



Item 24

Council - 11 September 2023

Budget Monitoring 2023-2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Community Council must agree a budget and set the precept for the following financial year. The Community Council must agree both at its meeting scheduled for January.
- 1.2 In preparation of that process, it is good governance to ensure regular Budget Monitoring. A Draft Budget will also be considered in November / December.

2. Bank Balance

- 2.1 As of 31 August, the Council holds the following Bank balances:

Account	Balance 31 Aug 2022	Balance 31 Aug 2023
Current Account	£12,954.90	£17,898.92
Reserve Account	£12,018.64	£12,127.17
Total	£24,973.54	£30,026.09

3. Budget Monitoring

- 3.1 **Appendix A** provides the Financial Budget Comparison for 2023-2024 (As at 31 August 2023).

4. Reserves

- 4.1 The Governance & Accountability for Local Councils in Wales – A Practitioners Guide states:
 - i) *Local Councils hold reserves and balances for a variety of reasons. These include financing unforeseen expenditure and ‘saving’ for future projects. These reserves are represented by the closing figure for the balances of the council after all of its transactions have been accounted for and is shown in Cell 7 in the accounting statements.*
 - ii) *Local Councils have no statutory powers to hold revenue reserves other than for reasonable working capital needs or for specifically earmarked purposes. Councils should therefore maintain records of its general and earmarked reserves.*

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iii) *Earmarked reserves may be established to hold funds for specified purposes. Councils should maintain separate records of each earmarked reserve. Examples of such reserves include:*

- *Funds set aside to fund specific future projects;*
- *Monies drawn down from loans that has yet to be spent on the related project; and*
- *Capital receipts.*

iv) *Where funds are held for non-specified purposes, councils should maintain separate records of each reserve to demonstrate where the money comes from and how it has been applied.”*

4.2 The Community Council has actively worked to reduce its reserves and ensure that the monies are being used to improve the wellbeing of the Community.

5. Recommendation(s). It is recommended that:

5.1 The Bank Balances as of 31 August 2023 be noted.

5.2 The Financial Budget Comparison 2023-2024 be noted.

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