

Llanelli Rural Council

Statements of Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Llanelli Rural Council

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Council Information

31 March 2024

(Information current at 26th June 2024)

Chairman

Cllr M. V. Davies

Councillors

Cllr S. N. Lewis (Vice Chairman)

Cllr S. R. Bowen

Cllr D. M. Cundy

Cllr S. L. Davies

Cllr T. M. Donoghue

Cllr E. M. Evan

Cllr A. Evans

Cllr N. Evans

Cllr R. E. Evans

Cllr S. M. T. Ford

Cllr J. P. Hart

Cllr A. G. Morgan

Cllr S. K. Nurse

Cllr J. S. Phillips

Cllr A. J. Rogers

Cllr W. E. Skinner

Cllr A. G. Stephens

Cllr N. A. Stephens

Cllr B. M. Williams

Cllr O. Williams

Clerk to the Council

Mr Mark Galbraith, A.C.I.S

Responsible Financial Officer (R.F.O.)

Ms Alison Williams BA (Hons) (Bus. Studies)

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Annual Governance Statement
31 March 2024

Scope of Responsibility

Llanelli Rural Council is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively.

In discharging this overall responsibility, the Council is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

The Council has approved and adopted a code of corporate governance which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. This statement explains how the Council has complied with the code and also meets the requirements of regulation 5 (4) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 in relation to the publication of a statement on internal control.

The purpose of the governance framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the Council is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Council to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness.

The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to achievement of the Council's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework has been in place at Llanelli Rural Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

The governance framework

The key elements of Llanelli Rural Council's systems and processes that comprise the governance arrangements are:-

- The Council identifies its visions as part of its programme setting process and communicates its intentions and intended outcomes to its citizens and service users via its web site, local news leaflet and press releases.
- The definition and documenting of the roles within the authority are as contained within the Council's constitution document. The Council's disciplinary and grievance procedures cover the staff element and the Council Members are covered by the national code of conduct adopted by the Council.
- The Council procedures are updated when required to take account of changes in legislation and the changing needs of the authority. The Finance & General Purposes Committee acts as the Committee for assuring adherence with financial matters and is the Committee responsible also in regard to matters of complying with all laws and regulations.
- The Council has a complaints procedure for the public and whilst no formally whistle blowing procedure is in place the Council's grievance procedure would permit such matters to be dealt with properly.
- The Council has clear channels of communication with all sectors and welcomes the public to attend its meetings.
- The Council has agreed as a fundamental policy partnership working with other local authorities and organisations where benefit can be shown by such partnership working.

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Review of effectiveness

Llanelli Rural Council has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the control exercised by members and the work of the internal auditor and the executive managers within the Council, who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance framework. It is further enhanced by reports and comments made by the external auditors and other review agencies and inspectors.

We continue to be advised on the implications of the result of the review of the governance framework by the Council, relevant committees, officers and the internal auditor, and plan to address weaknesses as they arise and thus ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Significant governance issues

To date no significant governance issues have been identified. As such issues arise, effective steps will be taken to ensure that matters are addressed, weaknesses eradicated and revised arrangements implemented at the earliest possible opportunity.

Approval of Statement

This statement was approved at a meeting of the council held on 26th June 2024 when authority was given for the Chairman and the Clerk to the Council to sign.

Signed: Mark V. Davies
Cllr M. V. Davies
Chairman

Mr Mark Galbraith
Mr Mark Galbraith. A.C.I.S
Clerk to the Council

Date: 23 April 2025

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Statement of Responsibilities
31 March 2024

The Council's Responsibilities

The council is required:

- to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs,
- to secure that one of its officers (R.F.O.) has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. At this council that officer is the Finance Manager, and
- to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.

The Responsible Financial Officer's Responsibilities

The R.F.O. is responsible for the preparation of the council's Statements of Accounts in accordance with Part 4 of the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioners Guide (Wales) (the guide), so far as is applicable to this council, to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the council at 31 March 2024 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In preparing the Statements of Accounts, the R.F.O. has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently,
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent, and
- complied with the guide.


The R.F.O. has also:

- kept proper accounting records, which were up to date, and
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Responsible Financial Officer's Certificate

I hereby certify that the Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2014 (as amended) are set out in the following pages.

I further certify that the Statements of Accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of Llanelli Rural Council at 31 March 2024, and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Signed: 

Ms Alison Williams BA (Hons) (Bus. Studies)- Finance Manager

Date: 23 April 2025

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Statement of Accounting Policies
31 March 2024

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared, in accordance with FRS102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, as interpreted and adapted by Section 1A of FRS102 and by Part 4 of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils - A Practitioners Guide (Wales) (the Practitioners' Guide).

These accounts have been prepared having regard to the fundamental accounting concepts of: Going Concern, Prudence, Accruals, Relevance, Consistency, Reliability, Comparability, Understandability and Materiality.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fixed Assets

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of fixed assets above the council de-minimis (currently £1000) is capitalised on an accruals basis in the accounts. Expenditure on fixed assets is capitalised, provided that the fixed asset yields benefits to the authority, and the services it provides, for a period of more than one year.

In accordance with FRS102 depreciation is provided on all operational buildings (but not land), as well as other assets.

Following the adoption of the FRS102, as interpreted by the guide, the council has elected to retain the book value of fixed assets at the balance sheet valuations current on 31st March 2009 together with subsequent acquisitions and enhancements at cost, in accordance with the transitional provisions of paragraph 4.40 of the guide.

Disposals of fixed assets are reported in the Income and Expenditure Account and, in accordance with the guide, the net book value of asset disposals is reversed out to the Capital Financing Account in order not to constitute a charge to the council's revenue reserves.

Depreciation Policy

Buildings and leasehold land are depreciated over the shorter of 50 years or the anticipated remaining useful lives on a straight line basis.

Llanelli Cemetery Land and Buildings are not depreciated.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Non Operational Assets (including Investment Properties) are not depreciated.

Vehicle, plant, equipment and furniture are depreciated over 4 to 10 years on a straight line basis.

Play equipment is depreciated over 10 years at 10% per annum straight line.

Infrastructure assets are depreciated over 10 to 25 years at 4% to 10% per annum straight line.

Community assets are not depreciated, because they are either intrinsic or purely nominal value.

Other Llanelli Cemetery assets are depreciated by 100% in the year of purchase.

Grants or Contributions from Government or Related Bodies

Capital Grants

The council has elected, as permitted under the guide, to continue with the previous policy with regard to capital grants. Where a fixed asset has been acquired or improved with the financing either wholly or in part by a grant or contribution from government or a related body, the amount of the grant has been credited to Deferred Grants Account and carried forward. Grants so credited are released back to revenue over the life of the asset to match, and thereby offset wholly or in part, depreciation charged.

Revenue Grants

Revenue grants are credited to income when conditions attached thereto have been fulfilled and/or equivalent expenditure has been incurred. Grants received in respect of which the conditions have not been fulfilled, or expenditure incurred, are carried forward as deferred revenue grants.

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Debtors and Creditors

The revenue accounts of the council are maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the regulations. That is sums due to or from the council during the year are included whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid in the year. This policy is applied consistently each year. Therefore, it will not have a material effect on the year's accounts or on the council's annual budget.

The council reviews the level of its commercial debtors on a regular basis and provisions are made, as required, where the likelihood of amounts proving ultimately collectable is in doubt.

Value Added Tax

Income and Expenditure excludes any amounts related to VAT, as all VAT suffered/collected is recoverable from or payable to HM Revenue and Customs. Any amounts not so recoverable are treated as a separate expense.

External Loan Repayments

The council accounts for loans on an accruals basis. Details of the council's external borrowings are shown at note 15.

Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to revenue on an accruals basis. Details of the council's obligations under operating leases are shown at note 17.

Reserves

The council maintains certain reserves to meet general and specific future expenditure. The purpose of the council's reserves is explained in notes 18 to 20.

Certain reserves are maintained to manage the accounting processes for tangible fixed assets, available for sale investments and retirement benefits. They do not represent usable resources for the council:

Capital Financing Account – represent the council's investment of resources in such assets already made.

Pension Fund Reserve – represents the council's interest in the net assets/liabilities in the fund in which it participates.

Interest Income

All interest receipts are credited initially to general funds.

Interest is reallocated to certain reserves based on the level of their fund balance.

Cost of Support Services

The costs of management and administration have been apportioned to services on an appropriate and consistent basis.

This apportionment is not reflected in the Income and Expenditure account, but is used for Management Accounting and Annual Report purposes only.

Post Balance Sheet Events

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. Such events are included in these accounts only to the extent that their omission would have a material affect on and understanding of these accounts.

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Pensions

The pension costs that are charged against precept in the council's accounts, in respect of its employees, are equal to the contributions paid to the funded pension scheme for those employees.

These contributions are determined by the fund's actuary on a triennial basis and are set to meet 100% of the liabilities of the pension fund, in accordance with relevant government regulations.

The next actuarial valuation is due at 31st March 2025 and any change in contribution rates as a result of that valuation will take effect from 1st April 2026.

The Local Government scheme is accounted for as a defined benefit scheme.

The liabilities of the Dyfed Pension Fund attributable to the council are included in the balance sheet on an actuarial basis using the Projected Unit Method.

Liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate (based on the indicative rate of return on a high quality corporate bond).

The assets of the pension fund attributable to the council are included in the balance sheet at their fair value.

In relation to retirement benefits, for purposes of calculating the precept the Income and Expenditure is required to be charged with the actual amount payable by the council to the pension fund for the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standard. This means there are entries to remove these notional transactions from the Income and Expenditure Account and transfer them to the Pension Reserve.

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Income and Expenditure Account
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income			
Precept on County Council		1,122,755	1,094,894
Grants Receivable		71,144	62,866
Interest & Investment Income	3	23,006	3,078
Charges made for Services		1,272,232	1,302,765
Other Income		892	5,952
Total Income		2,490,029	2,469,555
Expenditure			
Direct Service Costs:			
Salaries & Wages		(1,033,052)	(884,498)
Grant-aid Expenditure		(4,238)	(40,743)
Other Costs	1	(780,213)	(743,143)
Democratic, Management & Civic Costs:			
Salaries & Wages		(686,059)	(846,521)
Other Costs	1	(303,794)	(373,253)
Total Expenditure		(2,807,356)	(2,888,158)
Excess of (Expenditure over Income) for the year.		(317,327)	(418,603)
Exceptional Items			
(Loss)/Profit on the disposal of fixed assets		-	13,911
Pension fund financing		35,000	(74,000)
Net Operating (Deficit) for Year		(282,327)	(478,692)
STATUTORY CHARGES & REVERSALS			
Statutory Charge for Capital (i.e. Loan Capital Repaid)	18	(106,781)	(58,014)
Capital Expenditure charged to revenue	11	(67,791)	(124,474)
Reversal of annual depreciation and impairment		173,067	190,609
Reverse profit on asset disposals		-	(13,911)
Reversal of grant amortisation		(36,884)	(4,370)
Transfer from Earmarked Reserves	20	139,450	29,786
Reversal of Defined Benefit costs		24,000	378,000
(Deficit) for the Year (from) General Fund		(157,266)	(81,066)
Net (Deficit) for the Year		(296,716)	(110,852)
The above (Deficit) for the Year has been (funded) for the Year (from) as follows:			
Transfer from Earmarked Reserves	20	(139,450)	(29,786)
(Deficit) for the Year (from) General Fund		(157,266)	(81,066)
		(296,716)	(110,852)

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Statement of Movement in Reserves
31 March 2024

Reserve	Purpose of Reserve	Notes	2024 £	Net Movement in Year £	2023 £
Capital Financing Account	Store of capital resources set aside to purchase fixed assets	18	2,347,437	38,389	2,309,048
Usable Capital Receipts	Proceeds of fixed assets sales available to meet future capital investment	19	417	-	417
Earmarked Reserves	Amounts set aside from revenue to meet general and specific future expenditure	20	510,902	(139,450)	650,352
Pensions Reserve	Balancing account to allow inclusion of Pension Liability in the Balance Sheet	9	1,441,000	707,000	734,000
General Fund	Resources available to meet future running costs		733,401	(157,266)	890,667
Total			5,033,157	448,673	4,584,484

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Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Net Operating (Deficit) for Year		(282,327)	(478,692)
Actuarial gains	9	731,000	3,680,000
Total recognised gains for the year		448,673	3,201,308

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	10		3,085,116	3,131,218
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	13	300,654		301,246
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,783,603</u>		<u>1,684,257</u>
		2,084,257		1,985,503
Current Liabilities				
Current Portion of Long Term Borrowings	15	(159,982)		(60,813)
Creditors and income in advance	14	<u>(420,628)</u>		<u>(422,379)</u>
Net Current Assets			1,503,647	1,502,311
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			4,588,763	4,633,529
Long Term Liabilities				
Long-term borrowing	15		(630,736)	(426,686)
Deferred Grants	16		(365,870)	(356,359)
Pension Fund Net Assets	9		1,441,000	734,000
Total Assets Less Liabilities			<u>5,033,157</u>	<u>4,584,484</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Capital Financing Reserve	18		2,347,437	2,309,048
Pensions Reserve	9		1,441,000	734,000
Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	19		417	417
Earmarked Reserves	20		510,902	650,352
General Reserve			<u>733,401</u>	<u>890,667</u>
			5,033,157	4,584,484

The Statements of Accounts represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2024, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year.

These accounts were approved by the Council on 26th June 2024 .

Signed: Martin Davies
Cllr M. V. Davies
Chairman

Alison Williams
Ms Alison Williams BA (Hons) (Bus. Studies)
Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 23 April 2025

23 April 2025

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1 Other Costs Analysis

Other Costs reported in the council's Income and Expenditure Account comprise the following:

Direct Service Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Community Centres	87,921	88,898
Outdoor Sports & Recreation Facilities	219,857	245,535
Community Parks & Open Spaces	49,109	9,644
Cemeteries	(60,178)	(41,240)
Community Development	22,913	11,286
Street Lighting	38,697	14,438
Training Department	426,132	455,325
Less: Grant-aid Expenditure	(4,238)	(40,743)
Total	780,213	743,143

Democratic, Management & Civic Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Corporate Management	227,109	283,278
Democratic Representation & Management	9,444	43,772
Civic Expenses	9,877	8,897
Civic Allowance	2,000	2,000
Members' Allowances	14,163	11,010
Interest Payable	41,201	24,296
Total	303,794	373,253

As reported in the Statement of Accounting Policies, apportionment of central costs is not reflected in the above analysis.

2 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2024	2023
	£	£
External Interest Charges - Loans	41,201	24,296
	41,201	24,296

3 Interest and Investment Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest Income - General Funds	18,530	2,550
Interest Income - Earmarked Funds	4,476	528
	23,006	3,078

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4 Agency Work

During the year the Council undertook no agency work on behalf of other authorities.

During the year the Council commissioned no agency work to be performed by other authorities.

5 Related Party Transactions

The council entered into no material transactions with related parties during the year.

6 Audit Fees

The council is required to report and disclose the cost of services provided by its external auditors.

These may be summarised as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees for statutory audit services	3,460	10,630
Total fees	3,460	10,630

7 Employees

The average weekly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Full-time	42	40
Part-time	6	5
Temporary	-	-
	48	45

All staff are paid in accordance with nationally agreed pay scales.

No officer received a salary between £60,000 and £64,999.

The number of officers whose remuneration, excluding pension contributions, was £60,000 or more were:

Between £65,000 and £69,999	-	1
Between £70,000 and £74,999	1	-

Senior officer emoluments where salary is between £60,000 and £150,000 per year were

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Salary (incl allowances)	Pension Contributions	Salary (incl allowances)	Pension Contributions
Clerk to the Council	74,417	10,578	69,684	10,035

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The ratio of Clerk to the Council remuneration to the median remuneration was as follows:

	2024	2023
Clerk to the Council	74,417	69,684
Median remuneration of all employees	27,313	24,559
Ratio of the remuneration of the Clerk to the Council to the median remuneration of all employees	2.72 :1	2.84 :1

8 Members' Allowances

	2024	2023
	£	£
Members of Council have been paid the following allowances for the year:		
Chair's Allowance	1,000	1,000
Deputy Chair's Allowance	500	500
Council Leader's Allowance	500	500
Members' Allowances	14,163	11,010
	<u>16,163</u>	<u>13,010</u>

9 Pension Benefits

In accordance with FRS102, Llanelli Rural Council is required to disclose certain information concerning assets, liabilities, income and expenditure related to pension schemes for its employees.

Llanelli Rural Council participates in the Local Government Pension Scheme, which is administered by Dyfed Pension Fund. The Local Government Pension Scheme is a defined benefit scheme based on final pensionable salary. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31st March 2022, and has been updated by Mercer Ltd, independent actuaries to Dyfed Pension Fund Pension Fund, to take account of the requirements of FRS102 in order to assess the liabilities of the Fund as at 31 March 2024. Liabilities are valued on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, which assesses the future liabilities discounted to their present value.

The main assumptions used for the purposes of FRS102 are as follows:

Financial Assumptions

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	% p.a.	% p.a.
Discount Rate	4.90	4.80
Rate of increase in salaries	4.20	4.20
Rate of increase in pensions	2.80	2.80
Rate of increase in deferred pensions	-	-
Rate of inflation	2.70	2.70

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The following amounts were measured in accordance with the requirements of FRS102:

AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL'S BALANCE SHEET

PENSION FUND NET ASSETS

Summary of Dyfed Pension Fund's Pension Fund Balance Sheet applicable to the council	31 March 2024 (£000s)	31 March 2023 (£000s)	31 March 2022 (£000s)
Share of assets	9,824	8,845	9,197
Estimated liabilities	(8,383)	(8,111)	(11,765)
Net pensions (deficit)/surplus	1,441	734	(2,568)

PENSION FUND RESERVE

Movement in Surplus/Deficit during the year

	2024 (£000s)	2023 (£000s)
Surplus/Deficit at 01 April 2023	734	(2,568)
Current Service Cost	(251)	(468)
Employer Contributions	-	164
Past Service/Curtailment Cost	(5)	(4)
Net Interest/Return on Assets	40	(70)
Actuarial Gain	731	3,680
Surplus at 31 March 2024	1,441	734

AMOUNTS REPORTED IN THE COUNCIL'S

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Pension Revenue Items during the year

Operating Costs

	2024 (£000s)	2023 (£000s)
Current Service Cost	(251)	(468)
Curtailment Service Cost	(5)	(4)
Total Cost	(256)	(472)

Financing Gain/(Cost)

Expected Return on Assets	425	257
Interest on Pension Liabilities	(385)	(327)
	40	(70)

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NON-REVENUE MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

Statement of Actuarial Gains

	2024 (£000s)	2023 (£000s)
Asset Gain/(Loss)	537	(600)
Liability (Loss)	(41)	(740)
Change in Assumptions	235	5,020
Net Gain	731	3,680

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Operational Freehold Land and Buildings	Operational Leasehold Land and Buildings	Vehicles and Equipment	Infra- structure Assets	Community Assets	Other	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 31 March 2023	2,636,597	1,295,953	1,666,209	1,035,464	14,726	-	6,648,949
Additions	-	63,752	63,213	-	-	-	126,965
Disposals	-	-	(21,595)	-	-	-	(21,595)
At 31 March 2024	2,636,597	1,359,705	1,707,827	1,035,464	14,726	-	6,754,319
Depreciation							
At 31 March 2023	(655,333)	(490,356)	(1,525,827)	(846,215)	-	-	(3,517,731)
Charged for the year	(46,300)	(23,938)	(68,399)	(34,430)	-	-	(173,067)
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	21,595	-	-	-	21,595
At 31 March 2024	(701,633)	(514,294)	(1,572,631)	(880,645)	-	-	(3,669,203)
Net Book Value							
At 31 March 2024	1,934,964	845,411	135,196	154,819	14,726	-	3,085,116
At 31 March 2023	1,981,264	805,597	140,382	189,249	14,726	-	3,131,218

Although classified as capital expenditure, certain minor equipment purchases are not included in the above as they are not material in overall value.

Fixed Asset Valuation

The freehold and leasehold properties that comprise the council's properties have been valued as at 31st March 2006 by external independent valuers, Messrs Lambert Smith Hampton, Chartered Surveyors. Valuations have been made on the basis set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies, except that not all properties were inspected. This was neither practical nor considered by the valuer to be necessary for the purpose of valuation. Plant and machinery that form fixtures to the building are included in the valuation of the building.

Assets Held under Finance Agreements

The council holds no such assets

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11 Financing of Capital Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
The following capital expenditure during the year:		
Fixed Assets Purchased	126,965	137,974
	<u>126,965</u>	<u>137,974</u>
was financed by:		
Capital Receipts	-	13,500
Capital Grants	59,174	-
Loan Proceeds	12,375	-
Revenue:		
Joint Committee Funds	623	18,095
Equipment Replacement Reserve	7,005	22,995
Precept and Revenue Income	47,788	83,384
	<u>126,965</u>	<u>137,974</u>

12 Information on Assets Held

Fixed assets owned by the council include the following:

Operational Land and Buildings

Council Offices Vauxhall
Felinfoel Community Resource Centre
Works Depots – 1
Changing Rooms – at 1 recreation ground
Community Centres – 8
Dwyfor Growing Space
Llanelli Cemetery (Jointly owned with Llanelli Town Council)
Llanelli Crematorium (Jointly owned with Llanelli Town Council)

Vehicles and Equipment

Cars – 4
Light Vans – 4
Commercial Vehicles - 3
Public Service Vehicles - 1
Tractors – 1
Sundry grounds maintenance equipment
Play Equipment
Llanelli Cemetery Equipment (Jointly owned with Llanelli Town Council)

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12 Information on Assets Held (Cont'd)

Infrastructure Assets

Street lights - 348

Footpaths – 135

Llanelli Cemetery infrastructure (Jointly owned with Llanelli Town Council)

Community Assets

Recreation grounds and playing fields – 7

Childrens' play areas - 7

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Debtors	73,762	22,669
Training Department Debtors	155,511	201,404
Cemetery Debtors	30,966	26,563
Trade Debtors	260,239	250,636
VAT Recoverable	28,048	35,957
Other Debtors	(358)	(498)
Prepayments	4,453	15,151
Accrued Income	8,272	-
	300,654	301,246

14 Creditors and Accrued Expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	83,088	51,751
Other Creditors	184,297	171,617
Superannuation Payable	24,322	19,026
V A T Payable	3,479	9,626
Payroll Taxes and Social Security	30,507	24,951
Accruals	58,733	60,268
Accrued Interest Payable	7,055	-
Income in Advance	29,147	85,140
	420,628	422,379

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15 Long Term Liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Public Works Loan Board	790,718	487,499
	<u>790,718</u>	<u>487,499</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
The above loans are repayable as follows:		
Within one year	159,982	60,813
From one to two years	169,088	63,747
From two to five years	285,088	161,098
From five to ten years	143,910	137,903
Over ten years	32,650	63,938
	<u>790,718</u>	<u>487,499</u>
Total Loan Commitment	790,718	487,499
Less: Repayable within one year	(159,982)	(60,813)
	<u>630,736</u>	<u>426,686</u>
Repayable after one year		

16 Deferred Grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Capital Grants Unapplied		
At 01 April	21,689	21,689
Grants received in the year	46,395	-
Applied to finance capital investment	(59,174)	-
At 31 March	<u>8,910</u>	<u>21,689</u>

Capital Grants Applied		
At 01 April	334,670	339,040
Grants Applied in the year	59,174	-
Released to offset depreciation	(36,884)	(4,370)
Extinguished and/or transferred	-	-
At 31 March	<u>356,960</u>	<u>334,670</u>

Total Deferred Grants

At 31 March	<u>365,870</u>	<u>356,359</u>
At 01 April	<u>356,359</u>	<u>360,729</u>

Capital Grants are accounted for on an accruals basis and grants received have been credited to Deferred Grants Account. Amounts are released from the Deferred Grants Account to offset any provision for depreciation charged to revenue accounts in respect of assets that were originally acquired with the assistance of such grants.

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17 Financial Commitments under Operating Leases

The council had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases of property as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Obligations expiring after five years	17,500	17,500
	<u>17,500</u>	<u>17,500</u>

The council had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases of equipment as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Obligations expiring between two and five years	10,883	2,335
	<u>10,883</u>	<u>2,335</u>

18 Capital Financing Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at 01 April	2,309,048	2,299,305
Financing capital expenditure in the year		
Additions - using capital receipts	-	13,500
Additions - using revenue balances	67,791	124,474
Loan repayments	106,781	58,014
Disposal of fixed assets	(21,595)	(41,200)
Depreciation eliminated on disposals	21,595	41,194
Reversal of depreciation	(173,067)	(190,609)
Deferred grants released	36,884	4,370
Balance at 31 March	<u>2,347,437</u>	<u>2,309,048</u>

The Capital Financing Account represents revenue and capital resources applied to finance capital expenditure or for the repayment of external loans. It also includes the reversal of depreciation to ensure it does not impact upon the amount to be met from precept. It does not represent a reserve that the council can use to support future expenditure.

19 Usable Capital Receipts Reserve

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at 01 April	417	-
Capital receipts (asset sales) during the year	-	13,917
Less:		
Capital used to fund expenditure	-	(13,500)
Balance at 31 March	<u>417</u>	<u>417</u>

The Usable Capital Receipts Reserve represents capital receipts available to finance capital expenditure in future years.

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20 Earmarked Reserves

	Balance at 01/04/2023 £	Contribution to reserve £	Contribution from reserve £	Balance at 31/03/2024 £
Capital Projects Reserves	137,672	385,385	(377,402)	145,655
Asset Renewal Reserves	21,605	-	(7,005)	14,600
Other Earmarked Reserves	491,075	124,249	(264,677)	350,647
Total Earmarked Reserves	650,352	509,634	(649,084)	510,902

The Capital Projects Reserves are credited with amounts set aside from revenue to part finance specific projects which are part of the council's capital programme.

The Other Earmarked Reserves are credited with amounts set aside from revenue to fund specific known commitments of the council.

The Other Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2024 are set out in detail at Appendix A.

21 Capital Commitments

The council had no capital commitments at 31 March 2024 not otherwise provided for in these accounts.

22 Contingent Liabilities

The council is not aware of any contingent liabilities at the date of these accounts.

23 Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant Post Balance Sheet events since the preparation of these accounts, up to the date of their final adoption (on 26th June 2024), which would have a material impact on the amounts and results reported herein.

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Appendices

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Appendix A

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>01/04/2023</u> £	<u>Contribution</u> <u>to reserve</u> £	<u>Contribution</u> <u>from reserve</u> £	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31/03/2024</u> £
<u>Llanelli Joint Burial Committee</u> <u>(Llanelli Rural Council share)</u>				
General Fund	120,373	262,245	(246,279)	136,339
Redevelopment	117,772			117,772
Infrastructure	15,130			15,130
Monument Repairs	1,854			1,854
Training/Consultancy	20,215			20,215
Share due to LTC	(137,672)	123,140	(131,123)	(145,655)
	<u>137,672</u>	<u>385,385</u>	<u>(377,402)</u>	<u>145,655</u>
<u>Other Earmarked Reserves</u>				
Community Halls	6,280		(6,280)	0
Committed Grants	12,361	2,891	(9,476)	5,776
Capital Schemes	1,950			1,950
Dafen Pitch R & R	3,590	6,342		9,932
Parks & Play Areas	213,150	55,637	(64,237)	204,550
Vauxhall Buildings	64,157		(48,477)	15,680
Resources	7,220		(7,220)	0
Global	170,662	59,379	(120,732)	109,309
Council Earmarked Reserves	<u>479,370</u>	<u>124,249</u>	<u>-256,422</u>	<u>347,197</u>
Training Department Earmarked Reserves	33,310		(15,260)	18,050
	<u>512,680</u>	<u>124,249</u>	<u>(271,682)</u>	<u>365,247</u>
TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES (Consolidated)	<u>650,352</u>	<u>509,634</u>	<u>(649,084)</u>	<u>510,902</u>

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Annual Report Tables

Table. 1 – Budget & Actual Comparison

	Budget £	Actual £
Net Expenditure		
Recreation & Sport	978,816	790,823
Open Spaces	11,316	107,467
Cemetery, Cremation & Mortuary	60,510	46,491
Planning & Development Services (including Markets)	42,070	82,805
Highways Roads (Routine)	115,966	107,765
Street Lighting	24,614	38,697
Training Department	56,283	174,696
Net Direct Services Costs	1,289,575	1,348,744
Corporate Management	-	(72,863)
Democratic & Civic	72,734	87,006
Non Distributed Costs	-	59,000
Net Democratic, Management and Civic Costs	72,734	73,143
Interest & Investment Income	(970)	(23,006)
Loan Charges	194,190	147,982
Capital Expenditure	204,773	67,791
Transfers to/(from) other reserves	(469,187)	(139,450)
Reversal of Statutory Adjustments	(153,302)	(195,183)
(Deficit from) General Reserve	(15,058)	(157,266)
Precept on County Council	1,122,755	1,122,755

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Table. 2 – Service Income & Expenditure

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
		Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
CULTURAL & RELATED SERVICES					
Recreation & Sport		956,858	(166,035)	790,823	831,051
Open Spaces		118,409	(10,942)	107,467	32,252
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Cemetery, Cremation & Mortuary		122,827	(76,336)	46,491	41,511
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES					
Community Development		82,805	-	82,805	69,845
HIGHWAYS, ROADS & TRANSPORT SERVICES					
Highways Roads (Routine)		107,765	-	107,765	95,254
Street Lighting		38,697	-	38,697	14,438
OTHER SERVICES					
Training Department		1,234,375	(1,059,679)	174,696	38,002
CENTRAL SERVICES					
Corporate Management		(42,410)	(30,453)	(72,863)	(45,047)
Democratic & Civic		61,789	-	61,789	93,461
Civic Expenses		26,040	(823)	25,217	17,512
Non Distributed Costs		59,000	-	59,000	304,000
Net Cost of Services		2,766,155	(1,344,268)	1,421,887	1,492,279

Auditor General's report and audit opinion

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2024 of **Llanelli Rural Community Council**. My audit has been conducted on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales and in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the 2004 Act) and guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

Audit opinion: Unqualified

On the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported on pages 10 to 24 of the Statements of Accounts:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Other matters and recommendations

There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.

 Richard Harries, Director, Audit Wales For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales	Date: 14/04/2025
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