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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

28th June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

CORPORATE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee will be held in as a Hybrid Meeting virtually via MS Teams or in the Sir William Firth Room at the General Offices, Ebbw Vale on Wednesday, 5th July, 2023 at 10.00 am.

Yours faithfully

Damien McCann
Interim Chief Executive

AGENDA

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1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive.

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn cyfathrebu gyda chi yn eich dewis iaith, dim ond i chi rhoi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn creu unrhyw oedi.

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh and English and we will communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to any delay.

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To: Councillor J. Wilkins (Chair)
Councillor J. Thomas (Vice-Chair)
Councillor C. Bainton
Councillor J. Hill
Councillor J. Holt
Councillor E. Jones
Councillor R. Leadbeater
Councillor C. Smith
Councillor T. Smith

All other Members (for information)
Interim Chief Executive
Chief Officers

Agenda Item 4

Cabinet and Council only

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: **Corporate Overview & Performance Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **5th July 2023**

Report Subject: **Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/2023 – Provisional Outturn**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr S Thomas – Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member Corporate Overview & Performance**

Report Submitted by: **Rhian Hayden – Chief Officer Resources**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Governance Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Council	Other (please state)
	08/06/23	22.06.23			05/07/23	19/07/23		

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with the provisional financial outturn position across all portfolios for the financial year 2022/2023.

2. Scope and Background

- 2.1 This report provides details on the following:
- Provisional financial position to the end of March 2023 across all portfolios
 - Provisional outturn for Fees & Charges
 - Net use of Reserves applied during the financial year
- 2.2 This report forms part of the Council's financial reporting framework to members.

3. Options for Recommendation

3.1 Option 1 (Recommended Option)

- Members to consider and provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report.
- Note the net use of specific reserves.

3.2 Option 2

Members do not accept the report.

4. Evidence of how this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan

- 4.1 This report supports the Council Corporate Plan high level priority "An ambitious and innovative council delivering quality services at the right time and in the right place".

5. **Implications Against Each Option**
 5.1 ***Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)***

- 5.1.1 The overall provisional outturn across all portfolios as at 31 March 2023, is a favourable variance of £180,000 before net transfers from specific reserves (of £1.04m) and £1.2m favourable variance after net transfers from specific reserves.
- 5.1.2 The outturn position is provisional as it is subject to External Audit review.
- 5.1.3 The overall provisional financial position across all portfolios is shown in the table below:

Table 1 – Portfolio Summary

Portfolio/Committee	2022/2023 Revised Revenue Budget	2022/2023 Provisional Outturn	Favourable/ (Adverse) Variance	Favourable/ (Adverse) Variance (after Net transfers from Specific Reserves)	Append Ref:
	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Corporate Services & Financial Management & Strategy	17.92	16.97	0.95	1.71	1a
Social Services	49.94	50.83	(0.89)	(0.24)	1b
Education & Leisure	68.31	67.84	0.47	0.04	1c
Economy	1.81	1.66	0.15	0.18	1d
Environment	29.63	30.44	(0.81)	(0.73)	1e
Planning	1.44	1.13	0.31	0.25	1f
Licensing	0.13	0.13	0	0	1f
Total	169.18	169.00	0.18	1.21	

- 5.1.4 The provisional favourable variance of £1.2m is mainly due to the cross cutting budgets within Corporate Services not being utilised during the financial year and the underspend against the Council Tax Reduction Scheme:

Table 2 – Significant Favourable Variances

	Provisional Favourable Variance £'000
Transformation Fund	500
Commercial & Contract Management	250
Contingency – Community Care	250
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	533
Total	1,533

- 5.1.5 Whilst overall the Council's outturn for the year is favourable, there are significant adverse variances across portfolios, and these are detailed in the Portfolio Analysis section below.
- 5.1.6 **Transfers To/From Reserves**
- 5.1.7 Any variance against the revenue budget will impact on the overall level of the Council's general and specific reserves.
- 5.1.8 Throughout the year, the forecast has indicated that a net draw from specific reserves to individual portfolios would be required. At the year end this is currently assessed to be £1.04m
- 5.1.9 The impact the provisional outturn has had on specific reserves is attached at Appendix 2 and reduces specific reserves (provisional) to £31.4m at 31 March 2023.
- 5.1.10 Based on the provisional outturn (including the movement of specific earmarked reserves), the Council's General reserve is forecast to increase by £1.2m. However, given the better than anticipated outturn position a further review of reserves will be undertaken as part of the statutory final accounts process and the full impact on reserves and balances will be shown in the 2022/2023 Statement of Accounts, which will be presented to the Governance & Audit Committee when finalised.
- 5.1.11 **Draw from Reserves**
- 5.1.12 The provisional outturn includes a draw from specific reserves totalling £2.73m, the most significant being:
- £685,000 for the Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme – grant funding received in 2021/2022 and utilised in 2022/2023.
 - £228,000 from the Supporting Additional Capacity Reserve (which includes additional resources for areas such as Health & Safety, Civil Contingencies, Payroll, Decarbonisation and Digital)
 - £110,300 from the Election Reserve to cover the cost of the May 2022 Local Elections
 - £48,690 from the Community Safety & CCTV Reserve (to support a new Policy Officer for CCTV until the SLA with Caerphilly CBC is established)
 - £72,480 in relation to the Test, Trace and Protect Service (Environmental Health Officers) – part funded from balance on TTP Reserve £4,514 and £67,970 from Covid19 Response & Recovery Reserve
 - £55,130 from the Infrastructure Staffing Reserve (to support new Welsh Government Legislation requirements)
 - £623,000 from Social Services (relating to displaced grant expenditure, cost of living increase in excess of grant allocation in relation to Early Years Childcare and Legal Fees)
 - £450,000 from the Inflation and Service Cost Pressure Reserve in respect of the 20% uplift in Home to School Transport costs
 - £235,000 from the ISB reserve to support school expenditure

- £147,500 from the Transport Oncost reserve to fund the cost pressure resulting from increased fuel costs.

5.1.13 New/Increases in Reserves

5.1.14 The provisional outturn includes an increase in specific reserves of £1.69m.

5.1.15 During the financial year, income/grant funding was received which either displaced the Council's in year budget or was awarded to fund expenditure in 2023/2024, therefore it has been necessary to establish/increase specific reserves to earmark this funding for use in 2023/2024 including:

- Education and Leisure Grants of £796,000 (Youth Service, LEA Grant, All Through Schools & Heads for Arts)
- Homes for Ukraine Scheme of £379,000

5.1.16 Other increases in specific reserves includes:

- £61,400 increase in the Re:Fit Loan Repayments charged to services in advance of the loan repayment
- £71,650 sink fund for Regional Fleet Vehicles
- £200,000 increase in the Education PRC Reserve relating to school contributions not being required during 2022/2023
- £852,600 increase in the Future Interest Rate reserve to mitigate future interest rate increases
- £865,550 interest received on the Rail loan – to be reinvested or potential repayment to WG.

5.1.17 School Balances

5.1.18 School balances have reduced by £1.3m to £4.88m at 31 March 2023, an improved outturn when compared to the in year forecasts.

5.1.19 Portfolio Analysis

5.1.20 An analysis of significant adverse variances above £100,000 is detailed below, and Appendices 1a to 1e shows all variances both favourable and adverse across all services.

5.1.21 Corporate Services – £1.71m favourable variance

5.1.22 **Council Tax Collection** - £225,500 adverse variance

The adverse variance is a result of the Surplus on Collection budget not achieving as estimated due to an increase in the level of irrecoverable debt requiring write off during the financial year.

5.1.23 The adverse position has been offset by an underspend within Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the cross cutting budgets as detailed in Table 2 in paragraph 5.1.4.

5.1.24 **Social Services - £0.24m adverse variance**

5.1.25 **Children's Services – Children Looked After - £1,122,000 adverse variance**

The adverse variance is due to Children's Homes, Payments to Foster Parents and Legal Fees.

Children's Homes – £816,000 adverse variance

Although the number of placements has remained relatively stable at an average of 12, there has been inflationary increases and the activity within placements has seen a rise in the length of individual placements resulting in the number of weeks of active placements increasing from 639 weeks in 2021/22 to 675 weeks for 2022/23, plus a secure placement for 26 weeks of the year.

In House Foster Carers & independent Fostering Agencies – £139,000 adverse variance

The overall number of Foster carers have remained relatively stable with Independent Fostering Agency placements increasing by 3 from March 2022 to March 2023. However, there has been an increase in activity of placements throughout the year, with the number of placement weeks increasing from 1,106 in 2021/2022 to 2,489 weeks during 2022/2023.

Legal Fees – £336,000 adverse variance (after applying £400,000 reserve funding)

Legal Fees is due to the requirement of using the external provider to finalise existing cases once these cases have been finalised all new cases will be dealt with by Caerphilly CBC and funded by the Service Level Agreement.

The adverse variances have been partially offset by the overall underspend within Adult Services, and Support Services.

5.1.26 **Adult Services**

Although adults are showing a favourable variance overall of £763,000, there are some adverse variances within adults as follows: -

Cwrt Mytton – £435,000 adverse variance

Supported Living Bungalows – £124,000 adverse variance

There are significant challenges in relation to vacant posts and sickness absences across both these budget areas. Staffing restructures and recruitment drives are ongoing within the service, to address the issues being encountered.

5.1.27 **Education – £0.04m favourable variance**

5.1.28 Assuring Access to Schools

Home to School Transport – £612,000 adverse variance

The adverse variance is as a consequence of the 20% uplift awarded to contractors as a result of the fuel crisis, additional routes being required for ALN learners and prior year invoices being higher than expected.

This overspend has been partially offset by an appropriation from the Inflation and Cost Pressure reserve of £450,000, with the balance being offset by underspends within the Education Portfolio.

5.1.29 **Environment – £0.73m adverse variance**

5.1.30 **Waste Services - £566,000 adverse variance**

This is mainly due to an increase in agency costs due to an increased number of staff required to collect the recycling after the increase in participation during the lockdown period continuing. It is also due to an overspend on the treatment costs for disposal of residual waste where the new contract price has increased by £8 per tonne and additional unexpected leachate costs.

5.1.31 **Winter Maintenance - £155,000 adverse variance**

Although it seems that the 2022/23 winter period was mild and produced little snow, the winter maintenance service was quite busy with an additional 22 mobilisations of the service for ice conditions on the same period in the previous year 2021/22.

This has resulted in

- Increased staff costs (also includes an uplift in standby payments following a review in 2021/22)
- 1500 tonne of salt delivered (1000t previous year)
- Salt costs have increased from £40 per tonne in 2021/22 (1000t = £40,000) to £48 per tonne (1500t = £72,000) in 2022/23
- Vehicle hire costs increased by 4%
- Fuel cost have increased by 35% (additionally the council has been paying a higher rate for fuel through the use of a local supplier)

5.1.32 **Cwmcrachen Caravan Site – £100,000 adverse variance**

The adverse variance is due to:

- an increase in water charges because of a water leak which went undetected for 12 months and then took a number of site excavations to identify the location of the leak. The leak has now been repaired and water usage is closely monitored.
- and an increase in maintenance costs due to a backlog of repairs following Covid and a flood coupled with an unprecedented tenancies turnover which has resulted in clean up costs and repairs to the amenity blocks.

5.1.33 **Fees & Charges**

5.1.34 The 2022/2023 portfolio estimates include income budgets in relation to fees & charges (excluding Council Tax) of £14m across all portfolios. Attached at Appendix 3 is an analysis of actual income against budget for the financial year for individual portfolios. The provisional outturn is reporting a favourable variance of £0.4m, an improved position when compared to the quarter 3 forecast of £0.5m adverse variance.

5.1.35 Whilst the analysis of fees and charges is useful, it should not be considered in isolation, as elements of any shortfall within Portfolios can be inextricably linked to underspends in expenditure within the same budget heading. Where this is the case,

budget holders should action budget virements to ensure that the income targets reflect more accurately expected income. Likewise, any over achievement in income which offset overspends in expenditure within the same budget, should be treated in the same way.

5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***

5.2.1 Grants form a significant element of the Council's income and support the delivery of priority services to the people of Blaenau Gwent. There is a risk that a reduction or cessation of grant funding will result in service levels reducing or services no longer being delivered.

5.2.2 A grants register has been developed and is being maintained and will be considered as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

5.2.4 Within the overall positive financial position for 2022/2023, a number of overspends have continued throughout the financial year despite action plans being developed and implemented. There is a risk that these could continue into 2023/2024.

5.3 ***Legal***
N/A

5.4 ***Human Resources***
N/A

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

6.1.1 A summary page for each portfolio is contained in Appendices 1a to 1g.

6.2 ***Expected outcome for the public***

6.2.1 The report details the financial implications for the Council in providing services to the communities of Blaenau Gwent.

6.3 ***Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)***

6.3.1 CLT have considered the provisional outturn for 2022/23.

6.4 ***Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)***

6.4.1 A number of ongoing cost pressures identified during 2022/2023 have been addressed as part of the budget setting process for 2023/2024.

6.4.2 For continuing, new and emerging cost pressures identified during 2023/2024, budget holders will be required to produce Action Plans which will address the cost pressure during the year. These Action Plans will form part of the quarterly budget

reports and will be submitted to the Cost Pressure Sub Group for scrutiny, challenge and monitoring.

6.5 ***Preventative focus***

6.5.1 Existing, new and emerging cost pressures are considered as part of the annual budget setting process and additional funding awarded where it is likely that the cost pressure will continue into future years.

6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

6.6.1 Accountancy works closely with budget holders during the financial year in producing the financial forecast, identifying cost pressures and in developing Action Plans.

6.7 ***Integration (across service areas)***

N/A

6.8 ***Decarbonisation and Reducing Carbon Emissions***

6.8.1 The Council is committed to the Decarbonisation Plan to achieve a carbon neutral public sector by 2030.

6.9 ***Integrated Impact Assessment*** *(the screening template should be completed for any decisions to identify if a full integrated impact assessment (IIA) is needed. A full IIA will need to be completed if the decision is part of the socio-economic duty to consider how the decision might help to reduce the inequalities of outcome associated with socio-economic disadvantage).*

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

7.1 Financial reporting to Corporate & Performance Scrutiny and the Cabinet is carried out on a quarterly basis. Where services are reporting significant cost pressures, there will be a requirement for Budget Holders to develop and implement Action Plans these will be reported on a quarterly basis.

Background Documents / Electronic Links

Appendix 1 – Portfolio Summary

Appendix 2 – Summary of Reserve Movements

Appendix 3 – Fees and Charges

CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Item	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Total Expenditure to March 2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	Variance Favourable / (Adverse) as at Dec 22
	£	£	£	£
SUMMARY				
<u>DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER RECHARGEABLE SERVICES</u>				
Corporate Services Department	(88,770)	(4,417)	(84,353)	(135,490)
Resources Department	1,850	51,036	(49,186)	(73,921)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>(86,920)</u>	<u>46,619</u>	<u>(133,539)</u>	<u>(209,411)</u>
<u>COMMERCIAL SERVICES</u>				
Archives	148,670	153,844	(5,174)	(5,174)
Festival Park	102,570	108,557	(5,987)	(5,987)
Housing Benefit	(116,270)	(172,155)	55,885	(14,542)
ICT Service	0	(56,933)	56,933	0
Cross Cutting	(59,310)	(84,113)	24,803	20,042
Community Hubs	196,320	202,104	(5,784)	(6,590)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>271,980</u>	<u>151,304</u>	<u>120,676</u>	<u>(12,251)</u>
<u>LEGAL & CORPORATE COMPLIANCE SERVICES</u>				
Registration of Electors	17,860	1,155	16,705	82
Conducting Elections	0	0	0	0
Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths	48,100	56,593	(8,493)	(35,553)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>65,960</u>	<u>57,748</u>	<u>8,212</u>	<u>(35,471)</u>
<u>GOVERNANCE & PARTNERSHIP SERVICES</u>				
Corporate Management (inc Audit Fees)	109,510	109,717	(207)	(12)
Democratic Representation and Management	1,323,130	1,265,890	57,240	34,591
CCTV Cameras	208,680	148,608	60,072	0
Civil Contingencies	106,890	71,963	34,927	30,718
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>1,748,210</u>	<u>1,596,178</u>	<u>152,032</u>	<u>65,297</u>
<u>RESOURCES SERVICES</u>				
Corporate Management	355,790	346,409	9,381	73,130
Non Distributed Costs	931,850	769,052	162,798	160,045
Apprenticeship Levy	358,430	374,014	(15,584)	(490)
Council Tax Collection	(1,165,020)	(939,517)	(225,503)	(12,383)
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	10,004,370	9,470,841	533,529	531,103
N.N.D.R. Collection	(106,820)	(118,410)	11,590	3,275
Grants and Subscriptions	88,410	88,410	0	0
Cross Cutting Budget	1,085,640	0	1,085,640	1,085,640
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>11,552,650</u>	<u>9,990,799</u>	<u>1,561,851</u>	<u>1,840,320</u>
<u>CORPORATE CHARGES</u>				
Corporate Recharges	4,366,000	4,366,002	(2)	(6)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>4,366,000</u>	<u>4,366,002</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
CORPORATE SERVICES TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u><u>17,917,880</u></u>	<u><u>16,208,650</u></u>	<u><u>1,709,230</u></u>	<u><u>1,648,478</u></u>

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Item	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Total Expenditure to March 2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	Variance Favourable / (Adverse) as at Dec 22
	£	£	£	£
SUMMARY				
<u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>				
Children's Services - Commissioning and Social Work	3,939,340	3,875,052	64,288	(163,961)
Looked After Children	7,487,490	8,609,527	(1,122,037)	(1,035,939)
Family Support Services	192,370	194,999	(2,629)	(6,108)
Youth Justice	237,580	235,305	2,275	(13,350)
Other Children's and Family Services	2,432,020	2,412,755	19,265	(13,805)
Older People Aged 65 or Over	7,154,970	7,053,411	101,559	117,504
Adults Aged Under 65 with a Physical Disability or Sensory Impairment	18,290	22,599	(4,309)	380
Adults Aged Under 65 with Learning Disabilities	3,684,090	3,677,922	6,168	5,578
Adults Aged Under 65 with Mental Health Needs	571,660	566,100	5,560	(1,562)
Other Adult Services	463,570	356,729	106,841	(38,195)
Community Care	17,338,860	16,791,815	547,045	573,359
Support Service and Management Costs	934,170	865,786	68,384	31,372
Corporate Recharges	5,487,140	5,460,331	26,809	5
Social Services COVID-19 Costs	0	64,570	(64,570)	0
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL EXPENDITURE	49,941,550	50,186,901	(245,351)	(544,721)

EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

Item	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Total Expenditure to March 2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	Variance Favourable / (Adverse) as at Dec 22
	£	£	£	£
SUMMARY				
SCHOOLS BUDGET				
Individual Schools Budget	50,430,260	50,430,259	1	0
Education Improvement Grant	267,730	259,859	7,871	0
Other Costs	725,420	720,845	4,575	(11,444)
Supporting Special Education Needs	1,730,430	1,591,761	138,669	39,460
<i>Schools Budget Total Expenditure</i>	<u>53,153,840</u>	<u>53,002,723</u>	<u>151,117</u>	<u>28,016</u>
LEA BUDGET				
Strategic Management	2,264,410	2,139,552	124,858	(920)
Assuring Access to Schools	2,439,820	3,029,111	(589,291)	(608,479)
Facilitating School Improvement	396,350	393,327	3,023	(6,281)
Supporting Special Education Needs	380,730	284,797	95,933	83,163
<i>LEA Budget Total Expenditure</i>	<u>5,481,310</u>	<u>5,846,787</u>	<u>(365,477)</u>	<u>(532,516)</u>
OTHER EDUCATION SERVICES				
Further Education and Training	135,960	124,323	11,637	4,213
Youth Service	345,390	345,390	0	1,727
Other Expenditure	143,850	97,724	46,126	26,617
Education Departmental Budget	195,970	20,251	175,719	108,236
<i>Other Education Services Total Expenditure</i>	<u>821,170</u>	<u>587,688</u>	<u>233,482</u>	<u>140,793</u>
CORPORATE CHARGES				
Corporate Support Recharges	4,671,690	4,661,827	9,863	1
<i>Corporate Charges Total Expenditure</i>	<u>4,671,690</u>	<u>4,661,827</u>	<u>9,863</u>	<u>1</u>
Education Total Expenditure	<u>64,128,010</u>	<u>64,099,025</u>	<u>28,985</u>	<u>(363,706)</u>
LEISURE TRUSTS				
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Aneurin Leisure Trust	2,875,550	2,880,084	(4,534)	(9,283)
Awen Leisure Trust	198,900	205,725	(6,825)	(2,145)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>3,074,450</u>	<u>3,085,809</u>	<u>(11,359)</u>	<u>(11,428)</u>
RETAINED SERVICES				
Corporate Recharges	1,102,170	1,078,078	24,092	8,202
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>1,102,170</u>	<u>1,078,078</u>	<u>24,092</u>	<u>8,202</u>
Lesire Trusts Total Expenditure	<u>4,176,620</u>	<u>4,163,887</u>	<u>12,733</u>	<u>(3,226)</u>
EDUCATION PORTFOLIO TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>68,304,630</u>	<u>68,262,912</u>	<u>41,718</u>	<u>(366,932)</u>

ECONOMY PORTFOLIO

Item	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Total Expenditure to March 2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	Variance Favourable / (Adverse) as at Dec 22
	£	£	£	£
SUMMARY				
DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES				
Economic Strategy and Development - Departmental Budget	117,450	35,729	81,721	20,984
Estates Management - Rechargeable	12,030	68,686	(56,656)	(113,136)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>129,480</u>	<u>104,415</u>	<u>25,065</u>	<u>(92,152)</u>
ECONOMY SERVICES				
Affordable Housing	0	0	0	0
Aspire	0	0	0	0
Community Benefits Investment	0	0	0	0
CSCS	(10,200)	402	(10,602)	(9,660)
Destination Management	10,200	379	9,821	841
DRiVE	0	0	0	0
Financial Support to Business	4,410	(2,650)	7,060	0
General Offices	(24,360)	(51,484)	27,124	38,745
Industrial Land	7,390	4,593	2,797	(3,250)
Inspire	0	0	0	0
Nursery Units/Misc. Industrial Premises	(793,750)	(867,429)	73,679	82,487
Pentagon	0	0	0	0
Regeneration Projects	5,100	6,179	(1,079)	(1,079)
Resilient Project	0	0	0	0
Estates Management Non Rechargeable	(96,590)	(149,231)	52,641	23,813
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>(897,800)</u>	<u>(1,059,241)</u>	<u>161,441</u>	<u>131,897</u>
Corporate Recharges	2,583,380	2,583,380	0	0
Total Expenditure	<u>1,815,060</u>	<u>1,628,554</u>	<u>186,506</u>	<u>39,745</u>

ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

Item	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Total Expenditure to March 2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	Variance Favourable / (Adverse) as at Dec 22
	£	£	£	£
SUMMARY				
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>				
<u>DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES</u>				
Environment Department - Corporate Division	179	(76,000)	76,179	68,121
Environmental Services Division	16,402	39,828	(23,426)	(1,932)
Technical Services - Engineering & Property Management	4,740	(101,540)	106,280	44,880
Enforcement	25,280	37,941	(12,661)	14,743
Sub Total	46,601	(99,771)	146,372	125,812
<u>WASTE COLLECTION</u>				
Household and Trade Waste Collection	666,771	671,054	(4,283)	5,547
Recycling Collection	2,504,803	3,270,235	(765,432)	(714,480)
Bulky Waste Collection	5,948	13,953	(8,005)	(8,409)
Sub Total	3,177,522	3,955,242	(777,720)	(717,342)
<u>WASTE TRANSFER</u>				
Civic Amenity Sites	248,009	278,487	(30,478)	70,955
HWRC Roseheyworth	319,653	283,918	35,735	37,778
Transfer Station	1,033,557	1,017,617	15,940	5,273
Sub Total	1,601,219	1,580,022	21,197	114,006
<u>WASTE DISPOSAL</u>				
Disposal Of Waste	1,211,830	1,338,725	(126,895)	(223,374)
Recycling Disposal	382,649	75,361	307,288	338,109
Trade Waste Collection, Transfer & Disposal	(13,845)	(24,361)	10,516	(10,387)
Sub Total	1,580,634	1,389,725	190,909	104,348
<u>WASTE SERVICES</u>				
	6,359,375	6,924,989	(565,614)	(498,988)
<u>PUBLIC SERVICES</u>				
County Borough Cleansing	1,190,016	1,173,054	16,962	(13,462)
Cemeteries / Crematorium	(159,578)	(166,547)	6,969	(27,186)
Grounds Maintenance	1,065,642	1,074,477	(8,835)	33,517
Countryside Recreation Sites	37,419	32,351	5,068	0
General Entertainment	2,489	3,654	(1,165)	(2,201)
Sub Total	2,135,988	2,116,989	18,999	(9,332)
<u>FACILITIES MANAGEMENT</u>				
Corporate Landlord	1,820,175	1,895,863	(75,688)	(103,818)
Corporate Property	30,073	44,002	(13,929)	(29,285)
Building Cleaning	317,924	416,060	(98,136)	7,658
Catering Account	311,105	357,036	(45,931)	(103,111)
Appetite For Life	44,585	6,181	38,404	(50)
School Breakfast Club	429,385	404,040	25,345	1
Sub Total	2,953,247	3,123,182	(169,935)	(228,605)
<u>HIGHWAYS & ROADS SERVICES</u>				
Highways - Street Care Team	9,010	(6,106)	15,116	16,695
Non Operational Land	1,490	0	1,490	1,490
Licensing (Highway Permits)	(52,211)	(49,048)	(3,163)	(118)
Shopping Arcade, Abertillery	2,834	2,214	620	2,744
Road and Street Works Acts	(16,589)	(45,433)	28,844	9,460
Multi-Storey Car Parks	262,183	245,637	16,546	(581)
On Street Parking	1,122	0	1,122	0
Surface Car Parks	32,421	29,581	2,840	(61)
Public Transport Co-Ordination	924	(268)	1,192	34
Bridges	79,145	89,133	(9,988)	0
Structural Maintenance (Principal and Other Roads)	184,190	201,717	(17,527)	2,604
Environmental Maintenance (Principal and Other Roads)	19,831	18,309	1,522	0
Safety Maintenance (Principal and Other Roads)	73,349	72,342	1,007	103
Routine Repairs (Principal and Other Roads)	909,831	957,117	(47,286)	(31,449)
Street Lighting	1,260,143	1,227,831	32,312	0
Winter Maintenance	402,162	557,372	(155,210)	(14,774)
Sub Total	3,169,835	3,300,398	(130,563)	(13,853)

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<u>TRANSPORT SERVICES</u>				
Traffic Orders	(46,841)	(67,358)	20,517	8,028
Highways Adoptions	(9,950)	(8,550)	(1,400)	(1,400)
Traffic / Accident Research	16,001	6,900	9,101	12,201
Traffic Management	6,895	3,751	3,144	2,041
Civil Parking Enforcement	2,100	(6,350)	8,450	19,117
Road Safety Education	22,943	25,171	(2,228)	4,094
Crossing Patrols	177,838	174,536	3,302	2,571
Concessionary fares and Support to Operators	259,883	217,216	42,667	10,182
Local Transport Plans	2,680	788	1,892	1,892
Home to School Transport	0	0	0	0
Transport and Heavy Plant	139,656	171,907	(32,251)	0
Sub Total	571,205	518,011	53,194	58,726
<u>CULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</u>				
General Administration and Markets	(25,868)	(10,211)	(15,657)	(13,040)
Countryside Programme and Management	(5,339)	(42,943)	37,604	3,754
Landscaping and Afforestation	27,773	27,773	0	0
Reservoirs, Tips, Quarries and Mines	10,333	25,108	(14,775)	(26,955)
Flood Defence And Land Drainage	56,488	(69,209)	125,697	21,762
ENRaW	0	0	0	0
City Deal	99,144	56,271	42,873	0
Sub Total	162,531	(13,211)	175,742	(14,479)
COMMUNITY SERVICES TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,398,782	15,870,587	(471,805)	(580,719)

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	£	£	£	£
<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION</u>				
<u>DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES</u>				
Environmental Health	29,691	92,559	(62,868)	(49,919)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>29,691</u>	<u>92,559</u>	<u>(62,868)</u>	<u>(49,919)</u>
<u>CARAVAN SITES</u>				
Cwmcrachen Caravan Site	(41,092)	58,688	(99,780)	(16,165)
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>(41,092)</u>	<u>58,688</u>	<u>(99,780)</u>	<u>(16,165)</u>
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</u>				
Food Safety	14,974	12,694	2,280	(3,985)
Control of Pollution	9,578	8,280	1,298	(583)
Dog Wardens	0	0	0	0
Animal Health and Welfare	23,827	23,142	685	0
Pest Control	63,240	59,989	3,251	3,267
Littering and Dog Control Orders	0	0	0	0
Health and Safety at Work (Commercial Prem.)	1,540	(2,229)	3,769	2,780
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>113,159</u>	<u>101,876</u>	<u>11,283</u>	<u>1,479</u>
<u>HOUSING SERVICES</u>				
Homelessness	275,616	329,147	(53,531)	9,388
20 Church Street	16,116	21,010	(4,894)	74
General Properties	(8,160)	(4,576)	(3,584)	(1,518)
Housing Access	69,258	52,253	17,005	15,160
Works in Default	(255)	(5,884)	5,629	1,318
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,061	0	1,061	1,061
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>353,636</u>	<u>391,950</u>	<u>(38,314)</u>	<u>25,483</u>
<u>TRADING STANDARDS</u>				
Trading Standards	16,012	35,957	(19,945)	(7,193)
Inspection and Enforcement	4,437	981	3,456	3,107
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>20,449</u>	<u>36,938</u>	<u>(16,489)</u>	<u>(4,086)</u>
PUBLIC PROTECTION TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>475,843</u>	<u>682,011</u>	<u>(206,168)</u>	<u>(43,208)</u>
<u>CORPORATE CHARGES</u>				
Fire Service	3,551,477	3,547,672	3,805	3,805
Coroner's Court	125,123	174,971	(49,848)	(16,437)
Corporate Recharges	10,080,865	10,080,865	0	0
CORPORATE CHARGES TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>13,757,465</u>	<u>13,803,508</u>	<u>(46,043)</u>	<u>(12,632)</u>
Overall Portfolio Total	<u>29,632,090</u>	<u>30,356,106</u>	<u>(724,016)</u>	<u>(636,559)</u>
Covid-19 Related Expenditure	0	3,424	(3,424)	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>29,632,090</u>	<u>30,359,530</u>	<u>(727,440)</u>	<u>(636,559)</u>

PLANNING COMMITTEE AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Item	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Total Expenditure to March 2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	Variance Favourable / (Adverse) As at Dec 22
	£	£	£	£
PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY				
<u>BUILDING CONTROL</u>				
<u>DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES</u>				
Building Control	10,240	10,206	34	2
<u>BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES</u>				
Building Regulations	19,220	19,252	(32)	1
Dangerous Structures	23,100	11,080	12,020	1
<i>Building Control Total Expenditure</i>	<i>52,560</i>	<i>40,538</i>	<i>12,022</i>	<i>4</i>
<u>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</u>				
<u>DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES</u>				
Development Management	16,890	12,122	4,768	7,465
<u>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES</u>				
Dealing with Applications	(202,310)	(255,636)	53,326	3
Planning Appeals	3,320	0	3,320	0
Enforcement	(10)	144	(154)	(19)
<i>Development Management Total Expenditure</i>	<i>(182,110)</i>	<i>(243,370)</i>	<i>61,260</i>	<i>7,449</i>
<u>DEVELOPMENT PLANS</u>				
<u>DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES</u>				
Development Plans	5,080	(86,069)	91,149	256
<u>DEVELOPMENT PLANS SERVICES</u>				
Development Plans	100,460	12,931	87,529	0
<i>Development Plans Total Expenditure</i>	<i>105,540</i>	<i>(73,138)</i>	<i>178,678</i>	<i>256</i>
Corporate Recharges	1,465,230	1,465,230	0	0
PLANNING COMMITTEE TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,441,220	1,189,260	251,960	7,709

PLANNING COMMITTEE AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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	£	£	£	£
LICENSING COMMITTEE SUMMARY				
Licensing	83,590	77,254	6,336	672
Internal Recharges	51,170	51,166	4	4
LICENSING COMMITTEE TOTAL EXPENDITURE	134,760	128,420	6,340	676

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Summary of Reserve Movements 2022-2023

Appendix 2

<u>Name of Reserve</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>B.Fwd</u>	<u>Utilised March provisional out turn</u>		<u>Other Not Included in Management</u>		<u>Balance</u>
		<u>As per Management A/cs</u>		<u>A/c's</u>		
		<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Earmarked for Capital Purposes						
Capital Inflation & Service Cost Pressure	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
Corporate Landlord	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
Deminimus Capital Works	101,575.46	0.00	0.00	25,450.00	0.00	127,025.46
Facilities	118,769.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118,769.00
Energy Centre	270,383.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270,383.20
Industrial Units	240,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	440,000.00
IT Infrastructure	225,811.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,811.79
New Operating Model	492,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	492,000.00
The Hive	419,715.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	419,715.00
WRAP Regional Vehicles	253,359.85	71,654.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	325,014.33
Total Earmarked for Capital Purposes:	3,271,614.30	71,654.48	0.00	225,450.00	0.00	3,568,718.78
Usable Earmarked Revenue Reserves						
Budget Contingency Fund / Invest to Save	64,351.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,351.89
Business Support Hybrid Model	53,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,000.00
Corporate Landlord Building Rationalisation	73,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,000.00
Covid19 Response & Recovery	1,526,920.00	(67,964.88)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,458,955.12
Customer Services	95,892.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95,892.05
Discretionary Housing Payments	111,865.87	38,507.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,373.63
Displaced Expenditure - Social Services	201,700.52	(114,471.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	87,229.52
Downsizing & Redundancy	183,038.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	183,038.71
Election Costs	176,228.83	(109,260.22)	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,968.61
Financial Planning / Resilience	3,554,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,554,000.00
Future Interest Rate	644,055.89	0.00	0.00	852,605.00	0.00	1,496,660.89
General/ Voluntary Sector Grants	27,680.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,680.00
ICT	1,388,225.46	(10,000.00)	0.00	(262,500.00)	0.00	1,115,725.46
ISB Reserve	117,469.81	(93,577.03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,892.78
Inflation & Service Cost Pressure	1,361,000.00	(450,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	911,000.00

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		<u>As per Management A/cs</u>		<u>A/c's</u>		
		<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	
Insurance Liabilities	3,198,250.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,198,250.21
Invest to Save	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
Local / Strategic Development Plans	143,512.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	143,512.54
Match Funding Regeneration Projects	114,386.57	(10,807.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	103,579.07
Members Local Grants	22,468.79	12,702.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,170.79
Payroll Project Management	23,529.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,529.97
PRC Funding	100,000.00	200,001.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,001.00
Rail Loan Interest	38,188.00	0.00	0.00	865,548.38	0.00	903,736.38
Re-fit Loan Repayments	263,878.66	61,434.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325,312.66
Specialist Commercial Advice (Silent Valley)	72,816.50	(23,904.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,912.00
Social Services - Legal Costs	400,000.00	(400,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Services - RIF (ICF)	600,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600,000.00
Stock Conditions Survey	12,137.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,137.34
Strategic Business Reviews	168,553.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	168,553.27
Superannuation	600,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600,000.00
Supporting Additional Capacity	369,300.00	(309,183.83)	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,116.17
Taxation	133,913.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133,913.08
Technology Park Feasibility Study	26,017.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,017.00
Test, Trace, Protect Service	4,514.40	(4,514.40)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
Transport Oncost	147,470.00	(147,470.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste Services Reserve	120,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,000.00
Winter Maintenance	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00

Total Usable Earmarked Revenue Reserves:	17,337,365.36	(1,428,508.60)	0.00	1,455,653.38	0.00	17,364,510.14
Unusable Earmarked Revenue Reserves						
Building Control Fees	38,239.34	18,517.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	56,756.45
Cardiff Capital Region City Deal	670,361.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	670,361.00
Deposits and Bonds	3,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00
Land & Property Charges	117,199.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117,199.90
LMS Balances	6,213,861.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,331,395.00)	4,882,466.65
Section 106 Agreements	191,988.51	37,752.00	0.00	(69,557.00)	0.00	160,183.51
SEW Adoption Collaboration	712,028.21	(104,339.25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	607,688.96

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		<u>As per Management A/cs</u>		<u>A/c's</u>		
		<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	
Social Services - Gwent Regional Development (SP)	40,110.30	(1,493.64)	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,616.66
Workforce Development Collaboration	340,124.00	(72,816.60)	0.00	0.00	0.00	267,307.40
Total Unusable Earmarked Revenue Reserves:	8,327,112.91	(122,380.38)	0.00	(69,557.00)	(1,331,395.00)	6,803,780.53
Revenue Grants and Contributions Unapplied						
All Age School Forum	131,659.01	72,270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	203,929.01
Aneurin Bevan Health Board - Education	18,225.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,225.89
Community Safety & CCTV	71,606.15	(48,694.16)	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,911.99
Contribution to Crematorium Infrastructure Works	63,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63,000.00
Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme	897,428.00	(685,024.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	212,404.00
Early Action Together Programme	3,196.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,196.38
Early Years Grant	298,277.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298,277.83
Education - Gypsy Travellers	40,804.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,804.42
Flood Risk Management	132,729.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	132,729.00
Head 4 Arts	71,062.00	37,564.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	108,626.48
Homelessness Transitional Funding	140,917.78	(9,684.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	131,233.78
Individual Electoral Register	46,494.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,494.30
Infrastructure Staffing	186,600.00	(55,128.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	131,472.00
LEA / ALN Grant	141,379.16	119,955.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	261,334.42
Participatory Budget	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Period Poverty	77,687.05	(26,163.52)	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,523.53
Planning WAG Grant - Planning Committee	2,103.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,103.66
Environment General Contributions	51,172.25	100,789.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151,961.25
Rights of Way Diversions	20,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,255.00
Scrutiny Development	7,867.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,867.15
Small & Rural Schools Grant	7,601.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,601.00
SMIFFs	2,688.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,688.84
Syrian Resettlement Programme	184,530.38	(7,407.52)	0.00	0.00	0.00	177,122.86
Homes for Ukraine Scheme	0.00	379,329.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	379,329.09
Tai Calon Highways Maintenance (Commuted Sums)	396,058.80	(21,183.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	374,875.80
Youth Service	256,433.34	582,798.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	839,231.83

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		<u>As per Management A/cs</u>		<u>A/c's</u>		
		<u>Actual Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated Expenditure</u>	<u>Actual Expenditure</u>	<u>Anticipated Expenditure</u>	
<i>Total Revenue Grants and Contributions Unapplied:</i>	3,249,777.39	439,422.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,689,199.51
Total:	32,185,869.96	(1,039,812.38)	0.00	1,611,546.38	(1,331,395.00)	31,426,208.96

Fees and Charges Provisional Outturn 2022/2023

Portfolio	Service	Description of Income	Income Source	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Provisional Outturn 2022/2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)	
				£	£	£	
Fees & Charges							
Corporate Services	Communications	Advertising	Fees & Charges	3,000	1,728	(1,272)	
Corporate Services	Business Support	External Printing and photocopying charges.	Fees & Charges	8,160	0	(8,160)	
Corporate Services	Legal Fees	Legal Charges	Fees & Charges	14,330	9,916	(4,414)	
Corporate Services	Corporate Support	Land Charges	Fixed - Set Locally	32,150	32,370	220	
Economy	General Offices	Rental Income	Fees & Charges	810	84,778	83,968	
Economy	Departmental	Reimbursement of staff costs and receipts for external works	SLA	70,469	31,410	(39,059)	
Environment	Enforcement Team		Fees & Charges	2,030	29,592	27,562	
Environment	Trade Waste	Trade Waste Collection & Disposal	Fees & Charges				
		Income - Commercial Customers		298,818	335,187	36,369	
Environment	Bulky Waste Collection	Bulky Waste Collection	Fees & Charges	71,690	62,333	(9,357)	
Environment	Recycling Disposal	Sale of Recyclate Materials	Fees & Charges	879,384	906,076	26,692	
Environment	County Borough Cleansing	C&CR - External Cleansing Works	Fees & Charges	220	0	(220)	
Environment	Cemeteries / Crematorium	Burial Fees	Fees & Charges	494,814	449,138	(45,676)	
Environment	Cemeteries / Crematorium	General Properties	Fees & Charges	3,000	3,000	0	
Social Services	Meals On Wheels	Sale of Meals	Fees & Charges	175,280	153,813	(21,467)	
Environment	Grounds Maintenance	Income from Letting of Playing Fields, Ground Rent & Way Leaves	Fees & Charges	76,395	95,263	18,868	
Environment	General Properties	Rental Income	Fees & Charges	8,160	4,576	(3,584)	
Environment	Cwmcrachen Caravan Site	Rental	Fees & Charges	113,948	110,733	(3,215)	
Environment	Corporate Landlord	Civic Centre - Rental of Land	Miscellaneous	184	0	(184)	
Environment	School Catering Service	Sale of Meals		954,054	874,939	(79,115)	
Corporate Services	Accountancy Division	Administration charges for administering Appointeeships	Fees & Charges	26,030	17,241	(8,789)	
Environment	Technical Services - Engineering & Property Manacement	Reimbursement of staff costs and receipts for external works	Fees & Charges	427,317	435,087	7,770	
Environment	Licensing (Highway Permits)	Skips & Scaffolding Permits	Fees & Charges	52,369	49,345	(3,024)	
Environment	General Administration and Markets	Rental income	Fees & Charges	30,351	10,211	(20,140)	
Environment	Traffic Orders	Income from contractors, Welsh Water etc. for road works inspection fees	Fees & Charges	55,307	98,654	43,347	
Environment	Road and Street Works Acts	Inspection fees, section 74's, FPN, coring, Dropped kerbs etc.	Fees & Charges	52,850	129,796	76,946	
Environment	Highways Adoptions	Highway Searches	Fees & Charges	9,950	8,550	(1,400)	
Environment	Multi-storey Carparks	Charge to Coleg Gwent	Fees & Charges	30,000	30,000	0	
Environment	Civil Parking Enforcement	FPN's	Fees & Charges	105,000	62,662	(42,338)	
Environment	Public Transport Co-Ordination	Charge to bus companies for use of Brynmawr Bus Station	Fees & Charges	234	268	34	
Licensing	Hackney Carriages	Licence Fees	Fees & Charges	46,931	48,401	1,471	
Licensing	Private Hire Vehicles	Licence Fees	Fees & Charges	1,830	840	(990)	
Licensing	Scrap Metal	Sale of Scrap Metal	Fees & Charges	600	3,254	2,654	
Planning	Enforcement	Enforcement Fees	Fees & Charges	610	0	(610)	
Social Services	Older People aged 65 or over	Fees & Charges in respect of Care (Cwrt Mytton, Home Care, Extra Care & Joint Dav Care Unit)	Fees & Charges	598,350	620,138	21,788	
Social Services	Adults aged under 65 with Learning Disabilities	Fees & Charges in respect of Care (Augusta, Supported Living Bungalows & Community Options)	Fees & Charges	341,150	75,346	(265,804)	
Social Services	Adults aged under 65 with Mental Health Needs	Fees & Charges in respect of Care (Vision House & Ysbyty'r Tri Chwm)	Fees & Charges	25,420	1,125	(24,295)	
				Sub - Total	5,011,195	4,775,770	(235,425)
Fees & Charges - Set Nationally							
Corporate Services	Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths	Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths	Fixed - Set Nationally	94,770	99,232	4,462	
Environment	Food Safety	Hygiene ratings & Health Certificates	Fixed - Set Nationally	2,162	6,699	4,537	
Environment	Control of Pollution	Environmental Permits	Fixed - Set Nationally	17,228	12,507	(4,721)	
Licensing	Licence Fees	Various (Gambling, Premises/ Clubs & Street Trading)	Fixed - Set Nationally	56,968	55,904	(1,064)	
Planning	Dealing with Applications	Planning Application Fees	Fees & Charges	213,360	290,877	77,517	
Planning	Building Regulations	Building Regulation Fees	Fixed - Set Nationally	95,620	93,613	(2,007)	
Social Services	Older People aged 65 or over	CHC Income (Home Care)	Fixed - Set Nationally	0	11,382	11,382	
Social Services	Adults aged under 65 with Learning Disabilities	CHC Income (Augusta House; Supported Living Bungalows; Community Options)	Fixed - Set Nationally	50,000	195,522	145,522	
Social Services	Community Care	Fees & Charges in respect of Care	Fixed - Set Nationally	2,896,975	3,119,229	222,254	
Social Services	Community Care	Sale of Property	Fixed - Set Nationally	292,340	83,918	(208,422)	
Social Services	Community Care	CHC Income	Fixed - Set Nationally	0	97,323	97,323	
				Sub - Total	3,719,423	4,066,206	346,783

Fees and Charges Provisional Outturn 2022/2023

Portfolio	Service	Description of Income	Income Source	Revised Estimate 2022/2023	Provisional Outturn 2022/2023	Variance Favourable / (Adverse)
				£	£	£
Fees & Charges - In Line with Local Agreements						
Economy	Industrial Land	Ground rent and commercial bookings	Fixed - Set Locally	2,750	2,900	150
Economy	Nursery Units/Misc. Industrial Premises	Rental income for industrial units	Fixed - Set Locally	808,200	1,008,396	200,196
Economy	Estates - Non Rechargeable	Ground Rent	Fixed - Set Locally	145,110	152,738	7,628
Economy	Financial Support to Business	Ground rent and commercial bookings	Fixed - Set Locally	2,650	2,650	0
Economy	CSCS	Charges for Construction Skills Certificates	Fixed - Set Locally	10,200	891	(9,309)
Environment	Corporate Landlord	Little Stars Nursery - Rent (Recovery of Charges to other Local Authorities for SEN placements within Blaenau Gwent Schools	Miscellaneous	8,839	13,287	4,448
Education	Inter Authority Recoupment		Fixed - Set Locally	672,290	815,614	143,324
			Sub - Total	1,650,039	1,996,476	346,437
			TOTAL - FEES & CHARGES	10,380,657	10,838,453	457,795
SLA						
Aneurin Leisure Trust	SLA Income	Provision of Support Services	SLA	213,410	225,762	12,352
Environment	Grounds Maintenance	SLA	SLA	168,220	186,793	18,573
Corporate Services	Accountancy Division	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	185,480	185,480	0
Corporate Services	Organisational Development, Payroll & Health & Safety	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	319,620	319,620	0
Corporate Services	Legal Fees & GDPR	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	41,980	40,632	(1,348)
Corporate Services	Communications	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	3,250	3,251	1
Corporate Services	Performance (SIMS Support)	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	77,270	77,269	(1)
Corporate Services	Business Support (Courier)	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	5,770	5,770	0
Corporate Services	Creditors Division	Support Services SLA with Schools	SLA	6,480	6,480	0
Environment	School Catering	SLA with Schools (excludes Corporate Landlord)	SLA	1,179,391	1,179,391	0
Environment	Cleaning Services	SLA with Schools	SLA	1,124,130	1,124,130	0
Environment	CPM - Schools Biodiversity SLA	SLA with Schools	SLA	14,566	21,225	6,659
Environment	Winter Maintenance	SLA with LA's for salt Storage	SLA	13,260	13,000	(260)
			Sub - Total	3,352,827	3,388,803	35,976
Court Fees/Fixed Penalty Notices/Fines						
Corporate Services	Corporate Services and Strategy	Legal income and land charges. Advertising.	Court Fees/FPN/Fines/Leqal	10,000	153	(9,847)
Education	Welfare Service	Fixed Penalty Notices	Court Fees/FPN/Fines/Leqal	2,190	2,619	429
Corporate Services	Payroll Division	Attachment Orders	Court Fees/FPN/Fines/Leqal	1,020	336	(684)
Corporate Services	Council Tax Collection	Court Costs	Court Fees/FPN/Fines/Leqal	162,680	146,839	(15,841)
Corporate Services	NNDR	Court Costs	Court Fees/FPN/Fines/Leqal	1,800	0	(1,800)
Corporate Services	Housing Benefits Account	Admin Penalties	Court Fees/FPN/Fines/Leqal	25,000	0	(25,000)
			Sub - Total	202,690	149,947	(52,743)
Consortium Arrangements						
Economy	General Offices	Annual Service & Rental Charge to Torfaen CBC in relation to Archives	Consortium Arrangements	49,970	71,981	22,011
Environment	Disposal Of Waste	Contribution from SVWS	Consortium	110,000	0	(110,000)
Environment	Cemeteries / Crematorium	Crematorium Income - Reallocation of surplus at year end	Consortium Arrangements	41,925	71,502	29,577
Environment	20 Church Street	Housing Advice Centre Contribution	Consortium	12,454	13,550	1,096
Environment	Housing Access	Income from Housing Associations in relation to Administration of the Common Housing Register	Consortium Arrangements	110,760	126,496	15,736
			Sub - Total	325,109	283,529	(41,580)
Miscellaneous						
Education	Supporting Special Educational Needs	Internal Income - Recovery of pupil lead funding from schools.	Internal Income	104,040	80,100	(23,940)
Corporate Services	Cross Cutting	Rebates - Energy & Randstad	Miscellaneous	32,500	83,321	50,821
Corporate Services	Cross Cutting	Purchase Card Income	Miscellaneous	26,810	7,466	(19,344)
Environment	L&A - Invasive Weeds	Contribution from Caerphilly for Treatment of Knotweed	Miscellaneous	10,200	4,213	(5,987)
			Sub - Total	173,550	175,100	1,550
			OVERALL TOTAL	14,434,833	14,835,832	400,999

Agenda Item 5

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Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: **Corporate Overview & Performance Scrutiny Committee**
Date of meeting: **5th July 2023**
Report Subject: **Capital Budget Monitoring, Provisional Outturn 2022/2023 Financial Year (As at 31 March 2023)**
Portfolio Holder: **Cllr S Thomas – Leader & Cabinet Member Corporate Overview & Performance**
Report Submitted by: **Rhian Hayden – Chief Officer Resources**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Governance & Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Council	Other (please state)
	15/06/23	22.06.23			05/07/23	19/07/23		

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide Members with an overview of each Portfolio's actual capital expenditure against funding approvals for the 2022/2023 financial year, as at 31st March 2023.

2. Scope and Background

2.1 This report provides details on the following:

- Provisional financial position to 31st March 2023 across all portfolios (subject to External Audit)
- Details of any significant adverse and/or favourable variances

2.2 This report forms part of the Council's financial reporting framework.

3. Options for Recommendation

3.1 Option 1 (Recommended Option)

Members consider the information included within the report and

- Provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report.
- Continue to support appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council.
- To note the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding.

3.2 Option 2

Do not accept the report.

4. Evidence of how this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan

4.1 This report supports the Forward Looking Corporate Plan 2022/27 as it ensures effective forward financial planning arrangements are in place to support the Council's financial resilience. This is a key element to achieving "An ambitious and innovative council delivering quality services at the right time and in the right place".

The Capital programme allows the council to invest in connectivity, Community & Decarbonisation measures, to aid us in “Responding to the nature and climate crisis and enable connected communities”.

5. Implications Against Each Option

5.1 *Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)*

5.1.1 The current capital programme is approximately £152m and is funded by: -

Welsh Government Grant - £114m
 Other grant funding - £15m
 Council Resources — £23m

Expenditure of £47.85m was incurred on capital projects / schemes during 2022/23, with £105m allocated for use in future years.

The overall financial position at 31st March 2023 indicates a favourable variance of £0.33m against a total in year capital budget of £48.18m

The overall position across all Portfolios is shown below: -

Total Approvals Q4 (March 2022)	Future funding	In year funding	Actual Expenditure to 31/03/2023 (Month 12)	Forecast Variance underspent / (overspent)
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
152,906	104,722	48,184	47,852	334

5.1.2 Previous reports have identified overspends against the Childcare Offer – Swffryd Scheme project, totalling £72,248. A variation request has been submitted to Welsh Government for virement of funding from an existing approved scheme, that no longer requires the funding. It is anticipated that a decision will be made by Welsh Government Panel in June. In anticipation of the variation request being approved, the project has been shown as fully funded. Officers will update members of the outcome in due course.

5.1.3 This report has identified three significant underspends within the Capital Programme.

Coal Tip Safety - £ 44,115

The scheme is due to be fully completed during 2023/24. However, the total cost of the works is forecast to be less than approved grant funding, Welsh Government made aware of this. Consequently, the remaining funding will not be drawn down from Welsh Government.

LTF Bus Stop Infrastructure - £ 242,882

The underspend relates to the LTF Bus Stop Infrastructure scheme with a variance of £242,822, the underspend has incurred as the Contractor was unable to deliver the project within the funding timeframe.

Childcare Offer - Small Grants Scheme - £ 40,781

The underspend has occurred due to the funding being received very late in the financial year. Despite advertising the scheme to the childcare settings very quickly, some childcare settings didn't apply at all, some were unable to supply quotes to submit with applications or they were unable to find Contractors to complete the work in the time period required, Welsh Government were made aware the full grant allocation was not going to be utilised.

5.2 Risk including Mitigating Actions

- 5.2.1 Expenditure against external funding approvals needs to be maximised in order to avoid loss of funding. If significant delays in capital expenditure are anticipated or contract costs rise due to the impact of Covid-19, inflation pressures and the cost of living crisis, liaison with funding bodies will be required at the earliest opportunity in order to secure approval for funding re-profile.
- 5.2.2 There is a high level of uncertainty surrounding the impact inflation will have on construction costs, particularly where contracts have yet to be let / awarded. For those contracts which have been let and are on site, Technical Services have been proactive in value engineering such as substitution of materials and methods with less expensive alternatives, without sacrificing functionality to ensure contracts are kept within budget. Where budgets are forecast to be exceeded, project officers are either exploring funding variations or re-profile.
- 5.2.3 If funding re-profile cannot be agreed and capital schemes are not kept within budget, then capital reserves may be committed beyond affordable levels, with the consequence that projects that have not yet commenced may be deferred or not undertaken, so impacting upon future Capital Programmes.
- 5.2.4 If capital schemes do not achieve the required level of expenditure within the correct financial year and further peaks of inflation results in projects facing significant delay, funding may be lost to the Authority and be detrimental to the Authority's chances of securing future funding.
- 5.2.5 The aforementioned risks are mitigated as far as possible through close working relationship with Budget Holders, Technical Services and external funding bodies such as Welsh Government. This ensures that where possible, funding is maximised or funding amendments are secured should the need arise

5.2.6 Where overall funding approvals are likely to be exceeded and additional compensatory funding sources cannot be identified, budget holders will initially report the consequences to the Corporate Leadership Team, including proposals to defer/delete other approved schemes.

5.3 **Legal**
N/A

5.4 **Human Resources**
N/A

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

6.1.2 The Capital Expenditure Report is attached at Appendix 1.

6.1.3 Appendix 2 provides information of funding changes since the third quarter report.

6.2 ***Expected outcome for the public***

The report details the financial implications for the Council in providing capital investment for the communities of Blaenau Gwent.

All forecast overspends and underspends are managed in order that secured funding approvals are not lost and to mitigate any potential adverse impact upon future Capital investment in Blaenau Gwent.

6.3 ***Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)***

The Capital Programme is developed to support the Council's strategic priorities and is considered and agreed by full Council. Corporate Overview & Performance Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet consider the budget monitoring reports on a quarterly basis and provide challenge as appropriate.

6.4 ***Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)***

It is essential that all forecast overspends and underspends are managed in order that secured funding approvals are not lost and to mitigate any potential adverse impact upon the future capital programme.

6.5 ***Preventative focus***

The Capital Services Team will continue their close working relationship with budget holders and external funding bodies to ensure that funding is maximised or funding amendments are secured in future financial years.

6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

The Capital Services Team works closely with budget holders in producing the financial forecast and with external funding bodies to ensure that where possible funding is maximised or funding amendments are secured should the need arise.

6.7 ***Integration (across service areas)***
N/A

6.8 ***Decarbonisation and Reducing Carbon Emissions***

The Council is committed to the Decarbonisation Plan to achieve a carbon neutral public sector by 2030. The Capital Programme currently contains schemes which promote the reduction of carbon emissions such as ReFIT, Electric Vehicle Charge Points, Innovation for Decarbonisation - WBRID and the purchase of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles. New Council buildings should be designed to the latest energy efficiency standards.

6.9 ***Integrated Impact Assessment***

N/A

7. ***Monitoring Arrangements***

The Corporate Leadership Team, Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet consider the budget monitoring reports on a quarterly basis and provide challenge as appropriate.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

Appendix 1 – Capital Programme – Summary

Appendix 2 – Capital Funding Changes

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Capital Programme Funding Estimates Summary Outturn

<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Total Funding</i>	<i>In Year Budget</i>	<i>Future Funding</i>	<i>Expenditure To:</i> <i>March 2023</i>	<i>Variance (Adv)/Fav</i>
Corporate Services Portfolio	1,695,943	845,767	850,176	845,767	0
Social Services Portfolio	8,018,118	3,645,660	4,372,458	3,608,878	36,782
Economy Portfolio	25,775,360	5,042,221	20,733,139	5,046,433	(4,212)
Education and Active Living	37,643,378	5,808,760	31,834,618	5,808,760	0
Environment Portfolio	4,856,325	1,269,300	3,587,025	1,265,176	4,124
Infrastructure Portfolio	70,517,577	31,033,000	39,484,577	30,736,175	296,825
All Portfolios	4,399,160	539,496	3,859,664	539,496	0
Total Capital Funding	152,905,861	48,184,204	104,721,657	47,850,685	333,519

End of Report

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Total Funding</i>	<i>In Year Budget</i>	<i>Future Funding</i>	<i>Expenditure to: March 2023</i>	<i>Variance (Adv)/Fav</i>
Corporate Services Portfolio						
Corporate Services						
327102	Corporate Properties H&S and Capital Wo	116,414	116,414	0	116,414	0
327103	Civic Centre Decommissioning	666,506	429,049	237,457	429,049	0
327104	Democratic & Community Hubs	44,412	3,701	40,711	3,701	0
327106	ICT Roadmap	763,611	262,500	501,111	262,500	0
328090	CCTV Upgrade	105,000	34,103	70,897	34,103	0
Corporate Services		1,695,943	845,767	850,176	845,767	0
Corporate Services Portfolio		1,695,943	845,767	850,176	845,767	0

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Code	Scheme	Total Funding	In Year Budget	Future Funding	Expenditure to: March 2023	Variance (Adv)/Fav
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Social Services Portfolio

Childrens Services

323152	Beaufort Road - Extension Training Flat	38,978	33,404	5,574	33,404	0
323155	Childrens Residential Home - Mons Calpe	924,022	491,247	432,775	491,247	0
323156	Childrens Residential Home - Madison Ho	945,979	513,204	432,775	513,204	1
324719	Flying Start - Cwm 2	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
324721	Flying Start - Ebbw Vale North	2,082	551	1,531	551	0
324724	Flying Start - Sirhowy Primary	3,840	337	3,503	337	1
324728	Flying Start - Blaina ICC	235,000	0	235,000	0	0
324735	Flying Start Brynithel FS Centre	606	0	606	0	0
324736	Flying Start Additional Works	85,153	71,091	14,062	71,091	0
324737	Flying Start Capital (Covid-funding)	12,863	0	12,863	0	0
324738	FS Covid Recovery - Cwm Dev. Garden S	109,150	520	108,630	520	0
324739	FS Covid Recovery - Scout Hall	49,671	493	49,178	493	0
324771	Childcare Offer - Badminton Scheme	1,950,000	0	1,950,000	0	0
324772	Childcare Offer - Blaina ICC Scheme	1,001,552	104,233	897,319	104,233	0
324773	Childcare Offer - Swfryd Scheme	1,082,131	1,082,131	0	1,082,131	0
324774	Childcare Offer - Small Grants Scheme	280,000	280,000	0	239,220	40,781
	Childrens Services	6,751,027	2,577,211	4,173,816	2,536,429	40,782

Adult Services

323003	Health & Safety	35,121	34,590	531	34,590	0
323005	Tackling Food Poverty - WLGA	34,279	7,875	26,404	7,875	0

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<i>Code</i>	<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Total Funding</i>	<i>In Year Budget</i>	<i>Future Funding</i>	<i>Expenditure to: March 2023</i>	<i>Variance (Adv)/Fav</i>
323120	Disabled equipment	201,950	189,645	12,305	189,645	0
323144	ICF Main Capital Programme	75,789	2,205	73,584	2,205	0
323147	Intermediate Care Fund	3,133	0	3,133	0	0
323149	Better Care Capital Project	13,862	13,770	92	13,770	0
323151	Augusta House - Enablement Pods	490,676	453,083	37,593	453,083	0
323154	WLGA - Care & Support Equipment & Ada	270,383	270,383	0	274,383	(4,000)
323165	Community Meals Electric Vehicles	141,898	96,898	45,000	96,897	1
	Adult Services	1,267,091	1,068,449	198,642	1,072,449	(4,000)
	Social Services Portfolio	8,018,118	3,645,660	4,372,458	3,608,878	36,782

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Code	Scheme	Total Funding	In Year Budget	Future Funding	Expenditure to: March 2023	Variance (Adv)/Fav
Economy Portfolio						
Tredegar Regeneration						
326163	Tredegar HLF	680,122	0	680,122	0	0
	Tredegar Regeneration	680,122	0	680,122	0	0
Ebbw Vale Town Centre						
326191	TRI - Urban Centre Commercial Property I	505,570	460,984	44,586	460,984	0
	Ebbw Vale Town Centre	505,570	460,984	44,586	460,984	0
Valleys Regional Park						
326200	VRP Ebbw Fach Trail	899	0	899	0	0
326205	VRP - Discovery Gateway	39,364	19,586	19,778	19,586	0
326207	Parc Bryn Bach - Co Working Space	298	0	298	0	0
	Valleys Regional Park	40,561	19,586	20,975	19,586	0
The Works Site						
325097	Big Arch	960,057	913,778	46,279	913,778	0
325103	Learning Works	37,985	0	37,985	0	0
325220	Site Investigation Works	19,001	0	19,001	0	0
	The Works Site	1,017,043	913,778	103,265	913,778	0
Other Regeneration						
326006	Tech Valley s Initiative	403,604	12,624	390,980	12,624	0

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Code	Scheme	Total Funding	In Year Budget	Future Funding	Expenditure to: March 2023	Variance (Adv)/Fav
326180	Lime Avenue Business Park	427,485	62,025	365,460	62,025	0
326182	Box Works	8,475	8,475	0	8,475	0
326183	Regain 2	6,522,177	2,763,388	3,758,789	2,763,388	0
326184	Brexit Schemes	267,071	0	267,071	0	0
326193	TRI - Town Centre COVID-19 recovery ad:	488,710	6,506	482,204	6,506	0
326194	TT - Trinity Chapel & Abertillery Librar	1,150,388	66,994	1,083,394	66,994	0
326225	Heat Networks Project	17,385	0	17,385	0	0
326227	Innovation for Decarbonisation - WBRID	237,145	216,559	20,586	216,559	0
326251	Constrained Units	215,787	38,091	177,696	38,091	0
326252	Constrained Units - Roseheyworth	260,581	109,212	151,369	109,212	0
326253	Constrained Units - Blaenant Industrial	36,360	36,360	0	36,360	0
326254	Constrained Units - Cwm SBC	2,130	2,130	0	2,130	0
326255	Constrained Units - Cwmdraw Industrial E	27,244	27,244	0	27,244	0
326265	Victoria Business Park - Development	8,747	13	8,734	13	0
326266	Brynmawr Retail Development	747,928	209	747,719	209	0
326267	Blaenau Gwent Digital	36,218	36,218	0	40,431	(4,213)
326268	Covid Recovery for Town Centres	55,902	40,617	15,285	40,617	0
326269	HiVE – Hi Value Engineering Centre - Mor	12,311,095	127,995	12,183,100	127,995	0
326271	Land Release Fund - Pithead Baths	223,166	8,747	214,419	8,747	0
327050	Constrained Units - Pond Road Industrial	84,466	84,466	0	84,466	0
	Other Regeneration	23,532,064	3,647,873	19,884,191	3,652,085	(4,212)
	Economy Portfolio	25,775,360	5,042,221	20,733,139	5,046,433	(4,212)

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Education and Active Living						
Education Services						
324125	Education Minor Works	15,776	15,776	0	15,776	0
324138	Education Capital Maintenance	1,220,993	266,745	954,248	266,745	0
324141	Bryn Bach - Kitchen Rep & Classroom ren	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
324142	Georgetown Windows & Boiler Replaceme	7,000	7,000	0	7,000	0
324143	Rhos-y-fedwyn - Refurbishment	19,110	19,110	0	19,110	0
324144	St Marys - Refurbishment	187,270	16,205	171,065	16,205	0
324145	Tredegar Comp - Food & Technology	30,070	6,579	23,491	6,579	0
324146	Deighton - Kitchen	57,851	0	57,851	0	0
324147	Tredegar Comp Upgrade Services and Ac	3,450	0	3,450	0	0
324148	Coed y Garn Roof & Remedial Works	58,261	29,312	28,949	29,312	0
324149	Brynbach Primary Disabled Adaptations	60,061	15,312	44,749	15,312	0
324151	Tredegar Comp Upgrade Electrical Supply	10,625	0	10,625	0	0
324152	Brynmawr Refurbishment	171,198	127,897	43,301	127,897	0
324154	Abertillery Learning Community	79,225	79,225	0	79,225	0
324156	River Centre Boiler	3,367	0	3,367	0	0
324157	Tredegar Comprehensive Kitchen Electric	704	704	0	704	0
324158	Beaufort Hill Kitchen	367	367	0	367	0
324161	Pen Y Cwm - Refurbishment Works	54,133	48,275	5,858	48,275	0
324166	Beaufort Hill Boiler	98,274	88,876	9,398	88,876	0
324167	Soffryd Boiler	100,000	82,670	17,330	82,670	0
324168	St Marys Boiler	49,213	5,075	44,138	5,075	0

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324170	Deighton Fire Alarm	22,609	22,609	0	22,609	0
324171	Abertillery LC Doors	49,145	49,145	0	49,145	0
324172	Brynmawr Foundation Doors	39,975	39,975	0	39,975	0
324174	River Centre Windows/Ventilation	95,895	95,895	0	95,895	0
324175	River Centre Classroom and Toilets	66,383	66,383	0	66,383	0
324177	Cwm Roof	3,705	3,705	0	3,705	0
324179	Ebbw Fawr Internal Remodelling	100,000	69,874	30,126	69,874	0
324180	Tredegarr Urgent Works IT suite staff roo	75,000	47,534	27,466	47,534	0
324182	CFS - Brynmawr Running Track	120,000	6,630	113,370	6,630	0
324183	Swffryd	120,000	0	120,000	0	0
324184	Tredegarr Path	35,000	25,765	9,235	25,765	0
324185	Glanhowy Ramp	850	850	0	850	0
324186	Roseheyworth Primary - Reboiling	100,000	79,154	20,846	79,154	0
324187	CFS - Pen y Cwm - Outdoor Provision	65,000	56,445	8,555	56,445	0
324188	Ebbw Fawr Primary CFS	13,786	13,786	0	13,786	0
324193	All Saints Fire Alarm, Water Heater plus	8,509	8,509	0	8,509	0
324194	School Estate Fencing - Safeguarding	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
324201	Class Size - Willottown	75,001	65,263	9,738	65,263	0
324203	Period Poverty	5,028	0	5,028	0	0
324205	St. Marys CIW MUGA	1,300	1,300	0	1,300	0
324207	St. Josephs s106	35,000	16,604	18,396	16,604	0
324250	Electrical Upgrade - Blaen y Cwm	135,156	107,731	27,425	107,731	1
324251	Electrical Upgrade - Georgetown	141,162	50,574	90,588	50,574	0

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324252	Electrical Upgrade - Glanhowy	29,401	25,245	4,156	25,245	0
324253	Universal Free School Meals Equipment	371,370	292,977	78,393	292,977	0
324255	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Brynmawr RC	124,379	4,350	120,029	4,350	0
324256	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Ystruth Prima	74,473	3,247	71,226	3,247	1
324257	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Roseheyworth	15,000	590	14,410	590	0
324258	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Willowtown Pr	15,000	1,720	13,280	1,720	0
324259	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-St Illtydds P	15,000	205	14,795	205	0
324260	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Sofrydd Prima	80,787	98	80,689	98	0
324261	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Tillery Campu	14,861	66	14,795	66	1
324262	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-St Marys CIW	19,346	9,663	9,683	9,663	0
324263	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-St Josephs Pr	15,000	4,875	10,125	4,875	0
324264	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Ysgol Bro Hel	15,000	11,641	3,359	11,641	0
324266	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Deighton Prim	77,581	960	76,621	960	0
324267	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-All saints RC	15,000	13,638	1,362	13,638	0
324268	Electrical Kitchen Upgrade-Rhosyfedwen I	15,000	6,943	8,057	6,943	0
324519	Digital 2030 Capital Grant - Post 16	4,621	0	4,621	0	0
324530	ALN	22,299	0	22,299	0	0
324532	Ebbw Fawr ASD	3,890	0	3,890	0	0
324534	ALN - Penycwm	7,756	7,756	0	7,756	0
324535	ALN - River Centre	373,943	373,943	0	373,943	0
324560	Schools IT Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0
324580	Brynmawr 3G Pitch	173,004	141,171	31,833	141,171	0
324743	21st Century Schools Six Bells Project	326,624	256,263	70,361	256,263	0

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324750	Band B - Welsh Medium New Build	13,116,988	37,333	13,079,655	37,333	1
324751	Band B - New Primary Ebbw Fawr Valley	8,569,508	2,309,556	6,259,952	2,309,556	0
324752	Band B - Secondary Remodelling Brynma	3,110,503	5,787	3,104,716	5,787	0
324753	Band B - Secondary Remodelling Abertille	3,197,316	0	3,197,316	0	0
324754	Band B - Secondary Remodelling Tredega	3,196,970	0	3,196,970	0	0
324755	Band B - Welsh Medium Remodelling Bro	751,111	369,041	382,070	369,041	0
324756	Band B - Rhosyfedwen	137,572	137,572	0	137,572	0
	Education Services	37,459,755	5,656,499	31,803,256	5,656,499	0
	Active Living Services					
329088	Bryn Bach Park Roof	12,439	0	12,439	0	0
329089	Abertillery LC Demolition	952	0	952	0	0
329092	ALC - Changing Room Refurbishment	20,000	8,952	11,048	8,952	0
329095	AWPOG - Play Equipment	49,850	49,850	0	49,850	0
329097	Play Equipment	30,568	30,568	0	30,568	0
329100	Six Bells Tennis Court Refurbishment	38,000	31,077	6,923	31,077	0
329101	Brynmawr LAC - PV & Battery Storage Sys	8,712	8,712	0	8,712	0
329103	Tredeggar LAC - PV & Battery Storage Sys	23,102	23,102	0	23,102	0
	Active Living Services	183,623	152,261	31,362	152,261	0
	Education and Active Living	37,643,378	5,808,760	31,834,618	5,808,760	0

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Environment Portfolio						
Environmental Services						
327035	Central Depot - New Fire Escape	48,548	0	48,548	0	0
327036	WPT Business Resource Centre (SS)	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0
327039	Kerbside Collections	2,052	0	2,052	0	0
327044	AHP Waste Collections	52,380	0	52,380	0	0
327045	BRC Decommissioning Project	191,777	0	191,777	0	0
327046	Repair Cafe	1,066	0	1,066	0	0
327061	CATS	80,000	15,811	64,189	15,811	0
327065	Re:Fit	2,070,071	29,971	2,040,100	29,971	0
327067	Market Hall - Asbestos Removal	18,606	0	18,606	0	0
327068	Cemeteries Investment Programme	9,137	0	9,137	0	0
327070	WRAP Cymru Capital Funding	3,792	0	3,792	0	0
327071	Education Centre	297,265	240,200	57,065	240,200	0
327074	New Vale HWRC Refurbishment Works	145,439	0	145,439	0	0
327080	Cemetery Capacity - Cefn Golau Tredgar	327,000	4,763	322,237	4,763	1
327081	Cemetery Capacity - Dukestown Tredgar	218,834	2,779	216,055	2,779	0
327082	Cemetery Capacity - Brynmawr	133,334	2,049	131,285	2,049	0
327083	Cemetery Capacity - Brynithel Abertiller	96,334	3,250	93,084	3,250	0
327090	Fly Tipping CCTV	961	0	961	0	0
327110	Allotment Support Grant	30,698	25,576	5,122	21,454	4,122
Environmental Services		3,827,294	424,399	3,402,895	420,275	4,124

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Housing Environmental Health						
328221	Remediation of Contaminated Land/Dereli	102,564	0	102,564	0	0
350510	Improvement grants - new scheme	655,344	655,344	0	655,344	0
350550	Support for Independent Living	112,193	89,557	22,636	89,557	0
350560	Empty Property Grants	158,930	100,000	58,930	100,000	0
Housing Environmental Health		1,029,031	844,901	184,130	844,901	0
Environment Portfolio		4,856,325	1,269,300	3,587,025	1,265,176	4,124

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Infrastructure Portfolio						
Engineering Services						
328149	SRIC - Tredegar Footway Improvements	25,000	25,000	0	25,000	0
328280	Coal Tip Safety	200,700	125,548	75,152	81,433	44,115
328315	Local Transport Fund - Project Retention	9,649	0	9,649	0	0
328318	Active Travel Fund	782,932	547,290	235,642	546,735	555
328323	Resilient Roads Fund	93,268	85,595	7,673	85,595	0
328340	LTF Metro Plus	1,956,837	500,696	1,456,141	500,696	0
328344	LTF Bus Stop Infrastructure	387,813	387,813	0	144,931	242,882
328346	Bus Infrastructure Fund	100,000	16,085	83,915	16,085	0
328360	Rail Infrastructure Programme	66,293,022	28,964,659	37,328,363	28,964,659	0
328370	20mph Core Allocation	230,054	158,630	71,424	149,357	9,273
	Engineering Services	70,079,275	30,811,316	39,267,959	30,514,491	296,825
Highways Network Management						
328063	Bridge Strengthening Works	1,857	0	1,857	0	0
328270	Highways Improvement Works	165,918	43,434	122,484	43,434	0
328334	LGBI - Trinant Hall	11,402	2,667	8,735	2,667	0
328404	Flood Damage - Emergency Repairs	828	0	828	0	0
328405	Aberbeeg Road Repairs	84,368	1,654	82,714	1,654	0
328406	Small Scale Works Grant	173,929	173,929	0	173,929	0
	Highways Network Management	438,302	221,684	216,618	221,684	0

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	Infrastructure Portfolio	70,517,577	31,033,000	39,484,577	30,736,175	296,825

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All Portfolios						
All Portfolios						
300300	City Deal	3,662,700	0	3,662,700	0	0
303990	OS Capital Admin/Design & Supervision	524,000	524,000	0	524,000	0
321112	Disabled Access - Special Programme	15,496	15,496	0	15,496	0
324672	The Company Shop - Tred	196,964	0	196,964	0	0
All Portfolios		4,399,160	539,496	3,859,664	539,496	0
All Portfolios		4,399,160	539,496	3,859,664	539,496	0

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Total Capital Funding		152,905,861	48,184,204	104,721,657	47,850,685	333,519

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Portfolio	Cost Centre	Scheme	Amount (£)	Funding Body	Type	Additional Information
Corporate Services						
	327102	Corporate Properties H&S and Capital Wor	-183,939	Blaenau Gwent	Capital Programme	Transfer of funding to individual projects as agreed by Budget Holder.
	327103	Civic Centre Decommissioning	-48,746	Blaenau Gwent	Revenue Contribution	Revenue contribution not required as contract forecast to underspend heavily against original budget
Social Services						
	323155	Childrens Residential Home - Mons Calpe	891,522	Welsh Government	Housing with Care Fund: Gwent Regional Partnership Board	New WG approval
	323156	Childrens Residential Home - Madison House	913,479	Welsh Government	Housing with Care Fund: Gwent Regional Partnership Board	New WG approval
	323155 & 323156	Childrens Residential Homes	65,000	Blaenau Gwent	Capital Programme	Transfer of funds to project to cover the shortfall to purchase the properties
Economy						
	326163	Tredegar HLF	155,999	Lottery Funding	Heritage Lottery Fund	Additional HLF grant award to fund project through to completion
	326181	Lime Avenue Employment park	-2,495,101	WEFO		Approval no longer available as Blaenau Gwent no longer overseeing the project
	326227	Innovation for Decarbonisation - WBRID	27,780	Welsh Government	Decarbonisation and Energy	Additional WG funding received
	326251	Constrained Units	25,787	Welsh Government	Brexit Economic Stimulus	Transfer of funds to project
	326252	Constrained Units - Roseheymworth	111,272	Welsh Government	Brexit Economic Stimulus	Transfer of funds to project
	326269	HIVE – Hi Value Engineering Centre	9,360,000	Levelling Up Funding	Central Government	LUF grant approval for the construction of the HIVE project
	327050	Pond Road Industrial Units	84,466	Blaenau Gwent	Capital Programme	Transfer of funds to project
Education, Active Living and Learning						
	324138	Education Capital Maintenance	970,712	Welsh Government	Education Capital Maintenance	Additional WG Approval
	324185	Glanhowy Ramp	-99,150	Welsh Government	Education Capital Maintenance	Project unable to go ahead, funding transferred to other priority Community Focused Schools Projects
	324187	CFS - Pen y Cwm - Outdoor Provision	65,000	Welsh Government	Education Capital Maintenance	Transfer of funding from aborted project within the CFS programme
	324188	Ebbw Fawr Primary CFS	13,786	Welsh Government	Education Capital Maintenance	Transfer of funding from aborted project within the CFS programme
	324250	Electrical Upgrade - Blaen y Cwm	28,362	Welsh Government	Universal Free School Meals	Transfer to individual projects within the UFSM scheme
	324251	Electrical Upgrade - Georgetown	111,510	Welsh Government	Universal Free School Meals	Transfer to individual projects within the UFSM scheme
	324253	Universal Free School Meals Equipment	-139,872	Welsh Government	Universal Free School Meals	Transfer to individual projects within the UFSM scheme
	324530	ALN	-333,242	Welsh Government	ALN	Transfer to individual projects within the ALN scheme
	324534	ALN - Penycwm	-18,597	Welsh Government	ALN	Transfer to individual projects within the ALN scheme
	324535	ALN - River Centre	351,839	Welsh Government	ALN	Transfer to individual projects within the ALN scheme
	324750	Band B - Welsh Medium New Build	3,263,651	Welsh Government	Sustainable Communities for Learning	Additional WG approval
	324756	Band B - Rhosyfedwen	61,580	Welsh Government	Sustainable Communities for Learning	Transfer to individual projects within the Band B scheme
Environment						
	327036	WPT Business Resource Centre (SS)	100,000	Blaenau Gwent	Revenue Budget	Annual Revenue Contribution for the Invest 2 Save loan repayment
	350510	Improvement grants - new scheme	47,090	Welsh Government	ENABLE – Support for Independent Living	Virement from underspend on the Support for Independent Living to fund the additional costs as agreed with Welsh Government
	350550	Support for Independent Living	-47,090	Welsh Government	ENABLE – Support for Independent Living	Virement from underspend on the Support for Independent Living to fund the additional costs as agreed with Welsh Government
Infrastructure						
	328405	Aberbeeg Road Repairs	-15,667	Welsh Government		In year grant repayment

It should be noted that the funding changes detailed above will not balance to total funding changes between Q3 to Q4

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Agenda Item 6

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Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: **Corporate Overview & Performance Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **5th July 2023**

Report Subject: **Meeting Specific Requirements of the Equality Act 2010: Strategic Equality Policy Development**

Portfolio Holder: **Councillor Stephen Thomas, Leader / Cabinet Member Corporate Overview and Performance**

Report Submitted by: **Sarah King – Head of Governance and Partnerships**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Governance Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Council	Other (please state)
	04/05/23	22.06.23			05/07/23	19/07/23		

1. **Purpose of the Report**
 - 1.1 To present an approach for undertaking strategic equality policy developments during 2023/24 to ensure the Council meets its statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 (the Act hereafter) and achieves its commitments set out in the Corporate Plan 2022/27.

2. **Scope and Background**
 - 2.1 The current Strategic Equality Plan 2020/24 is in its final year of implementation. The Council has a legal requirement to develop and publish a new Strategic Equalities Plan & Equalities Objectives 2024/28 by 31st March 2024. Failure to fulfil these requirements would result in reputational and financial consequences.

 - 2.2 **National strategic equality policy development areas**
 - 2.2.1 The table below outlines *additional* strategic equality policy development areas set out by Welsh Government; a description of what they aim to achieve; and the expectations placed on local authorities / public bodies.

Table 1: Strategic equality development areas

Strategic equality development areas	Purpose	Expectations on local authorities
<p>Anti-racist Wales Action Plan</p> <p>The Plan sets a vision for 2030.</p> <p>Initial implementation period covers June 2022 – June 2024.</p>	<p>To take action to make Wales an Anti-racist nation.</p> <p>To create a culture with zero tolerance of racism and change our systems and institutions to ‘design-out’ racism.</p>	<p>To develop a local action plan and performance monitor delivery.</p>
<p>Public commemoration in Wales</p> <p>Non-statutory guidance for public bodies currently under development.</p>	<p>To support local authorities to reach well informed decisions about current and future public commemorations in-line with the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan.</p>	<p>To review and appropriately address the way in which people and events with known historical associations to slavery and colonialism are commemorated in our public spaces and collections.</p>
<p>LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales</p>	<p>Together in Pride – making Wales the most LGBTQ+ friendly nation in Europe.</p>	<p>To develop a local action plan and performance monitor delivery.</p>

2.3 Proposed approach for strategic equality policy development

2.3.1 What?

To develop the new Strategic Equality Plan & Equality Objectives 2024/28 and concurrently use this work to underpin the development of the *additional* strategic equality development areas outlined in the table above.

2.3.2 How? (Key actions)

- Undertake research to understand strategic equality position.
- Mapping of existing service delivery contributions.
- Briefings on strategic equality policy development provided for service areas, senior management teams and elected members.
- Organisation-wide quarterly corporate Policy & Performance workshops to be established to raise awareness and support the implementation of key statutory policy areas (e.g., Equality, Welsh, Climate Change etc.)

- Set up Equality Stakeholder Reference Group as a mechanism for capturing the lived experiences of people protected by the Act to support policy development and performance monitor implementation, with opportunity to include elected member and specialist agencies / organisation representation.
- On-going involvement / consultation via established engagement networks, key groups and staff with protected characteristics covered by the Act.
- Consider training requirements for staff, senior management, and Members on key statutory areas such as Equality, Welsh, and Participation & Engagement* etc.

** Development of the Council's Participation and Engagement Strategy 2023/26 (as per Local Government (Wales) Act 2010) is aligned to this work to maximise use of resources.*

2.3.3 **When?**

- Key actions undertaken during Summer and early Autumn 2023
- Formal consultation period held Autumn/Winter 2023 (4 weeks)
- Political / professional route for adoption by Council completed early 2024 prior to statutory deadline as noted above.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 The report was considered and endorsed by CLT on the 4th May 2023.

3.2 **Option 1 (preferred)**

- I. Consider and support the proposed approach for developing the Strategic Equality Plan 2024/28 and Equality Objectives to be approved by Cabinet.

Option 2

- I. Provide comment and suggest an alternative approach for developing the Strategic Equality Plan 2024/28 and Equality Objectives.

Option 1 is the preferred option.

4. **Evidence of how this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**
The Corporate Plan recognises that our Strategic Equality Plan is one of the key policies and strategies that help to deliver our ambition.

The plan will strengthen the Council to actively participate in the newly forming Gwent Well-being Plan which is due for adoption in July 2023 by the Gwent Public Services Board. This plan will have a strong focus on tackling and preventing inequity within the communities of Gwent.

5. **Implications Against Each Option**

5.1 ***Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)***

The development, publication, and translation of the Strategic Equality Plan 2024/28, on behalf of the Council, is met within existing budget of the Governance and Partnerships.

5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***

The main risks are reputational and relate to meeting the legal requirements within the statutory timescales, and in doing so developing a plan which plays a significant part in the council being able to meet both its general and specific duties from the Act. The outlined development plan should mitigate these risks, based on previous policy development models implemented since the Act inception in 2010.

5.3 ***Legal***

Failure to effectively project manage and set out appropriate arrangements for developing a new Strategic Equality Plan 2024/28 and Equality Objectives; local Anti-racism Wales Action Plan; local LGBTQ+ Action Plan or further work in relation to the National Commemoration Audit may lead to an increased risk of the Council failing to comply with its statutory requirements and specific duties of the Act.

5.4 ***Human Resources***

There is a duty across the organisation to comply with the Act and meet the specific Public Sector Equality Duties. The Policy and Partnerships Team oversee responsibility via the Professional Lead for Engagement, Equalities & Welsh Language to develop the Strategic Equality Plan 2024/28 and Equality Objectives within the defined timeframes.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

Relevant equality performance information and data (e.g., primary and secondary research) will be used to inform strategic equality policy developments (e.g., the setting of equality objectives and actions).

6.2 ***Expected outcome for the public***

Strategic equality policy development is centred on delivering positive outcomes for the public and is aligned to the national well-being goals for a more equal Wales; a Wales of cohesive communities; and a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language.

6.3 ***Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)***

Input from staff, elected members, and key representatives will be sought from across the Council as well as key stakeholders such as residents, local businesses, public & third sector organisations.

Involvement will also be supported via the Corporate Policy & Performance Workshops and Equality Stakeholder Reference Group.

Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)

The plan covers a four-year period, and should be seen as a building block towards continually improving outcomes in-line with the Act and those defined within the protected characteristics.

6.5 ***Preventative focus***

The plan looks to ensure that the Council is well-placed to meet its duties and strive to prevent discrimination now or in the future.

6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

The plan will be developed collaboratively with residents, the public and third sector and community organisations as well as any professional stakeholders interested in achieving equality outcomes for Blaenau Gwent.

6.7 ***Integration (across service areas)***

The plan provides a corporate approach across the organisation to deliver general and specific equality duties, and will look to integrate with the overarching well-being plan for the area, and the Council's Corporate Plan.

6.8 ***Decarbonisation and Reducing Carbon Emissions***

This report has no direct implications towards decarbonisation or reducing carbon emissions.

6.9 ***Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)***

The report considers Equalities throughout and seeks to strengthen and embed Equalities across the Council. An Integrated Impact Assessment will be undertaken to support the policy development process, as expected by guidance and legislation.

7. ***Monitoring Arrangements***

7.1 As part of our statutory monitoring responsibilities, we have a duty to publish a Strategic Equality Annual Report on the Council web site where it is made available to the public and other organisations (e.g., EHRC). Furthermore, the Annual Report is considered each year (whether as a specific report or information item) as part of the Council's Cabinet and Scrutiny forward work programmes.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- [Blaenau Gwent Strategic Equality Plan](#)

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