

**Llanelli Rural Council**

**Statements of Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Llanelli Rural Council**

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**Llanelli Rural Council**

**Council Information**

**31 March 2025**

**( Information current at 24th June 2025 )**

**Chairman**

Cllr S. N. Lewis

**Councillors**

Cllr T. M. Donoghue (Vice Chairman)

Cllr S. R. Bowen

Cllr D. M. Cundy

Cllr M. V. Davies

Cllr S. L. Davies

Cllr A. Evans

Cllr E. M. Evan

Cllr N. Evans

Cllr R. E. Evans

Cllr S. M. T. Ford

Cllr J. P. Hart

Cllr J. Lovell

Cllr A. G. Morgan

Cllr K. Morgan

Cllr S. K. Nurse

Cllr J. S. Phillips

Cllr A. J. Rogers

Cllr W. E. Skinner

Cllr A. G. Stephens

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)

**Llanelli Rural Council**

**Council Information**

**31 March 2025**

**Auditors**

Audit Wales Office  
1 Capital Quarter  
Tyndall Street  
Cardiff  
CF10 4BZ

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Chippenham  
Wiltshire  
SN15 2JJ

**Llanelli Rural Council**  
**Annual Governance Statement**  
**31 March 2025**

**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 2025 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 website, 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 24th June 2025 when authority was given for the Chairman and the Clerk to the Council to sign.

Signed: S. N. Lewis  
Cllr S. N. Lewis  
Chairman

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

Date: 9/6/2026

**Llanelli Rural Council**

**Statement of Responsibilities**

**31 March 2025**

**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 Unaudited Financial Statements 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 2025 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In preparing the Unaudited Financial Statements, 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 2025 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 2025, and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Signed:  .....

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

Date: 9/6/2026 .....

**Llanelli Rural Council**  
**Statement of Accounting Policies**  
**31 March 2025**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 5 years at 20% 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 there to 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.

**Llanelli Rural Council**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income</b>			
Precept on County Council		1,174,180	1,122,755
Grants Receivable		3,678	71,144
Rents Receivable, Interest & Investment Income	3	29,532	23,006
Charges made for Services		1,545,778	1,272,232
Other Income		69	892
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,753,237</b>	<b>2,490,029</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Direct Service Costs:</b>			
Salaries & Wages		(968,733)	(1,033,052)
Grant-aid Expenditure		(31,509)	(4,238)
Other Costs	1	(840,159)	(780,213)
<b>Democratic, Management &amp; Civic Costs:</b>			
Salaries & Wages		(787,931)	(686,059)
Other Costs	1	(343,366)	(303,794)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(2,971,698)</b>	<b>(2,807,356)</b>
<b>Excess of (Expenditure over Income) for the year.</b>		<b>(218,461)</b>	<b>(317,327)</b>
<b>Exceptional Items</b>			
Profit/(Loss) on the disposal of fixed assets		1,350	-
Pension fund financing		71,000	35,000
<b>Net Operating (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>(146,111)</b>	<b>(282,327)</b>
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES &amp; REVERSALS</b>			
Statutory Charge for Capital (i.e. Loan Capital Repaid)		(159,983)	(106,781)
Capital Expenditure charged to revenue	11	(174,418)	(67,791)
Reversal of annual depreciation and impairment		227,526	173,067
Reverse profit on asset disposals		(1,350)	-
Reversal of grant amortisation		(32,772)	(36,884)
Transfer from Earmarked Reserves	20	209,579	139,450
Reversal of Defined Benefit costs		(9,000)	24,000
<b>(Deficit) for the Year (from) General Fund</b>		<b>(85,179)</b>	<b>(157,266)</b>
<b>Net (Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>(294,758)</b>	<b>(296,716)</b>
The above (Deficit) for the Year has been (funded) for the Year (from) as follows:			
Transfer from Earmarked Reserves	20	(209,579)	(139,450)
(Deficit) for the Year (from) General Fund		(85,179)	(157,266)
		<b>(294,758)</b>	<b>(296,716)</b>

**Llanelli Rural Council**  
**Statement of Movement in Reserves**  
**31 March 2025**

Reserve	Purpose of Reserve	Notes	2025 £	Net Movement in Year £	2024 £
Capital Financing Account	Store of capital resources set aside to purchase fixed assets	18	2,487,083	139,646	2,347,437
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	301,323	(209,579)	510,902
Pensions Reserve	Balancing account to allow inclusion of Pension Liability in the Balance Sheet	9	2,343,000	902,000	1,441,000
General Fund	Resources available to meet future running costs		648,222	(85,179)	733,401
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,780,045</b>	<b>746,888</b>	<b>5,033,157</b>

**Llanelli Rural Council**  
**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses**  
**31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Net Operating (Deficit) for Year		(146,111)	(282,327)
Actuarial gains	9	893,000	731,000
<b>Total recognised gains for the year</b>		<b>746,889</b>	<b>448,673</b>

**Llanelli Rural Council**

**Balance Sheet**

**31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	10		3,843,226	3,085,116
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors and prepayments	13	699,333		297,175
Cash at bank and in hand		847,029		1,783,603
		<u>1,546,362</u>		<u>2,080,778</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Current Portion of Long Term Borrowings	15	(169,088)		(159,982)
Creditors and income in advance	14	(354,460)		(417,149)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>1,022,814</u>	<u>1,503,647</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			4,866,040	4,588,763
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>				
Long-term borrowing	15		(461,648)	(630,736)
Deferred Grants	16		(967,347)	(365,870)
Pension Fund Net Assets	9		2,343,000	1,441,000
<b>Total Assets Less Liabilities</b>			<u>5,780,045</u>	<u>5,033,157</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Capital Financing Reserve	18		2,487,083	2,347,437
Pensions Reserve	9		2,343,000	1,441,000
Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	19		417	417
Earmarked Reserves	20		301,323	510,902
General Reserve			648,222	733,401
			<u>5,780,045</u>	<u>5,033,157</u>

The Statements of Accounts represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2025, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year.

These accounts were approved by the Council on 24th June 2025 .

Signed: S. N. Lewis  
Cllr S. N. Lewis  
Chairman

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

Date: 9/6/2026

9/6/2026

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**Notes to the Accounts**

**31 March 2025**

**1 Other Costs Analysis**

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

**Direct Service Costs**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Community Centres	133,226	87,921
Outdoor Sports & Recreation Facilities	277,422	219,857
Community Parks & Open Spaces	15,552	49,109
Cemeteries	(52,963)	(60,178)
Community Development	12,100	22,913
Street Lighting	17,741	38,697
Training Department	468,590	426,132
Less: Grant-aid Expenditure	(31,509)	(4,238)
<b>Total</b>	<b>840,159</b>	<b>780,213</b>

**Democratic, Management & Civic Costs**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Corporate Management	257,305	227,108
Democratic Representation & Management	22,418	9,444
Civic Expenses	11,237	9,877
Civic Allowance	2,000	2,000
Members' Allowances	12,411	14,163
Interest Payable	37,989	41,201
<b>Total</b>	<b>343,360</b>	<b>303,793</b>

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**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
External Interest Charges - Loans	37,989	41,201
	<b>37,989</b>	<b>41,201</b>

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**3 Interest and Investment Income**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest Income - General Funds	23,445	18,530
Interest Income - Earmarked Funds	6,087	4,476
Discount in Year	-	-
	<u>29,532</u>	<u>23,006</u>

**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:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees for statutory audit services	5,390	3,460
Total fees	<u>5,390</u>	<u>3,460</u>

**7 Employees**

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Full-time	39	42
Part-time	6	6
Temporary	-	-
	<u>45</u>	<u>48</u>

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

No officer received a salary between £60,000 and £69,999

The number of officers whose remuneration, excluding pension contributions, was £70,000 or more were:

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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Between £60,000 and £64,999	-	-
Between £65,000 and £69,999	-	-
Between £70,000 and £74,999	-	1
Between £80,000 and £84,999	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Salary (incl allowances)</b>	<b>Pension Contributions</b>	<b>Salary (incl allowances)</b>	<b>Pension Contributions</b>
Clerk to the Council	<u>83,200</u>	<u>9,015</u>	<u>74,417</u>	<u>10,578</u>

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Clerk to the Council	<u>83,200</u>	<u>74,417</u>
Median remuneration of all employees	<u>28,810</u>	<u>27,313</u>
Ratio of the remuneration of the Clerk to the Council to the median remuneration of all employees	<u>2.89 :1</u>	<u>2.72 :1</u>

#### **8 Members' Allowances**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Members of Council have been paid the following allowances for the year:		
Chair's Allowance	1,000	1,000
Vice Chair's Allowance	500	500
Council Leader's Allowance	500	500
Members' Allowances	<u>12,411</u>	<u>14,163</u>
	<u>14,411</u>	<u>16,163</u>

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#### **9 Pension Benefits**

The council participates in the Dyfed Pension Fund. The Dyfed Pension Fund is a defined benefit scheme based on pensionable pay. In accordance with FRS102, the council accounts for its pension liabilities on an accruals basis. Changes in the pension liability are accounted for through the Income and Expenditure statement and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses.

Regulation 24 Retirement Benefits of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003 requires that the council only charge to a revenue account, an amount equal to the retirement benefits contributions and payments which it makes for that financial year. The council has established a Pension Reserve to account for the differences between the pension liability accounted for on an accruals basis and the contribution made in the year.

The contribution rate is determined by actuarial valuation of liabilities. The most recent actuarial valuation relevant to the financial year was carried out at 31st March 2022 by Mercer Ltd, independent actuaries to the Dyfed Pension Fund. Liabilities are valued on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, which assesses the future liabilities discounted to their present value. The council's contribution rate is 13.70% of employees' pensionable pay (year ended 31 March 2024 – 14.40%). For the year ended 31 March 2025 the council paid £272,651 in contributions (year ended 31 March 2024 – £276,353).

The main assumptions used for the purposes of valuing net pension liabilities are:

#### **Financial Assumptions**

	<b>31 March 2025</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>
	<b>% p.a.</b>	<b>% p.a.</b>	<b>% p.a.</b>
Discount Rate	5.80	4.90	4.80
Rate of increase in salaries	4.10	4.20	4.20
Rate of increase in pensions	2.70	2.80	2.80
Rate of inflation	2.60	2.70	2.70
<b>Expected rate of return on assets</b>			
Equities	72.50	-	-
Rate of return on Other Bonds	9.20	-	-
Property	10.40	-	-
Rate of return on Other assets	7.90	-	-

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

#### **AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL'S BALANCE SHEET**

##### **PENSION FUND NET ASSETS**

<b>Summary of Dyfed Pension Fund's Pension Fund Balance Sheet applicable to the council</b>	<b>31 March 2025</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>
	<b>(£000s)</b>	<b>(£000s)</b>	<b>(£000s)</b>
Share of assets	9,792	9,824	8,845
Estimated liabilities	(7,449)	(8,383)	(8,111)
Net pensions (deficit)	2,343	1,441	734

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**PENSION FUND RESERVE**

**Movement in Surplus during the year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>(£000s)</b>	<b>(£000s)</b>
Surplus at 01 April 2024	1,441	734
Current Service Cost	(250)	(251)
Employer Contributions	188	192
Past Service/Curtailment Cost	(5)	(5)
Net Interest/Return on Assets	76	40
Actuarial Gain	893	731
Surplus at 31 March 2025	<u>2,343</u>	<u>1,441</u>

**AMOUNTS REPORTED IN THE COUNCIL'S**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**Pension Revenue Items during the year**

**Operating Costs**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>(£000s)</b>	<b>(£000s)</b>
Current Service Cost	(250)	(251)
Curtailment Service Cost	(5)	(5)
Total Cost	<u>(255)</u>	<u>(256)</u>

**Financing Gain**

Expected Return on Assets	475	425
Interest on Pension Liabilities	(399)	(385)
	<u>76</u>	<u>40</u>

**NON-REVENUE MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES**

**Statement of Actuarial Gains**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>(£000s)</b>	<b>(£000s)</b>
Asset (Loss)/Gain	(244)	537
Liability (Loss)	(1)	(41)
Change in Assumptions	1,138	235
Net Gain	<u>893</u>	<u>731</u>

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**10 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Operational Freehold Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Operational Leasehold Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Non Operational Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Vehicles and Equipment</b>	<b>Infra- structure Assets</b>	<b>Community Assets</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 31 March 2024	2,636,597	1,359,705	-	1,714,527	1,035,464	14,727	-	6,761,020
Additions	-	330,510	-	520,987	134,139	-	-	985,636
Disposals	-	-	-	(6,700)	-	-	-	(6,700)
At 31 March 2025	2,636,597	1,690,215	-	2,228,814	1,169,603	14,727	-	7,739,956
<b>Depreciation</b>								
At 31 March 2024	(701,633)	(514,294)	-	(1,579,332)	(880,645)	-	-	(3,675,904)
Charged for the year	(46,300)	(23,938)	-	(123,056)	(34,232)	-	-	(227,526)
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	6,700	-	-	-	6,700
At 31 March 2025	(747,933)	(538,232)	-	(1,695,688)	(914,877)	-	-	(3,896,730)
<b>Net Book Value</b>								
At 31 March 2025	1,888,664	1,151,983	-	533,126	254,726	14,727	-	3,843,226
At 31 March 2024	1,934,964	845,411	-	135,195	154,819	14,727	-	3,085,116

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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### **Notes to the Accounts**

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#### **11 Financing of Capital Expenditure**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
The following capital expenditure during the year:		
Fixed Assets Purchased	985,636	126,965
	<u>985,636</u>	<u>126,965</u>
was financed by:		
Capital Grants	643,159	59,174
Loan Proceeds	168,059	12,375
Revenue:		
Capital Projects Reserve	-	623
Equipment Replacement Reserve	-	7,005
Precept and Revenue Income	174,418	47,788
	<u>985,636</u>	<u>126,965</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 Depot - 1

Changing Rooms - 8

Dwyfor Growing Space

Llanelli District 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

Tractors - 1

Sundry grounds maintenance equipment

Play equipment

Llanelli Cemetery Equipment (Jointly owned with Llanelli Town Council)

##### **Infrastructure Assets**

Street lights - 348

Footpaths - 135

Llanelli Cemetery infrastructure (Jointly owned with Llanelli Town Council)

##### **Community Assets**

Recreation grounds and playing fields - 6

Children's Play Areas - 17

MUGA - 2

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**13 Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Debtors	559,122	260,239
VAT Recoverable	128,408	24,569
Other Debtors	808	(358)
Prepayments	9,332	4,453
Accrued Income	1,663	8,272
	<u>699,333</u>	<u>297,175</u>

**14 Creditors and Accrued Expenses**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Creditors	34,973	83,088
Other Creditors	187,517	184,297
Superannuation Payable	22,428	24,322
Payroll Taxes and Social Security	29,877	30,507
Accruals	66,699	58,733
Accrued Interest Payable	5,483	7,055
Income in Advance	7,483	29,147
	<u>354,460</u>	<u>417,149</u>

**15 Long Term Liabilities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Public Works Loan Board	630,736	790,718
	<u>630,736</u>	<u>790,718</u>

The above loans are repayable as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within one year	169,088	159,982
From one to two years	178,721	169,088
From two to five years	132,748	285,088
From five to ten years	150,179	143,910
Over ten years	-	32,650
	<u>630,736</u>	<u>790,718</u>
Total Loan Commitment	630,736	790,718
Less: Repayable within one year	(169,088)	(159,982)
	<u>461,648</u>	<u>630,736</u>

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**16 Deferred Grants**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Capital Grants Unapplied</b>		
At 01 April	8,910	21,689
Grants received in the year	643,159	46,395
Grants repaid in year	(8,910)	0
Applied to finance capital investment	(643,159)	(59,174)
At 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>8,910</u>
<b>Capital Grants Applied</b>		
At 01 April	356,960	334,670
Grants Applied in the year	643,159	59,174
Released to offset depreciation	(32,772)	(36,884)
At 31 March	<u>967,347</u>	<u>356,960</u>
<b>Total Deferred Grants</b>		
At 31 March	<u>967,347</u>	<u>365,870</u>
At 01 April	<u>365,870</u>	<u>356,359</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.

**17 Financial Commitments under Operating Leases**

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Obligations expiring within one year	-	-
Obligations expiring between two and five years	12,500	-
Obligations expiring after five years	-	17,500
	<u>12,500</u>	<u>17,500</u>

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Obligations expiring within one year	-	-
Obligations expiring between two and five years	14,401	10,883
Obligations expiring after five years	-	-
	<u>14,401</u>	<u>10,883</u>

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### **Notes to the Accounts**

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#### **18 Capital Financing Account**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at 01 April	2,347,437	2,309,048
Financing capital expenditure in the year		
Additions - using revenue balances	174,418	67,791
Loan repayments	159,982	106,781
Disposal of fixed assets	(6,700)	(21,595)
Depreciation eliminated on disposals	6,700	21,595
Reversal of depreciation	(227,526)	(173,067)
Deferred grants released	32,772	36,884
Balance at 31 March	<u>2,487,083</u>	<u>2,347,437</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**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at 01 April	417	417
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.

#### **20 Earmarked Reserves**

	<b>Balance at</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Balance at</b>
	<b>01/04/2024</b>	<b>to reserve</b>	<b>from reserve</b>	<b>31/03/2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Share of LJBS Reserves	145,655	387,595	(391,658)	141,592
Asset Renewal Reserves	14,600	-	-	14,600
Other Earmarked Reserves	350,647	115,990	(321,506)	145,131
Total Earmarked Reserves	<u>510,902</u>	<u>503,585</u>	<u>(713,164)</u>	<u>301,323</u>

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 2025 are set out in detail at Appendix A.

#### **21 Capital Commitments**

The council had no capital commitments at 31 March 2025 not otherwise provided for in these accounts.

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**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 24th June 2025), which would have a material impact on the amounts and results reported herein.

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### Appendices

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### Appendix A

#### Schedule of Earmarked Reserves

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>01/04/2024</u>	<u>Contribution</u> <u>to reserve</u>	<u>Contribution</u> <u>from reserve</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31/03/2025</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Llanelli Joint Burial Committee</u> <u>(Llanelli Rural Council share)</u>				
General Fund	136,339	254,562	(255,363)	135,538
Redevelopment	117,772	4,831	(2,965)	119,638
Infrastructure	15,130			15,130
Monument Repairs	1,854			1,854
Training/Consultancy	20,215		(9,190)	11,025
Share due to LTC	(145,655)	133,759	(129,696)	(141,592)
	<u>145,655</u>	<u>393,152</u>	<u>(397,214)</u>	<u>141,593</u>
 <u>Other Earmarked Reserves</u>				
Swiss Valley Hall Funds	0	57,083	(3,362)	53,721
Committed Grants	5,776		(3,976)	1,800
Capital Schemes	1,950		(1,950)	0
Dafen Pitch R&R	9,932	6,005		15,937
Parks & Play Areas	204,550	50,455	(202,830)	52,175
Vauxhall Buildings	15,680	800	(9,780)	6,700
Global	109,309	1,647	(97,758)	13,198
	<u>347,197</u>	<u>115,990</u>	<u>(319,656)</u>	<u>143,531</u>
Council Earmarked Reserves				
Training Department Earmarked Reserves	18,050		(1,850)	16,200
	<u>365,247</u>	<u>115,990</u>	<u>(321,506)</u>	<u>159,731</u>
<b>TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES</b> (Consolidated)	<b><u>510,902</u></b>	<b><u>509,142</u></b>	<b><u>(718,720)</u></b>	<b><u>301,324</u></b>

## **Llanelli Rural Council**

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### **Annual Report Tables**

**Table. 1 – Budget & Actual Comparison**

	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Actual £</b>
Net Expenditure		
Recreation & Sport	1,068,295	917,136
Open Spaces	16,324	83,432
Cemetery, Cremation & Mortuary	71,500	60,148
Planning & Development Services (including Markets)	30,597	80,421
Highways Roads (Routine)	122,564	104,800
Street Lighting	4,180	17,741
Training Department	(11,349)	(37,771)
Net Direct Services Costs	<u>1,302,111</u>	<u>1,225,907</u>
Corporate Management	2,533	(1,101)
Democratic & Civic	75,203	97,378
Non Distributed Costs	-	62,000
Net Democratic, Management and Civic Costs	<u>77,736</u>	<u>158,277</u>
Interest & Investment Income	(15,700)	(29,532)
Loan Charges	184,730	197,972
Capital Expenditure	618,764	176,403
Proceeds of Disposal of Capital Assets	-	(1,350)
Transfers to/(from) other reserves	(816,704)	(211,564)
Reversal of Statutory Adjustments	(194,754)	(256,754)
Surplus to/(Deficit from) General Reserve	<u>17,997</u>	<u>(85,179)</u>
<b>Precept on County Council</b>	<u><u>1,174,180</u></u>	<u><u>1,174,180</u></u>

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**Annual Report Tables**

**Table. 2 – Service Income & Expenditure**

Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
<b>CULTURAL &amp; RELATED SERVICES</b>				
Recreation & Sport	1,125,797	(208,661)	917,136	790,823
Open Spaces	98,755	(15,323)	83,432	107,467
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>				
Cemetery, Cremation & Mortuary	132,737	(72,589)	60,148	46,491
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>				
Community Development	80,421	-	80,421	82,805
<b>HIGHWAYS, ROADS &amp; TRANSPORT SERVICES</b>				
Highways Roads (Routine)	107,835	(3,035)	104,800	107,765
Street Lighting	17,741	-	17,741	38,697
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>				
Training Department	1,208,625	(1,246,396)	(37,771)	174,696
<b>CENTRAL SERVICES</b>				
Corporate Management	(2,182)	1,081	(1,101)	(72,863)
Democratic & Civic	76,332	-	76,332	61,789
Civic Expenses	25,648	(4,602)	21,046	25,217
Non Distributed Costs	62,000	-	62,000	59,000
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>2,933,709</b>	<b>(1,549,525)</b>	<b>1,384,184</b>	<b>1,421,887</b>

## 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 2025 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 8 to 25 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.

 <b>Richard Harries, Director, Audit Wales</b> <b>For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales</b>	<b>Date: 06/05/2026</b>
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