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Dydd Llun, 3 Chwefror 2025 Dydd Llun, 3 Chwefror 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

CABINET

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Yours faithfully

Stephen Vickers
Joint Chief Executive

AGENDA

Pages

1. **CYFIEITHU AR Y PRYD**

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Mae croeso i chi ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg yn y cyfarfod. Mae gofyn rhoi rhybudd o 3 diwrnod gwaith o leiaf os byddwch yn dymuno gwneud hynny. Bydd gwasanaeth cyfieithu ar y pryd yn cael ei ddarparu os gofynnir.

2. **YMDDIHEURIADAU** F_PRO

Cael unrhyw ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.

3. **DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT A GODDEFEBAU** F_PRO

Cael unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiant neu oddefebau.

PORTFFOLIO CORFFORAETHOL A PHERFFORMIAD

4. **CYLLIDEB REFENIW 2025/2026 A'R STRATEGAETH ARIANNOL TYMOR CANOLIG** F_PRO

Ystyried adroddiad Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol.

5. **FFIOEDD A THALIADAU YN ÔL DISGRESIWN 2025/26** F_PRO

Ystyried adroddiad Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol.

To: S. Thomas (Cadeirydd)
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Chief Officers

Agenda Item 4

Cabinet and Council only

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer: 30.01.25

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer: 31.01.25

Committee: **Cabinet**
Date of meeting: **10 February 2025**
Report Subject: **Revenue Budget 2025/2026 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy**
Portfolio Holder: **Leader and Cabinet Member Corporate and Performance**
Report Submitted by: **Corporate Director Corporate Services**
Report Written by: **Service Manager Accountancy**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Governance & Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Council	Other (please state)
		30.01.25			7/2/2025	10/2/2025	20/2/2025	

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report is presented to Members to: -

- i) provide an update on the provisional local government settlement for 2025/26 and its impact upon the Council's budget.
- ii) consider and agree the detailed revenue budget for 2025/26 including cost and service pressures, and Bridging the Gap proposals
- iii) agree the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2025/2026 to 2029/2030.

2. Scope and Background

2.1 The report covers the following:

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2.6 – 2.16	National Aggregate External Finance (AEF) Position
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5.1.1 - 5.1.10	MTFS Assumptions
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5.1.19 - 5.1.20	Funding Gap Assessment
5.1.21 – 5.1.26	Bridging The Gap Programme
5.2	Risks

2.2 The Provisional Settlement contains details of the revenue funding that Welsh Authorities can expect to receive in 2025/26 to allow them to set their budgets and determine levels of Council Tax for that year. It also provides details of the Capital funding that Authorities can expect to receive to fund their Capital Programmes. Indicative settlements for 2026/2027 financial year onwards have not been provide. The written statements from the Minister for Finance and Local Government is attached as Appendix 1.

- 2.3 Revenue funding from Welsh Government (WG) is provided in the form of Aggregate External Finance (AEF) which is made up of the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR). This AEF funding is un-hypothecated i.e. it is not earmarked for specific services, and it is up to individual Councils to decide how to allocate to services to fit with their priorities (while considering statutory responsibilities).
- 2.4 Revenue funding also comes in the form of specific grants, in which case the funding is earmarked for a particular purpose. It is the long-term intention of the WG that the number of specific grants is reduced, with funding being transferred into the AEF, giving Local Authorities more flexibility on distributing funding to services. Hence, this form of funding should diminish over time.
- 2.5 Capital funding is provided in the form of General Capital funding, made up of an Un-hypothecated Supported Borrowing (USB) approval and General Capital Grant approval. The USB approval is a borrowing approval for which revenue support is provided within the AEF to cover debt financing costs i.e. principal and interest. It is un-hypothecated, meaning that borrowing can be carried out for any capital purpose. The General Capital Grant is, as its name suggests, a grant that can be used for any capital purpose.
- 2.6 **National Position (All Wales)**
- 2.7 On the 11 December 2024, the Minister for Finance and Local Government published the provisional local government settlement. The overall headline increase in AEF quoted by WG is 4.3% (£253m). Compared to the Welsh average, the 4.8% increase for Blaenau Gwent places us 6th in the all-Wales table, with the lowest increase being 2.6% for Monmouth. At this stage, no floor mechanism has been put in place.
- 2.8 A number of grants have transferred into the provisional settlement including:
- Housing – No-one left out £15m
 - Discretionary Homelessness Prevention - £5m
 - Strategic Coordinator – £1.32m
 - Teachers Pay - £18.16m to continue to fund the teachers' pay award
 - Teachers Pensions - £60.7m to fund the increase in employers' contributions to the teachers' pension scheme (SCAPE)
 - NJC pay - £52.3m
 - Fire Pay & Pensions - £4m
 - Implementation of the Performance and Improvement Framework - £0.88m funding removed from the settlement
- 2.9 Certain Specific Revenue Grants data has only been published on an all-Wales basis, totalling £1.1b for 2025/2026, there are no individual authority allocations at this stage. However, the assumption is that services will need to manage within the funding allocations awarded.
- 2.10 In terms of capital grants, the non-hypothecated general capital funding for 2025-26 has increased by £20m to £200m.

- 2.11 This is a significantly better settlement than was anticipated at the beginning of the year, and the funding provided through this settlement:
- Focusses on pay and pressures in front line services
 - Supports the delivery of removing profit from children's care
 - Support the real living wage and maintaining the care cap at £100 per week alongside supporting the 'whole system' approach to care closer to home
 - Provides £31m to fund the teachers' pay award
- 2.12 There is specific reference in the Minister's letter regarding teachers' pay for 2025/2026 and this confirms that all available funding has been provided within the settlement and there will be no further in year funding. Authorities' budget planning must therefore accommodate these costs.
- 2.13 The settlement does not provide any funding towards the increase in employers national insurance contributions. HM Treasury have confirmed it will provide additional funding early in 2025/2026 financial year, therefore the assumption in the MTFS is that these costs will be fully funded.
- 2.14 The Minister's statement refers to the payments due in 2025/2026 under the Extended Provider Responsibility Scheme (EPR) to cover costs for managing packaging waste, stating that it is WG's intention that this is additional funding to unlock investment to improve recycling against the 70% minimum statutory target and support wider action to decarbonise and grow the green economy. The scheme is administered by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. No funding / costs have been included in the MTFS at this stage.
- 2.15 The provisional settlement announcement marked the start of a six-week consultation period which ended on 31 January 2025. The Minister will consider whether further amendments are to be made before the final settlement is announced.
- 2.16 The Minister recognises the increased costs of delivering services from high inflation, pay and increasing demand and acknowledges that Authorities will need to make difficult decisions on services, efficiencies, and council tax in setting their budget.
- 2.17 **Blaenau Gwent AEF Position**
- 2.18 The headline increase included within the provisional settlement for BGCBC after adjustments to the tax base was 4.8% (£7.09m), compared to the all Wales increase of 4.3%. Whilst this increase is welcomed, given the current economic climate and cost of living crisis, the Council is faced with significant financial challenges for the foreseeable future. The details included within this report identifies budget cuts / efficiencies of £1.53m for 2025/2026.

2.19 The Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) increase, quoted is 7.9%, compared to an all Wales increase of 8.1%.

2.20 The SSA is the detailed funding formula that is intended to reflect variations in the need to spend which might be expected if all Welsh Authorities responded in a similar way to the demand for services in their area. Indicators of need include population, pupil numbers, deprivation factors, population dispersion etc. The SSA is the mechanism for distributing RSG which enables Authorities to **theoretically** charge the same council tax for the provision of a similar standard of service. However, if Authorities don't spend at SSA level, then council tax levels will not be the same, which in practice, is what happens.

2.21 The Council's settlement reflects a range of unfavourable re-distributional movements in population indicators and free school meal numbers, with favourable movements in pupil numbers and benefits:

Population – Blaenau Gwent's population increased by 0.5% compared to the all Wales increase of 1%, the previous 3 years have been a population decrease.

Population indicators make up a large proportion of the cost driver indicators within the SSA formula and has resulted in a decrease of £0.13m in SSA.

Education Demographics –

- Nursery & Primary pupil numbers have increased by 0.5% compared to the all Wales decrease of 1.6%.
- Secondary school pupil numbers have increased by 1.7%, compared to the all Wales increase of 0.8%.
- Free School meals pupils have decreased by 0.2% in the Primary Sector and increased by 8.3% in the Secondary Sector, compared to the all Wales increase of 1.6% and 8.6% respectively.

The impact on the SSA of these data changes is an increase of £0.66m.

Deprivation Indicators - IS (Income Support)/ JSA (Job seekers Allowance) /PC (Pension Credit)/ UC (Universal Credit)/ not in employment claimants have increased by 2.88%, which is above the all Wales increase of 1.41%.

2.22 The net impact of changes to the key data sets is an increase of £1.5m in the Council's proportion of the all Wales funding.

2.23 The Authority remains the highest receiver of Aggregate External Finance (RSG plus NNDR) on a per capita basis at £2,294.

2.24 The grants transferring into the settlement total £3.35m:

- Housing – No-one left out £326,000
- Discretionary Homelessness Prevention - £109,000

- Strategic Coordinator – £29,000
- Teachers Pay - £377,000
- Teachers Pensions - £1,259,000
- NJC pay - £1,209,000
- Fire Pay & Pensions - £79,000
- Implementation of the Performance and Improvement Framework, reduction of £40,000

2.25 General Capital Funding has increased to £4.293m, of which General Capital Grant is £2.387m and Supported Borrowing is £1.9m. Welsh Government is also providing revenue support to Local Authorities to support borrowing to invest in the Highways network. At this stage no confirmation has been received on the level of funding or borrowing that can be undertaken.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 **Option 1 (preferred option)**

3.1.1 Members consider the report and the proposals and recommend to Council:

3.1.2 The assumptions applied in developing the 2025/2026 Draft Estimates (paragraphs 5.1.4 to 5.1.10).

3.1.3 The cost pressures identified in paragraphs 5.1.11 to 5.1.17 and shown in table 2 at 5.1.8 relating to:

- the Council - £2.3m
- Schools - £2.4m
- Aneurin Leisure Trust - £0.4m

3.1.4 The grants transferring into the Settlement for 2025/2026 be passported to the relevant services as detailed in paragraph 2.8 and included in table 2 at 5.1.16.

3.1.5 The Bridging the Gap budget cuts / efficiencies in paragraphs 5.1.18 to 5.1.23.

3.1.6 A Council Tax increase of 4.95% for 2025/2026.

3.1.7 The updated MTFS for 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 attached at Appendix 2.

3.2 **Option 2**

3.2.1 Members consider and do not agree to recommend the proposals to Council contained in the report.

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

4.1 The budget setting process and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) supports the Corporate Plan outcome “an ambitious and innovative Council delivering the quality services at the right time and in the right place” and ensures

effective forward planning arrangements are in place to support the Council's financial resilience.

4.2 The revenue & capital budgets support the delivery of all the Council priorities.

4.3 To comply with statutory responsibilities, the Council must set a balanced budget and set its Council Tax for the forthcoming year by 11 March 2025.

5. **Implications Against Each Option**

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

5.1.1 **The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)**

5.1.2 The MTFS brings together all known factors affecting the Council's financial position and forms the basis for decision making. The MTFS includes a forward look over the next five years to assess the spending requirements the Council is likely to face to deliver the priorities set out in the Corporate Plan and highlights the level of cuts (reducing or stopping services) that will need to be made to ensure the Council can set a balanced budget each year. It is the financial framework which support the Council's financial resilience and ensure it operates sustainably.

5.1.3 The current MTFS 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 is attached at Appendix 2 and has been prepared based on a number of assumptions being applied to the 2024/2025 approved estimates.

5.1.4 **Funding Assumptions**

5.1.5 The AEF funding for 2025/2026 is based on the provisional settlement. The final settlement is not expected to be materially different to impact on the proposals included within this report.

5.1.6 The provisional settlement did not include any information on indicative funding for 2026/2027 onwards. The assumption included in the MTFS is that the AEF will increase by 3% per annum.

5.1.7 The MTFS assumes an annual increase of 4.95% for Council Tax. The impact on household for 2025/2026 based on a Band D property would be an increase of £1.82 per week, £95.04 per annum. However, the overall increase will be affected by decisions from other public bodies including community councils and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent.

5.1.8 **Costs**

5.1.9 The main assumptions applied in calculating the Draft Estimates include:

Table 1 – Main Assumptions applied to Costs

	2025/2026	2026/2027 Onwards
Pay Award	3%	3%
Price Inflation	2%	2%
Individual Schools Budget – Pay	3%	3%
Fees & Charges (in line with inflation)	2%	2%
Grants transferring in the Settlement are passported	£2,139,000*	0
Contribution to General Reserves per annum	0	£200,000

*Excludes NJC pay award as these costs are built into the assumptions

5.1.10 There has been a change to the assumption relating to school budgets. It is proposed the increase in the ISB is based on the estimated cost of pay awards and increments, rather than an uplift linked to the Council's increase in AEF. This will ensure that pay pressures are fully funded and supports the Corporate Plan priority to *maximise learning and skills for all to create a prosperous, thriving, resilient Blaenau Gwent*. The partnership between schools and the Local Education Authority will require Schools to manage non pay pressures.

5.1.11 **Service Cost Pressures and Growth**

5.1.12 Cost pressures are continually reviewed and updated considering new information, budget forecasts etc. Existing, new service cost pressures and growth items (excluding school cost pressures) totalling £2.3m for 2025/26 have been identified and are detailed in the table below. For 2025/2026 onwards, £3m per annum have been included in the MTFS.

5.1.13 Table 2 below details the cost pressures built into the draft estimates for 2025/2026:

Table 2: 2025/2026 Cost Pressures - Council

	£'000
Fee uplifts for Community Care	1,853
Housing Services	600
Council Tax Premiums – Staffing Resource	115
Increase in Council Tax due to Premiums	(397)
General Offices – Income	64
SRS – Increase in SLA	111
ALN – Resource Base	110
Schools- Pupil Demographics	(238)
New Welsh School – Year 3 Implementation	75
TOTAL	2,293

- 5.1.14 Schools are currently carrying approximately £5m of cost pressures in relation to pay and utilities, and as a result, school balances are decreasing with the latest forecast being an overall deficit of £3.5m by March 2025.
- 5.1.15 Maximising learning is one of the Council's key priorities and the positive settlement provides the Council with an opportunity to provide additional financial support to schools to rebalance budgets. Additional funding of £2.44m per annum has been built into the draft budget for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027. This will increase school funding in total by 8.45% (£4.67m) for 2025/2026 after allowing for transfers into the settlement.
- 5.1.16 Aneurin Leisure Trust delivers Leisure Services including Libraries and Adult Education on behalf of the Council. These services contribute to the Council's corporate plan priorities and links to the Marmot principles to reduce health inequalities across Wales. The Trust receives a Management fee from the Council of £3.17m per annum, however the Trust is facing significant financial challenges, particularly as a result of the increase in energy costs during 2023/2024 which has continued in the current financial year. It is anticipated that by March 2025, the Trust's reserves will be fully depleted, and the medium-term forecast based on the assumptions within the Council's MTFs and based on current service levels is a deficit of around £600,000 per annum for the next 3 years.
- 5.1.17 A Members working group has been established and are working to support the Trust with the challenges they are facing, considering a variety of options including reduction of services / closure of facilities, and during the budget engagement, Members have raised the need to provide additional financial support to the Trust to protect services.
- 5.1.18 It is therefore proposed to provide additional funding of £400,000 (equivalent to a 1% increase in council tax) for 2025/2026. The Trust will need to identify cost reductions through e.g. energy efficiency measures, and/or increase income generation to mitigate the remaining cost pressure.
- 5.1.19 Table 3 below details the impact the Provisional Settlement and the cost pressures have on the budget gap.

Table 3 – Assessed Budget Gap

	Medium Term Budget Gap				
	2025/2026 £'000	2026/2027 £'000	2027/2028 £'000	2028/2029 £'000	2029/2030 £'000
Draft Expenditure					
Draft Estimates	191,370	203,741	209,783	217,161	224,786
Grants Transferring into Settlement	2,139	0	0	0	0
Cost Pressures - Council	2,293	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cost Pressures - Schools	2,445	2,445	0	0	0
Cost Pressure – Aneurin Leisure Trust	400	0	0	0	0
Adjusted Draft Budget	198,647	209,186	212,783	220,161	227,786
Draft Funding					
AEF	(154,532)	(159,168)	(163,943)	(168,861)	(173,927)
Council Tax	(42,185)	(44,821)	(47,040)	(49,368)	(51,812)
Total Draft Funding	(196,717)	(203,989)	(210,983)	(218,229)	(225,739)
Budget Gap (Surplus)	1,930	5,197	1,800	1,932	2,047
Contribution to Reserves	0	200	200	200	200
Adjusted Budget Gap – (Surplus)	1,930	5,397	2,000	2,132	2,247

5.1.20 There is a funding gap of £13.7m over the next five years, with budget reductions / cuts of £1.93m required for 2025/2026 to set a balanced budget. Any change to the assumptions, will impact upon the funding gap.

5.1.21 **BRIDGING THE GAP**

5.1.22 The Bridging the Gap programme remains the Council's strategy for delivering financial efficiencies to ensure that the Council continues the journey of improving its financial stability and setting a balanced budget year on year.

5.1.23 Given the financial challenge facing the Council and the requirement to identify budget cuts of £13m over the next 5 years, the current programme of strategic business reviews have been updated based on a number of themes:

- Strategic asset management planning –taking an organisational approach to consider the use of our assets such as buildings and reducing or ceasing usage
- Digital innovation programme – the adoption of modern digital technologies to improve business processes. Digital innovation improves customer experience and performance and can be used to create new business models
- Shared / alternative service delivery models / Service redesign –it will work more closely with residents, community groups and community councils as well as other public bodies in designing and delivering services
- Energy projects – exploration / implementation of alternative energy sources (solar, wind) to reduce both costs and carbon footprint of buildings / services
- Route optimisation / use of fleet
- Commercial investment opportunities / growth strategy
- Managing demand – designing services around early intervention and prevention, enabling people to live with greater independence
- Review of Fees & Charges – full cost recovery

5.1.24 The table below provides a summary of the estimated achievement required from the Strategic Business Reviews for 2025/2026:

Table 4: Bridging the Gap Themes

Theme	Estimated Achievement £'000
Alternative Service Delivery / Functional Redesign / Spans & Layers	550
Managing Demand	250
Commercial / Growth Strategy	380
Digital Innovation	200
Energy	50
Fee & Charges	100
Budget Management	400
TOTAL	1,930

5.1.25 Factoring in the financial impact of the Bridging the Gap estimated achievement will provide a balanced budget for 2025/2026, with a funding gap of £5.4m for 2026/2027 and £11.8m over the remaining 4 years of the MTF5.

5.1.26 Achievement of these proposals will be reported as part of the Council's financial reporting framework where proposals within each of the themes require a Policy

change, investment or significant changes to service levels/delivery these will be reported through the political process.

5.2 Risk including Mitigating Actions

- 5.2.1 Members do not approve the Council Tax increase of 4.95%. 1% decrease in Council Tax will increase the funding gap by approximately £400,000, which will require further budget cuts to be identified.
- 5.2.2 Members do not agree to the increase to school budgets detailed within this report. School deficit balances will continue to increase, and schools will need to identify cost reductions required to fund pay increases and reduce deficit balances. This is likely to impact upon schools' ability to deliver the curriculum and ultimately learner outcomes. Welsh Government have stated that the settlement includes funding to fund pay awards
- 5.2.3 Bridging the Gap proposals do not deliver the required efficiencies. Progress against proposals will be reported as part of the Council's financial reporting framework during 2025/2026.
- 5.2.4 Pay awards are higher than the current assumption applied, resulting in cost pressures during 2025/2026. Costs will be monitored and reported as part of the Council's financial reporting framework.

5.3 Summary

- 5.3.1 The better-than-expected settlement has allowed the Council to:
- Set a balanced budget for 2025/2026, including anticipated pressures with no requirement to draw from reserves
 - Protect services
 - Maintains a small contingency to mitigate unforeseen cost pressures e.g. cost increases over and above inflation, increase in employers' national insurance and the impact on suppliers/service providers, potential pay awards above the 3% built into budget, delay in delivering bridging the gap proposals etc.
 - Set a Council Tax increase of 4.95%
 - Invest in schools by rebalancing school funding over the next 2 years
 - Support services operated by Aneurin Leisure Trust

5.3 Legal

- 5.3.1 The Council has a legal duty to set a balanced budget and agree the rate of Council Tax.

5.4 Human Resources

- 5.4.1 There will be service change arising from the Strategic Business Reviews included within the Bridging the Gap programme which may impact upon staff.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 *Performance Information and Data*

6.1.1 As detailed throughout this report.

6.2 **Expected outcome for the public**

6.2.1 The proposed budget will enable the Council to protect front line services in delivering its priority areas and to continue its work to become a more commercial and resilient organisation. All proposals will have some impact on the public, some people will be impacted more than others depending on what services they are in receipt of.

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

6.3.1 To support the Council to set a budget for 2025/26, there has been an engagement process carried out to inform people of the situation and get them involved. The information presented aimed to raise awareness of what may have to be done to set a balanced budget from April 2025, and to provide the opportunity for people to feedback on key issues to help decision-making, e.g. prioritising services, setting council tax, and potential saving proposals for now and the future.

6.3.2 A Budget Survey went live on 24 January 2025 for 2 weeks which was shared on social media, with the intention to get as many people as possible participating and sharing their views.

6.3.3 The final results from the public engagement will be available following closure of the survey and will be shared with Members prior to Council considering the budget. They will be included at Appendix 3 to this report.

6.3.4 Consultation has also been carried out with:

- Headteachers
- Members
- Trade Unions
- Town and Community Councils
- Scrutiny
- Cabinet

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

6.4.1 The Council continues its move to medium to long term financial planning. This is evidenced by: -

- The MTFs covers the period 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 and will roll forward one year, every year. The MTFs will be reviewed and updated during 2025/2026.

- The Bridging the Gap programme will continue to identify opportunities for development in the medium to long term.
- The current approved capital programme covers the period 2019/2020 to 2025/2026 in line with the 21st Century schools' programme. The capital programme is currently under review, proposals for 2026/2027 is currently being developed for consideration.

6.5 Preventative focus

- 6.5.1 The Council invests in services to deliver the best outcomes for the most vulnerable individuals including establishing a Children's Residential Home and increasing the number of Resources Bases for learners with additional learning needs, with the aim of reducing reliance on out of county placements. This will reduce costs in the medium to long term.

The Council has become a Marmot Council and is adopting the principles of tackling inequality through action on the social determinants of health:

- Giving every child the best start in life
- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all
- Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
- Create and develop healthy, sustainable places and communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention
- Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together
- Tackle racism, discrimination and their outcomes.

6.6 Collaboration / partnership working

- 6.6.1 The report and accompanying information have been developed in partnership with officers across all service areas.

6.7 Integration(across service areas) N/A

6.8 EqlA(screening and identifying if full impact assessment is needed)

- 6.8.1 Integrated Impact Assessments will be completed where required.

7. Monitoring Arrangements

- 7.1 Wider Corporate Leadership Team, political groups, Corporate & Performance Scrutiny, Cabinet and Council.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

Appendix 1 – Written Statement by Welsh Government

Appendix 2 – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2029-2030

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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **Provisional Local Government Settlement 2025-26**

DATE **11 December 2024**

BY **Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government**

In 2025-26, local authorities will receive £6.1bn from the Welsh Government Revenue Support Grant (“RSG”) and non-domestic rates (“NDR”) to spend on delivering key services. This means the core revenue funding for local government in 2025-26 will increase by 4.3% on a like-for-like basis compared to the current year.

The additional funding provided through the Autumn Budget is welcome as we emerge from the prolonged period of austerity imposed by previous UK Governments, as well as a range of economic crises such as spiralling inflation. Our overall settlement for 2025-26 is more than £1bn higher than it would have been under the previous UK Government. However, fourteen years of constrained public funding cannot be turned around in just one budget and it will take time for the public finances to recover.

I want to pay tribute to the incredible amount of hard work and resilience shown across the sector by both officers and elected members over many years. We have been through a long period of public sector austerity with an increase in demand for major services, a pandemic and an extra-ordinary inflationary period.

As we have developed the draft Budget 2025-26, which was published yesterday, we have again prioritised protecting core frontline public services as far as possible, supporting the hardest hit households and prioritising jobs.

We have therefore provided a rise of 4.3% in the local government settlement. In line with our focus on supporting households, this also continues to protect vulnerable and low-income households from any reduction in support through the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (“CTRS”). We will continue to maintain full entitlements in 2025-26 by providing £244m in the settlement.

In addition to the core settlement, I am publishing indicative information on specific revenue and capital grants planned for 2025-26, which amount to almost £1.1bn for revenue and more than £1.0 bn for capital at this provisional stage.

We have worked closely with local government throughout the year and understand the pressures local government is facing. I welcome the improved level of funding from the UK Government as well as the pragmatic way Welsh Government is working with local government to ensure we do all we can within the funding available.

It is not appropriate for the Welsh Government to set an arbitrary level of council tax increase. The setting of budgets, and in turn council tax, is the responsibility of each local authority. Authorities will need to take account of the full range of sources of funding available to them, as well as the pressures they face. I encourage councils to continue to carefully balance these pressures with the impact of increases on household finances. I know that across Wales, leaders, elected members and officers will be striving to find ways to make the best use of their resources to make the most difference for their communities

As announced on 10 December, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Welsh Language is providing a package of non-domestic rate support which will benefit every ratepayer in Wales. This will cap the increase to the non-domestic rates multiplier for 2025-26 to 1%, at a recurring annual cost to the Welsh budget of £7m. As a result of this cap, the RSG element of the settlement has increased by an equivalent £7m.

Alongside the settlement, the Government will also be investing an additional £78m to provide a sixth successive year of support for retail, leisure and hospitality businesses with their non-domestic rates bills. This continued support recognises the economic pressures faced by these businesses in recent years and builds on £1bn of support allocated through our specific relief schemes since 2020-21.

The draft Budget set out the position on capital funding. I have increased the general capital funding for local authorities to £200m to recognise the impact of inflation in recent years. I have also increased funding for the Low Carbon Heat Grant to £30m to enable authorities to respond to our joint priority of decarbonisation, to continue the focus on contributing to the Net Zero Wales plan.

Attached to this statement is a summary table setting out the settlement allocations (Aggregate External Finance ("AEF")) by authority. They are derived using the formula agreed with local government.

The Programme for Government commitment to reduce the administrative burden on local government continues to deliver the consolidation or dehypothecation of grants across a wide range of areas. It is important that we work with local authority colleagues to understand the impacts of these changes as they are embedded. This is a cornerstone of developing a strategic relationship with local government based on trust and focusing on the outcomes that can be delivered in partnership. This work will continue to ensure the best use of resources for both local authorities and the Welsh Government. The Prif Weinidog is clear that the Welsh Government's work with local government must be focused on delivery and outcomes for the people of Wales.

Further details will be sent to all local authorities and published on the Welsh Government's website: [Welsh Government Website](#)

Summary Table

2025-26 Provisional Settlement compared to 2024-25 adjusted final AEF

	2024-25 AEF (£000) ¹	2025-26 AEF (£000)	Change (£000)	% change	Rank
Isle of Anglesey	130,889	135,605	4,716	3.6%	16
Gwynedd	239,101	246,818	7,717	3.2%	20
Conwy	210,750	218,586	7,835	3.7%	14
Denbighshire	205,561	215,222	9,661	4.7%	7
Flintshire	266,074	274,779	8,705	3.3%	19
Wrexham	239,036	249,511	10,475	4.4%	11
Powys	242,414	250,184	7,770	3.2%	21
Ceredigion	138,958	143,938	4,980	3.6%	17
Pembrokeshire	224,858	232,966	8,107	3.6%	15
Carmarthenshire	361,072	375,747	14,674	4.1%	12
Swansea	447,243	468,469	21,226	4.7%	5
Neath Port Talbot	293,239	306,217	12,977	4.4%	10
Bridgend	266,124	276,640	10,516	4.0%	13
The Vale of Glamorgan	216,058	223,420	7,362	3.4%	18
Rhondda Cynon Taf	497,940	521,279	23,339	4.7%	8
Merthyr Tydfil	126,720	133,148	6,427	5.1%	3
Caerphilly	357,880	373,980	16,101	4.5%	9
Blaenau Gwent	147,440	154,532	7,092	4.8%	4
Torfaen	183,576	192,215	8,640	4.7%	6
Monmouthshire	130,062	133,704	3,642	2.8%	22
Newport	311,772	329,311	17,538	5.6%	1
Cardiff	640,615	674,571	33,955	5.3%	2
Total unitary authorities	5,877,384	6,130,839	253,456	4.3%	

Note: Total may not sum correctly due to rounding

1. 2024-25 AEF adjusted for the latest 2025-26 tax base and transfers at 2024-25 prices.

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

2025/2026 to 2029/2030

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1. **Introduction**

1.1 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), the Council’s key financial planning document, is an integral part of the Council’s Corporate Business Planning arrangements. The Strategy is a rolling a 5-year plan and is updated, reviewed and approved annually by Council. The Strategy will change over time as new opportunities, or policy decisions affect the financial position of the Council.

1.2 The MTFS includes a forward look over the next five years to assess the spending requirements the Council is likely to face to deliver its priorities and the level of cuts i.e. reducing or stopping services that will need to be made to ensure the Council can set a balanced budget each year. It provides guidance for officers and Members on the short-, medium- and longer-term financial challenges and enables advance financial planning to be carried out, assisting the Council to understand and meet future demands. Planning now to meet known or anticipated changes in the future provides greater opportunity to phase in the impact of the changes.

1.3 The Strategy sets out how the Council will finance its priorities, having regard for the Corporate Plan.

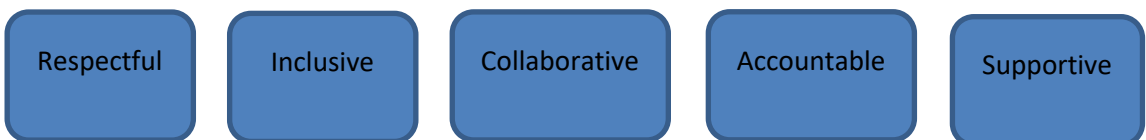
2. **Corporate Plan**

2.1 The Corporate Plan 2022/27 sets out an ambitious programme of activity for the Council to 2027. The priorities also referred to as Well-being Objectives, have been developed in order to support our communities to thrive and provide modern and high-quality services which support economic growth and well-being.

2.2 **Our Vision:**

Blaenau Gwent – a place that is fair, open and welcoming to all by working with and for our communities

Our Core Values:



2.3 **Our Corporate Plan 2022/27 priorities are:**

- Maximise learning and skills for all to create a prosperous, thriving, resilient Blaenau Gwent
- Respond to the nature and climate crisis and enable connected communities
- An ambitious and innovative council delivering quality services at the right time and in the right place
- Empowering and supporting communities to be safe, independent and resilient.

2.4 Blaenau Gwent's has experienced a trend of declining population with a reduction of 4.2% (2,900) at the 2021 Census compared to 2011. The population change by age group shows that there is an increase in people over 65 (9%) and a decrease in all other age groups with projections indicating a continuing decline.

2.5 The 2021 Census also showed that the Borough has the highest proportion of residents aged 16 to 64 years who are economically inactive and long-term sick or disabled across England and Wales at 36.1%.

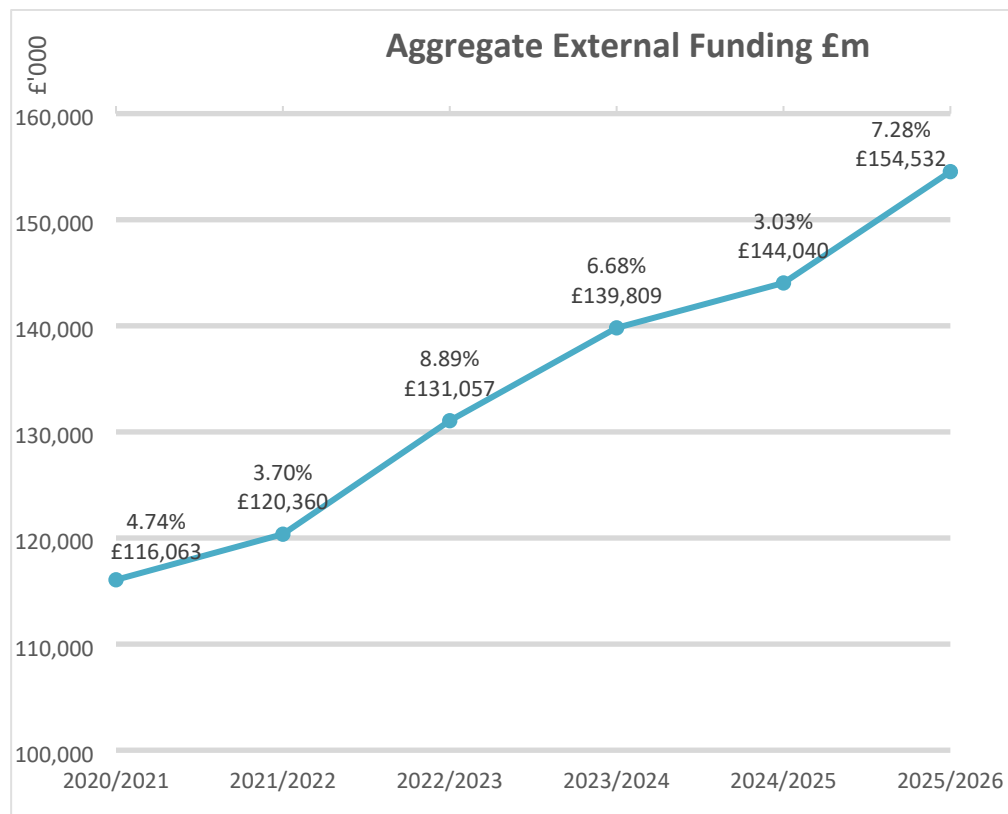
2.6 The Council has a responsibility to the people of Blaenau Gwent to help improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area. By setting a small number of strategic priorities within the Corporate Plan it will allow efforts to be concentrated on delivery in these areas and ultimately, help to improve the quality of the lives of residents.

3. **Revenue Settlement – Recent Trends**

3.1 2024/2025 revenue settlement was the fifth consecutive year that the Council received a positive increase in the Revenue Support Grant (before transfers in and new responsibilities) from Welsh Government.

3.2 The Council's revenue settlements for the period 2019/2020 to 2025/2026 is shown in Figure 1 below, on a cash basis.

Figure 1: Trend in Aggregate External Funding (AEF) – Cash Basis



- 3.3 The graph demonstrates that funding received from Wales Government has increased year on year, with an overall increase of £38m between 2020/20/21 and 2025/26 (this includes grant transfers of £4m into the settlement). However, this is following a number of years of austerity when local government funding was reduced, for example in 2013/2014 AEF totalled £117m and in 2020/2021 it was £116m.
- 3.4 Whilst the settlement for 2024/2025 was positive with an increase of 3%, when compared to the increase in costs as a result of high inflation and pay awards, this fell significantly below real cost increases. This when combined with increased demand for services have contributed to the financial challenge the council is facing in delivering its services to the residents of Blaenau Gwent.

3.5 **2024/2025 Revenue Budget**

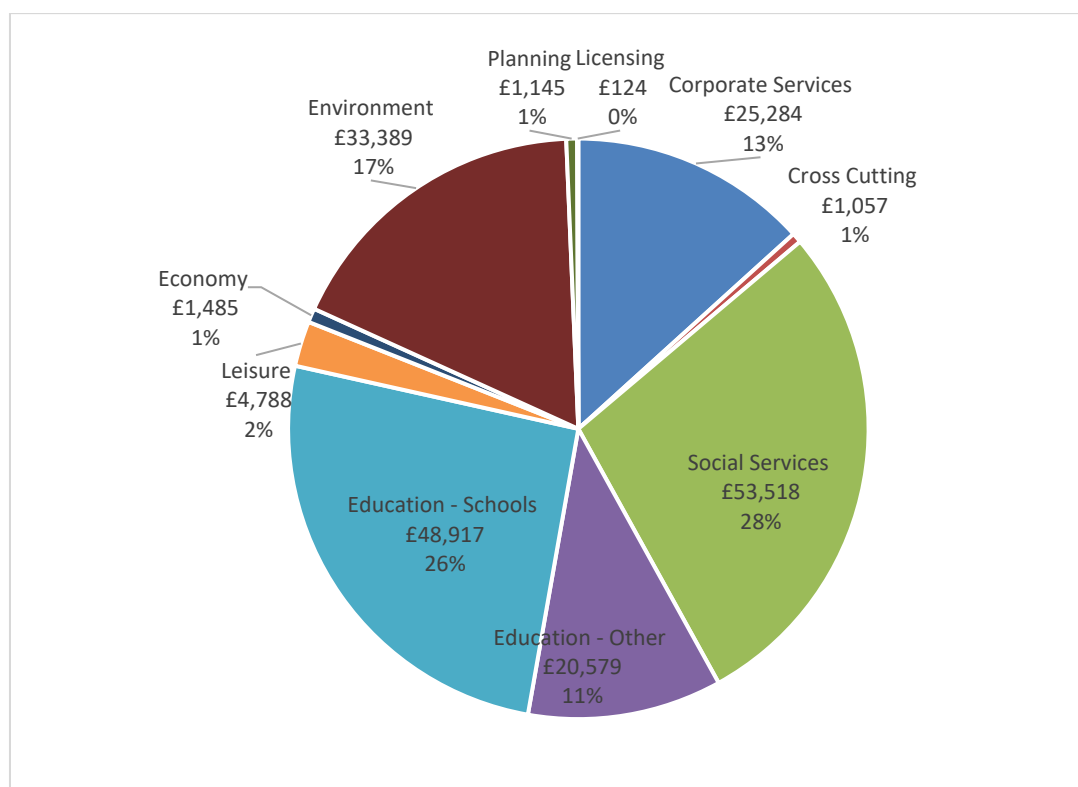
3.6 The baseline revenue funding the Council received in 2024/2025 from Welsh Government after allowing for transfers was £144.04m, an increase of 2.8% (£4.23m). The all-Wales average increase in the Local Government Settlement was 3.3%.

3.7 In setting the 2024/2025 budget, the Council agreed: -

- All grants transferring into the Settlement would be transferred to the relevant service
- Additional funding of £2.8m to be built into the budget, over and above pay and price inflation, to address existing and emerging cost pressures
- Bridging the Gap proposals of £6.48m to deliver financial efficiencies/cost reductions
- A contribution from specific reserves of £1.5m
- A Council Tax increase of 4.95% (Blaenau Gwent element).

3.8 As a result of these decisions, the Council agreed a net budget requirement of £185m. The budget allocation across Portfolios is shown in figure 2 below:

Figure 2: 2024/2025 Revenue Budget per Portfolio (£'000)



3.9 Social Services and Education (including School budgets) account for 65% (£123m) of the Council’s budget and are priority services for the Council.

3.10 In addition, to the agreed net budget, the Council receives specific revenue grant and for 2023/2024 this totalled approximately £68m, to support the delivery of services.

3.11 Specific revenue grants include the following funding sources:

Portfolio	Grant	2023/2024 £'000
Corporate Services	Rent Allowances / Rebates / Discretionary Housing Payments ¹⁹	19,194
	Homes for Ukraine Support Scheme	999
Social Services	Children’s and Communities (including Flying Start & Families First)	5,313
	Childcare Offer (incl. TCBC)	1,579

	Supporting People - Housing Support Grant	3,539
	Radical reform	593
	Supporting Social Services	1,140
	Regional Integration Fund (RIF)	1,575
	Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers	648
Education	Local Education Authority Grant (including universal free school meals)	4,703
	Pupil Development Grant	3,464
	School Improvement	2,123
	EAS School to School Grants	1,122
	Communities for Work Plus	1,128
	Youth Revenue Grant	335
Environment	Concessionary Fares	535
	Universal Free School Meals	1,349
Economy	Cardiff City Region	709
	Shared Prosperity Fund	5,677

- 3.12 Specific revenue grant funding is currently supporting around 250 posts across the organisation at a cost of more than £10m. WG provides grant funding allocations on an annual basis, which makes planning for any reductions in grant funding difficult.
- 3.13 The assumption within the MTFS is that all grants will continue at the current level, and any reduction or termination of grant will be offset by a reduction in service expenditure. Where it is anticipated that there will be a reduction in grant with no additional revenue support and a reduction in expenditure is not possible, a cost pressure will be included in the MTFS.
- 3.14 Welsh Government is reviewing the number of specific grants with a view to rationalising and reducing the administration burden on local authorities. Some grants will be amalgamated and / or transferred into the revenue support grant from April 2025. Current indications are that 8 grants totalling £3.35m will be transferred in. The MTFS assumes these grants will be passported to the relevant service area / budget.

4. **Review and Update of the MTFS**

- 4.1 The MTFS must be regularly reviewed to ensure preparedness from a financial planning perspective. The review will include considering and updating assumptions used in the Strategy to reflect new / emerging information for example inflation, changing demographics, service demand and policy changes and more recently the ongoing financial impact of the cost-of-living crisis.
- 4.2 The table below identifies the key assumptions included in the MTFS.

Table 1: Key Financial Planning Assumptions

Financial Planning Key Assumptions	
Pay	<p><i>APT & C Staff:</i> The pay proposal for 2024/2025 is a flat rate of £1,290 across all NJC pay scales resulting in a pay increase ranging from 5.49% to 2.5%, with an average increase of 3.76%.</p> <p>For 2025/2026 onwards - 3% pay award per annum has been assumed to reflect the reducing pay offer for 2024/2025 and reduced inflation.</p> <p><i>School Based Staff:</i> <i>Teaching Staff:</i> The pay award for the academic year 2024/2025 was 5.5%. 3% have been assumed per annum from 2025/2026.</p> <p><i>Support Staff:</i> 3% have been assumed in line with the assumption for APT&C staff.</p> <p><i>Incremental Pay Progression</i> – the estimated cost of annual pay progression has been applied based on existing staffing.</p> <p><i>Pensions</i> – An actuarial valuation will be carried out during 2025/2026 which will inform the employers contribution rate from April 2026. No increase in</p>

	<p>employers' contributions has been assumed over the life of the MTFs at this stage.</p> <p>Employers National Insurance Contributions – the UK government has announced an increase on Employer NI contributions to 15% from April 2025. The Chancellor has also announced additional funding will be provided to the public sector. The current assumption in the MTFs is that the additional costs will be fully funded.</p> <p>A Vacancy Factor has been built into staffing budgets to reflect the financial impact of staff turnover (3% for Social Services, 1.5% other services).</p>
<p>Price Inflation (Non Schools)</p>	<p>The Consumer Price Index (CPI)</p> <p>CPI is currently at 2.3% (October 24). The Bank of England's target of 2%. For 2025/2026, an annual inflationary increase of 2% is proposed over the term of the MTFs (in line with the Bank of England's target).</p> <p>Utilities – Gas prices have reduced and there is a gradual reduction in energy prices (which is contributing to the fall in inflation). It is expected that energy costs will continue to reduce gradually from April 2024, therefore, it is proposed to apply no uplift for 2025/2026 and increase in line with inflation thereafter.</p> <p>Income Inflation – It is proposed to uplift income budgets by 2% for 2025/2026 onwards in line with inflation. Actual uplifts applied will be determined by the annual review of Fees & Charges.</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme – an increase of 4.95% in line with Council Tax assumption has been applied to ensure that our most vulnerable residents continue to be supported in respect of Council Tax.</p>

<p>Schools Growth (ISB)</p>	<p>The MTFS assumes that the ISB will increase by the cost of the pay awards and incremental drift for all school based staff and a funding adjustment for pupil demographics. It is assumed that schools will fund non pay pressures.</p> <p>Projected increases or decreases in pupil numbers will impact upon the ISB and based on September 2024 data collection, 2024/2025 age weighted pupil unit and projecting the pupils through the year groups:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="550 660 1369 1008"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Increase / (Decrease) in Pupils</th> <th>Estimated Financial Impact Increase / (Decrease) in Funding (£'000)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025/2026</td> <td>(62)</td> <td>(238)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2026/2027</td> <td>(114)</td> <td>(429)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2027/2028</td> <td>(98)</td> <td>(368)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2028/2029</td> <td>(50)</td> <td>(188)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The financial impact has been included in Cost Pressures at table 3.</p>		Increase / (Decrease) in Pupils	Estimated Financial Impact Increase / (Decrease) in Funding (£'000)	2025/2026	(62)	(238)	2026/2027	(114)	(429)	2027/2028	(98)	(368)	2028/2029	(50)	(188)
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<p>Specific Grant Funding</p>	<p>It is assumed that any reduction in grant funding is offset by a reduction in expenditure, through stopping / reducing services or service redesign.</p> <p>It has been assumed that grants transferring into the settlement will be passported to the relevant service area.</p>															
<p>Capital Financing</p>	<p>Capital Financing – Capital financing costs reflect the schemes within the current capital programme, with borrowing costs for future schemes funded from either USB (Unhypothecated Supported Borrowing) or prudential borrowing. During 2021/2022, the Council agreed a change to the MRP policy, and the capital adjustment reflects the change in Policy during the term of the MTFS.</p> <p>The Bank of England has raised interest rates over the last 2 years to try and bring inflation down and the bank base rate currently stands at 4.75%. It is anticipated that interest rates will reduce over the short</p>															

	<p>to medium term as inflation returns to the Bank of England target of 2%.</p> <p>Over the past few years, the Council has been successful in managing its borrowings and investments and income from investments has exceeded borrowing costs.</p>
Council Tax	<p>Council Tax increased by 4.95% for 2024/2025. For planning purposes, it has been assumed that Council Tax will increase by 4.95% per annum. (1% increase will generate approximately £400,000 additional funding).</p> <p>The increase a household will have to pay, based on the Blaenau Gwent element of Band D property, is £1.82 per week, £95.04 per annum with Band D increasing from £1,919.91 to £2,014.95 per annum. However, the overall increase will be affected by decisions from other public bodies including Community Councils and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent.</p> <p>No additional income has been assumed at this stage from an increase in the Council Tax Base for 2025/2026 onwards. This will be reflected in the Growth proposals within Bridging the Gap.</p> <p>In July 2024, the Council agreed the introduction of a Council Tax Premium for long term empty properties and second homes, following a public consultation process. This premium will be introduced in April 2025, and it will increase the Council Tax yield, as this will be included in the Council Tax base. The additional yield will mitigate in part the cost pressure within Housing Services.</p>
Estimated Funding reduction (Aggregate External Funding - AEF)	<p>2025/2026 AEF is based on the Provisional Settlement announced on 11 December 2024.</p> <p>Welsh government did not provide any indication of future funding levels within the provisional settlement, which makes financial planning in the short, medium and long term more challenging.</p>

	The MTFs assumption for 2026/2027 onwards has been revised to 3% uplift over the life of the MTFs.
Reserves	The financial modelling assumes a minimum contribution to General or specific reserves of £200,000 per annum from 2026/2027.

4.3 **Medium Term Financial Forecast**

4.4 The draft estimates have been prepared based on the approved 2024/2025 budget and increased in line with the assumptions included in Table 1, and these costs are detailed in table 2 below:

Table 2: Estimated Additional Costs Compared to 2024/2025 Budget

	2025/2026 £'000	2026/2027 £'000	2027/2028 £'000	2028/2029 £'000	2029/2030 £'000
Expenditure					
Pay and Increments – Non Schools	1,465	2,193	2,302	2,417	2,538
Pay and Increments – Schools	2,284	2,352	2,443	2,496	2,571
General Inflation – Non Schools	1,496	1,526	1,556	1,588	1,619
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	515	540	567	595	619
Grants Transferring into Settlement	2,139	0	0	0	0
Capital /Pension Adjustment	243	740	(12)	0	0
Total Expenditure Increase	8,142	7,351	6,856	7,096	7,347
Funding / Income					
AEF	(10,488)	(4,636)	(4,775)	(4,918)	(5,066)
Council Tax	(1,990)	(2,114)	(2,218)	(2,328)	(2,443)
Fees & Charges	(373)	(379)	(387)	(395)	(402)
Total Funding Increase	(12,851)	(7,129)	(7,380)	(7,641)	(7,911)
In Year Budget Gap – (Surplus)	(4,709)	222	(524)	(545)	(564)
Contribution to reserves		200	200	200	200
2024/2025 Shortfall - Reserve Funding to balance Budget	1,500				
Adjusted Budget Gap (Surplus)	(3,209)	422	(324)	(345)	(364)

- 4.5 Based on the assumptions included in Table 1, the Council would have a budget surplus of £3.2m for 2025/2026 and an overall budget surplus of £3.8m over 5 years, should the Council continue to deliver services in their existing form and **before** considering cost pressures above inflationary assumptions and school cost pressures.
- 4.6 **New and Emerging Cost Pressures**
- 4.7 **Corporate Cost Pressures**
- 4.8 New and emerging Cost Pressures and Growth items have been assumed at £3m per annum for 2026/2027 onwards based upon known pressures and recent trends. As more detail emerges on potential cost pressures during this period, the detail will be included on the cost pressures Appendix.
- 4.9 In identifying the Cost Pressures and Growth items for 2025/2026, consideration have been given to:
- Cost of living crisis and the impact on high inflation and price & wage increases
 - Cost pressures identified as part of the 2024/2025 financial reporting and an assessment undertaken to evaluate the Portfolios' ability to mitigate cost pressures from within existing resources
 - Changes in demand for services
 - New services/ responsibilities
 - Changes in legislation/policy
- 4.10 The Autumn budget announcement on 30 October 2024 included an increase of 1.2% in the rate of employers' national insurance (NI) contributions and a reduction in the threshold on which NI becomes payable from £9,100 to £5,000. The financial impact for the Council is an estimated increase in costs of £1m and £0.88m for schools. The Minister's statement indicated that these costs will be funded by HM Treasury early in 2025/2026, they have therefore been excluded from current estimates / cost pressures.
- 4.11 The following cost pressures have been included in the draft estimates for 2025/2026:

Table 3: 2025/2026 Cost Pressures

	£'000
Fee uplifts for Community Care	1,853
Housing Services (offset in part by the increase in council tax as a result of premiums)	600
Council Tax Premiums – Staffing Resource	115
Increase in Council Tax due to Premiums	(397)
General Offices – Income	64
SRS – Increase in SLA	111
ALN – Resource Base	110
Schools- Pupil Demographics	(238)
New Welsh School – Year 3 Implementation	75
TOTAL	2,293

4.12 **School Cost Pressures**

4.13 The assumption in the MTF5 is the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) uplift will increase to fund pay increases for 2025/2026 and schools will absorb non pay pressures.

4.14 Schools are facing significant financial challenges with pay awards over the last 2 years being higher than funding increases along with the continued increase in utility costs. This has had a significant impact on school balances as shown in the table below:

Table 4 –School Balances (Surplus/ (Deficit))

Phase	2021/2022 £'000	2022/ 2023 £'000	2023/2024 £'000 (Provisional)	2024/2025 £'000 (Forecast)
Secondary	965	675	37	(293)
All Through	852	664	(451)	(2,058)
Primary	3,971	2,993	1,668	(881)
Special	440	489	94	(326)
TOTAL	6,228	4,821	1,348	(3,558)

4.15 Schools are currently carrying approximately £5m of cost pressures in relation to pay and utilities. Maximising learning is one of the Council's key priorities and the positive settlement provides the Council with an opportunity to provide additional financial support to schools to

rebalance budgets. Additional funding of £2.44m has been built into the draft budget for both 2025/2026 and 2026/2027. This will increase school funding in total by 8.45% (£4.67m) for 2025/2026 after allowing for transfers into the settlement.

4.16 **MTFS**

4.17 The table below identifies the funding gap after applying the above assumptions to the 2024/2025 approved Estimates and cost pressures.

Table 5: Assessed Budget Gap

	Medium Term Budget Gap				
	2025/2026 £'000	2026/2027 £'000	2027/2028 £'000	2028/2029 £'000	2029/2030 £'000
Draft Expenditure					
Draft Estimates	191,370	203,741	209,783	217,161	224,786
Grants Transferring into Settlement	2,139	0	0	0	0
Cost Pressures - Council	2,293	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cost Pressures - Schools	2,445	2,445	0	0	0
Adjusted Draft Budget	198,247	209,186	212,783	220,161	227,786
Draft Funding					
AEF	(154,532)	(159,168)	(163,943)	(168,861)	(173,927)
Council Tax	(42,185)	(44,821)	(47,040)	(49,368)	(51,812)
Total Draft Funding	(196,717)	(203,989)	(210,983)	(218,229)	(225,739)
Budget Gap (Surplus)	1,530	5,197	1,800	1,932	2,047
Contribution to Reserves	0	200	200	200	200
Adjusted Budget Gap – (Surplus)	1,530	5,397	2,000	2,132	2,247

- 4.18 When considering cost pressures, the funding gap for 2025/2026 increases to £1.5m and totals £13.3m over the next 5 years.
- 4.19 Cost pressures will be reviewed and updated to reflect new /emerging information for example the financial impact of Policy decisions and cost pressures emerging during the current financial year and budget setting process.
- 4.20 **Sensitivity Analysis**
- 4.21 The budget gap identified in table 5 (after allowing for cost pressures), is an indication of the financial challenge facing the Council. The assumptions used in the financial modelling may change over time.
- 4.22 A range of different scenarios have been modelled over the life of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, and these are shown in table 6 below.

Table 6: Sensitivity Analysis – 1% Change in all Assumptions

MTFS Assumptions					Funding Gap				
Pay	Schools Pay	Inflation	Council Tax	AEF	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030
3%	3%	2%	4.95%	3%	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
MTFS Assumption +/- 1% £'000					Funding Gap £'000				
1,930	1,045	1,100	402	1,545	1,530	5,397	2,000	2,132	2,247

Assumption Change									
+1%	+1%	+1%	+0%	+0%	5,065	9,472	6,075	6,207	6,322
0%	+0%	-0%	+1%	+1%	(417)	3,450	53	185	300
+0%	+0%	-0%	-1%	-1%	3,477	7,344	3,947	4,079	4,194

5. **BRIDGING THE GAP PROGRAMME**

- 5.1 In recognising the challenges that the Council faces in the short, medium and long term, a programme of Strategic Business Reviews has and continues to be developed to deal with identified gaps between anticipated funding and expenditure that aims to build financial resilience. Based on strategic themes our Bridging the Gap programme will identify savings opportunities, potential cost

avoidance and new revenue streams. There will be a need to review what services the Council will provide, what it will stop and/or reduce and what will be delivered differently, as the Council moves to a community approach to delivering services and adopting the Marmot principles of tackling inequality through action on the social determinants of health.

5.2 The approach has a particular emphasis on the following themes:

- Strategic asset management planning –taking an organisational approach to consider the use of our assets such as buildings and reducing or ceasing usage
- Digital innovation programme – the adoption of modern digital technologies to improve business processes. Digital innovation improves customer experience and performance and can be used to create new business models
- Shared / alternative service delivery models / Service redesign – it will work more closely with residents, community groups and community councils as well as other public bodies in designing and delivering services
- Energy projects – exploration / implementation of alternative energy sources (solar, wind) to reduce both costs and carbon footprint of buildings / services
- Route optimisation / use of fleet
- Commercial investment opportunities / growth strategy
- Managing demand – designing services around early intervention and prevention, enabling people to live with greater independence
- Review of Fees & Charges – full cost recovery

5.3 As future opportunities are identified through these strategic business reviews the MTFS will be updated to reflect the impact on each financial year. Some of the reviews will inevitably take longer to have an impact but will potentially yield higher returns in the latter years of this MTFS.

6. **Reserves Strategy**

- 6.1 Financial resilience is a Council priority, and this includes ensuring that reserves are adequate to be able to respond to unexpected events, emerging need or unforeseen budget pressures.
- 6.2 General reserves are unallocated amounts that enable the Council to meet non-specific and/or unforeseen financial liabilities.
- 6.4 Earmarked reserves are held by the Council to meet potential future expenditure on specifically identified risks, liabilities and commitments.
- 6.5 The Council has an agreed protocol for the establishment, retention, management, review and reporting of earmarked reserves. In addition to the statutory requirements to consider the adequacy of reserves when setting the budget and the extensive disclosures made in the Statement of Accounts, member scrutiny has been enhanced by the preparation of detailed quarterly monitoring reports. The Corporate Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer) also holds regular meetings during the year to consider the ongoing requirement and value of earmarked reserves held.
- 6.6 It is the Council's intention to maintain the general reserves at a minimum level of 4% of net revenue expenditure and increase the overall level of reserves over time to support the Council's financial resilience.
- 6.7 Significant elements of these earmarked sums relate to grant funding held in respect of specific projects or services that will be utilised in delivering the relevant service outcomes.
- 6.8 In setting the 2024/2025 budget, an overall planned use of reserves was agreed of £1.5m to balance the budget.

A summary of Reserves and Balances is shown in the table below:

Table 7: Summary of Usable Revenue Reserves

6.9	Reserves	2022/2023 £'000	2023/2024 (Forecast) £'000	2024/2025 (Forecast) £'000
	Council Fund	12,910	12,600	12,524
	Revenue Earmarked Reserves	33,877	38,390	38,020
	Total General & Revenue Earmarked Reserves	46,787	51,590	50,544

6.10 The continuation of the inclusion of a budget contingency within the annual budget setting process is proposed of £200,000 per annum, to allow the replenishment of the Council's useable reserves from 2026/2027 onwards.

6.11 It is anticipated that earmarked reserves will reduce during the current financial year. Many of these reserves are short term in nature and will be utilised to deliver the intended outcome.

7. Capital Programme

7.1 The 5 year Capital Programme (2019/2020 to 2025/2026) was agreed by full Council in October 2019, with a further update being agreed in September 2023, to reflect the additional capital investment approvals agreed. The capital programme will be reviewed and updated covering the term of the MTFS during the final quarter of 2024/2025.

7.2 The following table summarises the capital programme and forecast expenditure:

Table 8: Capital Programme 2024/2025 to 2025/2026

Portfolio	2024/2025 (@ Quarter 2) £'000	2025/2026 £m
Corporate Services	970	0
Social Services	2,912	285
Education	26,609	750
Economy	16,680	0
Environment	14,724	800
All Portfolios	4,162	1,160

Total	66,057	2,995
Funded by:		
Capital Receipts	424	327
General Capital Grant	1,953	2,387
Supported Borrowing	1,902	1,906
Prudential Borrowing	0	0
Specific Reserves	305	0
Slippage	11,573	0
Grant Funding	49,900	0
Total Funding	66,057	4,620
Unallocated Funding	0	1,625

8. **RISKS**

- 8.1 The Corporate Plan, MTFS and the Bridging the Gap programme are designed to complement each other. They provide the narrative that describes the outcomes we plan to deliver, the financial envelope we intend to work within, and our approach to deliver a balanced budget in 2025/2026 and beyond whilst creating the conditions for improved financial resilience.
- 8.2 The risks identified with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy are:
- The MTFS has been modelled on a range of assumptions. Any change to these assumptions will impact on the budget gap identified above.
 - There is a risk that sufficient proposals will be developed under Bridging the Gap to deliver the required budget reductions to set a balanced budget
 - The continued reliance on Welsh Government grants to deliver services and the uncertainty of future grant levels
 - Increase in demand for services
 - Cost increases particularly the impact of the increase in employers' national insurance contributions on commissioned services and price instability around energy costs.
- 8.3 To mitigate against these risks, the assumptions within the MTFS will be reviewed regularly and cost pressures will be reported as part of the Council's Financial Reporting Framework.

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Agenda Item 5

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Committee: **Cabinet**
Date of meeting: **10 February 2025**
Report Subject: **Discretionary Fees & Charges 2025/2026**
Portfolio Holder: **Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate & Performance**
Report Submitted by: **Corporate Director of Corporate Services**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Governance Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Council	Other (please state)
					7/2/2025	10/2/2025	20/2/2025	

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to consider and recommend approval of the discretionary fees & charges to be applied for the 2025/2026 financial year, including the core fees & charges to be operated by the Aneurin Leisure Trust.

2. Scope and Background

- 2.1 The Council's Income Policy includes:

- Relevant legislation which allows councils to generate a range of fees and charges, and that income is a budget and funding tool;
- The range of areas in scope.
- Key principles such as the rationale for charging, ability to charge, service cost recovery, subsidies and concessions, trading, income collection, debt management and income management.
- A decision tree for deciding whether to charge.
- Detailed principles.
- Income management which included the creation of a fees and charges register.

- 2.2 Income from Fees & Charges contributes £14.8m (approx. 7.4%) to the overall funding the Council receives to deliver its services to the residents of Blaenau Gwent.

- 2.3 The Council is facing significant financial challenges over the next 5 years with an estimated budget gap of £13m, with increasing costs resulting from high inflation impacting costs and increasing demand for services.

- 2.4 The Bridging the Gap Programme includes a Strategic Business Review on Discretionary Fees & Charges to ensure that the Council is maximising its income by ensuring fees and charges, where levied, are set at a level that covers the costs of delivering the goods and services provided.

- 2.5 The current Fees and Charges register has been reviewed to:

- Ensure all fees & charges included on the register are relevant for 2025/2026.
- Reflect changes in local and national policy and charges.
- Reflect the impact of the assumptions included within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Bridging the Gap proposals on discretionary fees & charges.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 **Option 1 (preferred option)**

3.1.1 1. Members consider and recommend to Council the register of Fees & Charges for 2025/2026 attached at Appendix 1 and for discretionary fees & charges approve:

- a fee uplift of 3% in line with the assumption for inflation within the MTFS
- the alternative fee proposed as detailed in paragraphs 5.1.5 to 5.1.14.

2. Members consider and recommend to Council to approve delegated power and responsibility to the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services for setting the fees and charges for 2025/2026 relating to the provision of external social care and Cwrt Mytton as detailed in paragraph 5.1.7.

3. Members consider and recommend to Council to approve the core price increases relating to Aneurin Leisure Trust attached at Appendix 2.

3.1.2 **Option 2**

1. Members consider and recommend to Council not to approve the register of Fees & Charges for 2025/2026

2. Members consider and recommend to Council not to approve the delegation to the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services for setting the fees and charges for 2025/2026 relating to the provision of external social care

3. Members consider and recommend to Council not to approve the core price increases relating to Aneurin Leisure Trust attached at Appendix 2.

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 Corporate Plan outcome “an ambitious and innovative Council delivering the quality services at the right time and in the right place”.

4.2 Income from Fees & Charges contributes funding (approx.7.4%) towards delivering Council priorities and supports the Councils' financial resilience.

5. Implications Against Each Option

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

5.1.1 The assumption in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the 2025/2026 draft estimates is that income budgets will increase by 2% in line with the assumption for inflation, which is currently running at 2.5% (December 2024). Whilst the Council has received a more positive settlement for 2025/2026 than initially expected, financial challenges remain, with the MTFs reporting with a forecast funding gap of £13m based on current assumptions.

5.1.2 As a consequence of the increased costs that the Council is experiencing and that are expected to continue during 2025/2026, Council is asked to consider a 3% uplift to Discretionary Fees & Charges with a number of exceptions as detailed below.

5.1.3 The proposed 2025/2026 register of Fees & Charges is attached at Appendix 1. The register includes the charge for 2024/2025, the proposed fee level for 2025/2026 if increased by 3% or an alternative fee proposed by officers.

5.1.4 Licensing Fees have been included on the Register for completeness, however these fees are considered and approved by the Licensing Committee.

5.1.5 Fees & Charges where no fee increase is proposed.

5.1.6 No fee increase is proposed for regulated fees which are specified by Government or other regulated bodies. Should these fees increase subsequently, the Fees & Charges Register will be updated to reflect the revised fee.

5.1.7 **Social Services**

- Care Fees - These fees are currently under negotiation with Providers to reflect the appropriate increase to cover the additional cost of the Real Living Wage, energy costs, increased employers' national insurance contributions etc. Approval is sought to delegate decision making for setting these fees to the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.

5.1.8 **Environment**

- Outdoor Street Markets to remain cash flat – due to the vulnerability of market operations and to encourage traders to take up stalls.

- Pest Control – These fees are paid direct to the contractor.
- Licensing Fees- Powys County Council agrees the fee for licenses relating to animals.

5.1.9 Fees & Charges where the uplift proposed is greater than 3%:

5.1.10 **Social Services**

- Blaina ICC Room Hire – Proposed Fee uplift of between 67% (£2) and 179% (£6.41) to bring fees in line with other local room hire charges

5.1.11 **Education**

- Charges for out of county placements – increased by 5.5% in line with Teachers pay awards.

5.1.12 **Development & Estates**

- Estates Fees – A range of fee increases from 6% to 50% for legal fees reflecting industry standards.

5.1.13 **Environment**

- MOT – An increase of 4.4% to £47, due to rounding.

5.1.13 Fees & Charges where the uplift proposed is less than 3%:

5.1.14 **Corporate Services**

- Registrars Weddings / Civil Partnerships – Proposed fee uplift is between 1% and 4.76% to ensure the Council remains competitive as the current charges are significantly higher than neighbouring councils.
- Rent to occupy Cwmcrachen Caravan site – Proposed fee uplift of 2.7% in line with Welsh Government's Social Housing Rent & Service Charges 2025/2026

5.1.15 New Fees for 2025/2026

A number of new fees are being proposed for 2025/2026 financial year, and these include:

- Trade Green Waste permit to allow traders to deliver green waste direct to the Waste Transfer Station.
- Licensing – special procedures licensing fee set on an all Wales basis

5.1.16 **Aneurin Leisure Trust**

5.1.17 Aneurin Leisure Trust has submitted a list of proposed fees and charges for 2025/2026 (attached at Appendix 2) for Core Services, to be approved by Council in line with the Funding and Management agreement. The proposed increases range from 0% for Lifestyle studio, due to a new competitor entering the market to 8.33% (an increase of £0.10) for concessionary junior swim.

5.1.18 The Leisure Trust is facing significant financial challenges due to increased costs, particularly relating to utilities and income through fees & charges contribute in excess of £4m in revenue to support the services delivered to the residents of Blaenau Gwent.

5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***

5.2.1 Fee increases may impact on demand from residents as they continue to be impacted by the cost of living crisis. This could result in a reduction in income that the Council / Trust receives, particularly in the short term.

Demand and the impact on the budget will be monitored and reported as part of the Financial Reporting Framework.

5.2.2 Not increasing discretionary fees & charges in line with the assumption in the MTFS and Bridging the Gap proposals of 3% will result in income budgets being retained at 2024/2025 levels, the impact of which will increase the budget gap by around £0.4m, additional cost reductions / efficiencies will therefore need to be identified.

5.2.3 Aneurin Leisure Trust is experiencing significant financial challenges, particularly with energy costs which continue to remain high with increases well above inflation. Not increasing fees & charges to mitigate cost increases will impact on the immediate financial sustainability of the Trust.

5.3 ***Legal***

5.3.1 There are no direct legal implications arising out of this report. However, charging and trading for local authorities must comply with the Local Government Act 2003 and The Localism Act 2011.

5.4 ***Human Resources***

N/A

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

6.1.1 The proposed register of Fees & Charges is attached at Appendix 1.

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

6.2.1 The setting of fees and charges on an annual basis is essential to maintaining economic resilience, however, these should be set at a cost that considers full cost recovery and what local people can afford, taking into account the protected characteristics.

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

6.3.1 The review of the Fees & Charges Register has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers.

6.3.2 Services look to involve partners and citizens in consultation where possible. The impact of these charges will be reviewed throughout the year by officers, along with any issues raised by users of the services affected.

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

6.4.1 Income generation will support the long-term financial resilience and the ability to maintain facilities and services for the people of Blaenau Gwent.

6.5 ***Preventative focus***

6.5.1 Income generation contributes funding towards delivering Council Services and investing into early intervention and prevention activities.

6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

6.6.1 The Council works in partnership with Aneurin Leisure Trust to deliver services to the public in support of the well-being objectives.

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

6.7.1 The services provided have a positive impact socially and, on the health, and wellbeing of those who use the services / facilities provided.

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

N/A

6.9 ***Integrated Impact Assessment (IAA)***

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

7.1

7.1.1 The regular review of the corporate fees and charges register is a vital component of the Council's budget setting proposal and should be monitored and refreshed to ensure it is in line with the Council's agreed income policy and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- *Appendix 1 – Fees and Charges Register*
- *Appendix 2 – Aneurin Leisure Trust Core Pricing*

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FEES & CHARGES REGISTER

2025/2026

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Social Services

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/2024 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Social Services	Non Residential Services	Maximum Charge	Regulated	per week	£100.00	£100.00		£100.00
Social Services	Non Residential Services	Home Care / Community Oprions Outreach Support		per hour	£23.19	£24.40	£25.10	
Social Services	Non Residential Services	Day Care		per session	£63.44	£66.60	£68.60	
Social Services	Non Residential Services	Direct Payments		per hour	£16.02	£16.80		
Social Services	Residential	Part III Accommodation Charge (own provision)		per week	£949.52	£997.00		TBD
Social Services	Respite Care	Augusta House (own provision)		per week	£3,170.36	£3,328.90	£3,428.80	
Social Services	Residential Care Older People	Private Provider		per week	£814.00	£888.00		TBD
Social Services	General Nursing Care	Private Provider		per week	£897.00	£978.00		TBD
Social Services	EMI Residential Care	Private Provider		per week	£934.00	£1,019.00		TBD
Social Services	EMI Nursing Care	Private Provider		per week	£952.00	£1,038.00		TBD
Social services	Bert Denning Day Centre	Standard baseline fee		per session	£154.02	£161.70	£166.60	
Social services	Bert Denning Hydro Therapy Pool	Fee for OLA and private customers weekdays		per session	£25.06	£36.90	£38.00	
Social services	Bert Denning Hydro Therapy Pool	Fee for weekend use		per hour	£41.50	£54.00	£55.60	
Social Services	Flying Start Childcare	Non Flying Start children childcare fees		per session	£11.02	£11.60		
Social Services	Early Years & Childcare	Mandatory training to our Early Years, Childcare & Play sector		per course	No Set Fee	No Set Fee	No Set Fee	

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/2024 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Social Services	Blaina ICC - Room Hire	Light & Sensory Room Hire		per hour	£3.00	£3.00		£5.00
Social Services	Blaina ICC - Room Hire	Large Meeting Room, Owl Room, Starfish Room, Frog Room		per hour	£4.00	£5.77		£12.00
Social Services	Blaina ICC - Room Hire	Caterpillar Room, Health Suite		per hour	£1.50	£3.59		£10.00
Social Services	Blaina ICC - Room Hire	Small Meeting Room, Ladybird Room		per hour	£1.00	£3.65		£8.00
Social Services	Blaina ICC - Room Hire	Butterfly Room, Parent Room		per hour	£1.00	£3.70		£8.00
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Monitoring fees- analogue lifeline with pendant- monthly			£6.20	£6.50	£6.70	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Monitoring fees- Digital lifeline with sim card and pendant- monthly			£11.45	£12.00	£12.40	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Monitoring fees- analogue lifeline with pendant with 5 additional sensors- monthly			£9.66	£10.10	£10.40	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Monitoring fees- digital lifeline with pendant with 5 additional sensors- monthly			£14.91	£15.70	£16.20	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Safety Package- (analogue) recommended by Social Worker- monthly			£6.20	£6.50	£6.70	

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/2024 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Safety Package- (digital) recommended by Social Worker-monthly			£11.45	£12.00	£12.40	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Initial Installation fees			£55.55	£58.30	£60.00	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Further installation of additional sensors			£31.61	£33.20	£34.20	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Installation of non monitored equipment			£26.46	£27.80	£28.60	
Social Services	Community Alarm & Telecare Service Charges	Replacement pendant			£49.35	£51.80	£53.40	
Community Meals	Meals on Wheels	Meal and dessert		Per Serving	£4.99	£5.66	£5.80	

CORPORATE SERVICES

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/2024 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Legal	Section 278/38 Agreements	Small plan		Small plan	£31.75	£33.60	£61.80	
		Large plan		Large plan	£57.13	£60.00		
Elections and Land Charges	Data copy of full electoral register	Purchase of information from Register	Regulated	Full electoral register which includes admin fees. (£20 plus £1.50 per 1,000 entries)	£98.00	£98.00		£98.00
Elections and Land Charges	Paper copy of full electoral register	Purchase of information from Register	Regulated	Full electoral register which includes admin fees.	£270.00	£270.00		£270.00
Registration	Legal Notice of Marriage / Civil Partnership	Legal Notice of Marriage / Civil Partnership for each person	Regulated	Per service	£35.00	£35.00		£42.00
Registration	Wedding / Civil Partnership Certificates	Marriage / Civil Partnership Certificate on the Day	Regulated	Per service	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
Registration	Wedding/Civil Partnership Ceremonies	Wedding / Civil Partnership in Homfray Suite, per service		Mon to Thur	£515.00	£525.00		£535.00
				Fri and Sat	£515.00	£525.00		£535.00
Registration	Wedding/ Civil Partnership Ceremonies	Approved Premises - Assembly Room/Carriage House/Band Stand/Llanhilleth Institute/Tredegar Arms/West Mon Golf Club, per service		Mon to Thur	£515.00	£525.00		£535.00
				Fri and Sat	£515.00	£525.00		£535.00
				Sun and BH	£570.00	£580.00		£600.00
Registrations	Wedding Ceremonies	Citizenship individual	Regulated	Per service	£80.00	£80.00		£130.00
Registration	Non Statutory Ceremony	Statutory ceremony booking fee	Regulated	Per service	£46.00	£46.00		£56.00
Registration	Non Statutory Ceremony	Non statutory ceremony Homfray Suite, per service		Mon to Thur	£455.00	£455.00		£460.00
				Fri and Sat	£455.00	£455.00		£460.00

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/2024 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026
Registration	Non Statutory Ceremony	Non statutory ceremony in Assembly Room /Carriage House /Band Stand Llanhilleth Institute per service		Mon to Thur	£455.00	£455.00		£465.00
				Fri and Sat	£455.00	£465.00		£475.00
				Sun	£515.00	£525.00		£550.00
Registration	Wedding Ceremonies	Solemnisation building for marriages	Regulated	Per service	£120.00	£120.00		£120.00
Registration	Wedding Ceremonies	Register building for worship	Regulated	Per service	£28.00	£28.00		£28.00
Registration	Approved Premises Licence	Approved premise application		Per service	£2,250.00	£2,295.00		£2,300.00
Registration	Certificates & Searches	Priority Certificate	Regulated	Birth	£35.00	£35.00		£38.50
				Death	£35.00	£35.00		£38.50
				Marriage	£35.00	£35.00		£38.50
Registration	Certificates & Searches	CP certificate - day after ceremony	Regulated		£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
Registration	Certificates	Additional search fees of historic records.	Per search	5 year	£6.00	£6.30		£6.50
				10 year	£6.00	£6.30		£6.50
				General	£20.00	£21.00		£22.00
Registration	Registrar's Fees	Certificate - On day	Regulated	Birth	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
				Death	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
				Marriage	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
Registration	Registrar's Fees	Certificate - From day after registration	Regulated	Birth	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
				Death	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
				Marriage	£11.00	£11.00		£12.50
Registration	Registrar's Fees	Church Attendance	Regulated	Per service	£86.00	£86.00		£86.00
Elections and Land Charges	Full Local Authority Search	For a full search information is provided from all relevant departments of the council and all land charges entries relating to the land or property are provided.		Per Search	£126.00	£132.30	£136.20	

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Engineers	Ordinary Water Course Consents	Consenting to allow works on or near an existing watercourse	Regulated	Per application	£51.00		£51.00
Engineers	Inspection of sustainable drainage systems on new developments	Required by legislation introduced in January 2019	Regulated		£171.40		£171.40
Countryside	Countryside	Trees - Public advice and processing of TPO applications are currently free of charge	Regulated		No Fee		No Fee
Countryside	Countryside	Request for copies of TPOs			£40.25	£41.50	
Countryside	Countryside	Rights of way - copies of Definitive Map			£40.25	£41.50	
Countryside	Countryside	Rights of way - Stopping Up and Diversion Orders		Maximum Fee	£5,377.45	£5,538.80	
Countryside	Countryside	Temporary Prohibition of Pedestrian Order			£2,905.88	£2,993.10	
Countryside	Countryside	Community support work			Fee considered on a case by case basis, subject to a potential to secure funds if joint working on community projects	Fee considered on a case by case basis, subject to a potential to secure funds if joint working on community projects	
Countryside	Personal Searches	Search enquiries correspondence to Solicitors/ Personal Search Companies			£48.98	£50.40	
Countryside	Personal Searches	Supply copies of Public Rights of Way Records/ Plans			£40.25	£41.50	
Community Services	Outdoor Street Markets	Charges per pitch for Abertillery, Brynmawr, Ebbw Vale and Tredegar Town Centre Markets		0-10 ft 11-20 ft 21-30 ft 31-40 ft	£19.00 £37.80 £56.80 £78.00		£19.00 £37.80 £56.80 £78.00

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
				41+ft	£101.20		£101.20
Community Services	Street Cleansing	Hire of mechanical sweeper		Per hour	£67.70	£69.70	
Community Services	Street Cleansing	Removal of fly tipping		Per man per hour	£25.20	£26.00	
Community Services	Waste - Bulky Waste Collection	Collection of Bulky Waste items from Residents Property's		1 Item	£6.70	£6.90	
				2 Items	£13.30		£13.80
				3 Items	£20.00		£20.70
				4 Items	£26.60		£27.60
				5 Items	£33.30		£34.50
Community Services	Waste - Bulky Waste Collection	Collection of Bulky Waste items from Residents Property's		American Style Fridge Freezer	£24.00		£27.60
				Roll of Carpet	£19.02		£20.70
				6x4 Shed	£20.00		£20.70
Community Services	Delivery Charge	Green Waste Bags			£2.00	£2.10	

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £	
Community Services	Waste - Trade Waste - Quarterly Charge			120 ltr	£6.11	£6.29		
				240 ltr	£10.71	£11.03		
				360 ltr	£15.30	£15.76		
				660 ltr	£27.42	£28.24		
				1100 ltr	£43.91	£45.23		
Community Services	Waste - Trade Recycling - Weekly charge	Glass		120 ltr	£3.20	£3.30		
				240 ltr	£5.70	£5.87		
				55 ltr	£1.20	£1.24		
				80 ltr	£1.60	£1.65		
				120ltr	£2.30	£2.37		
				240 ltr	£3.70	£3.81		
				360 ltr	£5.10	£5.25		
		Paper & Cardboard		660 ltr	£9.40	£9.68		
				1,100 ltr	£15.40	£15.86		
				Plastic & Cans	55 ltr	£1.10		£1.13
					80 ltr	£1.40		£1.44
					120 ltr	£1.90		£1.96
					240 ltr	£3.20		£3.30
					360 ltr	£4.40		£4.53
Community Services	Trade Waste - Trade Recycling Wheeled Bin (food) weekly charge	Food Recycling - Wheeled Bin		23 ltr	£0.80	£0.82		
				140 ltr	£4.20	£4.33		

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Community Services	Trade Waste	Replacement Wheeled Bin		120 ltr	£31.60	£32.55	
				240 ltr	£40.60	£41.82	
				360 ltr	£61.00	£62.83	
				660 ltr	£309.90	£319.20	
				1100 ltr	£336.10	£346.18	
Community Services	Trade Waste	Replacement Food Bin		140 ltr	£34.60	£35.64	
Community Services	Waste - Trade Waste Duty of Care Notice	Annual Administration Fee			£26.80	£27.60	
Community Services	Trade Green Waste Permit	< 20 Tonnes p/a		< 20T	£35.00		£40.00
		20 Tonnes to 50 Tonnes p/a		20T - 50T			£80.00
		Over 51 Tonnes		>50T			£150.00
Community Services	Annual Permits for Trade Deposits at Roseheyworth HWRC	Annual HWRC Permit With 12 Visit Vouchers		Annual Small Van	£75.60	£77.90	
				Annual Medium Van	£100.80	£103.80	
				Annual Large Van	£132.30	£136.30	
		Annual HWRC Permit DoC/WTN		Doc/WTN Fee (Annual)	£26.78	£27.60	

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Community Services	One Off Permits for Trade Deposits at Roseheyworth HWRC	One-off HWRC Permit DoC/WTN		Doc/WTN Fee (One-off)	£5.25	£5.40	
		One Off HWRC Permits		One-off Small Van	£8.40	£8.70	
				One-off Medium Van	£11.03	£11.40	
				One-off Large Van	£14.18	£14.60	
				Paint Per Litre (Min Charge 10Ltrs)	£0.53	£0.55	
				Used Cooking Oil Per Ltr (Min charge 10 Ltrs)	£0.32	£0.33	
				Used Engine Oil, per Ltr(Min charge 10 Ltrs)	£0.32	£0.33	
				Small WEEE (Per Item)	£2.10		£2.20
				Large WEEE (Per Item)	£6.30	£6.50	
Community Services	Community Services - Stray Dogs - Release Fee	Community Services - Stray Dogs - Release Fee (including Kennelling & Administration Charges)		Minimum Fee	£108.00	£111.20	
				Maximum Fee	£206.00	£212.20	
Community Services	Penalty for non compliance	Penalty for litter dropping	Regulated	Fine	£125.00		£125.00
				Early repayment option	£100.00		£100.00
Community Services	Penalty for non compliance	Public Space Protection order	Regulated	Fine	£100.00		£100.00

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Community Services	Cemeteries	Interment - Still born baby		Resident	No Fee	No Fee	
				Non Resident	No Fee	No Fee	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Interment - Children (18 years and under) - Exclusive Rights of Burial (EROB) only		Resident	No Fee	No Fee	
				Non Resident	No Fee	No Fee	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Interment - New grave - Double Depth		Resident	£1,808.00	£1,862.20	
				Non Resident	£3,615.90	£3,724.40	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Interment - Re-open of grave		Resident	£1,100.00	£1,133.00	
				Non Resident	£2,200.00	£2,266.00	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Interment - Exclusive right of burial (EROB)		Resident	£547.30	£563.70	
				Non Resident	£1,094.60	£1,127.40	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Cremated remains - New Grave (minimum depth) Ashes		Resident	£923.10	£950.80	
				Non Resident	£1,846.20	£1,901.60	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Cremated remains - Re-open of grave Ashes		Resident	£290.60	£299.30	
				Non Resident	£581.10	£598.50	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Cremated remains - Scattering of Ashes		Resident	£130.00	£133.90	
				Non Resident	£260.00	£267.80	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Cremated remains - Exclusive right of burial (EROB)		Resident	£547.30	£563.70	
				Non Resident	£1,094.60	£1,127.40	

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Community Services	Cemeteries	Garden of rest plots - Cremated remains (new grave) Ashes		Resident	£376.90	£388.20	
				Non Resident	£753.80	£776.40	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Garden of rest plots - Cremated remains (re-open) Ashes		Resident	£125.60	£129.40	
				Non Resident	£253.40	£261.00	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Garden of rest plots - Exclusive right of burial (EROB)		Resident	£251.30	£258.80	
				Non Resident	£502.50	£517.60	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Erect memorial		Resident	£254.60	£262.20	
				Non Resident	£509.20	£524.50	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Additional inscription, replacement memorial		Resident	£130.00	£133.90	
				Non Resident	£260.00	£267.80	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Memorial still born baby (exclusive right of burial (EROB)		Resident	£98.30	£101.20	
				Non Resident	£196.60	£202.50	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Renovation, clean and re-anchor memorial		Resident	£41.60	£42.80	
				Non Resident	£83.10	£85.60	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Small plaque		Resident	£130.00	£133.90	
				Non Resident	£260.00	£267.80	

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Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Additional application for surround/memorial		Resident	£213.00	£219.40	
				Non Resident	£426.00	£438.80	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Historical search (Resident)			£76.30	£78.60	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Planting of Tree		Resident	£69.40	£71.50	
				Non Resident	£138.80	£143.00	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Memorials - Penalty for non compliance ie erecting monument without prior authorisation	0	Resident	£697.50	£718.40	
				Non Resident	£697.50	£718.40	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Assignment of Rights Transfer			£69.40	£71.50	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Exhumations			£1,330.20	£1,370.10	
		Exhumations - Ashes			£307.70	£316.90	
Community Services	Cemeteries	Interments outside normal cemetery hours		Interments after 2.00 p.m. Friday (additional cost)	£137.70	£141.80	
				Interments on Saturday (additional cost)	£557.50	£574.20	
				Scattering of ashes on Saturday	£119.20	£122.80	
Transport	Transport - MOT Tests:	Transport - MOT Tests: Standard vehicle (under 9 seats)		Per MOT	£45.00		£47.00
Grounds	Grounds & Playing Fields - Matches	Rugby/Soccer		Senior	£104.50	£107.60	
				Junior	£60.30	£62.10	

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Grounds	Grounds & Playing Fields - Matches	Grounds & playing fields training		Senior	£60.30	£62.10	
				Junior	£36.40	£37.50	
Grounds	Grounds & Playing Fields - Matches	Fairs			£471.50	£485.60	
Grounds	Grounds & Playing Fields - Matches	Carnivals/ Fetes			£169.30	£174.40	
Grounds	Grounds & Playing Fields - Matches	Unauthorised use			£93.10	£95.90	
Highways	Highways	Kerb drop initial inspection			£148.60	£153.10	
Highways	Highways	Skip Permits		Per week	£54.10	£55.70	
Highways	Highways	Penalty for not obtaining appropriate skip licence			£154.30	£158.90	
Highways	Highways	Scaffold Permits		Per week	£67.80	£69.80	
Highways	Highways	Penalty for not obtaining appropriate scaffolding licence			£154.30	£158.90	
Highways	Section 171 Notice	Application for temporary excavation		Per application	£231.60	£238.50	
Highways	Highways	Application for deposit of materials on the highway		Per application	£61.60	£63.40	
Highways	Highways	Highway inspection - Coring cost	Regulated	Per core (includes defect fee)	£147.80		£147.80
Highways	Highways	Defect inspection fees	Regulated	Per inspection	£47.50		£47.50
Highways	NRSWA Section 76 Road Closure	Temporary road closure		Per application	£1,929.50	£1,987.40	
Highways	Section 50 Licence	Street works licence - New apparatus		Per application	£625.20	£644.00	
Highways	Highways	Signing, lighting and guiding - Route signs	Regulated		£47.50		£47.50
Transport	Transport - Tower Crane Oversailing the Highway Licence	Transport - Tower Crane Oversailing the Highway Licence: 10 Working days Notice required.			£154.30	£158.90	

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Highways	NRSAW Section 71 Defect fees	Inspection fee per unit	Regulated	Per inspection	£47.50		£47.50
Highways	Fixed Penalty Notices (Utility Companies)	FPN's are issued under NRSWA 1991. Fee per FPN.	Regulated	Fee (on time)	£80.00		£80.00
				Fee (Late payment)	£120.00		£120.00
Highways	NRSAW Section 74 Notice	Utility Company overrun charges	Regulated	Per day Minimum	£100.00		£100.00
Highways	Temporary Road Closures	Temporary Road Closures for Events (non charitable)			£148.60	£153.10	
Highways	Multi Phased Light Application	Multi Phased Light Application			£108.20	£111.40	
Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	Confirmation of address to Solicitors etc			£46.70	£48.10	
Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	General enquiries from property owner / resident (e.g. confirmation of postal address, address anomalies including post code)			£46.70	£48.10	
Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	Change of House Name / add a House Name or number to a property.			£46.70	£48.10	
Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	Naming and numbering property conversions (including flats)		First Address	£46.70	£48.10	
				Per additional address	£26.80	£27.60	

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Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	Naming and numbering of developments		Single dwelling	£46.70	£48.10	
				Per additional plot (max 5 dwellings)	£26.80	£27.60	
				6-10 plots	£332.90	£342.90	
				11-50 plots	£532.60	£548.60	
				51-100	£732.60	£754.60	
				101+ plots	£1,132.10	£1,166.10	
Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	Renumbering / changes to a development (after notification)		Fee	£266.40	£274.40	
				Plus additional charge per plot	£40.00	£41.20	
Highways & Development	Street Naming and Numbering	Street renaming at residents request Legal and replacement nameplate costs to be covered (cost per property)		Fee	£732.60	£754.60	
				Plus additional amount per property after	£40.00	£41.20	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Written response to Q2(a) confirming highway maintained by Highway Authority			£5.60	£5.80	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Supply of Plan indicating extent of highway maintained by Highway Authority			£11.10	£11.40	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Information on s38, s228, Agreements etc (Highways Act 1980)			£3.40	£3.50	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Land to be acquired for Road Works			£1.60	£1.60	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Information on Road Schemes			£6.70	£6.90	

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Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Information on Railway Schemes			£4.10	£4.20	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Information on Traffic Schemes			£5.80	£6.00	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Outstanding Statutory Highway Notices			£1.60	£1.60	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Full Search to include all highway enquiries and plan			£39.90	£41.10	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Search enquiries correspondence to Solicitors/ Personal Search Companies			£46.70	£48.10	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Supply copies of Drainage Records/ Plans			£11.10	£11.40	
Highways & Development	Personal Searches	Search Enquiries to Solicitors			£46.70	£48.10	
Highways & Development	Access protection markings	Access protection markings		Single gate Access Double gate/ driveway/ garage	£66.60 £133.20	£68.60 £137.20	
JPTU	Replacement concessionary travel passes	Fee for replacement travel pass	Regulated	Per pass	£10.00		£10.00
Technical Services	Education - School Meals - Adults.	Per Meal. Fee effective from September		Staff Student	£3.70 £3.70	£3.80 £3.80	
Technical Services	Education - School Meals - Children.	Secondary Age Child (Years 7 to 11). Fee effective from September. Fee per meal.		Secondary	£2.80	£2.90	

EDUCATION

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Education	Charges for Out of County Placements within PenYCwm Special School - Charge dependent on Category of Need	Category 1		£32,542		£34,330
		Category 2		£33,260		£35,090
		Category 3		£33,981		£35,850
		Category 4		£34,701		£36,610
		Teaching Assistant Level 1 (Grade 2 term Time only)		£23,169	£23,840	
		Teaching Assistant Level 2 (Grade 3 term Time only)		£24,100	£24,780	
		Teaching Assistant Level 2 (Grade 4 term Time only)		£26,614	£27,380	
		Teaching Assistant Level 3 (Grade 5 term Time only)		£31,182	£32,080	
		Teaching Assistant Level 4 / HLTA (Grade 6 term Time only)		£35,788	£36,820	

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Education	Charges for Out of County Placements within The Rivercentre Special School - Charge dependent on Category of Need	Category 1		£44,850		Fee Deleted
		Category 2		£45,542		Fee Deleted
		Category 3		£46,247		Fee Deleted
		Category 4		£46,950		£49,530
		Teaching Assistant Level 1 (Grade 2 term Time only plus 1 Month)	£26,376	£27,140		
		Teaching Assistant Level 2 (Grade 3 term Time only plus 1 month)	£27,442	£28,230		
		Teaching Assistant Level 2 (Grade 4 term Time only plus 1 month)	£30,299	£31,170		
		Teaching Assistant Level 3 (Grade 5 term Time only plus 1 month)	£35,500	£36,520		
		Teaching Assistant Level 4 / HLTA (Grade 6 term Time only plus 1 month)	£40,743	£41,920		

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Education	Charges for Out of County Placements - Resource Bases	Primary ASD Resource Base		£24,821		£26,190
		Primary Complex Needs Resource Base		£17,059		£18,000
		Secondary ASD Resource Base		£25,400		£26,800
		Secondary Complex Needs		£18,770		£19,800
Education- Schools	Penalty for child being taking out of school during term time for a non- authorised absence-holidays etc	This fixed penalty notice is at the discretion of the Head Teacher	Yes	£60.00 if paid within 28 days, £120.00 if paid between days 29 and 42. If not paid then the case proceeds to Court.	£60.00 if paid within 28 days, £120.00 if paid between days 29 and 42. If not paid then the case proceeds to Court.	

LICENSING

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Licensing	Hackney Carriage - Driver Fees	Renewable every 3 years		New	£264.00		£269.00
				Renewal	£264.00		
				1 Year (discretionary)	£189.00		
Licensing	Hackney Carriage - Vehicle Fees	Annual		New	£310.00		£316.00
				Renewal	£243.00		£248.00
Licensing	Hackney Carriage - Driver Miscellaneous Fees	Replacement licence			£17.00		£17.00
		Replacement Badge		£20.00	£20.00		
		Replacement licence and badge		£14.00	£14.00		
Licensing	Hackney Carriage - Vehicle Miscellaneous Fees	Re-test			£48.30		£48.30
		Transfer of Licence		£43.00	£44.00		
		Replacement vehicle		£139.00	£142.00		
		Replacement Internal Plate		£14.00	£14.00		
		Replacement Back Plate		£14.00	£14.00		
		Replacement full set of plates and stickers		£23.00	£23.00		
		Change licence type		£35.00	£36.00		
		Change seating capacity		£31.00	£32.00		
Change registration number	£24.00	£24.00					

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Licensing	Private Hire - Operators Fees	5 year licence - new 5 year licence - renew New 1 year discretionary licence Replacement licence			£340.00 £312.00 £164.00 £14.00		£347.00 £318.00 £167.00 £17.00
Licensing	Private Hire - Vehicles - Vehicle Licence	Annual		Standard Renewal	£307.00 £243.00		£316.00 £248.00
Licensing	Private Hire - Vehicle Miscellaneous Fees	Re-test Transfer of Licence Replacement vehicle Replacement Internal Plate Replacement Back Plate Replacement door sticker (2) Replacement full set of plates and stickers Change licence type Change seating capacity Change registration number			£48.30 £43.00 £139.00 £14.00 £14.00 £15.00 £23.00 £35.00 £31.00 £24.00		£48.30 £44.00 £142.00 £14.00 £14.00 £15.00 £23.00 £36.00 £32.00 £24.00
Licensing	TAXI - All Licences	Change name and address			£14.00		£14.00
Licensing	Scrap Metal Collectors Licence	New - 3 yearly Renewal - 3 yearly		New Renewal	£387.00 £367.00		£395.00 £374.00

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Licensing	Scrap Metal Site Licence	New - 3 yearly		New	£507.00		£517.00
		Variation		Variation	£351.00		£358.00
Licensing	Miscellaneous	Change site manager			£37.00		£38.00
		Variation Site Licence			£126.00		£129.00
		Replacement licence			£28.00		£29.00
Licensing	Temporary Event Notice	Temporary Event Notice (up to 499 persons)	Regulated		£21.00		£21.00
		Replacement			£10.50		£10.50
		Application			£21.00		£21.00
Licensing	Street Trading Consent	Temporary Consent		Upto 28 Days	£72.00		£73.00
		Permanent Consent and Mobile Trader		New application	£682.00		£696.00
				Renewal application	£631.00		£644.00
				Initial deposit - new and renewal, permanent and mobile applications	£100.00		£100.00
		Transfer		Transfer	£64.00		£65.00
		Minor Variation		£46.00	£47.00		
		Variation of Permanent Consent		Full Variation	£63.00		£64.00

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Licensing	Bingo Premises Licence	New licence			£593.00		£789.00
		Provisional statement			£593.00		£789.00
		New licence premises with provisional statement			£585.00		£778.00
		Annual Fee			£339.00		£451.00
		Variation			£352.00		£360.00
		Transfer			£343.00		£351.00
		Re-instatement			£343.00		£351.00
		Copy			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Circumstances			£50.00		£50.00
Licensing	Adult Gaming Centre	New licence			£593.00		£789.00
		Provisional Statement			£593.00		£789.00
		New licence premises with provisional statement			£585.00		£778.00
		Annual Fee			£339.00		£451.00
		Variation			£352.00		£360.00
		Transfer			£343.00		£351.00
		Re-instatement			£343.00		£351.00
		Copy			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Circumstances			£50.00		£50.00

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Licensing	Betting Premises Licence	New licence			£593.00		£789.00
		Provisional Statement			£593.00		£789.00
		New licence premises with provisional statement			£585.00		£778.00
		Annual Fee			£339.00		£451.00
		Variation			£352.00		£360.00
		Transfer			£343.00		£351.00
		Re-instatement			£343.00		£351.00
		Copy			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Circumstances			£50.00		£50.00
Licensing	Family Entertainment Centre Licence	New licence			£593.00		£789.00
		Provisional Statement			£593.00		£789.00
		New licence premises with provisional statement			£585.00		£778.00
		Annual Fee			£339.00		£451.00
		Variation			£352.00		£360.00
		Transfer			£343.00		£351.00
		Re-instatement			£343.00		£351.00
		Copy			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Circumstances			£50.00		£50.00

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Licensing	Track Betting Licence	New licence			£593.00		£789.00
		Provisional Statement			£593.00		£789.00
		New licence premises with provisional statement			£585.00		£778.00
		Annual Fee			£339.00		£451.00
		Variation			£352.00		£360.00
		Transfer			£343.00		£351.00
		Re-instatement			£343.00		£351.00
		Copy			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Circumstances			£50.00		£50.00
Licensing	Small Casino Licence	New licence			£7,200.00		£7,200.00
		Provisional statement			£7,200.00		£7,200.00
		New licence premises with provisional statement			£2,700.00		£2,700.00
		Annual Fee			£4,500.00		£4,500.00
		Variation			£2,600.00		£2,600.00
		Transfer			£1,620.00		£1,620.00
		Re-instatement			£1,620.00		£1,620.00
		Copy			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Circumstances			£50.00		£50.00

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Licensing	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Permit	Application Fee	Regulated		£300.00		£300.00
		Renewal Fee			£300.00		£300.00
		Change of name			£25.00		£25.00
		Copy of Permit			£15.00		£15.00
Licensing	Prize Gaming Permit	Application Fee	Regulated		£300.00		£300.00
		Renewal Fee			£300.00		£300.00
		Change of name			£25.00		£25.00
		Copy of Permit			£15.00		£15.00
Licensing	Gaming Machines for Alcohol Licensed Premises	Notification of Gaming Machines in alcohol licensed premises (up to 2 machines) (no annual fee)	Regulated		£50.00		£50.00
		Licensed Premises Gaming Permit (More than 2 machines) application fee where there is an existing permit in place			£100.00		£100.00
		Licensed Premises Gaming Permit (More than 2 machines) application			£150.00		£150.00
		Application to vary a permit			£100.00		£100.00
		Application to transfer a permit			£25.00		£25.00
		Change of Name			£25.00		£25.00
		Annual Fee (due 30 days after the issue of the permit)			£50.00		£50.00
		Copy of Permit			£15.00		£15.00

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Licensing	New Club Gaming / Machine Permit (CMP)	Application for a New Club Gaming / Machine Permit (as & when)	Regulated	With a club premises certificate Without a club premises certificate	£100.00 £200.00		£100.00 £200.00
Licensing	Club Gaming / Machine Permit (CMP) Renewal	Renewal for a New Club Gaming / Machine Permit (as & when)	Regulated	With a club premises certificate Without a club premises certificate	£100.00 £200.00		£100.00 £200.00
Licensing	Annual fee Club Gaming / Machine Permit	Annual fee for a Club Gaming / Machine Permit	Regulated		£50.00		£50.00
Licensing	Club Gaming / Machine Permit Miscellaneous	Application to vary a permit Copy of Permit	Regulated		£100.00 £15.00		£100.00 £15.00
Licensing	Alcohol Licence Notification / Permit	Applications, renewals, misc payments relating to Alcohol Licence Notification / Permit	Regulated		£50.00		£50.00
Licensing	New Lottery Registration	Application for Lottery Registration (as and when)	Regulated		£40.00		£40.00
Licensing	Lottery Annual Fee	Annual fee for a small society lottery registration	Regulated		£20.00		£20.00
Licensing	Application for a New Premises Licence (as & when)	Depends on the rateable value of the premises. For premises in Band D or E, where the premises is used primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises, the fee is doubled. Where the number of persons allowed on the premises exceeds 5,000 an additional fee is payable on a sliding scale from £1,000 for 5,000 to 9,999 persons to £64,000 for 90,000 persons and over	Regulated	Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E	£100.00 £190.00 £315.00 £450.00 £635.00		£100.00 £190.00 £315.00 £450.00 £635.00

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Licensing	Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence (as & when)	Depends on the rateable value of the premises. For premises in Band D or E, where the premises is used primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises, the fee is doubled. Where the number of persons allowed on the premises exceeds 5,000 an additional fee is payable on a sliding scale from £1,000 for 5,000 to 9,999 persons to £64,000 for 90.000 persons and over	Regulated	Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E	£100.00 £190.00 £315.00 £450.00 £635.00		£100.00 £190.00 £315.00 £450.00 £635.00
Licensing	Annual fee for a Premises Licence	Depends on the rateable value of the premises. Where the number of persons allowed on the premises exceeds 5,000 an additional annual fee is payable on a sliding scale from £500 for 5,000 to 9,999 persons to £32,000 for 90.000 persons and over.	Regulated	Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E	£70.00 £180.00 £295.00 £320.00 £350.00		£70.00 £180.00 £295.00 £320.00 £350.00

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Licensing	Premises Licence Miscellaneous	Replacement licence	Regulated		£10.50		£10.50
		Vary the Designated Premises Supervisor in a Premises			£23.00		£23.00
		Transfer licence			£23.00		£23.00
		Change name or address on licence			£10.50		£10.50
		Minor variation			£89.00		£89.00
		Temporary event notice			£21.00		£21.00
		Provisional Statement			£315.00		£315.00
		Interim authority notice		£23.00		£23.00	
Licensing	Application for a New Club Premises certificate (as & when)	Depends on the rateable value of the premises. For premises in Band D or E, where the premises is used primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises, the fee is doubled. Where the number of persons allowed on the premises exceeds 5,000 an additional fee is payable on a sliding scale from £1,000 for 5,000 to 9,999 persons to £64,000 for 90.000 persons and over.	Regulated	Band A	£100.00		£100.00
				Band B	£190.00		£190.00
				Band C	£315.00		£315.00
				Band D	£450.00		£450.00
				Band E	£635.00		£635.00

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Licensing	Application to vary a club premises certificate (as & when)	Depends on the rateable value of the premises. For premises in Band D or E, where the premises is used primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises, the fee is doubled. Where the number of persons allowed on the premises exceeds 5,000 an additional fee is payable on a sliding scale from £1000 for 5,000 to 9,999 persons to £64,000 for 90.000 persons and over	Regulated	Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E	£100.00 £190.00 £315.00 £450.00 £635.00		£100.00 £190.00 £315.00 £450.00 £635.00
Licensing	Annual Fee for a Club Premises Certificate (Annually)	Depends on the rateable value of the premises. Where the number of persons allowed on the premises exceeds 5,000 an additional annual fee is payable on a sliding scale from £500 for 5,000 to 9,999 persons to £32,000 for 90.000 persons and over	Regulated	Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E	£70.00 £180.00 £295.00 £320.00 £350.00		£70.00 £180.00 £295.00 £320.00 £350.00
Licensing	Club Premises Certificate Miscellaneous	Replacement licence Minor variation Change of registered address of club	Regulated		£10.50 £89.00 £10.50		£10.50 £89.00 £10.50
Licensing	Personal Licence	Replacement Application Change of name or address	Regulated		£10.50 £37.00 £10.50		£10.50 £37.00 £10.50

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Licensing	Licensing - Sex Establishments	No fee set		Grant SEV Renewal SEV Transfer SEV Variation SEV New Sex Establishment Renewal Sex Establishment	£643.00 £431.00 £516.00 £568.00 £863.00 £733.00		£656.00 £440.00 £526.00 £579.00 £880.00 £748.00
Licensing	Film Classification	New & Reclassification of a film New unclassified film Copy of licence			£168.13 plus £1.97 per minute of film watched N/A N/A	£173.17 plus £2.03 per minute of film watched N/A N/A	£171 plus £2 per minute of film watched N/A N/A
Licensing	Licensing - Riding Establishments	Riding Establishments - Service provided by Powys Council.		Cat 1 (1-29 Horses) Cat 2 (> 30 Horses)	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Pet Shops	Pet Shops - Service provided by Powys Council.			Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Dog Breeder	Dog Breeder - Service provided by Powys Council.		Cat 1 (1-10 dogs) Cat 2 (11-30 dogs) Cat C (>31 dogs)	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Boarding Establishment	Boarding Establishment - Service provided by Powys Council.		Cat A Cat B Cat C	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	

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Licensing	Licensing - Home Boarder / Day Care	Provided by Powys CBC			Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Zoo	Zoo - Service Provided by Powys Council.		Initial 4 year licence - Per annum	Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Zoo	Zoo - Service Provided by Powys Council.		Subsequent renewal 6 year licence - per annum	Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Dangerous Wild Animals	2 year licence - Service provided by Powys Council.		2 year licence - per annum	Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Renewal Licensing - Riding Establishments	Riding Establishments - Service provided by Powys Council.		Cat 1 (1-29 Horses) Cat 2 (> 30 Horses)	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Renewal Licensing - Pet Shops	Pet Shops - Service provided by Powys Council.			Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Renewal Licensing - Dog Breeder	Dog Breeder - Service provided by Powys Council.		Cat 1 (1-10 dogs) Cat 2 (11-30 dogs) Cat C (>31 dogs)	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Renewal Licensing - Boarding Establishment	Boarding Establishment - Service provided by Powys Council.		Cat A Cat B Cat C	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Renewal Licensing - Home Boarder / Day Care	Provided by Powys CBC			Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Zoo	Zoo - Service Provided by Powys Council.		Initial 4 year licence - Per annum	Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Licensing - Zoo	Zoo - Service Provided by Powys Council.		Subsequent renewal 6 year licence - per annum	Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	
Licensing	Renewal Licensing - Dangerous Wild Animals	2 year licence - Service provided by Powys Council.		2 year licence - per annum	Fees set by Powys CC	Fees set by Powys CC	

ECONOMY

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/24 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Economic Development	Commercial Bookings in Town Centres	Ebbw Vale, Tredegar, Blaina, Abertillery & Brynmawr Town Centres		Per day (excl VAT)	£67.21	£70.60	£72.70	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Large Conference Room Jack Williams VC Hall		Full Day (excl. VAT) Half Day (excl. VAT) Hourly (Excl VAT)	£294.00 £196.00 £98.00	£308.70 £205.80 £102.90	£318.00 £212.00 £106.00	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Abraham Darby Room		Full Day (excl. VAT) Half Day (excl. VAT) Hourly (Excl VAT)	£228.00 £150.00 £75.00	£239.40 £157.50 £78.80	£246.60 £162.20 £81.20	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Frederick Mills Room		Full Day (excl. VAT) Half Day (excl. VAT) Hourly (Excl VAT)	£79.00 £52.00 £26.00	£83.00 £54.60 £27.30	£85.50 £56.20 £28.10	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Hot Mill Room		Full Day (excl. VAT) Half Day (excl. VAT) Hourly (Excl VAT)	£72.00 £46.00 £23.00	£75.60 £48.30 £24.20	£77.90 £49.70 £24.90	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Open Hearth Room		Full Day (excl. VAT) Half Day (excl. VAT) Hourly (Excl VAT)	£65.00 £46.00 £23.00	£68.30 £48.30 £24.20	£70.30 £49.70 £24.90	

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Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	PA System		Excl. VAT	£64.00	£67.20	£69.20	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Projector Hire		External - Excl. VAT Internal	£38.50 £20.00	£40.40 £21.00	£41.60 £21.60	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Laptop Hire		Excl. VAT	£20.00	£21.00 £0.00	£21.60	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Laptop/Projector Combo Hire		Internal	£44.00	£46.20	£47.60	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Flip Chart and Stand		Excl. VAT	£6.00	£6.30	£6.50	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Sand Pit Technology Hire		Excl. VAT	£96.29	£101.10	£104.10	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Lectern Hire		Excl. VAT	£25.73	£27.00	£27.80	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Buffet Service Charge			5% Service Charge applied to Buffets	5% Service Charge applied to Buffets	5% Service Charge applied to Buffets	
Economic Development	General Offices Room Hire	Refreshments		Teas / Coffees, per Cup Fruit Juice, per Jug Squash, per Jug Biscuits, per Plate	£1.60 £5.50 £1.50 £2.60	£1.70 £5.80 £1.60 £2.70	£1.80 £6.00 £1.60 £2.80	

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Economic Development	Construction Skills Certification Scheme Test	CSCS is a compulsory construction accreditation that site workers are required to have prior to going out to work on construction sites. The Authority has an approved Pearson Vue Test Centre at the General Offices providing and invigilating online assessments for all CSCS related examinations.	Fixed		£31.50	£31.50		£32.50

PLANNING SERVICES

Service Area	Generic description	Detailed description	Regulated /Fixed Charge	Fee Categories (if applicable)	Fee 2023/24 £	Fee 2024/2025 £	Proposed Fee 2025/2026 3% Uplift £	Other Proposed Fee 2025/2026 £
Planning	Planning	Adopted BG local development plan, written statement and proposal maps			£50.00	£52.50	£54.00	
Planning	Level 1 Enquiry - Complainece and Information	Confirmation that planning conditions or s106 obligations have been discharged or that development has been completed in accordance with the planning permission (per enquiry)		Householder Single House All other Compliance Checks	£60.00 £120.00 25% of the Original Planning Application fee (with Officer discretion to negotiate a price on larger schemes)	£70.00 £140.00 30% of the Original Planning Application fee (with Officer discretion to negotiate a price on larger schemes)	£72.00 £144.00 30% of the Original Planning Application fee (with Officer discretion to negotiate a price on larger schemes)	
Planning	Level 2 Enquiry - Householder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alterations, extensions, conservatories and loft conversions • Walls and fences • Garages, sheds and other curtilage buildings • Operate a business from home • Micro generation for heat or electricity • Extend garden / curtilage 		Written Advice Meeting with follow up written advice	£30.00 £60.00	£30.00 £70.00	£31.00 £72.00	

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Planning	Level 3 Enquiry - Minor Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted Development enquiry (non-householder) Advertisements 		Written Advice	£60.00	£70.00	£72.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice Per Hour	£120.00	£140.00	£144.00	
		Alterations to exterior of commercial or retail or industrial premises (inc. solar panels)		Written Advice		£60.00	£62.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice Per Hour		£140.00	£144.00	
		- New Build or Change of Use - Single Dwelling		Written Advice	£120.00	£140.00	£144.00	
		Meeting with follow up written advice	£244.80	£280.00	£288.00			
Planning	Level 3 Enquiry - Minor Development	- Residential Development (new build or Change of Use) - 2 -5 units or Site area less than a hectare		Written Advice	£240.00	£280.00	£288.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice	£480.00	£560.00	£577.00	

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Planning	Level 3 Enquiry - Minor Development	- Residential Development (new build or Change of Use) - 6-9 units or Site area less than a hectare		Written Advice	£240.00	£420.00	£433.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice	£480.00	£700.00	£721.00	
Planning	Level 4 Enquiry - Business Commercial Development	• Non residential 999sqm or less floorspace or site area less than 0.99ha		Written Advice	£240.00	£280.00	£288.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice	£480.00	£560.00	£577.00	
Planning	Level 5 - Major Development	• Residential 10 - 23 Units • Non residential site area of 1ha+ or floor space 1,000sqm+ • Waste and Minerals development		Written Advice	£600.00	£1,000.00	£1,030.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice	£900.00	£1,500.00	£1,545.00	
Planning	Level 6 Enquiry - Energy	Energy generation Under 10MW		Written Advice	£720.00	£1,000.00	£1,030.00	
		Energy generation Over 10MW		Meeting with follow up written advice	£1,200.00	£1,500.00	£1,545.00	
Planning	Level 7 Enquiry - Large Major	Residential Development 24+		Written Advice	£1,200.00	£1,500.00	£1,545.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice	£1,800.00	£2,000.00	£2,060.00	

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Planning	Confirmation whether LBC Required			Written Advice		£30.00	£31.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice		£70.00	£72.00	
Planning	Repairs to listed buildings			Written Advice		£70.00	£72.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice		£100.00	£103.00	
Planning	Listed Building Advice			Written Advice		£250.00	£258.00	
				Meeting with follow up written advice		£350.00	£361.00	

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Planning	New Welsh Government Prelim Fees	New Welsh Government Prelim Fees - there are only a few instances where applicants will elect to use the WG scheme.	Fixed	Householder	£25.00	£25.00		£25.00
				Minor Development (1-9 dwellings, floor space including change of use less than 999sqm)	£250.00	£250.00		£250.00
				Major Development (1-24 dwellings, floor space including change of use 1,000 to 1,999sqm)	£600.00	£600.00		£600.00
				Large Major Development (more than 24 dwellings, floor space including change more than 1,999sqm)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Development Management	Outline Applications	Outline Applications	Fixed		£460 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). More than 2.5ha £11,500 plus £120 per additional 0.1ha. Maximum £150,000	£460 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). More than 2.5ha £11,500 plus £120 per additional 0.1ha. Maximum £150,000		£460 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). More than 2.5ha £11,500 plus £120 per additional 0.1ha. Maximum £150,000
Development Management	Reserved Matters Applications	Reserved Matters Applications	Fixed		Fee calculated on floor space / number of dwellings	Fee calculated on floor space / number of dwellings		Fee calculated on floor space / number of dwellings
Development Management	Full Applications	House Extension, Garage/Shed, Fences/walls	Fixed		£230.00	£230.00		£230.00

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Development Management	Full Applications	Erection of new dwelling	Fixed		£460 per dwelling up to 50 dwellings. (Then £23,000 +£100 per each dwelling over 50) Subject to max of	£460 per dwelling up to 50 dwellings. (Then £23,000 +£100 per each dwelling over 50) Subject to max of		£460 per dwelling up to 50 dwellings. (Then £23,000 +£100 per each dwelling over 50) Subject to max of
Development Management	Non Residential	Non Residential - Less than 40m2 new floor space Non Residential - Between 40 - 75m2 Non Residential - Thereafter £380.00 per 75m2 (or part thereof)	Fixed		£230.00 £460.00 Maximum £300,000	£230.00 £460.00 Maximum £300,000		£230.00 £460.00 Maximum £300,000
Development Management	Agricultural	Agricultural less than 465m2 Agricultural between 465 - 540m2 Agricultural 540m2 or more	Fixed Fixed Fixed		£85.00 £460.00 £460 + £460 per 75m2 thereafter. Max £300,000	£85.00 £460.00 £460 + £460 per 75m2 thereafter. Max £300,000		£85.00 £460.00 £460 + £460 per 75m2 thereafter. Max £300,000
Development Management	Change of Use	Change of use - subdivision of dwellings	Fixed		£460 per additional dwelling created up to 50 dwellings. £23,000 + £120 for each in excess of 50 to a maximum of £300,000.	£460 per additional dwelling created up to 50 dwellings. £23,000 + £120 for each in excess of 50 to a maximum of £300,000.		£460 per additional dwelling created up to 50 dwellings. £23,000 + £120 for each in excess of 50 to a maximum of £300,000.
Development Management	Change of Use	Change of use - other changes of use	Fixed		£460.00	£460.00		£460.00
Development Management	Mineral Applications	Mineral Applications - use of land for the winning	Fixed		£230 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). Sites exceeding 15ha	£230 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). Sites exceeding 15ha		£230 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). Sites exceeding 15ha
Development Management	Mineral Applications	Mineral Applications - Storage or working of minerals	Fixed		£34,500 + £120 per 0.1ha. Max £74,500	£34,500 + £120 per 0.1ha. Max £74,500		£34,500 + £120 per 0.1ha. Max £74,500

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Development Management	Miscellaneous	Erection of plant and machinery	Fixed		£460 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). Thereafter £120 for each additional 0.1ha over 5 ha. Max £300,000	£460 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). Thereafter £120 for each additional 0.1ha over 5 ha. Max £300,000		£460 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof). Thereafter £120 for each additional 0.1ha over 5 ha. Max £300,000
Development Management	Miscellaneous	Car Parks/services roads/access	Fixed		£230.00	£230.00		£230.00
Development Management	Miscellaneous	All other operations	Fixed		£230 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof) up to a maximum of £300,000	£230 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof) up to a maximum of £300,000		£230 per 0.1 ha (or part thereof) up to a maximum of £300,000
Development Management	Other Applications	Variation/removal condition	Fixed		£230.00	£230.00		£230.00
Development Management	Other Applications	Renewal of planning permission	Fixed		£190.00	£190.00		£190.00
Development Management	Other Applications	Listed Building Applications	Fixed		No fee	No fee		No fee
Development Management	Other Applications	TPO Applications	Fixed		No fee	No fee		No fee
Development Management	Other Applications	Advertisements on business premises or forecourt	Fixed		£120.00	£120.00		£120.00
Development Management	Other Applications	All other advertisements	Fixed		£460.00	£460.00		£460.00
Building Control	New Dwellings Plan / Inspection / Building Notice Charge	Up to 2 Storeys - 1 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£594.00	£594.00		£594.00
		Up to 2 Storeys - 2 dwelling(s)			£726.00	£726.00		£726.00
		Up to 2 Storeys - 3 dwelling(s)			£990.00	£990.00		£990.00
		Up to 2 Storeys - 4 dwelling(s)			£1,122.00	£1,122.00		£1,122.00
		Up to 2 Storeys - 5 dwelling(s)			£1,320.00	£1,320.00		£1,320.00

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Building Control	New Dwellings Plan / Inspection / Building Notice Charge	Up to 2 Storeys - 6 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£1,452.00	£1,452.00		£1,452.00
		Up to 2 Storeys - 7 dwelling(s)		£1,716.00	£1,716.00	£1,716.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 8 dwelling(s)		£1,914.00	£1,914.00	£1,914.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 9 dwelling(s)		£2,046.00	£2,046.00	£2,046.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 10 dwelling(s)		£2,178.00	£2,178.00	£2,178.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 11 dwelling(s)		£2,442.00	£2,442.00	£2,442.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 12 dwelling(s)		£2,574.00	£2,574.00	£2,574.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 13 dwelling(s)		£2,772.00	£2,772.00	£2,772.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 14 dwelling(s)		£2,970.00	£2,970.00	£2,970.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 15 dwelling(s)		£3,168.00	£3,168.00	£3,168.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 16 dwelling(s)		£3,366.00	£3,366.00	£3,366.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 17 dwelling(s)		£3,498.00	£3,498.00	£3,498.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 18 dwelling(s)		£3,696.00	£3,696.00	£3,696.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 19 dwelling(s)		£3,894.00	£3,894.00	£3,894.00		
		Up to 2 Storeys - 20 dwelling(s)		£4,026.00	£4,026.00	£4,026.00		

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Building Control	New Dwellings Plan / Inspection / Building Notice Charge	3 Storey - 1 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£660.00	£660.00		£660.00
		3 Storey - 2 dwelling(s)		£792.00	£792.00		£792.00	
		3 Storey - 3 dwelling(s)		£1,056.00	£1,056.00		£1,056.00	
		3 Storey - 4 dwelling(s)		£1,188.00	£1,188.00		£1,188.00	
		3 Storey - 5 dwelling(s)		£1,386.00	£1,386.00		£1,386.00	
		3 Storey - 6 dwelling(s)		£1,518.00	£1,518.00		£1,518.00	
		3 Storey - 7 dwelling(s)		£1,782.00	£1,782.00		£1,782.00	
		3 Storey - 8 dwelling(s)		£1,980.00	£1,980.00		£1,980.00	
		3 Storey - 9 dwelling(s)		£2,112.00	£2,112.00		£2,112.00	
		3 Storey - 10 dwelling(s)		£2,244.00	£2,244.00		£2,244.00	
Building Control	New Dwellings Plan / Inspection / Building Notice Charge	3 Storey - 11 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£2,508.00	£2,508.00		£2,508.00
		3 Storey - 12 dwelling(s)		£2,640.00	£2,640.00		£2,640.00	
		3 Storey - 13 dwelling(s)		£2,838.00	£2,838.00		£2,838.00	
		3 Storey - 14 dwelling(s)		£3,036.00	£3,036.00		£3,036.00	
		3 Storey - 15 dwelling(s)		£3,234.00	£3,234.00		£3,234.00	
		3 Storey - 16 dwelling(s)		£3,432.00	£3,432.00		£3,432.00	
		3 Storey - 17 dwelling(s)		£3,564.00	£3,564.00		£3,564.00	
		3 Storey - 18 dwelling(s)		£3,762.00	£3,762.00		£3,762.00	
		3 Storey - 19 dwelling(s)		£3,960.00	£3,960.00		£3,960.00	
		3 Storey - 20 dwelling(s)		£4,092.00	£4,092.00		£4,092.00	

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Building Control	New Dwellings Regularisation Charge	Up to 2 Storeys - 1 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£742.50	£742.50		£742.50
		Up to 2 Storeys - 2 dwelling(s)		£907.50	£907.50		£907.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 3 dwelling(s)		£1,237.50	£1,237.50		£1,237.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 4 dwelling(s)		£1,402.50	£1,402.50		£1,402.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 5 dwelling(s)		£1,650.00	£1,650.00		£1,650.00	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 6 dwelling(s)		£1,815.00	£1,815.00		£1,815.00	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 7 dwelling(s)		£2,145.00	£2,145.00		£2,145.00	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 8 dwelling(s)		£2,392.50	£2,392.50		£2,392.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 9 dwelling(s)		£2,557.50	£2,557.50		£2,557.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 10 dwelling(s)		£2,722.50	£2,722.50		£2,722.50	
Building Control	New Dwellings Regularisation Charge	Up to 2 Storeys - 11 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£3,052.00	£3,052.00		£3,052.00
		Up to 2 Storeys - 12 dwelling(s)		£3,217.50	£3,217.50		£3,217.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 13 dwelling(s)		£3,465.00	£3,465.00		£3,465.00	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 14 dwelling(s)		£3,712.50	£3,712.50		£3,712.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 15 dwelling(s)		£3,960.00	£3,960.00		£3,960.00	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 16 dwelling(s)		£4,207.50	£4,207.50		£4,207.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 17 dwelling(s)		£4,372.50	£4,372.50		£4,372.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 18 dwelling(s)		£4,620.00	£4,620.00		£4,620.00	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 19 dwelling(s)		£4,867.50	£4,867.50		£4,867.50	
		Up to 2 Storeys - 20 dwelling(s)		£5,032.50	£5,032.50		£5,032.50	

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Building Control	New Dwellings Regularisation Charge	3 Storeys - 1 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£825.00	£825.00		£825.00
		3 Storeys - 2 dwelling(s)		£990.00	£990.00		£990.00	
		3 Storeys - 3 dwelling(s)		£1,320.00	£1,320.00		£1,320.00	
		3 Storeys - 4 dwelling(s)		£1,485.00	£1,485.00		£1,485.00	
		3 Storeys - 5 dwelling(s)		£1,732.50	£1,732.50		£1,732.50	
		3 Storeys - 6 dwelling(s)		£1,897.50	£1,897.50		£1,897.50	
		3 Storeys - 7 dwelling(s)		£2,227.50	£2,227.50		£2,227.50	
		3 Storeys - 8 dwelling(s)		£2,475.00	£2,475.00		£2,475.00	
		3 Storeys - 9 dwelling(s)		£2,640.00	£2,640.00		£2,640.00	
		3 Storeys - 10 dwelling(s)		£2,805.00	£2,805.00		£2,805.00	
Building Control	New Dwellings Regularisation Charge	3 Storeys - 11 dwelling(s)	Regulated		£3,135.00	£3,135.00		£3,135.00
		3 Storeys - 12 dwelling(s)		£3,300.00	£3,300.00		£3,300.00	
		3 Storeys - 13 dwelling(s)		£3,547.50	£3,547.50		£3,547.50	
		3 Storeys - 14 dwelling(s)		£3,795.00	£3,795.00		£3,795.00	
		3 Storeys - 15 dwelling(s)		£4,042.50	£4,042.50		£4,042.50	
		3 Storeys - 16 dwelling(s)		£4,290.00	£4,290.00		£4,290.00	
		3 Storeys - 17 dwelling(s)		£4,455.00	£4,455.00		£4,455.00	
		3 Storeys - 18 dwelling(s)		£4,702.00	£4,702.00		£4,702.00	
		3 Storeys - 19 dwelling(s)		£4,950.00	£4,950.00		£4,950.00	
		3 Storeys - 20 dwelling(s)		£5,115.00	£5,115.00		£5,115.00	
Building Control	Domestic Extensions and Alterations	Extension to dwelling floor area not exceeding 10m2 - up to 2 storeys	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£330.00	£330.00		£330.00
				Regularisation Charge	£412.50	£412.50		£412.50
				Additional charge	£198.00	£198.00		£198.00
Building Control	Domestic Extensions and Alterations	Extension to dwelling floor area exceeding 10m2 but not exceeding 40m2 - up to 2 storeys	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£462.00	£462.00		£462.00
				Regularisation Charge	£577.50	£577.50		£577.50
				Additional charge	£198.00	£198.00		£198.00
Building Control	Domestic Extensions and Alterations	Extension to dwelling floor area exceeding 40m2 but not exceeding 60m2 - up to 2 storeys	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£528.00	£528.00		£528.00
				Regularisation Charge	£660.00	£660.00		£660.00
				Additional Charge	£198.00	£198.00		£198.00

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Building Control	Garages and Car Ports	Erection or extension of a non exempt detached single domestic garage or carport up to 60m2	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge Additional Charge	£198.00 £247.50 £198.00	£198.00 £247.50 £198.00		£198.00 £247.50 £198.00
Building Control	Garages and Car Ports	Erection of a non exempt attached single storey extension of a domestic garage or carport up to 60m2	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice charge Regularisation charge Additional charge	£264.00 £330.00 £198.00	£264.00 £330.00 £198.00		£264.00 £330.00 £198.00
Building Control	Garages and Car Ports	Erection of two storey detached garage or carport up to 60m2	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge Additional charge	£330.00 £412.50 £198.00	£330.00 £412.50 £198.00		£330.00 £412.50 £198.00
Building Control	Other	Conversion of a garage to form part of a dwelling	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice charge Regularisation charge Additional charge	£198.00 £247.50 £198.00	£198.00 £247.50 £198.00		£198.00 £247.50 £198.00
Building Control	Other	Conversion of existing attic space (up to 50m2) to form 1 room as part of a dwelling	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge Additional Charge	£198.00 £247.50 £198.00	£198.00 £247.50 £198.00		£198.00 £247.50 £198.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations, installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £0 - £5000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£132.00 £165.00	£132.00 £165.00		£132.00 £165.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations, installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £5001 - £10,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice charge Regularisation charge	£198.00 £247.50	£198.00 £247.50		£198.00 £247.50

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Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations, installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £10,001 - £15,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£264.00 £330.00	£264.00 £330.00		£264.00 £330.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations, installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £15,001 - £25,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£396.00 £495.00	£396.00 £495.00		£396.00 £495.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations, installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £25,001 - £35,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£462.00 £577.50	£462.00 £577.50		£462.00 £577.50
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations, installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £35,001 - £50,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£528.00 £660.00	£528.00 £660.00		£528.00 £660.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations , installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost £50,001 - £60,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£594.00 £742.50	£594.00 £742.50		£594.00 £742.50
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations , installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost 60,001 - 70,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge Regularisation Charge	£660.00 £825.00	£660.00 £825.00		£660.00 £825.00

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Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations , installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost 70,001 - 80,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£726.00	£726.00		£726.00
				Regularisation Charge	£907.50	£907.50		£907.50
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations , installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost 80,001 - 90,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£792.00	£792.00		£792.00
				Regularisation Charge	£990.00	£990.00		£990.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Alterations , installation of fittings (not electrical and/or structural alterations (Internal or external) Estimated Cost 90,001 - 100,000	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£858.00	£858.00		£858.00
				Regularisation Charge	£1,072.50	£1,072.50		£1,072.50
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Re-Roofing	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£84.00	£84.00		£84.00
				Regularisation Charge	£105.00	£105.00		£105.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	External Rendering	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£84.00	£84.00		£84.00
				Regularisation Charge	£105.00	£105.00		£105.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Solar or photovoltaic panels	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£84.00	£84.00		£84.00
				Regularisation Charge	£105.00	£105.00		£105.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Solid Fuel Appliances	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£132.00	£132.00		£132.00
				Regularisation Charge	£165.00	£165.00		£165.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Internal Floors & Insulation	Regulated	Plan / Building Notice Charge	£84.00	£84.00		£84.00
				Regularisation Charge	£105.00	£105.00		£105.00

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Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Window replacement (non competent persons scheme)	Regulated	0 - 2 Windows Fee	£66.00	£66.00		£66.00		
				0 - 2 Windows Regularisation Charge	£82.50	£82.50		£82.50		
				2 - 8 Windows	£132.00	£132.00		£132.00		
				2 - 8 Windows Regularisation Charge	£165.00	£165.00		£165.00		
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Electrical work (not competent persons scheme)	Regulated	8+ Windows	£198.00	£198.00		£198.00		
				8+ Windows Regularisation Charge	£247.50	£247.50		£247.50		
				Any electrical work other than the re-wiring of a dwelling £396.00	Regularisation Charge £495.00	Any electrical work other than the re-wiring of a dwelling £396.00	Regularisation Charge £495.00		Any electrical work other than the re-wiring of a dwelling £396.00	Regularisation Charge £495.00
				The re-wiring or new installation in a dwelling £528.00	Regularisation Charge £660.00	The re-wiring or new installation in a dwelling £528.00	Regularisation Charge £660.00		The re-wiring or new installation in a dwelling £528.00	Regularisation Charge £660.00
Building Control	Domestic alterations to a single building	Internal Rendering		Plan/Building Notice Charge	£84.00	£84.00		£84.00		
				Regularisation Charge	£105.00	£105.00		£105.00		
Building Control	All Other Work	All Other Work Total Cost of Works £0 - £2,000	Regulated	Plan / Inspection Fee	£132.00	£132.00		£132.00		
				Regularisation Charge	£165.00	£165.00		£165.00		
Building Control	All Other Work	All Other Work Total Cost of Works £2,001 - £100,000	Regulated		£110.00 + £10.00 for every £1,000, or part thereof, above £2,000 plus 20% VAT	£110.00 + £10.00 for every £1,000, or part thereof, above £2,000 plus 20% VAT		£110.00 + £10.00 for every £1,000, or part thereof, above £2,000 plus 20% VAT		
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Queries regarding previous sales			Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances			
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Transfer of tenancy		Per application	£81.00	£85.10	£88.00			

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Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Transfer of licence		Per application	£81.00	£85.10	£88.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Lease for garage		Per application	£81.00	£85.10	£88.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Land applications		Per application	£108.00	£113.40	£117.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Fees on sales, per application.		£0 - £50,000 £50,000 - £100,000 £100,000 - £200,000 £210,000 - £500,000 Above £500,000	£540.00 £756.00 £918.00 £1,188.00 £1,836.00	£567.00 £793.80 £963.90 £1,247.40 £1,927.80	£818.00 £993.00 £1,285.00 £1,986.00	£750.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Garden Land - Rental Per plot and whatever size.		Minimum Fee	£75.60	£79.40	£82.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Grazing Land - Rental Per plot and whatever size.		Minimum Fee	£129.60	£129.80	£134.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Eastern Valley Slops - Rental Per plot and whatever size.		Minimum Fee	£129.60	£129.60	£133.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Other Low Level Income Per plot and whatever size.		Minimum Fee	£129.60	£129.60	£133.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Garage Agreements, per plot. Minimum Fee.		Single Garage Large Garage Double Garage	£129.60 £172.80 £226.80	£136.10 £181.40 £238.10	£140.00 £187.00 £245.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	S38 Agreements		Minimum Fee	£1,750.00	£1,750.00		£2,250.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	S278 Agreements		Minimum Fee	£1,750.00	£1,750.00		£2,250.00

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Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	S106 Agreements		Minimum Fee	£2,250.00	£2,250.00		£2,250.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Photocopying - Document			£36.72	£38.60	£40.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Letters of Postponement			£75.60	£79.40		£90.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Mortgage Redemption			£150.00	£175.00	£180.00	
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Licence to Assign		Minimum Fee	£750.00	£750 to £1,250		£1,250.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Deed of Variation			£750.00	£750.00		£950.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Freehold Reversions			£750.00	£1,000.00		£1,250.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Easements			£750.00	£787.50		£850.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Consent to dispose (Overage)			£150.00	£157.50		£495.00

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Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Leases		Minimum Fee	£350.00	£350 to £750	£360 to £773	£360 - £2,2750
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Licence for Alterations, Large Scale Developments		Small Scale	£350.00	£367.50		£450.00
				Large Scale		£750.00		£1,250.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Auction sales subject to Valuer's discretion based on markability and value			£500.00	£525.00		£750 - £1,750
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Tenancy at Will			£350.00	£367.50		£400.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Disposals (drawing up conveyance)		Minimum Fee	£500.00	£500.00		£750.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Legal charges - Minimum Fee			£750.00	£750.00		£795.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Deed of release of overage			£750.00	£750.00		£795.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Deed of release of Covenant			£0.00	£750.00		£795.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Rent Deposit Deed			£0.00	£750.00		£795.00

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Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Renewal Lease by Reference			£0.00	£1,250.00		£1,300.00
Economic Development	Estates & Strategic Asset Management	Authorised Guarantee Agreement			£0.00	£0.00		£1,250.00

PUBLIC PROTECTION

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Public Protection - Environmental Protection	Private Water Supply Charges	Inspection of Private Water Supplies to ensure compliance with Private Water Supply regulations	Regulated		Risk assessment (each assessment): Reg 9 supply £700 Reg 10 and 11 supply £300 Sampling (each visit) (i): £100 (annual) Investigation (each investigation): £250 (on failure of sample) Granting an authorisation (each authorisation): £100 Analysing sample - up to £600.	Risk assessment (each assessment): Reg 9 supply £700 Reg 10 and 11 supply £300 Sampling (each visit) (i): £100 (annual) Investigation (each investigation): £250 (on failure of sample) Granting an authorisation (each authorisation): £100 Analysing sample - up to £600.		Risk assessment (each assessment): Reg 9 supply £700 Reg 10 and 11 supply £300 Sampling (each visit) (i): £100 (annual) Investigation (each investigation): £250 (on failure of sample) Granting an authorisation (each authorisation): £100 Analysing sample - up to £600.
Public Protection - Environmental Protection	Environmental Permit - annual fee	Environmental Permit issued for LA-IPPC and LAPPC - annual fee	Regulated		Fee dependant on nature of activity and determined on case-by-case basis in line with WG charging regime.	Fee dependant on nature of activity and determined on case-by-case basis in line with WG charging regime.		Fee dependant on nature of activity and determined on case-by-case basis in line with WG charging regime.
Public health	Pest Control - Domestic - <i>paid directly to contractor</i>	Pest Control - Domestic - Rats Pest Control - Domestic - Cockroaches & Bedbugs Pest Control - Domestic - Mice Pest Control - Domestic - Wasps and infestations		Rats Cockroaches, Bedbugs & Fleas Mice Wasps and infestations	No Charge £57.60 £57.60 £57.60	No Charge £57.60 £57.60 £57.60		No Charge £57.60 £57.60 £57.60
Public health	Public Health - Food safety, condemnation and other sampling	Food safety, condemnation and other sampling			Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.	Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.		Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.

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Public health	Public Health - Food Surrender Certificate	Food Surrender Certificate			Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.	Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.		Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.
Public health	Public Health - Standard Health Safety Certificate	Standard Health Safety Certificate			Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.	Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.		Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.
Licensing	Petroleum Certification	Annual certification: Storage certificates for dispensing premises may be granted on an annual basis, up to a maximum of 10 years. Fees are not refundable neither can refunds be given where either trading ceases, or transfer to another takes place part way through any certification period.	Regulated	Storage below 2500 litres	£44.00	£46.00		£48.00
				Storage between 2500 and 50,000 litres	£60.00	£62.00		£65.00
				Storage above 50,000 litres	£125.00	£131.00		£137.00
Licensing	Petroleum Licence File Search	On request	Regulated		£60.00	Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.		Fee determined per enquiry - charge is based on officers hourly rate and length of time taken to deal with enquiry.
Licensing	Petroleum Licence Cerification	Transfer	Regulated		£0.00	£8.00		£10.00
Licensing	Food Hygiene Registration Scheme (rescore visit)	On request	Regulated		£180.00	£255.00		£255.00

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Licensing	Licensing - Skin Piercing - Practitioner Registration	Currently skin piercing registrations are a one off fee covering person(s) and premise			£159.12	£167.10		Scheme planned to end on 29/11/2024. See new Special Procedures Licensing Fees
Licensing	Special Procedures Licence - 3 Years	£159 - Application £44 - Compliance		Licence				£203.00
		£189 - Application £41 - Compliance		Renewal				£189.00
Licensing	Approved Premises Certificate - 3 Years	£244 - Application £141 - Compliance		Licence				£385.00
Licensing		£204 - Application £141 - Compliance		Renewal				£345.00
Licensing	Special Procedure Licence - Variation (Add Procedure)							£131.00
Licensing	Special Procedure Licence - Variation (Change of Detail)							£26.00
Licensing	Special Procedure Licence - Replacement Licence							£13.00
Licensing	Temporary Special Procedure Licence							£92.00
Licensing	Approved premises / Vehicle - Variation (Add Procedure)							£189.00
Licensing	Approved Premises / Vehicle - Variation (Structural Change)							£189.00

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Licensing	Approved Premises / Vehicle - Change of Detail							£26.00
Licensing	Approved Premises / Vehicle - Replacement Certificate							£13.00
Licensing	Approved Premises / Vehicle - Temporary Approval (Ancillary Event)							£385.00
Licensing	Approved Premises / Vehicle - Temporary Approval (Convention / Main Purpose)							£680.00
Public Protection - Housing	Immigration Inspection	On request service provided to applicants who wish to bring a non EU national to live in the UK as required by the UK Border Agencies,			£124.48	£130.70	£134.60	
Public Protection - Housing	HMO License	5 Yearly License Fee			£305.00	£320.30	£329.90	
Public Protection - Housing	Traveller Site Rent	Rent to occupy Cwmcrachen Caravan Site, Nantyglo		Per pitch, per week	£125.55	£131.80		£135.36
Public Protection - Housing	Notices under s49 Housing Act 2004	The Authority can recover the costs incurred in the service of specific Notices under the Housing Act 2004.		Per notice	£248.96	£261.40	£269.20	
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Measuring Instrument Directive	Per hour plus liquid fuel and lubricants 10% surcharge, capacity serving measures 25% surcharge		Per Hour	£103.25	£111.51		£115.97
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment	Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment		Per Hour	£103.25	£111.51		£115.97

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Public Protection - Trading Standards	Weights	Weights		Per Hour	£103.25 Full hourly rate for first hour thereafter £59.71 ph	£111.51 Full hourly rate for first hour thereafter £61.95 ph		£115.97 Full hourly rate for first hour thereafter £69.58 ph
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Measures	Measures- Each		Linear not exceeding 3m	£12.86	£13.89		£14.45
				Capacity not exceeding 1 litre	£10.16	£10.97		£11.41
				Cubic Ballast	£227.35	£245.54		£255.36
				Liquid Capacity	£35.94	£38.82		£40.37
				Templates per scale first item	£62.48	£67.48		£70.18
				Templates: second and subsequent items	£23.64	£25.53		£26.55
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Weighing Instruments	Non NAWI - Each		Not exceeding 1 tonne	£81.61	£88.14		£91.67
				1 - 10 tonne	£132.20	£142.78		£148.59
				Exceeding 10 tonnes	£276.10	£298.18		£310.11
				Certification of weighbridge operators - Per Hour	£103.25	£111.51		£115.97
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Weighing Instruments	NAWI. - Each 50% surcharge applicable for some tests.		Not exceeding 1 tonne	£135.85	£146.74		£152.61
				1 - 10 tonne	£210.23	£227.05		£236.13
				Exceeding 10 tonnes	£460.22	£497.04		£516.86

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Public Protection - Trading Standards	Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor	Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor - Each		Not exceeding 150ml	£22.40	£24.19		£25.16
				Other	£25.88	£27.95		£29.07
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuel and Lubricants	Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuel and Lubricants - Each		Container	£93.83	£101.34		£105.39
				Nozzles - 1st nozzle	£153.05	£165.29		£171.90
				Nozzles, Each additional nozzle tested	£103.43	£117.70		£116.17
				Testing or peripheral electronic equipment on a separate visit per site per hour	£103.25	£111.51		£115.97
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Road Tanker Fuel Measuring Equipment (Above 100 Litres)	Meter Measuring Systems - Each		Testing of credit card acceptor, per hour	£103.25	£111.51		£115.97
				Wet hose and 2 testing liquids	£328.52	£354.80		£368.99
				Wet hose and 3 testing liquids	£383.27	£413.93		£430.49
				Dry hose and 2 testing liquids	£364.97	£394.17		£409.94
				Dry hose and 3 testing liquids	£419.94	£453.54		£471.68
				Wet/dry hose and 2 testing liquids	£511.01	£551.89		£573.97
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Public Protection - Trading Standards	Certificate of errors	Certificate of errors (when no other fee applies)			£66.30	£69.60		£74.46

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Public Protection - Trading Standards	Explosives Regulations	New Explosives Licence where separation distance is greater than 0m (as and when)	Regulated	1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years	£193.00 £253.00 £317.00 £390.00 £441.00	£202.00 £266.00 £333.00 £409.00 £463.00		£202.00 £266.00 £333.00 £409.00 £463.00
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Explosives Regulations (Storage)	Renewal of Explosives Licence where separation distance is greater than 0m (annual)	Regulated	1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years	£90.00 £153.00 £215.00 £277.00 £340.00	£94.00 £161.00 £226.00 £291.00 £357.00		£94.00 £161.00 £226.00 £291.00 £357.00
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Explosives Regulations (Storage)	New Explosives Licence where separation distance is less than 0m (as and when)	Regulated	1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years	£113.00 £147.00 £181.00 £215.00 £248.00	£119.00 £154.00 £190.00 £226.00 £260.00		£119.00 £154.00 £190.00 £226.00 £260.00
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Explosives Regulations (Storage)	Renewal of Explosives Licence where separation distance is less than 0m (annual)	Regulated	1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years	£56.00 £90.00 £125.00 £158.00 £193.00	£59.00 £94.00 £132.00 £166.00 £202.00		£59.00 £94.00 £132.00 £166.00 £202.00
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Explosives Regulations (Storage)	Varying / Transferring / Replacing Licence	Regulated		£38	£40		£40
Public Protection - Trading Standards	Fireworks Regulations 2004	Licence to supply fireworks	Regulated		£500	£500		£500
Public Protection - Environmental Health	Penalty for non compliance	Penalty for dumping litter in front garden (Community Protection Notice)	Regulated	Fee	£100.00	£100.00		£100.00
Public Protection	Primary Partnerships Authority	Officer time per hour plus travel		Fee	£66	£70	£71.70	
Public Health	Public Health - Food Safety Export Certificate	On request, per enquiry		Minimum charge with additional costs calculated per enquiry based on officer time	£104.00	£109.20		£162.50 minimum charge of 2 Hrs top of Scale 9 to reflect experienced Officer with oncosts (fee may increase if request takes over 2 hours to process)

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Public Health	Public Health - Food Safety Fixed Penalty Notice Fine	Issued in respect of offences in relation to food hygiene rating scheme display offences	Fixed	Fine Early repayment option	£200.00 £150.00	£200.00 £150.00		£200.00 £150.00
Public Health	Public Health - Smoking Ban Fixed Penalty Notice Fine	Issued in respect of offences in relation to smoking ban contraventions	Fixed	Section 6 Offence Section 7 Offence	£200 or £150 early repayment £50 or £30 early repayment	£200 or £150 early repayment £50 or £30 early repayment		£200 or £150 early repayment £50 or £30 early repayment

Activity	2024/25	2025/2026	Increase	Comments
SHOWERS				
Shower adult	£3.20	£3.40	6.25%	
Shower child	£1.60	£1.70	6.25%	
SWIMMING POOL				
Adult Swim	£4.80	£5.00	4.17%	
Junior Swim	£2.40	£2.50	4.17%	
Concessionary Adult Swim	£2.40	£2.50	4.17%	
Concessionary Junior Swim	£1.20	£1.30	8.33%	
Adult Hydroslide	£6.40	£6.60	3.12%	
Junior Hydroslide	£4.80	£5.00	4.17%	
Concessionary Adult Hydro Slide	£4.00	£4.20	5.00%	
Concessionary Junior Hydro Slide	£2.40	£2.50	4.17%	
HEALTH SUITES				
Adult (Ebbw Vale)	£8.20	£8.40	2.44%	
OAP (Ebbw Vale)	£4.10	£4.10	0.00%	
SQUASH				
Adult	£8.20	£8.50	3.66%	No change due to National competitor opening in Ebbw Vale
Junior	£4.10	£4.30	4.88%	
Concession Adult	£4.10	£4.30	4.88%	
Concession Junior	£2.05	£2.15	4.88%	
BADMINTON / TABLE TENNIS				
Adult (2 persons)	£8.90	£9.20	3.37%	
Junior (2 persons)	£4.50	£4.70	4.44%	
Concession Adult	£4.50	£4.70	4.44%	
Concession Junior	£2.25	£2.40	6.67%	
LIFESTYLE STUDIO				
Adult	£7.50	£7.50	0.00%	No change due to National competitor opening in Ebbw Vale
Junior	£4.00	£4.00	0.00%	
Concession Adult	£4.00	£4.00	0.00%	
Concession Junior	£2.00	£2.00	0.00%	
MODEL BOATS				
Club Annual Fees	£142.50	£147.50	3.51%	
Members Fees per annum per member (Adult)	£7.65	£7.90	3.27%	
Members Fees per annum per member (Junior)	£3.85	£3.95	2.60%	
MODEL AERO PLANES				
Clubs Annual Fees (21 year license)	£117.00	£120.50	2.99%	
Members Fees (Adult)	£7.65	£7.90	3.27%	
NEWFOUNDLAND DOG SOCIETY				
Boat Launch	£7.95	£8.20	3.14%	
Members Fee	£7.65	£7.90	3.27%	
ANGLING CLUB				
Day Ticket – Adult	£11.00	£11.50	4.55%	
Day Ticket - Junior	£5.50	£5.75	4.55%	
Season Ticket Adult	£75.00	£77.25	3.00%	
Season Ticket Junior	£37.50	£38.65	3.07%	
Membership Night Syndicate	£126.00	£130.00	3.17%	set by the Angling club
ADULT EDUCATION				
Non-Commercial Groups room per hour	£7.82	£ 8.05	2.91%	
Non-Commercial Groups - general purpose room per hour	£11.81	£ 12.15	2.86%	
Non-Commercial Groups - hall per hour	£15.07	£ 15.50	2.87%	
Commercial Groups room per hour	£16.22	£ 16.75	3.25%	
Commercial Groups - general room per hour	£19.95	£ 20.55	3.01%	
Commercial Groups hall per hour	£25.15	£ 25.90	2.99%	

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