



**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: 12th April 2024

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Title: Joint Committee Outturn and Accounts 2023/24

1. What is the report about?

The report gives details of the AONB's projected revenue budget outturn position for 2023/24.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the AONB's projected financial position as at 31st March 2024.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members are asked to note the latest financial outturn forecast for 2023/24 (Appendix 1) and the progress against the agreed budget strategy.

4. Report details.

The report provides a summary of the AONB's projected revenue outturn for 2023/24 detailed in Appendix 1. The projected overall position is a contribution from the revenue reserve of c.£20k, slightly less than anticipated when the budget was set.

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 financial position is a standing item at each meeting of the Joint Committee.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

This report outlines the financial position for the AONB for 2023/24.

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

The budget is dependent on income from NRW, Welsh Government and the three 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.

As stated in the budget there is a requirement to support the revenue budget from the revenue reserve.

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.