



## **CABINET**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**Wards affected – All**

**Matter for Monitoring**

**Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2024/25 – As at the end of September 2024**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with information in relation to the Council's projected revenue budget position and savings as agreed for 2024/25.

#### **Background**

This report sets out the Council's projected end of year budget position based on information available as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

#### **Budget Management Responsibility**

Under the Council's Constitution and Financial Procedure Rules Corporate Directors are responsible for managing their Budgets within the overall cash limit approved by Council.

A Corporate Director may exercise virements on budgets under his or her control for any amount on any one budget head during the year, following notification to the Director of Finance provided that:

- a) overall expenditure and income is contained within the cash limit
- (b) except where virement would involve a significant variation in the level or nature of the delivery of the service approved by Council in the Revenue Budget.

## Summary

The Council's net revenue budget for 2024/25 is £376.599m (£360.973m in 2023/24). When the budget was set a number of service savings and efficiencies were required totalling £8.828m. The current position on these savings are attached in appendix 1, with a red, amber, green (RAG) rating to show their current status.

The overall budget position as at September 24 is a £2.684m overspend. As the financial year progresses, services will need to continually review expenditure and income in their areas to mitigate the impact of the overall budget overspend.

<u>Summary 2024/25</u>	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Projected Outturn	Reserves	Variance ~ Under / (Over)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Delegated Schools Budget	106,458	106,458	114,088	-7,630	0
Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning	33,125	33,156	34,207	-12	-1,039
Social Services, Housing & Community Safety	113,699	113,699	114,185		-486
Environment	46,515	46,312	46,790	579	-1,057
Strategy and Corporate Services	21,366	21,438	21,825	-70	-317
<b>Directly Controlled Expenditure</b>	<b>321,163</b>	<b>321,063</b>	<b>331,095</b>	<b>-7,133</b>	<b>-2,899</b>
Levies and contributions	10,859	10,859	10,844		15
Capital financing	19,603	19,703	19,703		0
Pay contingency	3,815	3,815	3,815		0
Contingency	375	375	375		0
Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS)	20,784	20,784	20,584		200
<b>(Overspend) / Underspend</b>	<b>376,599</b>	<b>376,599</b>	<b>386,416</b>	<b>-7,133</b>	<b>-2,684</b>

At present it is difficult to fully quantify the effect of the pay settlement for 2024/25. The current projections reflect 4% included in the budget, with 2.5% allocated to Directorates and 1.5% included in a pay contingency budget. Following confirmation of the 2024 pay agreement, a virement will be actioned to move this budget to the individual service directorates.

The vacancy management target for the Council in 2024/25 is £5.259m. It is predicted that this target will be achieved by the end of the financial year.

In order to try to address the overspend position Officers will look to implement additional cost saving and income generation measures in year. These measures will only be where they can be delivered within existing policy frameworks.

Significant service variances of £100k or more are detailed below.

### **Education Leisure and Lifelong Learning (ELLL)**

Based on costs incurred to date the ELLL directorate is projected to overspend by £1.039m. The main variances are as follows:

#### **Out of County Placements £129k overspend**

This overspend relates to an increase in the number of out of county placements (OOC), it is also important to note that £200k has already been drawn from ELLL reserves in year to help alleviate this budget pressure.

There have been 12 new OOC placements since the budget was set, 2 of which have now been brought back in-house to NPT schools. Five of the new placements are due to parental preference where pupils are living on the border of a neighbouring authority with placements agreed in the best interests of the child and family. Four are looked after children who are residing in other areas due to care/ residential placements. The remaining placements are due to a lack of specialist provision in NPT.

#### **Home to school transport £659k overspend**

The net budget for this financial year is £9.3m. This included an MTFP saving target of £350k which was to be achieved by a retendering exercise in the summer. £4.5m worth of routes were retendered but unfortunately the exercise did not return the desired savings and has instead resulted in an overall increase in the cost of these routes to the value of £260k for the period September 2024 to March 2025.

Work is ongoing to review the work undertaken to date and agree the next steps and strategies needed to attain and re-profile the essential savings required.

#### **Other Country Parks £135k Overspend**

Gnoll Park £98k overspend – relates to the loss of car park income expected, due to the Levelling Up Fund capital works which commenced in August 2024. Parts of the car park will be closed to the public and we are also expecting a fall in visitor numbers while the work is completed.

Gnoll Park Café - £32k relates to loss of income due to the main café closing in August 2024 for 12 months due to refurbishment works as part of the Levelling Up project.

### **Education Leisure and Lifelong Learning (ELLL)-School Budgets**

The delegated school budget for 2024/25 is £106m. The opening balance for School Reserves in April 2024 is a £179k deficit. This deficit is predicted to increase by £7.6m by the end of the financial year.

Work is ongoing between the LA and those schools who have submitted deficit budgets to set individual school recovery plans. The Director of Finance will also be requesting quarterly updates to monitor the overall reserve position.

### **Risks**

Teacher Pensions – The employers rate for teacher pension contributions increased by 5% from the 1st April 2024. The estimated cost to the LA of this increase is circa £3m. School budgets have been set on the assumption that this extra cost will be fully funded.

Teachers Pay – circa £2m in relation to the 1.5% teachers' pay uplift in Sept 2022 and 2023 has not been received in our budget settlement from WG and therefore has not been built into the delegated schools budget guideline for 2024/25.

The year-end projection assumes the £982k vacancy management target for ELLL will be achieved. £616k of savings have already been identified to date with £366k remaining to be identified throughout this financial year.

Home to School Transport – Difficult market conditions and lack of competition. External consultants have been appointed with the aim of delivering £1.24m recurring cash savings over a 3 year period starting in November 2023.

### **Social Services, Housing & Community Safety (SSHCS)**

Based on costs incurred to date the SSHCS directorate is projected to overspend by £486k.

Significant service variances of £100k or more are detailed below.

#### Children's Social Work £212k overspend

Expenditure relating to external support for Children open to the Childcare Disability Team has increased over the past few months. Provisions have been put in place to support families at home to help avoid breakdowns.

#### Children's Residential Care £914k overspend

Whilst the number of young people in a Residential provision has reduced from April 2024 there are still a number of high cost placements where additional staffing resource has been agreed in order to stabilise the placement. Previous projections assumed a number of placements would revert back to the original rate or that the young person would step down to supported accommodation, however upon review these arrangements are likely to be more longer term.

Two potential Foster Plus Carers are currently being assessed which would ease the pressure on this budget.

#### Supported Accommodation £242k overspend

There has been an increase in the use of supported accommodation. During 2023/24 the service commissioned a 3-bed scheme and two young people have since stepped down from residential setting to this new provision.

#### Internal Fostering Service £837k underspend

The number of in-house foster placements is lower than budgeted. There has also been a reduction in the number of Special Guardianship Order (SGO) allowances.

#### Other Community Care £125k overspend

The overspend relates to staffing costs, the posts were previously funded by a Welsh Government grant (Eliminating Profit from the Care of Looked After Children). The Service is currently awaiting further information in regards to this funding stream.

#### Elderly Residential Care £201k overspend

There has been an increase in the number of placements from the previous month. Sale of assets income is currently projected to be on budget however invoices raised to date is lower than expected. This will be monitored closely over the coming months.

#### Elderly Domiciliary Care £503k overspend

An overspend of £763k in the external market due to additional hours commissioned, on average 9,899 hours per week compared with 9,139 in the budget. Also included is a reduction in income of £123k based on client contributions to date. This is partially offset by vacant posts within in-house homecare (£383k).

#### Community Resource Team £125k overspend

There are currently a number of vacancies within the reablement team, the projection assumes that most of these posts will be filled during the year.

#### Trem y Mor £466k overspend

Staffing costs are projected to overspend by £194k, this includes £146k vacancy factor, which is believed to be unachievable due to the staffing levels required. Health income is projected to be lower than budgeted due to an unexpected move-on (£240k).

#### Learning Disabilities External Placements £883k underspend

A number of budgeted placements have not commenced. Approximate start dates are included within the projection.

#### Mental Health £426k underspend

A number of budgeted placements have not commenced. Approximate start dates are included within the projection.

### **Risks**

The SSHH budget is currently being underpinned by the use of £8.8m of earmarked reserves, which includes funding from the transformation reserve.

It is not sustainable to continue to fund these costs from reserves on a permanent basis. A number of cost saving initiatives have been identified via the transformation agenda and are currently in the early stages of development.

### **Environment (ENV)**

Based on costs incurred to date the ENV directorate is projected to overspend by £1.057m after reserve movements. The main variances included in this overspend are:

#### Vacancy Management

The Directorates vacancy management target is £981k. Based on the existing vacancies it has been projected that £821k of this target will be achieved by the end of the year, leaving a shortfall of £160k.

#### Highways Maintenance £120k overspend

We are currently using more materials due to the provision of the Pot Hole Pro machine under the 'cleaning & greening' capital, and there is a significant increase in the number of pot holes. Problems are compounded by the fact no inflationary increase was allowed this year for supplies and services which includes all tarmac, concrete and other material purchases.

#### Public lighting £150K overspend

This is partly due to no inflation awarded for 2024/2025 for energy. The energy budget was also reduced by £220k as part of the Directorates savings that we put forward for dimming of street lights, as prices have not decreased as anticipated it is unlikely that the full saving will be achieved. The estimated overspend will be monitored closely and revised as the monthly bills are received.

Cabinet have agreed a pilot for part night lighting to take place in November which may open the way for further potential energy savings.

#### Car Parking £128k overspend

This is due to car parking income being less than budgeted partially offset by a one off NNDR rebate of £110K.

#### Building Maintenance £375k overspend

The budget is more committed this year compared to last summer and it is difficult to accurately forecast the demand over the winter period so it is possible that this overspend could increase to as much as £500K by the end of the financial year. The overspend is a combination of schools and non-schools but as a guide the 2023/24 overspend of £234K consisted of £192K schools and £42K non schools.

### **Risks**

This report is about the current 2024/25 financial year, however, the Directorate Management Team are concerned to highlight a future significant financial pressure facing the Directorate in 2025/26.

The pressure will predominately impact on the whole of Streetcare with other services having similar issues as and when vehicles are required

to be replaced but with a far smaller financial impact. A large number of vehicles in the fleet have now passed their renewal date and are needing to be replaced. However, as an insight the cabinet report of 23rd October highlights potential impacts on the replacement of 21 recycling vehicles. The options in the report are either to purchase and replace with diesel vehicles, or to retender to replace with electric. If the latter option is selected the new tender prices for the electric vehicles could increase but the hope is due to continued competition this will be avoided. Based on the information currently known, as an indication the financial impacts on the 21 vehicle replacement consist of the following:-

One off capital costs of £366k to £899k (£366k Diesel replacement, £899k Electric)

Annual revenue pressures of slightly in excess of £500K for either option.

### **Strategy and Corporate Services & Finance (CORP)**

Based on costs incurred to date the CORP directorate is projected to overspend by £317K.

#### **Legal Services £142k overspend**

This is mainly due to an unachieved vacancy target, along with a reduction in fee income.

### **Central Budgets**

Based on costs incurred to date the central budgets are projected to underspend by £215k

#### **Council tax reduction scheme £200k underspend**

This budget is projected to underspend by £200k with 15,392 people currently receiving a reduction to their council tax in year.

### **Virements**

Following confirmation of the 2024 pay agreement, a virement will be actioned to move the pay contingency budget to the individual service directorates.

No other virements have been requested during quarter 2.



## **Council Reserves**

Under the Council's constitution the use of existing reserves by Corporate Directors requires consultation with the Director of Finance.

The current position in relation to reserve balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and commitments agreed to date is detailed in Appendix 2 of this report.

Please see below proposed reserve movements in Quarter 2

Value	Directorate	Service	Reason
£12,000	ELLL	Youth Service	Grant income for homeless project
(£24,000)	ELLL	EDIS	To fund temporary post
(£60,000)	ENV	Asset & Energy Management	To fund Net Zero step 2 and step 3 action plan
(£132,739)	ENV	Civic Buildings	To fund LED lighting at Civic buildings
£243,000	ENV	Covid Recovery	Covid funding no longer required in 24/25
£115,381	ENV	Trading Standards	Reserve funding no longer required
£60,000	ENV	Transport Support	Reserve funding no longer required
£290,000	ENV	Biodiversity	To allow extension of temporary contracts
£63,637	ENV	Swansea Bay City Region/European unit	To provide a transition/bridging fund to ensure continuity of the Strategic Funding Programme Office programme team
(£44,000)	CORP	Human Resources-Training	This is to fund a new digital based learning system
(£26,000)	CORP	Departmental Management	This is to fund recruitment costs

## **Integrated Impact Assessment**

There is no requirement to undertake an integrated impact assessment as this report summarises the Council's financial position

### **Valleys Communities Impacts**

No Impact

### **Workforce Impacts**

No Impact

### **Legal Impact**

No Impact

### **Risk Management Impact**

Due to the cost of living crisis, rising energy prices, inflation and post Covid recovery, there is risk within the current budget projections which could result in significant variances.

Officers will monitor this situation and update Cabinet in subsequent budget monitoring reports.

### **Consultation**

This item is not subject to external consultation

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- **Note** the contents of this report in relation to the current projected budget outturn and reserves position
- **Note** the progress against the agreed savings
- **Note** that Officers will look to implement additional cost saving and income generation measures in year in order to reduce the current overspend position. These measures will only be where they can be delivered within existing policy frameworks.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Agreed savings RAG rating

Appendix 2 – Reserve Schedule

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## Appendix 1 – Agreed Savings RAG rating

### 2024/25 Budget – Savings monitoring RAG Analysis

Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
<b><u>Schools</u></b>					
SCH1	Noelwyn Daniel	Procurement and routine spend - Schools	250,000	Green	
	<b>Total (Schools)</b>		<b>250,000</b>		
<b><u>Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning (ELL)</u></b>					
ELL1	Chris Saunders	Margam Country Park	100,000	Amber	In progress
ELL2	Chris Saunders	Pontardawe Arts Centre	40,000	Amber	Budgets to be revised to reflect building works
ELL3	Chris Saunders	Princess Royal Theatre	58,000	Amber	Budgets to be revised to reflect building works
ELL4	Chris Saunders	Indoor leisure	460,000	Green	
ELL5	Chris Saunders	Aberafan Seafront	25,000	Green	
ELL6	Chris Saunders	Library Service	20,000	Green	
ELL7	Rhiannon Crowhurst	Home to school transport	350,000	Red	In progress, EGDE review. To date anticipated savings have not been delivered.
ELL8	Rhiannon Crowhurst	School Meals	70,000	Green	
ELL9	Rhiannon Crowhurst	Primary school cleaning	84,000	Green	

Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
ELLL10	Hayley Lervy	Out of County Placements	200,000	Amber	Additional placements made since budget was set has created new pressure
ELLL11	Chris Millis	Parent, Pupil & Governor Support	17,000	Green	
ELLL12	Chris Millis	Education Development Service	20,000	Green	
ELLL13	Rhiannon Crowhurst	Youth Service	10,000	Green	
	<b>Total (ELLL)</b>		<b>1,454,000</b>		
<b>Environment (ENV)</b>					
ENV1	Simon Brennan	Accommodation review - phase 2	96,000	Amber	In progress
ENV3	Simon Brennan	Grant maximisation	350,000	Amber	In progress
ENV4	Simon Brennan	Former Metal Box building	185,000	Green	
ENV5	Simon Brennan	City Deal Programme Management - additional income	142,000	Green	
ENV6	Simon Brennan	Reduce cleaning posts	24,000	Amber	In progress
ENV8	Mike Roberts	Street lighting – Energy Costs	220,000	Green	
ENV9	Mike Roberts	Increase recycle Income	400,000	Green	
ENV10	Mike Roberts	Energy savings at the MREC	50,000	Green	
ENV11	Mike Roberts	Reduce the level of breakages evident in the recycling boxes/bags	25,000	Amber	New control measures in place
ENV13	Mike Roberts	Termination of License Agreement on the upper section of the Neath Canal	100,000	Green	
ENV14	Mike Roberts	Full Cost Recovery for schools grounds maintenance	50,000	Green	
ENV15	Dave Griffiths	Learner Travel Wales Measure	7,000	Green	

Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
ENV16	Dave Griffiths	New range of charges for Sustainable Drainage (SAB) pre-application advice	9,000	Amber	In progress
ENV18	Dave Griffiths	SLAs with SWTRA and Tai Tarian	5,000	Amber	In progress
ENV19	Dave Griffiths	Income maximisation from capital programme	20,000	Amber	In progress
ENV20	Ceri Morris	Increase income above 7.5% threshold on pest control service (£7k), Japanese Knotweed management service (£4k)	11,000	Green	
ENV21	Ceri Morris	Increase the number of grant applications to WG to secure funding for air quality monitoring	5,000	Green	
ENV22	Ceri Morris	General cuts to a variety of budgets	11,000	Green	
ENV23	Ceri Morris	Increase in fees and charges above the 7.5% threshold.	2,000	Green	
ENV24	Ceri Morris	Reduction in use of consultants	9,000	Green	
ENV25	Ceri Morris	Reduction in Rights of Way Maintenance budget	5,000	Green	
ENV26	Ceri Morris	Reduction in project work	5,000	Green	
ENV27	Ceri Morris	Increase in non-statutory pre-application fees above the 7.5% threshold	4,000	Green	
ENV28	Ceri Morris	Increase in the number of Planning Performance Agreements secured (PPAs)	1,000	Green	

Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
ENV29	Ceri Morris	Reduction in spend on professional fees, general clothing, electrical testing, stationery etc.	5,000	Green	
	<b>Total (ENV)</b>		<b>1,741,000</b>		
<b>Social Services, Health and Housing</b>					
SSHH2	Angela Thomas	Transport Reconfiguration	75,000	Green	
SSHH3	Angela Thomas	Full review of placements	500,000	Green	
SSHH4	Angela Thomas	Additional Grant Funding	168,000	Green	
SSHH5	Angela Thomas	Staff Restructure	200,000	Green	
SSHH6	Angela Thomas	Grant Funding - Carers Officer	15,000	Green	
SSHH7	Angela Thomas	Night Support Workers - Remove Sleep-in in high cost scheme and a cluster of schemes	350,000	Green	The scheme has not yet started however other savings within LD have been identified
SSHH8	Angela Thomas	Full review of direct payments	100,000	Green	
SSHH9	Keri Warren	Reduction in residential placements	221,000	Red	Number of residential placements have decreased, however average cost of a placement has increased.
SSHH10	Keri Warren	Hillside Recharge	92,000	Green	
SSHH11	Keri Warren	Reduction in LAC Taxi Routes	100,000	Green	
SSHH12	Keri Warren	Grant income UASC scheme	117,000	Green	
SSHH13	Keri Warren	Reduction in non-Looked after children (LAC) Allowances	50,000	Green	
SSHH14	Andrew Jarrett	Staff restructuring	75,000	Green	
	<b>Total SSH&amp;H</b>		<b>2,063,000</b>		
<b>Strategy and Corporate Services (S&amp;CS)</b>					

Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
SCS4	Sheenagh Rees	Explore potential to provide services under an SLA to support regeneration projects	25,000	Green	
SCS5	Sheenagh Rees	Review Staffing structure	123,000	Amber	In progress
SCS6	Craig Griffiths	Undertake a review of legal services resources to ensure consolidation of spend and most efficient use.	5,000	Green	
SCS7	Craig Griffiths	Implement development of a charging structure for Environmental Information Regulations searches	5,000	Green	
SCS8	Craig Griffiths	Development of a Celebrant Service within the Registrar Office (RO)	5,000	Green	
SCS9	Craig Griffiths	Review of fees and charging in Register Office	5,000	Green	
SCS10	Craig Griffiths	Introduction of new fees for licensed premises	20,000	Green	
SCS11	Craig Griffiths	Increase in work capable of being recharged i.e. SWTRA, Margam Crematorium, Town and Community Councils, Tai Tarian and other parties	7,000	Green	
SCS12	Craig Griffiths	Increasing Surcharges in Mailroom and making efficiencies in performance	3,000	Green	



Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
SCS13	Craig Griffiths	Deletion of Modern Apprentice in Legal Business Support	28,000	Green	
SCS14	Craig Griffiths	Increase income target in Commercial and Governance	2,000	Green	
SCS15	Craig Griffiths	Increase income target in Register Office -	6,000	Green	
SCS16	Craig Griffiths	Reallocation of Corporate Joint Committee Funding	35,000	Green	
SCS17	Chris Owen	Reviewing specific contracts including mobile telephony	20,000	Amber	In progress, saving to be fully achieved in 25/26
SCS18	Chris Owen	Review of Service Level Agreements	20,000	Green	
SCS19	Chris Owen	As part of moving CCTV back to 24/7 operation, explore income generation options	15,000	Green	
SCS20	Chris Owen	Modernisation of technical infrastructure – power consumption cost reductions	29,000	Red	Work completed, digital services will not achieve saving as energy budget sits in Environment Directorate. Energy budget is insufficient.
SCS21	Chris Owen	Remove current vacancies from structure	119,000	Green	
	<b>Total S&amp;CS</b>		<b>472,000</b>		
<b><u>Finance</u></b>					
SCS1	Huw Jones	Permanent closure to the public of cash desks at Neath and Port Talbot Civic Centres.	52,000	Green	

Reference	Responsible Officer	Saving Strategy	2024/25 Saving	Deliverability Status RAG	Comment/Consequence
SCS2	Huw Jones	Contract savings from renewal of banking contract on revised terms	4,000	Green	
SCS3	Huw Jones	Contract saving from re-tendered insurance contracts	82,000	Green	
	<b>Total Finance</b>		<b>138,000</b>		
<b><u>Other / Council wide savings</u></b>					
CORP1	Huw Jones	Reduce energy contingency budget	2,650,000	Green	
CORP3	Karen Jones	Rebate on CJC levy	60,000	Green	
	<b>Total Other</b>		<b>2,710,000</b>		
	<b>Total Savings</b>		<b>8,828,000</b>		

## Appendix 2 – Reserve Schedule

Description	Reserve Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	Original budget 2024/25	Movements to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Closing reserves 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
	£	£	£	£
<b>Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning</b>				
<u>Delegated Schools Reserves</u>				
Primary Schools	616,994	4,219,080	0	4,836,074
Secondary Schools	Cr982,431	1,075,730	0	93,299
Special Schools	Cr890,875	719,745	0	Cr171,130
Middle School	1,435,465	1,615,086	0	3,050,551
Repair & Maintenance	Cr161,160	0	0	Cr161,160
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>17,992</b>	<b>7,629,641</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,647,633</b>
<u>Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Other</u>				
Additional learning needs reserve	Cr1,102,000	165,000	0	Cr937,000
Equalisation Account-Education	Cr2,034,595	379,905	212,000	Cr1,442,690
Home to School Transport	Cr253,000	253,000	0	0
<b>Total Education Other</b>	<b>Cr3,389,595</b>	<b>797,905</b>	<b>212,000</b>	<b>Cr2,379,690</b>
<b>Total Education Leisure &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>	<b>Cr3,371,603</b>	<b>8,427,546</b>	<b>212,000</b>	<b>5,267,943</b>
<u>Social Services, Health and Housing</u>				
Homecare ECM Equipment reserve	Cr90,000	90,000	0	0
Community Care Transformation Reserve	Cr1,049,917	1,014,735	0	Cr35,182

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SSHH IT Renewals Fund	Cr1,900,000	1,200,000	0	Cr700,000
Social Services Equalisation	Cr1,270,240	1,270,240	0	0
Community Resilience Fund	Cr1,750,000	1,750,000	0	0
Housing Warranties Reserve	Cr220,000	0	0	Cr220,000
Hillside General Reserve	Cr575,021	0	0	Cr575,021
Ring fenced homecare funding	Cr71,300	0	55,151	Cr16,149
Youth Offending Team Reserve	Cr167,897	0	0	Cr167,897
Adoption Service	Cr380,000	380,000	0	0
<b>Total Social Services, Health and Housing</b>	<b>Cr7,474,375</b>	<b>5,704,975</b>	<b>55,151</b>	<b>Cr1,714,249</b>
<u>Environment</u>				
Transport Reserve	Cr540,173	60,000	Cr60,000	Cr540,173
Asset Recovery Incentive Scheme	Cr87,893	0	0	Cr87,893
Swansea Bay City Deal	Cr264,500	0	0	Cr264,500
Local Development Plan	Cr355,337	76,787	0	Cr278,550
Parking improvement	Cr63,850	30,500	0	Cr33,350
Waste Reserve	Cr2,689,109	2,170,506	0	Cr518,603
Winter Maintenance Reserve	Cr668,429	0	0	Cr668,429
Neath Market	Cr253,106	0	0	Cr253,106
Baglan Bay Innovation centre - dilapidation reserve	Cr77,517	0	0	Cr77,517
Renewable Energy Reserve	Cr24,162	0	0	Cr24,162

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Environmental Health - Housing Equalisation	Cr36,699	0	0	Cr36,699
Environment Equalization Reserve	Cr1,852,910	390,095	Cr511,669	Cr1,974,484
Pantteg Landslip Reserve	Cr434,961	0	0	Cr434,961
<u>Trading Account</u>				
Operating Account -Equalisation	Cr36,043	0	0	Cr36,043
Vehicle Tracking	Cr121,186	0	0	Cr121,186
Vehicle Renewals	Cr4,605,873	Cr1,303,924	0	Cr5,909,797
<b>Total Environment</b>	<b>Cr12,111,748</b>	<b>1,423,964</b>	<b>Cr571,669</b>	<b>Cr11,259,453</b>
<u>Strategy and Corporate Services</u>				
Elections Equalisation Fund	Cr105,238	30,000	0	Cr75,238
Health & Safety/Occupational Health	Cr40,501	0	0	Cr40,501
Digital Transformation Reserve	Cr1,170,000	848,500	0	Cr321,500
Schools IT Equalisation (HWB)	Cr400,000	0	0	Cr400,000
Digital renewal reserve	Cr1,286,393	0	0	Cr1,286,393
Chief Executives Equalisation Reserve	Cr201,328	50,000	0	Cr151,328
Organisational development reserve	Cr3,595,024	654,000	0	Cr2,941,024
Building Capacity	Cr177,295	70,000	0	Cr107,295
<b>Total Strategy and Corporate Services</b>	<b>Cr6,975,779</b>	<b>1,652,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr5,323,279</b>
<u>Corporate Other</u>				

Description	Reserve Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	Original budget 2024/25	Movements to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Closing reserves 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
Insurance Reserve	Cr4,165,382	280,000	0	Cr3,885,382
Income Generation Reserve	Cr113,230	0	0	Cr113,230
Corporate Contingency	Cr2,508,602	584,242	70,000	Cr1,854,360
Transformation and modernisation	Cr6,700,000	4,521,025	0	Cr2,178,975
Capital support Reserve	Cr683,447	0	0	Cr683,447
Covid recovery	Cr656,350	656,350	Cr243,000	Cr243,000
Treasury Management Equalisation Reserve	Cr9,012,687	0	0	Cr9,012,687
Hardship relief scheme (w wales)	Cr811,654	0	0	Cr811,654
Service resilience	Cr96,750	96,750	0	0
Discretionary fund	Cr100,000	0	0	Cr100,000
Accommodation Strategy	Cr2,973,580	31,672	272,943	Cr2,668,965
<b>Total Corporate Other</b>	<b>Cr27,821,682</b>	<b>6,170,039</b>	<b>99,943</b>	<b>Cr21,551,700</b>
<u>Joint Committee</u>				
Margam Discovery Centre - Building Maintenance Reserve	Cr174,440	Cr57,333	0	Cr231,773
Environment Legacy Reserve (SWTRA)	Cr259,728	0	0	Cr259,728
Substance Misuse Area Planning Board	Cr373,326	0	0	Cr373,326
WB Safeguarding Board Reserve	Cr88,014	0	0	Cr88,014
<b>Total Joint Committee</b>	<b>Cr895,508</b>	<b>Cr57,333</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cr952,841</b>
<b>Total All Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>Cr58,650,695</b>	<b>23,321,691</b>	<b>Cr204,575</b>	<b>Cr35,533,579</b>

Description	Reserve Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	Original budget 2024/25	Movements to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Closing reserves 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
General Reserve	Cr15,449,692	0		Cr15,449,692
<b>TOTAL ALL RESERVES</b>	<b>Cr74,100,387</b>	<b>23,321,691</b>	<b>Cr204,575</b>	<b>Cr50,983,271</b>