

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Decision Notice – Special Hybrid Meeting at 6.30 p.m. – 13th January, 2025.

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

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Present: Councillor Elliot Penn (Mayor); Councillors Anne Asbrey, Julie Aviet, Gareth Ball, Rhiannon Birch, Bronwen Brooks, Gillian Bruce, Ian Buckley, Lis Burnett, Samantha Campbell, George Carroll, Christine Cave, Charles Champion, Janice Charles, Millie Collins, Marianne Cowpe, Pamela Drake, Anthony Ernest, Christopher Franks, Wendy Gilligan, Russell Godfrey, Emma Goodjohn, Stephen Haines, Howard Hamilton, Sally Hanks, William Hennessy, Nic Hodges, Mark Hooper, Catherine Iannucci-Williams, 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, Mark Wilson and Nicholas Wood.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Vince Driscoll, Robert Fisher and Ewan Goodjohn.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillors J. Aviet, W. Hennessy, M. Wilkinson and J. Lynch-Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 in that they were Council tenants but that this did not equate to a prejudicial interest having regard to paragraph 19.3.3 (ii) (A) of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Councillor H. Payne declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 as an employee of Llamau with dispensation granted by the Standards Committee to speak and vote on general matters.

AGENDA ITEM 3. FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET PROPOSALS 2025/26, RENT SETTING 2025/2026 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2025/26 (REF) –

A Recorded Vote took place on the resolutions of Cabinet as contained within the reference and the report as follows:-

Members	For	Against	Abstain
Anne Asbrey		√	
Julie Aviet	√		
Gareth Ball	√		
Rhiannon Birch	√		
Bronwen Brooks	√		
Gillian Bruce		√	
Ian Buckley	√		
Lis Burnett	√		
Samantha Campbell		√	
George Carroll		√	
Christine Cave		√	
Janice Charles		√	
Millie Collins		√	
Marianne Cowpe		√	
Pamela Drake	√		
Anthony Ernest		√	
Christopher Franks		√	
Wendy Gilligan	√		
Russell Godfrey		√	
Emma Goodjohn	√		
Stephen Haines		√	
Howard Hamilton	√		
Sally Hanks	√		
William Hennessy		√	

Nic Hodges		√	
Mark Hooper		√	
Catherine Iannucci-Williams	√		
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	√		

Nicholas Wood		√	
TOTAL	29	20	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 2025/26 as set out in the table below be approved:

	Original 2024/25	Change	Final Proposed Budget 2025/26
			£000
Expenditure			
Supervision & Management – General	4,695	214	4,909
Supervision & Management – Special	1,949	13	1,962
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	920	5,920
Capital Financing Costs	5,792	1,097	6,889
Rent, Rates, Taxes & Other Charges	270	28	298
Increase in Provision for Bad Debts	1,027	(336)	691
Capital Expenditure from Revenue Account (CERA)	8,197	(1,218)	6,979
	26,930	718	27,648
Income			
Dwelling Rents	(25,793)	(365)	(26,158)
Non Dwelling Rents	(186)	(13)	(199)
Interest	(45)	(170)	(215)
Charges For Services and Facilities	(684)	(133)	(817)
Contribution towards expenditure	(94)	(1)	(95)
Grant Income	(205)	0	(205)
	(27,007)	(682)	(27,689)
(Surplus) / deficit for the year	(77)	36	(41)
Working Balance Brought Forward as at 1st April 2025	(3,524)	(667)	(4,191)
Working Balance Carried Forward as at 31st March 2026	(4,191)	(41)	(4,232)

(2) T H A T an average rent increase of 2.7%, as set out in the Cabinet report of 9th January, 2025 be approved.

(3) T H A T the increase suggested for other services as set out in the table below and in the Cabinet report of 9th January, 2025 be approved:

50 Week Basis	2024/25 Actual Charges	2025/26 Proposed Charges	
	£	£	
Grounds Maintenance	1.47	1.51	per week
Cleaning of communal areas	2.75	3.00	per week
Lighting of communal areas	2.51	3.60	per week
Laundry Facilities	0.62	0.41	per week
Window Cleaning	0.18	0.18	per week
Lift Maintenance	1.33	1.25	per week
Door Entry	0.71	0.80	per week
Intercom	0.95	1.29	per week
CCTV	0.00	1.43	per week
Sewerage Treatment Plants	455.25	467.54	per annum
Cesspools	439.00	451.00	per annum

(4) T H A T all changes to rents and service charges be approved and implemented from 1st April, 2025, with the first week of April being a non-chargeable rent week and that increase notices be sent to tenants two months in advance of the new charges coming into effect as required by the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016.

(5) T H A T the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2025/54 attached at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report of 9th January, 2025 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 2025/26.

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

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

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

(5) That the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2025/55 be approved.