales		12.99		2.16	1510	180	10.83	jewellery
	Banked: 10/03/2025	120.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1047		120.00	120.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1047
	Banked: 10/03/2025	282.29			17.05				
	Meals On Wheels		282.29		47.05	1650	200	235.24	Meals nightsafe502077
	Banked: 12/03/2025	70.30	0.50		0.40		100	0.00	
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		2.50 67.80		0.42	1510 1500	180 180		other sales National Express tickets
	Banked: 12/03/2025	189.94						000	
	TIC Sales		167.00			1500	180	167.00	Owens coach tickets
card0803	TIC Sales		17.95			1510	180		books and maps
card0803	TIC Sales		4.99		0.83	1510	180	4.16	souvenirs

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Current Bank A/c

For Month No: 12

Receipts fo	or Month 12					No	minal Le	edger Anal	ysis
Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	<u>£ Amr</u>	nt Received	£ Debtors	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	Transaction Detail
502215	Banked: 12/03/2025	31.45							
	TIC Sales	01.40	4.95			1510	180	4 95	books
	TIC Sales		26.50		4.42	1510			souvenirs other sales
card1003	Banked: 13/03/2025	1,606.50							
card1003	Meals On Wheels		136.50		22.75	1650	200	113.75	Melals card 13th March
card1003	TIC Sales		1,470.00			1500	180	1,470.00	Owens coach tickets
	Banked: 13/03/2025	50,000.00							
0325reserv	30 Day A/C		50,000.00			201		50,000.00	transfer from reserves
	Banked: 14/03/2025	107.50							
	Sales Recpts Page 1038		107.50	107.50		100			Sales Recpts Page 1038
	Banked: 14/03/2025	52.50							
	Sales Recpts Page 1039		52.50	52.50		100			Sales Recpts Page 1039
card1103	Banked: 14/03/2025	664.00							
card1103	TIC Sales		610.00			1500	180	610.00	Owens coaches
card1103	TIC Sales		54.00		9.00	1510	180	45.00	bag souvenirs
	Banked: 14/03/2025	35.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1048		35.00	35.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1048
	Banked: 17/03/2025	30.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1035		30.00	30.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1035
card1203	Banked: 17/03/2025	38.00							
card1203	TIC Sales		38.00		6.33	1510	180	31.67	handbag scarf
	Banked: 18/03/2025	15.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1037		15.00	15.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1037
card1303	Banked: 18/03/2025	117.46							
card1303	TIC Sales		117.46		19.58	1510	180	97.88	bag souvenir jewellery
	Banked: 19/03/2025	120.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1036		120.00	120.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1036
card1403	Banked: 19/03/2025	12.99							
card1403	TIC Sales		12.99		2.16	1510	180	10.83	jewellery
card1503	Banked: 19/03/2025	210.59							
card1503	TIC Sales		96.60			1500	180	96.60	National Express tickets
	Meals On Wheels		65.00		10.83				Meals income card 19thMarch
card1503	TIC Sales		48.99		8.16	1510	180	40.83	jewellery souvenirs
	Banked: 19/03/2025	140.92							
	TIC Sales		57.48		0.50	1510			books and maps
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		57.48 25.96			1510 1510			souvenirs jewellery other other sales
	Banked: 19/03/2025	175.79			-	-			
	Meals On Wheels		175.79		29.30	1650	200	146.49	Meals cash 14th March

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				Current Bank					For Month No: 12
Receipts f	or Month 12					No	minal Le	edger Anal	ysis
Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	<u>£ Amn</u> t	Received	£ Debtors	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	Transaction Detail
502080	Banked: 19/03/2025	279.50							
502080	Meals On Wheels		279.50		46.58	1650	200	232.92	Meals 14th March inc. Haven
card1703	Banked: 20/03/2025	74.15							
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		50.70 23.45		3.91	1500 1510	180 180		National Express tickets souvenir
card1803	Banked: 21/03/2025	36.00							
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		26.00 10.00		1.67	1510 1510			maps souvenirs
	Banked: 21/03/2025	30.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1052		30.00	30.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1052
card1903	Banked: 24/03/2025	190.00							
card1903	TIC Sales		23.00			1500	180	23.00	Owens coach ticket
	TIC Sales		105.00		40.00	1500	180		fishing permit
card 1903	TIC Sales		62.00		10.33	1510	180	51.07	souvenirs bag jewellery
	Banked: 25/03/2025	144.00	444.00	111.00		400			
	Sales Recpts Page 1050		144.00	144.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1050
	Banked: 25/03/2025	16.94	5.95			1510	180	5.05	books
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		5.95 10.99		1.83	1510			souvenirs
	Banked: 26/03/2025	440.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1049		440.00	440.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1049
card2103	Banked: 26/03/2025	32.99							
	TIC Sales		16.99			1510	180	16.99	books
card2103	TIC Sales		16.00			1500	180	16.00	Owens coaches
card2203	Banked: 26/03/2025	250.99							
	TIC Sales		168.00			1500	180		Owens coaches
	TIC Sales TIC Sales		55.00 27.99		4.66	1500 1510	180 180		fishing permit jewellery souvenirs
	Banked: 26/03/2025	174.50	21.55		4.00	1010	100	20.00	Jewenery Souvernis
	TIC Sales	174.50	66.00			1500	180	66.00	Owens coach tickets
	TIC Sales		108.50		18.08		180		jewellery bags souvenirs
hub donor	Banked: 27/03/2025	150.00							
hub donor	Various		150.00			1455	210	150.00	Older People's Forum - Pavo
card2503	Banked: 27/03/2025	77.00							
card2503	Various		22.00			1500	180	22.00	Owens coach ticket
	TIC Sales		50.00			1500	180		fishing permit
card2503	Various		5.00		0.83	1510	180	4.17	souvenirs
	Banked: 27/03/2025	529.11							
	Sales Recpts Page 1059		529.11	529.11		100			Sales Recpts Page 1059
	Banked: 28/03/2025	75.00							

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				Current Bank		For Month No: 12			
Receipts fo	or Month 12					No	minal Le	edger Anal	ysis
Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	<u>£ Amr</u>	t Received	£ Debtors	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	Transaction Detail
	Sales Recpts Page 1051		75.00	75.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1051
card2503	Banked: 28/03/2025	62.00							
card2503	TIC Sales		39.00			1510	180	39.00	maps
card2503	TIC Sales		23.00		3.83	1510	180	19.17	bag
	Banked: 28/03/2025	96.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1058		96.00	96.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1058
	Banked: 31/03/2025	1,000.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1055		1,000.00	1,000.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1055
	Banked: 31/03/2025	57.00							
	Sales Recpts Page 1056		57.00	57.00		100			Sales Recpts Page 1056
card2603	Banked: 31/03/2025	424.94							
card2603	TIC Sales		372.00			1500	180	372.00	Owens coaches
card2603	TIC Sales		52.94		8.82	1510	180	44.12	souvenirs jewellery
Tota	I Receipts for Month	63,070.69		4,254.78	519.87			58,296.04	
	Cashbook Totals	93,469.40		4,254.78	519.87			88,694.75	

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Payment	s for Month 12	Nominal Ledger Analysis							
<u>Date</u>	Payee Name	<u>Reference</u> £	<u>: Total Amnt</u>	£ Creditors	<u>£VAT</u>	Vc	<u>Centre</u>	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
01/03/2025	Welshpool DIY	3098	58.68	58.68	5	00			gloves screws hooks
01/03/2025	Welshpool DIY	WDIY	30.17	30.17	5	00			P/Ledger Electronic Payment
01/03/2025	Petty Cash - Misc Costs	BACS	-0.30		40	060	210	-0.30	payment hafren - correction
01/03/2025	Petty Cash - Misc Costs	BACS	-0.30		40	060	210	-0.30	hafren error
01/03/2025	Autorama Vanrama	March 25	53.82	53.82	5	00			Autorama Vanrama March
01/03/2025	MONTGOMERYSHIRE YOUTH THEATRE	6715	-0.23	-0.23	5	00			BOOK SALES DONATI
01/03/2025	WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT FOODBAN	grant food	287.87	287.87	5	00			grant from booksales
01/03/2025	Legal & General (Pensions)	amend 0325	-20.00	-20.00	5	00			pensions month 12
01/03/2025	Legal & General (Pensions)	amend	20.00	20.00	5	00			pensions month 12
01/03/2025	Powys County Council	month 12	1,917.81	1,917.81	5	00			shortfall month 12
01/03/2025	Powys County Council	pension325	617.99	617.99	5	00			P/Ledger Electronic Payment
01/03/2025	Powys County Council	error`	-617.99	-617.99	5	00			ENTRY ERROR/5387/Powys County
01/03/2025	Powys County Council	error 2	-1,917.81	-1,917.81	5	00			entry error
01/03/2025	Powys County Council	error	180.00	180.00	5	00			P/Ledger Electronic Payment
01/03/2025	Montgomeryshire FamilyCrisis	Grant 25	504.52	504.52	5	00			combined grant - events
01/03/2025	WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT VISUALL	grant25	0.23	0.23	5	00			grant 25 (amend)
01/03/2025	John Deere Financial	March 25	424.49	424.49	5	00			JD 2653 Mower Lease
01/03/2025	John Deere Financial	march 25	2.17	2.17	5	00			JD 2653 Mower Lease
03/03/2025	3 Business Services	22029	54.00	54.00	5	00			mobile phones
03/03/2025	Owens Coaches	part feb	2,167.40	2,167.40	5	00			cost coach tickets end Feb
03/03/2025	Lex AutoLease	Feb 25	532.68	532.68	5	00			lease rental van
05/03/2025	RESOURCES FOR CHANGE LT	2978	6,000.00	6,000.00	5	00			fundraising consultancy
05/03/2025	Permanent Recruitment Solution	6101	668.16	668.16	5	00			cleaning services
05/03/2025	Phils Tool Hire	41782	72.00	72.00	5	00			hire disc saw
05/03/2025	Boys & Boden Ltd	322156	7.33	7.33	5	00			redwood
05/03/2025	Severn Trent Water Ltd	975151393	54.30	54.30	5	00			water berriew st toilets
05/03/2025	Welshpool DIY	3094	130.67	130.67	5	00			padlock light bulbs etc
05/03/2025	Permanent Recruitment Solution	6085	605.52	605.52	5	00			cleaning services
05/03/2025	Bowcom	25230	366.60	366.60	5	00			red line paint
05/03/2025	Severn Trent Water Ltd	981127389	437.73	437.73	5	00			water day centre
05/03/2025	Border Janitorial Supplies Ltd	234292	333.58	333.58	5	00			cleaning materials
05/03/2025	Nick Roberts	3010	156.00	156.00	5	00			wiring to Town Hall
05/03/2025	Powys County Council	1689	2,822.00	2,822.00	5	00			Town Hall rates 2024- 2025
05/03/2025	HMRC - PAYE	HMRC FEb	5,355.22	5,355.22	5	00			Income Tax Month 10
05/03/2025	Marks Auto Accessories	188741	11.88	11.88	5	00			spark plug diesel filter
05/03/2025	Severn Trent Water Ltd	6502365491	106.38	106.38	5	00			water supply red bank
05/03/2025	Petty Cash - Misc Costs	BACS	0.30		40	060	210	0.30	hafren dyfrdwy- underpayment
14/03/2025	British Gas	M&B 03 25	19.74	19.74	5	00			electricity feb
14/03/2025	LLoyds Bank Cardnet	Cardnet325	51.20	51.20	5	00			cardnet charges
14/03/2025	Legal & General (Pensions)	Pensions	1,515.56	1,515.56	5	00			pensions month 12

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Payment	s for Month 12	Nominal Ledger Analysis							
Date	Payee Name	Reference £	Total Amnt	£ Creditors	<u>£ VAT</u>	A/c Centre	£ Amount Transaction Detail		
20/03/2025	Marks Auto Accessories	189816	13.98	13.98		500	jerry can flexi spout		
20/03/2025	The Pink Laundry	3874	40.00	40.00		500	tablecloths cleaning		
	AA Catering Disposables Ltd	60528	361.37	361.37		500	catering supplies inc		
20,00,2020	To Contoning Disposablos Eta	00020	001.01	001.01		000	trays		
20/03/2025	DM Payroll Services Ltd	4223	129.00	129.00		500	payroll servics		
20/03/2025	Rikki Lloyd Butcher	29261	66.69	66.69		500	meals costs 10 2 25		
20/03/2025	Rialtus Business Solutions Ltd	32431	120.00	120.00		500	group training sales ledger		
20/03/2025	Marks Auto Accessories	189766	1.99	1.99		500	2-1 funnel		
20/03/2025	Powys County Council	20223200	20.00	20.00		500	licensing lottery		
20/03/2025	MIDLAND FENCING LTD	240	13,320.00	13,320.00		500	fence bowling club		
20/03/2025	Bowcom	25974	38.34	38.34		500	wheel bearing		
20/03/2025	Potters Recycling	60605	231.83	231.83		500	general waste		
20/03/2025	Powys County Council	10 11 25	2,355.40	2,355.40		500	Pensions month 10 202		
20/03/2025	Border Janitorial Supplies Ltd	231319	537.41	537.41		500	toilet roll dispenser soar		
20/03/2025	Sefe Energy	3736486	10,209.17	10,209.17		500	day centre gas supply		
20/03/2025	WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT VISUALL	6173	167.64	167.64		500	BOOK SALES DONATI		
20/03/2025	MONTGOMERYSHIRE YOUTH THEATRE	6715	167.87	167.87		500	BOOK SALES DONATI		
20/03/2025	Montyglazing	3874	235.00	235.00		500	installation glass unit		
20/03/2025	MONTGOMERYSHIRE YOUTH THEATRE	amend	0.23	0.23		500	P/Ledger Electronic Payment		
20/03/2025	Silk Sharples Jennings	S24.305	1,200.00	1,200.00		500	cherry picker town hall		
21/03/2025	Total Energies	3701528221	157.15	157.15		500	electricity - triangle house		
21/03/2025	Total Energies	370152854	244.23	244.23		500	electricity - TiC		
21/03/2025	Total Energies	370152469	1,515.45	1,515.45		500	electricity toilets		
21/03/2025	Total Energies	370150896	3,059.95	3,059.95		500	electricity - Town Hall		
21/03/2025	Enreach	March 25	907.50	907.50		500	broadband internet		
25/03/2025	Staff Salaries	Sal 12 25	19,844.02	19,844.02		500	Salaries month 12 2025		
28/03/2025	Lloyds Bank Credit Card	March 25	674.93	674.93		500	credit card account march 25		
31/03/2025	LLoyds Bank Cardnet	March 25	29.40	29.40		500	Merchant rentals March		
31/03/2025	LLoyds Bank Charges	March 25 3	57.48	57.48		500	Service charges from Lloyds		
31/03/2025	3 Business Services	March 3 25	54.00	54.00		500	mobile phone rental		
31/03/2025	RCI Mobilize Financial Service	RCIMarch25	252.85	252.85		500	meals on wheels lease		
	Total Payments for	Month	79,022.25	79,022.55	0.00		-0.30		
	Balance Carrie	ed Fwd	14,447.15						
	Cashbook	93,469.40	79,022.55	0.00	_	14,446.85			

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Date: 04/04/2	Date: 04/04/2025				Welshpool Town Council					
Time: 15:34				Cashbook 7					User: 6091.V.VOYSEY	
				Petty Cash					For Month No: 12	
Receipts f	or Month 12		Nominal Ledger Analysis							
Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	<u>£ Amnt F</u>	Received	£ Debtors	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	Transaction Detail	
	Balance B	rought Fwd :	25.17					25.17		
	Banked: 01/03/2025	0.03								
	Sales Recpts Page 1044		0.03	0.03		100			Sales Recpts Page 1044	
card2602	Banked: 03/03/2025	7.00								
card2602	TIC Sales		7.00		1.17	1510	180	5.83	souvenirs	
502075	Banked: 05/03/2025	140.31								
502075	Meals On Wheels		140.31		23.38	1650	200	116.93	meals cash 28th Feb	
502077	Banked: 05/03/2025	130.71								
502077	Meals On Wheels		130.71		21.78	1650	200	108.93	meals income 6th March	
33678	Banked: 20/03/2025	300.00								
33678	Various		300.00			1365	190	300.00	payment for washing machine	
Tota	al Receipts for Month	578.05		0.03	46.33			531.69		
	Cashbook Totals	603.22		0.03	46.33			556.86		

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Payment	s for Month 12		Nominal Ledger Analysis									
<u>Date</u>	Payee Name	Reference £	Reference £ Total Amnt		<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	Centre <u>£ Amount</u>		Transaction Detail			
03/03/2025	Current Bank A/c	7card2602	7.00			200		7.00	card payment 26th Fel			
03/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	140.31			4710	200	140.31	meals costs 28th Feb			
07/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	130.71			4710	200	130.71	meals 7th March			
18/03/2025	Petty Cash - Misc Costs	BACS	13.60			4725	210	13.60	stamps			
31/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	28.20			4202	100	28.20	millk coffee sugar TH			
31/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	28.20			4202	100	28.20	teas sugar coffee milk town ha			
31/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	28.20			4202	100	28.20	tea coffee milk sugar t			
31/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	-28.20			4202	100	-28.20	entry error			
31/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	-28.20			4202	100	-28.20	entry error			
31/03/2025	Petty Cash - consumeables	BACS	7.69			4202	210	7.69	tea coffee milk office			
Total Payments for Month 32			327.51	0.00	0.00			327.51				
Balance Carried Fwd 275			275.71									
	Cashbook	Totals	603.22	0.00	0.00			603.22				

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			30 Day A/C	:			For Month No: 12
Receipts for Month 12		I	Nominal Le	edger Analys	Sis		
Receipt Ref Name of Payer £ Amnt Received			£ Debtors	<u>£VAT</u> A	/c Centre	£ Amount	Fransaction Detail
Balance B	82,131.42				82,131.42		
int 03 25 Banked: 10/03/2025	85.11						
int 03 25 Lloyds Bank		85.11		10	80 210	85.11 k	oank interest March 25
Total Receipts for Month	85.11		0.00	0.00		85.11	
Cashbook Totals	82,216.53		0.00	0.00		82,216.53	
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			30 E	Day A/C	For Month No: 12		
Payment	ts for Month 12				nalysis		
Date	Payee Name	Reference £	<u>Total Amnt</u>	£ Creditors	<u>£ VAT</u>	A/c Centre	£ Amount Transaction Detail
13/03/2025	Current Bank A/c	0325reserv	50,000.00			200	50,000.00 transfer from reserves
	Total Payments for Month			0.00	0.00		50,000.00
	Balance Carried Fwd Cashbook Totals						
				0.00	0.00		82,216.53

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Month No: 12

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>100</u>	Town Hall								
1100	Income -Corn Exchange	313	6,860	4,000	(2,860)			171.5%	
1103	Refreshments Corn Exchange	133	0	0	0			0.0%	
1104	Refreshments Assembly Room	88	0	0	0			0.0%	
1105	Income -Assembly Rooms	333	2,511	5,000	2,489			50.2%	
1110	Income -Other Rooms	180	996	1,000	4			99.6%	
1120	Income -Telephone Mast Rental	2,500	10,000	5,000	(5,000)			200.0%	
	Town Hall :- Income	3 546	20,367	15,000	(5,367)			135.8%	0
4000	Salary	3,546	25	46,800			(104)	100.2%	U
		4,121	46,904	9056 ministers	(104)		(104)		
	HMRC	1,286	16,464	11,700	(4,764)		(4,764)	140.7% 117.5%	
	Pension Payments	1,267	5,289	4,500	(789)		(789)		
	Rates Services	12 094	33,868	32,000	(1,868)		(1,868)	105.8% 96.5%	
		12,084	57,871	60,000	2,129		2,129		
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	14,069 20	18,881 740	20,000	1,119 760		1,119 760	94.4% 49.3%	
	Licenses BLT Loan		75,332	1,500				49.5%	
1020232025		0	602	0	(75,332)		(75,332)		
4100	Cleaning & Materials	488		250	(352)		(352)	240.7%	
	Waste Collection	0	1,742	1,200	(542)		(542)	145.2%	
	Consumeables	28	358	1,000	642		642	35.8%	
4340	Equipment	449	516	0	(516)		(516)	0.0%	
	IT Costs	0	253	2,500	2,247		2,247	10.1%	
	Health & Safety	127	127	1,000	873		873	12.7%	
4900	Miscellaneous Costs	0	1,719	2,000	281		281	86.0%	
4930	Fundraiser (consultant)	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	100.0%	
	Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	33,939	265,666	189,450	(76,216)	0	(76,216)	140.2%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(30,392)	(245,299)	(174,450)	70,849				
440	-								
	Markets	000000000	1212111111111	0000000000	WEDP PERSON				
1200	Incone -Market Stalls	1,617	20,408	13,000	(7,408)			157.0%	
1205	Income -Outdoor Markets	56	972	1,000	28			97.2%	
	Markets :- Income	1,673	21,381	14,000	(7,381)			152.7%	0
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4095	Licenses	0	338	500	163		163	67.5%	
4875	Health & Safety	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4900	Miscellaneous Costs	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
	Markets :- Indirect Expenditure	0	338	3,200	2,863	0	2,863	10.5%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	1,673	21,043	10,800	(10,243)				

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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>130</u>	Recreation								
1340	Income - Rec Club Rents etc	0	3,000	3,000	0			100.0%	
1345	Income -Casual Recreation	0	219	0	(219)			0.0%	
1350	Income -Allotments	0	585	500	(85)			117.0%	
1365	Income -Other	6,000	6,134	0	(6,134)			0.0%	
	Recreation :- Income	6,000	9,938	3,500	(6,438)			283.9%	0
4020	Training Staff	0,000	1,869	5,000	3,131		3,131	37.4%	U
4060	Services	0	2,459	3,000	541		541	82.0%	
	Repairs & Maintenance	173	16,219	16,000	(219)		(219)	101.4%	
4005	100	0	10,219	30	(213)		(213)	0.0%	
	Consumeables	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
	Equipment	0	1,701	5,000	3,299		3,299	34.0%	
4341		0	10,204	23,000	12,796		12,796	44.4%	
4355		0	830	500	(330)		(330)	166.0%	
4360	Outer Park Lease	0	1,000	1,300	300		300	76.9%	
	STRI/ROSPA	0	1,548	1,500	(48)		(48)	103.2%	
	Memorial Garden	0	1,723	0	(1,723)		(1,723)	0.0%	
	Vehicles	0	532	1,000	468		468	53.2%	
	Vehicle Running Costs	113	683	1,000	317		317	68.3%	
	Landfill Maes Y Dre Project	0	160	0	(160)		(160)	0.0%	
	Health & Safety	146	316	500	184		184	63.2%	
4900	14	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
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	Recreation :- Indirect Expenditure	433	39,245	58,830	19,585	0	19,585	66.7%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	5,567	(29,307)	(55,330)	(26,023)				
<u>140</u>	Street Scene								
1370	Income -Grant	0	13,670	0	(13,670)			0.0%	
	Street Scene :- Income	0	13,670	0	(13,670)				0
4000	Salary	4,056	49,962	37,600	(12,362)		(12,362)	132.9%	
4005	HMRC	1,202	14,935	9,400	(5,535)		(5,535)	158.9%	
	Pension Payments	456	5,188	5,000	(188)		(188)	103.8%	
4020	Training Staff	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4025	Uniforms	0	673	500	(173)		(173)	134.7%	
4065	Mobile Phones	30	195	200	5		5	97.7%	
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	56	1,125	1,000	(125)		(125)	112.5%	
4200	Waste Collection	542	1,915	2,000	85		85	95.8%	
4202	Consumeables	0	61	500	439		439	12.2%	
4330	Special Projects	0	10,731	0	(10,731)		(10,731)	0.0%	
	Equipment	484	2,552	3,000	448		448	85.1%	
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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4400	Vehicles	2,234	10,907	8,000	(2,907)		(2,907)	136.3%	
4401	Vehicle Running Costs	0	795	2,000	1,205		1,205	39.7%	
	Street Scene :- Indirect Expenditure	9,061	99,039	70,200	(28,839)	0	(28,839)	141.1%	0
	_			1993					
	Net Income over Expenditure	(9,061)	(85,369)	(70,200)	15,169				
<u>150</u>	Toilets								
1355	Income-toilets	0	2,037	3,000	963			67.9%	
4060	Toilets :- Income Services	0 1,263	2,037 6,561	3,000 1,000	963		(5,561)	67.9% 656.1%	0
4000	Repairs & Maintenance	1,203	431	2,000	(5,561) 1,569		1,569	21.6%	
4005	Cleaning & Materials	0	431	2,000	(75)		(75)	0.0%	
4900	Miscellaneous Costs	0	1,418	0	(1,418)		(1,418)	0.0%	
4990		0	16,322	20,000	3,678		3,678	81.6%	
	Toilets :- Indirect Expenditure	1,263	24,806	23,000	(1,806)	0	(1,806)	107.9%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(1,263)	(22,769)	(20,000)	2,769				
<u>160</u>	Motte & Bailey Castle								
4055	Rates	0	574	0	(574)		(574)	0.0%	
4060	Services	28	727	0	(727)		(727)	0.0%	
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	0	11,800	0	(11,800)		(11,800)	0.0%	
4095	Licenses	0	1,850	1,350	(500)		(500)	137.0%	
4550	Rent Private Land	0	3,000	3,000	0		0	100.0%	
М	otte & Bailey Castle :- Indirect Expenditure	28	17,952	4,350	(13,602)	0	(13,602)	412.7%	0
	Net Expenditure	(28)	(17,952)	(4,350)	13,602				
<u>180</u>	Tourist Information		· · ·						
1370	Income -Grant	0	80,265	0	(80,265)			0.0%	
1500	Income -Commission Sales	5,087	43,057	25,000	(18,057)			172.2%	
1505	Income -Rail Ticket	529	8,480	6,000	(2,480)			141.3%	
1510	Income -Direct Sales	884	11,086	25,000	13,914			44.3%	
	Tourist Information :- Income	6,500	142,888	56,000	(86,888)			255.2%	0
4000	Salary	10,055	50,143	50,000	(143)		(143)	100.3%	
4005	HMRC	798	9,351	10,000	649		649	93.5%	
4010	Pension Payments	1,171	6,835	8,000	1,165		1,165	85.4%	
4011	PCC Pension Shortfall	0	4,579	0	(4,579)		(4,579)	0.0%	
4055	Rates	0	4,668	4,500	(168)		(168)	103.7%	
4060	Services	456	8,892	5,500	(3,392)		(3,392)	161.7%	

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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	0	4,854	1,000	(3,854)		(3,854)	485.4%	
4660	Direct Stock	(631)	8,177	14,000	5,823		5,823	58.4%	
4661	Commission Costs	9,517	34,555	30,000	(4,555)		(4,555)	115.2%	
4662	Train ticket costs	0	633	5,000	4,367		4,367	12.7%	
4690	TIC Redesign	0	124,187	0	(124,187)		(124,187)	0.0%	36,357
4725	Stationery	0	15	0	(15)		(15)	0.0%	
4866	IT Costs	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4875	Health & Safety	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4900	Miscellaneous Costs	72	895	200	(695)		(695)	447.3%	
	Tourist Information :- Indirect Expenditure	21,438	257,782	128,600	(129,182)	0	(129,182)	200.5%	36,357
	Net Income over Expenditure	(14,938)	(114,894)	(72,600)	42,294				
6000	- plus Transfer from EMR	0	36,357	0	(36,357)				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(14,938)	(78,537)	(72,600)	5,937				
<u>190</u>	Ann Holloway Centre			263					
	Income -Other Rooms	0	2,431	10,000	7,569			24.3%	
1300	Income - Rent	2,947	4,639	0	(4,639)			0.0%	
1365	Income -Other	300	300	0	(300)			0.0%	
1635	Income -Lease	0	1,250	15,000	13,750			8.3%	
	Ann Holloway Centre :- Income	3,247	8,619	25,000	16,381			34.5%	0
4000	Salary	(5,834)	0	0	0		0	0.0%	
4005	HMRC	0	708	0	(708)		(708)	0.0%	
4060	Services	867	12,685	16,000	3,315		3,315	79.3%	
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	0	2,291	6,000	3,709		3,709	38.2%	
4100	Cleaning & Materials	0	1,925	200	(1,725)		(1,725)	962.4%	
4200	Waste Collection	0	1,293	2,000	707		707	64.6%	
4866	IT Costs	0	253	2,500	2,247		2,247	10.1%	
4875	Health & Safety	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
A	nn Holloway Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	(4,967)	19,155	27,700	8,545	0	8,545	69.2%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	8,214	(10,535)	(2,700)	7,835				
200	Meals on Wheels			10) 201					
0.000.000	Income -Grant	0	2,000	0	(2,000)			0.0%	
	Income -Meals on Wheels	2,186	26,637	12,000	(14,637)			222.0%	
	Meals on Wheels :- Income	2,186	28,637	12,000	(16,637)			238.6%	0
4000	Salary	1,157	19,378	16,000	(3,378)		(3,378)	121.1%	J
	HMRC	289	3,852	4,000	(3,378)		(3,378)	96.3%	
4003	TIMILO	209	3,032	4,000	140		140	50.570	

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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4010	Pension Payments	(842)	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	0	329	1,000	671		671	32.9%	
4100	Cleaning & Materials	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4202	Consumeables	0	46	500	454		454	9.2%	
4340	Equipment	0	1,938	500	(1,438)		(1,438)	387.6%	
4400	Vehicles	211	5,112	4,000	(1,112)		(1,112)	127.8%	
4710	Meal Costs	639	5,800	12,000	6,200		6,200	48.3%	
4900	Miscellaneous Costs	0	48	200	152		152	23.9%	
	Meals on Wheels :- Indirect Expenditure	1,453	36,502	40,200	3,698	0	3,698	90.8%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	733	(7,865)	(28,200)	(20,335)				
<u>210</u>	Administration & Management								
1076	Precept	0	731,075	731,075	0			100.0%	
1080	Income -Interest	85	817	300	(517)			272.5%	
1300	Income - Rent	0	2,750	3,750	1,000			73.3%	
1365	Income -Other	0	54	0	(54)			0.0%	
1370	Income -Grant	0	26,197	0	(26,197)			0.0%	
1380	Income-charity donations	74	74	0	(74)			0.0%	
1455	Income - Warm Hub Donations	(842)	0	0	0			0.0%	
	Administration & Management :- Income	(683)	760,967	735,125	(25,842)			103.5%	0
4000		6,289	71,589	80,000	8,411		8,411	89.5%	
	HMRC	3,052	24,957	20,000	(4,957)		(4,957)	124.8%	
4010	Pension Payments	(262)	3,835	7,000	3,165		3,165	54.8%	
4011	PCC Pension Shortfall	0	11,200	9,500	(1,700)		(1,700)	117.9%	
4020	Training Staff	380	926	5,000	4,074		4,074	18.5%	
4021	Training Councillors	40	440	5,000	4,560		4,560	8.8%	
4025	Uniforms	0	28	0	(28)		(28)	0.0%	
4055	Rates	0	1,465	5,564	4,099		4,099	26.3%	
4060	Services	237	6,393	6,000	(393)		(393)	106.6%	
4065	Mobile Phones	30	230	200	(30)		(30)	115.1%	
4085	Repairs & Maintenance	350	3,761	5,000	1,239		1,239	75.2%	
4095	Licenses	130	230	20	(210)		(210)	1150.0%	
4100	Cleaning & Materials	2,123	5,140	1,000	(4,140)		(4,140)	514.0%	
4202	Consumeables	8	20	0	(20)		(20)	0.0%	
4330	Special Projects	0	0	20,000	20,000		20,000	0.0%	
4340	Equipment	0	874	0	(874)		(874)	0.0%	
4445	Conferences	0	95	0	(95)		(95)	0.0%	
4470	Bank Charges	57	777	1,000	223		223	77.7%	
4725	Stationery	14	1,149	2,000	851		851	57.4%	

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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4850	Insurance	0	31,467	32,000	533		533	98.3%	
4855	Audit	0	1,812	6,000	4,188		4,188	30.2%	
4860	Professional Fees	129	3,540	10,000	6,460		6,460	35.4%	
4866	IT Costs	180	15,494	8,000	(7,494)		(7,494)	193.7%	
4870	Mayoral & Senior Allowance	0	670	1,500	830		830	44.7%	
4875	Health & Safety	0	6,612	6,000	(612)		(612)	110.2%	
4880	Electrical Testing	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4885	Elections	0	48	3,000	2,952		2,952	1.6%	
4890	Welsh Language	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4895	Subscriptions	0	1,923	1,500	(423)		(423)	128.2%	
4900	Miscellaneous Costs	160	1,866	2,000	134		134	93.3%	
4915	Archives	0	7,080	5,000	(2,080)		(2,080)	141.6%	
4920	Accounts Software	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
4925	Section 137	793	793	2,000	1,207		1,207	39.6%	
5000	Rent Existing Offices	0	5,500	6,000	500		500	91.7%	
5146	Civic & Hospitality	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
5449	Skateboard Park	0	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
5450	Warm Hub Expenditure	(310)	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
	Administration & Management :- Indirect Expenditure	13,400	209,913	267,284	57,371	0	57,371	78.5%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(14,083)	551,053	467,841	(83,212)				
230	Events								
<u>230</u> 1365		0	706	250	(456)			282.4%	
1365	Income -Other	0	706	250 250	(456) 250			282.4% 0.0%	
1365 1370	Income -Other Income -Grant	0	0	250	250			0.0%	
1365 1370 1850	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival	0 0	0 1,099	250 0	250 (1,099)			0.0% 0.0%	
1365 1370 1850 1860	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks	0 0 128	0 1,099 1,254	250 0 0	250 (1,099) (1,254)			0.0% 0.0% 0.0%	
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display	0 0 128 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232	250 0 0 500	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732)			0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 646.4%	
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks	0 0 128	0 1,099 1,254	250 0 0	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81			0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9%	
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival	0 0 128 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419	250 0 500 500	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732)			0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 646.4%	
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events	0 0 128 0 0 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148	250 0 500 500 500 2,000	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852			0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858)		(13)	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 171.5%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0 128 30	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13)		(13)	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 171.5% 106.4%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895 4065 4340	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones Equipment	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0 128 30 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858 213 108	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000 200 0	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13) (108)		(108)	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 171.5% 106.4% 0.0%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895 4065 4340 4900	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones Equipment Miscellaneous Costs	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0 128 30 0 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858 213 108 98	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000 0 500	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13) (108) 402		(108) 402	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 171.5% 106.4% 0.0% 19.5%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895 4065 4340 4900 5100	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones Equipment Miscellaneous Costs Flicks in the Sticks	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0 128 30 0 0 300	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858 213 108 98 1,936	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000 0 500 500	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13) (108) 402 (1,436)		(108) 402 (1,436)	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 171.5% 106.4% 0.0% 19.5% 387.1%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895 4065 4340 4900 5100 5105	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones Equipment Miscellaneous Costs Flicks in the Sticks Fireworks Display	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0 128 30 0 0 300 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858 213 108 98 1,936 2,291	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000 200 0 500 500 5,000	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13) (108) 402 (1,436) 2,709		(108) 402 (1,436) 2,709	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 106.4% 0.0% 19.5% 387.1% 45.8%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895 4065 4340 4900 5100 5105 5115	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones Equipment Miscellaneous Costs Flicks in the Sticks Fireworks Display Remembrance	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 128 30 0 0 300 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858 213 108 98 1,936 2,291 100	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000 200 0 500 500 5,000 500	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13) (108) 402 (1,436) 2,709 400		(108) 402 (1,436) 2,709 400	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 171.5% 106.4% 0.0% 19.5% 387.1% 45.8% 20.0%	0
1365 1370 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1895 4065 4340 4900 5100 5105 5115 5120	Income -Other Income -Grant Income -Carnival Income -Flicks in the Sticks Income Fireworks Display Income -Winter Festival Income - Fron Choir Concert Income - Fron Choir Concert Income-Other Events Events :- Income Mobile Phones Equipment Miscellaneous Costs Flicks in the Sticks Fireworks Display	0 0 128 0 0 0 0 0 128 30 0 0 300 0 0	0 1,099 1,254 3,232 419 0 148 6,858 213 108 98 1,936 2,291	250 0 500 500 2,000 4,000 200 0 500 500 5,000	250 (1,099) (1,254) (2,732) 81 500 1,852 (2,858) (13) (108) 402 (1,436) 2,709		(108) 402 (1,436) 2,709	0.0% 0.0% 646.4% 83.9% 0.0% 7.4% 106.4% 0.0% 19.5% 387.1% 45.8%	0

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5175	Bunting & Flags	0	421	0	(421)		(421)	0.0%	
5190	Community Events	2,229	5,993	6,000	7		7	99.9%	
	Events :- Indirect Expenditure	2,622	32,658	25,700	(6,958)	0	(6,958)	127.1%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(2,494)	(25,799)	(21,700)	4,099				
	Grand Totals:- Income	22,597	1,015,363	867,625	(147,738)			117.0%	
	Expenditure	78,668	1,003,057	838,514	(164,543)	0	(164,543)	119.6%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	(56,071)	12,306	29,111	16,805				
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	36,357	0	(36,357)				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(56,071)	48,663	29,111	(19,552)				

Appendix J

	PAYMENTS - End 2025			
Date Supplier	Supply	Net	VAT	Total
13/03/2025 Marks Autos	jerry can flexi spout	11.65	2.33	13.98
03/03/2025 Hardware DIY	gloves hooks screws	58.68	0	58.68
03/03/2025 Arts Alive	Yesterday	150	30	180
24/02/2025 GWE Cambrian	website hosting for 2025-2026	180	36	216
21/03/2025 One Voice Wales	training course - Council as an Employer	40	0	40
27/03/2025 Boys and Boden	drill bit	7.92	1.58	9.5
24/03/2025 Charlies	blower pliers	249.15	49.83	298.98
18/03/2025 Charlies	oil bottle	19.99	4	23.99
14/02/2025 Charlies	ringmat	24.16	4.83	28.99
04/02/2025 MFS Systems	alarm system monitoring	350	70	420
31/03/2025 National Express	coach ticket costs	242.94	0	242.94
31/03/2025 Owens coaches	coach ticket costs	4305.56	0	4305.56
03/02/2025 PRS	cleaning services	487.2	97.44	584.64
24/02/2025 PRS	cleaning services	556.8	111.36	668.16
03/03/2025 PRS	cleaning services	556.8	111.36	668.16
		7240.85	518.73	7759.58

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		Apr-25			
Date	Supplier	Supply	Net	VAT	Total
1/4//2025	Independent Playground	bolts installation and supply on lay equipment	650	130	780
01/04/2025	Chris Roberts	railway docks rent	3000	0	3000
01/04/2025	Champions	nova caspar - event	600	120	720
01/04/2025	PRS	contractor cleaners	556.8	111.36	668.16
01/04/2025	Rialtas	software support	116	23.2	139.2
01/04/2025	Rialtas	software support	265	53	318
01/04/2025	Rialtas	software support - allotment	116	23.2	139.2
02/04/2025	Initial	cleaning contract toilets	694.37	138.88	833.25
04/04/2025	AA Catering	items for meals - trays lids	102.77	20.56	123.33
01/04/2025	Rialtas	software support	1704	340.8	2044.8
01/04/2025	Rialtas	software support	472	94.4	566.4
01/04/2025	Rialtas	software support - Omega	1529	305.8	1834.8
08/04/2025	Rialtas	qualification fee (ILCA)	120	24	144
31/03/2025	Gallaghers	cyber insurance	367.36	0	376.36
31/03/2025	Gallaghers	main policy insurance	25432.71	0	25432.71
31/03/2025	Gallaghers	engineering and construction insurance	1210.28	0	1210.28
31/03/2025	Gallaghers	vehicles insurance	4697.66	0	4697.66
09/04/2025	Banwy	Gas oil	329.5	16.48	345.98
08/04/2025	Boys & Boden	Frame anchor	5.7	1.14	6.84
09/04/2025	CVC	ford transit monthly rental	433.87	86.77	520.64
			42403.02	1489.59	43901.61

Appendix L



Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

Clerks of Community and Town Councils,

Directors of Finance,

County and County Borough Councils

4 November 2024

Dear Clerk,

Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 -Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025-26

This is to notify you that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2025-26 is £11.10

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to incur expenditure for purposes for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure incurred. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2025-26 will be £11.10 per elector.

For the financial year 2025-26, the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) is calculated by applying the formula set out in Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act. The Retail Prices Index increased by 2.68% between September 2023 and September 2024. This means that, by application of the formula, the appropriate sum for the financial year 2025-26 increases from £10.81 to £11.10 per elector.

For clarity, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 includes provision which enables '<u>eligible community councils'</u> to exercise the General Power of Competence. The power for Community and Town Councils to exercise the General Power of Competence came into force on 5 May 2022.



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The relevant <u>statutory guidance for community and town councils</u> explains the interaction between the two powers (i.e. the general power of competence and the power under s.137 of the 1972 Act). Community and town councils exercising the General Power of Competence are not subject to an expenditure limit, but other conditions apply. For all other community and town councils, the limit set out in this letter will apply.

Yours sincerely

Martin Bull Local Government Finance Policy & Sustainability Division

Appendix M



Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Annual Report 2025-2026

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1. Foreword

- 1.1 This is the final Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales ("the Panel"), setting the decisions and determinations on pay, expenses, and benefits for elected members of Principal Councils, Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs), Community and Town Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities for implementation from April 2025.
- 1.2 You can find out more about our Panel members on our website.
- 1.3 This has been a busy year for the Panel, with the focus on compliance, engagement, fairness, and research, whilst also preparing for the transfer of functions to the Democratic Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC).
- 1.4 Since its inception, I believe that the Panel has had a significant and beneficial influence on the value of elected members of local government in Wales at all levels and in respect of all the all authorities that are within its remit. In particular, the Panel has sought to ensure that remuneration issues do not act as a barrier to participation in local democracy.
- 1.5 <u>The Local Government Measure 2011</u> requires the Panel to take cognisance of the overall cost to the public purse. We have continued to do this and maintained the principle that the remuneration of elected members of our Principal Councils is linked specifically to the average wages of people in Wales. I am satisfied that the balance between fairness and support to elected members and the overall impact on public finances has been achieved for 2025 to 2026.
- 1.6 The Panel is publishing a Legacy Report alongside this Annual Report. This provides stakeholders with an overview of the history of the Panel, summarising the areas where Determinations have been made, and importantly, passes on the issues that have arisen through our engagement, consultations, and considerations that we are recommending that the DBCC takes forward for the future.
- 1.7 The consultation period on this Annual Report ended on 29 November 2024. The Panel and I would like to thank all those who submitted responses to the draft report, both online and by email. The Panel has considered all representations and is now issuing its Determinations contained in this final annual report for 2025 to 2026.
- 1.8 This is my last Report as Chair of the Panel, before the Panel's functions transfer over to the DBCC from 1 April 2025. It has been a privilege to work with my colleagues and to have had the opportunity to contribute to the continued development of local democracy in Wales. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow members, Saz Willey, Bev Smith, Dianne Bevan and Kate Watkins for their professionalism, engagement, and judgement during the last few years. This has enabled the Panel's Determinations to be robust, sound and well supported by stakeholders.

Also, my grateful thanks to the members of our Secretariat who have supported the Panel since its inception.

Frances & D.H.g.

Frances Duffy Chair Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Panel continues to follow the aims and objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan published on 20 June 2023. This sets out the framework for our deliberations and wider context for our decisions from 2023 to 2025.
- 2.2 The strategy outlines an appropriate and fair remuneration framework, aimed at encouraging inclusion and participation in order to support local democracy, and giving communities their voice.
- 2.3 The Panel has a role to promote a wider understanding of the work of local and community council members, to encourage participation in local democracy and to improve diversity of councillors to better represent the diversity of local communities. The Panel has previously introduced reimbursement for cost of care (for all elected members) and a working from home and ICT allowance (community and town councillors) aimed at removing potential barriers relating to caring responsibilities and home working enabling elected members to participate in local democracy.
- 2.4 The Panel continues to monitor, where it can, the impact of its determinations on improving diversity within local democracy, and with the support of Welsh Government, sought views on the association between remuneration and diversity within local democracy. The Panel has written to Welsh Government to ask for support in providing a better baseline of evidence to monitor and track changes in the demographics of our elected officials.
- 2.5 With a strengthened Panel, we continue to focus on building our research and evidence plan to support our discussions on our remuneration framework. We publish our Research and Evidence paper each year along with the Final Report in line with our aim to be open and transparent in all our decision making.
- 2.6 The Panel believes fair and reasonable levels of remuneration are crucial to local democracy. We therefore again agreed to continue to align levels of remuneration for elected members of Principal Councils, Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs), National Park and Fire and Rescue Authorities within the context of average Welsh earnings. This has meant using the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings within Wales (ASHE) published by Office for National Statistics (ONS) as the main benchmark for setting remuneration.
- 2.7 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 states that "the Panel must take into account what it considers will be the likely financial impact on relevant authorities" of its decisions. We considered evidence on public sector finances and the impact on Principal Authorities' budgets before determining remuneration levels across the local government family.
 - 2.8 Whilst the total cost of remuneration for elected members is relatively low in terms of overall budgets, the Panel are aware of the continuing economic and fiscal constraints on Principal Councils. In reaching our decision to continue the

link between elected members remuneration and the average earnings of their constituents, the Panel remain of the view that a fair and reasonable remuneration package will continue to support elected members and not act as a barrier to participation. This is an important principle, underpinning our considerations on appropriate remuneration.

- 2.9 In line with our commitment to simplifying reporting and compliance requirements, the Panel this year looked at the reporting for Community and Town Councils (CTCs). We provided clerks of CTCs with a new template report and will continue to monitor the level of payments made. These annual returns form an important part of the evidence that the Panel considers in determining the impact and effectiveness of our decisions.
- 2.10 We addressed queries from CTCs regarding the PAYE treatment of the mandatory allowance for working from home (£156 per annum) and the option of a flat rate of £52 a year for consumables. We updated our guidance on this issue, and this has helped reduce the number of queries. We are mindful of the help that One Voice Wales continues to give to local clerks and councillors on remuneration issues and again, this year, held an online seminar for all community councillors during the consultation period.
- 2.11 We are also mindful of a continuing, albeit reducing, number of CTC councillors who decide to forego all or part of their entitlement. We strongly believe that councillors should be reimbursed for expenses they necessarily incur whilst carrying out their duties. However, the Panel notes that the number of CTCs not submitting their annual Statement of Payments remains high, particularly amongst the Band 4 and Band 5 Councils. This hinders our ability to fully assess the impacts of our Determinations and highlights the continued perception, amongst many CTCs, that the administrative burden remains a concern. The Panel agreed to work constructively with CTC representative bodies to consider how best to support our smaller CTCs. In the meantime, the information on Returns will be shared with Audit Wales.
- 2.12 We introduced a total sum reporting for all mandatory payments to members of CTCs for working from home, the flat rate consumables allowance and travel and subsistence claims. This is in line with the reporting of costs of care and personal assistance claims. The Panel feels this will give the right balance between public accountability and individual privacy, and we hope will encourage all to accept the payments they are entitled to and reduce the administrative burden.
- 2.13 Also, last year, the Panel introduced the option for coopted members of Principal Councils, National Parks Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities, to be paid an hourly rather than daily rate where thought appropriate. We will be looking at the annual payment returns for this year to monitor the take up of and this and will encourage Heads of Democratic Services to share best practice.

- 2.14 We have reviewed and updated our <u>Guidance</u> (previously called the Regulations) to better support relevant authorities to be able to comply with our determinations about members' remuneration, including payments, reporting and publication requirements as set out in this final annual report.
- 2.15 A key issue that the Panel considered in depth this year was the development of the new Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs). After research into the progress being made and taking evidence and feedback from CJCs and Welsh Government policy colleagues, the Panel consulted on a Draft Supplementary Report covering the remuneration of lay members of CJCs.
- 2.16 Following consideration of responses to the consultation, the Panel determined that lay members of a CJC should be paid in the same way as coopted members of other relevant authorities. A Supplementary Report was published on 31 July 2024, setting out the remuneration levels for lay members, effective from that date.
- 2.17 The final area that the Panel considered this year was the need to review the Framework and Methodology for Remuneration of Senior Roles in Principal Councils, Community and Town Councils (CTCs), and CJCs. This is a considerable piece of work requiring detailed research and engagement, and the Panel is currently finalising a detailed scope and methodology for the review in order for the new Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC) to take this work forward.
- 2.18 Additionally, the Panel has become aware of some concerns over the workload and demands on senior roles in National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities. The Panel therefore proposes incorporating research questions that would support a review into these areas also within the scope of the research framework described above. This work will be taken forward by the DBCC.
- 2.19 Finally, in light of feedback from Heads of Democratic Services of Principal Councils and responses to the consultation, the Panel considered a paper on rates paid to coopted members and agreed that no changes would be made for this year. The Panel noted that these rates were last uplifted in 2021. The Panel agreed that a forward note should be made to consider the evidence for an appropriate benchmark for cooptee payments, noting that it had been some time since the Welsh Government Public Bodies Unit had increased their rates. The Panel also highlighted that wider support for cooptees, such as training, IT equipment and travel and subsistence expenses should be provided.
- 2.20 As we come to the end of the year, and the winding up of the Panel and the transfer of its functions to the DBCC, the Panel has prepared a Legacy Report which provides a summary of the main issues we have researched and made decisions on over the past 10 or so years and will form an evidence base for the DBCC to take forward.

3. Role and responsibilities of the Panel

Our Role:

- 3.1 The Panel is responsible for setting the levels and arrangements for the remuneration of elected and coopted members of the following organisations:
 - Principal Councils County and County Borough Councils
 - Community and Town Councils
 - National Park Authorities
 - Fire and Rescue Authorities
 - Corporate Joint Committees
- 3.2 The Panel is an independent organisation, and the organisations listed above are required, by law, to implement the decisions it makes.
- 3.3 We make determinations on:
 - The salary structure within which members are remunerated
 - The type and nature of allowances to be paid to members
 - Whether payments are mandatory or allow a level of local flexibility
 - Arrangements in respect of family absence
 - Arrangements for monitoring compliance with the Panel's decisions

Our Aim:

• Supporting local democracy and giving communities their voice, through setting up an appropriate and fair remuneration framework, which encourages inclusion and participation.

Our Goals:

- Our Determinations should ensure that levels of remuneration are fair, reasonable, represent value for money for the taxpayer, and are set within the context of Welsh earnings and the wider financial circumstances of Wales.
- Our Determinations should support elected members from a diverse range of backgrounds, and levels of remuneration should not act as a barrier to participation.

Our Strategic Objectives:

- To make evidence based Determinations
- To use clear and accessible communications
- To proactively engage and consult
- To simplify compliance and reporting
- To work collaboratively

Panel Membership

Frances Duffy, Chair Saz Willey, Vice Chair Bev Smith Dianne Bevan Kate Watkins

Detailed information about the members, our Strategic Plan, our deliberations and supporting research and evidence can be found on the website: <u>Panel website</u>

4. Transfer of Functions to Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

- 4.1 The Panel's functions will transfer over to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru on 1 April 2025. This is as a result of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act being passed in July 2024. Having received Royal Assent in the Autumn, the Act expands the role and remit of the DBCC across aspects of a healthy Welsh democracy, including setting the remuneration for members of the following bodies across Wales:
 - Principal Councils
 - Town and Community Councils
 - Corporate Joint Committees
 - Fire and Rescue Authorities
 - National Park Authorities
- 4.2 As the DBCC draws on the same evidence base and stakeholders to undertake its own work and its purpose is also rooted in promoting effective local democracy, there is already a strong connection between the work of the two organisations. Both agendas rely on having a real understanding and appreciation of the needs of the population of Wales, the way in which elected members and councils operate and an understanding of members' workloads.
- 4.3 As the Panel is required now, the DBCC will be expected to produce a draft Annual Report for consultation and take account of responses prior to publishing a final Report by 28 February each year. The Report will set out its determination about remuneration levels for the following financial year.
- 4.4 The Panel will be abolished via the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act on 31 March 2025.
- 4.5 We are working closely with the DBCC to ensure a seamless transfer of the Panel's functions on 1 April 2025. We have set up a transition workstream to capture requirements such as development of a legacy report which will provide details on the Panel's history as well areas which might be considered by the DBCC in the future.

5. Methodology

- 5.1 As set out in our strategic objectives the Panel has committed to making evidence-based decisions.
- 5.2 This year we again prepared an evidence and research paper to pull together the various sources of information that the Panel considered in making its draft Determinations. This provided a wide range of data, evidence, and contextual factors to inform the Panel's decision-making process in relation to its Determinations for the 2025-2026 financial year. This included:
 - Data on average UK and Wales weekly earnings, including ASHE the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings
 - Public and private sector pay trends
 - Annual CPIH and CPI inflation rates
 - Benchmarks, including councillor remuneration in Scotland
 - Research on councillor workload, views and attitudes to remuneration and diversity (Welsh Government)
 - Data collected on the take up of remuneration and benefits packages by councillors
 - Data on local authority finances
- 5.3 The full set of evidence and research considered will be published on our <u>website</u>.
- 5.4 The Panel engaged directly with key stakeholder representative groups including the Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales, Society for Local Council Clerks, North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. We also received evidence from the Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Chair of National Parks Wales (who is also Chair of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority) and the Chair of South West Wales CJC (who is also the Leader of Swansea City Council).
- 5.5 In March, the Panel attended the One Voice Wales conference. This enabled the Panel to meet delegates and discuss issues relating to the Panel's deliberations. The Panel also held an online seminar in November for all CTC councillors. The Panel noted however, that this was less well attended than last year's seminar and will consider any implications for future engagement.
- 5.6 The Panel also met with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Scottish Government and the Convener of Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC) to discuss SLARC's independent review of councillor remuneration and particular methodology for setting councillor remuneration. The Panel found the conversation interesting and informative on how the Scottish remuneration methodology compares with Wales.
- 5.7 The Panel engaged with Heads of Democratic Services and Leaders of Principal Councils, during the consultation period. These discussions provide an opportunity for the Panel to explore views about existing arrangements, the impact decisions are having on individuals, how the arrangements are

operating in practice and any issues or concerns individuals wish to raise.

It also provides an opportunity for discussion about emerging situations which the Panel may need to consider in respect of its decision making.

5.8 The Panel would like to thank all those that contributed to our deliberations either directly or through feedback and questions on our last report.

6. Consultation on the draft Annual Report 2025

- 6.1 The Panel published a draft report on 4 October 2024 for an eight week consultation, which closed on 29 November 2024.
- 6.2 As part of the consultation process, stakeholders were invited to answer three questions using an online survey or by return email. A total of 3 responses were received online, whilst 16 were submitted by email to the IRP Mailbox. The Panel would again like to thank everyone who contributed to the consultation. A summary of the responses is included below.
- 6.3 The consultation responses highlighted a few areas that the Panel will include in the Forward Look section of its Legacy report for the Democracy and Boundary DBCC to consider. This will include the remuneration of coopted members of relevant authorities, which appeared to be the main issue for those who responded to the consultation.
- 6.4 Overall, the responses supported the Panel's determinations and so no changes have been made in the final Determinations which are now set out in this Report.

7. Consultation: Summary of responses

- 7.1 The Panel engaged in a number of stakeholder meetings during the consultation period to share information and gather important feedback on the draft annual report 2025. See below for details:
- 7.2 The website link and Pdf version of the draft report was sent to:
- One Voice Wales
- Welsh Local Government Association
- Society for Local Council Clerks
- North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils
- Principal Councils
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- National Parks Authorities and
- Community and Town Councils

Determination 1: Basic salary for elected members of principal councils

7.3 Seven responses were received, in respect of Determination 1. Four responses confirmed the Panel has struck the right balance between affordability and adequate remuneration for representatives, whereas three stated the negative impact of the Panel's Determination on principal council budgets and authorities' current financial constraints. The Panel continue to consider the financial impact of its Determinations but remain committed to its Strategic aim of maintaining the link to average wages in Wales.

Determination 4: Payments to national parks authorities and fire and rescue authorities

7.4 One response was received regarding the treatment of tax on remuneration for Welsh Government appointed members of a national park authority. This is not an issue within the competence of the Panel.

Determination 5: Payments made to coopted members of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities

- 7.5 There were four responses regarding the level of payment to coopted members of Principal Councils voicing disagreement with the Panel's decision to maintain allowances. One response stated there is a potential for Lay Members to feel undervalued as there had been no increase in their remuneration for 5 years. The Panel has not recommended any change, noting that this should be reviewed in line with any changes in rates set out by Welsh Government Public Bodies Unit. Any changes to remuneration levels will be considered by the DBCC.
- 7.6 One response from a principal council supports the introduction of the flexibility to use an hourly rate where appropriate. The Panel is pleased to learn a several principal councils are using the flexibility for remunerating coopted members.

Determination 6: Community and Town Councils Mandatory payments Payment for extra costs of working from home and Set payment for consumables

- 7.7 One Community Council requested that the Panel reconsider the £156 mandatory payment to Councillors in light of significant impact on budget precepts held by smaller community councils. The Panel reaffirms individuals are able to opt out of receiving mandatory payments. Any opt outs should be declared in writing.
- 7.8 Finally, no responses were received with regard to:

Determination 2: Salaries paid to Senior, Civic and Presiding members of principal councils

Determination 3: Salaries for Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Determination 7: Compensation for financial loss

Determination 8: Reporting requirements

Other responses

- 7.9 In addition to the Panel receiving responses to the specific consultation questions, a number of more general comments were made by consultees.
- 7.10 Such feedback, whilst not directly related to the consultation questions, is always useful to the Panel in helping Members better understand the context of local democratic participation and the impact of the Panel's deliberations.
- 7.11 Feedback has also been received through the participation of Panel Members in meetings with those representing the principal, and town and community councils, including with One Voice Wales, North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils, Heads of Democratic Services and the WLGA.
- 7.12 One issue raised orally, for example, was whether the timing of the publication of the annual Report could be reviewed to provide assurance that it is aligned to the optimal extent with the budget setting cycle of councils. This issue will now be included in the Legacy Report of the Panel to be submitted to the DBCC.

Other issues raised included the following:

- 7.13 A respondent did not agree that the system of grouping local authorities to determine senior salaries is fair and reasonable, or that it supports increasing the diversity of elected members.
- 7.14 Other responses suggested that the Panel should reconsider the methodology for determining salary levels in relation to workload and proposed that a Committee Vice Chair should be remunerated for deputising for a Chair.
- 7.15 A respondent also felt that the Committee Chair salary was generous compared to some executive positions.
- 7.16 Comments were also received that it was disappointing that the role of those serving on Regional Partnership Boards or Public Service Boards are not within the Panel's remit and that attendance allowance at Corporate Joint Committees (CJC) sub-committees was not specified within the report.
- 7.17 These issues highlight the need for the DBCC as the successor body to the Panel, to consider whether issues relating to potential remuneration of more recent working partnership arrangements is sufficiently reflected in its inherited remit.
- 7.18 The Panel received a suggestion that attendance related pay could be considered as meetings are a large part of the councillor's role and other respondents highlighted that the £156 payment to smaller Community and Town Councils should not be mandatory. Additionally, a respondent raised their

concern over how Councillors value for money could be established, and another comment received expressed the view that any remuneration system could be open to abuse.

7.19 A number of comments were also received in relation to the level of payment made to coopted lay members, suggesting that an increase might lead to making the roles more attractive and encourage more diverse applications, and a further respondent suggested a need to specify the amount of mileage that could be claimed for such members who attend multi location meetings, outside of their home county.

8. Summary of responses to online questionnaire

8.1 There were only a small number of responses to the questionnaire this year, which the Panel has viewed as being broadly supportive of its Determinations. The questions and responses were:

Question 1

8.2 The Panel is fully aware of the current constraints on public funding and the impact its decisions will have on the budgets of Principal Authorities. The Panel is also mindful of our Aims and Objectives to provide a fair and reasonable remuneration package to support elected members and to encourage diversity of representation. We therefore propose using the ASHE for all Wales to increase their remuneration in line with the average earnings of their constituents.

Do you think that the Panel has struck the right balance between affordability and adequate remuneration for representatives? If not, do you have other suggestions?

Responses

- 8.3 Four answered this question agreeing that the Panel have struck the right balance between affordability and adequate remuneration for representatives. Three responses indicated disagreement. However, no suggestions were provided.
- 8.4 A respondent highlighted the percentage increase felt high and contrasted this with officers increase and having to do more work with less financial reward. The same response stated members felt remuneration level needed to be fair in order to appeal to a more diverse and broader cross-section of constituents and commented that members felt the allowance is fair, particularly in line with the amount of hours members put in to their role.

Question 2

8.5 Following evidence received from Heads of Democratic Services of Principal Councils, on local flexibility for payments to coopted members, serving on committees of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities. This Panel consulted on this proposal and responses (from the consultation on the 2024 to 2025 draft annual report) supported the Panel's determinations and so no changes were made in the final Determinations, resulting in the Panel allowing relevant officers to decide if it would be appropriate to apply a day or half day rate or to use an hourly rate where it is sensible to aggregate a few short meetings. The Panel would now like to know if this determination has been adopted by your relevant authority:

Responses

8.6 Five of those who answered this question agreed and two had no opinion. Those who agreed, thought an hourly rate was thought to be more cost effective and would provide flexibility to attend shorter meetings with officers when needed. The Panel maintains, the principle of authorities being able to be flexible to suit their own requirements.

Question 3

8.7 Last year, in conjunction with One Voice Wales, the Panel held a seminar on the treatment of tax on members Community and Town Councils (CTC) allowances. This was followed up with guidance on how to apply the exemption to the working from home allowance (£156). The Panel is interested to learn if the seminar and or guidance has increased the number of CTC members receiving the allowance.

Responses

- 8.8 One of those who answered this question disagreed and two had no opinion.
- 8.9 Since the Panel has engaged with members of One Voice Wales, Society for Local Council Clerks and North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils, it has agreed to revisit the template format in order to increase the level of reporting on the number of councillors claiming and declining allowances.

Question 4

8.10 All allowances paid to elected members of Community and Town Councils should be recorded on the Annual Statement of Payments for Community and Town Councils (noting Statements already submitted by Community and Town Councils would be accepted). This includes NIL returns. Earlier this year, a revised Statement template and advice note were issued to Community and Town Councils. The Panel are interested if the Template has again increased the number of councillors claiming allowances?

Responses

8.11 One response stated the revised template had not increased the number of councillors claiming allowances, and another two responded with no opinion.

9. Determinations for 2025 to 2026

Principal Councils

Basic salary for elected members of principal councils:

Determination 1

- 9.1 The Panel has determined that for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 it is right to retain the link between the basic salary of councillors and the average salaries of their constituents. The basic salary will be aligned with three fifths of all Wales 2022 ASHE for 2022 to 2023, the latest figure available at drafting. **This will be £19,771.**
- 9.2 The Panel is fully aware of the current constraints on public funding and the impact its decisions will have on the budgets of Principal Authorities. The Panel is also mindful of our Aims and Objectives to provide a fair and reasonable remuneration package to support elected members and to encourage diversity of representation.

Salaries paid to Senior, Civic and Presiding members of principal councils:

Determination 2

- 9.3 The limit on the number of senior salaries payable ("the cap") will remain in place.
- 9.4 All senior salaries include the basic salary payment. The different levels of additional responsibility of and between each role is recognised in a banded framework. No changes to banding are proposed this year.
- 9.5 Assistants to the Executive The Panel will decide on a case-by-case basis the appropriate senior salary, if any, for assistants to the executive.
- 9.6 Under the <u>2011 Measure</u>, it is the number of persons in receipt of a senior salary, not the number of senior salary posts that count towards the cap. Therefore, for all job share arrangements the senior salary cap will be increased subject to the statutory maximum of 50% of the council's membership. Where the arrangements would mean that the statutory maximum would be exceeded a local authority will need the approval of the Panel, and Welsh Ministers prior to any arrangements being established.
- 9.7 The basic pay element will be uplifted in line with ASHE and this uplift will also apply to the role element of Bands 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- 9.8 The salary of a leader of the largest (Group A) council will therefore be £74,141.
- 9.9 All other payments have been decided in reference to this and are set out in Tables 1-3.

Group A

- Cardiff
- Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Swansea

Table 1 – Salaries payable to Basic, Senior, Civic and Presiding members ofprincipal councils (Group A)

Description	Amount
Basic salary	£19,771
Band 1 leader	£74,141
Band 1 deputy leader	£51,899
Band 2 executive members	£44,485
Band 3 committee chairs (if paid)	£29,657
Band 4 Leader of the largest opposition group	£29,657
Band 5 Leader of other political groups (if paid) and deputy civic head	£23,726
Civic Head (if paid)	£29,657
Deputy Civic Head (if paid)	£23,726
Presiding member (if paid)	£29,657
Deputy Presiding Member (basic only)	£19,771

Group B

- Bridgend
- Caerphilly
- Carmarthenshire
- Conwy
- Flintshire
- Gwynedd
- Newport
- Neath Port Talbot
- Pembrokeshire
- Powys
- Vale of Glamorgan

Wrexham

Table 2 – Salaries payable to Basic, Senior, Civic and Presiding members of principal councils (Group B)

Description	Amount
Basic salary	£19,771
Band 1 leader	£66,727
Band 1 deputy leader	£46,709
Band 2 executive members	£40,036
Band 3 committee chairs (if paid)	£29,657
Band 4 Leader of the largest opposition group	£29,657
Band 5 Leader of other political groups (if paid) and deputy	£23,726
civic head	
Civic Head (if paid)	£29,657
Deputy Civic Head (if paid)	£23,726
Presiding member (if paid)	£29,657
Deputy Presiding Member (basic only)	£19,771

Group C

- Blaenau Gwent
- Ceredigion
- Denbighshire
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Monmouthshire
- Torfaen
- Ynys Môn

Table 3 – Salaries payable to Basic, Senior, Civic and Presiding members of principal councils (Group C)

Description	Amount
Basic salary	£19,771
Band 1 leader	£63,020
Band 1 deputy leader	£44,114
Band 2 executive members	£37,812
Band 3 committee chairs (if paid)	£29,657
Band 4 Leader of the largest opposition group	£29,657
Band 5 Leader of other political groups (if paid) and deputy	£23,726
civic head	
Civic Head (if paid)	£29,657
Deputy Civic Head (if paid)	£23,726
Presiding member (if paid)	£29,657
Deputy Presiding Member (basic only)	£19,771

9.10 There are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members. All current Determinations are published on our <u>website</u>.

Salaries for Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Determination 3

- 9.11 The salary of a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to be aligned to Band 3 and will be set at £9,886.
- 9.12 The salary of a vice-chair is set at 50% of the Chair and will be £4,943.
- 9.13 There are no other changes.

Payments to National Parks Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities:

Determination 4

- 9.14 The three national parks in Wales Eryri (Snowdonia), Pembrokeshire Coast and Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons), were formed to protect spectacular landscapes and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The Environment Act 1995 led to the creation of a National Park Authority (NPA) for each park. National Park authorities comprise members who are either elected members nominated by the principal councils within the national park area or are members appointed by the Welsh Government through the Public Appointments process. Welsh Government appointed and council nominated members are treated equally in relation to remuneration.
- 9.15 The three fire and rescue services (FRAs) in Wales: Mid and West Wales, North Wales and South Wales were formed as part of Local Government reorganisation in 1996. FRAs comprise elected members who are nominated by the Principal Councils within each fire and rescue service area.
- 9.16 In line with the Panel's decision to increase the basic salary of elected members of principal councils, the remuneration level for ordinary members of both NPAs and FRAs is also increased in line with ASHE.
- 9.17 The remuneration for Chairs will remain linked to a principal council Band 3 senior salary. Their role element will therefore increase accordingly. Deputy chairs, Committee chairs and other paid senior posts will remain linked to a Band 5. Full details of the levels of remuneration for members of NPAs and FRAs is set out in Tables 4 and 5.

Table 4 – Payments to National Parks Authorities

National Parks Authorities	Amount
Basic salary for ordinary member	£5,576
Chair	£15,462
Deputy Chair (where appointed)	£9,531
Committee Chair or other senior post	£9,531

Table 5 – Payments to Fire and Rescue Authorities

Fire and Rescue Authorities	Amount
Basic salary for ordinary member	£2,788
Chair	£12,674
Deputy Chair (where appointed)	£6,743
Committee Chair or other senior post	£6,743

9.18 All current Determinations, including restrictions on receiving double allowances, are published on our website. Other than the above increases, there are no changes determined this year.

Payments made to coopted members of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities:

Determination 5

- 9.19 Coopted members of the relevant bodies should be remunerated on a day, half day basis or hourly basis. In addition, the relevant officer may decide on the total number of days remunerated in a year and set a reasonable time for meeting preparation.
- 9.20 Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee or other appropriate committee, must ensure that all voting coopted members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. Such support should be without cost to the individual member.

Role	Hourly rate payment	Up to 4 hours payment rate	4 hours and over payment rate
Chairs of standards and audit committees	£33.50	£134	£268
Ordinary Members of Standards Committees who also chair Standards Committees for Community and Town Councils	£29.75	£119	£238
Ordinary Members of Standards Committees; Education Scrutiny Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee	£26.25	£105	£210
Community and Town Councillors sitting on Principal Council Standards Committees	£26.25	£105	£210

Table 6: Payments made to coopted members of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities

Payments to coopted (lay) members of Corporate Joint Committees:

Determination 6

- 9.21 Coopted lay members of a Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) will be paid on the same basis as coopted (lay) members with voting rights of other bodies within the local government family.
- 9.22 The amounts are set out below:

Table 7: Payments made to coopted (lay) members of Corporate Joint Committees

Role	Hourly rate payment	Up to 4 hours payment rate	4 hours and over payment rate
Lay chairs of committees	£33.50	£134	£268
Ordinary lay members with voting rights	£29.75	£119	£238

9.23 This determination is valid from 31 July 2024.

Community and Town Councils

9.24 The Panel continues to mandate payments for the extra costs of working from home and payments for office consumables. There is no change to the Determination made last year.

Mandatory Payments:

Determination 7

Payment for extra costs of working from home

9.25 All councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power, and broadband) of working from home.

Set payment for consumables

- 9.26 Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.
- 9.27 It is a matter for each council to make and record a policy decision in respect of when and how the payments are made and whether they are paid monthly, yearly, or otherwise. The policy should also state whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves or changes their role during the financial year.

Attendance Allowance

- 9.28 Each council can decide to introduce an attendance allowance for members. The amount of each payment must not exceed £30. A member in receipt of financial loss compensation will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.
- 9.29 As the payment for attendance is optional, the council, at its first Annual Meeting, should formally decide whether or not to make these payments.
- 9.30 If the council decides in favour of attendance allowances, it must produce a Scheme for formal adoption, make provision for it to be publicly available and inform the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 9.31 The mandatory maximum for each qualifying event is £30. There is no stipulated minimum.
- 9.32 Payments for attendance must be in respect of official business or approved duty which are identified in the council's Standing Orders or alternatively by specific resolution. The scheme should specify for which events payments will

be made.

9.33 All members of the council will be entitled to the payment for attendance at the events specified in the scheme, but an individual member may decline to receive payment by informing (in writing) the proper officer.

Compensation for Financial Loss:

Determination 8

- 9.34 Compensation for financial loss is an optional payment.
- 9.35 The Panel has determined that this payment should be aligned to the daily rate of ASHE and will be £126.74 for a full day and £63.37 for a half day.

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Extra costs payment	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory for all
		members
Senior role	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory £500 for 1
		member; optional for up
		to 7
Mayor or chair	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional: up to a
		maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional: up to a
chair		maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Financial loss	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Costs of care or personal	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory
assistance		
Extra costs payment	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Mandatory for all
	to 13,999)	members
Senior role	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Mandatory for 1 member;
	to 13,999)	optional up to 5
Mayor or chair	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Optional: up to a
	to 13,999)	maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Optional: up to a
chair	to 13,999)	maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Optional
	to 13,999)	
Financial loss	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Optional
	to 13,999)	
Travel and subsistence	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Optional
	to 13,999)	

Table 8: Payments to Community and Town Councils

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Costs of care or personal	2 (Electorate over 10,000	Mandatory
assistance	to 13,999)	
Extra costs payment	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Mandatory for all
	to 9,999)	members
Senior role	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Optional up to 3 members
	to 9,999)	
Mayor or chair	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Optional - Up to a
	to 9,999)	maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Optional - Up to a
chair	to 9,999)	maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Optional
	to 9,999)	
Financial loss	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Optional
	to 9,999)	
Travel and subsistence	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Optional
	to 9,999)	
Costs of care or personal	3 (Electorate over 5,000	Mandatory
assistance	to 9,999)	
Extra Costs Payment	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Mandatory for all
	to 4,999)	members
Senior Role	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Optional up to 3 members
Mayar ar Chair	to 4,999)	
Mayor or Chair	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Optional - Up to a
Doputy Moyor or Doputy	to 4,999)	maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Optional
	to 4,999)	optional
Financial Loss	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Optional
	to 4,999)	• p
Travel and Subsistence	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Optional
	to 4,999)	
Costs of Care or Personal	4 (Electorate over 1,000	Mandatory
Assistance	to 4,999)	,
Extra Costs Payment	5 (Electorate less than	Mandatory for all
	1,000)	members
Senior Role	5 (Electorate less than	Optional up to 3 members
	1,000)	
Mayor or Chair	5 (Electorate less than	Optional - Up to a
	1,000)	maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy	5 (Electorate less than	Optional - Up to a
Chair	1,000)	maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	5 (Electorate less than	Optional
	1,000)	
Financial Loss	5 (Electorate less than	Optional
	1,000)	
Travel and Subsistence	5 (Electorate less than	Optional
	1,000)	

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Cost of Care or Personal	5 (Electorate less than	Mandatory
Assistance	1,000)	_

9.36 There have been no changes made to payments for undertaking senior roles; allowances for Travel and subsistence; Care and Personal Assistance or Attendance allowance. All current Determinations are published on our <u>website</u>.

10. Summary of Determinations 2025 to 2026

Determination 1

10.1 The basic level of salary for elected members of principal councils is set at £19,771.

Determination 2

10.2 The salary of a leader of the largest (Group A) council will be £74,141. All other payments have been decided in reference to this. All payments are set out in Table 1.

Determination 3

- 10.3 The salary of a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be £9,886.
- 10.4 The salary of vice-chair will be £4,943.

Determination 4

- 10.5 The basic pay of members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities has been increased. All payments are set out in Tables 4 and 5.
- 10.6 All current Determinations, including restrictions on receiving double allowances, will be published on our website. Other than the above increases, there are no changes proposed this year.

Determination 5

10.7 For coopted member payments, there is no change in the level of payments. These are set out in Table 6.

Determination 6

- 10.8 Coopted lay members of a Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) will be paid on the same basis as coopted (lay) members with voting rights of other bodies within the local government family, as set out in Table 7.
- 10.9 Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee or other appropriate committee, must ensure that all voting coopted members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. Such support should be without cost to the individual member.

Determination 7

- 10.10 Members of Community and Town Councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power, and broadband) of working from home. And Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.
- 10.11 Members of Community and Town Councils are appointed office holders. Whilst not employees, their remuneration is still subject to PAYE rules. Section 316A ITEPA 2003 states no liability to income tax arises in respect of a payment an employer makes to an employee in respect of reasonable additional household expenses which the employee incurs in carrying out duties of the employment at home under homeworking arrangements. This arrangement will apply to the £156 payment made under this Determination.

Determination 8

- 10.12 Compensation for financial loss is an optional payment.
- 10.13 The Panel has determined that this payment should be aligned to the daily rate of ASHE 2022 to 2023 and will be £126.74 for a full day and £63.37 for a half day.

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