

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Decision Notice – Special Hybrid Meeting at 6.10 p.m. – 15th January, 2024.

The Council agenda is available [here](#).

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Present: Councillor Elliot Penn (Deputy Mayor); Councillors Anne Asbrey, Gareth Ball, Rhiannon Birch, Bronwen Brooks, Gillian Bruce, Ian Buckley, Lis Burnett, Samantha Campbell, George Carroll, Christine Cave, Janice Charles, Millie Collins, Pamela Drake, Anthony Ernest, Christopher Franks, Wendy Gilligan, Russell Godfrey, Emma Goodjohn, Ewan Goodjohn, Stephen Haines, Howard Hamilton, Sally Hanks, William Hennessy, Nic Hodges, Mark Hooper, Catherine Iannucci, Gwyn John, Dr. Ian Johnson, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Julie Lynch-Wilson, Kevin Mahoney, Naomi Marshallsea, Michael Morgan, Jayne Norman, Helen Payne, Sandra Perkes, Ian Perry, Joanna Protheroe, Ruba Sivagnanam, Carys Stallard, Neil Thomas, Rhys Thomas, Steffan Wiliam, Margaret Wilkinson, Edward Williams and Mark Wilson.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Julie Aviet, Charles Champion, Marianne Cowpe, Vincent Driscoll, Robert Fisher and Nicholas Wood.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

The following declarations of interest were received:

Councillors William Hennessy, Julie Lynch-Wilson and Margaret Wilkinson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3(a) – Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2024/25, Rent Setting 2024/2025 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024/25, in that they were Council tenants but that their personal interest did not equate to a prejudicial interest.

Councillor Helen Payne declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3(a) – Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2024/25, Rent Setting 2024/2025 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024/25, in that she was an officer of Llamau. However she had a dispensation to speak only when housing and homelessness matters were discussed relating to finance and property given her role at Llamau.

Councillor Mark Hooper declared that he had a personal interest in that he was a special advisor on Climate Change in relation to Welsh Government's portfolio and that he had a dispensation to speak and vote.

AGENDA ITEM 3. FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)
 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024/25, RENT SETTING 2024/2025 AND HOUSING
 REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25 (REF) -

A recorded vote was requested and the relevant number of Members indicated their agreement.

Members	For	Against	Abstain
Anne Asbrey		√	
Gareth Ball	√		
Rhiannon Birch	√		
Bronwen Brooks	√		
Gillian Bruce		√	
Ian Buckley	√		
Lis Burnett	√		
Samantha Campbell			√
George Carroll		√	
Christine Cave		√	
Janice Charles		√	
Millie Collins		√	
Pamela Drake	√		
Anthony Ernest		√	
Christopher Franks		√	
Wendy Gilligan	√		
Russell Godfrey		√	
Emma Goodjohn	√		
Ewan Goodjohn	√		
Stephen Haines		√	

Howard Hamilton	√		
Sally Hanks	√		
William Hennessy		√	
Nic Hodges		√	
Mark Hooper		√	
Catherine Iannucci	√		
Gwyn John	√		
Dr. Ian Johnson		√	
Susan Lloyd-Selby	√		
Belinda Loveluck-Edwards	√		
Julie Lynch-Wilson	√		
Kevin Mahoney		√	
Naomi Marshallsea	√		
Michael Morgan	√		
Jayne Norman	√		
Helen Payne	√		
Elliot Penn	√		
Sandra Perkes	√		
Ian Perry	√		
Joanna Protheroe	√		
Ruba Sivagnanam	√		
Carys Stallard	√		
Neil Thomas	√		
Rhys Thomas		√	
Steffan Wiliam		√	

Margaret Wilkinson	√		
Eddie Williams	√		
Mark Wilson	√		
TOTAL	30	17	1

Having been put to a recorded vote it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the final Housing Revenue Account budget proposals for 2024/25 as set out below be approved:

	Original 2023/24	Change	2024/25 Final Proposed Budget
			£000
Expenditure			
Supervision & Management – General	4,366	329	4,695
Supervision & Management – Special	1,604	345	1,949
Repairs & Maintenance	4,681	319	5,000
Capital Financing Costs	5,327	465	5,792
Rent, Rates, Taxes & Other Charges	221	49	270
Increase in Provision for Bad Debts	948	79	1,027
Capital Expenditure from Revenue Account (CERA)	17,187	(8,990)	8,197
	34,334	(7,404)	26,930
Income			
Dwelling Rents	(22,453)	(3,340)	(25,793)
Non Dwelling Rents	(173)	(13)	(186)
Interest	(156)	111	(45)
Charges For Services and Facilities	(601)	(83)	(684)
Contribution towards expenditure	(74)	(20)	(94)
Grant Income	(205)	0	(205)
	(23,662)	(3,345)	(27,007)
(Surplus)/ deficit for the year	10,672	(10,749)	(77)
Working Balance Brought Forward as at 1st April 2024	(11,621)	10,672	(949)
Working Balance Carried Forward as at 31st March 2025	(949)	(77)	(1,026)

(2) T H A T an average rent increase of 6.7% as detailed in the Cabinet report of 11th January, 2024, be approved.

(3) T H A T the increase proposed for other services as set out in the table below and detailed in the Cabinet report of 11th January, 2024, be approved.

50 Week Basis	2023/24 Actual Charges	2024/25 Proposed Charges	
	£	£	
Grounds Maintenance	1.47	1.49	per week
Cleaning of communal areas	2.75	2.92	per week
Lighting of communal areas	1.85	2.51	per week
Laundry Facilities	0.41	0.62	per week
Window Cleaning	0.16	0.18	per week
Lift Maintenance	0.99	1.33	per week
Door Entry	0.50	0.71	per week
Intercom	0.94	0.95	per week
CCTV	0.95	0.0	per week -Nil one year only
Sewerage Treatment Plants	426.66	455.25	per annum
Cesspools	411.50	439.00	per annum

(4) T H A T all changes to rents and service charges be approved and implemented from 1st April, 2024, with the first week of April being a non-chargeable rent week and that increase notices are sent to tenants two months in advance of the new charges coming into effect as required by the Rented Homes Wales Act.

(5) T H A T the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024/25 attached at Appendix A to the Cabinet report of 11th January, 2024 be approved.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To facilitate budget monitoring and to demonstrate a balanced budget with a drawdown from HRA reserves to bring the reserve back into balance with the Housing business Plan 2023/24.

(2) In order that new rent levels are set within the specified Welsh Government guidelines and to meet the tenant notification deadline as required by statute.

(3) That charges are approved and to meet the tenant notification deadline as required by statute.

(4) In order that charges are approved, new rent levels are set within the specified Welsh Government guidelines and to meet the tenant notification deadline as required by statute.

(5) To approval for the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2023/53.