



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**JOINT COMMITTEE
of the
CLWYDIAN RANGE & DEE VALLEY
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Held on: 5th November 2021

Lead Member / Officer: Steve Gadd

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Title: Joint Committee Budget and Forecast Outturn 2021/22

1. What is the report about?

The report gives details of the AONB's current revenue budget outturn position for 2021/22.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the AONB's financial position for 2021/22.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members are asked to note the latest forecast financial outturn for 2021/22 (Appendix 1) and the progress against the agreed budget strategy.

4. Report details.

The report provides a summary of the AONB's revenue budget for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 1. The current forecast outturn is an overspend of £8,750. The overspend is relating to maternity cover from December and increased travel costs.

5. How does it contribute to the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB Management Plans Priorities?

Effective management of the AONB's revenue budgets will help the delivery of the agreed management plan priorities for the current year and underpins activity in all areas, particularly our relationships with funding partners and our joint priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no direct costs associated with this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

N/A

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

The proposed budget for 2021/22 was brought to the JC meeting in June and approved.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

This report outlines the latest forecast financial position for the AONB for 2021/22.

In terms of the 2021/22 financial year the funding of the AONB is relying on the use of the revenue reserve which will also fund the projected overspend. The remaining revenue reserves will be in the region of £20k, so there is potentially a pressure for the 2022/23 financial year.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The current budget is dependent on income from NRW and the 3 Local Authorities. Any changes to these income levels will pose a risk to the future delivery of projects and our ability to deliver against the priorities in the AONB Management Plan.

11. Power to make the Decision

Local authorities are required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.