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Date: 24th October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group will be held in the Sirhowy Room, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach on Thursday, 1st November, 2018 at 5.00 pm to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. Councillors and the public wishing to speak on any item can do so by making a request to the Chair. You are also welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, both these requests require a minimum notice period of 3 working days, and a simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

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Yours faithfully,

Christina Harrhy
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest.



Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

To approve and sign the following minutes: -

3 Caerphilly Homes Task Group held on 4th September 2018.

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4 Caerphilly Homes Task Group held on 20th September 2018.

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5 WHQS Finance. (Presentation only)

To receive and note the following information items: -

6 Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring - Period 4 2018/19.

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7 WHQS Environmental Programme.

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*If a member of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group wishes for the above information report(s) to be brought forward for discussion at the meeting, please contact Emma Sullivan on 01443 864420, by 10a.m. on Wednesday 31st October 2018.

8 To receive any requests for an item to be included on the next available agenda.

Circulation:

Task Group Members: Ms L. Pewtner, Mrs D. Moore, Ms M. James, Ms R. Thompson, Mrs Y. Bryant, M. Davies, L. Harding, A. Hussey, Mrs B. A. Jones, Ms S. Jones, L. Phipps, Mrs D. Price (Chair), L.G. Whittle and Mr C. Davies (Vice Chair),

And Appropriate Officers

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Agenda Item 3



CAERPHILLY HOMES TASK GROUP (WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE SIRHOWY ROOM, PENALLTA HOUSE, ON TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Price - Chair C. Davies - Vice-Chair

Councillors:

M. Davies, L. Harding, A. Hussey, B. Jones, L. Phipps, L.G. Whittle

Tenant Representatives:

Y. Bryant, M. James, S. Jones, D. Moore, L. Pewtner

Officers:

S. Couzens (Chief Housing Officer), F. Wilkins (Public Sector Housing Manager) and K. Houghton (Committee Services Officer)

Also present:

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2018/19

It was moved and seconded that Councillor D. Price be appointed as Chair of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group for the ensuing year 2018/19 and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that Councillor D. Price be appointed Chair of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group for the ensuing year 2018/19.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2018/19

It was moved and seconded that C. Davies be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group for the ensuing year 2018/19 and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that C. Davies be appointed Vice-Chair of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group for the ensuing year 2018/19.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Tenant Representative R. Thompson.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Tenant Representatives Y. Bryant, C. Davies, M. James, S. Jones, D. Moore, L. Pewtner and Councillor B. Jones declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in all agenda items in that they are Council Tenants.

5. MINUTES – 17TH MAY 2018

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2018 be agreed as a correct record and by a show of hands was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2018 (minute no, 1-6) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. CAERPHILLY HOMES ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Chief Housing Officer presented the report which sought the views of Members on the proposed Asset Management Strategy for Caerphilly Homes housing stock following the anticipated achievement of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard in 2020. It was noted that following consideration by the Task Group, the report would be presented to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet.

It was noted that the Strategy is to ensure that the Council's housing portfolio continues to provide affordable, quality homes that meet customers' needs now and for the future. There is a Delivery Plan which supports the Strategy and there are a number of elements that feed into the Plan.

The Members were informed that the Energy Efficiency Improvement program will continue past 2020 and the Housing team was currently pursuing grant funding from Welsh Government to support this.

Members were advised that a consultation, on the Strategy, with tenants was in progress and was due to conclude on Monday 11th September 2018. Results from the consultation so far indicated that 87% of tenants were in favour of the Strategy's proposals.

Discussion took place regarding the identification and prioritising of properties targeted in the Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme and WHQS. With views expressed that older properties should be given greater priority over newer ones particularly in regards to Trecenydd where damp issues in the older properties is prevalent. Officers clarified that damp issues would be prioritised in addition to energy efficiency improvements and offered to investigate individual properties, as identified by the member raising the concerns, in need of more immediate improvement.

A member questioned whether the procurement process would be reviewed in light of this Strategy and whether consideration had been given to the use of a Dynamic Purchasing System. Officers stated that this question would be address under a later item on the Agenda.

Concerns were raised regarding the turnaround times in cases where improvements are made to the property once they have become void, and the properties being tenanted.

Officers will provide more detailed information as part of the 'WHQS - Acceptable Fails' and Annual Performance Reports which will be coming to the next meeting of the Task Group.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be referred to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and thereafter Cabinet approval. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet, that:-

- (i) The establishment of a 5 year Asset Management Strategy as set out in the Officer's report.
- (ii) Agreement to the proposed delivery plan as indicated in item 6 of the Officer's report.
- (iii) Members agree the assumptions which have been included in the Business Plan that outlines the affordability envelope and has been set out in Appendix 1 and paragraph 12.2 of the Officer's report, whilst noting that these may be subject to change which may result in further reports being submitted.
- (iv) Separate detailed reports be submitted in relation to the remodelling of sheltered housing schemes and new Council housing.

7. PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING COUNCIL HOUSING SUPPLY

The Chief Housing Officer presented the report which advised Members of proposals for increasing the supply of council housing and outlined principles of development mechanisms and options for delivery. It also sought the views of Members on the options to enable Officers to further develop proposals resulting in a more detailed report to be brought forward for building new Council homes on specific sites. It was noted that following consideration by the Task Group, the report would be presented to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet.

The Members were advised of each of the options available for increasing Council Housing supply which were as follows - new development using HRA land, new development using General Fund land, redevelopment of existing HRA sites, purchase via Section 106 Agreements and purchase of private properties/former Council properties.

The Chief Housing Officer outlined to Members the funding options available to support the Council housing supply options particularly highlighting HRA, Affordable Housing Grant, Innovative Housing Grant, Health and Housing programmes and Borrowing, supported by the HRA as potential funding streams.

Members welcomed the options regarding the Council undertaking new development and redevelopments of sites to build new housing stock. A Member asked that single persons and young people be considered regarding the types of new housing built. A Member also asked if the approximate 1100-1500 empty private properties in the County Borough could be taken into consideration as an option for increasing affordable housing availability through working with property owners. Officers confirmed that bringing empty properties back into beneficial use is a key aim of the report, but engaging with the relevant owner has been a difficult in the past.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be referred to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for

consideration and thereafter Cabinet approval. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet, that:-

- (i) Agree the principle of building new council homes and access the AHG in full or in part.
- (ii) Agree the HRA sites to progress with detailed viability studies and agree the principle of identifying and pursuing suitable General Fund or open market sites for the development of affordable housing.
- (iii) Agree to the transfer and purchase of new homes through Section 106 agreements where there is an identified housing need and associated business case.
- (iv) Agree to the selective acquisition of existing properties to support housing need and subject to value for money being demonstrated, as set out in item 4.7 and 4.8 with individual acquisitions being progressed in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Places.
- (v) Agree to review of resources to support the preferred approach.
- (vi) Consider the report and the delivery options outlined and provide guidance on the officers' preferred Options 2 and 5 with the aim of the Council accessing AHG and delivering new council homes within stated timeframes, i.e. 2019/20.
- (vii) Agree to the submission of future reports for approval providing more detail on any viable development sited for new Council home provision.

8. REMODELLING AND RECLASSIFICATION OF OLDER PERSONS ACCOMODATION

The Chief Housing Officer presented the report which sought the views of Members on a number of recommendations relating to initial feasibility studies for the remodelling, reclassification and decommissioning of a number of older persons accommodation sites. It also sought Members views on the granting of delegated powers to Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Places, to re-classify older persons accommodation to general needs using the principles specified within the Officer's reports. It was noted that following consideration by the Task Group, the report would be presented to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet.

Members were advised that there is a surplus of older persons accommodation and a lack of single persons accommodation along with increasing housing waiting lists and homelessness. Members were informed that as a result of feasibility studies undertaken by the Local Authority the following preferred options were proposed in relation to the six schemes considered for remodelling — retention of one sheltered scheme, remodelling 2 sheltered schemes, closure of 3 sheltered schemes to be replaced by a single new scheme. Additional proposals included re-designation of a small number of specified units of older persons accommodation to general needs, reclassifying of two older persons accommodation schemes and the full decommissioning of four older person's schemes. The details of which were contained in the Officer's report reflected in the recommendations which the Chief Housing Officer outlined in turn.

The Housing Services Manager advised the Members that detailed consultation with all stakeholders including Members and tenants had taken place since 2015 and every effort has been made to keep tenants informed of progress. Tenants affected by proposed remodelling schemes were informed of potential options in August 2018 and little negative feedback had been received to date. The Officer also informed Members that tenant feedback regarding the decommissioning of schemes was supported providing alternative support options were offered.

Members raised concerns that the tenant remodelling consultation had only been put out in the last few weeks so little time had been given to get full feedback from Tenants. Members felt that Tenants needed to be presented with the same level of detail in terms of proposals and costs that the Task Group had been.

Members also raised concerns that the proposed remodelling and decommissioned schemes would result in accommodation, previously designated as older persons, being made available on the general housing waiting list. The Housing Services Manager clarified that although in some schemes current 'sheltered' accommodation services would be removed, the housing team would be looking at using different cost efficient systems to support older persons in the accommodation and it was not intended that these schemes would be re-designated for general needs accommodation at this time. A communal lounges would be converted in one schemes to provide an additional general needs flat. Members discussed the impact of remodelling on accommodation size, number of units and desirability resulting in increased service charges. The Housing Services Manager responded that in terms of increased services charges, that increases are expected to be covered by Housing Benefit if tenants were eligible to receive the benefit however there was no guarantee that there would not be a small impact of increased charges for some tenants and that since the service charge review the Housing team have endeavoured to give tenants an indication of what the increased costs to them would be if and when services are provided. Officers would also support tenants in relation to income maximisation and if they wished to move to schemes with lower charges

A member raised questions regarding the procurement process and the use of the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). The Chief Housing Officer clarified that some of the proposals would come under the DPS however energy efficiency improvements would not. All services procured to undertake these works would be subject to standards and quality tests under government legislation.

In conclusion, the Chief Housing Officer summarised the business plan, for carrying out these proposals and the related costs, for Members.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be referred to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and thereafter Cabinet approval. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet, that:-

(i) BRITANNIA COURT

Retain and incorporate into the current WHQS programme of work, and decommission the external flat blocks from the scheme if feasible following further investigatory work and consultation with existing tenants – estimated cost as above plus the provision of dispersed alarms (8 units @ approx. £40 each) for the blocks of flats, totalling £900,320

(ii) TY MELIN

Proceed with the WHQS partially compliant remodelling to provide 23 units at the aforementioned cost - £1,720,000.

(iii) YNYSWEN

Proceed with the partially WHQS compliant remodelling to provide 13 units at the aforementioned cost - £820,000.

(iv) CASTLE COURT

Agree to a programmed closure for the scheme for a replacement new build alternative as a replacement for 3 schemes and investigation of options for disposal or redevelopment of site – estimated new build cost £4,513,375

(v) ST MARYS COURT

Agree to a programmed closure for the scheme for a replacement new build alternative as a replacement for 3 schemes and investigation of options for disposal or redevelopment of site – estimated new build cost £4,513,375

(vi) WAUNFAWR HOUSE

Agree to a programmed closure for the scheme for a replacement new build alternative as a replacement for 3 schemes and investigation of options for disposal or redevelopment of site— estimated new build cost £4,513,375.

- (vii) To agree to the reclassification of the Hafod Y Bryn Sheltered Housing Scheme from Sheltered Housing to designated general needs and older persons housing, subject to consultation and technical feasibility and to convert communal facilities into a ground floor 3 bed flat.
- (viii) To agree to the removal of the extra care classification from Tredegar Court thereby returning it to a sheltered housing scheme.
- (ix) To agree to the full decommissioning of the 4 partly decommissioned schemes estimated cost of providing dispersed alarm to 133 units £5,320 if required by the tenants.
- (x) To agree to the reclassification of older persons housing stock to general needs use at the specific locations mentioned within this report.
- (xi) To agree to the delegated powers for Officers to re-classify older persons' accommodation to general needs using the principles identified in this report, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Places.

9. TO RECEIVE ANY REQUESTS FOR AN ITEM TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

No requests were received for an item to be included on the next available agenda.

The meeting closed at 18.57pm.

Approved as a correct record subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2018.

CHAIR	

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Agenda Item 4



CAERPHILLY HOMES TASK GROUP (WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE SIRHOWY ROOM, PENALLTA HOUSE, ON TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Price - Chair Mr C. Davies - Vice-Chair

Councillors:

M. Davies, L. Harding, L. Phipps

Tenant Representatives:

Y. Bryant, S. Jones, D. Moore, R. Thompson

Officers:

S. Couzens (Chief Housing Officer), F. Wilkins (Public Sector Housing Manager), Paul Smythe (Housing Technical Manager) and K. Houghton (Committee Services Officer)

Also present:

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Jones, A. Hussey and L.G. Whittle, and Tenant Representatives M. James and L. Pewtner,

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Tenant Representatives Y. Bryant, C. Davies, S. Jones, D. Moore and R. Thompson declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in all agenda items in that they are Council Tenants.

3. MINUTES – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2018 were deferred to the 1st November 2018 meeting for approval.

4. WELLBEING OBJECTIVE 5: INVESTMENT IN COUNCIL HOMES TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES – END OF YEAR REPORT (2017/18).

The Chief Housing Officer presented the report which sought the views of Members on Page 9

performance made throughout 2017/18 against Wellbeing Objective 5 and whether achievement against the Wellbeing Objective be deemed as "partially successful". It was noted that following consideration by the Task Group, the report would be presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee as an item for discussion.

Officers highlighted the achievements made towards meeting the Objective through the Council's investment in the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) programme, most notably the creation of jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities, the progress made towards the realisation of 'whole home compliance', energy efficiency improvements, physical environmental improvements and the increased provision of accommodation adapted to meet tenants with specific housing needs.

Members were advised that the Council has proactively monitored tenant satisfaction levels since the start of the WHQS programme with data showing that tenants are generally happy with internal works (86%) and to a lesser extent for external works (70%). It was noted that the WHQS programme remains challenging however the Council is well placed to deliver the WHQS programme in full by the 2020 deadline, with the substantial investment made helping to transform lives and communities and therefore the report recommends that achievement against the Wellbeing Objective be deemed "partially successful".

Discussion took place regarding low tenant satisfaction levels in relation to external works. Members expressed concerns that the level of external works carried out had been inconsistent across the County Borough with some properties receiving full external improvements, partial or none at all. Questions were raised as to whether the level of detail provided by the tenant surveys was indicative of these concerns and the exact nature of tenant dissatisfaction with external works. Officers agreed that satisfaction levels were lower than anticipated and that further analysis of the data produced by the tenant surveys needed to be carried out and issues with external works identified and considered. In relation to external works a Member questioned the rate of improvements to gardens and paths. Officers clarified that these were secondary external works and many of our properties were unable to meet the standard for gardens due to the topography of our borough. Officers also advised that paths may be repaired if economically viable to do so, rather than being completely renewed.

Further discussion took place regarding improvements that could be made to the tenant survey process. It was suggested that not all tenants were receiving the surveys. Officers clarified that surveys were issued only to those tenants that had works carried out and consideration is being given to conducting telephone surveys as a means of increasing feedback with contact being made in a more timely and accurate manner.

Officers responded to a point of clarification in regards to the use of agency staff to fill newly created jobs within WHQS and not short-term contracts. It was explained that although agency staff was used, financially the difference between the use of agency staff compared to short-term contracts was minimal and this provides more flexibility as demand on resources is likely to change as the programme proceeds

Following consideration of the report, the Caerphilly Homes Task Group unanimously recommended to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee that achievement against Wellbeing Objective 5 – Investment in Council Homes to Transform Lives and Communities – End of Year Report (2017/18) be judged as "partially successful" 2017/18

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee that:-

(i) Members consider the content of the Wellbeing Objective 5 – Investment in Council Homes to Transform Lives and Communities – End of Year Report (2017/18) and, where appropriate, question and challenge the performance presented.

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(ii) Members determine if they agree that achievement against the Wellbeing Objective is deemed as "partially successful".

5. WHQS - ACCEPTABLE FAILS UPDATE.

The Housing Technical Manager presented the report which sought the views of Members on the application and volume of Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) elements classified as "Acceptable Fails" and the process for managing incidences of No Access on the programme for the surveying of properties and the completion of works on site. It will subsequently be presented to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee as an information item on 2nd October 2018 and considered by the Audit Committee on 16th October 2018.

Officers provided Members with a definition of an 'Acceptable Fail' as set out in the Welsh Government's WHQS revised guidance document (2008) which recognises that it may not be possible to bring all elements within a property up to the required standard offering one or a combination of the following criteria for an 'Acceptable Fail' – cost of remedy, timing of remedy, residents choice and physical constraints.

Members were advised that in addition to the 'Acceptable Fail' criteria there are properties which may have elements categorised 'Previously Achieved' where improvements were undertaken prior to the commencement of WHQS which were to the WHQS standard, and 'No Access' where every attempt is made to gain access to the property if the tenant opts out of the improvement programme. It was explained to Members that the 'opt out' option is not available when the upgrade was an electrical installation improvement on the basis of health and safety and an Electrical No Access procedure is followed in those cases.

Officer's highlighted to Members that the total expenditure on the WHQS capital programme for 2017/18 was £42.m, of which £18m related to internal works and £17.5m related to external works. The remainder of the spend was in relation to fees, large scale voids, adaptions and garages and to date there had not been any borrowing for WHQS.

Members sought clarification from Officers on the difference between the 'Acceptable Fail' criteria 'cost and timing of remedy', in circumstances where the cost effectiveness of some works such as undertaking structural changes to a property may result in a delay, with the criteria 'physical constraint' where the age, layout or location of some properties means the standard cannot be met due to physical constraints. Officers explained that the criteria are very similar in that there are some circumstances where the 'Acceptable Fail' could be a combination of both and in most cases it would be classed as a 'physical constraint'.

Discussion took place regarding circumstances when access is refused by a tenant on the grounds of ill health and the rescheduling of works. Concerns were raised that other than in circumstances where the work is of an immediate electrical nature, those unable to allow for work to be done during the usual schedule of works would be missed out. Officers explained that it is a challenge to reschedule missed works. However new Housing Repair Response Teams are in the process of being established and a 'mop-up' programme formed for these teams to go into individual properties to carry out elements of the WHQS improvements.

Members asked whether data was collected on the reasons for refusing access on external works, particularly when refusing specific improvements. Following this, a lengthy discussion took place in regards to replacement fencing types. Members raised issues with the installation of chain link fencing to replace deteriorated fencing over the installation of bowtop fencing. Officers explained that although data on the reasons for refusing external works was not held, they had received complaints both in regards to chain link fencing and bow-top fencing. Officers clarified that the replacement fencing used, was according to the street scene and the type of fencing used would be replaced 'like for like'. It was felt by a Member that tenants should be given a choice as to the fencing type used.

Following consideration of the report and in noting the details of the WHQS – Acceptable Fails Update, Caerphilly Homes Task Group unanimously recommended to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee note its contents.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee that the contents of the report be noted.

6. YEAR END PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR CAERPHILLY HOMES.

The Chief Housing Officer presented the report which sought the views of Members on the performance of the services provided by Caerphilly Homes during 2017/18. It set out the key service priorities for the period 2018 to 2023 and highlighted any potential challenges that may affect the successful delivery of these priorities. It was noted that following consideration by the Task Group, the report would be presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee as an item for discussion.

Officers highlighted that the performance of Caerphilly Homes for 2017/18 was considered overall to be good and continues to build on performance from previous years. Priorities for the period 2018 to 2023 will aim to deliver further service improvements and will ensure that Caerphilly Homes is able to respond proactively to the needs and aspirations of those who use these services.

Officers drew Members' attention to the performance of each of the following sections – housing repair operation, private sector housing, public sector housing and WHQS. Attention was also drawn to the list of key priorities for 2018 to 2023, details of which were set up in section 4 of Appendix 1 of the report.

Members queried the length of the 25-day response time to non-emergency repairs. Officers clarified that the average response time was 8 days however the 25 days response time given is set as such due to some priority 3 repairs such as glazing taking longer to complete as the double glazed unit needs to be measured at the property and then manufactured in addition to making an appointment with the tenant to install glass.

Members raised concerns regarding the improvement of other areas of a property not covered under the WHQS programme such as landings and hallways, and in particular whether the issue of damp in properties was being addressed. If issues were apparent during the WHQS work which could potentially impact on the planned scope of work, then this would be addressed at the time. Officers explained that in some cases when improvements were made, further issues were not apparent and that tenants experiencing issues could report these to the housing repair team as usual.

A member also asked officers why Caerphilly Homes was not delivering on the promises made in the offer document and felt that the scope of work had been reduced. Officers advised that the offer document included examples of the type and scale of work that was intended to be undertaken if the housing stock was retained by CCBC and that based on the current position the scope of work has increased in some areas and may have reduced in others.

The Task Group praised Caerphilly Homes for the excellent performance of the Housing Repair Operations in particular during 2017/18 and reported that tenants were generally happy with the service they receive.

Following consideration of the report and in noting the details of the Year End Performance Report for Caerphilly Homes, the Caerphilly Homes Task Group unanimously recommended to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee that its contents be noted.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee that Members consider the contents of the report and, where appropriate, question and challenge the performance presented.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Caerphilly Homes Task Group received and noted the following information items:-

(1) Complaints and Representations – Caerphilly Homes

8. TO RECEIVE ANY REQUESTS FOR AN ITEM TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

No requests were received for an item to be included on the next available agenda.

The meeting closed at 18.13pm.

Approved as a correct record subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2018.

CHAIR	

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Agenda Item 6



CAERPHILLY HOMES TASK GROUP – 1ST NOVEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING – PERIOD 4

2018/19

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE

SERVICES

1.1 The attached report was circulated to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee as an information item ahead of its meeting on 2nd October 2018. There were no comments arising from the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

1.2 The report will be presented to the meeting of the Caerphilly Homes Task Group as an information item on 1st November 2018.

1.3 The Caerphilly Homes Task Group are asked to note the contents of the report.

Author: R. Barrett, Committee Services Officer, Ext. 4245

Appendices:

Appendix Report to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – For Information:

Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring – Period 4 2018/19



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING - PERIOD 4

2018/19

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE

SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the projected expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the 2018/19 financial year. The HRA capital programme which is predominantly funded by the HRA is also included within this report.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members will be aware of the distinction between the HRA, which is funded by rental income received from council tenants, and General Fund Housing activities, which fall under the General Fund and are funded via the Council taxpayer.

 Although there is a clear separation of these funds, the majority of council tenants rent is funded from housing benefits which are derived from the tax payers purse and therefore value for money must always be sought.
- 2.2 The report outlines the projected outturn for the HRA based upon the expenditure and income for the first four months of the year
- 2.3 The HRA budget for 2018/19 is £49.5m with its main components consisting of £11m of salaries (net of WHQS funding), £7.9m of capital financing charges, £8.7m of response repairs, and £17.5m of revenue contributions to fund the WHQS programme. The underspend at period 4 is projected to be £700k and the main reason for this is detailed below.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The content of the report is in accordance with the budget strategy agreed by Council at its meeting of 22nd February 2018. Cabinet approved the 2018/19 Housing Revenue Account on the 31st January 2018.
- 3.2 Budget management itself is in accordance with the corporate theme of Delivering the Strategies.
- 3.3 The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out the following wellbeing goals which link with the aims of this report:-

- A sustainable Wales
- A prosperous Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A globally responsible Wales

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Introduction
- 4.1.1 The following paragraphs highlight the major budget variances.
- 4.2 HRA (£700k underspend)
- 4.2.1 The HRA is currently projecting a £700k under-spend, which represents about 1% of the total HRA budget. The main variances are summarised below and full details are provided in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Salaries & Mileage (£138k underspend)
- 4.3.1 Salaries and associated costs within the HRA are currently expected to underspend by some £138k against a £11m salary budget. There are some offsetting over and under spends in this area given the volume of staff which includes sickness cover, request for reduced hours, and timing for filling vacant posts.
- 4.4 Service Specific Related and Office Related (£172k overspend)
- 4.4.1 The main area of activity relates to a projected increase in spend in sub-contractors, materials, and transport for the HRO team, as a result of increased works associated with the WHQS programme. Since the new appointment of the Housing Technical Manager there has also been further integration with the HRO and WHQS team with the HRO workforce further supporting the WHQS programme on areas such as mopping up type works also electrical works where gaining access to properties has been an issue. However, this will be offset by recharges to the WHQS Programme which will generate additional income to the HRO service, together with potential savings on tipping charges and renewal of vehicles. There has also been previous efficiencies made on the Non-DLO budget where HRO have absorbed these costs within its core budget.
 - Typically there are some budget areas within this category that tend to be quite volatile and therefore could generate further savings throughout the year, such as bad debt provisions, utility charges, various housing projects and other office costs.
- 4.5 Building Maintenance (£413k underspend)
- 4.5.1 This area includes all building revenue works to fund the maintenance of the public housing stock which is undertaken in the main by the Housing Repair Operations team and/or Contractors.
- 4.5.2 Revenue Projects (£135k under-spend) this category mainly includes budgets that fall outside of the other budgets remits (i.e. not planned, cyclical or in house responsive). The under-spend mainly relates to asbestos surveys (£20k) and damp proofing (£50k) which is an offset related to the extra work mentioned in 4.4.1 above. Projects for the infrastructure works budget has not been fully utilised as yet this year, as a consequence of work being picked up in the WHQS Programme so a pro rata underspend is projected at £50k. Recent training on door entry systems has allowed the in-house HRO team to install these on more favourable terms than a subcontractor and this has projected savings of £12k. The contingency budget of £500k is prudently assumed to be fully committed at this stage, but will release further savings if not utilised by year end.

- 4.5.3 Planned Cyclical (£280k under-spend) this relates to costs associated with our statutory servicing and maintenance obligations, e.g. heating, electrical, and legionella testing. Underspends in this area relates to Alarm & Light Servicing (£46k), Fire safety doors (£28k). Other savings are anticipated due to works being completed under the WHQS Programme and revised contractual arrangements, such as Gas & Electric Servicing Contracts & testing (£123k), Gas & Electric Remedial Works (£23k), Water Treatment (£8k), and Lift Contracts (£32k).
- 4.5.4 As a result of incorporating the costs of delivering the Building Maintenance service within the HRA, the WHQS holding account was set up to monitor the in house workforce costs that would be recharged to the WHQS capital programme. A budget of £10.4m has been allocated in 2018/19 along with an income recharge to the capital programme so that the HRA has a nil cost.
- 4.5.5 The In House Workforce had increased its budget by some £1.3m in 2018/19 to account for the work committed in the WHQS programme. The projected spend is still an increase on the previous year but this spend is anticipated to be £600k less than originally planned at the start of the year, due to a pro rata projection on current spend against materials and transport costs. Any overspends are funded by the capital programme.
- 4.6 Revenue Contribution to Capital (RCCO) (£317k underspend)
- 4.6.1 The HRA allows for some £17.5m of revenue contributions towards the WHQS programme and this includes an element for the WHQS management team responsible for the delivery of the WHQS Programme which is anticipating a £317k underspend as a result of staff turnover.
- 4.6.2 The total expenditure on the WHQS capital programme as at period 4 is some £17.1m against a budget of £55.8m. This is the highest quarter spend compared to previous years and evidences the increased momentum as the WHQS programme enters its final years.
- 4.6.3 The HRA RCCO will fund this budgeted spend in addition to the £7.3m Major Repairs Allowance (MRA) from Welsh Government with the remaining balance being funded from HRA working balances and borrowing if required.
- 4.6.4 No borrowing has been required to date to support the delivery of the WHQS programme and borrowing will only be actioned this year if/when the WHQS programme exceeds some £31m.
- 4.6.5 WHQS Internal works at Quarter 1 have achieved 76% compliance.
- 4.6.6 WHQS External works at Quarter 1 have achieved 52% compliance.
- 4.6.7 Total WHQS compliance as at Quarter 1 is 41%.

4.7 HRA Working Balances

- 4.7.1 Working balances at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year are £4.3m. This is expected to be fully utilised this year against the WHQS Programme. To date no borrowing has been undertaken to fund the WHQS programme but based on expenditure levels noted in 4.6.2 and the reduced level of HRA balances it is anticipated that borrowing will be necessary towards the later part of the year to support delivery of the programme.
- 4.7.2 Whilst priority will be given to the delivery and achievement of WHQS, borrowing may also be required to increase the supply of council housing following the recent report that was approved by Cabinet. However a separate report will be submitted later in the year if borrowing is required for increasing council house supply.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 Effective financial management is a key element in ensuring that the well-being goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 are met.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no potential equalities implications of this report and its recommendations on groups or individuals who fall under the categories identified in Section 6 of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan. There is no requirement for an Equalities Impact Assessment Questionnaire to be completed for this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The overall underspend is relatively small compared to the total budget and whilst close monitoring is regularly carried out throughout the year, the scale of the HRA budget inevitably leads to variances throughout the year due to the large volume of staffing required to manage and operate the service, the reactive nature of the response repairs service, fluctuation in void properties and changes to interest rates to name but a few.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no personnel implications.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 There are no consultation responses, which have not been reflected in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 To inform Members of the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2003 and the Councils Financial Regulations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 HRA financial plan p4 2018/19

APPENDIX 1

				APPENDIA I
HOUSING	Page	Estimate	Projected Outturn	Variance
	No	2018/2019	2018/2019	2018/2019
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT		£	£	£
SUMMARY				
GENERAL MANAGEMENT		1,158,825	1,138,729	20,096
CAPITAL FINANCING		7,912,895	7,912,895	0
CENTRAL RECHARGES		2,259,418	2,259,418	0
STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE		1,718,597	1,622,556	96,041
PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING		5,278,250	5,210,585	67,665
SUPPORTED HOUSING		0	0	0
BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES		31,193,205	30,680,650	512,555
GROSS EXPENDITURE		49,521,190	48,824,833	696,357
INCOME		(49,521,190)	(49,521,190)	0
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT CONTRIBUTION (TO)/FROM WORKING BALANCES		0	(696,357)	696,357
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT		£	£	£
GENERAL MANAGEMENT		1,158,825	1,138,729	20,096
CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS Interest Charge Principal Debt Management Resheduling Discount		5,717,323 2,193,725 29,439 (27,592)	29,439 (27,592)	0 0 0 0
EXPENDITURE TO HRA SUMMARY		7,912,895	7,912,895	0
CENTRAL RECHARGES Central Recharges Grounds Maintenance recharge to HRA EXPENDITURE TO HRA SUMMARY		1,786,332 473,086 2,259,418	1,786,332 473,086 2,259,418	0 0

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	£	£	£
STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE	90,291	66,445	23,846
PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT	668,579	670,648	-2,069
COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT	114,907	114,907	0
TRANSFORMING LIVES & COMMUNITIES	844,820	770,555	74,265
EXPENDITURE TO HRA SUMMARY	1,718,597	1,622,556	96,041
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	£	£	£
PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING			
Landlord General	167,788	158,256	9,532
Sheltered Accommodation	1,385,952	1,366,942	19,010
Holly Road Community support	3,317	3,927	-610
Eastern Valley AHO	666,520	668,310	-1,791
Upper Rhymney AHO	784,838	777,851	6,987
Lower Rhymney Valley AHO	9,135	20,954	-11,819
Gilfach NHO	0	0	0
Lansbury Park NHO	348,286	345,883	2,403
Graig Y Rhacca NHO	281,091	276,740	4,351
Housing Allocations Cont.	120,426	120,426	0
Tenants & Communities Involvment	504,858	501,652	3,206
Leaseholders Management	61,935	61,400	535
Tenancy Enforcement	274,774	249,179	25,595
Rents	714,099	703,833	10,266
Community Wardens	(44,768)	(44,768)	0
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EXPENDITURE TO HRA SUMMARY	5,278,250	5,210,585	67,665

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	£	£	£
SUPPORTED HOUSING			
Dispersed Alarms	0	0	0
Telecare Centre	0	0	0
Ty Croeso Hostel	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TO HRA SUMMARY	0	0	0
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	£	£	£
RESPONSE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
Employee Expenses net of recharges	1,470,944	1,414,204	56,740
Repairs & Maintenance on Housing Stock			
Responsive Repairs	8,771,794	9,052,011	-280,217
Revenue Contribution to Capital - WHQS Programme	17,493,093	17,175,922	317,172
Group/Planned Repairs (priorities 5 & 8)	0	0	0
Void Repairs (prioritiy 6)	0	0	0
Revenue Projects	1,474,000	1,341,061	132,939
Planned Cyclical	1,747,336	1,467,289	280,047
Planned Programme	0	0	0
	29,486,223	29,036,282	449,941
Transport Related	8,950	9,419	-469
Supplies & Services	227,088	220,745	6,343
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EXPENDITURE TO HRA SUMMARY	31,193,205	30,680,650	512,555

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	£		£	£
INCOME				
Rents - Dwelling				
Gross Rent - Dwellings	(43,13	0,482) (43	3,130,482)	0
Gross rent - Sheltered	(4,79	2,276) (4	4,792,276)	0
Gross Rent - Hostel		0	0	0
Voids - General Needs Dwelling/Sheltered	8	15,000	815,000	0
Voids - Hostel		0	0	
Net Rent	(47,10	7,758) (47	7,107,758)	0
Rents - Other				
Garages		2,477)	(362,477)	
Garage Voids		31,238	181,238	
Shop Rental	(5	9,872)	(59,872)	0
	(24	1,111)	(241,111)	0
Service Charges				
Sheltered - Service Charges	(1,46	1,393) (1	1,461,393)	0
Sheltered - Heating & Lighting		7,073)	(137,073)	
Sheltered & Dispersed- Alarms		0	0	
Catering Recharge - Sheltered Accommodation	(3	5,420)	(35,420)	0
Voids Schedule Water		65,452	65,452	
Non Scheduled Water Rates	(4	1,780)	(41,780)	0
Welsh Water Commission	(51	1,407)	(511,407)	0
Leaseholder - Service Charges		0,000)	(10,000)	
	(2,13	1,621) (2	2,131,621)	0
Government Subsidies				
Housing Subsidy		0	0	0
Interest Receivable		0	0	0
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Mortgage Interest		(700)	(700)	
Investment Income	(1	0,000)	(10,000)	0
	(1	0,700)	(10,700)	0
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Miscellaneous		0	0	0
Private Alarms		0	0	0
Ground Rent	(3	0,000)	(30,000)	
	/3	0,000)	(30,000)	0
	(3	3,000)	(30,000)	
INCOME TO HRA SUMMARY	(49,52	1,190) (49	9,521,190)	0

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Agenda Item 7



CAERPHILLY HOMES TASK GROUP – 1ST NOVEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide members with a high level update on progress regarding the delivery of the WHQS Environmental Programme.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following the ballot in February 2012, the Council agreed that it would deliver the promises made in its Offer Document to tenants and deliver the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by March 2020. The Council also agreed that its capital investment in homes would deliver social outcomes to 'transform lives and communities'.
- 2.2 Part of the commitment to deliver the WHQS across all 10,777 homes also includes a requirement to comply with Part 6 which aims to ensure that 'all dwellings should be located in an environment to which residents can relate and in which they can be proud to live'.
- 2.3 £10.6m has been set aside in the business plan agreed with Welsh Government specifically for this purpose.
- 2.4 Three Environmental Officers were recruited to work with the Area Housing teams and local members in order to initially identify environmental maintenance / repair issues. The issues were identified and collated into a single spreadsheet with each project being detailed using a proforma.
- 2.5 Over 300 minor projects were initially identified across the county borough as part of the first phase of the programme. The majority were progressed, some were repackaged into larger schemes
- 2.6 The second phase of the programme commenced in 2017 and has involved the environmental officers undertaking an extensive engagement programme throughout the County Borough which is intended to 1) engage local communities in discussions regarding the quality and safety of their local environment 2) identify solutions to some of the challenges and constraints within communities that could be overcome via the WHQS environmental programme and 3) to work with partners to help develop more cohesive and resilient communities through joint working and the pooling of resources.
- 2.7 A copy of the programme and projects identified to date is attached as appendix 1.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) is intended to ensure that all local authority and housing association homes are improved and maintained to specified standards.

- 3.2 The Council is committed to ensuring that the WHQS investment transforms not only homes but also lives and communities.
- 3.3 The delivery of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) programme is coterminous with the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 which requires public bodies to work towards a shared vision comprising 7 goals and adopt 5 "Ways of Working". The 7 goals and the 5 Ways of Working will underpin the delivery of the programme and include planning and acting for the long term, integration, involvement, collaboration and prevention.
- 3.4 The Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) is intended to ensure that all local authority and housing association homes are improved and maintained to specified standards. It is a Welsh Government requirement that the WHQS is achieved by 2020. The WHQS identifies 7 specific aims in the Welsh Assembly Government's Revised Guidance for Social Landlords July 2008. This report relates specifically to Part 6: All dwellings should be located in an environment to which residents can relate and which they can be proud to live.
- 3.5 Caerphilly County Borough Council's Well-being Objectives for 2018/19 include: WBO3 Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance and support to help improve peoples' wellbeing.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 In February 2012 tenants voted overwhelmingly for the Council to retain its housing stock as opposed to transferring its homes to a registered social landlord. As a result the Council made an ambitious commitment to utilise its £200m capital investment not only to transform homes but also lives and communities. It also committed to utilising £10.6m of the total investment to deliver an environmental programme that would ensure that all homes 'are located in an environment to which residents can relate and which they can be proud to live' (Welsh Housing Quality Standard, Part 6).
- 4.2 Part 6 specifies that 'all opportunities should be taken to make improvements to the immediate environment (within the property boundary) and to the general environment' and that consultation with residents and external audits can be used to inform the process.
- 4.3 Welsh Government has suggested that the following key elements must be taken into consideration by organisations seeking to deliver the standard:
 - Attractive environments
 - Safe environments
 - Environments that people can relate to
 - Environments that people can feel proud of.
- 4.4 The decision was taken by the Project Board to split the programme into two phases; the first concentrating on low level environmental requirements and routine improvements to housing estates that would have been previously raised by tenants, officers or members or highlighted by the area housing managers. Some areas were in need of maintenance and investment to address health and safety issues, anti-social behaviour as well as making general improvements to improve the overall aspect of our estates.
- 4.5 Over 300 minor schemes were identified as a result of this process of which circa 90% have been delivered. The remaining schemes have been re-packaged into larger schemes that will be progressed during phase 2, forwarded to an alternative department or declined as they did not fit the programme criteria.
- 4.6 During phase 2, officers have concentrated on undertaking an extensive engagement exercise throughout the borough and in individual communities in order to identify improvements and amenities that communities identify as important to them and value. A

copy of the matrix which highlights the projects identified to date during phase 2 and the engagement timetable is attached as appendix 1. The table also includes the engagement events that have taken place at the Council's sheltered accommodation and the projects identified.

- 4.7 The nature of the engagement / consultation has varied between communities depending on size, existing community infrastructure and whether there are already a number of active participants / groups in the community that have already made efforts to determine the needs of their community. In some cases door knocking has been undertaken together with a specific community 'Shape your Place' event. In other communities consultations have taken place on buses or via pop up shop type events in town centres in order to engage with as wide an audience as possible. Many events have been undertaken in partnership with the community regeneration team, the Parent Network, Keep Wales Tidy, Citizens Advice, Community Safety etc to ensure that those attending are able to access the full range of support if needed and to enhance the engagement experience for those attending.
- 4.8 Examples of the events that have been held are contained in appendix 2. More people have attended in some communities than others but all have been promoted via flyers, newsletters, door knocking, social media posts, word of mouth etc.
- 4.9 Officers have identified 82 communities throughout Caerphilly borough. To date, engagement and consultation efforts have been completed in 36 and are ongoing in 22 thereby leaving 24 communities remaining. In Spring 2018 the decision was taken by the Project Board to ensure that the larger communities were brought forward into the start / middle of the programme as inevitably there were likely to be larger, more complex projects to deliver by 2020.
- 4.10 The only exception to this has been Lansbury Park where the engagement / consultation was postponed pending completion of the EWI (external wall insulation) programme and a potential external funding application. The consultation and engagement in Lansbury Park has now started.
- 4.11 Projects identified have included new parking infrastructure, new / renewal of play facilities, skate parks, the installation of green gyms, planting projects and actions designed to improve safety and accessibility within communities i.e. new lighting, renewal / widening of footpaths and knee rails thereby protecting and enhancing green spaces.
- 4.12 Efforts are being made to extend the lifecycle of existing community infrastructure and future proof our communities through the renewal or repair of existing assets and amenities as well as in some cases providing new, thereby reducing future maintenance requirements.
- 4.13 Where possible, the relevant service area will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance liabilities associated with the provision of new facilities.
- 4.14 In 2017 the Project Board mandated a requirement to ensure that the programme delivered 'synergystic opportunities' for departments and teams throughout the Council and a conscious effort has been made to ensure that as much work as possible is undertaken in house.
- 4.15 Whilst this has helped strengthen teams, brought greater integration, pooled budgets and enhanced learning between teams, it has also resulted in delays in the delivery of schemes that have been approved. This is due to capacity issues within areas such as Parks and also Highways and Engineering.
- 4.16 Delays in project implementation have occurred throughout the entire programme but particularly in Penyrheol, Fochriw and Ty Sign where Parks related contracts are awaiting delivery.

- 4.17 The WHQS programme is therefore funding a specific WHQS Landscape Officer to oversee the packaging and procurement of WHQS environmental 'Parks' related contracts and is also contributing towards the fees and salaries of experts located within the Highways and Engineering division whose involvement is invaluable. It is anticipated that the Landscape Officer will be in post by November 2018 and outstanding contracts relating to Skate Parks etc packaged and issued by Christmas.
- 4.18 A detailed programme of planned works from the Green Spaces and Transport Services Manager responsible for Parks has been requested by the Chief Housing Officer.
- 4.19 An integral part of the WHQS environmental programme has been the delivery of the Council's garage programme this has included enhanced landscaping works that were not included in the original garage budget. Enhanced landscaping works have and will include new parking areas and space for recreation within the borough's communities.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The delivery of the WHQS improvement programme is coterminous with the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) act 2015, in particular the 5 ways of working:-
 - Long Term: the report includes continued investment and performance to achieve WHQS by 2020. This investment provides long term improvements to homes, communities and to tenants' health and wellbeing.
 - **Integration:** The programme looks to integrate physical and environmental improvements that will benefit and transform lives and communities throughout the county borough. It further brings together a variety of stakeholders to deliver long term sustainable benefits for lives and communities.
 - Involvement: Tenants and local residents are being consulted on the proposed property improvements and environmental works along with various initiatives that are part of the WHQS programme delivery.
 - Collaboration: The programme delivery is focused on internal collaboration, wider
 partnership arrangements with suppliers and contractors, joint working with the community
 and various other groups. The delivery of community benefits and tenant engagement by
 all involved with the WHQS programme is a key focus and is clearly demonstrable within
 its delivery.
 - **Prevention:** The works to improve lives and communities will help tackle local unemployment, tackle fuel poverty and promote greater well being. It will further improve the look and feel of the environment and help prevent anti-social behaviour.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required as the report is for information.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 £10.6m has been identified within the WHQS business plan to support the delivery of the environmental programme.
- 7.2 On an annual basis, £350,000 is allocated from within the main budget to the Area Housing Offices (£100,000) and Neighbourhood Housing Offices (£75,000) to address maintenance and repair issues as the original housing maintenance budget was incorporated into the Environmental Programme in 2012.

- 7.3 Appendix 1 contains a spreadsheet illustrating the projects that have been identified to date and the estimated cost of those projects (£2,111,378.72).
- 7.4 The budget spent since 2017 when the programme started is £1,605,321.60 (including the garage enhancements) however, the majority of the projects identified are in the process of being undertaken with many others at the feasibility, design or procurement stage so expenditure information at this stage is limited as invoices have not been submitted. Appendix 3 illustrates the budget spent to date.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no personnel implications arising from the report.

9. **CONSULTATIONS**

9.1 All responses from consultations have been incorporated in the report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

11. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

11.1 To advise Members of the progress made in relation to the delivery of the WHQS Environmental Programme.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Housing Acts 1985, 1996, 2004, Local Government Measures 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – WHQS Environmental Programme 2017-2020

Appendix 2 – Portfolio of Environmental Engagement and Consultation Events (to be circulated at the

meeting)

Appendix 3 – WHQS Environmental Programme - Spend to Date

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WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017#2020 - CHTG 1/11/2018 (Appendix 1)

CONSULTATIONS CONSULTATION CONSULTATIONS TO BE STARTED COMPLETIONS

22 36 24

COMPLETED PROJECTS	ESTIMA	ATED EXPENDITURE
106	£	2,322,338.43

						POTENTIAL PROJECTS		WORK ISSUED - COSTINGS REQUESTED, AWAITING COMMENCEMENT ETC					
CONSULTATION SCHEDULE	YEAR COMM	IUNITY N	O OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES	ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER	SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME	CONSULTATION STATUS COMPLETED /	TOTENTIAL TROOLETS	PROJECTS	WORK 1930LD - COSTINGS REQUESTED, AWAITING COMMENCEMENT ETC	TO WHOM	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE WITHIN COMMUNITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE
						ONGOING / TO BE STARTED					COMPLETED		
COMPLETE	2018/2019 HEOL TRECASTI	ELL	57 E	BETH SMITH		(()IVIPLETED	PAINTING, PLANTING AND PAVING at 1 - 16 and 17 - 30 HEOL TRECASTELL	3	RELAY PATHWAY TO THE SIDE OF NO 57	NCS complete	1	£ 20,000.00	SOFT AND HARD LANDSCAPING 2018
2 (Q1)	2018/2019 PENLLWYN (Up	per & Lower)	324 L	LYNNE JOHN			POTENTIAL SWING PARK & SKATE PARK / REVAMP OF SHOP AREA LIKE GELLIGAER PARKING ON PENYMEAD FORMALISATION OF PARKING AREA IN FDL AVE PARKING OPPS SCHOOL FDL AVE INSTALL STEPS IN BANKING FDL AVE PARKING IN BRYNTEG AVE	7	BEECH CLOSE BENCH REPLACEMENT	PARKS (COMPLETED)	1	£ 1,880.00	
2 (Q1)	2019/2020 OAKDALE		73 L	LYNNE JOHN		TO BE STARTED	FARM CLOSE VILLAGE GREEN UPGRADE SKATE PARK	2					
COMPLETED	2019/2020 WATTSVILLE		49	LYNNE JOHN	WOODLAND VIEW- COMPLETED		BENCHES AND RAISED BED PLANTERS NEW PLACENAME SIGNAGE	2					
COMPLETED	2019/2020 GELLIGROES		58 L	LYNNE JOHN	TY MYNYDDISLWYN - COMPLETED	COMPLETED	TY MYNYDDISWLYN PARKING	1	PILLAR REDUCTION AT TY MYNYDDISLWN PARKING AT TY MYNYDDISLWYN	NCS (COMPLETED) EPG INVESTIGATING	1	£ 394.00	
2 (Q2)	2018/2019 SPRINGFIELD		239 Լ	LYNNE JOHN	YNYSWEN	ONGOING	BROOKFIELD RD/MEADOW CLOSE PARKING / MEADOW RD PATHWAY / NEW STREET SIGNS	1	BROOKFIELD RD/MEADOW RD PARKING MEADOW RD PATHWAY	NCS (COMPLETED) AWAITING APPROVAL	1		
2 (Q2)	2018/2019 RISCA		165 Լ	LYNNE JOHN	ST MARYS COURT BRITANNIA COURT	TO BE STARTED		1	REPLACEMENT BENCHES X 2 @ CROMWELL BUNGALOWS	PARKS (COMPLETED)	1	£ 1,880.00	
2 (Q4)	2018/2019 HENGOED		106	ANNA LEWIS		ONGOING							
COMPLETE	2017/2018 FOCHRIW		152	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED		13	1. FENCING ON BRIDGE BY COMMUNITY CENTRE 2. EXTRA PLAY FACILITIES IN RHODFA GANOL PARK – ROUNDABOUT, HOP SCOTCH, SNAKES AND LADDERS. 3. GREEN GYM 4. FENCING OF PLAY AREA AROUND TEENAGER POD AND KICK ABOUT ADDING A PICNIC BENCH 5. SHEEP ISSUE RESOLUTION – SPRINGS ON GATE AND REINSTATE LATCH AT GLAN Y NANT 6. FENCE AND GATE AT RAILWAY TERRACE 7. CONTAINER FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL. 8. CLEAN UP – ESTATE AND COMMON 9. IMPROVEMENTS TO "DINGLE" AREA – TO BE CARRIED OUT BY COMMUNITIES FIRST, GAVO, GROUNDWORK – BENCH AND ASSAULT COURSE FOR TODDLERS 10. LIGHTING COLUMN X2 CAE GLAS NEWYDD 11. LINES ON CHILDRENS MUGA AREA, USED BY COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL 12. FENCING BETWEEN BRYN NANT & SCHOOL 13. PARKING RESOLUTIONS AT AEL Y BRYN	1. PARKS 2. PARKS- G/R 3. PARKS- G.R 4. PARKS 5.COUNTRYSIDE 6. HIGHWAYS 7. COMMUNITY BENEFITS 8. KWT 9.COMMUNITIES FIRST 10. HIGHWAYS 11. PARKS 12. PARKS 13.EPG/HIGHWAYS	5	£ 57,867.00	2018
COMPLETE	2017/2018 PHILLIPSTOWN		159	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED		15	1 SKATE PARK 2 IMPROVEMENTS AT PARK 3 PARKING – DERLWYN 4 BUS SHELTER 5 MEASURES TO STOP OFF ROAD BIKES NEAR PARK/ FOOTBALL FIELD & PATHWAYS BETWEEN HOUSES. 6 RUBBISH AMNESTY - ALREADY COMPLETE 7 LITTER PICK 8 STREET SIGNS & ENTRANCE SIGNAGE 9 BULB PLANTING & TREE PLANTING ON ENTRANCE 10 CLEAN BOTH OVERGROWTH AND LITTER 11 HAND RAILS ON STEPS 12 DOG WASTE BINS & LITTER BINS 13 DAISY FIELD 14 PARKING JONES STREET 15 BOW TOP RAILINGS BOTTOM OF BEDDLWYN ROAD	1 . PARKS 2. PARKS 3. HIGHWAYS 4. HIGHWAYS 5. HIGHWAYS 6. WASTE MANAGEMENT 7. KWT 8. PARKS/HIGHWAYS 9. PARKS 10. PARKS 11. HIGHWAYS 12. WASTE MANAGEMENT 13. HIGHWAYS 14. HIGHWAYS 15. PARKS	4	£ 210,959.71	

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2 (Q2)	2018/2019 NEV	N TREDEGAR	140	ANNA LEWIS	GLYNSYFI COMPLETED	ONGOING		5	4. NO PARKING SIGNAGE WHERE THERE ARE DROPPED KERBS FOR DISABLED ACCESS. 5. THE ADDITION OF X2 DROPPED KERBS AS THERE IS ONLY ONE EACH END OF THE SITE.	1. PARKS -DB 2. PARKS-DB 3.PARKS 4.HIGHWAYS 5. HIGHWAYS	4	£ 6,735.00	2018 FOR GLYNSYFI WORKS
2 (Q2)	2018/2019 PO	NTLOTTYN	233	ANNA LEWIS		ONGOING	PARKING ON SUNNYVIEW RAILINGS, WALLS, HANDRAILS - BRYNHYFRYDD/BRYNGLAS UPGRAGE COMM CENTRE LAND UPGRADE PARK STEPS ON BLACK PATH CLEAN UP AROUND FARM RD SIGNAGE NOTICE BOARD WALLS THOUGH VILLAGE	10					
2 (Q2)	ONGOING GIL	FACH (LOWER)	108	ANNA LEWIS		TO BE STARTED							
2 (Q3)	2018/2019 ABE	ERBARGOED (MIDDLE)	88	ANNA LEWIS		ONGOING	STARTING TO BE PACKAGED						
ONGOING	2018/2019 POF	RSET PARK*	179	BETH SMITH		ONGOING	SKATE PARK, GWAUN NEWYDD PARKING, COED CAE PARKING	9	1 BOLLARDS ON LON YR ODYN 2 BINS AND BENCHES ON PORSET PARK, 3 DROPPED KERB, 4 RAILINGS ON COED MAIN, 5 SIGNAGE ON GWAUN NEWYDD	VARIOUS	4		2020
ONGOING	2018/2019 TRE	THOMAS	145	BETH SMITH	GROVE I & GROVE II - COMPLETED	ONGOING	PLANTING, PARKING NOT FEASIBLE, AEL Y BRYN, GROVE	5		COMMUNITY GROUP			2020
ONGOING	2018/2019 MA	CHEN	63	BETH SMITH		ONGOING	PLANTING, PARKING AREAS, GRAIG VIEW	7	TREES ON FFWRWM ROAD, BENCH OF THE CRESCENT, RAILING ON FFWRWM RD	PARKS 2 COMPLETE	2		
COMPLETED	2018/2019 PON	NTYMISTER	164	LYNNE JOHN	TY ISAF - COMPLETED	COMPLETED	TY ISAF BENCHES AND RAISED BEDS RESURFACING OF DEAD SPACE TO THE SIDE OF THE SCHEME	2					
COMPLETE	2017/2018 ABE Sou	ERTYSSWG (Rhymney oth)	82	ANNA LEWIS	PROSPECT PLACE COMPLETED	COMPLETED		19	7. RESURFACE PATH WAY TO LOWER ABERTWSSYG ON LEFT HAND SIDE 8. REMOVE SMALLER BOLLARDS AT BOTTOM OF THE PATH LEADING TO THE BACK OF THE HOUSES AND REPLACE IF POSSIBLE AND WITHIN BUDGET Prospect Place Projects 1. BOW TOP FENCING		6	£62.650.00	2018 Prospect Place 2020

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2 (Q3)	2018/2019	BARGOED	157	ANNA LEWIS	ST GWLADYS COMPLETED	ONGOING		1. RAMPS FOR ACCESS - OFF SITE 2. LINE MARKING FOR PARKING, WALKWAYS & HATCHED AREA 3. TIDY UP AND ASPHALTING TO ENTRANCE OF COMPLEX 4. SIGNAGE 5. DRAINS AND PATHWAYS 6. CLEAN UP – CUT BACK OVERGROWTH & REMOVAL OF TREE 7. PICNIC TABLE 8. BIRD BOXES 9. APPLE TREE 10. GREEN HOUSE, ALLOTMENT AREA, BBQ AREA, PLANTERS - LATER	1. HIGHWAYS 2. HIGHWAYS 3. HIGHWAYS 4. HIGHWAYS 5. HIGHWAYS 6. PARKS 7. PARKS 8. GROUNDWORK 9 TARRAGON 10.LATER	2	£ 60,687.20	2019
2 (Q3)	2018/2019	MAESYCWMMER	112	ANNA LEWIS	Y GLYN COMPLETED		SUBWAY PARKING BAYS MAINTENANCE - WALLS COMMUNITY ORCHARD MEASURES TO STOP OFF ROAD VEHICLES	1. REMOVE PLANTING WERE POSSIBLE AROUND THE CENTRE AND OPPOSITE TENANTS GRASSED COMMUNAL AREAS AS THESE HAVE BECOME OVERGROWN AND UNKEMPT. ALLOW THE AREA TO BE EASILY MAINTAINED AND LOOK AESTHETICALLY PLEASING. 2. RENEW BENCHES X3 - ONLY THE BENCHES THERE ALREADY WILL BE REPLACED AND COMMON THAT WERE PUT IN BY CCBC - THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL ONE THAT WILL NOT BE REPLACED PUT IN AS A MEMORIAL BENCH BY A TENANT. NO ADDITIONAL BENCHES TO BE PUT IN BYTHIS ONE OFF LITTER PICK - (TO BE COMPLETED BY GROUNDWORK OR KEEP WALES TIDY) AND COMMUNAL TAP NEAR TO LAUNDRY FACILITY 5. ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES TO BE CREATED BEHIND 3-6 AND RE-FORMALISATION CURRENT PARKING IN THE SAME AREA TO ALLOW FOR MORE SPACES IF POSSIBLE. IT WE SUGGESTED FOR ADJACENT TO 1&2 BUT THIS WAS NOT AGREED BY TENANTS AFTER A AS IT WAS FELT THE SPACES WOULD BE USED BY OTHERS RATHER THAN THOSE LIVING 6. TENANTS HAVE REQUESTED A DROPPED KERB NEAR THE COMMUNAL WALKWAY SECOND TO ACCESS THE ROAD & SIGNAGE TO SHOW FOR DISABLED ACCESS 7. ADD WAY FINDER SIGNAGE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VISITORS	THIS WILL DNLY THE ONES CED AS IT WAS 1. PARKS 2.PARKS 3. KWT VAS INITIALLY 4. EXTERNALS WALKABOUT IN Y GLYN 6. HIGHWAYS	5	£ 23,519.00	2018 FOR Y GLYN WORKS
2 (Q4)	2018/2019	BRITANNIA	83	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED	BUTTEFLY PLANTING, PAINT MUGA	HODGES CRESCENT AND SALWAY AVENUE POSTS AND FENCING, WORK TO THE BUTTER ROUNDABOUT, ANGEL LANE RAILINGS	PARKS HRO	2	£ 20,000.00	
2 (Q4)	2018/2019	GELLIGAER / INCL PENYBRYN	350	ANNA LEWIS	WAUNRHYDD COMPLETED	ONGOING		1. TREES TO BE REMOVED OR CUT WHERE POSSIBLE — DUE TO SLIP HAZARD AND ALMO PROPERTIES. 2. REMOVAL OF LARGE PLANTERS 3. PAINT / RENEW BENCHES 4. PATHWAYS TO BENCHES 5. KERB TO BE LOWERED AT THE SIDE OF THE COMMUNAL HALL TO ALLOW FOR DISA 6. PARKING MARKED OUT CLEARLY OR A WALKWAY TO ALLOW FOR WHEELCHAIRS AN WALKING AID USERS TO PASS THE CARS TO ENTER THE COMMUNAL HALL 7. SPRAYING OF WEEDS	1. PARKS - DB ABLED ACCESS 2. EXTERNALS	5	£12.528.26	2018 FOR WAUNRHYD WORKS
								ANEURIN CLOSE STEPS				
2 (Q4)	2018/2019		31	BETH SMITH	TV 0504/5/	TO BE STARTED	WHEATLEY PLACE AND GRAIG GLAS AVENUE	BRYNGOLEU DEAD ZONE, WAUNBORFA ROAD, DYLAN AVENUE LINES ON THE ROAD, TV	HRO WYN GARDENS	1	£ 6,000.00	COMPLETE
2 (Q4)	2018/2019	CEFN FFOREST incl Twyn Gardens	389	BETH SMITH	TY BEDWELLTY - COMPLETED	TO BE STARTED	and DYLAN AVENUE and TY BEDWELLTY, ECO PARK	PAINTING AND CONCRETING, TY BEDWELLTY POLLARD ON ISLAWAN CLOSE PARKING	Parks	2	£ 58,567.00	
COMPLETE	2018/2019	PENGAM	28	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED	PARKING IN ISLWYN CLOSE, BENCHES, HATCHED OUT AREA, SIGNAGE	BOLLARD ON ISLWYN CLOSE PARKING 3	NCS	1		
2 (Q4)	2017/2018	BLACKWOOD	307	LYNNE JOHN	PALMER PLACE / GIBBS CLOSE	ONGOING	BLOOMFIELD ROAD REVAMP GREENSPACE AREA	ALDERMAN CLOSE FENCING 4	PARKS (COMPLETED)	1	£ 5,364.00	
3 (Q1)	2019/2020	RHYMNEY SOUTH	447	ANNA LEWIS	ST CLARES COMPLETED	COMPLETED	STARTING TO BE PACKAGED	1. 7 BENCHES (3 REPLACEMENT AND 1 NEW IN THE INNER COURTYARD AREAS AND 3 R AT THE FRONT) 2. CLEAN THE MOSS ETC FROM THE CAR PARK AREA 3. CONCRETE THE PATIO AREA WHERE FLOWER BEDS ARE TO ALLOW FOR ACCESS – ALF COMPLETE 4. NEW ENTRANCE SIGNAGE 5. CUT BACK OF TEES AT ENTRANCE – WILL NEED FURTHER INVESTIGATION. IN PRINCIP NEEDED.	READY	1	£ 4,685.20	2018

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COMPLETE	2017/2018 MAES MABON	148	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED			YR EOS AS WELL AS ON PARK/ESTATE ITSELF 6 RAILINGS, TREE AND WALLS ON LLAN Y PARC 7 COMMUNITY ORCHARD 8 MEASURES TO STOP OFF ROAD BIKES NEAR PARK 9 LITTER AND DOG BINS 10 CLEAN UP BY SCHOOLS & PARK BOTH OVERGROWTH AND LITTER 11 STREET SIGNAGE & ENTRANCE SIGNAGE 12 SEATING ON WAY TO VILLAGE 13 MUGA	1. HIGHWAYS 2. HIGHWAYS 3. HIGHWAYS 4. HIGHWAYS 5. HIGHWAYS 6. HIGHWAYS 7. HIGHWAYS 8. HIGHWAYS 9 WASTE MANAGEMENT 10. PARKS 11. PARKS/HIGHWYAS 12. PARKS 13. PARKS	0	£ 401,600.00	
3 (Q1)	2018/2019 PONTYWAUN	76	LYNNE JOHN	CASTLE COURT	TO BE STARTED							
3 (Q1)	2018/2019 NEWBRIDGE	88	LYNNE JOHN	HIGHFIELD HOUSE - COMPLETED	ONGOING	CREATE EXTRA PARKING IN HIGHFIELD HOUSE	1	REPLACEMENT BENCHES X 5	PARKS (COMPLETED)	1	£ 2,240.00	
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 MORRISVILLE (WATTSVILLE)	12	LYNNE JOHN		TO BE STARTED							
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 WESTEND (ABERCARN)	12	LYNNE JOHN		TO BE STARTED							
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 PERSONDY	29	LYNNE JOHN		TO BE STARTED							
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 PENTWYNMAWR	62	LYNNE JOHN	MAESTEG-COMPLETED	COMPLETED	ASSORTED AESTHETIC WORK INCLUDING PLACENAME SIGNAGE INSTALLATION OF BARRIER TO PREVENT OFF RD BIKERS	4	CREATE PATIO AREA AND JET WASH BUILDING	WHQS EXTERNALS			
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 LLANFACH	24	LYNNE JOHN		TO BE STARTED							
COMPLETED	2019/2020 CROESPENMAEN	62	LYNNE JOHN	TY MELIN - COMPLETED	COMPLETED	BENCHES AND RAISED BEDS IN TY MELIN PARKING OUTSIDE TY MELIN PARKING IN BYRON CLOSE INSTALL BENCHES ON THE GREENSPACE	4		NCS (COMPLETED) PARKS	1	£ 7,000.00	
3 (Q1)	2018/2019 FLEUR DE LYS	46	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED		1	GWENT COURT	NCS			
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 MARKHAM - HOLLYBUSH	132	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED	ADDITIONAL WORKS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW	3	1 COMMIN CLOSE CUTTING BACK, 2 MONMOUTH WALK PAINTING AND SHRUB AREA REMOVED, 3 MOUNTAIN VIEW VARIOUS	1,2 PARKS 3 NCS AND PARKS	2	£ 10,000.00	
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 UPPER TRELYN (Little Australia	79	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED		2	LINES ON THE CAR PARKS, CUTTING BACK AREAS	NCS	2	£ 10,000.00	
COMPLETE	2018/2019 BRITHDIR	8	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED		4		1. BENCHES X2 AT FRONT OF FLATS 2. CLEAN UP GROUNDS FRONT AND BACK 3. REMOVAL OF LARGE CONIFER TREES AT THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY 4. REMOVE AREA BY LINES, AND WALLS AND PATHS AS MOSSY AND SLIPPERY	4	£ 4,685.20	

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4. PATHS CLEARED OF MOSS AND LEAVES/GRASS 5. TREES CUT BACK AND REMOVED WHERE POSSIBLE

7. ADDITIONAL TREE WORKS - POLLARDING

6. BENCHES AND PICNIC TABLES RENEWED/PAINTED

3.EXTERNALS 4.PARKS

5. PARKS

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ONGOING	2017/2018 RHYMNEY NORTH (INCL BUTETOWN)	384	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED		14	1. RUBBISH AMNESTY 2. LIGHTING AND PARKING FORMALISATION ON GLAN Y NANT 3. REPLACE GATE ON GRASSED AREA OF TY COCH 4. REPLACE BARRIER AND KNEE RAIL ON TY COCH PARK AREA 5. FOOTBALL POSTS ON TY COCH PARK AREA 6. OFF ROAD BIKE MEASURES ON TOP PLATEAU OF RHYMNEY – VARIOUS STREETS AND LOCATIONS 7. TY COCH LANE CLEAN UP 8. WASTE AND DOG WASTE BINS 9. BRYN CARNO – REPLACE BOLLARDS 10. CLEAN UP GARAGE AREA BACK OF PEN Y DRE 11. WILDFLOWER PLANTING 12. KNEE RAIL ON LAND NEAR PREMIER STORES 13. CLEAN UP LANE BEHIND ROYAL PUB 14. DROPPED KERBS – PEN Y DRE	1. WASTE MANAGEMENT 2.HIGHWAYS 3.PARKS 4. PARKS 5. PARKS 6. HIGHWAYS 7. PARKS 8. WASTE MANAGEMENT 9. HIGHWAYS 10. PARKS 11. PARKS 12. HIGHWAYS 13. PARKS 14. HIGHWAYS	3	£ 46,768.3	9
ONGOING	2019/2020 ARGOED	30	BETH SMITH			PENYLAN ROAD BACK LANE LIMITED TO WHAT WE COULD DO BUT COULD CREATE SOME BETTER AREAS FOR PARKING IN THE LANE NOT SURE IF THIS WOULD HELP THOUGH AS THE PROBLEM IS ON THE BROW OF THE HILL AREA AND THERE IS NOWHERE TO PUT PARKING ON THE BACK LANE HERE	1					
ONGOING	2019/2020 THOMASVILLE (ENERGLYN)	31	BETH SMITH		ONGOING	INVESTIGATED PARKING BUT CANT DO IT	1					
3 (Q4)	2019/2020 CAERBRAGDY	24	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED	NOTHING HERE						
3 (Q4)	2019/2020 TY NANT	29	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED	PARKING	1					
ONGOING	2019/2020 RUDRY (incl TRAPWELL)	25	BETH SMITH		ONGOING	PARKING	2	DROPPED KERB ON EDWARD THOMAS CLOSE	HIGHWAYS	0	£ 450.0) WITHIN 2 WEEKS
3 (Q4)	2019/2020 TY ISAF	7	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED	CUTTING BACK TREES ON FRONT AREA	1					
2 (Q3)	2018/2019 ABERBARGOED (LOWER)	47	ANNA LEWIS		ONGOING	STARTING TO BE PACKAGED						
2 (Q3)	2018/2019 ABERBARGOED (UPPER)	218	ANNA LEWIS		ONGOING	STARTING TO BE PACKAGED						
2 (Q4)	2018/2019 CASCADE	18	ANNA LEWIS		TO BE STARTED							
2 (Q4)	2018/2019 CEFN HENGOED	165	ANNA LEWIS		TO BE STARTED							
3 (Q1)	2019/2020 YSTRAD MYNACH	48	ANNA LEWIS		TO BE STARTED						£ 4,685.2	0
COMPLETE	2017/2018 TREOWEN	11	LYNNE JOHN		COMPLETED			REPLACE BENCHES AND INSTALL SETTLEMENT SIGN ON THE ELLIPSE	PARKS (COMPLETED)	2	£ 5,960.0	0
COMPLETE	2017/2018 YNYSDDU / CWMFELINFACH	41	LYNNE JOHN	ALEXANDRA COURT	COMPLETED	ISLWYN CLOSE PARKING / GRAIG VIEW	2	ISLWYN CLOSE PARKING GRAIG VIEW ASB	PROPOSAL REJECTED PARKS (COMPLETE)	1		
COMPLETE	2018/2019 ABERCARN	38	LYNNE JOHN	GWYDDON COURT/THE RANKS - COMPLETED	COMPLETED	IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK TREDEGAR TERRACE PATH		GWYDDON COURT BIN STORE AND PATIO DERI 1. HAND RAIL AND STEPS AT GLYN DERW 2. RE LAY STEPS AT GLYN DERW AND H LINES BELOW STEPS 3. STEPS LEADING TO PARK 4. BULB PLANTING ON BANKING AT GLYN DERW 5. PARKING ON GLYN DERW	DERI 1. HIGHWAYS 2. HIGHWAYS 3. HIGHWAYS 4. PARKS 5.HIGHWAYS	1		
COMPLETE	2017/2018 DERI	29	ANNA LEWIS	YSGWYDDGWYN COMPLETED	COMPLETED		14	6. BENCH – NEAR BUS STOP – INTERPRETATION BENCH IF POSSIBLE 7. KNEE RAILS ON GLYN DERW YSGWYDDGWYN 1. PARKING SIGNAGE (RESIDENTS ONLY), REQUESTED LINES FOR BAYS 2. PAINT STEPS (WHITE LINES)	6.PARKS 7.HIGHWAYS YSGWYDDGWYN 1. HIGHWAYS 2.HIGHWAYS 3.EXTERNALS	7	£ 66,900.0	0 2018

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COMPLETE	2017/2018	PENYRHEOL	492	BETH SMITH	PLEASANT PLACE - COMPLETED	COMPLETED		14	1 PAINTING RAILIINGS ON BRYN HEULOG 2 WALL REPAIRS ON HEOL FAWR 3 CAR PARKING ON PENYBRYN, GELLIDEG 4 SKATE PARK 5 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE PARK 6 OUTDOOR GYM 7 PLEASANT PLACE, SIGNAGE AND DROPPED KERBS AND BENCH 8 TRIP RAILINGS 9 TIDY UP THE WALL ON HEOL ANEURIN 10 PARKING ON HEOL ANEURIN 11 BULB PLANTING WITH THE COMMUNITY 12 PENTWYN AND PEN Y Y BRYN 13 BINS ON THE TRIP 14 BRYN GLAS RAILING	4,5,6,11 PARKS NCS AND EPG	3	£ 203,641.32	2018
COMPLETE	2017/2018	CHURCHILL PARK	178	BETH SMITH	GLYNDERW - COMPLETED	COMPLETED		6	1 ROUNDABOUTS, 2 PLANTING THE PLANTERS ON LEWIS DRIVE BARRIERS 4 TAKING DOWN A WILLOW TREE 5 PUTTING ANTI VANDAL PAINT ON 2 ROOFS, DRIVE EXTRA PARKING	3 SEVERAL 1, 5 and 6 NCS, 2,3,4 PARKS 6 DYLAN	2	£ 65,700.00	2018
COMPLETE	2017/2018	NELSON	80	ANNA LEWIS	HEOL ISLWYN TO BE STARTED	COMPLETED		7	1. PAINT SKATE PARK – TO BE MATCH FUNDED BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2. SENSORY GARDEN & PLANTERS FOR CHILDREN AT COMMUNITY CENTRE 3. CLEAN UP AMBULANCE AREA 4. BULB PLANTING OPPOSITE LIBRARY 5. GATE ON SIDE OF COMMUNITY CENTRE 6. WASTE/DOG WASTE BINS NEAR SCHOOL LANES 7. BENCH RENEWED ON BRYNCELYN			£ 6,570.00	
COMPLETE	2017/2018	PWLLYPANT	38	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		3	1 RAILINGS, 2 FENCING, AND WALL REPAIR 3 BOE	1 NCS AND 2 AND 3 HRO	3	f 21,000.00	COMPLETE
COMPLETE	2011 / /2011 Q	BRYNCENYDD (INCL MORGAN JONES PARK)	32	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		2	PLAS PHILLIPS, BENCH AND BOLLARD	PARKS	1	£ 3,000.00	
COMPLETE	2017/2018	WAUNFACH	17	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		2	BENCHES AND DEB SMYTHE PAID FOR THE PARKING	PARKS	2	£ 2,440.00	COMPLETE
COMPLETE	2017/2018	SENGHENYDD	118	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		3	1 PLAS CWM PARC VARIOUS 2 . PATHWAYS BETWEEN PLAS CWM PARC AND THE MAIN ROAD, LITTER PICK WITH 3. TAN Y BRYN WALL REPAIRS	THE COMMUNITY VARIOUS FOR COSTINGS	0	£ 52,000.00	
COMPLETE	2017/2018	ABERTRIDWR	134	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		6	1 ABERTRIDWR PARK 2 ILAN ROAD CLEARANCE OF PATHS AND WALL REPAIR 3 GRAIG VY FEDW AREA TO BE RETARMACED AND CLEARED 4 LITTER PICKS WITH THE COMMUNITY DROPPED KERB 5 SIGNAGE FOR ILAN ROAD FLATS 6 DROPPED KERB		2	£ 60,000.00	
COMPLETE	2017/2018	TRECENYDD	201	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		8	1 BIN STORE AREAS ON THE GRANGE AND THIRD AVENUE 2 GENERAL TIDY UP 3 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE PARK 4 TURNING AN OVERGROWN AREA ON FIRST AVENUE INTO GRASS 5 BENCHES ON GRANGE CLOSE 6 OVERGROWN AREA ON GRANGE CLOSE 7 CAR PARK ON WEST AVENUE RELAYED 8 HANDRAILS ON THE 2 SETS OF STEPS BY THIRD AVENUE AND TEGFAN	2,3,4,5,6 PARKS, 7 AND 8 NCS AND 1 HRO	2	£ 90,000.00	
COMPLETE	2018/2019	NANTDDU	52	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED	1 DROPPED KERB 2 FENCING, WHITE LINES, SIGNAGE 3. PLANTING, REBUILD PLANTERS, AND PAVING, FENCING	3	1 DROPPED KERB, COMPLETE 2. FENCING, WHITE LINES IN CAR PARK, RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING SIGNS, 3. PLANTING, FENCING TO STOP DOG FOULING	VARIOUS	1	f 34,084.00	SOFT AND HARD LANDSCAPING 2018
COMPLETE	2019/2020	TIRPHIL	39	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED		5			0	f 1,900.00	2018

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ONGOING	2017/2018 GILFACH PARK ESTATE TOTA	L 388	ANNA LEWIS	OAKLANDS COMPLETED	COMPLETED		21	6. COMMUNITY ORCHARD 7. WASTE AND DOG WASTE BINS 8. SETTLEMENT SIGN 9. HIGH KERBS ON ROUNDABOUT NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE TO STOP VEHICLES MOUNTING ROUNDABOUT 10. BULB PLANTING 11. FOOTPATH NEAR SHOP 12. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK	14. PARKS 1. HIGHWAYS	3	£ 554,033.21	
2 (Q4)	2018/2019 PENPEDAIRHEOL	8	ANNA LEWIS		TO BE STARTED							
COMPLETE	2017/2018 TIRYBERTH	44	ANNA LEWIS		COMPLETED		3	1. REMOVAL OF PLANTERS 2. REPLACEMENT OF BENCHES 3. PLANTING		0		
ONGOING	2017/2018 CROSSKEYS	149	LYNNE JOHN	WAUNFAWR HOUSE TREDEGAR COURT	ONGOING	RISCA ROAD FLATS PARKING - ENHANCEMENT OF WAUNFAWR GREEN + BENCHES/VILLAGE GREEN	2	RISCA ROAD PARKING	EPG (AWAITING CONSENT)	0		
COMPLETE	2017/2018 HIGH MEADOW	42	LYNNE JOHN			POCKET PARK AT THE ENTRANCE / RENOVATION OF THE STEPS	1	DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR WELCOME FEATURE AT ENTRANCE	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	0		
COMPLETE	2017/2018 PANTSIDE (Upper & Lower)	300	LYNNE JOHN	ST PETERS CLOSE - COMPLETED	COMPLETED	WELCOME FEATURE UPGRADE OF PLAY PROVISION AT WILLOW COURT CENTRAL AVE LOWER PARKING CENTRAL AVE MID PARKING SHOPS AREA UPGRADE END OF CLAREMONT AVE REVAMP LAND TO THE REAR OF SHOPS - TREE PLANTING FENCE INSTALLATION AT THE END OF CARLYON INCREASE PARKING IN QUEENS RD AND SUNNYCREST	10	WOODLAND PARK ENHANCEMENT UPGRADE OF PLAY PROVISION CENTRAL AVE (MID) PARKING CENTRAL AVE (LOWER) PARKING CLAREMONT AVE BENCHES AND FENCING AT SHOPS	PARKS - COMPLETE AWAITING APPROVAL NCS (COMPLETE APART FROM BENCH) NCS PARKS FOR COSTS PARKS (COMPLETE)	3	£ 102,759.00	
COMPLETED	2017/2018 TY SIGN	460	LYNNE JOHN	HAFOD Y BRYN	COMPLETED	HOLLY ROAD WINDOW BOXES, BIN STORE (PASSED TO HOUSING TO PROGRESS) HOLLY RD COMMUNITY GARDEN ENHANCEMENT OF GREEN PLATEAU BY MUGA / WOODLAND WALK ON HOLLY RD PARKING ON ELM DRIVE ENHANCEMENT OF THE SHOPS AREA	6		PARKS - WITH CONTRACTOR NCS - COMPLETED PARKS / MARK PEARCE	1	£ 46,714.00	
ONGOING	2018/2019 CWMCARN	104	LYNNE JOHN			HARD LANDSCAPE TO ALLEVIATE ASB AT THE STEPS / PROVISION OF MORE PLAY EQUIPMENT?	2			0		
COMPLETED	2018/2019 TRINANT	242	I VNINE IOHN	HOREB COURT - COMPLETED	COMPLETED	REVAMP OF TRINANT SQUARE UPGRADE OF PLAY PROVISION - HOREB COURT PATHWAYS, BENCHES AND PLANTERS/ CHAIN LINK FENCING REPLACEMENT VILLAGE GREEN TOP OF PENTWYN TCE ST PETERS KERB INCREASE FENCING TO THE REAR OF ST PETERS COMM LOUNGE OSBOURNE RD - REMOVE STEPPED PARKING BAYS	9	TRINANT SQUARE REVAMP UPGRADE OF PLAY PROVISION HOREB COURT - BENCHES, PLANTERS REPLACE FENCING ALONG ROW VILLAGE GREEN ENHANCEMENT PRINCESS CRESCENT - REMOVE BOLLARDS ST PETERS KERBS FENCING TO THE REAR OF COMM GARDEN	NCS - COMPLETED APART FROM KNEE RAILS AND LINE MARKING PASSED TO CAPITA FOR FEASIBILITY AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUED MAINTENANCE PARKS COMPLETE - ISH PARKS (COMPLETE) FURTHER INVESTIGATION REQUIRED PARKS (COMPLETE) PARKS NCS (COMPLETE) WHQS EXTERNALS - WHO KNOWS?	5	£ 34,670.00	

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ONGOING	2017/2018	LLANBRADACH	76	BETH SMITH		COMPLETED		2	FENCING AND AREA CLEARANCE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE PARKING ON PLAS CAE LLWYD AS WELL	PARKS	0	£ 5,000.00	01/102018
ONGOING	2018/2019	BEDWAS	254	BETH SMITH	THE WILLOWS - COMPLETED GREENACRES	ONGOING	PARKING	5	CHERRY TREE CLOSE	PARKS complete	1		PARKING 2019 GREENACRES 2020
ONGOING	2018/2019	GRAIG YR RHACCA	389	BETH SMITH			SKATE PARK, PLAY GROUND, GENERAL TIDY UP, MORE BINS, PLANTING	9	RAILINGS AND WALLS, PLANTING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	NCS COMPLETED RAILINGS AND WALLS. PARKS HAVE THE PLANTING	3		2020
ONGOING	ONGOING	LANSBURY PARK AHO*	520	BETH SMITH			PARK, PARKING, ROAD WIDENINGS, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IDEAS ETC.	20	ACCESS PROJECT TREVELYAN, GARAGES ANTI VANDAL PAINT				
ТВС		CLAUDE ROAD	70	BETH SMITH		TO BE STARTED	WALLS, GENERAL TIDY UP	2					

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LOWER RHYMNEY
EASTERN VALLEY
UPPER RHYMNEY

APPENDIX 3

WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME - CHTG 1ST NOVEMBER 2018

	To 31/3/18	2018-19
	Outturn	Pd1-6
WHQS Capital Environmental	541,730.44	88,732.47
Graig Y Rhacca NHO	33,155.00	12,508.25
Lansbury Park NHO	16,600.00	0.00
Eastern Valley AHO	31,041.82	5,408.20
Upper Rhymney Valley AHO	96,061.63	80,083.79
Garage Programme	502,760.13	197,239.87
	1,221,349.02	383,972.58

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