

**SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

15th January 2025

Report of the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 officer)

Report Title: Draft budget for financial year 2025/26

Purpose of Report	To provide the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with the draft budget for financial year 2025/26, including the proposed levy charge to the constituent authorities.																	
Recommendation(s)	<p>That the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee:</p> <p>Receive the draft budget proposals for the Joint Committee and consider the recommendation that the budget is set at £710.3k as set out in Appendix C (Requested Budget with the use of reserves) including the proposed Levy Charge based on population to the constituent authorities as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="536 1115 1388 1458"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="536 1115 1136 1151"><u>Local Authority Levy 2025/26</u></th> <th data-bbox="1136 1115 1388 1151">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1151 1136 1189">City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1151 1388 1189">191,188</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1189 1136 1227">Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1189 1388 1227">151,281</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1227 1136 1265">Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1227 1388 1265">114,094</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1265 1136 1303">Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1265 1388 1303">99,414</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1303 1136 1341">Brecon Beacons NPA (Levy)</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1303 1388 1341">147</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1341 1136 1379">Pembrokeshire Coast NPA (Levy)</td> <td data-bbox="1136 1341 1388 1379">672</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 1379 1136 1458"></td> <td data-bbox="1136 1379 1388 1458">556,797</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Local Authority Levy 2025/26</u>	£	City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	191,188	Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	151,281	Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	114,094	Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	99,414	Brecon Beacons NPA (Levy)	147	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA (Levy)	672		556,797
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report details the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) annual budget for the financial year 2025/26 with 2 funding options along the opportunity to utilise reserves. Detailed information is set out in Appendix A, B and C.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (“the LGE Act”) created the framework for a consistent mechanism for regional collaboration between local government, namely Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs).
- 2.2 The CJC will exercise functions relating to strategic development planning and regional transport planning. They will also be able to do things to promote the economic well-being of their areas including an Energy plan.
- 2.3 Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body for the CJC is required to provide an annual costs budget for approval for the financial year 2025/26. The CJC had previously agreed and set a one-year operational budget for financial year 2024/25 (budget profile £715,049). The 2025/26 CJC operational budget - including the strategic planning functions - must be compiled and agreed no later than 31st January 2025.
- 2.4 Last year as part of a proactive approach, and in recognition of the challenging financial climate, an initial series of budget options were presented to the CJC in January 2024, and it was resolved that Option 2 – ‘Continuity budget minus 10%’ – be endorsed as the preferred option for 2024/25. The financial outlook for 2025/26 and beyond continues to be hugely challenging and accordingly, considering the financial challenges that the constituent authorities are responding to the option that is recommended and is acceptable to the CJC officers is Option 2 ‘Requested budget with the use of reserves.’ This budget will allow the CJC to incorporate the corporate plan through the reserves held. Years two and three are indicative budgets, which will be amended and fine-tuned as the CJC functions, and the budget develops.
- 2.5 Welsh Government had provided a grant of £125k in 2023/24 and £100k in 2024/25 for the implementation of the Regional Transport Plan.
- 2.6 The CJC is required by the LGE Act to set a budget to agree its aims. The amounts that the CJC must calculate are:
- a) The amount which the CJC estimates it will spend in respect of the financial year in the exercise of its functions (including spending on administration and other overheads);
 - b) The amount which the CJC considers appropriate to raise for contingencies arising in respect of the financial year;
 - c) The amount which the CJC considers appropriate to be held as a reserve to meet expenditure it considers will be incurred in respect of future financial years;
 - d) Any amount which the CJC considers is necessary to meet liabilities outstanding in respect of any earlier financial year.

2.7 Consideration of course must be given to potential officer commitments that have been given as part of funding i.e., some staff have been recruited to undertake CJC related work.

2.8 Statutory Minimum Requirements

The LGE Act stipulates that it is a requirement of the partners to:

- Take steps to promote or improve the economic wellbeing of its area.
- Prepare a strategic development plan.
- Preparation of a regional transport plan.

As a legal basis, provided steps are in place to monitor compliance with the Regional Economic Wellbeing Plan (and Energy Plan) then it would be contended that the CJC is fulfilling its statutory duty – it has established a plan and is now actively implementing it within individual authorities.

2.9 Meetings

From a governance perspective, as a statutory minimum, the CJC is required to hold the following meetings annually:

- One meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee to review the financial affairs of the CJC, review any financial statements and sign off any accounts and other matters which they are legally obliged to undertake.
- One meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- One meeting of the Standards Committee to agree the annual report.

There will clearly be a need for two meetings to develop and take decisions concerning the CJC Budget.

2.10 Policy Work

As CJs are part of the local government family, there is a statutory obligation that they comply with responsibilities under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, Equality Act 2010, Welsh Language Standards, and other corporate arrangements. There is a requirement for an overarching policy to be put in place. This work is nearing completion, once the Corporate Plan is in place which satisfies these elements, the CJC will only be required to monitor compliance or update as and when required.

2.11 To ensure fairness and equality across the regional funding will be provided by local authority contributions through the form of a levy, based on population size. It is intended that the levy is split between 4 authorities based on population size (mid-year 2023 – Statswales.gov.uk). It should be noted that further consideration will be required as to any contribution from the National Park Authorities. Under the current legislation the National Park Authorities (NPAs) are only financially obligated to support the strategic planning aspects of the CJC. Surpluses that accrue in any year will be contained and ring-fenced within the CJC reserve account and will be utilised for future expenditure. The National Park Authorities have been consulted and should further funding not be forthcoming from the Welsh Government, the Strategic Development Plan will need to be charged to the Joint Committee and therefore the National Park Authorities will be liable to contribute towards the charge. The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee currently has an allocation of £20.6k which would

result in a levy charged to the National Park Authorities for future years as stated in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4. The levy is based purely on the planning function of the CJC and does not include a contribution towards the governance function, further research is being undertaken into the legislation allowing charges to the National Park Authorities.

3 Budget Options

3.1 Option 1 - Continuity Budget in 2025/26

Consideration could be given to the statutory minimum (continuity budget) that CJC must undertake, this would allow each work stream to continue to operate at a similar level as the current year. A detailed breakdown of the Continuity budget is presented in Appendix A.

The draft Continuity budget for 2025/26 is demonstrating estimated expenditure of £652.3k. This would be an increase of £37k over 2024/25 (excluding the uplift in respect of the Transport Grant). Details of budget requirements are highlighted below:

Regional Management Office (included in both budget options)

- Salary Costs - aligned to CCC salary inflation rates.
- Consultancy and Specialist Support Fees – increased to align with the support requirements expected of Management Office.
- Work has commenced to streamline support for the CJC and City Deal arrangements. It is considered that there is scope to bring the support arrangements and further advice will be provided to Members once the work is further progressed.

Joint Committee and Accountable Body

- The current budget for the Joint Committee and Accountable Body is estimated at £271.5k. Assumptions used are demonstrated below:
 - Local authority services – increased by 3% for salary inflation and 2.8% to incorporate the addition National Insurance costs.
 - Audit Wales – increased by 1.8%.
 - Financial Services – aligned to CCC salary inflation rates.

Reserves have been accumulated due to expenditure having not begun in the first two years of operation and limited activity within 2024/25. It is anticipated that these reserves will be in the region of £964k at the end of 2024/25.

To enable the Continuity budget levy to be maintained at a similar level to 2024/25, some level of reserve usage will be required if desired by members.

3.2 Option 2 - Requested Budget in 2025/26

The draft Requested budget expands upon the draft Continuity budget with increased costs identified by three of the four individual workstreams. These additional costs will allow the work streams to further progress their individual areas over the statutory minimum (continuity budget).

The draft Requested budget is demonstrating an estimated expenditure of £710.3k. This would be an increase of £95.2k on the current budget (excluding the uplift in respect of the Transport Grant).

It is anticipated that the reserves will be in the region of £964k at the end of 2024/25. A detailed breakdown is presented in Appendix B. Details of Requested budget requirements are highlighted below:

Economic Development Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – Carmarthenshire

- The CJC has already endorsed the Regional Economic Development Plan (REDP) as its strategic economic wellbeing framework. A dedicated staff resource will be required to deliver the REDP. The requested budget for the Economic SWWCJC Sub-Committee in 2025/26 is estimated at £50k:
- Renew SWW Regional Economic Delivery Plan: £25k
- Develop a prospectus for inward investment: £15k
- Review of Regional Energy Plan - link with Freeports: £10k

- The requested budget for years 2025/26 to 2027/28 has been estimated at £0.153m.

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – Neath Port Talbot

- There is a statutory duty upon the CJC to prepare the Strategic Development Plan (SDP). Support and funding will be required from WG to complete the overall process, until this has been established the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee will continue to operate on a continuity basis.

- The requested budget for years 2025/26 to 2027/28 has been estimated at £64.3k.

- As members will be aware, under the current legislation the National Park Authorities are only financially obligated to support the strategic planning aspects of the Corporate Joint Committee. The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee up to this year have only been issued with a nominal budget for this function and therefore no Levy has been raised against the National Parks. Should the CJC decide to adopt the requested budget of £710.3k (as per Appendix B) there will be an obligation on the CJC to also levy the National Park Authorities.

Transport Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – City and County of Swansea

- There is a statutory duty upon the CJC to prepare the Regional Transport Plan (RTP). The Transport Sub-Committee budget will be directed at supporting the tasks required to undertake the completion of actions to finalise the Regional Transport Plan as set out in the Implementation Plan submitted to WG in Oct 2023.

- The Transport sub-committee will also undertake consultation activities and costs relating to translation and work on making the published version accessible and website ready. The requested budget for the Transport SWWCJC Sub-Committee in 2025/26 is estimated at £50k.
- For 2023/24 and 2024/25 the WG grant of £125k and £100k has been applied, however, further ongoing support and funding will be required from WG to complete the overall process.
- The requested budget for years 2025/26 to 2027/28 has been estimated at £0.153m.

Energy Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – Pembrokeshire

- The CJC has already endorsed the Regional Energy Strategy. Regional Energy Planning within the South West Wales CJC is moving into an exciting phase of delivery and implementation with the aim of meeting the region’s vision of “Harnessing the region’s low carbon energy potential across its on and offshore locations, to deliver a prosperous and equitable net zero carbon economy which enhances the well-being of future generations and the region’s ecosystems, at a pace which delivers against regional and national emissions reduction targets by 2035 and 2050.” The requested budget for the Energy SWWCJC Sub-Committee in 2025/26 is estimated at £52.5k:
- Solar Together – South West Wales (iChoosr)
 - Project Summary:*
Group Purchasing Scheme for Solar, Battery and EV Chargers designed to establish a fixed price with good quality products from reputable installers for private property owners who are ‘able to pay’ and don’t qualify for grant schemes, projected managed by iChoosr.
 - Project Objectives:*
Accelerate the uptake of PV generation, battery storage and EV home charging in the region.
 - Budget:*
£27,500 – cost of mailshot.
- South West Wales Behavioral Change Programme
 - Project Summary:*
Community based behavioural change programme consisting of a regional communications/coordination officer and website with advice and sign-posting and retrofit advice delivered by trusted local community groups, to help the public make the energy transition to net zero carbon.
 - Project Objectives:*
Empower the public make the switch from fossil fuels and change how they use energy in their daily life, reducing their carbon emissions and their bills by increasing their energy efficiency in the home, in travel, etc.
 - Budget:*
£0 (being funded from Climate Action Fund).

- Cross-Boundary EV charging pilot
Project Summary:
Pilot looking at the feasibility of sharing LA depot EV charging infrastructure, particularly for home to work vehicle users working with Welsh Government Energy Service.
Project Objectives:
Pilot to identify the benefits and challenges of sharing EV charging infrastructure ultimately to accelerate the uptake of EV vehicles within the public fleet.
Budget:
£25,000 to fund feasibility and cost reports of £5k per LA plus contingency to be used to access WGES EVCI grant for security and physical measures to make selected depots 24h accessible. WGES EVCI grant is capital works only.
- The requested budget for years 2025/26 to 2027/28 has been estimated at £0.161m.

Requested Budget in 2025/26 with the use of reserves

Given the budgetary pressure faced by local authorities it is suggested that the Requested budget have a further option of reducing the levy on the constituent local authorities using the reserves. This would enable the levy to be maintained at the same level as 2024/25.

The draft Requested budget is demonstrating an estimated expenditure of £710.3k. This would be an increase of £95.2k on the current budget (excluding the uplift in respect of the Transport Grant). It is anticipated that the reserves will be in the region of £964k at the end of 2024/25. If members desire, it is reasonable to apply a portion of these reserves in the following 3 years to keep the levy at a low figure. I would not advise discharging all the £964k balance in one year and the Committee should plan to carry a reserve balance for potential unknowns or variance in expenditure in the future. This plan would facilitate a lower levy for the following 3 years. A detailed breakdown is presented in Appendix C.

4 Financial Impacts

- 4.1 The report presents 2 options for the budget for 2025/26. The first option, a Continuity Budget, is a minimal budget costed at £652.3k, the second option is the Requested Budget with a total budget of £710.3k. On both options there is an opportunity to offset the costs with the use of reserves. If we consider the requested budget and maintain the levy at the current year level, we will be required to bring in a reserve movement of £153.5k in 2025/26, £167.7k in 2026/27 and £182.2k in 2027/28, committing a total of £503.4k, this is detailed in Appendix C. This would leave a balance in the reserves of £460.8k to allow for contingency and variation of the work of the CJC over the next 3 years. Further consideration should be given as to increase the levy in line with inflation in future years.

4.2 If the Committee agrees the Continuity Budget, the levy breakdown could be as follows, prior to any utilisation of reserves:

<u>Local Authority Levy 2025/26</u>	<u>£</u>
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	228,398
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	175,951
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	132,274
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	115,712
	652,335

4.3 If the Committee agrees to the Requested Budget, the levy breakdown could be as follows which includes a levy charged against the National Park Authorities:

<u>Local Authority Levy 2025/26</u>	<u>£</u>
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	248,399
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	191,359
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	143,858
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	125,845
Brecon Beacons NPA (Levy)	147
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA (Levy)	672
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4.4 If the Committee agrees to the Requested Budget with the use of reserves, the levy breakdown could be as follows which includes a levy charged against the National Park Authorities:

<u>Local Authority Levy 2025/26</u>	<u>£</u>
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5 Integrated Impact Assessment

5.1 The CJC is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

5.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the ‘well-being goals.’

5.3 There is no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment for this report as the setting up of the CJC is underpinned by legislation and this report is to establish financial arrangements in accordance with legislation. With reference to Appendix C of this report, and the impending consultation on the Draft Corporate Plan, it is considered that the ratification of this budget can facilitate the delivery of the CJC’s emerging identified well-being objectives.

6 Workforce Impacts

6.1 Currently any employment within the CJC will be undertaken by constituent authorities and the financial arrangements relating to such are considered in this report.

7 Legal Impacts

7.1 There is a legal requirement for the CJC to agree its 2025/2026 budget, together with the levy charge apportionment by 31st January 2025. Furthermore, reference is made to the statutory duties placed upon the CJC in respect of regional transport and strategic development planning.

8 Risk Management Impacts

8.1 Failure to set a balanced budget would render the CJC in breach of its obligations exposing itself to legal challenge. In addition, suitable arrangements must be put in place to ensure that the constituent authorities and national park authorities are able to fulfil their legal obligations in establishing the CJC.

8.2 It is considered that the continuity budget as presented will meet the requirement to set a balanced budget. Furthermore, and in endorsing the content of the optimal budget, the CJC will be providing a platform upon which to start delivering upon the aspirations and objectives it has identified within the emerging Corporate Plan.

9 Consultation

- 9.1 There is no requirement for formal consultation however, constituent authorities have been consulted.

10 Reasons for Proposed Decision

- 10.1 To ratify the CJC budget as placed before Members for their approval to allow the CJC to meet its obligations to set its 2025/2026 budget no later than 31st January 2025.

11 Implementation of Decision

- 11.1 This decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

Appendices

Appendix A – Continuity budget 2025/26, option 1.

Appendix B – Requested budget 2025/26, option 2.

Appendix C – Requested budget 2025/26 with the use of reserves.

Appendix A



South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee Continuity Budget Financial Years 2024/25 to 2027/28

Description	Continuity Budget less 10% 2024/25 (£)	Provisional Outturn 2024/25 (£)	Draft Continuity Budget 2025/26 (£)	Indicative Budget 2026/27 (£)	Indicative Budget 2027/28 (£)	Notes
Expenditure						
Joint Committee						
Democratic Services						
Democratic, Scrutiny and Legal Support Costs	76,648	76,648	81,094	82,715	84,370	Provided by NPT
Democratic Services Total	76,648	76,648	81,094	82,715	84,370	
Legal and Governance						
Monitoring Officer and Service Support	19,448	19,448	20,576	20,988	21,407	Provided by NPT
Legal and Governance Total	19,448	19,448	20,576	20,988	21,407	
Accountable Body						
Audit Wales Financial Audit	1,877	4,104	4,303	4,389	4,477	
Section 151 Officer Recharge	21,521	21,521	22,769	23,224	23,689	Provided by CCC
Accountable Body Total	23,398	25,625	27,072	27,614	28,166	
Governance & Internal Audit						
Internal Audit	23,170	23,170	24,514	25,004	25,504	Provided by PCC
Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses	18,150	18,150	19,203	19,587	19,978	Provided by PCC
Governance & Internal Audit Total	41,320	41,320	43,717	44,591	45,483	
Support Services						
ICT & Data Protection Services	22,880	22,880	24,207	24,691	25,185	Provided by NPT
Financial Services	59,289	15,702	62,728	63,983	65,262	Provided by CCC
HR Services	11,440	11,440	12,104	12,346	12,593	Provided by NPT
Support Services Total	93,609	50,022	99,039	101,019	103,040	
Joint Committee Total	254,423	213,062	271,497	276,927	282,465	
SWWCJC - Sub Committees						
Economic Development SC	20,600	20,600	21,012	21,432	21,861	
Planning SC	20,600	20,600	21,012	21,432	21,861	
Transport SC	51,500	51,500	52,530	53,581	54,652	
Transport SC WG grant funded	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	WG grant ended in 2024/25
Energy SC	20,600	20,600	21,012	21,432	21,861	
Planning & Programme management	106,700	20,000	108,834	111,011	113,231	
SWWCJC - Sub Committees Total	320,000	233,300	224,400	228,888	233,466	
SWWCJC - Regional Management Office						
Salary (Inc. On-costs)	64,390	63,702	72,676	74,130	75,612	
Training of Staff	1,030	750	5,000	5,100	5,202	CPD
Public Transport - Staff	258	200	500	510	520	
Staff Travelling Expenses	834	-	851	868	885	
Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	1,030	100	100	102	104	
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	52,742	5,000	53,797	54,873	55,970	Engagement event, web page and branding, investment prospectus
ICTs & Computer Hardware	1,288	-	1,313	1,340	1,366	
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	1,030	3,740	3,815	3,891	3,969	
Translation/Interpret Services	15,450	15,450	15,759	16,074	16,396	
Printing & Copying	2,575	-	2,627	2,679	2,733	
Regional Management Office Total	140,626	88,942	156,438	159,566	162,758	
Total SWWCJC Expenditure	715,049	535,304	652,335	665,381	678,689	
Funding Contributions						
Local Authority Levy						
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	191,188	191,188	228,398	232,965	237,625	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	151,281	151,281	175,951	179,470	183,059	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	114,094	114,094	132,274	134,919	137,618	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	99,414	99,414	115,712	118,026	120,387	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
	555,978	555,978	652,335	665,381	678,689	
Total SWWCJC Income	655,978	655,978	652,335	665,381	678,689	
Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,072)	120,673	-	-	-	
Movement to Reserves (Contingency)						
Description						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	843,559	843,559	964,233	964,233	964,233	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,072)	120,673	-	-	-	
Balance Carry Forward	784,488	964,233	964,233	964,233	964,233	

Appendix B

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Planning SC	20,600	20,600	21,012	21,432	21,861	
Transport SC	51,500	51,500	50,000	51,000	52,020	
Transport SC WG grant funded	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	WG grant ended in 2024/25
Energy SC	20,600	20,600	52,500	53,550	54,621	
Planning & Programme management	106,700	20,000	108,834	111,011	113,231	
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Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	1,030	100	100	102	104	
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	52,742	5,000	53,797	54,873	55,970	Engagement event, web page and branding, investment prospectus
ICTs & Computer Hardware	1,288	-	1,313	1,340	1,366	
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	1,030	3,740	3,815	3,891	3,969	
Translation/Interpret Services	15,450	15,450	15,759	16,074	16,396	
Printing & Copying	2,575	-	2,627	2,679	2,733	
Regional Management Office Total	140,626	88,942	156,438	159,566	162,758	
Total SWWCJC Expenditure	715,049	535,304	710,281	724,486	738,976	
Funding Contributions						
Partner & Other Contribution						
Welsh Government Revenue Grant	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	
	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	
Local Authority Levy						
Brecon Beacons NPA (Levy)	-	-	147	150	153	
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA (Levy)	-	-	672	686	700	
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	191,188	191,188	248,399	253,367	258,434	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	151,281	151,281	191,359	195,187	199,090	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	114,094	114,094	143,858	146,735	149,669	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	99,414	99,414	125,845	128,362	130,930	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Total SWWCJC Income	555,978	555,978	710,281	724,486	738,976	
Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,072)	120,673	-	-	-	

Movement to Reserves (Contingency)						
Description	2024/25 (£)	2025/26 (£)	2026/27 (£)	2027/28 (£)	2028/29 (£)	Notes
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	843,559	843,559	964,233	964,233	964,233	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,072)	120,673	-	-	-	
Balance Carry Forward	784,488	964,233	964,233	964,233	964,233	

Appendix C

	South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee Requested Budget with the use of reserves <i>Financial Years 2024/25 to 2027/28</i>
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Description	Continuity Budget less 10% 2024/25 (£)	Provisional Outturn 2024/25 (£)	Draft Requested Budget 2025/26 (£)	Indicative Budget 2026/27 (£)	Indicative Budget 2027/28 (£)	Notes
Expenditure						
Joint Committee						
Democratic Services						
Democratic, Scrutiny and Legal Support Costs	76,648	76,648	81,094	82,715	84,370	Provided by NPT
Democratic Services Total	76,648	76,648	81,094	82,715	84,370	
Legal and Governance						
Monitoring Officer and Service Support	19,448	19,448	20,576	20,988	21,407	Provided by NPT
Legal and Governance Total	19,448	19,448	20,576	20,988	21,407	
Accountable Body						
Audit Wales Financial Audit	1,877	4,104	4,303	4,389	4,477	
Section 151 Officer Recharge	21,521	21,521	22,769	23,224	23,689	Provided by CCC
Accountable Body Total	23,398	25,625	27,072	27,614	28,166	
Governance & Internal Audit						
Internal Audit	23,170	23,170	24,514	25,004	25,504	Provided by PCC
Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses	18,150	18,150	19,203	19,587	19,978	Provided by PCC
Governance & Internal Audit Total	41,320	41,320	43,717	44,591	45,483	
Support Services						
ICT & Data Protection Services	22,880	22,880	24,207	24,691	25,185	Provided by NPT
Financial Services	59,289	15,702	62,728	63,983	65,262	Provided by CCC
HR Services	11,440	11,440	12,104	12,346	12,593	Provided by NPT
Support Services Total	93,609	50,022	99,039	101,019	103,040	
Joint Committee Total	254,423	213,062	271,497	276,927	282,465	
SWWCJC - Sub Committees						
Economic Development SC	20,600	20,600	50,000	51,000	52,020	
Planning SC	20,600	20,600	21,012	21,432	21,861	
Transport SC	51,500	51,500	50,000	51,000	52,020	
Transport SC WG grant funded	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	WG grant ended in 2024/25
Energy SC	20,600	20,600	52,500	53,550	54,621	
Planning & Programme management	106,700	20,000	108,834	111,011	113,231	
SWWCJC - Sub Committees Total	320,000	233,300	282,346	287,993	293,753	
SWWCJC - Regional Management Office						
Salary (Inc. On-costs)	64,390	63,702	72,676	74,130	75,612	
Training	1,030	750	5,000	5,100	5,202	CPD
Public Transport - Staff	258	200	500	510	520	
Staff Travelling Expenses	834	-	851	868	885	
Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	1,030	100	100	102	104	
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	52,742	5,000	53,797	54,873	55,970	Engagement event, web page and branding, investment prospectus
ICTs & Computer Hardware	1,288	-	1,313	1,340	1,366	
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	1,030	3,740	3,815	3,891	3,969	
Translation/Interpret Services	15,450	15,450	15,759	16,074	16,396	
Printing & Copying	2,575	-	2,627	2,679	2,733	
Regional Management Office Total	140,626	88,942	156,438	159,566	162,758	
Total SWWCJC Expenditure	715,049	535,304	710,281	724,486	738,976	
Funding Contributions						
Partner & Other Contribution						
Welsh Government Revenue Grant	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	
	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	
Local Authority Levy						
Brecon Beacons NPA (Levy)	-	-	147	147	147	
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA (Levy)	-	-	672	672	672	
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	191,188	191,188	191,188	191,188	191,188	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	151,281	151,281	151,281	151,281	151,281	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	114,094	114,094	114,094	114,094	114,094	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	99,414	99,414	99,414	99,414	99,414	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
	555,978	555,978	556,797	556,797	556,797	
Total SWWCJC Income	655,978	655,978	556,797	556,797	556,797	
Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,072)	120,673	153,483	167,689	182,179	

Movement to Reserves (Contingency)						
Description	2024/25 (£)	2025/26 (£)	2026/27 (£)	2027/28 (£)	2028/29 (£)	Notes
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	843,559	843,559	964,233	810,749	643,060	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,072)	120,673	153,483	167,689	182,179	
Balance Carry Forward	784,487	964,233	810,749	643,060	460,881	