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Dyddiad/Date: Thursday, 16 July 2020

Dear Councillor,

COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council will be held Remotely via Skype for Business on **Wednesday, 22 July 2020 at 15:00.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Members/Officers in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 5 - 26
To receive for approval the minutes of 26/02/20 and 11/03/20
4. To receive announcements from the Mayor
5. To receive announcements by the Leader
6. Update On Bridgend County Borough Response To Covid-19 27 - 52
7. Capital Programme Outturn 2019-20 and Quarter 1 Update Report 2020-21 53 - 78
8. Information Report for Noting 79 - 84
9. To receive the following Questions from:
Councillor MC Voisey to the Deputy Leader

How many court actions, (fines, attachment to earnings orders etc.) and the use of bailiffs have BCBC used in the last 12 months to recover unpaid council tax, and how much has been recovered in such actions?

Councillor A Hussain to the Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help

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Evidence has emerged during the Pandemic that health professionals from ethnic backgrounds have been disproportionately affected by COVID – 19.

Could the Cabinet Member assure us that all health professionals working in Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Authority including our Care Homes had their risk assessments as a precautionary measure including their ethnicity as a risk factor, along with age, weight, underlying health conditions, disability and pregnancy, and what have we learned?

10. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor R Young

Bridgend County Borough Council recognises the overwhelming scientific evidence of changing weather patterns as demonstrated by the recent unprecedented rainfall and flooding both at a local and a UK wide level, and is of the opinion that this represents further evidence of global warming, and therefore firmly believes that a climate emergency now exists, and as such calls upon the UK and Welsh Governments to provide Bridgend County Borough Council with:

- a. the necessary powers and resources to make Bridgend County Borough carbon neutral
 - b. levels of resource at a scale to respond to the challenges faced and processes for accessing those resources that enable action at the earliest opportunity
- i) Establish appropriate engagement mechanisms to work with key stakeholders
 - ii) Undertake a Bridgend County Borough Council wide review of current action to respond to Climate Emergency
 - iii) Develop a Climate Emergency Response Strategy and prioritised action plan that sets out short, medium and long term actions.

11. Urgent Items

To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Chief Officer, Legal, HR & Regulatory Services

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SE Baldwin
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JPD Blundell
NA Burnett
MC Clarke
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RJ Collins

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A Hussain
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B Jones
M Jones
MJ Kearn
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JE Lewis
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COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 15:00

Present

Councillor SE Baldwin – Chairperson

S Aspey	TH Beedle	JPD Blundell	NA Burnett
MC Clarke	N Clarke	RJ Collins	HJ David
P Davies	PA Davies	SK Dendy	DK Edwards
J Gebbie	RM Granville	CA Green	DG Howells
A Hussain	RM James	B Jones	M Jones
DRW Lewis	JE Lewis	JR McCarthy	D Patel
RL Penhale-Thomas	AA Pucella	JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands
B Sedgebeer	RMI Shaw	CE Smith	SG Smith
JC Spanswick	RME Stirman	G Thomas	T Thomas
JH Tildesley MBE	E Venables	MC Voisey	LM Walters
CA Webster	DBF White	PJ White	A Williams
AJ Williams	HM Williams	RE Young	

Apologies for Absence

T Giffard, MJ Kearn, SR Vidal, KJ Watts and JE Williams

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Deborah Exton	Interim Deputy Head of Finance
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Gill Lewis	Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer
Mark Shephard	Chief Executive
Kelly Watson	Head of Legal & Regulatory Services

398. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

399. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of Council dated 22 January 2020, be approved as a true and accurate record.

400. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

Mayor

The Mayor announced that nominations for the Mayor's Annual Citizenship Awards have now closed and the winners have been invited to a ceremony to be held in late March. The standard of entries was particularly high and he thanked all those who took the time to fill in a nomination. It was great to read about all the fantastic residents of the county borough and the stellar and often hidden work that they do within our communities, and he looked forward to meeting with these people in person next month.

Staying with the theme of awards it was a pleasure to welcome all sectors of the building industry to Bridgend to celebrate the fourteenth annual Building Excellence Awards. The awards are aimed across the building industry and are there to help, encourage and commend high quality building, construction techniques, communication skills and customer satisfaction. The Mayor thanked everyone for participating, Bridgend building control staff for organising the event and extend our congratulations as a council to the winners.

One of privileges of being Mayor is an invite to visit local organisations and charities to meet the staff, volunteers and service users. Last week he was invited to the YMCA in Porthcawl to view their facilities and witness some of the activities that take place at the centre. The centre was established in 1908 and has continued to serve as a support for many different groups. It has become a not just a place to learn but to be safe and make friends. He therefore thanked the Porthcawl YMCA centre for their time and hospitality.

On taking office the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan decided to work with all local authorities and organise a “Musical Extravaganza”, this was a celebration of young musical talent from across the communities and included solo vocalists, solo instrumentalists and choirs. Heats took place around Mid Glamorgan and the final was held at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama last week. The evening was a wonderful celebration of our young musical talent and the Mayor thanked Simon Gray our music instructor for all his hard work, all the young people who participated and send congratulations to the well-deserved winners.

Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader announced that he was delighted to see three surplus council properties sell at auction recently to help generate some very welcome funds for the authority.

The auction saw a former public toilet block in Derwen Road, Bridgend, the former Hyfrydol care home in Maesteg and the former town council offices in Porthcawl sell for £736,000.

This was more than a quarter of a million pounds over the reserve price, and a very good result in anyone’s language.

The receipts will help fund our capital programme, which includes the 21st Century schools modernisation initiative featuring an estimated investment into band B schools of £68 million.

As members were aware, the sale of Hyfrydol was part of the business case for providing the all-new extra care facility in Maesteg, while Porthcawl Town Council relocated to more suitable premises in the town centre last year.

As part of a partnership between Bridgend Town Council and the market traders association, new Bridgend town centre toilets will be opening soon in the indoor market, while public toilets also remain available at Bridgend Bus Station.

He was sure that members will welcome this new as part of the Council’s ongoing long-term asset management plan to re-model services, and sell assets which are surplus to requirements.

The Deputy Leader also reminded members, that a development session on Universal Credit has been arranged for Monday 9th March. This will take place here in the council chamber at 9.30am and will offer an overview of Universal Credit and additional

activities provided by the Job Centre, so he asked Councillors to please make every effort to attend.

Finally, a drop-in session is being arranged for any member who requires support with completing their annual reports.

This will take place on Monday 2 March in Committee Rooms two and three, and the Democratic Services Manager will be available to offer advice and guidance between 9am and 11am.

Cabinet Member – Communities

The Cabinet Member – Communities advised that he was sure that members will be pleased to note that a full business case is being submitted to Welsh Government for the provision of a new £6m flood defence scheme in Porthcawl.

If successful, this will see major work undertaken on the Western Breakwater, Eastern Promenade and Sandy Bay areas, and will take the amount that has been invested into the town's ongoing regeneration over the last six years to more than £17m.

Designed to protect 530 homes and 175 businesses while complementing regeneration plans for Salt Lake, the work follows the introduction of new sea defences at Town Beach, which is protecting 260 homes, businesses and historic buildings such as the Grand Pavilion.

The Western Breakwater is 200 years old now, while the Eastern Promenade sea wall is only slightly younger at 160 years. This work will offer continued flood protection, and act as assurance for future and current investors, businesses, visitors, residents and so on.

Engineering works and void repairs will help strengthen them, but as listed structures, all work must satisfy heritage conservation requirements.

A small scour protection wall will be added around the head of the breakwater, while the promenade area will be resurfaced and landscaped with raised planters, new seating areas and more.

Following the success of the £3m replacement sea defences at Town Beach, he had high hopes for this latest scheme, and was looking forward to bringing Members more news as it developed further.

Finally, the Cabinet Member – Communities thanked all those who had contacted him mostly through emails recently, so as to wish him a speedy recovery after his recent fall while on Council business in Merthyr.

Cabinet Member – Future Generations and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member – Future Generations advised that she recently had an opportunity to view two innovative housing schemes which she hoped will be of interest to members. The first involved the renovation of the vacant Gaylards Building on Court Road in Bridgend Town Centre which is conveniently a few steps away from Bridgend Train Station.

The vacant town centre property has been brought back into public use as 15 fully-equipped modern and affordable flats and were created using Homes In Town grant funding. The homes are being marketed by V2C with rents set below average market

rates and are suitable for people who work in the town centre or use the nearby train station to commute to and from work.

The second, featured 4 semi-detached homes constructed through the Welsh Government Innovative Housing Fund by Wernick Buildings on Kenfig Industrial Estate for V2C.

Thanks to a unique modular design, these homes are made ready for families to move in very, very quickly. The homes are constructed off-site with appliances such as, heating and electrics pre-fitted during the construction phase. Modular homes significantly reduce utility costs for home owners, do not have as much of a negative environmental impact as traditional methods of construction and cause less disruption to the community.

Both schemes offered a revealing insight into how modern housing is being provided, she concluded.

Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help

The Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help announced that he was delighted at the results of the recent joint inspection into services for older people in Bridgend County Borough.

The Care Inspectorate Wales and Health Inspectorate Wales explored how the council and its partners promote independence among older adults and prevent their needs and problems from escalating.

They found that good progress is being made, and that services have strongly-embedded procedures and approaches, with evidence of early intervention and significant and successful efforts to focus upon the best interests of the individual as well as the outcome.

Inspectors said that with strong engagement in place to help guide service development, people feel they are being listened to and heard, and that feedback from staff is positive and demonstrates a strong commitment to their roles.

A good range of community groups for older people is available, and integrated health and social care services are benefitting from quick decision-making, and a joined-up approach.

In terms of areas for improvement, the report recommended ensuring that people can receive support using the Welsh language, simplifying some processes in order to increase the timeliness of support, ensuring that the system for arranging domiciliary care is as efficient as possible, and improving the consistency of how people are directed towards services.

Many of these had already been identified by the council, and progress is being made on developing them further.

The report demonstrates a visible commitment towards integrated working for the benefit of the people of Bridgend County Borough, and he extended his thanks to council staff and partners for their ongoing hard work and dedication.

Members may also want to make their constituents aware of an ongoing social care recruitment campaign called 'We Care'.

The campaign is being run as part of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg partnership and aims to showcase why so many people from all walks of life chose to work in social care. It also aims to displace some of the myths around what is an exciting and growing sector.

Social care offers the stability of a job you can keep for life, and being able to specialise in a certain area while making a difference on a daily basis.

It was a great opportunity to progress a career and undertake further training, and with plenty of opportunities, this is a sector which can provide stability and opportunity in equal measure.

For more information, he asked those present to visit the social care jobs page at www.bridgend.gov.uk.

Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration

The Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration advised that a new accessible market square had been created. This had been designed to host specialist events, family entertainment, children’s play facilities and exhibitions, all of which is intended to draw more shoppers into the market

This is part of an ongoing project to give the market a new lease of life, which includes new toilets that are being provided thanks to a partnership with Bridgend Town Council; the market traders association and ourselves at BCBC.

Over the past year, a series of illustrative panels providing information about the market’s rich history have been set up to welcome shoppers, and the market bell which dates back to 1837 has been relocated to make it more visible.

A new rent system and flexible lease terms was introduced along with significant rent reductions for existing stallholders. As well as supporting long term stall holding, we want the market to also cater for new entrepreneurs, who can take up a smaller unit and give their idea a try before deciding on their next move in the retail sector.

We have seen a number of new tenants coming into the market, and once the current works have been completed, we will be marketing to fill the remaining stall vacancies. The market square would also be an ideal place to meet-up in town with friends he added.

The Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration advised Members that all schools had been receiving advice on the coronavirus through suitable medical guidance that would be updated as things develop, through their weekly mailshot.

Finally, he asked all Members to link in with residents in their communities, to advise them that a number of school governor vacancies still existed within County Borough schools in order to generate interest with a view to filling these vacancies.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive announced that some members have asked him about what Bridgend County Borough Council is doing in regards to the Covid-19 coronavirus, so I thought it might help to provide a brief update of where we are.

It was important he felt to strike a balance between scaremongering and confirming suitable advice and any precautions that the public could take in terms of planning for any future outbreak. The reality of the situation is that local authorities are not currently

being asked to undertake any particularly drastic actions, such as closing public buildings or postponing public events.

We are following official advice and guidelines provided by UK and Welsh Government and organisations such as Public Health Wales, all of whom are working together to co-ordinate efforts to combat the spread of the virus.

On a local level, current advice is that schools, offices and public buildings should remain open. We have already provided schools with specialist advice, and are prepared to issue further guidance as the situation develops.

While it is hoped that we will not need to implement them, business continuity and emergency plans are in place to ensure the council can remain resilient and capable of providing services should the situation become more serious.

On a national level, people who have returned since 19 February from Iran, Northern Italy, South Korea, Wuhan province or Hubei Province should automatically self-isolate, avoid public contact NHS Direct Wales for further advice, even if they are not exhibiting symptoms.

The same advice applies to people who are exhibiting symptoms having returned from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos or Myanmar area since 19 February.

Finally, anyone who has returned from China, Thailand, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau within the last 14 days and who have developed symptoms, should self-isolate at home and call NHS Direct Wales.

In all of this, it is important to note that Covid-19 is very much like winter flu. The severity of infection ranges from mild symptoms of the upper respiratory tract and possible fever, to the other end of the extreme where it can cause severe cases of pneumonia requiring hospitalisation and advanced respiratory support.

To date, Covid-19 has been found in thirteen UK nationals, none of whom are from Wales. Sadly, the disease has proven to be fatal for more than two thousand people in China. As with winter flu, the vast majority of those fatalities have been elderly people, or people with underlying health conditions.

To give you some context of those deaths, nearly eleven per cent were people with diseases of the heart, seven per cent had diabetes, and six per cent had long-term lung problems.

In terms of age, the current fatality rate is very low, less than nought-point-five per cent for people under fifty. This rises to eight per cent for people in their seventies, and fifteen per cent for people who are older than eighty.

With robust infection control measures in place on both an international and national level, it is important to ensure that our response as a local authority is similarly appropriate and well-considered. In that respect, our approach is very much one of 'business as usual', and we are continuing with our roles as normal.

Public Health Wales have advised that the best way to guard against infection is by following some general principles, which we are helping to publicise.

These include washing your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water, using alcohol-based hand sanitisers, disposing of used tissues immediately, cleaning and disinfecting frequently-touched objects and surfaces, and more.

Members may want to advise their constituents that they can find out more from the Public Health Wales website, which offers a list of frequently asked questions about Covid-19 as well as advice and support in both English and Welsh.

In the meantime, the council remains resilient and aware, and ready to take further action as may be required.

Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer asked Council to consider the change of dates to the following up and coming Committees:

1. Combined Meeting of Subject OSC1 and Subject OSC2 to consider the Learner Travel and Post 16 Education reports together, moved to 19 March at 2.30pm and scheduled SOSC1 meeting on 9 March cancelled.
2. Subject O&SC 3 which was due to be held on 18 March 2020 has been re-scheduled for 23 March 2020.
3. Corporate O&SC which was due to be held on 23 March 2020 has been re-scheduled for 30 March 2020.

The Chairpersons of each of the above Committees have agreed to such proposed changes.

401. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER

The Leader announced that the UK has been beset by some truly woeful weather recently, and he commended council staff who have worked tirelessly, day and night, throughout the recent storms and heavy rainfall.

As always, they have made a maximum effort to protect people and property, and to help keep the county borough moving.

Bridgend County Borough luckily escaped most of the widespread damage that was experienced by our near neighbours the Leader added.

He believed that a large part of this was again down to the professionalism, experience and commitment of BCBC staff.

All around the county borough, culverts and drains were checked and cleared well in advance of the incoming storms, and floodgates were put in place along the Angel Gateway.

Thousands of sandbags were filled and made ready, and crews prepared for the worst with equipment ranging from water-based jets and chainsaws to JCBs and hoists.

When the storms hit, crews were out in the thick of it, clearing debris from drains, distributing sand bags, removing fallen trees and damaged signs, replacing broken fencing, making street lighting columns safe, and much more besides.

Sadly, the Leader added that we did see rainwater flood several properties in the Ogmores Valley, and our staff attended to help householders. Investigations to establish the cause of the flooding is ongoing by officers from our flood management team

At the height of the rainfall, several roads were flooded with some being closed until the water subsided and storm debris could be cleared, and crews had to unblock culverts in Pencoed after they became clogged by debris which was washing downstream.

A fallen tree temporarily blocked the road between Bridgend and Maesteg, while on the Bwlch, water was discharging with such force that it overtopped walls and drains, and pushed rocks and stones down onto the road.

In the wake of the storms, council staff had also been carrying out further precautionary checks to ensure that forty-one former coal mining sites remain safe in the Ogmore, Garw and Llynfi valleys.

In the spirit of mutual aid, our staff also offered support and equipment for colleagues in Rhondda Cynon Taf, where several hundred homes and properties have been devastated by the flooding where a major emergency was declared. The Leader took the opportunity to pay tribute to colleagues in the emergency services especially South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, that alongside South Wales Police, NHS and Council staff sometimes at risk to their own lives have been there in their hour of need.

As all the evidence and forecasts are that more extreme weather conditions will be experienced more frequently in the future, BCBC will carefully consider in the coming months how it can increase the resources to reduce the risk of flooding in the future. The Authority will also consider how it can bolster capacity to respond to flooding when it does take place.

The Leader announced that he was pleased that the Authority were developing plans for a new £600,000 apprenticeship programme which will ensure that specialist skills can be retained and grown within the organisation.

The proposals will enable staff to undertake formal training alongside the development of practical skills, and will target specialist areas such as highways, engineering, planning, surveying, IT, building control, transportation and more.

Since 2013, the council has supported 51 apprenticeships, with many going on to work full time for the local authority.

But not unlike other large organisations, the Council also had an ageing workforce and many people that we rely on are approaching retirement age, so this is an excellent way of ensuring that those invaluable skills are not lost, but are passed on to the next generation of employees.

402. PRESENTATION BY THE SOUTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

The Mayor introduced to the meeting, C Barton, Treasurer and H Jakeway, Chief Fire Officer from the South Wales Fire Authority to the meeting to give a joint presentation.

It was confirmed that there were 47 Fire Stations comprising the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) covering the following areas:-

- Bridgend CBC
- Blaenau Gwent
- Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Vale of Glamorgan
- Caerphilly
- Merthyr Tydfil

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- Torfaen
- Monmouthshire
- Newport, and
- Cardiff

Each of the above Unitary Authorities committed the following towards the SWFRS, with the population of each County Borough area shown in brackets thereafter:-

1. Merthyr Tydfil - £2,790,365 (59,254)
2. Rhondda Cynon Taf - £11,252,298 (238,945)
3. Bridgend - £6,746,905 (143,272)
4. Vale of Glamorgan - £6,047,690 (128,424)
5. Cardiff £17,437,965 (370,299)
6. Torfaen £4,336,523 (92,087)
7. Newport £7,028,029 (149,243)
8. Monmouthshire £4,382,814 (93,070)
9. Blaenau Gwent £3,266,932 (69,374)
10. Caerphilly £8,537,563 (181,297)

The 2019/20 Revenue Budget of the SWFRS was just over £70m of which 75% was spent on staff costs. A considerable amount of this was spent on operational personnel, with some services being external but most being internal expenditure.

The Officer then gave a resume of what the SWFRS budget covered, which included:-

- Transport
- Supplies
- Training
- Premises
- Capital Financing Income
- Other

The budget for employees was split into Control, Support, Operational and other costs.

Officers confirmed that the SWFRS had to use around 7% of its budget to finance borrowing for its Capital programme, in order to fully discharge its functions. In real terms however, since the inception of austerity and the resulting recession, there had been a change in the Net Revenue Budget equating to a reduction of approximately 17% in real terms.

Council were then informed that there were three Fire Authorities in Wales, covering the areas of South Wales, Mid and West Wales and North Wales. The SWFRS also received towards its overall income, Welsh Government grants and funding for pension costs. It was estimated that funding from Welsh Government for pension costs would be cut by £200k next financial year.

There were financial pressures with regards to premises costs and the requirement to renew some equipment, i.e. fire engines and other fire-fighting equipment.

The SWFRS also had to maintain a level of funding as reserves to cover unforeseen expenditure, for example industrial action costs, where emergency services would still be required.

In terms of budget pressures, the SWFRS budget assumed a £0.4m efficiency saving on staffing each year. All other inflation factors were absorbed within existing budgets. A

current projected overspend of £0.9m had been absorbed through other methods of expenditure savings.

With regards to the risks within the area of South Wales, Officers explained that these related to the Fire Authority playing its part in looking after the infrastructure in the form of the highway network and other structures such bridges, as well as those that related to large sports and other events (music) that attracted a considerable amount of the public in one place at any given time.

The Service was also looking at Fire Cadet programmes, with 13 taking place across local authority areas, with the programmes catering for ages 13 – 18 to encourage young people (including through pursuing an appropriate BTEC qualification).

The SWFRS also deliver at home safety initiatives, issuing in at risk homes free smoke and heat detectors, ie particularly in homes where there were the elderly/vulnerable. The Service were also looking at safety levels and requirements at commercial and industrial premises too.

The SWFRS were also looking at safety levels at any high rise buildings, looking in particular, for any possible inflammable risks comprising the structure of the building, particularly after tragedies such as the Grenfell towers. It was imperative that that building construction conformed with fire regulation safety standards.

The Fire Authority since 2017, also now had a statutory duty to respond to incidents of flooding.

The Service has a joint control room function with Mid and West wales FRS and South Wales Police. This collaborative arrangement had resulted in a saving exceeding £1m per annum.

The Officers then referred to emergency call-outs carried out by the SWFRS in 2018 compared to 2003, in 16 different categories and this made for positive reading, as there had been a reduction in the number of these 14 of the 16 categories, with just an increase of 3% in Special Service calls and an increase of 8% in Other Special Service calls, which was as a result of a national trial of fire crews assisting the ambulance service with certain life critical calls.

The final slides of the power point presentation gave information from the period of 2009/10 to 2018/19, on the following:-

1. Bridgend Operational incidents
2. Bridgend Fires attended
3. Bridgend Fatalities from fires
4. Bridgend Injuries from fires, and
5. Bridgend Accidental Dwelling fires

The Mayor, following questions from Members which the Fire Officers responded to, thanked them for attending and sharing key information with Council which was echoed by the Leader, following which they retired from the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Council noted the covering report and accompanying presentation given by Officers of the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, on some of the key services it delivers in the County Borough.

403. CORPORATE PLAN 2018-2022 REVIEWED FOR 2020-21

The Interim Head of Finance presented a report, that sought Council approval of the Corporate Plan 2018-2022 reviewed for 2020-21 (Appendix A to the report referred).

The Corporate Plan 2018-2022, described the council's vision for Bridgend County Borough; its 3 well-being objectives and our organisational values and principles that underpin how the Council will work to deliver its priorities.

She explained that the comments received through the overview and scrutiny process had proven valuable and had led to the Corporate Plan being modified accordingly, to incorporate some of their recommendations.

The Interim Head of Finance gave a resume of some of the key themes that were included in the Corporate Plan, including the fact that BCBC had 4,225 full time employees, providing over 800 separate services.

The Plan included 7 long-term well-being goals, defining 5 clear ways of working. It also included information on how the local authority set its budget and explained also how the Council worked with some key partners and stakeholders, in order to deliver the Plans aims and objectives.

There were a number of new success measures in the Plan (some of which are new national indicators), linked to BCBC's commitments to ensure the Authority can monitor progress. Where possible targets had been set to help drive improvement, in the case of new indicators with no benchmark information, the target was to establish a baseline.

She explained that the Plan would be reviewed annually to take into account changing circumstances and progress made against the well-being objectives and also to ensure that the requirements of Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 are met.

The Interim Head of Finance concluded her submission, by advising that a well-being assessment of the impact of the Corporate Plan had been completed and was included at Appendix B to the report.

The Leader thanked all those who had contributed to the Corporate Plan. He advised that it was 'refreshed' annually and though it did not include an exhaustive list of the services the Council provided, it did detail some of the more important ones. The Plan he added, also focussed on the risks of the Council and areas where there was some scope for improved performance

RESOLVED: That Council approved and adopted the Corporate Plan 2018-2022 reviewed for 2020-21.

404. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020-21 TO 2023-24

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer presented a report, the purpose of which, was to seek Council approval of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-21 to 2023-24, attached at Annex 3, which includes a financial forecast for 2020-24, a detailed revenue budget for 2020-21 and a Capital Programme for 2019-20 to 2029-30. This is dependent on Cabinet approval on 25 February 2020.

She advised that the allocation of budget determines the extent to which the Council's well-being objectives can be delivered. The Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial

Strategy (MTFS) identify the Council's service and resource priorities for the next four financial years, with particular focus on 2020-21.

This report was presented to Council to provide details of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for the four year period 2020-21 to 2023-24. The MTFS is complimentary to the Council's Corporate Plan, and looks to provide the resources to enable the Council's wellbeing objectives to be met. The MTFS outlines the principles and detailed assumptions which drive the Council's budget and spending decisions, outlines the financial context in which the Council is operating, and tries to mitigate any financial risks and pressures going forward, at the same time as taking advantage of any opportunities arising.

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer, explained that the announcement of the final local government settlement for 2020-21 was approximately two months later than previous years, due to the changing Brexit deadline and then the UK general election, and as a result this budget is being proposed on the basis of the provisional settlement received in December 2019. Whilst we do not anticipate any significant change in funding between the provisional and final settlement, how the Authority will deal with any changes, would be made clear in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and reported back to Council at a later date. It was not envisaged that any changes will impact upon council tax.

The report outlined the financial issues that Council is requested to consider as part of the 2020-21 to 2023-24 MTFS. The Council's Section 151 Officer was required to report annually on the robustness of the level of reserves. The level of Council reserves was sufficient to protect the Council in light of unknown demands or emergencies and current funding levels. It must be emphasised that the biggest financial risks the Council is exposed to at the present time relate to the uncertainty of Welsh Government funding, the increasing difficulty in the delivery of planned budget reductions, as well as the identification of further proposals. Therefore, it was imperative that the Council Fund balance is managed in accordance with the MTFS Principle 9, as set out in the MTFS, and it is essential that revenue service expenditure and capital expenditure is contained within the identified budgets.

The Section 151 Officer was further required to report to Council if they do not believe that they have sufficient resource to discharge their role as required by S114 of the Local Government Act 1988. Members should note explained the Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer, that there is sufficient resource to discharge this role.

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer, then referred to the reports Appendices and gave a resume of some of these for the benefit of Members. This supporting information was as follows:-

- Annex 1 – Equality Impact Assessment
- Annex 2 – Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment
- Annex 3 – MTFS 2020-21 to 2023-24
- Appendix A – 2020-21 Budget Pressures
- Appendix B – Budget Reduction Proposals 2020-21 to 2023-24
- Appendix C – Fees and Charges proposals 2020-21
- Appendix D – Directorate Base Budgets by service area 2020-21
- Appendix E – Directorate Base Budgets in line with Wellbeing Objectives
- Appendix F – Reserves and Balances Protocol
- Appendix G – Capital Programme 2019-2030
- Appendix H – Cabinet response to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny on Budget Issues

- Appendix I – Corporate Risk Assessment

The Deputy Leader wished that his thanks be placed on record to the Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer, for all the hard work they had committed, in order to ensure that the Council had set a balanced budget for 2020-21.

BCBC had already reduced its services since austerity and this had equated to £68m during this time. A further £26m in savings was planned for the next 3 years he added. The Council were still intent however, on delivering high quality services whilst at the same time meeting its objectives as outlined in its Corporate Plan.

The Deputy Leader also extended his thanks to Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel (BREP) and those constituents who had taken part in the budget consultation. He also thanked Welsh Government for the extra funding it had committed to local authorities such as BCBC.

The Council he added, as part of the MTFs, had given a financial commitment to Schools, including Special Educational Needs (SEN) and towards the recruitment of apprentices. £2m had also be committed to the Public Realm to assist in the Council's Infrastructure and to assist the ever increasing problem with flooding due to a change in climate conditions.

A Member noted from the report that there were underspends in the Chief Executives Department and the Communities Directorate, the latter of which had received a considerable number of cuts to its budget during the years that formed the recession. So she questioned an under spend in a Directorate that had been subjected to such significant budget cuts in the last good few years. The Education and Family Support Directorate had over spent, whilst the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate had over spent by a significant amount. This is, in addition to the Directorates allocation of savings it was required to make in the next financial year. Presently in the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate, £175k of budgeted savings do not have robust plans and are rated red, ie at present, unaccounted for.

The Chief Executive responded to the question about the under and overspends from the Chief Executives directorate perspective. He explained that the under spend had arisen as a result of a combination of factors, both the inability to recruit, plus the holding of posts whilst anticipating a worse settlement than BCBC actually received. He explained that he had undertaken an exercise with Finance Officers, to identify where the vacancies were and the reason for those vacancies. Going forward a review would be undertaken to determine whether or not these posts are still required. In terms of the Communities Directorate underspend, he stated that this wasn't that large and that it is impossible to get the spend exactly to budget. He referred to the over spend in Education and handed over to the Corporate Director - Education and Family Support who outlined the reasons for these overspend pressures in his Directorate, which related to Home to School Transport and Out of County placements as a result of demands on these services or legislative requirements, both of which it was incumbent upon the Authority to meet. The Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing added that these reasons also largely applied to the overspend that had occurred in her Directorate, ie statutory demands on certain key service areas, some of which were to a degree out of her control.

A Member asked if there was any further updates as part of the MTFs, with regards to Community Asset Transfer in relation to Clubs, Associations and other Organisations taking over the responsibility for Sports Pavilions and Playing Fields etc, previously subsidised by the local authority.

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The Leader advised that the Council would honour any Expressions of Interest shown by Clubs etc, in the taking over of these assets with any charges for the operation and/or maintenance of them being financially supported by the local authority. This commitment may not be given he added in terms of the long term future, but such a financial commitment had been set aside up until the next local elections.

Members then asked for an electronic vote to be undertaken, with a view to having a recorded vote on the recommendations of the report. Following this vote taking place, it was unanimously agreed by Council to have a recorded vote on the MTFs proposals, the result of which was as follows:-

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-21 to 2023-24 (Resolution)	
Councillor Sean Aspey	For
Councillor Stuart Baldwin	Abstain
Councillor Tom Beedle	Abstain
Councillor Jon-Paul Blundell	For
Councillor Nicole Burnett	For
Councillor Mike Clarke	For
Councillor Norah Clarke	For
Councillor Richard Collins	For
Councillor Huw David	For
Councillor Paul Davies	For
Councillor Pam Davies	For
Councillor Sorrel Dendy	Abstain
Councillor Keith Edwards	Abstain
Councillor Jane Gebbie	For
Councillor Richard Granville	For
Councillor Cheryl Green	For
Councillor Gareth Howells	For
Councillor Altaf Hussain	Abstain
Councillor Malcolm James	Abstain
Councillor Brian Jones	Abstain
Councillor Martyn Jones	For
Councillor David Lewis	For
Councillor Janice Lewis	For
Councillor John McCarthy	For
Councillor Dhanisha Patel	For
Councillor Ross Penhale-Thomas	Abstain
Councillor Aniel Pucella	Abstain
Councillor James Radcliffe	Abstain
Councillor Kay Rowlands	Abstain
Councillor Bridie Sedgebeer	For
Councillor Charles Smith	For
Councillor Stephen Smith	For
Councillor John Spanswick	For
Councillor Roz Stirman	Abstain
Councillor Gary Thomas	For
Councillor Tim Thomas	Abstain
Councillor Jefferson Tildesley MBE	Abstain
Councillor Elaine Venables	Abstain
Councillor Matthew Voisey	Abstain
Councillor Lyn Walters	Abstain
Councillor Carolyn Webster	Abstain
Councillor David White	For

Councillor Philip White	For
Councillor Alex Williams	For
Councillor Amanda Williams	Abstain
Councillor Hywel Williams	For
Councillor Richard Young	For
Recommendations of report Carried as follows:-	

For - 28 Against - 0 Abstentions - 19 Did not vote - 1

405. COUNCIL TAX 2020-21

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer presented a report, the purpose of which, was to provide Council with details of the Council Tax requirement for the County Borough Council together with the requirements of the Police & Crime Commissioner for South Wales and Community/Town Councils.

The report outlined certain background information, following which the Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer referred Members to paragraph 4.4, that showed the average Council Tax for the County Borough for 2020-21 in Table 3.

She added that, the Council, as the billing authority, is required to formally approve the Council Tax for its area. This must be set to meet the net budget requirement of the Authority and its precepting authorities. Details of this were outlined in Table 5 within the report.

The Council was also required to approve the Council Tax charges for Band D properties for the chargeable financial year beginning 1 April, for each of the community areas. These were shown in Table 6 of the report. All calculations so highlighted were for a Band D equivalent property.

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer concluded her submission by stating that for the sake of clarity, the resulting charges for each Band were reproduced in Appendix A (to the report).

RESOLVED: That Council approved:

- a Band D Council Tax for Bridgend County Borough Council of £1,537.06 for 2020-21, and
- the Council Tax charges for Band D properties for 2020-21 for each of the community areas as outlined.

406. TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL STRATEGIES 2020-21 ONWARDS

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer submitted a report, the purpose of which, was to present to Council the Treasury Management Strategy 2020-21 (Appendix A to the report) which includes the Treasury Management Indicators, and the Capital Strategy 2020-21 to 2029-30 (Appendix B) which includes the Prudential Indicators for approval.

The Treasury Management Strategy 2020-21 confirmed the Council's compliance with the Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice. It also fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the Welsh Government Guidance.

She advised that, the Treasury Management Strategy is an integrated strategy where borrowing and investments are managed in accordance with best professional practice. The Council borrows money either to meet short term cash flow needs or to fund capital schemes within the capital programme but loans taken are not associated with particular assets. The Council is exposed to financial risks including the potential loss of invested funds and the effect on revenue of changing interest rates. The Council endeavours to minimise the risks by investing its funds prudently, and having regard firstly to the security of investments then to their liquidity and finally to the seeking the highest rate of return, or yield. The Strategy outlined the Council's definition of specified and non-specified investments, the financial limits for each category of investments and the approved counterparties with associated credit ratings.

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer proceeded, by confirming that the Capital Strategy 2020-21 to 2029-30 (Appendix B of the report) was presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 13 February 2020 for information. It confirmed the Council's compliance with the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. It sets out the guiding principles for capital decisions as to:-

1. Focus capital investment on delivery of the Council's Objectives and Priorities
2. Ensure strong governance over decision-making
3. Ensure that capital plans are affordable, sustainable and prudent
4. Maximise and promote the best use of available funds

The Capital Strategy set out a framework for the self-management of capital finance and examines the following areas:

- Capital expenditure and investment plans
- Prudential Indicators
- External debt
- Treasury Management

It also reported on the delivery, affordability and risks associated with the long-term context, in which capital expenditure and investment decisions are made.

The Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2008, also required the Council to produce and approve an Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement before the start of the financial year. Where a Council finances capital expenditure by debt, it must put aside revenue resources to repay that debt in later years and this is charged to revenue.

To conclude her submission, the Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer advised that this Statement was attached at Appendix B - Schedule A, to the report.

RESOLVED: That Council approved:

- The Treasury Management Strategy 2020-21 including the Treasury Management Indicators 2020-21 to 2022-23 (Appendix A to the report);
- The Capital Strategy 2020-21 to 2029-30 including the Prudential Indicators 2020-21 to 2022-23 (Appendix B);
- The Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement 2020-21 (Appendix B - Schedule A).

407. **URGENT ITEMS**

None.

The meeting closed at 17:45

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2020 AT 15:00

Present

Councillor SE Baldwin – Chairperson

S Aspey	TH Beedle	JPD Blundell	NA Burnett
MC Clarke	N Clarke	RJ Collins	HJ David
P Davies	PA Davies	SK Dendy	DK Edwards
J Gebbie	T Giffard	RM Granville	DG Howells
A Hussain	RM James	M Jones	MJ Kearn
DRW Lewis	JE Lewis	JR McCarthy	D Patel
RL Penhale-Thomas	AA Pucella	JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands
B Sedgebeer	RMI Shaw	CE Smith	SG Smith
JC Spanswick	RME Stirman	G Thomas	T Thomas
JH Tildesley MBE	E Venables	SR Vidal	MC Voisey
LM Walters	KJ Watts	CA Webster	DBF White
PJ White	A Williams	HM Williams	RE Young

Apologies for Absence

CA Green, B Jones, AJ Williams and JE Williams

Officers:

Debra Beeke	HR & OD Manager
Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Joanne Norman	Interim Group Manager - Financial Planning & Budget Management
Michael Pitman	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Mark Shephard	Chief Executive
Kelly Watson	Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services

409. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Officers present at the meeting with exception to the Group Manager – HR and Organisational Development, the Job Analyst and the Senior Democratic Services Officer – Committees declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5 and left the meeting whilst this report was being considered.

410. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

The Mayor

No announcements received.

Members of the Cabinet

No announcements received.

Chief Executive

No announcements received.

411. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER

No announcements received.

412. PAY POLICY STATEMENT - 2020/2021

The Chief Executive submitted a report, the purpose of which, was to seek Council approval for the Pay Policy Statement for 2020/2021. This was in response to legislative requirements and to provide openness and accountability in relation to how the Council rewards its staff.

The Group Manager – HR and Organisational Development advised that the Council had a statutory requirement under the Localism Act 2011, Section 38(1), to prepare a pay policy statement for the new financial year 2020/21. This statement needed to be approved and published by 31 March 2020.

The pay policy statement provides the framework for decision making on pay, and in particular decision making on senior pay.

The updated Pay Policy Statement for Council's consideration was attached at Appendix A to the report.

The Group Manager – HR and Organisational Development, confirmed that this had been produced in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, which required all local authorities to develop and make public their policy on all aspects of Chief Officer remuneration.

Since its introduction on 1 April 2012, the pay policy had developed to take account of relevant guidance, legislation and changes to the Council's senior management structure over recent years, she concluded.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the Pay Policy Statement 2020/2021 attached at Appendix A to the report.

413. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES 2020-2021

The Monitoring Officer presented a report, to advise Council of the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in respect of the level and range of remuneration the Authority must make available to its Members for the 2020/21 municipal year.

The report also advised of a Draft Supplementary Report issued by the Panel relating to the reimbursement of Costs of Care which is the subject of consultation.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that, The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 provided for the establishment of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

This was the twelfth Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel), and the ninth published under the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report). The Measure extended the responsibilities of the Panel and its powers under Section 142 to decide (prescribe) payments to members of relevant authorities.

The determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel Annual Report 2020 were shown at Appendix 2 of the report, for ease of reference.

She advised, that although public sector funding continues to be constrained, the Panel considers that an increase in the basic salary is justified. It has determined there shall be an increase of £350 per annum (which equates to 2.5%) effective from 1 April 2020 to the basic salary for members of principal councils. The proposed increase applied to the basic salary for members of principal councils is in recognition of the basic duties expected of all Elected Members. The basic salary in 2020/2021 for Elected Members of principal councils was proposed at £14,218. (Determination 1).

The Panel determined that no additional increases will be paid to senior salary holders in 2020-21. Members received an uplift in last year's annual report and senior salary holders will receive only the basic salary element increase. The senior salary levels in 2020-21 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in Table 5, page 17 of the report (Appendix 1 refers). The Panel considers that the leadership and executive roles carry the greatest individual accountability and that size of population remains a major factor in influencing levels of responsibility and the use of the population groups has therefore been retained. (Determination 2).

In terms of the Draft Supplementary Report, the Panel proposed a set of principles that should be adopted by all relevant authorities and has issued a consultation document requesting that responses be submitted to the Panel by 9 April 2020, prior to the publication of the final Report. The draft supplementary report sets out the Panel's proposals for consultation, which is attached at Appendix 3 to the report and sets out what the minimum authorities should do and how this could be done with regard to the Reimbursement of the Costs of Care. The purpose of the proposal is to enable all members and co-opted members of relevant authorities to carry out their duties effectively.

The Monitoring Officer clarified, that the draft supplementary report, had been circulated to Group Leaders and would be presented to the Democratic Services Committee on 12 March 2020, in order that the Committee may consider the set of principles and respond accordingly to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales by the deadline of 9 April 2020.

RESOLVED: (1) Council noted the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2020 and approved:

- The adoption of the relevant determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel contained within its report (at Appendix 1);
- Those posts (as shown in the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at Appendix 4 to the report), who will receive a senior/civic salary;
- The level of remuneration for the Senior and Civic Salaries (where appropriate);
- The revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at Appendix 4 of the report and that this becomes effective from 1 April 2020;
- That the Members' Schedule of Remuneration be updated with any changes to Senior/Civic Salary positions subsequently made by Council during the 2020-21 municipal year.

- (2) Council further noted the draft supplementary report (at Appendix 3 to the report) for the Reimbursement of the Costs of Care and the deadline of 9 April 2020 for responses.

414. INFORMATION REPORT FOR NOTING

RESOLVED: That the report of the Chief Officer HR, Legal and Regulatory Services detailing the Information Report of the Head of Finance, entitled 'Related Party Transactions 2019-20 and Statement of Accounts,' published since the last meeting of Council, be noted.

415. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE FROM:

RESOLVED: That Council agreed to defer the two questions to Cabinet members, as outlined at item 8 on the Agenda, to a future meeting of Council.

416. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR RE YOUNG

RESOLVED: That Council agreed unanimously to defer the Notice of Motion, as outlined at item 9 of the Agenda, to a future meeting of Council.

417. URGENT ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 16:00

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 JULY 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

UPDATE ON BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH RESPONSE TO COVID-19

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a presentation from the Chief Executive on the response to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the steps being taken towards recovery, and to update Members on the approach to recovery, including the establishment of a Cross-Party Recovery Panel.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 In response to the global Covid-19 pandemic, on 23 March 2020 the UK Government imposed a nationwide lockdown in an effort to help minimise the spread of coronavirus. The majority of businesses were required to close and others were required to change their working practice.
- 3.2 The Council has undergone significant change over the last four months, often responding urgently to changing circumstances, guidance and regulation. New services have been created, some services stopped, staff redeployed and new working practices put in place including enabling those that can work from home to do so. The focus throughout the last four months has been on the delivery of essential services, in particular those for the most vulnerable in our communities, and seeking to prevent the spread of the virus to save lives. This has required that we have had

to adapt service delivery on a scale and at a pace that is unprecedented. Many of the changes will need to endure beyond this phase of the crisis and potentially become part of the 'new normal' for the Council moving forward.

- 3.3 The speed and severity of the changes to the way in which we could do business required that emergency governance arrangements were put in place in line with the Council's Constitution and Scheme of Delegation of Functions, to allow the Leader and Chief Executive the agility to respond appropriately to urgent, and often critical matters. An emergency Cabinet/Corporate Management Board (CCMB) 'Gold' command meeting was established on a daily basis. This has gradually been stepped down over recent weeks, initially to a twice a week meeting, then to a weekly meeting, and it is anticipated that it will be replaced by 'business as usual' meetings shortly as the lockdown continues to be eased. These meetings were informed by Daily Situation Reports (DSR's) and latterly Weekly Situation Reports (WSR's) from each Directorate setting out key issues and risks and matters for decision. The notes from each meeting and an action log were prepared and retained to ensure proper recording of the decisions that were made, and the context that prevailed at that time. The weekly formal decisions have been circulated throughout this period to Group Leaders and Scrutiny Chairs. Weekly meetings with all of the political group leaders have been held throughout the crisis with the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council, to ensure that Elected Members were kept as informed and involved as possible in the extraordinary circumstances.
- 3.4 In addition, at various frequencies there have been regular meetings of the Leaders and Chief Executives across Wales, together with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and often with Welsh Government Ministers. Similar meetings have happened across professional disciplines including for Section 151 Officers, Monitoring Officers, Directors of Social Services and Directors of Education. Furthermore, regular meetings have been established at all levels with the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board as part of their Gold and Silver command structure, as well as a weekly meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive of the Health Board. These meetings have then been replicated throughout the management teams of all of the Council's Directorates and in the case of Education on a 'Team Bridgend' basis with our Headteachers. Importantly, regular meetings have also been held with trade union representatives.
- 3.5 The response from all of the Council's staff has been exceptional throughout this period, particularly in view of the many significant challenges that we have faced. Many have gone above and beyond what could ordinarily be expected, in order to ensure we continue to deliver essential services effectively. In Social Services, essential front line services continued to be delivered but in different ways and a strong working relationship with BAVO and the third sector was developed and enhanced. Social care, BAVO and the customer contact centre worked together to provide support to shielded individuals. Emergency child care provision was provided in our hubs for children of key workers. These hubs were staffed by school staff who also continued to provide online provision for all pupils. The catering service had to quickly plan and arrange delivery of free school meals. Both in-house and independent residential care have been at the forefront of caring for vulnerable people and have also directly supported and provided care for people who have contracted the virus. Domiciliary care has continued to provide personal care and support for individuals who live in their own homes in the community. The service has also had to embrace the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which had previously

been under estimated within the care home and domiciliary care sector but will most definitely be part of their everyday future. However, outstanding support has also been apparent in less visible services, for example, in responding rapidly to the distribution of grants to support local businesses in our finance teams, in our customer care, communications and information technology teams, and also in waste and cleaner streets, registrars, cemetery and crematoria, economic development and regeneration, housing, cleaning, property, planning, transport, legal, procurement and shared regulatory service teams. The Council has sought to acknowledge the efforts of all of these teams, including a campaign to celebrate the work of 'unsung heroes' throughout the pandemic.

3.6 The 'One Council' approach has been very apparent over the last four months in the way that every Directorate and service area has supported each other, and also in the way there has been widespread, cross party political support for the measures the Council has had to undertake. This is without doubt one of the reasons for the relative success the Council has had in ensuring continued and effective service delivery for our most vulnerable individuals and communities and minimising the impact of the virus locally.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 As we move out of lockdown and the restrictions are eased there are additional challenges that need to be addressed. Some are highlighted below:

- Enhanced support for homeless individuals to protect them the impact of the virus.
- Support for local businesses both in terms of financial support and preparation for when lockdown restrictions have been removed.
- Delivery of the Test, Trace and Protect programme which is crucial to the monitoring and tracking of any positive Covid-19 cases as lockdown measures are eased, to manage and avoid local spikes or a second peak of the virus.
- Support for staff wellbeing recognising the anxiety some staff will undoubtedly feel about a gradual return to 'normal' working arrangements and that the circumstances of the last three months will have been difficult for many.
- Preparation for the restart and return of many services.

4.2 Over recent weeks announcements from the Welsh Government have signaled a gradual easing of the lockdown that had been imposed. This has meant that the Council has had to prepare to restart and adapt a wide range of Council services in the context of extended stringent social distancing requirements. This has been considered in detail by Cabinet at its meeting of 30th June 2020. The Council's approach to recovery planning was also discussed at a meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13th July 2020. That Committee accepted the recommendation made by Cabinet that a Cross-Party Recovery Panel be established, to inform, support and challenge the recovery exercise and ensure that Elected Members and key partners have an opportunity to feed into and shape thinking and make recommendations back to Cabinet.

4.3 Members are requested to receive the presentation by the Chief Executive which will outline in more detail the work that has been done since March 2020, and will outline how we move into the recovery phase.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 None directly as a result of this report. Where individual decisions arise from the recovery planning process they will be taken in consideration of the policy framework.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 Equality Impact Assessments will be completed where necessary as part of the recovery planning process.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 The Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, requires an assessment and a summary of the implications relating to the five ways of working set out in the Act. In this case the intention of the report is to set out the Council's overall planning framework and approach to recovery with separate detailed recovery plans to be produced by individual service areas as necessary. An overall summary of our approach, that is consistent with the requirements of the Act, is set out below:

- 7.2 **Long Term** - The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs. The proposed approach of 'restart, recover and renew', has been identified taking account of the need to both seek to implement immediate measures to restart some elements of the Council's business, but also to plan for a long term sustainable future, recognising the potential long term challenges and impacts that Covid-19 will continue to have on all aspects of the Council's business.

- 7.3 **Prevention** - How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives. A great deal of work has already been undertaken by the Council and its partners in relation to the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. Preventative action will be taken where the need arises to ensure readiness for any future local spike or second peak of the virus.

- 7.4 **Integration** - Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies. The proposed framework and broad recovery planning approach will ensure an integrated approach to all matters directed at supporting the County Borough through the current situation and into the future. This will include reviewing the existing objectives in the Corporate Plan and reviewing and potentially re-purposing the approved medium term financial strategy for this year based on revised priorities to aid recovery.

- 7.5 **Collaboration** - Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives. The Council's approach to recovery planning will take place in a co-ordinated and coherent way, involving all Directorates and in partnership with key stakeholders, including the Public Services Board who intend carrying out a community impact assessment to inform our plans.

- 7.6 **Involvement** - The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves. The detailed recovery plans that will be developed for some service

areas as part of the recovery planning process, in order to be successful will require the involvement of key stakeholders. For example as necessary, elected members from across the political spectrum, staff, business representatives, school and governing body representatives, trade unions, health representatives, and third sector representatives. A programme of engagement, and where appropriate co-production, specific to each area of recovery will need to be formulated, including appropriate and proportionate engagement with the public, but also recognising the pace with which responses are having to be made as 'lockdown' is eased further and a 'new normal' begins to emerge.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, however the Council faces substantial financial challenges due to the impact of Covid-19. These include significant additional costs and loss of income over the first and second quarters of the 2020/21 financial year, and likelihood of this continuing. It is also unclear at this stage the extent to which future funding and support from both the UK and Welsh Government will be available and what levels of our financial loss we will be able to claim.
- 8.2 A detailed report will be presented to Cabinet on 21st July 2020 providing an update on the Council's revenue financial position as at 30th June 2020 and the inevitable impact that the Covid-19 pandemic will have on the Council's financial position.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 That Members note the presentation of the Chief Executive;
- 9.2 To note the approach approved by Cabinet to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow the Council to re-start, recover and renew its service provision;
- 9.3 To note the establishment of a Cross-Party Recovery Panel to help shape, inform, and advise Cabinet on the Council's recovery planning.

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Background Documents:

- Report to Cabinet dated 30th June 2020: Recovery Planning from the impact of Covid-19
- Report to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 13th July 2020: Establishment of a Cross-Party Recovery Panel
- Report to Cabinet dated 21st July 2020: Budget Monitoring 2020-21 Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast.

Bridgend County Borough Council – Response to COVID 19




Mark Shephard Chief Executive July 22nd 2020

Bridgend County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr



COVID -19 pandemic



- March 23rd lockdown.
- Majority of businesses closed.
- Change in working practices.
- Working from home.
- Improved sanitation and hygiene measures.
- Social distancing measures.

Council Response



- Urgent response to changing circumstances, guidance and regulation.
- New services created, some services stopped.
- Many staff redeployed, majority work from home where possible to do so.
- No one furloughed.
- Focus on delivery of essential services, in particular for the most vulnerable in our communities and seeking to prevent the spread of the virus to save lives.
- Service adaptation at a scale and pace that is unprecedented.
- Emergency governance arrangements.
- One council approach.
- Enhanced partnership working.

Responding to the Covid-19 coronavirus in Bridgend County Borough



Business support grants paid **£29,025,000**
2,340 Business grant applications approved



Calls received to customer services **43,827**
6,172,763 Social media reach



1,553
Volunteers registered



10,500
Hours of domiciliary care provided each week



1,048
Individuals supported in their own homes



1,559
No of keyworkers' children supported to enable parents to work



169
Staff redeployed to a different role



2,600
Individuals supported by Telecare services



13%
Overall increase in recycled materials compared to this time last year



1,013
Reconditioned laptops and devices issued to school children



Stats since 23 March 2020.



COVID-19 in Bridgend

Cases

	Bridgend	Wales
Cumulative cases	568	16,806
Cumulative cases per 100,000 population	386.3	533.0
Cases in the past 7 days	3	99
Cases in the past 7 days per 100,000 population	2.0	3.1

Source: Public Health Wales dashboard, extracted 21/07/2020

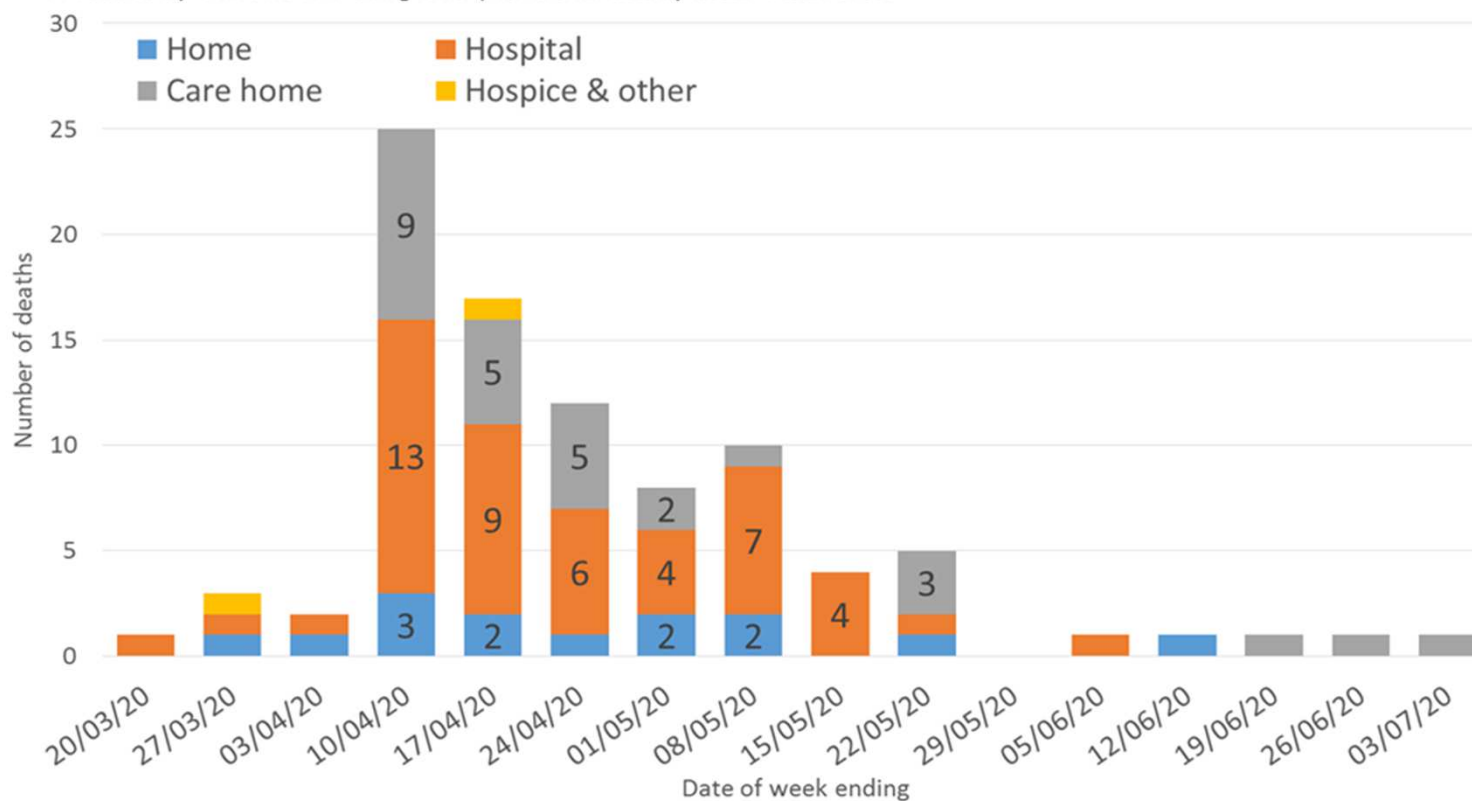
Deaths

- **92** COVID-19 deaths in Bridgend since the week commencing 20th March
- **1** death in the latest week
- **2,470** COVID-19 deaths in Wales
- Death data has a two-week delay
- Deaths included with any mention on the death certificate based on date of occurrence

COVID-19 in Bridgend

Weekly trends in COVID-19 deaths by location of death in Bridgend

Produced by CTMUHB PHT using ONS provisional weekly death occurrences



Source: ONS, 2020



Gradual easing of lockdown

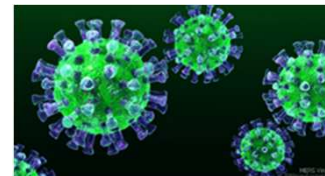
- Community Recycling sites reopened.
- Schools check in, catch up and prepare.
- Some libraries for click and collect.
- Town centres.
- Visitor economy and attractions.
- Council meeting calendar.
- Sports facilities, playgrounds, community centres.

Ongoing challenges

- Enhanced support for homeless individuals.
- Support for local business.
- Delivery of test, trace and protect.
- Support for staff wellbeing and gradual return to the office environment.
- Nurture and embrace some of the positive new ways of working.
- Delivery of summer free school meals.
- Support for shielded individuals until August 16th and identification of any further support required.
- Preparation for the organisational response to a second wave or spike of the virus and lessons learned.

Financial Challenges

- Council finances impacted:



Additional cost pressures	Some will be one-off and some recurrent. e.g. PPE, ICT, voids etc.
Lost income	Some will be one-off losses, others will be deferred losses (e.g. potentially planning income), and others could be permanent losses. Main areas affected are car parking, school meals and planning fees.
2020-21 MTFS savings not met	Total MTFS savings for the year of £2.413m which may not be achieved (e.g. staffing restructures, remodelling of services, income generation).
Unanticipated savings	For areas where service provision has reduced or stopped and subsequent savings have been made e.g home to school transport, premises and fuel.
Council Tax	There is likely to be a shortfall in council tax collection, especially given the delay in starting recovery, and an increase in council tax benefits.

Financial Support

WG has announced a range of additional financial support across Wales including:

Business Rate Grants:	
Business Grants	£1.4bn
Small Charities Business Rates	£26m
Local Authority Hardship Fund: £188.5m	
Local Authorities General	£13m
Homelessness	£10m
Funding for Adult Social Care	£40m
Free School Meals	£40.4m
Culture and Heritage	£100k
Increased number of deaths	£7m
Loss of Income	£78m
Others:	
Bus Operators	£29m
Digitally Excluded School Pupils	£3m
Local Authority Cyber Security	£248K
Children's Mental Health	£1.25m

Financial Challenges

- LA has submitted monthly claims for additional expenditure. Current position:

	£
TOTAL Claimed	2,912,166
Paid	2,015,040
On hold	305,727
Disallowed	591,399



- Disallowed:**
 - ICT funded 50% as longer term benefits.
 - Support provided for residual leisure service costs.
 - Ordinary running costs.
- No decision made to date on distribution of funding for lost income.



Financial Challenges

Main Covid Related Projected Overspends not currently funded by WG, partly offset by Covid Underspends:

Directorate/Budget Area	Covid Related Overspends £'000	Covid Related Underspends £'000	Net Overspend £'000	Comments
Directorate				
Education and Family Support	1,349	337	1,012	Loss of school meal income and special school recoupment, offset by reduced payments to bus contractors.
Social Services and Wellbeing	1,221	0	1,221	Reduction in personal contributions
Communities	597	121	476	Reduced income from car parks and civil parking enforcement, and costs of providing rent free holidays, offset by net reduction in seasonal staff costs for parks and playing fields.
Chief Executive's	1,133	0	1,133	Additional costs of facilities for homeless plus lower income from registrars, licensing and public health.
Total	4,300	458	3,842	

NB: These are included in quarter 1 projections alongside other 'usual' over and underspends.

Financial Challenges

Council Tax

Support has included:

Deferral of council tax to latter part of financial year

Spread of council tax over 12 instead of 10 months

Limited recovery – only ‘soft’ reminders

Impact on council tax collection – 1% reduction = loss of income of ≈ **£1 million**

Council Tax Reduction Scheme Support

Increased UC and Housing Benefits claimants impacts on CTRS

Current estimate is increase in costs over budget by at least **£300k**, but could be between £500k and £1m for financial year.

Restart, Recover and Renew

- Approved Cabinet report June 30th
- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee July 13th, establishment of a Cross Party Recovery Panel.
- Potential reset of 2020/21 budget and Corporate Plan in September taking account of circumstances and revised priorities.
- Potential Recovery Fund to be established for one off investment priorities.
- Restart – immediate and up to next 6 months.
- Recover –next 12-18 months.
- Renew – new operating model for next 5 years plus.

Recovery Priorities

- Reopening schools in September.
- Responding to the economic crisis based on the Local Economic Recovery Plan and establishment of a local taskforce.
- Future sustainability of culture and leisure venues.
- Safe streets, active travel, public transport.
- Homelessness provision and services post lockdown.
- Continuing support for the most vulnerable and those who care for them, including nurturing the relationship with the third sector and enhancing community resilience.

Recovery Priorities (continued)

- Stopping the spread and return of the virus, enhanced health and safety and changed operating procedures, stockpile of PPE, ongoing contact tracing.
- Continued reopening of all Council services including community hubs and libraries and Council offices from 1st September with hybrid model likely with greater support for WFH.
- Digital services, increased appetite from the public for digital services but recognition of enhanced risks of things such as cyber fraud.

Coordinated response to recovery

- PSB - Community impact assessment.
- Local Economic Taskforce.
- Audit Wales- Fit for the Future.

- Seek to avoid duplication and make swift and meaningful recommendations based on a sound evidence base.

Embrace the 'New Normal' but understand the opportunities and risks

- Some positive changes need to endure
- Staff, trade union , public views important to shape and inform the Council's recovery plan and future operating model
- Opportunities for investment from WG grants and capital initiatives
- Staff wellbeing crucial, risk of burn out
- Green recovery opportunity
- Not likely to return to pre March 2020 situation

Conclusion

- Uniquely challenging 4 month period.
- Unprecedented change, often at breakneck speed.
- Council response has largely been excellent, some staff response and performance has been heroic.
- Change is probably forever.
- Economic hit is likely to be severe with increased unemployment and benefit claimants.
- Crucial Council role in recovery and renewal for foreseeable future centred on community leadership and support to enhance community resilience, support for the most vulnerable particularly around social care and promotion of public health and economic recovery focussed on our town centres and support for local businesses.

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 JULY 2020

REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER – FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2019-20 AND QUARTER 1 UPDATE REPORT 2020-21

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:-

- comply with the requirement of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) 'The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities' (2017 edition)
- provide an update on the capital outturn for 2019-20 (**Appendix A**)
- provide an update of the Capital Programme for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020 (**Appendix B**)
- seek approval for a revised capital programme for 2020-21 to 2029-30 (**Appendix C**)
- note the projected Prudential and Other Indicators for 2020-21 (**Appendix D**)

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively

and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

- 2.2 Capital investment in the Council's assets is a key factor in meeting the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003 as amended, contain detailed provisions for the capital finance and accounting controls, including the rules on the use of capital receipts and what is to be treated as capital expenditure. They modify accounting practice in various ways to prevent adverse impacts on authorities' revenue resources.

- 3.2 As well as the legislation, the Council manages its Treasury Management and Capital activities in accordance with the following associated guidance:-

- CIPFA's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice
- CIPFA's The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities
- Welsh Government (WG) revised Guidance on Local Authority Investments

- 3.3 The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities requires Local Authorities to have in place a Capital Strategy which demonstrates that the authority takes capital expenditure and investment decisions in line with service objectives and properly takes account of stewardship, value for money, prudence, sustainability and affordability. To demonstrate that the Council has fulfilled these objectives, the Prudential Code sets out a number of Indicators that must be set and monitored each year.

- 3.4 On 20 February 2019 Council approved a Capital Programme of £35.474 million for 2019-20 as part of a capital programme covering the period 2019-20 to 2028-29. The programme was last updated and approved by Council on 26 February 2020. This report provides an update on the following:

- Capital Programme outturn 2019-20
- Capital Programme monitoring quarter 1 2020-21
- Capital Strategy monitoring
- Prudential and other indicators

4. Current situation

4.1 Capital Programme Outturn Position 2019-20

- 4.1.1 This section of the report provides Members with an update on the Council's capital programme for 2019-20. The original budget approved by Council on 20 February 2019 has been further revised and approved by Council during the year to incorporate budgets brought forward from 2018-19 and any new schemes and grant approvals. The most recent programme for 2019-20,

approved by Council in February 2020 as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, totalled £30.137 million, of which £13.964 million is met from BCBC resources, including capital receipts, revenue contributions from earmarked reserves and borrowing, with the remaining £16.173 million coming from external resources.

4.1.2 Appendix A provides details of the individual schemes within the capital programme, showing the budget available in 2019-20 compared to the actual spend. The revised programme was only approved in February 2020, so there have been few amendments since then other than the following main changes:

- new approvals of £1.964 million as a result of a new grant scheme from the Welsh Government - the Hwb Infrastructure Grant
- £0.403 million funding brought back from 20-21 to more reflect more accurately the spend profiles.

This brings the revised budget to £32.504 million

4.1.3 Total expenditure as at 31 March 2020 is £22.822 million, resulting in a total under spend of £9.682 million. During the year a number of schemes have commenced but not been completed during the year, or have been moved wholly into 2020-21. These include the refurbishment of Waterton Depot, Bridge Strengthening at the A4061 Ogmores Valley, City Deal and regeneration works at Llynfi Valley. Slippage has arisen due to a number of reasons including delays in starting projects due to the need to undertake more detailed survey works, ongoing discussions with funding bodies and other general programme delays. There is also likely to be significant slippage during 2020-21 as a consequence of the Covid-19 lockdown and subsequent regulations on social distancing.

4.1.4 Net slippage into 2020-21 of £9.073 million is required, the main schemes being:

- £2,246,000 in respect of the Llynfi Development – Welsh Government has agreed an extension to the loan of 6 months to enable the Council to undertake further feasibility work
- £908,600 of funding for minor capital works has slipped due to the delay in completing a number of schemes
- £564,000 in respect of the Children’s Residential Hub due to delays in finalising funding approval
- £471,000 in respect of Bridge Strengthening. Substantial elements of the works were delayed by the utility company and as such many elements of the contract spend were deferred until later within the revised contract period.
- £582,000 in respect of the Enterprise Hub due to the project being reprofiled and reconfigured in 2020-21
- £520,000 in respect of Digital Transformation whilst the digital strategy has been developed, to ensure the development is taking into account the effects

of Covid -19 and how digital can support the Council in terms of its operational model

- £320,000 in respect of 21st Century Schools Band B. New schemes are currently at feasibility stage
- £260,000 in respect of Maesteg Town Hall due to delays, and changes to funding profiles as a result of the Council maximising additional grant funding during 2019-20

4.2 Capital Programme Quarter 1 Update

4.2.1 This section of the report provides Members with an update on the Council's capital programme for 2020-21 since the budget was last approved by Council and incorporates any new schemes and grant approvals. The revised programme for 2020-21 currently totals £62.305 million, of which £40.313 million is met from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) resources, including capital receipts, revenue contributions from earmarked reserves and borrowing, with the remaining £21.992 million coming from external resources, including General Capital Grant. Table 1 below shows the capital programme for each Directorate from the February 2020 approved Council position to quarter 1:

Table 1 – Capital Programme per Directorate 2020-21

Directorate	Approved Council February 2020 £'000	Slippage Brought forward from 2019-20 £'000	Slippage into 2021-22 £'000	New Approvals £'000	Revised Budget 2020-21 £'000
Education & Family Support	6,582	1,885	(1,243)	400	7,624
Social Services and Well-being	-	889	-	1,300	2,189
Communities	46,614	5,542	(3,937)	18	48,237
Chief Executive's	2,550	757	-	260	3,567
Unallocated	688	-	-	-	688
Total	56,434	9,073	(5,180)	1,978	62,305

4.2.2 Table 2 below summarises the current funding assumptions for the capital programme for 2020-21. The capital resources are managed to ensure that maximum financial benefit for the Council is achieved. This may include the realignment of funding to maximise government grants.

Table 2 – Capital Programme 2020-21 Resources

CAPITAL RESOURCES	BCBC £'000	External £'000	Total £'000
Capital Receipts	13,915	-	13,915
Grants	-	21,727	21,727
Earmarked Reserves	13,228	-	13,228
Unsupported Borrowing	5,333	-	5,333
Supported Borrowing	4,134	-	4,134
Other Loans	1,471	2,246	3,663
Revenue Contribution	40	-	40
Other Contributions	-	265	265
TOTAL	38,067	24,238	62,305

4.2.3. **Appendix B** provides details of the individual schemes within the capital programme, showing the budget available in 2020-21 compared to the projected spend at 30 June 2020.

4.2.4. There are a number of amendments to the capital programme for 2020-21, such as new and amended schemes, since the capital programme was last approved including:

21st Century Schools Band B

The overall funding envelope for the programme has been amended to reflect the latest scheme cost submitted to Welsh Government for the programme based on 3 schools (including a replacement special school) being funded from capital grant and 2 schools funded via the Mutual Investment Model (MIM). The overall funding of the programme within the capital budget has been revised and updated to reflect current intervention rates. All schemes will be subject to full business cases and any changes to the overall funding envelope will be reported back to Cabinet and Council as necessary.

Mynydd Cynffig Primary School – Mobile Classrooms

A condition survey of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School (infants' site) highlighted serious issues with the building. Technical officers advised that the nature and assortment of the disrepairs highlighted meant that isolated repair works to individual fabric elements of the building would be extremely challenging and economically unfeasible. As a result of the potential health and safety risk presented to pupils and staff, it was agreed that the school building would close and alternative teaching accommodation would be provided as a matter of urgency.

In May 2020, in the absence of full Council meetings, the Chief Executive used his emergency powers to amend the capital programme to authorise expenditure of £1.2 million for the provision of temporary classrooms and to undertake infrastructure works on sections of the main school building that are required to be retained and kept in use (e.g. hall and kitchen). The works are to be funded mainly from the existing Schools' Capital Maintenance Grant

(£800,000) with the balance of £400,000 funded from an earmarked reserve established at year end for this purpose.

Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs)

In May 2020, in the absence of full Council meetings, the Chief Executive signed a Delegated Power to authorise additional expenditure of £25,000 from within the capital programme for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) at Ravens Court, linking in to the Government's Road to Zero Strategy. This was deemed to be the preferred location for a number of reasons:

- Availability of secure parking, the spare electric load capacity in the building and the ease of electric connection of the new EVCP to the distribution board.
- The facility management team is based in Ravens Court and this will allow the team to continue operating the EVs and closely monitor the new EVCP.

The funding was met from additional capital funding provided by Welsh Government in the local government settlement for 2020-21 to enable local authorities to respond to the urgent need to decarbonise. The scheme is now built into the capital programme.

Children's Residential Accommodation Hub

In February 2018, Cabinet approved the implementation of the new model for Children's Residential Services, a fundamental component of which was the development of a Placement Hub. At that time it was reported that the Hub will initially be developed by re-designing the existing children's residential 'estate' and would therefore be based at Newbridge House. However, in February 2020 a new site was proposed, at the former Brynmenyn Primary School site, as it became clear that this was the only viable option for the new Hub, based on the specific complex and challenging requirements of the children and young people, and also recognising the feedback received from the earlier consultation and engagement.

The new development at Brynmenyn School will provide a specially designed and purpose-built Placements Hub, from which the newly implemented service model can be effectively delivered from, enabling more teams to be located there, seamless working and better outcomes for individuals. Following the resolution of common land issues, designs have been finalised and estimated costs received. Capital funding of £1.25 million has already been secured for the new Hub:

- £600,000 already approved by Council in the MTFs capital programme for 2018-19, which has subsequently been rolled forward;
- £650,000 Integrated Care Fund (ICF) capital funding for 2020-21.

There is a shortfall identified of £650,000, which will be met from a combination of the earmarked reserve for Looked After Children (£350,000) and the capital pressures earmarked reserve (£300,000). However, additional funding will also be sought via regional ICF Capital which may allow BCBC to reduce these

amounts – but there are no guarantees that this will be successful at this moment in time.

Bryncethin Depot

Following Council's agreement in November 2018 to the proposal to operate on a reduced footprint at Waterton Depot, with partial staff relocation to Bryncethin Depot, a range of works has been undertaken at Bryncethin Depot to get this fit for purpose. Recently a small number of additional minor works schemes have been identified, both capital and revenue, and primarily for health and safety reasons, to enable the depot to operate efficiently and safely. In terms of capital, these are the replacement of the diesel storage tank and re-roofing of the workshop to remove any risk of asbestos. The total cost of these schemes is £18,000 and this will be met from an earmarked reserves already established for Bryncethin minor works.

Bridgend Enterprise Hub

In April 2018, Council approved the Enterprise Hubs Development Programme. The programme consisted of the refurbishment of the Innovation Centre and development of new business units at Village Farm Industrial Estate. Council originally approved a total budget of £3,611,948, of which £2,347,766 was ERDF funding and £1,264,183 BCBC match funding. This was later amended in the capital programme to reflect additional external funding provided. Following this, detailed survey work at the Innovation Centre identified a significant level of additional costs that were not known at the time of business plan submission to WEFO. This would have resulted in a significant increase in total costs and match funding requirement from BCBC. A prudent approach was therefore taken to remove the Innovation Centre from the scheme entirely rather than increase the level of financial risk. A revised funding letter has been agreed with WG confirming an ERDF contribution of £1,494,953 towards the revised project costs of £2,299,928, leaving a requirement for BCBC match of £804,975. The other elements of the programme are progressing well with planning permission for phase 1 of the developments at Village Farm Industrial Estate having been submitted.

Community Recycling Centre (CRC), Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle

On 1 March 2016, as part of the 2016-17 to 2019-20 MTFs, Council approved capital funding of £1.322 million towards a new Community Recycling Centre at Village Farm Industrial Estate. Since then work has been underway to identify the most suitable location, design the site, seek planning permission and go out to tender. Following evaluation the lowest tender is £1.594 million, which is higher than the budget available mainly due to the requirement to build in social distancing measures for staff into the tender price. It is proposed to meet the shortfall through a virement of £272,000 from the Investing in Communities Fund.

Western Valley Empty Homes Pilot

The Minister for Housing and Local Government has agreed to an in principle allocation of capital funding of up to £169,000 for Bridgend County Borough Council in 2020-21 to establish a one year pilot project to increase the availability of social housing for tenants by bringing empty homes back into use.

This offer of grant funding is subject to match funding being provided by Bridgend Council to the value of £91,000. This represents 35% of the total cost of the pilot which is £260,000, and will be met from existing capital receipts. This grant will support the delivery of the Council's and Welsh Government's priority of returning empty properties back into use offering additional social housing across Bridgend County Borough, to help regenerate communities, provide more choice and suitable accommodation for residents.

4.2.5 A Revised Capital Programme is included as **Appendix C**.

4.3 Prudential and Other Indicators 2020-21 Monitoring

4.3.1 In February 2020, Council approved the Capital Strategy for 2020-21, which included the Prudential Indicators 2020-21 to 2022-23 together with some local indicators.

4.3.2 The Capital Strategy is intended to give an overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future sustainability. To this end, a number of prudential indicators were included, and approved by Council. In line with the requirements of the Prudential Code, the Chief Finance Officer is required to establish procedures to monitor both performance against all forward-looking prudential indicators and the requirement specified.

4.3.3 **Appendix D** details the actual indicators for 2019-20, the estimated indicators for 2020-21 set out in the Council's Capital Strategy and the projected indicators for 2020-21 based on the revised Capital Programme. These show that the Council is operating in line with the approved limits.

4.4 Capital Strategy Monitoring

4.4.1 The Capital Strategy also requires the monitoring of non-treasury management investments and other long term liabilities. The Council does have an existing investment portfolio which is 100% based within the County Borough and primarily the office and industrial sectors. The income streams are generally spread between the single and multi-let office investments on Bridgend Science Park, the multi-let industrial estates and the freehold ground rent investments. The total value of Investment Properties was £4.635 million at 31 March 2020.

4.4.2 The Council has a number of Other Long Term Liabilities which are included within the Capital Strategy, the most significant being the Maesteg School Private Finance Initiative (PFI). The Council has a PFI arrangement for the provision of a Secondary School in Maesteg. This forms a long-term liability for the Council which is £15.6 million at 31 March 2020. This is a 25 year agreement which will end during the 2033-34 financial year. Other long term liabilities totalling £0.9 million include lease arrangements for the Innovation Centre, the Council's Waste Contract and a Welsh Government energy efficiency loan.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 As required by Financial Procedure Rule 3.5.3 within the Council's Constitution, "The Chief Finance Officer shall report quarterly to Cabinet an update on the Capital Strategy and the Prudential Indicators".

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 Projects within the capital programme will be subject to the preparation of Equality Impact Assessments before proceeding. There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

- 7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. As the report is for information and is retrospective in nature it is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report. Specifically the development of a 10 year capital programme, which reflects the Council's affordability in terms of capital receipts and borrowing, supports the principle of sustainability over the long term.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 The financial implications are reflected within the report.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 It is recommended that Council:

- notes the capital outturn for 2019-20 (**Appendix A**)
- notes the Council's Capital Programme 2020-21 Quarter 1 update to 30 June 2020 (**Appendix B**)
- approves the revised Capital Programme (**Appendix C**)
- notes the projected Prudential and Other Indicators for 2020-21 (**Appendix D**)

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Background documents: None

	Budget 19-20 (Council February 2020)	New Approvals	Virement	Slippage	Revised Budget 2019-20	Total Exp to date	Over / (Under) spend	Slippage requested	Impact on BCBC Resources	Comments
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	

Education & Family Support

21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BAND B	320				320	-	(320)	320	-	Band B currently in feasibility stage
PENYFAI PRIMARY	308				308	308	0	(0)	-	
BRYNMENYN PRIMARY	44				44	-	(44)	44	-	No further expenditure anticipated, however additional funding may be required to address works to the school access road
GATEWAY TO THE VALLEYS SEC SCH	140				140	43	(97)	97	-	Car park scheme is currently in design - anticipating that the works will take place in 2020-21
GARW VALLEY SOUTH PRIMARY PROVISION	160				160	-	(160)	160	-	
PENCOED PRIMARY	100				100	38	(62)	62	-	
GARW VALLEY PRIMARY HIGHWAYS	30				30	-	(30)	30	-	
PENCOED PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHWAYS WORKS	65				65	9	(56)	56	-	
BRYNMENYN SCHOOL HIGHWAYS WORK	70				70	55	(15)	15	-	Awaiting prices to undertake works
ALN PROVISION	37				37	30	(7)	7	-	
REDUCTION OF INFANT CLASS SIZES	160				160	130	(30)	30	-	
CROESTY PRIMARY SCHOOL	391			6	397	397	(0)	-	-	
SCHOOLS CAPITAL MINOR WORKS	519		(2)		517	423	(94)	94	-	
HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL	-		1		1	1	(0)		-	
FLYING START- BETTWS	17		1		18	18	(0)		-	
SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY	265				265	13	(252)	252	-	
CEFN CRIBWR PRIMARY SCHOOL ALN	126				126	75	(51)	51	-	
EDUCATION S106 SCHEMES	232				232	30	(202)	202	-	Porthcawl funded by S106
COMPLEX & MEDICAL NEEDS PROVISION	650				650	601	(49)	49	-	
SCHOOLS' CAPITAL MAINTENANCE GRANT	1,731				1,731	1,562	(169)	169	-	
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - BETTWS	55				55	55	0	(0)	-	
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - BRIDGEND	-				-	-	-	-	-	
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - OGMORE	25			3	28	28	0		-	
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - HIGHWAYS	100				100	-	(100)	100	-	
WLGA - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ICT -SCHOOLS	81				81	-	(81)	81	-	
EAST HUB- BRYNTEG COMPREHENSIVE	384				384	318	(66)	66	-	
TOTAL Education & Family Support	6,010	-	-	9	6,019	4,134	(1,885)	1,885	-	

Social Services and Wellbeing

BRYNGARW PARK - ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	35				35	-	(35)	35	-	Deferred until 2020-21
BRYN Y CAE - HFE'S	40				40	-	(40)	40	-	En suite work now completed
WELLBEING MINOR WORKS	105				105	74	(31)	31	-	Various minor projects actioned - some outstanding to be completed in 20-21
TY PENYBONT	50				50	12	(38)	38	-	
BAKERS WAY MINOR WORKS	13				13	3	(10)	10	-	
GLAN YR AFON CARE HOME	51				51	-	(51)	51	-	Demolition delayed due to Covid-19
ARCH WELLBEING CENTRE	547	4			551	551	0		-	Project complete. Includes an additional revenue contribution
CHILDRENS RESIDENTIAL HUB	600				600	36	(564)	564	-	Covered costs of surveys - still awaiting funding approval
ICF CAPITAL FUNDING	65			36	101	101	(0)		-	Project now completed
EXTRA CARE FACILITIES	200				200	80	(120)	120	-	

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TOTAL Social Services & Wellbeing	1,706	4	-	36	1,746	858	(888)	888	-	

Communities Street Scene

PARKS/PAVILIONS/COMMUNITY CENTRES CAT	340				340	252	(88)	88	-	Bryncethin RFC funded by S106
ABERFIELDS PLAYFIELDS	11				11	-	(11)	11	-	
CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL	-				-	-	-	-	-	No spend on new City Deal capital schemes in 2019-20
PORHCRAWL TOWN SEA DEFENCE	83				83	31	(52)	52	-	Retention to be paid in 20-21
EASTERN PROMENADE PORHCRAWL	207		38		245	245	0	-	-	
COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM	173			34	207	207	(0)	-	-	
REMEDIAL MEASURES - CAR PARKS	152				152	27	(125)	125	-	
CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT	38				38	-	(38)	38	-	
STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SCHEMES (SALIX)	600			112	712	712	0	-	-	
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	243				243	238	(5)	-	-	
ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES	115				115	51	(64)	64	-	
ACTIVE TRAVEL- PENCOED TECHNOLOGY PARK	898		29		927	927	0	-	-	
HIGHWAYS STRUCTURAL WORKS	187			9	196	196	0	-	-	
CARRIAGEWAY CAPITAL WORKS	189			19	208	208	0	-	-	
ACTIVE TRAVEL - BRIDGEND TO BRACKLA	717		(134)		583	338	(245)	-	-	
ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - HEOL MOSTYN	-				-	-	-	-	-	
RIGHTS OF WAY MINOR WORKS	40		1		41	41	(0)	-	-	
HIGHWAYS REFURBISHMENT WORKS	1,600				1,600	1,449	(151)	151	-	
CARRIAGEWAY & FOOTWAYS RENEWAL	1,000			78	1,078	1,078	(0)	-	-	
SCIENCE PARK DRAINAGE	-		281		281	281	0	-	-	
NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK PHASE 2	-				-	-	-	-	-	
REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHTING	230				230	199	(31)	31	-	
BRIDGE STRENGTHENING A4061	1,220				1,220	749	(471)	471	-	Spend deferred until 20-21
COMMUNITIES MINOR WORKS	250				250	149	(101)	101	-	Minor Works funding carried forward
RIVER PROTECTION MEASURES	190				190	187	(3)	3	-	
RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT BETTWS	11				11	-	(11)	11	-	
PYLE PARK AND RIDE METRO	-		105		105	105	0	-	-	
LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND - BUS CORRIDORS	150				150	-	(150)	-	-	
LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND - PENPRYSG ROAD BRIDGE	240				240	64	(176)	-	-	
LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND - BRIDGEND TO COYCHURCH	750				750	736	(14)	-	-	
SAFE ROUTES - COITY HIGHER	218				218	198	(20)	-	-	
FLEET VEHICLES	239				239	239	-	-	-	
HEOL MOSTYN JUNCTION	-			23	23	23	0	-	-	
RELOCATE RECYCLING CENTRE	30				30	-	(30)	30	-	
HIGHWAYS S106 MINOR SCHEMES	65				65	2	(63)	63	-	Funded by S106
TOTAL Streetscene	10,186	-	320	275	10,781	8,933	(1,848)	1,239	-	

Regeneration & Development

BRIDGEND BUS SUPPORT NETWORK	90				90	52	(38)	38	-	
PORHCRAWL RESORT INVESTMENT FOCUS (PRIF)	1,144				1,144	1,117	(27)	27	-	Project extended to Jun'21.Retention to be paid
PORHCRAWL TIG	-		171		171	171	(0)	-	-	Harlequin building - project completed
EU CONVERGANCE SRF BUDGET	70				70	-	(70)	70	-	
PURCHASE OF SALT LAKE CAR PARK	64				64	-	(64)	64	-	
VRP - BRYNGARW PARK	250				250	237	(13)	13	-	
VRP - PARC SLIP	329				329	261	(68)	68	-	
URBAN CENTRE PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT FUND (UCPEF)	100			2	102	102	0	-	-	Reprofiling of grant in 20-21
URBAN CENTRE LIVING GRANT (UCLG)	50				50	-	(50)	50	-	Reprofiling of grant in 20-21

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	2,246				2,246	-	(2,246)	2,246	-	
	550				550	290	(260)	260	-	Project being reprofiled in 20-21
	139				139	129	(10)	10	-	
	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	475		(171)		304	170	(134)	134	-	
TOTAL Regeneration & Development	5,507	-	-	2	5,509	2,529	(2,980)	2,980	-	

Corporate Landlord

CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND	20				20	-	(20)	20	-	
CORPORATE LANDLORD ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME	50				50	1	(49)	49	-	
ENTERPRISE HUB	989		(281)		708	126	(582)	582	-	Project being re-profiled and re-configured in 20-21.
RAVEN'S COURT MINOR WORKS	20				20	8	(12)	12	-	
RELOCATION OF REGISTRARS	296				296	287	(9)	9	-	
BRIDGEND/MAESTEG MARKET MINOR WORKS	25				25	-	(25)	25	-	
DDA WORKS	109				109	93	(16)	16	-	
MINOR WORKS	222		(39)		183	178	(5)	5	-	
FIRE PRECAUTIONS MINOR WORKS	211				211	121	(90)	90	-	
BRYNCETHIN DEPOT FACILITIES	192				192	59	(133)	133	-	
WATERTON UPGRADE	342				342	-	(342)	342	-	
CIVIC OFFICE ENVELOPE	12	22			34	34	0		-	Increased spend funded by additional revenue contribution
EVERGREEN HALL - LEASE ACQUISITION	40				40	-	(40)	40	-	
Total Corporate Landlord	2,528	22	(320)	-	2,230	906	(1,324)	1,324	-	

TOTAL Communities	18,221	22	-	277	18,520	12,368	(6,152)	5,543	-	
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TOTAL Chief Executive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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BRYNMENYN HOMELESSNESS UNIT	90		(90)		-	-	-	-	-	
DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS (DFG)	2,493		(161)	81	2,413	2,413	0	(0)	-	Funding brought forward from 20-21 to fund overspend
TARGET HARDENING GRANTS	-		48		48	48	(0)	-	-	
HOUSING RENEWAL AREA	101		(88)		13	13	(0)	0	-	
EMPTY HOMES GRANT	-		75		75	75	(0)	-	-	
COMFORT SAFE & SECURITY GRANTS	-		31		31	31	(0)	-	-	
EMERGENCY REPAIR LIFETIME GRANT	-		54		54	54	(0)	-	-	
ENABLE SUPPORT GRANT	180		60		240	240	0	-	-	
HOMES IN TOWN GRANT	-		71		71	71	0	-	-	
TOTAL Housing/Homelessness	2,864	-	-	81	2,945	2,945	(0)	(0)	-	

ICT LAPTOP REPLACEMENT	86				86	86	(0)	0	-	
DIGITAL MEETING SPACES	100				100	74	(26)	26	-	
ICT INFRA SUPPORT	300				300	89	(211)	211	-	
HWB INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ASSETS	-	1,908			1,908	1,908	0	-	-	New Grant Approval
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION	520				520	-	(520)	520	-	
DATA CENTRE	330	30			360	360	0	-	-	Increased spend funded by additional revenue contribution
TOTAL ICT	1,336	1,938	-	-	3,274	2,518	(756)	757	-	

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TOTAL Chief Executive	4,200	1,938	0	81	6,219	5,462	(757)	756	0	
GRAND TOTAL	30,137	1,964	-	403	32,504	22,822	(9,682)	9,073	-	

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Education & Family Support

21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BAND B	923	320			(1,243)	-	-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS SCHEMES BAND B	500	-				500		500		
PENYFAI PRIMARY	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
BRYNMENYN PRIMARY	-	44				44	-	44	-	-
GATEWAY TO THE VALLEYS SEC SCH	-	97				97	1	97	-	-
COITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
GARW VALLEY SOUTH PRIMARY PROVISION	-	160				160	(4)	160	-	-
PENCOED PRIMARY	-	62				62	7	62	-	-
GARW VALLEY PRIMARY HIGHWAYS	-	30				30	-	30	-	-
PENCOED PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHWAYS WORKS	-	56				56	-	56	-	-
BRYNMENYN SCHOOL HIGHWAYS WORK	-	15				15	(1)	15	-	-
ALN PROVISION	-	7				7	-	7	-	-
CWMFELIN PRIMARY	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
REDUCTION OF INFANT CLASS SIZES	40	30				70	(3)	70	-	-
CROESTY PRIMARY SCHOOL	149	-				149	(8)	149	-	-
SCHOOLS CAPITAL MINOR WORKS	178	94				272	(44)	272	-	-
HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
FLYING START- BETTWS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY	-	252				252	-	252	-	-
MAESTEG COMP HIGHWAYS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
SCHOOL MODERNISATION RETENTION	591	-				591	-	591	-	-
CEFN CRIBWR PRIMARY ALN	387	51				438	26	438		
EDUCATION S106 SCHEMES	-	202				202	-	202	-	-
COMPLEX & MEDICAL NEEDS PROVISION	-	49				49	17	49	-	-
MYNYDD CYNFFIG PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILES	-	-		800		800	-	800	-	-
SCHOOLS' CAPITAL MAINTENANCE GRANT	2,093	169	400	(800)		1,862	75	1,862	-	-
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - BETTWS	578	-				578	14	578	-	-
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - BRIDGEND	55	-				55	-	55	-	-
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - OGMORE	128	-				128	18	128	-	-
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - PORTHCAWL	55	-				55		55		
WELSH MEDIUM CHILDCARE PROVISION - HIGHWAYS	-	100				100	-	100		
WLGA - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ICT -SCHOOLS	-	81				81	-	81	-	-
EAST HUB- BRYNTEG COMPREHENSIVE	905	66				971	104	971	-	-
TOTAL Education & Family Support	6,582	1,885	400	-	(1,243)	7,624	202	7,624	-	-

Social Services and Wellbeing

BRYNGARW PARK - ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	-	35				35	-	35	-	-
BRYN Y CAE - HFE'S	-	40				40	-	40	-	-
WELLBEING MINOR WORKS	-	31				31	5	31	-	-
TY PENYBONT	-	38				38	(10)	38	-	-
TREM Y MOR - ACCOMODATION	-	-				-	2			
BAKERS WAY MINOR WORKS	-	10				10	-	10	-	-
GLAN YR AFON CARE HOME	-	51				51	-	51	-	-
HARWOOD HOUSE	-	-				-	-	-	-	-

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
ELECTRONIC SCHEDULING SYSTEM	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
ARCH WELLBEING CENTRE	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
CHILDRENS RESIDENTIAL HUB	-	564	1,300			1,864	29	1,864	-	-
IGOR CAPITAL FUNDING	-	-				-	5			
EXTRA CARE FACILITIES	-	120				120	-	120	-	-
TOTAL Social Services & Wellbeing	-	889	1,300	-	-	2,189	31	2,189	-	-

Communities

Street Scene

PARKS/PAVILIONS/COMMUNITY CENTRES CAT	660	88				748	-	748	-	-
ABERFIELDS PLAYFIELDS	-	11				11	-	11		
CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL	5,552	-				5,552	-	5,552	-	-
PORTHCAWL TOWN SEA DEFENCE	-	52				52	(55)	52	-	-
EASTERN PROMENADE PORTHCAWL	-	-				-	10	-	-	-
CORNELLY CEMETERY EXTENSION	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM	835	-				835	-	835	-	-
PORTHCAWL CEMETERY EXTENSION	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
REMEDIAL MEASURES - CAR PARKS	-	125				125	-	125	-	-
CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT	-	38				38		38		
STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SCHEMES (SALIX)	-	-				-	116	-	-	-
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	-	-				-	(74)	-	-	-
ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES	-	64				64	-	64	-	-
ACTIVE TRAVEL- PENCOED TECHNOLOGY PARK	-	-				-	(38)	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS STRUCTURAL WORKS	200	-				200	(1)	200	-	-
CARRIAGEWAY CAPITAL WORKS	250	-				250	-	250	-	-
ACTIVE TRAVEL - BRIDGEND TO BRACKLA	-	-				-	(24)	-	-	-
ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - HEOL MOSTYN	600	-				600	17	600	-	-
RIGHTS OF WAY MINOR WORKS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS REFURBIHMENT GRANT	-	151				151	29	151	-	-
CARRIAGEWAY & FOOTWAYS RENEWAL	3,003	-				3,003	250	3,003	-	-
NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK PHASE 2	-	-				-	(17)	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHTING	424	31				455	-	455	-	-
BRIDGE STRENGTHENING A4061	814	471				1,285	373	1,285	-	-
COMMUNITIES MINOR WORKS	-	101				101	(34)	101	-	-
RIVER PROTECTION MEASURES	-	3				3	(3)	3	-	-
RETAINING WALL REPLCMNT BETTWS	-	11				11	-	11	-	-
PYLE PARK AND RIDE METRO	-	-				-	42	-	-	-
LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND - BUS CORRIDORS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND - PENPRYSG ROAD BRIDGE	-	-				-	74	-	-	-
LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND - BRIDGEND TO COYCHURCH	-	-				-	(31)	-	-	-
SAFE ROUTES - COITY HIGHER	-	-				-	(15)	-	-	-
RESIDENTS PARKING BRIDGEND TC	128	-				128	-	128	-	-
FLEET VEHICLES	2,085	-				2,085	-	2,085	-	-
RELOCATE RECYCLING CENTRE	1,292	30		272		1,594	-	1,594	-	-
AHP WASTE	238	-				238		238		
HEOL MOSTYN JUNCTION	-	-				-	2	-	-	-
EXTENSION TO CORNELLY CEMETERY	314	-				314		314		
EXTENSION TO PORTHCAWL CEMETERY	216	-				216		216		
STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SALIX	1417	-				1,417		1,417		
HIGHWAYS S106 MINOR SCHEMES	-	63				63	-	63	-	-
TOTAL Streetscene	18,028	1,239	-	272	-	19,539	621	19,539	-	-

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Regeneration & Development

BRIDGEND BUS SUP NETWORK	90	38				128	12	128	-	-
PORTHCAWL RESORT INVESTMENT FOCUS (PRIF)	72	27				99	10	99	-	-
ECONOMIC CONVERGANCE SRF BUDGET	920	70				990	-	990	-	-
PURCHASE OF SALT LAKE CAR PARK	2,543	64				2,607	-	2,607	-	-
VRP - BRYNGARW PARK	250	13				263	-	263		
VRP - PARC SLIP	71	68				139	5	139		
URBAN CENTRE PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT FUND (UCPEF)	600	-				600	25	600		
URBAN CENTRE LIVING GRANT (UCLG)	170	50				220		220		
PORTHCAWL REGENERATION PROJECT	-	-				-	10	-		
ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECT	887	-				887		887		
COASTAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	2,750	-				2,750		2,750		
LLYNFI DEVELOPMENT SITE	-	2,246				2,246	-	2,246	-	-
PORTHCAWL REST BAY WATERSIDE CYCLE	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
BRIDGEND HEAT SCHEME	450	-				450	-	450	-	-
MAESTEG TOWN HALL CULTURAL HUB	6,422	260			(1,524)	5,158	284	5,158	-	-
TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND	239	10				249	10	249	-	-
CAERAU HEAT NETWORK	1,939	-				1,939		1,939		
TAL	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
PORTHCAWL THI	-	134				134	-	134	-	-
TOTAL Regeneration & Development	17,403	2,980	-	-	(1,524)	18,859	356	18,859	-	-

Corporate Landlord

CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND	800	20				820	-	820	-	-
CORP LANDLORD ENERGY EFFIC SAV	1,250	49				1,299	-	1,299	-	-
ENTERPRISE HUB	2,458	582	(2,413)			627	(5)	627	-	-
RAVEN'S COURT MINOR WORKS	442	12				454	3	454	-	-
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS RAVENS COURT	25					25	-	25		
RELOCATION OF REGISTRARS	-	9				9	(7)	9	-	-
BRIDGEND/MAESTEG MARKET MINOR WORKS	-	25				25	-	25	-	-
DDA WORKS	-	16				16	-	16	-	-
MINOR WORKS	1,228	5				1,233	-	1,233	-	-
FIRE PRECAUTIONS MINOR WORKS	5	90				95	-	95	-	-
BRYNCETHIN DEPOT FACILITIES	-	133	18			151	-	151	-	-
NON OPERATIONAL ASSETS	480	-				480	-	480	-	-
WATERTON UPGRADE	2,495	342				2,837	-	2,837	-	-
CIVIC OFFICE ENVELOPE	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
MINOR WORKS BOILERS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
EVERGREEN HALL - LEASE ACQUISITION	-	40				40	-	40	-	-
INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES	2,000	-			(272)	1,728	-	1,728	-	-
Total Corporate Landlord	11,183	1,323	(2,395)	(272)	-	9,839	(9)	9,839	-	-

TOTAL Communities	46,614	5,542	-	2,395	-	1,524	48,237	968	48,237	-	0
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Chief Executive

CORPORATE CAPITAL FUND	200	-				200	-	200	-	-
TOTAL Corporate Capital Fund	200	-	-	-	-	200	-	200	-	-

BRYNMENYN HOMELESSNESS UNIT	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS (DFG)	1,950	-				1,950	209	1,950	-	-

	Budget 20-21 (Council Feb 20) £'000	2019-20 Slippage b/f £'000	New Approvals £'000	Virement £'000	Slippage £'000	Revised Budget 2020-21 £'000	Total Exp to date £'000	Projected Spend £'000	Over / (Under) spend £'000	Impact on BCBC Resources £'000
TARGET HARDENING GRANTS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
HOUSING RENEWAL AREA	100	-				100	-	100	-	-
VALLEYS TASK FORCE EMPTY PROPERTIES GRANT	300	-				300	-	300	-	-
WESTERN VALLEY EMPTY HOMES PILOT	-	-	260			260	-	260	-	-
COMFORT SAFE & SECURITY GRANTS	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
EMERGENCY REPAIR LIFETIME GRANT	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
ENABLE SUPPORT GRANT	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
HOMES IN TOWN GRANT	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Housing/Homelessness	2,350	-	260	-	-	2,610	209	2,610	-	-
ICT LAPTOP REPLACEMENT	-	-				-	-	-	-	-
DIGITAL MEETING SPACES	-	26				26	11	26	-	-
ICT INFRA SUPPORT	-	211				211	-	211	-	-
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION	-	520				520	-	520	-	-
DATA CENTRE	-	-				-	2	-	-	-
TOTAL ICT	-	757	-	-	-	757	13	757	-	-
UNALLOCATED	688	-	-	-	-	688	-	688	-	-
TOTAL Chief Executive	3,238	757	260	0	0	3,567	222	3,567	0	
GRAND TOTAL	56,434	9,073	(435)	-	(2,767)	62,305	1,423	62,305	-	-

	Total 2020-2030			Total Costs to 31-3-20 £'000	Council February 2020 £'000	2019-20 Slippage b/f £'000	2020-2021				FUTURE YEARS									CUMULATIVE Total 2020 - 2030 £'000
	Total Cost £'000	BCBC Funding £'000	External Funding £'000				New Approvals £'000	Vire £'000	Slippage into 2021-22 £'000	Revised 2020-21 £'000	2021-2022 £'000	2022-2023 £'000	2023-2024 £'000	2024-2025 £'000	2025-2026 £'000	2026-2027 £'000	2027-2028 £'000	2028-2029 £'000	2029-2030 £'000	
Education & Family Support																				-
Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen Comprehensive School	97	97	-	15		97					97									97
Additional Learning Needs	7	7	-	4,082		7					7									7
Garw Valley South Primary Provision	160	160	-	10,433		160					160									160
Garw Valley Primary Highways Works	30	30	-	265		30					30									30
Pencoed Primary School	62	62	-	10,933		62					62									62
Pencoed School Highways Works	56	56	-	355		56					56									56
Brynmenyn Primary School	44	44	-	8,115		44					44									44
Brynmenyn Primary Highways Works	15	15	-	737		15					15									15
21st Century Schools Band B	49,502	15,652	33,850		923	320			(1,243)		-	1,910	5,663	24,631	16,580	718				49,502
Highways Schemes Band B Schools	3,400	3,400	-		500						500	2,900								3,400
Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Mobiles	1,200	1,200	-				400	800			1,200									1,200
School's Capital Maintenance Grant	1,462	1,462	-		2,093	169		(800)			1,462									1,462
Welsh Medium Childcare Provision - Bettws	595	-	595		578						578	17								595
Welsh Medium Childcare Provision - Bridgend	650	-	650		55						55	98	497							650
Welsh Medium Childcare Provision - Ogmored	625	-	625		128						128	497								625
Welsh Medium Childcare Provision - Porthcawl	650	-	650		55						55	98	497							650
Welsh Medium Childcare Provision - Highways Schemes	100	-	100			100					100									100
WLGA - Additional funding for ICT in Schools	81	-	81			81					81									81
Reduction of Infant Class Sizes - Bro Ogwr	70	-	70	10	40	30					70									70
Reduction of Infant Class Sizes - Croesty	149	-	149	17	149						149									149
Brynteg Comp - East Hub	1,010	-	1,010		905	66					971	39								1,010
Schools Minor Works	272	272	-	136	178	94					272									272
Cefn Cribwr Primary School ALN	438	438	-		387	51					438									438
School Modernisation	591	591	-		591						591									591
Schools Traffic Safety	252	252	-	323		252					252									252
Education S106 Schemes	202	-	202	146		202					202									202
Complex and Medical Needs Works in Schools	49	49	-	313		49					49									49
Total Education and Family Support	61,769	23,787	37,982	51,961	6,582	1,885	400	0	(1,243)	7,624	5,559	6,657	24,631	16,580	718	0	0	0	0	61,769
Social Services and Well-being																				-
Adult Social Care																				-
Extra Care Facilities	120	120	-	1,717		120					120									120
Adult Social Care Minor works	38	38	-			38					38									38
Bryn Y Cae	40	40	-			40					40									40
Bakers Way	10	10	-			10					10									10
Social Services Care Act	51	51	-	71		51					51									51
Wellbeing Minor Works	31	31	-			31					31									31
Bryngarw Park- Access	35	35	-			35					35									35
Children's Residential Accommodation Hub	1,864	1,214	650	367		564	1,300				1,864									1,864
Total Social Services and Well-being	2,189	1,539	650	2,545	0	889	1,300	0		2,189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,189
Communities																				
Street Scene																				
Town Beach Revetment Sea Defence, Porthcawl	52	28	24	3,151		52					52									52
Highways Structural Works	2,000	2,000	-	213	200						200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2,000
Carriageway Capital Works	2,500	2,500	-	311	250						250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	2,500
Highways Refurbishment Grant	151	-	151			151					151									151
Replacement of Street Lighting Columns	4,055	4,055	-	1,093	424	31					455	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	4,055
River Bridge Protection Measures	3	3	-			3					3									3
Road Safety	64	64	-	26		64					64									64
Fleet Vehicles	2,085	2,085	-	236	2,085						2,085									2,085
Re-locate Household Waste Recycling Centre - West	1,594	1,594	-	6	1,292	30		272			1,594									1,594
AHP Waste	238	238	-		238						238									238
Parks/Pavilions/Community Centres CAT	748	748	-	3	660	88					748									748
Aber Playing Fields	11	11	-			11					11									11
Bridge Strengthening - A4061 Ogmored Valley	1,285	1,285	-	381	814	471					1,285									1,285
Communities Minor Works	101	101	-	50		101					101									101
Residents Parking Bridgend Town Centre	128	128	-		128						128									128
S106 Highways Small Schemes	63	-	63			63					63									63
Remedial Measures - Car Parks	125	125	-	64		125					125									125
Road Safety Improvements - Heol Mostyn	600	600	-	265	600						600									600
Coychurch Crem Works	835	-	835		835						835									835
Retaining Wall Replacement, Bettws	11	11	-	164		11					11									11
Civil Parking Enforcement	38	38	-			38					38									38
City Deal	42,134	7,880	34,254	3,447	5,552						5,552	4,055	4,310	6,029	6,043	7,567	7,570	762	246	42,134

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PRUDENTIAL AND OTHER INDICATORS 2019-20 and 2020-21

The Prudential Indicators are required to be set and approved by Council in accordance with CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. Table 1 shows the 2019-20 actual capital expenditure, the capital programme approved by Council on 26 February 2020 and the latest projection for the current financial year which has incorporated slippage of schemes from 2019-20 together with any new grants and contributions or changes in the profile of funding.

Table 1: Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Expenditure

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate (Council Feb 20) £m	2020-21 Projection £m
Council Fund services	22.822	55.954	61.825
Investment Properties	-	0.480	0.480
TOTAL	22.822	56.434	62.305

All capital expenditure must be financed, either from external sources (government grants and other contributions), the Council's own resources (revenue, reserves and capital receipts) or net financing requirement (borrowing, leasing and Private Finance Initiative). The planned financing of the expenditure has been projected as follows:

Table 2: Capital financing

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate (Council Feb 20) £m	2020-21 Projection £m
External sources	16.199	21.551	24.238
Own resources	1.408	23.664	27.180
Net Financing Requirement	5.215	11.219	10.887
TOTAL	22.822	56.434	62.305

The net financing requirement or 'debt' is only a temporary source of finance, since loans and leases must be repaid, and this is therefore replaced over time by other financing, usually from revenue which is known as the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). As well as MRP, the Council makes additional voluntary revenue contributions to pay off Prudential or Unsupported Borrowing. The total of these are shown in Table 3 below:-

Table 3: Replacement of debt finance

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate (Council Feb 20) £m	2020-21 Projection £m
Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	2.858	2.925	2.925
Additional Voluntary Revenue Provision	1.948	1.505	1.327
Total MRP & VRP	4.833	4.430	4.252
Other MRP on Long term Liabilities	0.690	0.743	0.743
Total Own Resources	5.523	5.173	4.995

The Council's cumulative outstanding amount of debt finance is measured by the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). This increases with new debt-financed capital expenditure and reduces by the MRP amount within the year. Based on the above figures for expenditure and financing, the Council's estimated CFR is as follows based on the movement on capital expenditure at quarter 1:

Table 4: Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate £m	2020-21 Projection £m
Capital Financing Requirement			
Opening CFR excluding PFI & other liabilities	155.084	155.893	155.466
Opening PFI CFR	17.000	16.309	16.310
Total opening CFR	172.084	172.203	171.776
Movement in CFR excluding PFI & other liabilities	0.382	6.789	6.635
Movement in PFI CFR	(0.690)	(0.743)	(0.743)
Total movement in CFR	(0.308)	6.046	5.892
Closing CFR	171.776	178.249	177.668
Movement in CFR represented by:			
Net financing need for year (Table 2 above)	5.215	11.219	10.887
Minimum and voluntary revenue provisions	(4.833)	(4.430)	(4.252)
MRP on PFI and other long term leases (Table 3)	(0.690)	(0.743)	(0.743)
Total movement	(0.308)	6.046	5.892

The capital borrowing need (Capital Financing Requirement) has not been fully funded with loan debt as cash supporting the Council's reserves, balances and cash flow has been used as a temporary measure. This is known as Internal Borrowing. Projected levels of the Council's total outstanding debt, which comprises of borrowing, PFI and Other Long Term Liabilities, are shown below compared with the Capital Financing Requirement:-

Table 5: Prudential Indicator: Gross Debt and the Capital Financing Requirement

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate (Council Feb 20) £m	2020-21 Projection £m
Debt (incl. PFI & leases)	116.867	117.867	117.867
Capital Financing Requirement	171.776	178.249	177.668

Statutory guidance is that debt should remain below the capital financing requirement, except in the short-term. As can be seen, the Council expects to comply with this in the medium term.

The Council is legally obliged to set an affordable borrowing limit (also termed the authorised limit for external debt) each year. In line with statutory guidance, a lower “operational boundary” is also set as a warning level should debt approach the limit.

Table 6: Prudential Indicators: Authorised limit and operational boundary for external debt in £m

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate (Council Feb 20) £m	2020-21 Projection £m
Authorised limit – borrowing	145.000	170.000	170.000
Authorised limit – other long term liabilities	30.000	30.000	30.000
Authorised Limit Total	175.000	200.000	200.000
Operational boundary – borrowing	105.000	140.000	140.000
Operational boundary – other long term liabilities	20.000	20.000	20.000
Operational Boundary Limit Total	130.000	165.000	165.000
Total Borrowing and Long Term Liabilities	116.867	177.823	177.668

Although capital expenditure is not charged directly to the revenue budget, interest payable on loans and MRP are charged to revenue, offset by any investment income receivable. The net annual charge is known as financing costs; this is compared to the net revenue stream i.e. the amount funded from Council Tax, business rates and general government grants.

Table 7: Prudential Indicator: Proportion of financing costs to net revenue stream

	2019-20 Actual £m	2020-21 Estimate (Council Feb 20) £m	2020-21 Projection £m
Capital Financing Central	6.728	6.995	7.106
Other Financing costs	3.893	3.451	3.452
TOTAL FINANCING COSTS	10.821	10.446	10.558
Proportion of net revenue stream	3.92%	3.85%	3.89%

This shows that in 2019-20, 3.92% of our net revenue income was spent paying back the costs of capital expenditure.

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 JULY 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

INFORMATION REPORT FOR NOTING

1. Purpose of Report .

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Information Reports for noting which have been published since its last scheduled meeting.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities.

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-

- Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At a previous meeting of Council, it was resolved to approve a revised procedure for the presentation to Council of Information Reports for noting.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 Information Report

The following information report has been published since the last meeting of Council:-

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
Urgent Delegated Decisions	16 July 2020

4.2 Availability of Documents

This document has been circulated to Elected Members electronically via Email and placed on the BCBC website. It is also available from the date of publication.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 This procedure has been adopted within the procedure rules of the Constitution.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no negative equality implications arising from this report.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications.

8.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

9. Recommendation.

9.1 That Council acknowledges the publication of the document listed in this report.

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Background documents: None.

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 JULY 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

URGENT DELEGATED DECISIONS

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To report to Council a number of delegated decisions executed as a matter of urgency under Scheme A1 and B1 of the Scheme of Delegation of Functions.
- 1.2 To report to Council two Scheme B2 delegated decisions which are required to be reported to Council in accordance with paragraph 3.1.1 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules as a result of an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules in an emergency situation, in which injury or damage to persons or property is threatened. In such a case the appropriate Chief Officer may take any necessary action, but must report the circumstances of the action taken to the next meeting of Council.

2. Connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-
 1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
 2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
 3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of Council in accordance with Paragraph 18 of the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules which are to be found at Part 4 of the Constitution.
- 3.2 In accordance with paragraph 3.1.1 of the Contract Procedure Rules, any exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules due to an emergency situation in

which injury or damage to persons or property is threatened must be reported to the next meeting of the Appropriate Body.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The urgent decisions taken and therefore by-passing the call-in procedure (as set out in paragraph 19 of Part 4 Rules of Procedure within the Constitution), are summarised below:-

Scheme A 1.1

CMS-PS-20-046 – To release funding to enable the delivery of the Capital Energy Investment Project

CE-HHA-20-381 – Modifying an existing contract with The Wallich for housing related support and out of hours on call Homelessness Duty at Brynmenyn Hostel

CE-LEG-20-263 – Suspension of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules for the requirement to re-tender for Families First Parenting and Disability Support Services.

CE-LEG-20-308 – To approve the release of £50k held in an escrow account to Club Penybont Ltd and the discharge of the legal charge against the club's leasehold interest in the Bryntirion site.

CMM-ED-20-014 – To allocate total funding of £151,162 to Town/Community Councils for projects relating to the T&CC Capital Grant Scheme 2020-21 and the Community Asset Transfer Fund.

CMM-ED-20-015 – To accept an extension to the Communities for Work programme, etc up to 31 March 2023

WEL-ASC-20-038 – To approve the award of a framework agreement for the provision of supported living services for the period to 31 March 2022.

Scheme B1 2.1

CMM-PRU-20-23 – To confirm an Article 4(2) Direction in Nantymoel Conservation Area in line with a previous decision of the Development Control Committee

EFS-EDSU-20-108 – To approve funding of £1.2 million in the capital programme to fund the accommodation and infrastructure works for Mynydd Cynffig Primary School following Heating failure and other works a subsequent inspection had revealed

CE-LEG-20-301 – To grant applications for Private Hire Vehicles

CMM-ED-20-022 – To submit re-profile documentation to WEFO in relation to the Enterprise Hub Development Programme

CE-LEG-20-391 – To enable the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee Annual meeting to be postponed due to the Covid-19 situation

Scheme B1 2.2

CMM-PS-20-069 – To authorise additional expenditure of £25k from the Capital Programme for Electric Vehicle Charging points at Ravenscourt, Bridgend

- 4.2 Details of the two Scheme B2 delegated decisions taken that are required to be reported to Council in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules as a result of an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in an emergency

situation, in which injury or damage to persons or property is threatened are outlined below:

CE-ICT-20-319 – To enable the Authority to make an urgent procurement of Firewalls to support IT systems for home working during the Pandemic at a cost of £190,239.59.

CE-ICT-20-320 – To procure a Storage Array at a cost of £116,490.98 to ensure the Council's ICT working from home equipment remains resilient through the Covid 19 Pandemic.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 This report has no effect on the Council's Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no negative equality implications arising from this report.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications.

8.1 There are no financial implications relating to the report.

9. Recommendation.

9.1 It is recommended that Council notes the report.

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16 July 2020

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