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DYDD MERCHER, 20 TACHWEDD 2019

***YN SYTH AR ÔL CYFARFOD PWYLLGOR CRAFFU POLISIŶAU AC
ADNODDAU'R CABINET***

***SIAMBR Y CYNGOR – CANOLFAN DDINESIG CASTELL-NEDD PORT
TALBOT***

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1. Penodi Cadeirydd
2. Datganiadau o fudd
3. Blaenraglen Waith 2019/20 (*Tudalennau 3 - 6*)
4. Cyfrifo Sylfaen Treth y Cyngor ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2020-21 (*Tudalennau 7 - 14*)
5. Adroddiad Adolygu Canol Blwyddyn Rheoli'r Drysorfa 2019-20 (*Tudalennau 15 - 32*)
6. Model amgen ar gyfer y Cyngor Pobl H'n (*Tudalennau 33 - 38*)
7. Tystysgrif Gydymffurfio Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru - Archwiliad o Aseiad Perfformiad Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot ar gyfer 2018-19 (*Tudalennau 39 - 44*)
8. Cynnig prosiect a gyflwynwyd i Gronfa Gymunedol yr Aelodau (*Tudalennau 45 - 50*)
9. Eitemau brys

Unrhyw eitemau brys (boed yn gyhoeddus neu wedi'u heithrio) yn ôl disgresiwn y Cadeirydd yn unol ag Offeryn Statudol 2001 rhif 2290 (fel y'l diwygiwyd).

10. Mynediad i gyfarfodydd
Yn unol â Rheoliad 4 (3) a (5) Offeryn Statudol 2001 Rhif 2290, gellir gwahardd y cyhoedd ar gyfer yr eitem fusnes ganlynol a oedd yn debygol o gynnwys datgelu gwybodaeth eithriedig fel a ddiffinnir ym Mharagraff 14 Rhan 4 Atodlen 12A o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

Rhan 2

11. Canolfan Celfyddydau Pontardawe (*Tudalennau 51 - 64*)
12. Parc Margam (*Tudalennau 65 - 86*)

S.Phillips
Prif Weithredwr

Canolfan Ddinesig
Port Talbot

Dydd Iau, 14 Tachwedd 2019

Aelodau'r Y Cabinet:

Y Cynghorwyr R.G.Jones, A.J.Taylor, C.Clement-Williams,
D.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards,
A.Wingrave a/ac L.Jones

2019/20 FORWARD WORK PLAN CABINET

Meeting Date	Agenda Items	Type (Decision/ Monitoring Or Information)	Rotation (Topical, Annual, Bi-Annual, Quarterly, Monthly)	Contact Officer/ Head of Service
<p>4 Dec 2019 CANCELLED</p> <p>– Moved to 9th Dec</p>	Q2 PIs			K.Jones (SD/CF)
	Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants 2020/21	Decision	Annual	H.Jenkins (NS)
	Members Com Fund (if needed)			P.Hinder
	Risk Management		Bi-Annually	H.Jones

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Meeting Date	Agenda Items	Type (Decision/ Monitoring Or Information)	Rotation (Topical, Annual, Bi-Annual, Quarterly, Monthly)	Contact Officer/ Head of Service
10 January 2020 (Change of Date)	Budget (ONLY)	Decision		H.Jenkins

Cabinet – Forward Work Programme

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Meeting Date	Agenda Items	Type (Decision/ Monitoring Or Information)	Rotation (Topical, Annual, Bi-Annual, Quarterly, Monthly)	Contact Officer/ Head of Service
5 Feb 2020	Budget Monitoring	Monitor		H.Jenkins
	Treasury Management	Monitor		H.Jenkins
	Members Com Fund (if needed)			P.Hinder
	Constitution Update	Decision		C.Griffiths
	Valleys Action Plan Progress Report			K.Jones
	Talking NPT – Communications and Community Relations Strategy 2018- 2020 – Progress Report	Monitor	Topical	K.Jones (SG/CF)
	Resubmitted - Comments, Compliments and Complaints Annual Report	Monitor	Annual	K.Jones (JB)
	Welsh Language Promotion Strategy – Annual Report	Monitor	Annual	K.Jones (RH/CF)
	<i>PSB (Scrutiny)</i>			<i>C.Davies</i>

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Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

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Cabinet

20th November 2019

Report of the Head of Finance – Huw Jones

MATTER FOR DECISION:

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2020/21

Wards Affected: All

Purpose of report

1. To formally set the Council Tax Base for the 2020/21 financial year.

Background

2. The Council Tax Base is an amount required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to be used in the calculation of Council Tax by billing authorities and major precepting authorities and in the calculation of the amount of a precept payable by each billing authority to a major precepting authority. The Base is a measure of the tax-raising capacity of an authority. It is expressed in terms of the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in an authority's area, taking into account exemptions, discounts, disablement relief, and the authority's estimate of its collection rate for Council Tax.
3. The rules for the calculation of the Council Tax Base are contained in The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 which amend The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995. The amendments in the 2016 Regulations have been made as a consequence of amendments to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 by section 139 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. Those amendments enable billing authorities to apply a higher amount of Council Tax ("a premium") in respect of long-term empty dwellings and dwellings that are occupied periodically. It must be noted that this authority has not considered this option to date.

4. The calculation of the Council Tax Base is required to be made before 31st December. The Tax Base must also be notified to all Precepting Authorities (e.g. Police Authority) by that date. Although this is still the statutory timetable, this year the Assembly requested a provisional calculation be supplied by the 14th November 2019 in order to meet the deadline for the calculation of the distribution of Revenue Support Grant for 2020/21.

Calculation

5. The gross Council Tax Base calculated for 2020/21 is 48,585.61 and using a collection rate of 97% produces a net Council Tax base of 48,098.04. This means that for next year and for every £1 levied in council tax terms will generate £48,098 to meet the Council's Budget Requirement. The detailed calculation is contained in Appendix 1.
6. Members should note that this is an increase from the 2019/20 base of 47,348.79 (calculated at 97% collection rate) by some 749 Band D equivalent dwellings. The larger than normal increase is due to the fact that members have agreed not to grant any discounts on standard long term empty properties and second homes from the 1st April 2020. These properties will be in the Council Tax base calculation at 100% rather than 50% or 75% as in previous years. This will be in line with every other Local Authority in Wales as the RSG funding for 2020/21 will be distributed on the basis of no such discounts being provided.
7. It is also necessary to calculate the Council Tax Base in respect of areas which are served by Town and Community Councils. The calculated amount after applying a collection rate of 97% are summarised in the following table:

Town and Community Council	Council Tax Base
Blaengwrach	371.78
Blaenhonddan	4,591.25
Briton Ferry	1,877.11
Clyne and Melincourt	261.36
Coedffranc	3,620.28
Crynant	676.79
Dyffryn Clydach	1,101.14
Glynneath	1,381.55

Town and Community Council	Council Tax Base
Neath	6,515.01
Onllwyn	374.93
Pelenna	403.79
Resolven	734.88
Seven Sisters	634.91
Tonna	955.85
Cilybebyll	1,953.37
Cwmllynfell	387.41
Gwauncaegurwen	1,339.52
Pontardawe	2,532.78
Ystalyfera	1,599.88

8. Further details of the calculation for each Town and Community Council area is shown in Appendix 2.

Financial Impact

9. The Council must approve the Council Tax Base by 31st December of the preceding financial year. The gross tax base is used by the Welsh Government to distribute Revenue Support Grant to individual Authorities. Together with the Council Tax level it determines the quantum of Council Tax proceeds available to fund the Council's Budget and Services. This will be dealt with as part of the 2020/21 Budget Requirement and Council Tax setting reports that will be considered by Council in March 2020.

Integrated Impact Assessment

10. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment.

Valleys Communities Impacts

10. No implications

Workforce Impacts

11. No implications.

Legal Impact

12. There is a statutory requirement to agree and set the Council Tax Base for the forthcoming financial year prior to 31st December.

Risk Management Impacts

13. No implications.

Consultation

14. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

15. It is recommended that members approve the 2020/21 Council Tax Base:
- Gross amount for the whole of the County Borough of 48,585.61 before applying the collection rate;
 - of 48,098.04 (after applying the 97% collection rate) for the whole of the County Borough; and
 - for each Town and Community Council area the amount shown in paragraph 7 of this report. (This represents the amount after applying the 97% collection rate.)

Reason for Proposed Decisions

16. To determine the Council Tax Base for 2020/21.

Implementation of Decisions

17. The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, subject to the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair (and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure)

Appendices

18. Appendix 1 - Calculation of Council Tax Base

Appendix 2 - Calculation of Council Tax Base for Community Councils

List of Background Papers

- 19.** Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995 (SI 1995/2561)
Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/2935)
Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3094) (W268))
Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/969) (W238))
Local Government Finance Act 1992
NAW Letter - Council Tax Dwellings Return (CT1) for 2020/21
Council Tax Dwellings (CT1) Return 2020/21

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Council Tax Base - Calculation 2020/21

	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Band I	Total
Chargeable dwellings		12,911	26,459	11,365	7,092	4,374	1,354	505	103	22	64,185
Dwellings subject to Disability		66	333	148	112	87	23	21	20	6	816
Adjusted Chargeable Dwellings	66	13,178	26,274	11,329	7,067	4,310	1,352	504	89	16	64,185
Dwellings with no discount	49	5,310	15,746	7,589	5,133	3,532	1,148	399	66	14	38,986
Dwellings with 25% Discount	16	7,861	10,499	3,731	1,916	754	191	82	12	0	25,062
Dwellings with a 50% Discount	1	7	29	9	18	24	13	23	11	2	137
Dwellings with other than 25% or 50% Discount	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dwellings with empty prop or 2nd home discount	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dwellings with empty prop or 2nd home premium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Adjusted Chargeable	66	13,178	26,274	11,329	7,067	4,310	1,352	504	89	16	64,185
Discount and premium adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total variable discounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calc of chargeable dwellings with discounts and premiums											
Total discounted dwellings	61.50	11,209.25	23,634.75	10,391.75	6,579.00	4,109.50	1,297.75	472.00	80.50	15.00	57,851
Ratio to band	"5/9	"6/9	"7/9	"8/9	"9/9	"11/9	"13/9	"15/9	"18/9	"21/9	0.000
Band D equivalents	34.17	7,472.83	18,382.58	9,237.11	6,579.00	5,022.72	1,874.53	786.67	161.00	35.00	49,585.61
Band D equivalents excluding premiums	34.17	7,472.83	18,382.58	9,237.11	6,579.00	5,022.72	1,874.53	786.67	161.00	35.00	49,585.61
Collection Rate											97.00%
Council Tax Base @ 97% Band D Equivalents								Council Tax Base 2020/21			48,098.04

Council Tax Base 2020/21 – Calculation for Town and Community Councils

Community Council	Discounted Chargeable Dwellings @ 97% at 31/10/19	New Properties @ 97% (Band D Equivalent)	Total Discounted Chargeable Dwellings Adjusted @97%	Council Tax Base 2020/21
Blaengwrach	370.81	0.97	371.78	371.78
Blaenhonddan	4,587.80	3.45	4,591.25	4,591.25
Briton Ferry	1,877.11	0.00	1,877.11	1,877.11
Clyne & Melincourt	261.36	0.00	261.36	261.36
Coedffranc	3,620.28	0.00	3,620.28	3,620.28
Crynant	676.79	0.00	676.79	676.79
Dyffryn Clydach	1,101.14	0.00	1,101.14	1,101.14
Glynneath	1,381.55	0.00	1,381.55	1,381.55
Neath	6,511.77	3.24	6,515.01	6,515.01
Onllwyn	374.93	0.00	374.93	374.93
Pelenna	403.79	0.00	403.79	403.79
Resolven	734.88	0.00	734.88	734.88
Seven Sisters	633.73	1.18	634.91	634.91
Tonna	924.81	31.04	955.85	955.85
Cilybebyll	1,898.94	54.43	1,953.37	1,953.37
Cwmllynfell	387.41	0.00	387.41	387.41
Gwaun Cae Gurwen	1,339.52	0.00	1,339.52	1,339.52
Pontardawe	2,525.88	6.90	2,532.78	2,532.78
Ystalyfera	1,599.88	0.00	1,599.88	1,599.88

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CABINET

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

20th NOVEMBER 2019

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED - ALL

TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2019/20

Purpose of the Report

1. To review treasury management activities for the 6 month period to 30th September 2019.

Background

2. The Council operates a cash balanced budget, which broadly means cash raised during the year will meet its cash expenditure. Part of the treasury management operations ensure this cash flow is adequately planned, with surplus monies being invested in low risk counterparties, providing adequate liquidity initially before considering maximising investment return.
3. The second main function of the treasury management service is the funding of the Council's capital plans. These capital plans provide a guide to the borrowing need of the Council, essentially the longer term cash flow planning to ensure the Council can meet its capital spending operations. This management of longer term cash may involve arranging long or short term loans, or using longer term cash flow surpluses, and on occasion any debt previously drawn may be restructured to meet Council risk or cost objectives.

4. As a consequence treasury management is defined as:

“The management of the local authority’s investments and cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks. ”

Introduction

5. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy’s (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (revised 2011) was adopted by this Council at the Council meeting in 28th February 2013.

The primary requirements of the Code are as follows:

- (i) Creation and maintenance of a Treasury Management Policy Statement which sets out the policies and objectives of the Council’s treasury management activities.
- (ii) Creation and maintenance of Treasury Management Practices set out in the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve those policies and objectives.
- (iii) Receipt by the full Council of an Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement – including the Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy – for the year ahead, a **Mid-year Review Report** and an Annual Report (stewardship report) covering activities during the previous year.
- (iv) Delegation by the Council of responsibilities for implementing and monitoring treasury management policies and practices and for the execution and administration of treasury management decisions.
- (v) Delegation by the Council of the role of scrutiny of treasury management strategy and policies to a specific named body. For this Council the delegated bodies are the Audit and Policy and Resources Committees.

Scheme of Delegation

Area of Responsibility	Council/ Committee	Frequency
Treasury Management Strategy / Annual Investment Strategy / MRP policy	Cabinet for approval by Full Council	Annually before the start of the year
Treasury Management Strategy / Annual Investment Strategy / MRP policy – mid year report	Cabinet	Mid year
Treasury Management Strategy / Annual Investment Strategy / MRP policy – updates or revisions at other times	Cabinet for approval by Full Council	Periodically
Annual Treasury Outturn Report	Cabinet	Annually by 30 th September after the end of the year
Treasury Management Monitoring and Performance Reports	Cabinet and Audit Committee	Quarterly Quarterly
Treasury Management Practices	Cabinet for approval by Full Council	Annually
Scrutiny of Treasury Management Strategy	Cabinet (and Audit Committee)	Annually

6. This mid-year report has been prepared in compliance with CIPFA's Code of Practice, and covers the following:

- An economic update for 2019/20;
- A review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy;
- The Council's capital expenditure (prudential indicators);
- A review of the Council's investment portfolio for 2019/20;

- A review of the Council’s borrowing strategy for 2019/20;
 - A review of any debt rescheduling undertaken during 2019/20;
 - A review of compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2019/20.
 - Revised Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2019/20 to 2021/22.
7. There have been no changes to the approved Treasury Management and Investment Strategies for the 6 months up to 30th September 2019 – updated Treasury Management Practices (TMP’s) were approved by the cabinet on 30th October 2019.

Economic update

8. The first half of 2019/20 has seen UK **economic growth** fall as Brexit uncertainty took a toll. In its Inflation Report of 1 August, the Bank of England was notably downbeat about the outlook for both the UK and major world economies. This mirrored investor confidence around the world which is now expecting a significant downturn or possibly even a recession in some developed economies. It was therefore no surprise that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left Bank Rate unchanged at 0.75% throughout 2019, so far, and is expected to hold off on changes until there is some clarity on what is going to happen over Brexit.

Interest rate forecasts

9. The Council’s treasury advisor, Link Asset Services, has provided the following forecast:

Link Asset Services Interest Rate View											
	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22
Bank Rate View	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.25
3 Month LIBID	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.20
6 Month LIBID	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.90	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.20	1.30	1.40
12 Month LIBID	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30	1.30	1.40	1.50	1.60
5yr PWLB Rate	1.20	1.30	1.50	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.10
10yr PWLB Rate	1.50	1.60	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.30	2.40
25yr PWLB Rate	2.10	2.30	2.40	2.50	2.60	2.70	2.70	2.80	2.90	3.00	3.00
50yr PWLB Rate	2.00	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.80	2.90	2.90

The Council's Capital Position (Prudential Indicators)

10. This part of the report updates:
- The Council's capital expenditure plans;
 - How these plans are being financed;
 - The impact of the changes in the capital expenditure plans on the prudential indicators and the underlying need to borrow; and
 - Compliance with the limits in place for borrowing activity.

The Council's Capital Expenditure and Financing 2019/20

	2018/19 Actual £'000	2019/20 Original Estimate £'000	2019/20 Current Estimate £'000
Capital expenditure	43,395	44,816	43,976
Resourced by:			
• Capital receipts	0	4,800	1,653
• Capital grants & contributions	15,196	23,199	25,285
• Capital reserves + DRF	606	1,344	1,690
Capital Expenditure to be financed from borrowing	27,593	15,473	15,348

11. The Council's underlying need to borrow for capital expenditure is termed the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). The CFR results from the capital activity of the Council and what resources have been used to pay for the capital spend. It represents the unfinanced capital expenditure, and prior years' unfinanced capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for by revenue or other resources.
12. Part of the Council's treasury activities is to address the funding requirements for this borrowing need. Depending on the capital expenditure programme, the treasury service organises the Council's cash position to ensure sufficient cash is available to meet the capital plans and cash flow requirements. This may be sourced through borrowing from

external bodies (such as the Government, through the Public Works Loan Board [PWLB] or the money markets), or utilising temporary cash resources within the Council.

13. Reducing the CFR – the Council’s underlying borrowing need (CFR) is not allowed to rise indefinitely. Statutory controls are in place to ensure that capital assets are broadly charged to revenue over the life of the asset. The Council is required to make an annual revenue charge, called the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), to reduce the CFR. This is effectively a repayment of the borrowing need. This differs from the treasury management arrangements which ensure that cash is available to meet capital commitments. External debt can also be borrowed or repaid at any time, but this does not change the CFR.
14. The total CFR can also be reduced by:
- The application of additional capital financing resources (such as unapplied capital receipts); or
 - Charging more than the statutory revenue charge (MRP) each year through a Voluntary Revenue Provision (VRP).
18. The Council’s 2019/20 MRP Policy (as required by CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management) was approved by Council as part of the Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2019/20 on 14th February 2019.
19. The Council’s CFR for the year is shown below, and represents a key prudential indicator.

CFR	2018/19 Actual £’000	2019/20 Original Estimate £’000	2019/20 Current Estimate £’000
Opening balance	325,241	337,698	338,543
Add unfinanced capital expenditure (Section 5.1)	27,593	15,473	15,348
Less MRP/Set aside receipts	(9,291)	(10,080)	(9,951)
Adjustment re: finance lease			
Closing balance	338,543	343,091	343,940

The borrowing activity is constrained by prudential indicators for net borrowing and the CFR, and by the authorised limit.

20. Net borrowing and the CFR – in order to ensure that borrowing levels are prudent over the medium term the Council’s external borrowing, net of investments, must only be for a capital purpose. This essentially means that the Council is not borrowing to support revenue expenditure. Net borrowing should not therefore, except in the short term, have exceeded the CFR. This indicator allows the Council some flexibility to borrow in advance of its immediate capital needs in 2019/20. The following table highlights the Council’s net borrowing position against the CFR. This shows the Council is complying with this prudential indicator as projected net borrowing is less than the CFR.

	2018/19 Actual £'000	2019/20 Original Estimate £'000	2019/20 Current Estimate £'000
External Debt (Gross)	281,770	281,304	285,804
Less Investments	(55,100)	(61,000)	(61,000)
Net Borrowing Position	226,670	220,304	224,804
CFR	338,543	343,091	343,940

21. The authorised limit – the authorised limit is the “affordable borrowing limit” required by Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003. The Council does not have the power to borrow above this level.
22. The operational boundary – the operational boundary is the expected borrowing position of the Council during the year. Periods where the actual position is either below or over the boundary is acceptable subject to the authorised limit not being breached.

	2018/19 Actual £'000	2019/20 Original Estimate £'000	2019/20 Current Estimate £'000
Authorised Limit	373,725	380,994	393,940
Operational Boundary	353,725	360,994	373,940
Gross Borrowing *	281,770	281,304	285,804

* Total maximum long term and short term

23. This report confirms that during the first 6 months of 2019/20 Council has maintained gross borrowing within the Authorised Limit.

Investment Portfolio 2019/20

24. In accordance with the Code, it is the Council's priority to ensure security of capital and liquidity, and to obtain an appropriate level of return which is consistent with the Council's risk appetite. As shown by forecasts in section 4.2, it is a very difficult investment market in terms of earning the level of interest rates commonly seen in previous decades as rates are very low and in line with the current 0.75% Bank Rate. The continuing potential for a re-emergence of a Eurozone sovereign debt crisis, and its impact on banks, prompts a low risk and short term strategy. Given this risk environment and the fact that increases in Bank Rate are likely to be gradual and unlikely to return to the levels seen in previous decades, investment returns are likely to remain low.
25. It is confirmed that the approved limits within the Annual Investment Strategy have not been breached during the first six months of 2019/20.
26. The Council's budgeted investment return for 2019/20 has been set at £300k which is a reflection of the low level of returns anticipated on investments.

27. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) for 2019/20, which includes the Annual Investment Strategy, sets out the Council's investment priorities as being:
- Security of Capital
 - Liquidity
28. There has been no change in the Council's Investment Strategy aims from those approved on 14th February 2019. The aim continues to be to achieve the optimum return (yield) on investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity. In the current economic climate, it is considered appropriate to keep an adequate level of investments which can be instantly accessed to cover short term cash flow needs. The Council also seeks out value where available in significantly higher rates in periods up to 12 months with approved institutions that meet the Council's stringent credit rating assessment.
29. Investment rates available have continued at historically low levels. The average level of funds available for investment purposes during the period was affected by the timing of precept payments, receipt of grants and progress on the Capital Programme.

Investment performance to the 30th September 2019

30. The Council held £57.3m of investments as at 30th September 2019 (£55.1m at 31 March 2019) and the investment portfolio yield for the first six months of the year is 0.73% against a benchmark 0.66%. The Council has outperformed the benchmark by 7 basis points. The benchmark for funds managed in-house is the 3 month LIBID un-compounded rate which is the most realistic comparison rate as advised by our treasury management consultants.

A full list of investments held as at 30th September 2019 is provided in Appendix 1.

Investment counterparty criteria and proposed amendments

31. The current investment counterparty criteria approved by Members earlier this year are detailed in Appendix 3 of this report.
32. The Current Investment Policy to allow for a maximum investment of £20m with F1 rated institutions. Currently classified as F1 by the Fitch credit reference agency are banks such as Lloyds Bank, Barclays Bank and Santander UK plc.

Borrowing

33. The Council's agreed Strategy in relation to borrowing is set out in the Treasury Management Strategy Report as approved by Council. This strategy outlined that consideration would be given to entering into new external borrowing if PWLB (or money market) rates became more favourable.
34. During 2019/20 the Council has, to date, entered into the following loan arrangements with the PWLB:

Date	Amount of Loan £'000	Type	Interest Rate %	Term of Loan (Yrs)
29/8/19	10,000	Maturity Loan	1.70	49.5

The loans are used to fund capital expenditure on assets including the 21st Century Schools Programme and Regeneration.

Borrowing in advance of need

35. The Council has not borrowed in advance of need during the six month period ended 30th September 2019. Members should note that the total external debt projection for 31st March 2020 is as follows:

	£'000
Public Works Loans Board (PWLB)	221,804
Market Loans	62,500
WG Town Centre Loan	1,500
Total	285,804

Debt Rescheduling

36. Debt rescheduling opportunities have been non-existent during 2019/20 due to the penalties involved in entering into such arrangements.

Compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits

37. It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. The Council's original approved Treasury and Prudential Indicators (affordability) limits were included in the approved Treasury Management Strategy Statement as reported to Council on 14th February 2019.
38. During the financial year to date, the Council has operated within the Treasury Limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and in compliance with the Treasury Management Practices. The Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2019/20 onwards have been revised and are presented in Appendix 2.

Financial Impact

39. All relevant financial information is provided in the body of the report.

Integrated Impact Assessment

40. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts

41. No implications

Workforce Impacts

42. There are no workforce impacts arising from this report.

Legal Impacts

43. There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

Risk Management

44. There are several risks associated with the treasury management activities. These include interest rate fluctuations, counter party investment, international economic and political etc. The treasury management strategy is included within the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

Consultation

45. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

46. It is recommended that Members:

Note the Treasury Management activities to date this financial year, and how they relate to the proposed activities within the original 2019/20 Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy Statements.

Reason for Proposed Decision

47. To comply with requirements of the Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

Appendices

48. Appendix 1 – Investment Position as at 30th September 2019
Appendix 2 – Prudential Indicators
Appendix 3 – Specified Investments - Current Criteria

List of Background Papers

49. Link Asset Services Mid-year Reporting Template
Investment and Borrowing Records 2019/20

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Investment Position as at 30th September 2019

Borrower	Maturity	Rate %	Total £'000
<u>Banks and Building Societies</u>			
Lloyds Banking Group	32 day notice	0.95	5,000
<u>Other Local Authorities</u>			
Blaenau Gwent CBC	21-Oct-19	0.80	3,000
Plymouth City Council	21-Oct-19	0.85	5,000
Uttlesford District Council	01-Nov-19	0.76	1,000
Flintshire CBC	04-Oct-19	0.78	4,000
Thurrock Borough Council	05-Nov-19	0.70	5,000
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham	25-Oct-19	0.73	3,000
Telford & Wrekin Council	28-Oct-19	0.72	3,000
Telford & Wrekin Council	01-Nov-19	0.73	5,000
Babergh District Council	25-Nov-19	0.65	3,000
Dudley Metropolitan BC	31-Dec-19	0.72	2,700
<u>Call Deposit</u>			
DMO		0.50	13,700
Santander		0.25	3,900
Total			57,300

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Original Estimate	2019/20 Revised Estimate	2020/21 Estimate	2021/22 Estimate
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Expenditure	43,395	44,816	43,976	64,637	28,782
Capital Financing Requirement	338,543	343,091	343,940	345,346	345,716
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream	6.91%	7.31%	7.27%	7.09%	7.23%

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Original Estimate	2019/20 Revised Estimate	2020/21 Estimate	2021/22 Estimate
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Authorised Limit for External Debt: Borrowing and other long term liabilities	373,725	374,757	393,940	395,346	395,716
Operational Boundary for External Debt: Borrowing and other long term liabilities	353,725	354,757	373,940	375,346	375,716
External Debt (Gross)	281,771	282,804	285,804	293,598	299,597
Less Investments	(55,100)	(61,000)	(61,000)	(61,000)	(61,000)
Net Borrowing Position	226,671	221,804	224,804	237,598	238,597

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

	2019/20 limit
	£'000
Upper Limit on Fixed Interest Rate Exposure Lower Limit on Fixed Interest Rate Exposure	393,940
Upper Limit on Variable Rate Exposure Lower Limit on Variable Rate Exposure	196,970
Upper Limit for Total Principal Sums Invested for Over 364 Days (per maturity date)	£25m

Maturity Structure of Fixed Rate Borrowing During 2018/19	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Estimate		
	%	%	Upper Limit %	Lower Limit %
Under 12 months	2	3	15	0
12 months to 2 years	4	0	15	0
2 to 5 years	6	6	40	0
5 to 10 years	0	0	60	0
10 years and above	88	91	100	15

Specified Investments Criteria

	Minimum 'High' Credit Criteria	Funds Managed	Max Amount	Max Duration
Term deposits				
Term deposits - Debt Management Office	N/A	In-house	Unlimited	1 year
Term deposits – local, police and fire authorities	N/A	In-house	£10m	1 year
Term deposits – Nationalised & Part Nationalised UK banks/Building Societies	Fitch short-term rating F1+, F1	In-house	£20m	1 year
Term deposits – UK banks/Building Societies	Fitch short-term rating F1+	In-house	£20m	1 year
Term deposits – UK banks/Building Societies	Fitch short-term rating F1	In-house	£15m	6 months or 185 days
Callable deposits				
Callable deposits – Debt Management Agency deposit facility	N/A	In-house	Unlimited	
Callable deposits – Nationalised & Part Nationalised UK banks/Building Societies	Fitch short-term rating F1+, F1	In-house	£20m	
Callable deposits – Nationalised & Part Nationalised UK banks/Building Societies	Fitch short-term rating F2	In-house	£10m	
Callable deposits - UK banks/Building Societies	Fitch short-term rating F1+ or F1	In-house	£15m *	
Term deposits – non UK banks	Fitch short-term rating F1+	In-house	£5m	6 months or 185 days

* Where necessary this limit may be temporarily exceeded with the Authority's bankers only.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

20 November 2019

Report of

**Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer
K.Jones**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Alternative model for the Older Persons' Council

Purpose of Report

1. To present Cabinet with an alternative model for the Older Persons' Council for consideration and approval.

Executive Summary

2. In 2005 Welsh Government (WG) introduced their Strategy for Older People and Councils were required to produce their own version of the Strategy. WG funding was also provided to help deliver this work (i.e. to cover staff costs). This funding was used to employ an Older People's Development Officer.
3. To develop our own Strategy, consultation work was undertaken and feedback from this resulted in the Older Persons' Council being set up in 2005 (with the aim to continue the dialogue with older people). The OPC was made up of 12 residents (volunteers) from the county borough and was supported to deliver on its remit by the Older People's Development Officer.
4. The OPC's main functions were to engage with the Council and its partners, along with the public, providing an independent collective voice for older people. They also supported the Council in the implementation of the Strategy for Older People, along with monitoring and scrutinising the Ageing Well in Wales Programme.
5. Over the years the OPC have made a good contribution in a number of areas and the following are some examples of their work:

- Engagement with the public, communities and third sector organisations on issues affecting older people;
 - Responding to consultation exercises (affecting older people);
 - Attending events relating to older people and disseminating messages to the community;
 - Supporting the Council to deliver on its priorities for older people; and
 - Supporting the Commissioner for Older People in Wales to deliver priorities for older people.
6. However, over the years there have been a number of changes in how the Older People's Development Officer has supported the OPC. In 2018, due to reduced budgets and change in priorities, the resources to support the OPC was removed to focus on the Armed Forces Covenant work. In 2019, through NPT CVS a part time Development Officer was appointed to continue to support the OPC.
 7. The work undertaken by the NPT CVS Development Officer through engagement events with the community, has highlighted the lack of awareness in the community of the OPCs work and role.
 8. There has also been an issue with keeping the membership to full capacity, with members stepping down during their term and difficulties recruiting.
 9. The current arrangements are no longer proving to be an effective model for providing an independent collective voice for older people. The proposal is to change from its current model to an alliance/federation of organisations that represent the views of older people across Neath Port Talbot. The OPC would be dissolved but members could still be part of the alliance/federation through other organisations they represent or as individuals.

Background

10. In 2005 Welsh Government (WG) introduced their Strategy for Older People and Councils were required to produce their own version of the Strategy. WG funding was also provided to help deliver this work (i.e. to cover staff costs). This funding was used to employ an Older People's Development Officer.

11. As part of this work the Council held a 'have your say' event with older people to help develop the Strategy. Feedback from this engagement event led to the setting up of a Council for Older People (known as the OPC) with the aim to continue the dialogue / engagement with older people.
12. The Council's Older People's Development Officer supported the OPC to deliver on its functions (as set out in paragraph 4).
13. Over the years the OPC have made a good contribution in a number of areas and the following are some examples of their work:
 - Engagement with the public, communities and third sector organisations on issues affecting older people;
 - Responding to consultation exercises (affecting older people);
 - Attending events relating to older people and disseminating messages to the community;
 - Supporting the Council deliver on its priorities for older people; and
 - Supporting the Commissioner for Older People in Wales deliver on its priorities.
14. However, over the years there have been a number of changes in how the Older People's Development Officer has supported the OPC. In 2018, due to reduced budgets and change in priorities, the resources to support the OPC was removed to focus on the Armed Forces Covenant work. In 2019, through NPT CVS a part time Development Officer was appointed to continue to support the OPC.

Current Position

15. The purpose of appointing the NPT CVS Development Officer in 2019 was to support the OPC to develop as an independent representative body for older persons in Neath Port Talbot. This required a full review of existing arrangements which included its aims and objectives, membership, and terms of reference. NPT CVS supported the OPC in recruiting a Development Officer by involving them in the recruitment process and the Development Officer was appointed in July.
16. The work to date has enabled the OPC to recognise that changes are needed to ensure they continue to be relevant, focussed and a more effective voice for older people in the county borough.

17. The OPC have started to address the main issues they see necessary for change. These being: defining the future aims and purpose of the OPC; recognising where they need to focus their efforts in order to influence decisions and drive change; and recruitment of new members.
18. However, despite efforts made, progress has been slow during 2019-2020. The OPC feels that it is still not engaging sufficiently well with the wider community and acknowledge few people in the community know of its work and its role.

Proposal for Alternative Model

19. The proposal is to change from its current model to an alliance/federation of organisations that represent the views of older people. The OPC would be dissolved but members could still be part of the alliance/federation through other organisations they represent or as individuals.
20. The proposed alliance/federation model will be designed to expand the representation of views of older people within Neath Port Talbot by bringing more representative organisations together. The intention is that the alliance/federation focuses on discussing policy and makes recommendations around this, in line with the Council's agenda and other issues (such as health).
21. If the change in model is agreed, then the focus of the Development Officer over the next few months will shift to making arrangements for an alliance/federation model to be put in place. This will involve coproducing the terms of reference, membership and governance structure with local organisations representing older people.

Financial Appraisal

22. If the proposed model is not approved, the OPC will not be able to deliver on the commitments set out in their grant agreement with the Council for 2019-20 financial year.

Integrated Impact Assessment

23. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment.

Valleys Communities Impact

24. The current model is not representative of the county borough and therefore the views of older people are not representative and limited.

The new model will enable a better representation across the county borough.

Workforce Impact

25. No impact.

Legal Impact

26. If the proposed model is approved, variations will be required to the grant agreement that the Council has entered into.

Risk Management

27. If the proposed model is not approved the views of older people across the county borough will not be represented and limited.

Consultation

28. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

29. It is recommended that Cabinet considers and approves the alternative model proposed.

Reason for Proposed Decision

30. To ensure the views of older people from across the county borough are represented.

Implementation of Decision

31. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in.

List of Background Papers

32. [Third Sector Grant Scheme](#)

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

20 November 2019

Report of

**Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer
K.Jones**

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Wales Audit Office Certificate of Compliance - Audit of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's assessment of 2018-19 performance

Purpose of Report

1. To present the Wales Audit Office's Certificate of Compliance issued in November 2019 (Appendix 1) for their Audit of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's assessment of 2018-19 performance (Corporate Plan 2018-22 [Annual Report 2018-19](#)).

Background

2. Under section 17 and 19 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the Auditor General is required to report on his audit and assessment work in relation to whether the Council has discharged its statutory duty to publish an assessment of performance, before 31 October in the financial year following that to which the information relates, or by any other such date as Welsh Ministers may specify by order.

Main Findings

3. From the Compliance Certificate (contained in Appendix 1), it is pleasing to report the Auditor General concluded that: "the Council has discharged its duties under sections 15(2), (3), (8) and (9) of the Measure and has acted in accordance with Welsh Government guidance sufficiently to discharge its duties."

Financial Appraisal

4. The audit work undertaken by the Wales Audit Office has been delivered within the budget allocated for audit and inspection work. Performance reported in the 2018-19 Annual Report was delivered against a challenging financial backdrop.

Integrated Impact Assessment

5. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impact:

6. No implications.

Workforce Impact

7. There are no workforce impacts.

Legal Impact

8. Under Sections 17 and 19 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the Auditor General for Wales is required to carry out an audit to determine whether the Council has discharged its duty to publish an assessment of performance.

Risk Management

9. The Council also has a general duty under the local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, to annually publish an assessment which describes its performance before 31 October in the financial year following that to which the information relates, or by any other such date as Welsh Ministers may specify by order. Failure to complete and publish an annual assessment of performance report would mean the Council has not complied with statutory guidance, which could result in statutory recommendations the Council would be obliged to address.

Consultation

10. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

11. It is recommended that Members note the Wales Audit Office: Audit of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's assessment of 2018-19 performance, attached at Appendix 1.

Reason for Proposed Decision

12. This is a matter for monitoring therefore no decision is required.

Implementation of Decision

13. This is a matter for monitoring therefore no decision is required.

Appendices

14. Appendix 1 – Wales Audit Office: Audit of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's assessment of 2018-19 performance.

List of Background Papers

15. Neath Port Talbot Council, Corporate Plan 2018-22 - [Annual Report 2018-19](#)
16. Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

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Reference: 1573A2019-20

Date issued: November 2019

Audit of Neath Port Talbot Council's assessment of 2018-19 performance

Certificate

I certify that I have audited Neath Port Talbot Council's (the Council) assessment of its performance in 2018-19 in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure) and my Code of Audit Practice.

As a result of my audit, I believe that the Council has discharged its duties under sections 15(2), (3), (8) and (9) of the Measure and has acted in accordance with Welsh Government guidance sufficiently to discharge its duties.

Respective responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor General

Under the Measure, the Council is required to annually publish an assessment which describes its performance:

- in discharging its duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions;
- in meeting the improvement objectives it has set itself;
- by reference to performance indicators specified by Welsh Ministers, and self-imposed performance indicators; and
- in meeting any performance standards specified by Welsh Ministers, and self-imposed performance standards.

The Measure requires the Council to publish its assessment before 31 October in the financial year following that to which the information relates, or by any other such date as Welsh Ministers may specify by order.

The Measure requires that the Council has regard to guidance issued by Welsh Ministers in publishing its assessment.

As the Council's auditor, I am required under sections 17 and 19 of the Measure to carry out an audit to determine whether the Council has discharged its duty to publish an assessment of performance, to certify that I have done so, and to report whether I believe that the Council has discharged its duties in accordance with statutory requirements set out in section 15 and statutory guidance.

Scope of the audit

For the purposes of my audit work I will accept that, provided an authority meets its statutory requirements, it will also have complied with Welsh Government statutory guidance sufficiently to discharge its duties.

For this audit I am not required to form a view on the completeness or accuracy of information. Other assessment work that I will undertake under section 18 of the Measure may examine these issues. My audit of the Council's assessment of performance, therefore, comprised a review of the Council's publication to ascertain whether it included elements prescribed in legislation. I also assessed whether the arrangements for publishing the assessment complied with the requirements of the legislation, and that the Council had regard to statutory guidance in preparing and publishing it.

The work I have carried out in order to report and make recommendations in accordance with sections 17 and 19 of the Measure cannot solely be relied upon to identify all weaknesses or opportunities for improvement.



Adrian Crompton

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

20th November 2019

Report - Head of Transformation (ELLL) Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Cwmllynfell

Project Proposal made to the Members Community Fund

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval to fund a project proposal that requests financial support under the Members Community Fund. The project has been tabled by the respective Ward Member.

Executive Summary

2. The Members Community Fund is to be used to address local needs and to support projects and initiatives that will contribute towards creating vibrant and sustainable communities.

The Project Development & Funding Unit (PDFU) within ELLL is charged with the governance of the Fund and will act as the Grant Management Organisation.

Bids can be made for projects that enhance existing Council services, assist voluntary sector provision or form part of a larger initiative that is in need of additional financial support.

Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist Health & Well Being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms.

Another project proposal now seeks funding and has been formally submitted to the PDFU. The bid has been checked for completeness, accuracy and deliverability and is 'fit for purpose' and ready for determination by Cabinet.

Background

3. Install an energy efficient LED floodlighting system at Cwmllynfell RFC.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector Providers.'

Cwmllynfell RFC is a WRU affiliated Club participating in the West Central Division 3A. The Club currently fields a first's team, and has ambitions of expanding to include a second's team, a women's team and a junior division.

The proposal brought to the Members Fund is to modernise the existing floodlighting by updating the current sodium light fittings to a new, energy efficient, light-emitting diode (LED) system. LED uses 90% less electricity than sodium and very little heat is produced, making them a much 'greener', environmentally friendly, option.

If this project were to be realised, the Rugby Club would see an increase in the number of training sessions taking place during the winter months. It would also allow the Club to develop junior training practice sessions, and host youth teams which cannot currently be accommodated due to the lighting being of a poor standard.

The need for the proposal has been brought to the attention of the Ward Member for Cwmllynfell. The existing floodlights are some 25 years old

and inefficient. The costs incurred by the Club in merely keeping them operational in recent years has been substantial. In short, the poor quality of the current system is preventing the Club from achieving its full potential.

Consideration has been given to the Lux levels and the Glare Rating emanating from the new floodlights, and Pre-Application Advice has been sought by the Club. This has confirmed that the proposal does not necessitate an application for full Planning Permission as the existing floodlighting columns will be utilised, visually there will be no change, and any light overspill or pollution will not affect properties nearby.

The long term community benefits associated with the project include increased participation in the game of Rugby by all age groups, and greater flexibility in usage of the pitch. The savings gained by the Club through decreased utility bills will offset other costs such as maintenance and insurance, enabling them to invest in other areas including developing new teams and making further improvements to their existing facilities.

The total cost of the proposal is £16,472.80. The project has already benefitted from a £10,000 grant award from the East Pit Revised Opencast Community Benefit Fund and £4,000 from the Cwmllynfell Community Council East Pit Fund. The remaining £2,472.80 is now being sought from Cllr Hugh Jones' Members Fund Portfolio. This application, if successful, will complete the funding package and provide the Club with the financial wherewithal to make this project a reality.

Financial Impact

4. In order to win favour in Cabinet all projects must be sustainable. Projects must have a robust exit strategy that places no additional revenue or financial burden on the Council.

The new floodlighting will be wholly the responsibility of Cwmllynfell RFC. The Club have secured an ongoing maintenance contract with a team sponsor, and the expected lifespan of the new fittings is 100,000 hours. This will ensure that the floodlighting is kept in excellent condition for many years to come.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Integrated Impact Assessment

5. A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010), the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well - being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in - depth assessment is not required as the summary concludes there are positive outcomes for the sustainable development principle, collaboration and involvement, with no impact on equalities or the Welsh language.

Valleys Communities Impacts

6. No implications

Workforce Impacts

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

8. The delivery of the Members Community Fund will come within the purview of the Local Government Act 2000 which introduced well-being powers which enable every Local Authority to have capacity to do anything which it considers likely to promote an improvement to economic, social or environmental well-being in the area. Under section 56 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 sanction is given for both Executive and Non - Executive Members to invest within their own Ward.

The Council's Constitution should be referred to for explicit guidance on governance.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

10. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

11. That the project proposal to install an energy efficient LED floodlighting system at Cwmllynfell RFC be approved, and that £2,472.80 of Cllr Jones' allocation under the Members Community Fund be awarded.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

12. To approve the Application for funding that has been received under the Members Community Fund. Full Funding Applications can be made to the Members Community Fund until the end of the financial year. The Fund will then close. Funds left unallocated will be returned to Reserves.

Implementation of Decision

13. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

List of Background Papers

14. This Cwmllynfell initiative has been developed from the Members Community Fund Application Form submitted by Councillor Hugh Jones. The constitution, quotations, bank account details and insurance documentation for Cwmllynfell RFC have been retained for future reference. The first stage Impact Assessment documentation associated with this project proposal has also been retained.

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