

CABINET – 15TH MAY 2019

SUBJECT: PROPERTY REVIEW REPORT 2019

REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR (COMMUNITIES)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide Cabinet with a factual summary of the Authority's property (land and building) holdings and to seek Cabinet endorsement of the property review that covers the period 2018 – 2019.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Property Review Report attempts to provide a succinct overview and record of what is a very large and diverse non domestic property portfolio.
- 2.2 It presents some key metrics, highlights in period trends, summarises disposals and acquisitions and sets out some of the challenges ahead.
- 2.3 The report follows on from the 2018 Property Review Report which was considered and endorsed by Cabinet in May 2018.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Cabinet is asked to note the 2019 Property Review Report, the changes in the property portfolio since 2018 and to endorse the annual report attached at Appendix 1.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To allow Cabinet to fully understand the scale and complexity of the Authority's non-domestic (land and building) property portfolio.
- 4.2 To inform Cabinet of the changes in the portfolio over the last 12 months and to highlight key trends and challenges.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Authority's land and building holdings is a very large and diverse non-domestic property portfolio.
- 5.2 The factual summary of the portfolio is appended to this report in the form of an annual property review report.

- 5.3 The Property Review Report is structured to provide a summary of:-
 - The size of the estate:
 - Condition of the estate:
 - Statutory compliance;
 - Utilisation;
 - Carbon footprint;
 - Replacements, acquisitions and disposals.
- 5.4 The summaries above are then supported by 5 appendices which provide data on:-
 - Core Corporate Offices
 - Schools
 - Leased Out Sites
 - Other Operational Buildings
 - Non Operational & Surplus Sites
- 5.5 There are a number of key elements within the Property Review Report that Cabinet should note.
- 5.6 The table included at page 8 (size of the estate) outlines the key categories of building and demonstrates that the estate has reduced by 21 buildings over the last 12 months.
- 5.7 The table at page 9 (condition rating) outlines the condition rating of key categories of buildings ranging from Category A (good) to Category D (bad). Although none of the buildings fall into this latter category, the table demonstrates that the highest percentage of Category C (operational bad) buildings lie within the portfolio of Leisure Centres. This supports the Sports and Active Recreation strategy that was recently adopted by Cabinet.

The table also demonstrates that there is further work to be done to improve the condition of the Authority's schools portfolio and this is clearly the focus of the Band B 21st Century Schools Programme.

- 5.8 The table at page 10 of the appended report (value of backlog maintenance) illustrates how the condition ratings actually translate into a cost profile across the building categories.
- 5.9 The table at page 12 (statutory testing compliance) demonstrates the excellent progress that the Authority has made over the period in ensuring that all statutory testing and maintenance is up to date and fully compliant.
- 5.10 Page 17 of the report outlines 7 of the key disposals (from the total of 21) that have been agreed and/or completed realising a saving in excess of £1m.

The report also highlights that there are a further 23 disposals being considered/planned.

5.11 Finally the report includes a forward look at page 18 which outlines key tasks and challenges for the next 12 months.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The report is generally a factual summary of the property estate and is therefore not based on any assumptions.
- 6.2 The forward look does, however, assume that the austerity will continue and that the Authority's continued asset rationalisation programme will consequently need to continue in accordance with its asset management strategy.

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

7.1 The report links to the emerging Community Asset Transfer Policy as well as the Corporate Plan 2018-2023.

7.2 Corporate Plan 2018-2023

The report contributes towards or impacts the Corporate Well-being Objectives as follows:

Objective 1 Improve education opportunities for all.

Many buildings, in addition to schools within our portfolio, provide educational opportunities e.g. libraries, youth centres, adult education facilities

Objective 2 Enabling employment.

> There are several buildings utilised by adult education who are aiding citizens of the borough to improve their employability options, through basic skills etc. Furthermore, the industrial units portfolio supports over 400 businesses in the borough.

Objective 3 Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being

> By ensuring land with residential potential is reviewed and supported where suitable to promote affordable housing in the borough.

Objective 5 Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Numerous buildings and land within the Council portfolio are utilised to

undertake a healthy lifestyle e.g. parks, leisure centres etc.

Objective 6 Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being. Numerous buildings promote independent living providing support e.g. community buildings holding groups and classes, day centres etc.

- 7.3 There are further links to a number of other specific policies and strategies, namely:
 - Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 2021.
 - Conservation Strategy 2014 2019.
 - Local Housing Strategy.
 - 21st Century Schools Programme.
 - Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019 2029.
 - **Emerging Community Asset Transfer Policy.**
 - Service Transformation Strategy (in development).

8. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 This report links directly to the Well-being goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015:

Many buildings in addition to schools within our portfolio provide educational opportunities e.g. libraries, youth centres, adult education facilities.	A Prosperous Wales, A More Equal Wales, A Wales of Vibrant Culture Thriving Welsh Language, A Healthier Wales, A Globally Responsible Wales.
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- 8.2 The report is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act in that it supports:
 - Long Term The Asset Management Strategy provides longer term asset management solutions and allows for more effective and predictable resource and financial commitments in the future, and we will balance short term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long term generational needs, where those long term needs are identifiable
 - Prevention
 Carefully prioritised budget commitment for planned maintenance regimes will afford timely proactive response, thus ensuring the asset is best maintained and safe for use. Confidence in developed future maintenance programmes will prevent unnecessary deterioration of the assets and lessen the burden of reactive responses, promoting a more efficient use of finite budgets.
 - Integration An efficient and effective property portfolio will support the council in carrying out its activities and meet its objectives where there are property requirements. The Asset Management Strategy is predicated on all areas functioning in an integrated manner to ensure the efficient and effective management of Property and Land Assets within the authority.
 - Collaboration The Asset Management Strategy is based upon a collaborative approach bringing service departments together through Property Services to deliver not only a planned maintenance regime across the council but also promoting dialogue across service divisions.
 - Involvement

 The Asset Management Strategy Property & Land explains the Council's long-term approach to achieving its aims, fulfilling its Vision and how the goals and objectives are to be delivered. The Strategy provides guidance for directing Property Services and its activities over the longer-term. The Asset Management Strategy (Land and Property) along with the individual service priorities directly influence the individual service area asset management plans. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the strategy encompasses "All land and property owned by the Council, with the exception of tenancies of Council Houses, Council built garages and garage plots on Council housing land..."

Property Services will ensure the Asset Management strategy and process is aligned with the Service Transformation Strategy which is in development.

The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the wellbeing goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 An EIA screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and supplementary guidance. No potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact has been identified, therefore a full EIA has not been carried out.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Effective management and rationalisation of property assets in a key component of the Medium Term Financial Plan as the Authority aims to achieve the financial savings resulting from public sector austerity.
- 10.2 The appended property review outlines the financial receipts realised over the last 12 months as a result of the disposal of land and buildings and provides an indication of further disposals of surplus property to be considered over the next 12 months.

11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

12.1 The report reflects the views of the consultees listed below.

13. STATUTORY POWER

13.1 Local Government Acts.

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Background Papers: Report to Cabinet 16th May 2018 (Property Review Report 2018)

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Property Review Report

April, 2019



Caerphilly County Borough Council

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Foreword



I am pleased to present this annual Property Review Report - it is an opportunity to review the Council's estate, highlight progress made and summarise future challenges.

We have a large estate which is costly to maintain and rationalisation remains a necessity in the current funding climate. Ensuring that retained buildings are efficiently utilised and properly maintained is more important than ever. Whilst much has been achieved over recent years, there remains significant scope to further rationalise the estate and dispose of surplus assets.

This report records the good progress made and highlights key activity since the previous report was published. In particular, a number of surplus assets have been sold or leased out with the cost burden associated with the maintenance of an empty building replaced with a useful capital receipt or a regular rental income. Leased in property has been closely scrutinised and challenged and our own buildings are now better utilised.

A key highlight of this year's report is the significant improvement in statutory testing compliance across our buildings. The Statutory Maintenance Group oversees compliance and the majority of the remedial works arising from testing are now actioned by Property Services without instruction. As a consequence, I am pleased that a step improvement in compliance has been achieved.

Work has started on the delivery of the Welsh Government 21st Century Schools Band B projects and Property Services will lead the delivery of a challenging programme of work over coming years.

Councillor Lisa Phipps

Cabinet Member for Homes and Places

1. Introduction

This is Caerphilly's third annual property review report. The first report, entitled *State of the Estate,* was issued in May, 2016. This property review report excludes housing but otherwise attempts to provide a succinct overview and record of what is a very large and diverse property portfolio. It also presents some key metrics, summarises recent progress made and set outs some of the challenges that lay ahead.

Caerphilly County Borough Council is committed to creating an effective and efficient estate which provides value for money for the taxpayer, reduces our environmental impact, maximises opportunities to generate income and supports transformation in the way that the council uses its estate to deliver its services. Our property assets, and the way in which we use them, are key in supporting and enabling us to transform the way in which we, together with our partners, deliver public services to meet the needs of our citizens.

The Council's Asset Management Strategy – Property and Land, seeks to ensure that the property portfolio is sustainably and efficiently managed and remains fit-for-purpose for the future, in support of frontline delivery and an increasingly flexible workforce. Budget challenges mean rationalisation of the portfolio is a key objective. Corporate revenue budgets will reduce with time and the rental of surplus assets is preferred to sale where a beneficial revenue stream can be secured.

Notwithstanding the need to rationalise the estate, strategic acquisitions will be considered where clear benefit can be demonstrated. Such benefits could include allowing other, less suitable, buildings to be declared surplus, securing a revenue income from third party rental or supporting economic development

In addition, the Asset Management Strategy - Property and Land is supported by, and linked to, a number of corporate and service strategies, developed to ensure resources are aligned to meet the Council's priorities. These include:

- The Medium Term Financial Plan 2016-2021;
- Conservation Strategy 2014-2019;
- The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015;
- Local Housing Strategy;
- 21st Century Schools programme;
- Strategic Equality Plan 2016-2020
- Key elements of the Service Transformation Strategy (in development).
- Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29

The Council has a large property portfolio with a replacement value of £760m¹. These assets are integral to the services delivered to the people of Caerphilly, and the manner in which they are managed impacts on the Council's ability to meet its aims and objectives. Our objective is to have "The right buildings, in the right place, operating in the right way, facilitating safe and effective delivery of the Council's services"

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¹ as at 31/03/18

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However, Caerphilly, like all local authorities, has to respond to unprecedented austerity measures whilst trying to provide sustainable, quality services to its residents and visitors. Our buildings cost in excess of £23m each year to run and maintain, it is therefore vital that the Authority's buildings are well utilised, operate efficiently and that the portfolio is rationalised where appropriate.

Notwithstanding this, acquisitions will be considered where clear strategic benefits for the Authority can be demonstrated. Benefits could include allowing other less suitable buildings to be declared surplus, securing a revenue income from third party rental and supporting economic development.

This Property Review Report provides an annual snapshot of the buildings portfolio with trends, progress and challenges clearly highlighted and the appendices provide a useful schedule of all current Authority buildings.

2. Definitions

Core Corporate Offices – are those offices which are fully maintained and managed by Property Services. Service specific office accommodation, that is managed by the service area, is excluded. A list of core corporate offices is included in Appendix 1.

Schools – All operational primary, secondary and special schools. A list of operational schools is included in Appendix 2.

Note, two of our secondary schools were provided, and are managed, under a PFI arrangement.

Leisure Centres – These are the operational leisure/sports centres. This does not include small leisure buildings such as pavilions.

Leased Out buildings/Industrial – These include buildings and land managed by both Property Services and Economic Development. A schedule is included in Appendix 3.

Other Operational buildings – These include all other operational buildings that are not included in the above categories, excluding council housing. A breakdown is included in Appendix 4.

Non-op/Surplus Sites – These are buildings that are vacant and surplus to service requirements. A schedule is included at Appendix 5.

In period – period is March, 2018 to April, 2019.

3. The Property Review

3.1 Size of the Estate

The Council's Corporate Estate currently comprises 771 sites, many of which contain more than one building. The buildings range hugely in age, construction type and condition. The portfolio ranges from highly efficient, state of the art buildings like the new Islwyn High School, to the delicate and irreplaceable Llancaiach Fawr Manor, which dates back to circa 1500. In between, there are various Victorian, Edwardian and post-war building types. Most of the Council's buildings are low rise, indeed the only building over 18m high is Ty Penallta.

The key property changes since the last Property Review Report include:

- Cwmcarn High School and Leisure Centre were vacated and are due to be demolished. A new Welsh Medium primary school is planned for the site.
- The demolition of Ty Pontllanfraith Offices has been completed and a housing scheme based on the Garden Village concept is being developed in collaboration with Pobl Group.
- The vacant Pontlottyn and Abertysswg Primary School sites have been sold.
- The Ty Dyffryn site has been leased out for 10 years, removing the Council's ongoing rates and maintenance liabilities.
- Approval was made for the leasehold disposal of Tir Trosnant Farm site for a period of 10 years.
- Penmaen House has been vacated by the Council and is to be leased out to an external organisation.
- Enterprise House has been vacated and has been handed back to the landlord.
- Cabinet took the decision to close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre

The gross internal area of the portfolio stands at around 475,534 sq.m. and, whilst this represents a considerable reduction since February 2018, the portfolio remains one of the largest public sector portfolios in Wales.

A more detailed breakdown of the portfolio is tabulated below.

SIZE OF THE ESTATE	l		1	
	Number of Sites		GIA (sq.m)	
Core Corporate Offices	11	(-2)	31,662	(-1,063)
Schools	87	(-1)	241,006	(-5,248)
Leisure Centres	11	(-1)	24,351	(-319)
Other Operational Buildings and Sites	223	(-12)	76,675	(-8,207)
Leased Out (buildings, part buildings, business units and ground leases where building owned by others)	423		72,892 ²	
Non-op/Surplus buildings	16	(-5)	28,948	(-12,895)
Totals	771	(-21)	475,534	(-27,732)

⁽⁾ Movement in period February, 2018 - March, 2019

² Approx. areas, no cad plans available for some sites.

3.2 Condition of the Estate

The condition of the Council's buildings is regularly surveyed. The latest tranche of building condition surveys commenced in the autumn of 2017, with the rolling programme due to be completed in 2021.

The current condition ratings for the portfolio are summarised below:

CONDITION – RATING³

	A Good	B Satisfactory	C+ ⁴ Operational Fair	C ⁴ Operational Poor	C- ⁴ Operational Bad	D Bad
Corporate Offices	2.9% (-5.2)	62.9% (-19.1)	17.5% (+27.0)	16.8% (+27.0)	0.0% (+27.0)	0.0% (-2.6)
Leisure Centres ⁵	4.9%	62.4%	22.4%	0.0%	10.3%	0.0%
Other Operational Buildings	8.4%	36.2%	32.5%	14.9%	8.0%	0.0%
Schools	1.9% (-3.3)	33.0% (+10.7)	52.5% (-6.2)	13.2% (-6.2)	0.2% (-6.2)	0.0% (-1.1)
Total all Buildings	3.4% (-3.6)	38.0% (-22.2)	43.4% (+28.7)	12.8% (+28.7)	2.4% (+28.7)	0.0% (-2.9)

^() Movement in period February, 2018 – March, 2019

The authority is currently in the process of updating all building condition surveys.

⁴ The methodology for calculating ratings has varied historically and, therefore, can be misleading. Ratings above are based on recent WG guidance using the Faithful & Gould method of calculation which includes new grades C+ and C-. Therefore, the comparison figures for condition C are calculated on the overall % in C, as a direct comparison cannot be made in this edition of the report.

⁵ New indicator

The estimated cost of the backlog maintenance, based upon the current surveys, is tabulated below:

CONDITION - VALUE OF BACKLOG MAINTENANCE³

	Priority 1 – Urgent	Priority 2 - Essential	Priority 3 - Desirable
Corporate Offices	£30k (- £5k)	£902k (- £366k)	£1,518k (+ £106k)
Leisure Centres ⁵	£73k	£1,220k	£2,230k
Other Operational Buildings	£638k	£5,003k	£5,999k
Schools	£440k (- £875k)	£14,113k (+ £1,137k)	£20,661k (- 1,478k)
Total all Buildings	£1,181 (- £1,151k)	£21,238k (+ 1,049k)	£30,408k (- £169k)

⁽⁾ Movement in period February, 2018 – April, 2019

Budgets do not allow all backlog maintenance issues to be addressed, but the available Asset Management maintenance funding is fully utilised each year with projects selected broadly on the basis of the following hierarchy:

- Works required to maintain safety;
- Works required to maintain water tightness;
- Works required to maintain heating;
- Other works.

In period notable capital projects, all of which help raise the quality of the estate and were designed, specified and project-managed by Property Services, include:

- A two-year £2m improvement programme at Blackwood Comprehensive School was completed;
- A new £800k 3G pitch with flood lighting was completed at Blackwood Comprehensive School

³ The authority is currently in the process of updating all building condition surveys.

⁵ New indicator.

 The £2m nine classroom extension at Newbridge Comprehensive School was completed;



- The asset management capital programme of improvement works delivered maintenance and improvement projects totalling over £3m across the whole estate.
- The demolition of Oakdale Comprehensive School was completed.
- Clearance of outstanding remedial tasks identified during statutory testing

3.3 Statutory Compliance

The statutory inspection and testing of buildings is managed by Property Services for the vast majority of the estate. Notable exclusions include leased-out buildings, where the tenant has this responsibility. The target is to ensure all buildings have in-date certification at all times and remedial tasks identified during testing are promptly addressed. The RAMIS database is used to record and report on test data and remedial tasks.

The Statutory Testing Group currently meets every two months and is chaired by the Head of Property Services. This group has overseen significant progress in the clearance of overdue remedial tasks and the Head of Property presents a formal quarterly statutory maintenance update to the Corporate Management Team.

Significant improvement has been achieved and the percentage of buildings with in-date certification, at 7th January, 2019, is summarised below for the four highest risk disciplines:

STATUTORY TESTING - COMPLIANCE

	Gas	Periodic Electrical	Annual Legionella	Fire Risk
Corporate Offices	100% (0)	100% (+1)	100% (0)	100% (0)
Schools	100% (0)	100% (0)	100% (0)	100% (0)
Other buildings	100% (0)	100% (+1)	100% (0)	100% (0)
Totals	100% (0)	100% (+1)	100% (0)	100% (0)

() Movement in period February, 2018 – February, 2019

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Where a testing contractor identifies an issue that presents an immediate danger to building users, appropriate action will immediately be taken to either manage or remove the risk. Other faults which require attention, but not immediate rectification, are listed and given a priority rating.

For Priority 1 and 2 faults, rectification within 60 days is the target. Whilst the cost of addressing remedial tasks rests with the relevant building manager, in most cases remedial tasks arising from testing are now actioned by Property Services without instruction from the Building Manager, and this has resulted in a marked reduction in overdue remedial tasks.

The outstanding remedial tasks for the four highest risk disciplines, as at February, 2019, are summarised below:

STATUTORY TESTING - REMEDIAL TASKS OUTSTANDING >60 DAYS

		Gas	_	iodic ctrical		nnual jionella	Fire	Risk
Corporate Offices	0	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Schools	2	(-76)	0	(-2)	10	(-135)	340 ⁶	(+34)
Other buildings	0	(-9)	0	(0)	8	(-7)	30	(-94)
Totals	2	(-85)	1	(-2)	18	(-142)	370	(-60)

⁽⁾ Movement in period February, 2018 – February, 2019

⁶ Many of these relate to new fire risk assessments carried out in comprehensive schools and are in hand

3.4 Utilisation

It is essential that the Council's property portfolio is efficiently utilised and that all opportunities to rationalise are explored. The Asset Management Strategy – Property and Land, sets out overall objectives and individual Service Area Asset Management Plans detail local strategies and objectives.

The consequence of the budget challenges the Authority faces, and the associated medium term financial plan, is that the staff compliment will reduce with time and significant savings can be made by vacating and disposing of surplus buildings. In terms of corporate offices, the strategy is to better utilise the Tredomen campus and to progressively reduce off-campus office space. Leased in buildings are given particular scrutiny and Enterprise House was vacated in March 2019, and plans are in place to vacate Pontygwindy House when that lease expires in 2021. Penmaen House was also vacated in 2019 and will be leased out. In all cases, displaced staff have been, or will be, accommodated in existing Council buildings.

The Council leases out a total of 423 buildings, part buildings or business units and demand remains strong.

Key utilisation metrics are presented below:

UTILISATION

Corporate Offices	Desks assigned	99.3% (+1.8%)	Empty Desks (grouped)	24 (-29)
Schools	Unallocated Places Primary	12%	Unallocated Places Secondary	19%
Leased Out Portfolio	Leases current	93% (-5%)	Vacant	30 (+21)
Surplus and Vacant Buildings		16 (+1)		

() Movement in period February, 2018 – March, 2019

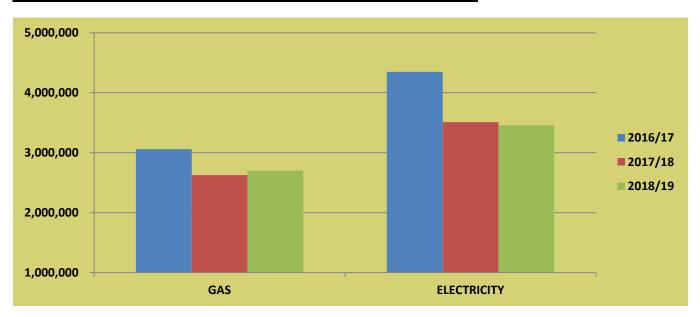
3.5 Carbon Footprint

The Council's Carbon Reduction Strategy was launched in 2008/9 and is based on delivering invest-to-save and renewable technologies projects, promoting good housekeeping and the efficient management of our assets.

Eleven invest-to-save energy reduction projects were delivered in 2018/19. These represent an investment of £110,000 but will reduce energy consumption, and in turn the Council's annual carbon footprint will be reduced by 60 tonnes¹.

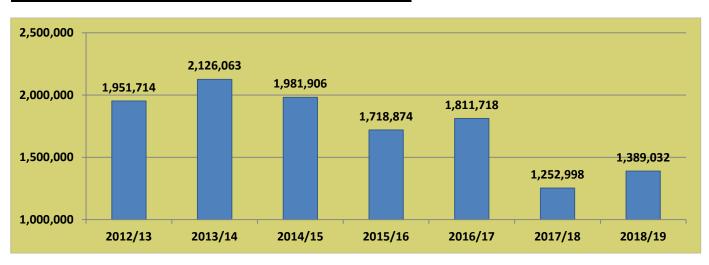
Efforts continue to reduce the energy consumption for the Core Corporate Office portfolio and a steady improvement is confirmed in the data presented below.

Annual Energy Consumption Core Corporate Offices (kWhrs)



In particular, much progress has been made in reducing the electricity consumption in Ty Penallta. 108 roof-top PV panels have been installed, changes have been made to the heating and cooling controls strategy, and the original tungsten and fluorescent lighting is progressively being replaced with the latest low energy LED fittings. The improvement is presented below and has resulted in the Display Energy Certificate rating improving from an E in 2009 to a C in 2018.

Annual Electricity Consumption, Ty Penallta (kWhrs)



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The Council continues to invest in renewable technologies and has, to date, installed over 3,400 photovoltaic panels across 63 buildings, and these annually generate over 620 megawatt hours of electricity.

Most of the generated energy is used by the respective building with any surplus exported to the grid. These renewables reduce the Council's carbon footprint by over 190 tonnes⁷ per annum.

Solar Photovoltaic Array Installations

Location	PV Panels (Nr)	Annual Output (kWhrs)
Islwyn High School	280	53,030
Greenhill Primary School	300	50,000
Ty Clyd Home for the Elderly	199	37,689
Brodawel Home for the Elderly	199	37,689
Ystrad Centre of Sporting Excellence	184	37,636
Risca Leisure Centre	200	37,083
Tredomen Business and Technology Centre	198	36,061
Ivor Bach Primary School	144	26,515
St James ICC	144	24,242
Min-y-Mynydd HFE	118	22,727
Islwyn Indoor Bowls	119	21,970
Ty Iscoed HFE	116	21,970
Ty Penallta	108	19,697
Trinity Fields School	104	18,939
Beatrice Webb HFE	100	18,939
Cwm Ifor Primary School	126	12,879
Rhymney Comprehensive School	66	8,712
Ysgol Cwm Rhymni (Phase3)	25	5,394
Ysgol Cwm Rhymni (Phase2)	16	3,030
Small arrays (typically 15 panels) on 44 schools	668	126,515
Totals	3,414	621,790

⁷ Based on Department for Business, energy and Industrial Strategy conversion factor for 2018.

3.6 Replacements, Acquisitions and Disposals

Significant in period activity is summarised below:

Replacements

Cwmcarn Outdoor Adventure Centre – transferred from Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School to a building at Cwmcarn Scenic Drive.

Acquisitions

Penyrheol Flying Start - new build.

15 Heol Pencarreg, Bargoed – leased in for Children's Services.

Disposals

During the last year, the authority has completed disposals of surplus property totalling £1,042,957. These include:

- Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary School sites were sold for a total of £345,100.
- Ty Dyffryn is now leased out, for a period of 10 years, at a starting rent of £281,857 per year, this rental income rises to £392,149 in 2020.
- ➤ Land at Eastview Terrace, Bargoed, was sold for £30,000.
- ➤ Land at Troed-y-rhiw, Ystrad Mynach was sold for £320,000.
- ➤ Enterprise House lease was terminated in March 2019 saving around £65,000 per annum.
- Pontlottyn Recreation Ground Pavilions were demolished due to poor condition and low usage.
- ➤ Ty Pontygwindy is leased in and the lease expires in October, 2021. A strategy to exit the building at the end of the lease term has been agreed and this will realise an annual saving of £180,000.

4. A Forward Look

Working our buildings harder, improving the condition of the estate and disposing of unwanted assets continue to be key priorities for Property Services. Looking forward, anticipated activity will include:

Asset Management Strategy - Property and Land

Cabinet will be asked to approve the 2019 revision of the Asset Management Strategy – Property and Land, and development of the various Service Area Asset Management Plans will continue and Property Services will lead the delivery of the associated actions. In particular activity associated with the delivery of the Active Leisure Strategy and the Community Hubs initiatives is anticipated.

New Buildings and Building Improvements

The £4m Children's Unit proposed for Pontllanfraith is expected to proceed subject to consultation and subsequent Cabinet approval.

Property Services will continue to support colleagues in Education to develop and deliver the jointly funded Welsh Government 21st Century Schools Band B programme of new and improved schools.

Delivery of a £5m programme of improvement projects focused on Welsh Medium schools and a £5m programme of early years projects will commence and a Welsh Government funded £2.4m programme of school improvement works will be delivered.

Statutory Maintenance

Following the significant progress made in 2018/19 momentum will be maintained with the target of achieving full testing compliance for all Council buildings with no overdue remedial tasks outstanding.

Demolitions

The demolition of Cwmcarn High School and buildings on the Brooklands site in Risca will be completed and the demolition of the vacant Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School and Leisure Centre is expected to commence.

Condition Surveys

The current tranche of building condition surveys commenced in autumn, 2017. This will be a four year programme encompassing the majority of the corporate estate.

Appendix 1 Core Corporate Offices (11 in Total)

Adult Services Duty & Information Team - Foxes Lane, Oakdale Caerphilly Social Services Mill Road - Adult Services

Cherry Tree House, Crumlin

Tir-y-berth Depot & Offices

Ty Bargoed Offices

Ty Gilfach Offices, William Street

Ty Graddfa HART office - first floor

Ty Pontygwindy, Caerphilly

Ty Penallta Corporate Offices, Hengoed

Ty Tredomen Corporate Offices, Hengoed

Woodfieldside Business Park Corporate Offices - Units 1-3 & 6

Leased in

Appendix 2 Schools (87 in total)

English Medium Primary

Aberbargoed Primary School

Abercarn Primary School

Bargoed Park Primary School

Bedwas Infants School

Bedwas Junior School

Blackwood Primary School

Bryn Awel Primary School, Rhymney

Bryn Primary School, Blackwood

Cefn Fforest Primary School

Coed-y-brain Primary School, Llanbradach

Crumlin High Level Primary School

Cwm Glas Infants School, Llanbradach

Cwm Ifor Primary School, Caerphilly

Cwmaber Infants School, Abertridwr

Cwmaber Junior School, Abertridwr

Cwmcarn Primary School

Cwmfelinfach Primary School

Cwrt Rawlin Primary School, Caerphilly

Deri Primary School

Derwendeg Primary School, Hengoed

Fleur-de-lis Primary School, Pengam

Fochriw Primary School

Gilfach Fargoed Primary School

Glyngaer Primary School, Gelligaer

Graig-y-rhacca Primary & Community School

Greenhill Primary School, Gelligaer

Hendre Infants School, Caerphilly

Hendre Junior School, Caerphilly

Hendredenny Park Primary School, Caerphilly

Hengoed Primary School

Libanus Primary School, Blackwood

Llancaeach Junior School, Nelson

Llanfabon Infants School, Nelson

Machen Primary School

Maesycwmmer Primary School

Markham Primary School

Nant-y-Parc Primary School, Senghenydd

Pantside Primary School, Newbridge

Pengam Primary School

Penllwyn Primary School, Pontllanfraith

Pentwynmawr Primary School, Newbridge

Phillipstown Primary School

Plas-y-felin Primary School, Caerphilly

Pontllanfraith Primary School

Rhiw-syr-dafydd Primary School, Oakdale

Rhydri Primary School

Risca Primary School

St. Gwladys Primary School, Bargoed

Part leased in

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St. Helen's Roman Catholic Primary School, Caerphilly

St. James' Primary School, Caerphilly

The Twyn Primary School, Caerphilly

Tir-y-berth Primary School

Trinant Primary School

Ty Isaf Infants School, Risca

Ty Sign Primary School, Risca

Tynewydd Primary School, Newbridge

Tyn-y-wern Primary School, Trethomas

Upper Rhymney Primary School

Waunfawr Primary School, Crosskeys

White Rose Primary School, New Tredegar

Ynysddu Primary School

Ystrad Mynach Primary School

English Medium Secondary

Bedwas High School

Blackwood Comprehensive School

Islwyn High School, Oakdale

Heolddu Comprehensive School

Lewis Boys Comprehensive School, Pengam

Lewis Girls Comprehensive School, Ystrad Mynach

Newbridge Comprehensive School

Risca Community Comprehensive School

St. Cenydd Comprehensive School, Caerphilly

St. Martin's Comprehensive School, Caerphilly

Welsh Medium Primary

Ysgol Bro Sannan, Aberbargoed

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Allta, Ystrad Mynach

Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Derwen, Oakdale

Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon, Abercarn

Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargoed, Gilfach

Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn, Pengam

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Caerffili

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Y Castell, Caerphilly

Ysgol Ifor Bach, Abertridwr

Ysgol Penalltau

Ysgol-y-Lawnt Primary School, Rhymney

Grade II Listed

PFI

Grade II Listed

Grade II Listed

3-18 School

Idris Davies School 3-18, Rhymney

Welsh Medium Secondary

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni, Fleur-de-lis

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni, Y Gwindy

PFI

Part Grade II Listed

Special Resource Base

Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre, Ystrad Mynach

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Appendix 3 Leased Out Sites (423 total)

Via Economic Development (351 units)

38b High Street, Rhymney 20-22 Highfields Crescent, Aberbargoed 2 The Circle, Pontllanfraith 5 Llanfabon Drive, Trethomas Gelligroes Mill House, Pontllanfraith	Grade II Listed	1 unit 1 unit 1 unit 1 unit 1 unit
Oakdale Plateau - Wind Turbines		2 units
Caerphilly Business Park		34 units
Dyffryn Business Park, Ystrad Mynach		40 units
Lawn Industrial Estate, Rhymney		19 units
New Tredegar Business Park		19 units
Oakdale Business Park, Oakdale		14 units
Oakdale – The Pavilions, Foxes Lane		5 units
Park Road Industrial Estate, Risca		7 units
Penmaen Industrial Estate, Pontllanfraith		15 units
Penmaen Small Business Centre, Pontllanfraith		40 units 17 units
St. David's Industrial Estate, Pengam Tram Bood Industrial Estate, Pentllenfraith		5 units
Tram Road Industrial Estate, Pontllanfraith Newtown (Waunfawr) Business Park, Crosskeys		3 units
Woodfieldside Business Park, Pontllanfraith		19 units
Lowry Plaza shops, Bargoed		8 units
Tredomen Business & Technology Centre		28 units
Tredomen Gateway Building		16 units
Tredomen Innovation & Technology Centre		18 units
Tredomen Smart Zone		6 units
Crumlin Institute		7 units
Elm Drive Shops, Ty Sign		6 units
Grays Gardens Shops, Graig-y-rhacca		6 units
Merchant Street Shops, Pontlottyn		5 units
The Grove Shops, Fochriw		2 units
Tan-y-bryn Stores, Rhymney		1 unit
Greenhill Stores, Gelligaer		1 unit
Parc Cwm Darran Café		1 unit
Cwmcarn Forest Drive units		2 units

Via Property Services (72 in total)

Building Leases (49)

Aberbargoed Recreation Ground pavilion

Abercarn Welfare New Bowls pavilion

Abertysswg Playing Fields Changing Rooms

Abertysswg RFC

All Saints Boxing Club, Caerphilly - former boys brigade

Bargoed Park - Rugby Club Store

Bargoed Park Lodge

Blackwood Showfield Band Hall

Blackwood Bus Station Cafe

Bryn Park Bowls Pavilion, Bedwas

Caerphilly Day Centre

Caerphilly Variety Club Family Centre

Cefn-y-brithdir Farm, Brithdir Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre

Crosskeys RFC & Silver band

Crumlin OAP Hall

Cwmcarn Forest Drive, Cycle Shop

Deri RFC Clubhouse – Institute building

Fleur-de-lis Boxing Club, Pengam

Former Caerphilly Library

Former Lower Rhymney Community Centre

Former Risca Cash Office

Former Risca UDC Office - Risca Choir

Gelligroes Mill, Pontllanfraith

Gilfach OAP Hall, Gilfach

Gilfach Welfare ground – Tennis pavilion

Hafodyrynys Recreation Ground pavilions x2

Islwyn Indoor Bowling Centre, Pontllanfraith

Llanfach Cemetery Lodge, Abercarn

Maesycwmmer OAP Hall

Nelson Miner's Welfare Institute

Newbridge Welfare Ground Cricket pavilion

Oxford House - South Wales Railway Museum Ltd.

Penallta Rugby Club - ground floor Ty Graddfa

Penmaen House, Phoenix Transport

Penyrheol Cemetery Chapel, Caerphilly

Penyrheol Bowls pavilion

Risca Family Centre

Risca Old Cemetery Chapel

Risca Scout Hall, Channel View

Risca Old Cemetery - former Sexton's house, 65 Cromwell Rd

Senghenydd Welfare Ground Bowls Pavilion

Tanybryn Playing Fields Pavilion, Risca

Tir Trosnant Farmhouse, Hengoed

Treowen Stars Sports & Social Club

Ty Clyd Bungalow

Ty Isaf Recreation Ground Pavilion, Risca

Ty Dyffryn, Ystrad Mynach

White Rose Resource Centre (part), New Tredegar

Grade II Listed (Pig Sty)

Grade II* Listed

Main building Grade II Listed

Ground Leases - where buildings owned by others (23)

143-145 High Street, Blackwood – retail unit 83 Cardiff Road, Caerphilly - retail unit Abercarn 1st Scout's Hall, Bridge Street Bedwas Bryn Park Changing Rooms Blackwood Stars RFC Caerphilly 1st Scouts Hall, Nantgarw Road Caerphilly 2nd Scouts Hall, Nantgarw Road Caerphilly Girl Guides Hall, Nantgarw Road Cefn Fforest 1st Scout Hall, Waunborfa Road Cefn Fforest Workingmen's Club (RFC Club) Gelligaer Amateur Boxing Club Gelligaer Community Council Offices Hollybush Community Centre Kendon & Woodview Community Hall Llanbradach RFC Newbridge RFC Clubhouse Penllwyn Community Centre Risca OAP Hall, Park Road Risca RFC Treowen Community Centre **Trinant Community Centre** Virginia Park Tennis Pavilion, Caerphilly Waunfawr Park Bowls Pavilion, Crosskeys

Appendix 4 Other Operational Sites (234 in total)

Depots/Storage (12)

Aberbargoed Timber Store – Bowen Ind. Estate
Abercarn Grounds Maintenance Depot
Bargoed Park Grounds Maintenance Depot
Bedwas Highways Sub-Depot
Blackwood Showfield Grounds Maintenance Depot
Islwyn Park Grounds Maintenance Depot
New Tredegar Business Park – Winding House Storage
Newbridge Welfare Grounds Maintenance Storage
North Rhymney Housing Depot
Penallta Grounds Maintenance Depot
Penmaen NCS Highways Depot
Waunfawr Park Grounds Maintenance Depot

Miscellaneous Sites (2)

Coed Top Hill Reed Bed Facility, Gelligaer Former Hengoed Fire Station, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

Grade II Listed

Bus Station Buildings (1)

Blackwood Bus Station (inc. café)

Cafe leased out

Customer First Offices (1)

Pontlottyn Customer First Centre

Cemetery Buildings (7)

Bedwas Cemetery
Bedwellty Cemetery
Dan-y-Graig Cemetery, Risca
Gwaelod-y-Brithdir Cemetery, Brithdir
Llanfach Cemetery, Abercarn
Rhymney Cemetery
Risca Old Cemetery

Community Education (3)

Crumlin Institute
Oxford House Adult Education Unit
Cwmcarn Outdoor Education Unit

Leased in

Civic Amenity Sites (6)

Aberbargoed Civic Amenity
Full Moon Civic Amenity, Crosskeys
Penallta Civic Amenity
Penmaen Civic Amenity, Pontllanfraith
Rhymney Civic Amenity
Trehir Landfill & Civic Amenity, Caerphilly

Leased in

Community Centres (35)

Abertridwr Community Centre Abertysswg Community Centre Ael-y-Bryn Community Centre **Argoed Community Centre Bargoed Community Centre** Cascade Community Centre Cefn Fforest Community Centre Cefn Hengoed Community Centre Channel View Community Centre Cwmfelinfach Community Centre Deri Community Centre Fleur-de-Lis Community Centre Fochriw Community Centre Gelligaer Community Centre Graig-y-Rhacca Community Centre Hengoed Community Centre Llanbradach Community Centre Machen Village Hall & Library Maesycwmmer Village Hall Markham Community Leisure Centre Nelson Community Centre Oakdale Community Centre Pentwynmawr Community Centre Penybryn Community Centre Penyrheol Community Centre Phillipstown Community Centre Plasmawr Community Centre, Blackwood Rhymney Lower Community Centre Rhymney Day Centre Senghenydd Community Centre The Twyn Community Centre Tirphil Community Centre Tir-y-berth Village Hall Trecenydd Community Centre Van Community Centre, Caerphilly

Leased in

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Learning Centres (2)

Glan-y-nant Learning Centre
The Hive Tuition Centre, Caerphilly

Countryside Services (8)

Parc Cwm Darran Camping Site Penallta Country Park Penyfan Pond Country Park Sirhowy Farm, Cwmfelinfach Babell Chapel, Sirhowy Full Moon Cottage, Sirhowy Ty Fry Farm, Aberbargoed Ty Fry Education Centre

Leased in Grade II Listed

Leased in Leased in

Leisure Centres (11)

Bedwas Leisure Centre & Pool
Caerphilly Leisure Centre
CCBC Centre for Sporting Excellence
Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre
Heolddu Leisure Centre
New Tredegar Leisure Centre
Newbridge Leisure Centre
Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre
Risca Leisure Centre
St. Cenydd Leisure Centre
Sue Noake Leisure Centre

Public Conveniences (1)

Abercarn Welfare Ground Toilets

Flying Start Buildings (14)

Aberbargoed Flying Start store
Blackwood Flying Start
Bryn Flying Start, Pontllanfraith
Graig-y-Rhacca Flying Start
Hengoed Flying Start
Nant-y-Parc Flying Start
Pantside Flying Start
Parc-y-Felin Flying Start
Penllwyn Millenium Centre Flying Start
Penyrheol Flying Start
Phillipstown Flying Start
Rhymney Flying Start
Trinant Flying Start
St. James' ICC Flying Start

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Libraries (16)

Aberbargoed Library
Abercarn Library

Abertridwr Library

Bargoed Library & Customer First

Bedwas Library

Blackwood Library & Customer First Caerphilly Library & Customer First

Deri Library

Llanbradach Library Nelson Library

Newbridge Library Oakdale Library

Pengam Library Rhymney Library

Risca Library & Customer First

Ystrad Mynach Library

Leased in Grade II* Listed

Grade II Listed Leased in

Leased in Grade II Listed

Museums & Tourism (5)

Blackwood Miner's Institute Caerphilly Visitor Centre Cwmcarn Forest Drive Elliot Colliery Winding House Museum

Llancaiach Fawr Manor House

Grade II* Listed Part Leased out Part Leased out Grade II* Listed Grade I Listed

Offices/Administration (14)

5-6 De Clare Court Housing Office, Caerphilly Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Youth Offending Brodawel House – Community Support Team Community Regeneration Office, 43 Atlee Court Blackwood Area Housing Office

Graig-y-Rhacca Area Housing Office Gwent Speech & Language Unit, Cwmbran Hafod Deg Resource Centre, Rhymney

Lansbury Park Area Housing Office Llanhilleth Youth Offending Team Pontypool Adult Social Services Risca Adult Reablement, Brooklands

Telecare Office, Parc Penrhos Graig-y-rhacca Resource Centre Leased in

Leased in

Leased in Part Leased out

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Leased in

Social Services (25)

Day Centres (12)

Blackwood Resource Centre, 29-31 Lilian Road Brondeg Day Centre for Older People Brooklands Adult Day Centre, Risca Coed-y-Cwm Day Centre Markham Resource Centre Rhymney Health & Social Care Centre Springfield Resource Centre Windy Ridge Gardening Project, Pontllanfraith Woodfieldside Unit 12 – Blackberry Catering Woodfieldside Units 13-15 – Pont Woodcraft Woodfieldside Units 9-11 – Sirhowy Crafts Ystrad Mynach Day Centre for Adults

Leased in

Residential (12)

15 Heol Pencarreg, Bargoed
Beatrice Webb Home for the Elderly
Brodawel Home for the Elderly
Castle View Home for the Elderly
Hengoed Group Home – 14 Graig Road
Min-y-Mynydd Home for the Elderly
Montclaire Residential Home for the Elderly
Newbridge Children's Home – 14 Coed Duon View
Penyrheol Community House – Ty Ni
Ty Clyd Home for the Elderly
Ty Gwilym Residential Home
Ty Iscoed Home for the Elderly

Leased in

Other

Caerphilly Children's Centre

Space leased in

Sports Pavilions (67)

Abertridwr Welfare Park Changing Rooms

Abercarn Welfare Ground Football Pavilion

Abercarn Welfare Ground Old Bowls Pavilion

Abertysswg Playing Fields Changing Rooms

Aneurin Park Pavilion, Caerphilly

Bargoed Park Athletic Club Store

Bargoed Park Grandstand

Bargoed Park Rugby Changing Rooms

Bargoed Welfare Bowls Pavilion

Bedwellty Pavilion

Blackwood Showfield Changing Rooms

Britannia Sports Pavilion

Brithdir Welfare Ground Pavilion

Castell Maen Pavilion, Caerphilly

Cefn Fforest Miner's Welfare Pavilion

Croespenmaen Football Field Pavilion

Cwmcarn Pavilion, Feeder Row

Deri Playing Fields Pavilion

Fields Park Recreation Pavilion, Newbridge

Fochriw Welfare Park Pavilions

Gelligaer Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion

Gelliwen Recreation Ground Pavilion,

Cwmsyfiog

Gilfach Welfare Ground Bowls Pavilion

Graig-y-rhacca Leisure Area Pavilion

Hollybush Recreation Ground Pavilion

Islwyn Park Rugby Changing Rooms

Islwyn Park Sports Pavilion

Kay Field Pavilion, Crumlin

Libanus Playing Fields Pavilion, Blackwood

Llanbradach Welfare Football Pavilion

Llanfabon Pavilion, Trethomas

Longbridge Field Sports Pavilion, Risca

Machen Playing Fields Changing Rooms

Maesycwmmer Playing Fields Changing Rooms

Markham Pavilion, King George's Field

Morgan Jones Park Bowls Pavilion

Morgan Jones Park Changing Rooms & Toilets

New Tredegar Bowls Pavilion

Newbridge Welfare Ground Bowls Pavilion

Nine Mile Pont Recreation Ground Pavilion,

Cwmfelinfach

Oakdale Miner's Welfare Recreation Pavilion

Owain Glyndwr Playing Field Pavilion

Pantside Playing Field Pavilion, Newbridge

Pentwynmawr Changing Rooms, Newbridge

Pontlottyn Welfare Ground Pavilion

Pontymister Athletic Ground Pavilion

Rhymney Eisteddfod Field Sports Pavilion

Rhymney War Memorial Park Bowls Pavilion

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Rhymney War Memorial Park Rugby Pavilion Risca Fernlea Pavilion Senghenydd Welfare Ground Bowls Pavilion St. David's Recreation Ground Pavilion The Bryn Playing Fields Pavilion, Pontllanfraith Tir-y-berth Playing Fields Pavilion Trelyn Pavilion, Fleur-de-lis **Trinant Recreation Ground Pavilion** Ty Isaf Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion, Risca Wattsville Recreation Ground Pavilion Waunfawr Park - Main Pavilion Waunfawr Park Bandstand Waunfawr Park Cricket pavilion & score box Waunfawr Park Cycle Hire Waunfawr Park Rugby Changing Rooms Wern Park Recreation Ground Pavilion Ynys Field Recreation Ground Pavilion Ystrad Mynach Park Bowls Pavilion Ystrad Mynach Park Kiosk

Youth Centres (4)

Crosskeys Youth Centre
Rhymney Youth Centre
Risca Youth Centre
The Hangar Youth & Community, Aberbargoed

Appendix 5 Non-Operational and Surplus buildings (16 in total)

Surplus buildings/sites for disposal (5)

Former Ty Darran Home, Risca

Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School

Cwmcarn High School

Cwmcarn Leisure Centre

Likely to transfer to HRA – demolition in 2019

To be demolished in 2019

To be demolished in 2019

To be demolished in 2019

Former Risca Gym/Library, (Brooklands)

To be demolished in 2019

Surplus buildings/sites currently under review (11)

Bargoed Park – disused toilets

Park has charitable status which will complicate sale

Vacant and future being reviewed. Possible sale

Former Rhymney Function Centre Vacant held pending wider review

Nelson Bus Station public toilets; Closed - future being reviewed. Possible sale

Tir-y-berth Meals on Wheels Vacant future being reviewed

5-6 High Street, Bargoed

Terms provisionally agreed with new retail tenant
Closed on April 1st under review

Bargoed Bus Station Toilets

Closed on April 1^{st-} under review
Cardiff Road Toilets, Caerphilly

Tredegar Grounds Toilets, Risca

Ystrad Mynach Toilets

Closed on April 1^{st-} under review
Closed on April 1^{st-} under review
Closed on April 1^{st-} under review

Neuadd-y-parc OAP Hall, Caerphilly Probable let on concessionary terms subject to

Charities Commission approval

Non-Operational and Surplus land (7 in total)

Surplus land for disposal (7)

Land at Riverside Walk, Deri Sale close to completion.

Land at Park Lane, Caerphilly

In negotiation with preferred developer

Land at Bargoed Development Plateau

Awaiting Welsh Government consent

Bedwellty Fields Site Likely to be declared surplus and sold for housing in

2019.

Land at former Newbridge Library site Title investigations underway; Welsh Government

consent required as site was bought for allotment

purposes.

Land at former Pontllanfraith Civic Centre Redevelopment in collaboration with Pobl is being

explored.

Land at former Oakdale Comprehensive School Marketing pack being prepared.