

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUDGET 2025/26

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FOREWORD BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND GROUP DIRECTOR FOR FINANCE, DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE SERVICES

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's Revenue Budget for the 2025/26 financial year and Three-Year Capital Programme 2025/26 – 2027/28 were approved by full Council on 5th March 2025 in line with the Cabinet's proposals and recommendations.

For Rhondda Cynon Taf the 2025/26 financial year follows on from a sustained period of real term reductions to funding levels, recovery from significant storm damage, the pandemic and a cost-of-living crisis, and it was against this context that the Council was required to develop a balanced budget. On the 20th February 2025 the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government (Jayne Bryant AS/MS) announced revenue funding levels for local authorities in Wales, an increase of 4.8% for Rhondda Cynon Taf, which was above the average all Wales increase of 4.5%, with settlement levels ranging from 3.8% to 5.6%.

The Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government, when publishing the 2025/26 Welsh Government settlement, acknowledged that while the settlement is significantly better than was envisaged previously there will again be difficult local decisions to be made due to the on-going challenges councils have been facing across Wales. In the case of Rhondda Cynon Taf these relate to forecasted significant cost increases and demand pressures in the delivery of services and a limited ability to increase Council Tax (with a low tax base).

Within this challenging environment, the Council's medium term financial planning projections provided the basis to formulate robust spending requirements and forecasted funding well in advance of March 2025, and informed the delivery of a programme of work to propose, publicly consult on and agree a strategy to address a significant budget gap of £35Million. This position followed that of the previous two financial years where the Council's budget strategies were required to address the largest ever budget gaps faced by the Council, at £38.3Million and £36.6Million.

The outcome from the programme of work was the construction of a balanced budget for 2025/26 that is equitable for all, does not compromise the Council's financial stability and protects and develops key services. More specifically, the revenue budget: aligned resources and prioritised additional investment to frontline services to support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan well-being objectives; provided for pay and non-pay inflation and the forecasted impact of additional burdens and demand led pressures on Council services; fully funded schools; and set a Council Tax increase of 4.70%, one of the lowest increases across Wales. These measures resulted in a remaining budget gap of £0.457Million, that was balanced through the Council's on-going prudent management of reserves.

Alongside setting the revenue budget, the Council also agreed a new 3-year Capital Programme which will see investment in infrastructure across the County Borough of £225.315Million, including £16.050Million of additional targeted investment, to enable the continued development of key services and support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan well-being objectives. The updated Capital Programme, funded by Council resources and a proactive

approach to securing funding from Welsh Government and a range of other external organisations, provides investment in areas such as:

- Regeneration – an on-going and long-term funding commitment to the economic regeneration of the County Borough, working alongside public and private sector partners, to invest in support for local businesses, town centre regeneration and the re-development of key sites that will enable further business development and employment growth;
- Housing – the continuation of a targeted programme of work to support bringing empty homes back into use; creating more affordable housing; providing disabled facilities grant support to help ensure people can live as independently as possible; and grants that help to make homes more energy efficient, for example, the Shared Prosperity Fund Heating Grant and Solar Panel Grant;
- Social care – on-going investment in Children's Services facilities and Adult Services establishments, including the extra-care programme;
- Highways, roads, bridges, walls and flood alleviation – through on-going maintenance and investment in highways structures, sustainable travel initiatives and drainage infrastructure, that will also help to reduce our day-to-day maintenance and running costs;
- Parks, green spaces, play areas and leisure centres – further improving the quality of a wide range of facilities within communities to help support the health and well-being of residents;
- Schools – through progressing the delivery of an ambitious programme to create new schools and further improve the condition of existing schools; and
- An on-going programme of projects to support energy efficiency, biodiversity and decarbonisation as part of the Council's climate change ambitions.

Looking ahead, it is anticipated that UK public sector funding levels over the medium term will continue to be challenging alongside rising costs and demand for services. Notwithstanding this, Rhondda Cynon Taf Council will continue to apply its well-established and robust arrangements to plan over the medium and long term to ensure resources are managed responsibly and support the delivery of affordable and sustainable services that are vital to our local communities.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation and sincere thanks to everyone who has played a part in helping to formulate this year's budget, including the many people who participated in the Council's Budget Strategy Consultation process. By continuing to work together and applying our proven approach to financial and service management, I am confident that we will meet the challenges that lie ahead and deliver the 2025/26 Budget, maintain the Council's financial stability and successfully deliver its Corporate Plan well-being objectives.

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUTHORITY PROFILE

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL - PROFILE

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council was formed in 1996 from the three districts of the former Mid Glamorgan County Council, and is the third largest unitary authority in Wales in population terms, with a total of 241,178¹ living in the area. The County Borough Council occupies an area of 424 Sq. km in the South Wales Valleys, stretching from the Brecon Beacons in the North to Cardiff in the South.

The three geographical districts that make up Rhondda Cynon Taf share a range of common socio-economic and cultural characteristics with high levels of relative poverty and social exclusion, particularly in the northern valleys which have some of the highest deprivation indicators in the United Kingdom.

On the 5th of March 2025, the 2025/26 Revenue Budget Strategy and three-year Capital Programme were approved by Council. Links to view these documents can be found below.

- [Revenue Budget Strategy 2025/26](#)
- [Capital Programme 2025/26 – 2027/28](#)

The Council's services are reported via four groups:

Education and Inclusion Services	Providing support services to children, schools and their families via a range of service areas. These include Access and Inclusion; School Admissions; School Governance; Attendance and Wellbeing; 21 st Century Schools; Asset and Data Management; Catering Services; Childcare; School Improvement, including through the commissioned services provided by Central South Consortium.
Community & Children's Services	Comprising: Social Services that provide Adult Services (Community Care Services and Health and Social Care Services) and Children's Services; and Public Health & Protection Services that provide Community Housing Services; Public Health & Protection; Leisure, Countryside and Cultural Services (including Theatres); Visitor Attractions & Heritage; Community Learning Services; Libraries; Welsh Language Services; Youth Engagement & Participation; and Employment Programmes.

¹ Stats Wales - Mid-year estimate 2023

Finance, Digital and Frontline Services

Providing Finance and Digital Services together with the frontline services of Highways; Transportation; Strategic Projects; Streetcare (including Waste Services); and Public Spaces (comprising Street Cleansing and Parks Services).

Chief Executive

Providing the authority wide functions of Human Resources, Legal and Democratic Services; the frontline services of Regeneration, Housing, Planning Services, Housing Benefits and Council Tax administration; and key support services of Corporate Estates and Procurement.

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**BUDGET
2025/26
SUMMARY**

AUTHORITY WIDE BUDGET SUMMARY

Total resources available for the Authority in a financial year are split into two elements, Revenue Expenditure and Capital Expenditure.

Revenue Expenditure

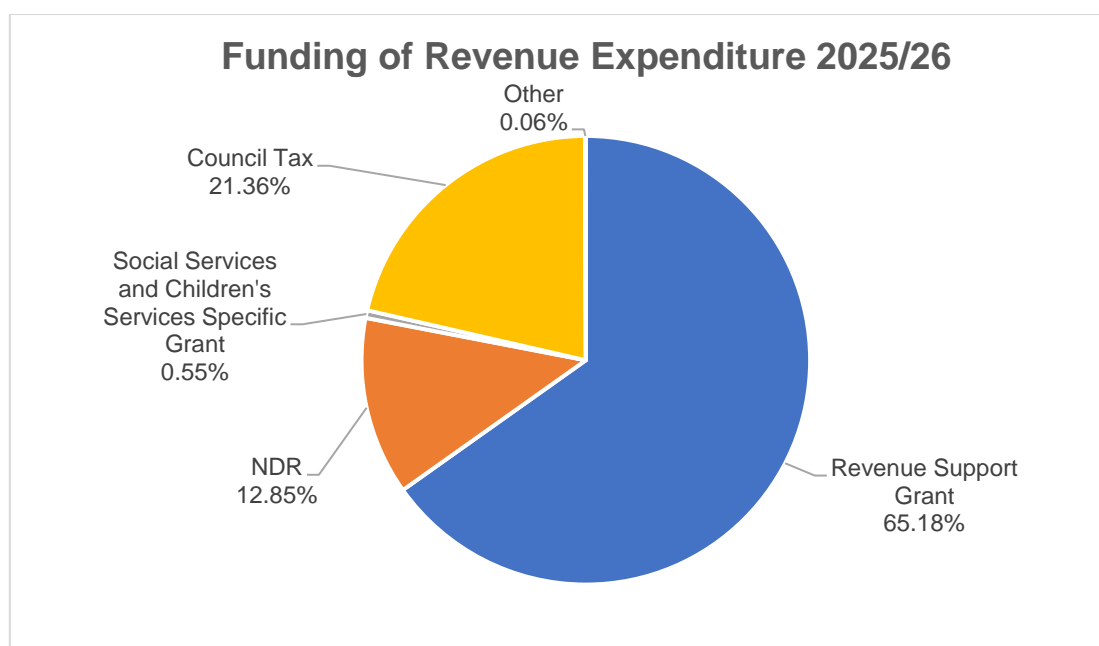
The final Local Government settlement figures for 2025/26, after adjusting for transfers of expenditure responsibilities, saw an increase in Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) funding for Rhondda Cynon Taf of 4.8%. With a Council Tax increase of 4.70%, the Council's Net Revenue Budget for 2025/26 was set at £668.179M.

The total amount to be collected from Council Taxpayers to support the Council's expenditure is £142.725M.

The 2025/26 Budget Requirement

	£M
2025/26 Net Revenue Spending	668.179
LESS: Revenue Support Grant & NDR Contribution	521.329
LESS: Social Care Workforce Grant	3.668
Sub total	143.182
LESS: Release of Earmarked Reserves	0.457
To be met from Council Taxpayers	142.725

This is further illustrated in the chart below.

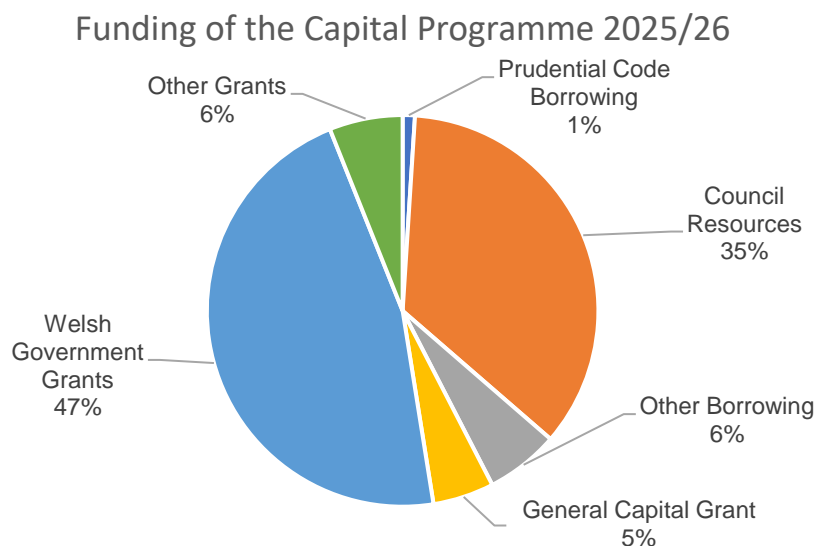


Capital Expenditure

The funding of the Capital Programme for 2025/26 is detailed in the table below.

	£M
Supported Borrowing	6.870
Unsupported Borrowing	2.077
Local Government Borrowing Initiative (Highways Investment)	3.749
General Capital Grant	8.602
WG Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles Transformation Fund	0.150
WG National Empty Homes Grant Scheme	19.000
WG Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant	1.063
WG Coal Tips Safety Grant	11.337
WG Sustainable Communities for Learning	34.566
UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund	10.723
WG Housing with Care Fund	6.396
WG Transforming Towns	3.605
WG PRS Lease Scheme	0.279
Third Party Contributions	0.105
Revenue Contributions	46.133
General Fund Capital Resources	11.381
2025/26 Capital Programme	166.036

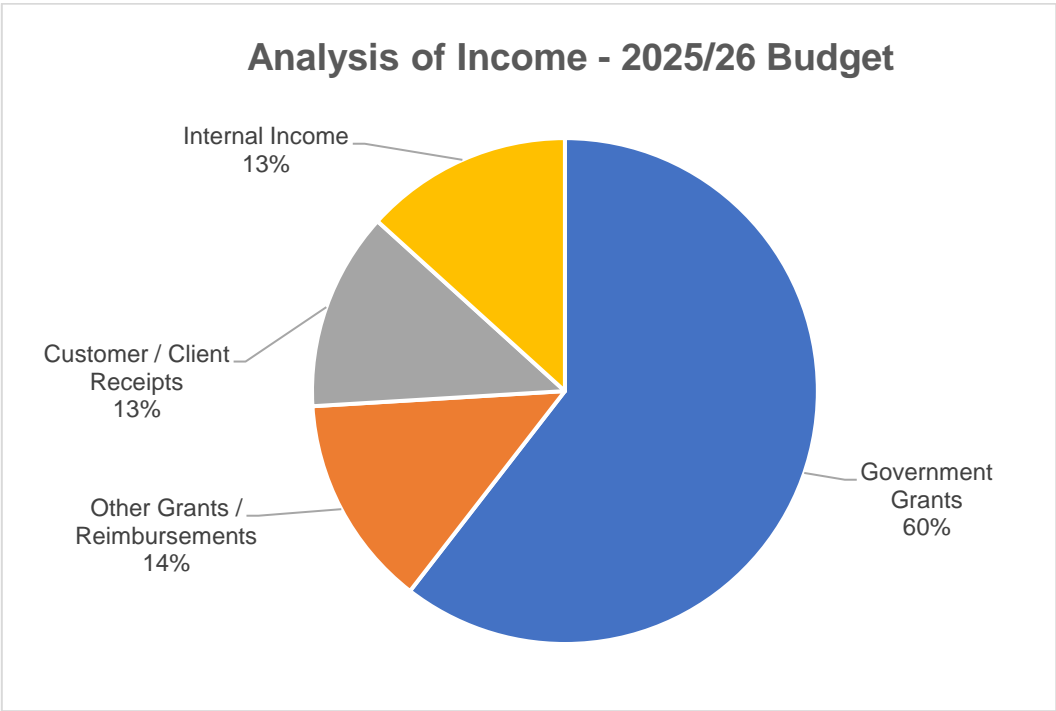
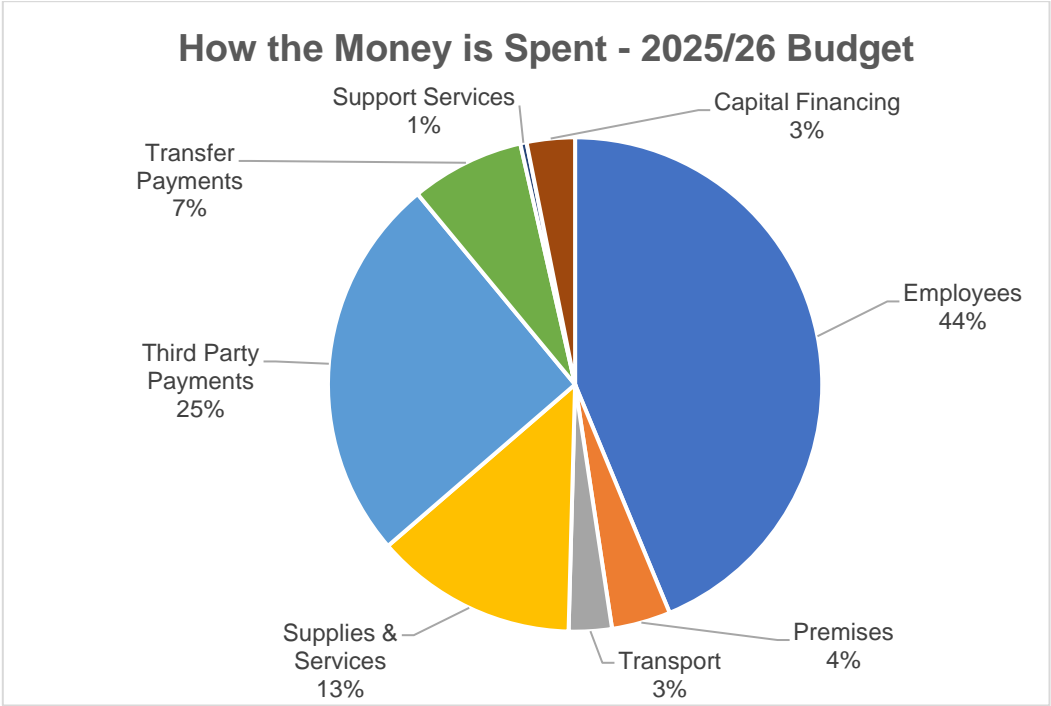
This is further illustrated in the chart below.



A summary of the Three-Year Capital Programme for the Authority is provided at the end of this section and detailed within subsequent sections for each Group.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE

The Net Revenue Budget for the Authority for 2025/26 amounts to £668.179M. Gross expenditure is estimated at £947.254M and this is analysed by expenditure type in the chart below.



GENERAL FUND REVENUE: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
159.272	Teachers	169.042
213.550	NJC Local Govt Workers	222.825
1.120	JNC Blind Workshops	1.194
2.330	Soulbury	2.416
6.160	JNC Chief Officers	6.272
0.054	JNC Youth Leaders	0.056
10.539	Other	12.613
393.025		414.418
	<u>Premises</u>	
7.169	Repairs & Maintenance	7.689
0.642	Maintenance of Grounds	0.621
14.688	Energy	10.976
1.088	Rents	1.161
6.734	Local Tax	6.730
0.638	Water	0.634
7.603	Cleaning/Domestic	8.285
0.327	Insurance	0.347
0.133	Other	0.108
39.022		36.551
	<u>Transport</u>	
7.582	Direct Transport	4.095
22.284	Contract Hire	20.771
0.603	Public Transport	0.615
1.175	Car Allowances	1.019
0.296	Other	0.145
31.940		26.645
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
19.914	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	19.827
2.857	Communications/Computing	2.977
5.481	Provisions	7.642
0.697	Printing/Stationery	0.630
0.330	Advertising	0.366
0.005	Members Expenses	0.005
11.958	Grants & Subscriptions	34.802
43.270	Services	47.739
7.706	Miscellaneous	8.389
2.877	Other	3.170
95.095		125.547

	<u>Third Party</u>	
14.796	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	18.177
51.023	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	53.886
110.250	Rendered by Private Contract	131.883
6.375	Supporting People	6.835
15.317	Foster Care	15.847
7.290	Transport	9.553
0.104	Structural	0.106
0.454	Cyclic	0.463
0.417	Safety Aids	0.424
0.078	Winter Maintenance	0.079
2.370	Street Lighting	2.385
0.024	Highways Drainage	0.024
0.181	Miscellaneous	0.180
0.000	Other	0.085
208.679		239.927
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
1.119	School Children/Students	1.155
73.384	Housing Benefits & Council Tax Reduction Scheme	68.824
0.425	NDR Relief	0.425
74.928		70.404
	<u>Support Services</u>	
4.214	Recharges	3.917
4.214		3.917
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
-0.255	Other	-2.127
30.243	Capital Charges	31.972
29.988		29.845
876.891	Total Expenditure	947.254
	<u>Income</u>	
-135.804	Government Grants	-168.654
-34.724	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-37.792
-36.770	Customer/Client Receipts	-35.327
0.000	Interest	-0.006
-0.260	Recharges–Other Revenue Account	-0.260
-37.538	Internal Income	-37.036
-245.096	Total Income	-279.075
631.795	NET REVENUE BUDGET	668.179

Note:

Prior year (2024/25) figures are provided for information. Changes in accounting requirements and functional responsibility can distort comparison between years.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE: SERVICES PROVIDED

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Community & Children's Services</u>	
122.341	Adult Services	130.435
65.338	Children's Services	70.630
1.102	Transformation	1.093
18.370	Public Health, Protection & Community Services	21.824
207.151		223.982
	<u>Education & Inclusion Services</u>	
36.213	Education & Inclusion Services (Non-Delegated)	37.258
198.462	Delegated Schools	212.333
234.675		249.591
	<u>Chief Executive</u>	
0.453	Chief Executive	0.469
13.657	Human Resources (including Pensions, Procurement and Transactional Services)	14.330
5.385	Legal & Democratic Services	5.638
5.067	Corporate Estates	4.128
3.105	Prosperity & Development Services	2.975
27.667		27.540
	<u>Finance, Digital & Frontline Services</u>	
11.903	Finance & Digital Services	11.708
70.853	Frontline Services	72.881
82.756		84.589
552.249	Total Group Budgets	585.702
	<u>Authority Wide Budgets</u>	
21.708	Capital Financing	21.519
15.941	Levies	16.866
14.902	Miscellaneous	15.848
0.425	NDR Relief	0.425
26.570	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	27.819
79.546	Total Authority Wide Budgets	82.477
631.795	TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	668.179

THREE YEAR SUMMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME

GROUP	BUDGET		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£M	£M	£M
Community & Children's Services			
Adult & Children's Services	14.982	0.500	0.500
Public Health, Protection & Community Services	3.649	1.830	0.290
Education & Inclusion Services			
Schools	46.653	14.176	1.323
Supplementary Capital Programme	4.472	2.685	2.685
Chief Executive's Division			
Regeneration	13.937	0.823	0.710
Cardiff Capital Region City Deal	0.292	0.786	7.385
Planning & Countryside	0.112	0.000	0.000
Private Sector Housing	26.422	7.142	5.870
Corporate Estates	6.260	0.900	0.900
Finance & Digital and Frontline Services			
Finance & Digital Services	1.709	1.680	1.680
Highways Technical Services	18.410	1.595	1.395
Strategic Projects	11.237	0.520	0.120
Coal Tips Safety Programme	11.337	0.000	0.000
Parks	1.773	0.065	0.065
Waste Strategy	0.670	0.000	0.000
Fleet	3.893	1.600	1.600
Buildings	0.228	0.227	0.227
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	166.036	34.529	24.750

* The 2025/26 budget includes estimated slippage from 2024/25 and additional grant aided schemes that were known when the three-year programme was agreed.

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COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW

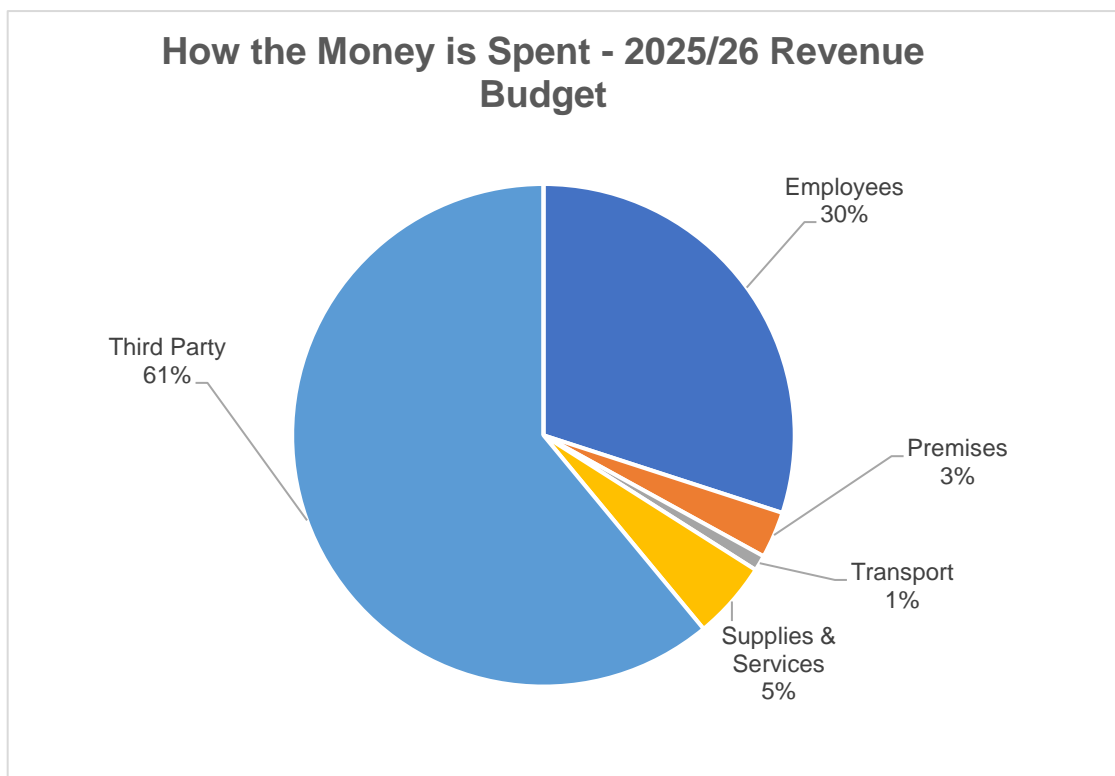
The Community & Children's Services Group comprises the majority of the Council's front line customer contact services and are responsible for delivering a range of statutory and discretionary services. These include Adult Care Services, Children's Services, Transformation and Public Health, Protection & Community Services.

A summary of the total resources available for the Community & Children's Services Group in the 2025/26 financial year is as follows: -

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure
	£M	£M	£M
Capital Programme	18.631	0.000	18.631
Revenue	335.528	-111.546	223.982
Total	354.159	-111.546	242.613

COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES REVENUE EXPENDITURE

The Net Revenue Budget for the Community & Children's Services Group for 2025/26 amounts to £223.982M. Gross expenditure is estimated at £335.528M and this is analysed by expenditure type in the chart below.



Income receivable by the Group of £111.546M reduces net expenditure to £223.982M. A detailed analysis of how this money will be spent can be found on the subsequent pages within this section.

Specific Revenue Grants 2025/26

The table below identifies the main areas of expenditure funded by Specific Revenue Grants, which are included within gross expenditure / income figures as appropriate.

Award Body	Purpose	Amount £M
Arts Council for Wales (ACW)	ACW General Activities	0.150
Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board (CTMHB)	CTMHB Community Joint Care Programme	0.073
	CTMHB National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS)	0.168
	CTMHB NERS Rhondda Cynon Taf National Exercise Referral Coordinator Costs	0.010
Department for Work and Pensions	Supported Employment	0.247
	Housing Benefit Subsidy Bed & Breakfast Scheme	1.116
Dept of Health & Social Care (DHSC)	Health Determinant Research Collaboration	0.114
Federation Of Disability Sport Wales Ltd	Federation Of Disability Sport Wales Ltd - Disability Sport Wales Community Scheme	0.020
Home Office	Police & Crime Commissioner	0.120
Ministry of Justice	Turnaround Grant	0.125
Police & Crime Commissioner	PCC Grant	0.099
Sport Wales	Sports Wales – Active Young People (AYP) and Lottery/Admin	0.495
	Sports Wales - Free Swim Juniors and 60+	0.060
	Central South Active Partnership (CSAP)	0.039
	Sports Wales - Lottery 60+	0.051
UK Government	Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)	0.864
Welsh Government (WG)	Adult Community Grant	0.520
	Children & Communities Grant (CCG)	14.850
	Communities for Work Plus	1.801
	Direct Food Support (WLGA)	0.087
	Enable Grant	0.004
	Homelessness Prevention - Housing First Trailblazer Grant	0.101
	Housing Support Grant (HSG)	14.999
	National Approach to Advocacy	0.049
	Regional Integration Fund (RIF)	4.150
	Safer Merthyr Tydfil	0.095
	Social Care Wales Workforce Development Programme (SCWWDP)	0.665
	Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF)	6.638
	Increased Employer National Insurance Contributions (public sector)	To be confirmed
	Youth Support Grant	0.812
	Eliminate Profit	To be confirmed

	Radical Reform	To be confirmed
	Foster Wales	0.232
	Youth Justice Board	0.841
	Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People (PPEYP) Grant	0.426
	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	0.027

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
95.559	NJC Local Govt Workers	94.517
1.120	JNC Blind Workshops	1.194
1.790	JNC Chief Officers	1.788
3.466	Other	4.150
101.935		101.649
	<u>Premises</u>	
1.772	Repairs & Maintenance	2.211
4.518	Energy	2.947
0.424	Rents	0.531
1.449	Local Tax	1.415
0.371	Water	0.364
0.776	Cleaning/Domestic	0.779
0.042	Other	0.046
9.352		8.293
	<u>Transport</u>	
2.457	Contract Hire	2.598
0.951	Car Allowances	0.805
0.296	Other	0.145
3.704		3.548
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
5.326	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	5.462
0.614	Communications/Computing	0.620
0.820	Provisions	0.678
0.224	Printing/Stationery	0.213
0.140	Grants & Subscriptions	0.127
3.787	Services	3.067
3.896	Miscellaneous	4.641
0.188	Other	0.219
14.995		15.027
	<u>Third Party</u>	
13.106	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	16.492
33.288	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	35.226
110.175	Rendered by Private Contract	131.807
15.317	Foster Care	15.847
6.375	Supporting People	6.835
0.000	Other	0.085
178.261		206.292

	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.181	School Children/Students	0.218
0.181		0.218
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.655	Recharges	0.458
0.655		0.458
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
0.000	Other	0.043
0.000		0.043
309.083	Total Expenditure	335.528
	<u>Income</u>	
-53.408	Government Grants	-60.018
-29.028	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-32.361
-17.274	Customer/Client Receipts	-16.868
-2.222	Internal Income	-2.299
-101.932	Total Income	-111.546
207.151	NET COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET	223.982

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES: SERVICES PROVIDED**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Adult Services</u>	
9.129	Long Term Care & Support	9.501
82.971	Commissioned Services	97.829
21.632	Provider Services	19.190
10.928	Short Term Intervention	6.833
-4.197	Fairer Charging	-4.704
1.878	Management, Safeguarding & Support Services	1.786
122.341		130.435
	<u>Children's Services</u>	
41.998	Safeguarding & Support (Including Children Looked After)	48.805
8.371	Early Intervention	5.193
1.002	Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service	1.115
13.456	Intensive Intervention	15.104
0.511	Management & Support Services	0.413
65.338		70.630
	<u>Transformation</u>	
0.667	Regional Training Unit	0.713
0.291	Group & Transformation Management	0.235
0.144	Service Improvement	0.145
1.102		1.093
188.781	SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL	202.158
	<u>Public Health, Protection & Community Services</u>	
6.226	Public Protection	8.301
5.222	Community Services	5.267
0.139	Communities & Wellbeing	2.269
6.664	Leisure, Countryside and Visitor Attractions	5.866
0.119	Group Directorate	0.121
18.370		21.824
207.151	TOTAL COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET	223.982

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
ADULT SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
39.713	NJC Local Govt Workers	34.931
1.120	JNC Blind Workshops	1.194
0.406	JNC Chief Officers	0.431
2.199	Other	2.192
43.438		38.748
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.272	Repairs & Maintenance	0.272
0.828	Energy	0.531
0.187	Rents	0.192
0.026	Local Tax	0.016
0.122	Water	0.110
0.288	Cleaning/Domestic	0.270
0.003	Other	0.004
1.726		1.395
	<u>Transport</u>	
1.653	Contract Hire	1.644
0.537	Car Allowances	0.379
0.109	Other	0.079
2.299		2.102
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
3.887	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	3.958
0.181	Communications/Computing	0.139
0.650	Provisions	0.507
0.097	Printing/Stationery	0.096
0.027	Grants & Subscriptions	0.028
0.374	Services	0.380
0.600	Miscellaneous	0.595
0.045	Other	0.044
5.861		5.747
	<u>Third Party</u>	
3.285	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	6.984
24.798	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	26.639
79.492	Rendered by Private Contract	92.186
0.000	Other	0.085
107.575		125.894
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.200	Recharges	0.200
0.200		0.200
161.099	Total Expenditure	174.086

	<u>Income</u>	
-7.658	Government Grants	-8.918
-26.185	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-29.620
-3.983	Customer/Client Receipts	-4.184
-0.932	Internal Income	-0.929
-38.758	Total Income	-43.651
122.341	NET ADULT SERVICES BUDGET	130.435

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
CHILDREN'S SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
28.036	NJC Local Govt Workers	26.761
0.669	JNC Chief Officers	0.603
0.526	Other	0.122
29.231		27.486
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.043	Repairs & Maintenance	0.021
0.242	Energy	0.131
0.144	Rents	0.260
0.088	Local Tax	0.067
0.015	Water	0.011
0.192	Cleaning/Domestic	0.090
0.029	Other	0.005
0.753		0.585
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.681	Contract Hire	0.827
0.300	Car Allowances	0.287
0.076	Other	0.036
1.057		1.150
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.127	Equipment/ Materials/Furniture	0.130
0.087	Communications/Computing	0.089
0.090	Provisions	0.090
0.019	Printing/Stationery	0.019
0.010	Grants & Subscriptions	0.007
1.643	Services	0.564
0.361	Miscellaneous	0.244
0.018	Other	0.038
2.355		1.181
	<u>Third Party</u>	
2.496	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	0.717
6.854	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	1.716
30.328	Rendered by Private Contract	36.752
15.317	Foster Care	15.847
54.995		55.032
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.181	School Children/Students	0.218
0.181		0.218

	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.215	Recharges	0.175
0.215		0.175
88.787	Total Expenditure	85.827
	<u>Income</u>	
-22.051	Government Grants	-14.199
-1.020	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-1.055
-0.057	Customer/Client Receipts	-0.020
-0.321	Internal Income	0.077
-23.449	Total Income	-15.197
65.338	NET CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET	70.630

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
TRANSFORMATION: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
2.126	NJC Local Govt Workers	2.606
0.148	JNC Chief Officers	0.154
0.000	Other	0.000
2.274		2.760
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.022	Rents	0.021
0.002	Cleaning/Domestic	0.002
0.024		0.023
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.017	Car Allowances	0.017
0.002	Other	0.002
0.019		0.019
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.012	Equipment/ Materials/Furniture	0.012
0.011	Communications/Computing	0.010
0.007	Provisions	0.007
0.010	Printing/Stationery	0.006
0.000	Grants & Subscriptions	0.000
0.072	Services	0.200
0.342	Miscellaneous	0.347
0.012	Other	0.012
0.466		0.594
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.056	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	0.090
0.096	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	0.097
0.116	Rendered by Private Contract	0.052
0.268		0.239
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.018	Recharges	0.018
0.018		0.018
3.069	Total Expenditure	3.653
	<u>Income</u>	
-1.039	Government Grants	-1.598
-0.893	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.928
-0.035	Internal Income	-0.034
-1.967	Total Income	-2.560
1.102	NET TRANSFORMATION SERVICES BUDGET	1.093

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
25.684	NJC Local Govt Workers	30.219
0.567	JNC Chief Officers	0.600
0.741	Other	1.836
26.992		32.655
	<u>Premises</u>	
1.457	Repairs & Maintenance	1.918
3.448	Energy	2.285
0.071	Rents	0.058
1.335	Local Tax	1.332
0.234	Water	0.243
0.294	Cleaning/Domestic	0.417
0.010	Other	0.037
6.849		6.290
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.123	Contract Hire	0.127
0.097	Car Allowances	0.122
0.109	Other	0.028
0.329		0.277
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
1.300	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	1.362
0.335	Communications/Computing	0.382
0.073	Provisions	0.074
0.098	Printing/Stationery	0.092
0.103	Grants & Subscriptions	0.092
1.698	Services	1.923
2.593	Miscellaneous	3.455
0.113	Other	0.125
6.313		7.505
	<u>Third Party</u>	
7.269	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	8.701
1.540	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	6.774
0.239	Rendered by Private Contract	2.817
6.375	Supporting People	6.835
0.000	Other	0.000
15.423		25.127
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.222	Recharges	0.065
0.222		0.065

0.000	<u>Capital Financing</u>	0.043
0.000	Other	0.043
56.128	Total Expenditure	71.962
	<u>Income</u>	
-22.660	Government Grants	-35.303
-0.930	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.758
-13.234	Customer/Client Receipts	-12.664
-0.934	Internal Income	-1.413
-37.758	Total Income	-50.138
18.370	NET PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET	21.824

COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	BUDGET		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£M	£M	£M
<u>Adult & Children's Services</u>			
Modernisation Programme (Adults)	14.281	0.095	0.095
Modernisation Programme (Children's)	0.221	0.025	0.025
Asbestos Remediation	0.125	0.025	0.025
Telecare Equipment (Inc of Carelink Equipment)	0.140	0.140	0.140
Capitalisation of Computer HW / SW / Licences & Equipment	0.215	0.215	0.215
Total Adult & Children's Services	14.982	0.500	0.500
<u>Public Health, Protection & Community Services</u>			
Leisure Centre Refurbishment Programme	0.555	0.055	0.055
Play Areas	1.125	0.045	0.045
Cemeteries Planned Programme	0.090	0.090	0.090
Community Safety Initiatives	0.324	1.585	0.045
Culture	1.520	0.020	0.020
Buildings	0.035	0.035	0.035
Total Public Health, Protection & Community Services	3.649	1.830	0.290
TOTAL COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET	18.631	2.330	0.790

* The 2025/26 budget includes estimated slippage from 2024/25 and additional grant aided schemes that were known when the three-year programme was agreed.

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EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES

EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES

The agreed overarching strategic priorities highlighted within the Education and Inclusion Services Strategic Plan for 2022-25 includes:

1. Developing a highly skilled educational workforce and excellent leadership at all levels.
2. Supporting schools to deliver a transformational curriculum, high quality teaching and learning and improved outcomes for all.
3. Ensuring the right learning pathway and support for vulnerable learners and their families.
4. Enhancing the wellbeing of learners and the workforce.
5. Delivering 21st Century learning environments and services for our learners and communities.

There are two main areas of service:

- Education & Inclusion Services (Non-Delegated)
- Delegated Schools

EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES OVERVIEW

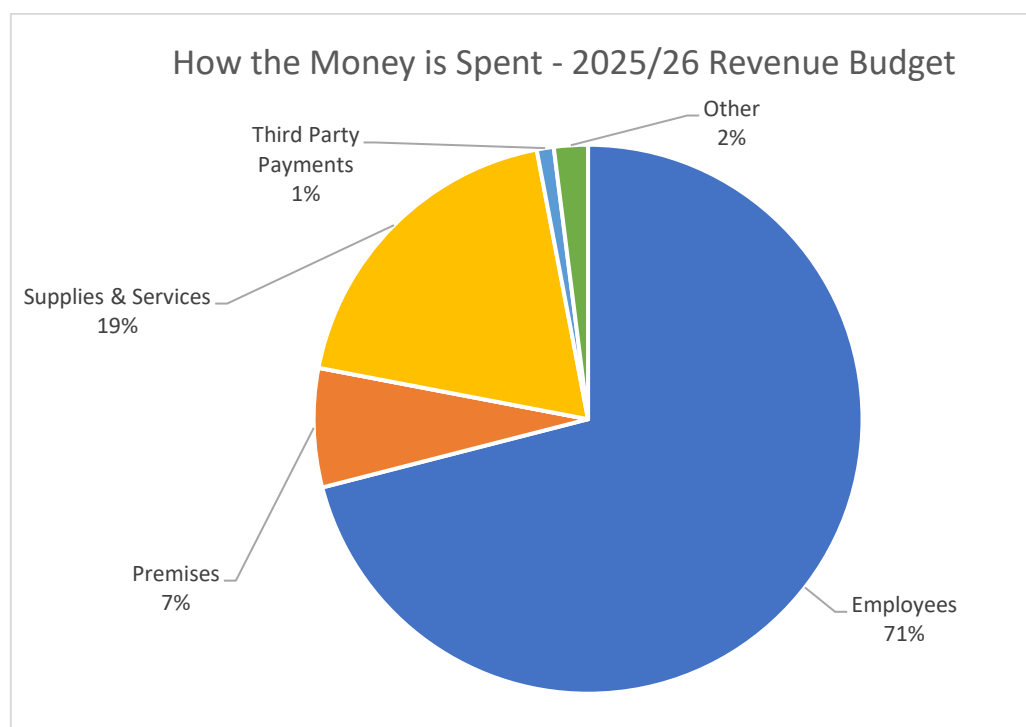
Education and Inclusion Services covers two main areas of service, namely, Education & Inclusion Services (Non-Delegated) and Delegated Schools.

A summary of the total resources available to Education & Inclusion Services in the 2025/26 financial year is as follows:

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure
	£M	£M	£M
Capital Programme	51.125	0.000	51.125
General Fund Revenue	315.548	-65.957	249.591
Total	366.673	-65.957	300.726

EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES REVENUE EXPENDITURE

The Education & Inclusion Services Net Revenue Budget for 2025/26 amounts to £249.591M. Gross expenditure is estimated at £315.548M and this is analysed by expenditure type in the chart below.



Income received of £65.957M reduces gross expenditure to £249.591M. A detailed analysis of how this money will be spent can be found on subsequent pages within this section.

Specific Revenue Grants 2025/26

The table below identifies specific revenue grants.

Award Body	Purpose	Amount £M
Welsh Government	Post-16 provision in schools	10.130
	School Standards - Schools and Education Other Than at School (EOTAS)	12.544
	School Standards - Early Education	0.690
	School Standards - Support standards in education	0.403
	Equity – Pupil Development Grant (PDG)	10.839
	Equity - Elective Home Education	0.090
	Equity - Family Engagement Officers	0.781
	Equity - Community Focussed Schools	0.032
	Equity - Community Focused Schools Professional Learning	0.082
	Equity - Education Welfare Officers	0.205
	Equity - Enrichment	0.168
	Equity – Minority Ethnic Gypsy Roma Traveller (MEGRT)	0.344
	Reform – Additional Learning Needs (ALN)	2.539
	Reform - Wellbeing	0.393
	Reform - Curriculum Reform	1.236
	Reform - Professional Learning	1.070
	Cymraeg 2050 - Welsh in Education	0.333
	Cymraeg 2050 - Welsh Professional Learning	0.113
	Cymraeg 2050 - Siarter Iaith	0.042
	Cymraeg 2050 - Late Immersion	0.157
	Transition Funding	0.066
	Learner Recovery Progression (for sixth forms)	0.287
	Seren Network (estimate)	0.039
	Out of School Childcare Grant	0.082
	Period Dignity Grant	0.222
	ICT Hwb in Schools Infrastructure Grant (estimate)	0.969
	School Essentials grant (estimate)	1.105
	Nursery Childcare Admin	0.279
	Nursery Childcare	0.300
	Food and Fun (estimate)	0.188
	Universal Primary Free School Meals (estimate)	6.161
	Mutual Investment Model	5.212
	Increased Employer National Insurance Contributions (Public Sector)	To be confirmed
Rural Payments Agency	Infant Milk (estimate)	0.513

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
159.272	Teachers	169.042
43.290	NJC Local Govt Workers	47.828
2.330	Soulbury	2.416
0.385	JNC Chief Officers	0.401
0.054	JNC Youth Leaders	0.056
3.538	Other	4.309
208.869		224.052
	<u>Premises</u>	
4.070	Repairs & Maintenance	4.215
0.633	Maintenance of Grounds	0.611
8.350	Energy	6.454
0.258	Rents	0.258
3.733	Local Tax	3.728
0.063	Water	0.062
6.464	Cleaning/Domestic	7.240
0.327	Insurance	0.347
23.898		22.915
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.034	Direct Transport	0.010
0.141	Contract Hire	0.143
0.059	Car Allowances	0.057
0.234		0.210
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
9.308	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	9.117
0.014	Communications/Computing	0.009
4.661	Provisions	6.964
0.024	Printing/Stationery	0.020
11.424	Grants & Subscriptions	34.266
5.472	Services	6.031
2.540	Other	2.793
33.443		59.200
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.340	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	0.333
1.754	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	1.754
2.094		2.087
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.696	School Children/Students	0.695
0.696		0.695

	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.011	Recharges	0.011
0.011		0.011
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
6.378	Other	6.378
6.378		6.378
275.623	Total Expenditure	315.548
	<u>Income</u>	
-26.009	Government Grants	-52.495
-1.131	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-1.095
-6.931	Customer/Client Receipts	-4.503
-6.877	Internal Income	-7.864
-40.948	Total Income	-65.957
234.675	NET EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES BUDGET	249.591

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES: SERVICES PROVIDED**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Education & Inclusion Service (Non-Delegated)</u>	
1.029	School Achievement	0.758
0.866	Education Improvement Grant	0.866
0.294	Service Transformation & Education Information Systems	0.291
6.286	Additional Learning Needs	6.197
3.472	Education Other than at School	3.655
0.800	Attendance and Wellbeing Service	0.827
5.396	Nursery & Early Years	5.362
4.645	Group Directorate	4.752
0.159	Music Directorate	0.085
1.418	School Planning & Reorganisation	1.087
8.186	Catering	9.347
3.662	Asset Management	4.031
36.213		37.258
	<u>Delegated Schools</u>	
84.895	Primary Schools	89.753
61.938	Secondary Schools	61.786
37.319	Middle Schools	44.981
14.310	Special Schools	15.813
198.462		212.333
234.675	TOTAL EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES BUDGET	249.591

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES (NON-DELEGATED):**
TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
5.463	Teachers	5.774
21.335	NJC Local Govt Workers	23.459
2.330	Soulbury	2.416
0.385	JNC Chief Officers	0.401
0.054	JNC Youth Leaders	0.056
1.658	Other	1.703
31.225		33.809
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.748	Repairs & Maintenance	0.729
0.005	Maintenance of Grounds	0.003
0.276	Energy	0.180
0.258	Rents	0.258
0.010	Local Tax	0.010
0.011	Water	0.008
6.035	Cleaning/Domestic	6.410
7.343		7.598
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.034	Direct Transport	0.010
0.141	Contract Hire	0.143
0.054	Car Allowances	0.051
0.229		0.204
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.399	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.406
0.014	Communications/Computing	0.009
4.616	Provisions	6.917
0.024	Printing/Stationery	0.020
10.518	Grants & Subscriptions	33.176
4.478	Services	5.025
0.455	Other	0.397
20.504		45.950
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.340	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	0.333
1.754	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	1.754
2.094		2.087
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.688	School Children/Students	0.688
0.688		0.688

	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.011	Recharges	0.011
0.011		0.011
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
0.171	Other	0.171
0.171		0.171
62.265	Total Expenditure	90.518
	<u>Income</u>	
-11.113	Government Grants	-39.798
-1.131	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-1.095
-6.931	Customer/Client Receipts	-4.503
-6.877	Internal Income	-7.864
-26.052	Total Income	-53.260
36.213	NET EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICE (NON-DELEGATED) BUDGET	37.258

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
DELEGATED SCHOOLS: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
153.809	Teachers	163.268
21.955	NJC Local Govt Workers	24.369
0.000	JNC Youth Leaders	0.000
1.880	Other	2.606
177.644		190.243
	<u>Premises</u>	
3.322	Repairs and Maintenance	3.486
0.628	Maintenance of Grounds	0.608
8.074	Energy	6.274
3.723	Local Tax	3.718
0.052	Water	0.054
0.429	Cleaning/Domestic	0.830
0.327	Insurance	0.347
16.555		15.317
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.005	Car Allowances	0.006
0.005		0.006
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
8.909	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	8.711
0.045	Provisions	0.047
0.906	Grants & Subscriptions	1.090
0.994	Services	1.006
2.085	Other	2.396
12.939		13.250
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.008	School Children/Students	0.007
0.008		0.007
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
6.207	Other	6.207
6.207		6.207
213.358	Total Expenditure	225.030
	<u>Income</u>	
-14.896	Government Grants	-12.697
-14.896	Total Income	-12.697
198.462	NET DELEGATED SCHOOLS BUDGET	212.333

EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	BUDGET		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£M	£M	£M
<u>Schools</u>			
School Modernisation Rhondda & Tonyrefail	0.338	0.000	0.000
School Modernisation	2.061	0.100	0.095
SRIC – School Modernisation Programme	0.600	0.000	0.000
YGG Awel Taf (New Welsh Medium Primary School Rhydfelin)	0.189	0.000	0.000
Ysgol Bro Taf (3-16 Pontypridd School Modernisation)	0.350	0.000	0.000
Ysgol Afon Wen (3-16 Hawthorn School Modernisation)	0.375	0.000	0.000
YGG Llyn Y Forwyn	0.429	0.000	0.000
Ysgol Glyn-Coch	16.389	2.790	0.390
New Special School Clydach	25.922	11.286	0.838
Total Schools	46.653	14.176	1.323
<u>Supplementary Capital Programme</u>			
Planned Kitchen Refurbishments	0.160	0.130	0.130
Window & Door Replacements	0.100	0.100	0.100
Essential Works	0.270	0.270	0.270
Capitalisation of Computer Hardware/Software & Licenses	0.270	0.270	0.270
Roof Renewal	0.555	0.465	0.465
Boiler Replacement	0.170	0.170	0.170
Equalities Act/Compliance Works	1.689	0.155	0.155
Education & Inclusion Services Condition Surveys	0.035	0.035	0.035
Electrical Rewiring	0.263	0.130	0.130
Asbestos Remediation Works	0.595	0.595	0.595
Fire Alarm Upgrades	0.065	0.065	0.065
Toilet Refurbishments	0.235	0.235	0.235
Improvements to Schools	0.065	0.065	0.065
Total Supplementary Capital Programme	4.472	2.685	2.685
TOTAL EDUCATION & INCLUSION SERVICES BUDGET	51.125	16.861	4.008

* The 2025/26 budget includes estimated slippage from 2024/25 and additional grant aided schemes that were known when the three-year programme was agreed.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

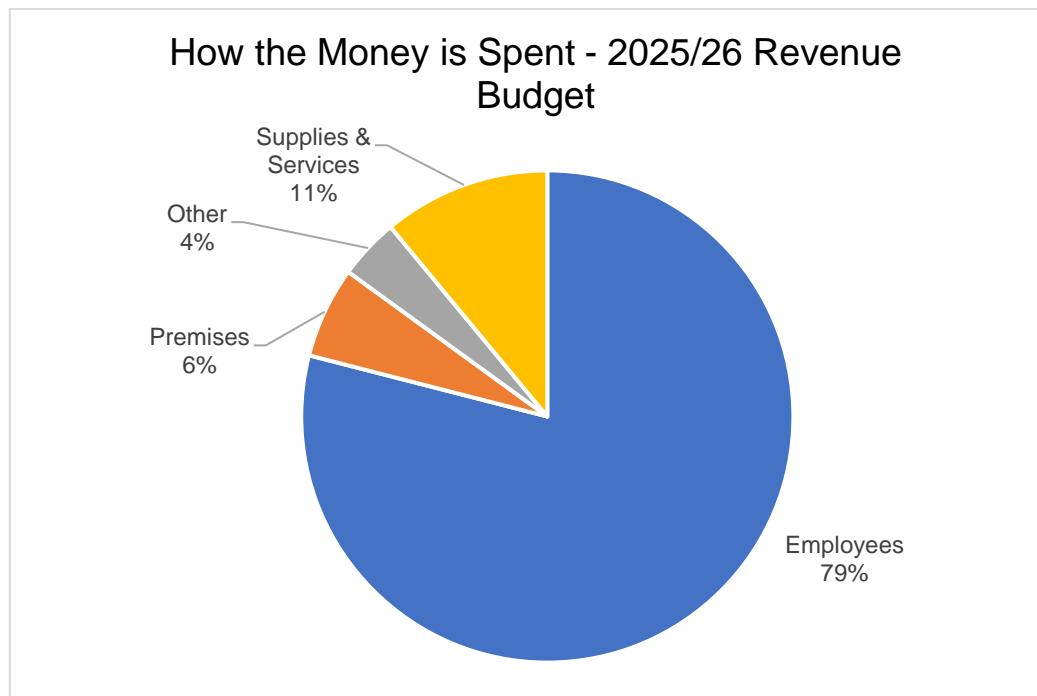
This Group contains both front line (i.e. Regeneration, Housing, Planning Services, Housing Benefits, Council Tax, Pensions and Electoral Registration) and corporate support functions (i.e. Human Resources, Legal & Democratic Services, and Corporate Estates) that underpin the service delivery capability across all groups.

A summary of the total resources available for the Chief Executive's Group in the 2025/26 financial year is as follows:

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure
	£M	£M	£M
Capital Programme	47.032	0.000	47.032
General Fund Revenue	52.309	-24.769	27.540
Total	99.341	-24.769	74.572

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REVENUE EXPENDITURE

The Net Revenue Expenditure for the Chief Executive's Group for 2025/26 amounts to £27.540M. Gross expenditure is estimated at £52.309M and this is analysed by expenditure type in the chart below.



Income receivable by the Group of £24.769M reduces net expenditure to £27.540M. A detailed analysis of how this money will be spent can be found on subsequent pages within this section.

Specific Revenue Grants 2025/26

The table below identifies the main areas of expenditure funded by Specific Revenue Grants, which are included within gross expenditure / income figures as appropriate.

Award Body	Purpose	Amount £M
Department for Work & Pensions	Housing Benefit Administration Grant	0.716
	Various Miscellaneous Grants	0.050
Welsh Government	Non-Domestic Rates Admin Grant	0.394
	Increased Employer National Insurance Contributions (Public Sector)	To be confirmed
	Various Miscellaneous Grants	0.136
UK Government	Various Miscellaneous Grants	0.050
	Shared Prosperity Fund	0.820

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE: TYPE OF SPEND

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
34.793	NJC Local Govt Workers	38.322
2.409	JNC Chief Officers	2.460
0.585	Other	0.766
37.787		41.548
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.755	Repairs & Maintenance	0.651
0.009	Maintenance of Grounds	0.010
1.174	Energy	0.958
0.144	Rents	0.144
0.975	Local Tax	0.994
0.069	Water	0.070
0.170	Cleaning/Domestic	0.173
0.002	Other	0.001
3.298		3.001
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.030	Direct Transport	0.000
0.007	Contract Hire	0.000
0.006	Public Transport	0.006
0.076	Car Allowances	0.069
0.119		0.075
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.421	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.442
0.727	Communications/Computing	0.837
0.214	Printing/Stationery	0.165
0.101	Advertising	0.092
0.005	Members Expenses	0.005
0.218	Grants & Subscriptions	0.220
3.003	Services	3.037
0.734	Miscellaneous	0.770
0.011	Other	0.009
5.434		5.577
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.087	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	0.086
0.040	Rendered By Vol Organisation	0.040
0.052	Rendered by Private Contract	0.053
0.019	Structural	0.019
0.006	Cyclic	0.006
0.007	Safety Aids	0.007
0.081	Miscellaneous	0.081
0.292		0.292
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	

0.002	School Children/Students	0.002
0.002		0.002
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.078	Recharges	0.089
0.078		0.089
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
1.725	Capital Charges	1.725
1.725		1.725
48.735	Total Expenditure	52.309
	<u>Income</u>	
-1.957	Government Grants	-3.172
-2.987	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-3.410
-7.215	Customer/Client Receipts	-8.614
-8.909	Internal income	-9.573
-21.068	Total Income	-24.769
27.667	NET CHIEF EXECUTIVE BUDGET	27.540

GENERAL FUND REVENUE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE: SERVICES PROVIDED

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Chief Executive</u>	
0.453	Chief Executive's Office	0.469
0.453		0.469
	<u>Human Resources</u>	
	<u>Human Resources</u>	
0.433	Support Services	0.346
1.401	Employee Relations	1.411
2.428	Organisational Development	2.604
4.262	Total Human Resources	4.361
	<u>Pensions, Procurement & Transactional Services</u>	
0.000	Pensions	0.000
1.575	Procurement	1.631
2.880	Transactional Services	3.088
4.940	Business Support	5.250
9.395	Total Pensions, Procurement & Transactional Services	9.969
13.657	Total Human Resources	14.330
	<u>Legal & Democratic Services</u>	
1.277	Legal Services	1.299
0.424	Legal Administration	0.360
3.684	Democratic Services & Communications	3.979
5.385	Total Legal & Democratic Services	5.638
	<u>Corporate Estates</u>	
0.050	Management of Surplus Sites	0.048
-0.727	Sundry Land and Properties	-1.206
1.460	Corporate Estates Management Department	1.497
2.867	Office Accommodation	2.320
1.417	Facilities Cleaning	1.469
5.067	Total Corporate Estates	4.128
	<u>Prosperity & Development</u>	
0.518	Central Services	0.484
1.078	Regeneration & Prosperity	1.119
0.272	Housing	0.181
1.020	Planning Services	1.002
0.217	Design	0.189
3.105	Total Prosperity & Development	2.975
27.667	TOTAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE BUDGET	27.540

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
0.085	NJC Local Govt Workers	0.096
0.227	JNC Chief Officers	0.234
0.312		0.330
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.001	Cleaning/Domestic	0.001
0.001		0.001
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.000	Printing/Stationery	0.000
0.138	Grants & Subscriptions	0.141
0.001	Other	0.000
0.001	Miscellaneous	0.001
0.140		0.142
0.453	Total Expenditure	0.473
	<u>Income</u>	
0.000	Government Grants	-0.004
0.000	Total Income	-0.004
0.453	NET CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE BUDGET	0.469

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**HUMAN RESOURCES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
16.807	NJC Local Govt Workers	18.326
0.647	JNC Chief Officers	0.668
0.441	Other	0.543
17.895		19.537
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.000	Repairs & Maintenance	0.000
0.025	Cleaning/Domestic	0.024
0.025		0.024
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.004	Direct Transport	0.000
0.002	Public Transport	0.002
0.020	Car Allowances	0.019
0.026		0.021
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.093	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.087
0.516	Communications/Computing	0.588
0.129	Printing/Stationery	0.081
0.002	Advertising	0.004
0.034	Grants & Subscriptions	0.033
0.624	Services	0.596
0.157	Miscellaneous	0.142
0.001	Other	0.001
1.556		1.532
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.052	Rendered by Private Contract	0.053
0.052		0.053
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.002	School Children/Students	0.002
0.002		0.002
19.556	Total Expenditure	21.169
	<u>Income</u>	
-1.197	Government Grants	-1.660
-0.258	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.258
-0.994	Customer/Client Receipts	-1.137
-3.450	Internal Income	-3.784
-5.899	Total Income	-6.839
13.657	NET HUMAN RESOURCES BUDGET	14.330

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
5.752	NJC Local Govt Workers	6.546
0.534	JNC Chief Officers	0.478
0.141	Other	0.223
6.427		7.247
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.010	Repairs & Maintenance	0.020
0.127	Rents	0.127
0.003	Cleaning/Domestic	0.005
0.140		0.152
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.003	Public Transport	0.003
0.005	Car Allowances	0.005
0.008		0.008
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.165	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.191
0.078	Communications/Computing	0.078
0.076	Printing/Stationery	0.075
0.064	Advertising	0.053
0.005	Member Expenses	0.005
2.297	Services	2.356
0.142	Miscellaneous	0.293
0.001	Grants & Subscriptions	0.001
2.828		3.052
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.005	Rendered By Vol Organisation	0.005
0.005		0.005
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.078	Recharges	0.089
0.078		0.089
9.486	Total Expenditure	10.553
	<u>Income</u>	
0.000	Government Grants	-0.221
-2.726	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-3.149
-1.065	Customer/Client Receipts	-1.219
-0.310	Internal Income	-0.326
-4.101	Total Income	-4.915
5.385	NET LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES BUDGET	5.638

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**CORPORATE ESTATES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
6.974	NJC Local Govt Workers	7.801
0.489	JNC Chief Officers	0.554
7.463		8.355
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.742	Repairs & Maintenance	0.629
0.009	Maintenance of Grounds	0.010
1.169	Energy	0.954
0.010	Rents	0.010
0.969	Local Tax	0.988
0.065	Water	0.067
0.139	Cleaning/Domestic	0.140
0.001	Other	0.001
3.104		2.799
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.022	Direct Transport	0.000
0.006	Contract Hire	0.000
0.022	Car Allowances	0.022
0.050		0.022
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.115	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.114
0.118	Communications/Computing	0.160
0.003	Printing/Stationery	0.001
0.002	Advertising	0.002
0.020	Grants & Subscriptions	0.021
0.015	Services	0.015
0.324	Miscellaneous	0.206
0.007	Other	0.006
0.604		0.525
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.081	Miscellaneous	0.081
0.081		0.081
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
1.725	Capital Charges	1.725
1.725		1.725
13.027	Total Expenditure	13.507
	<u>Income</u>	
0.000	Government Grants	-0.373
-2.899	Customer/Client Receipts	-3.673
-5.061	Internal Income	-5.333
-7.960	Total Income	-9.379
5.067	NET CORPORATE ESTATES BUDGET	4.128

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**PROSPERITY & DEVELOPMENT: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
5.175	NJC Local Govt Workers	5.553
0.512	JNC Chief Officers	0.526
0.003	Other	0.000
5.690		6.079
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.003	Repairs & Maintenance	0.002
0.005	Energy	0.004
0.007	Rents	0.007
0.006	Local Tax	0.006
0.004	Water	0.003
0.002	Cleaning/Domestic	0.003
0.001	Other	0.000
0.028		0.025
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.004	Direct Transport	0.000
0.001	Contract Hire	0.000
0.001	Public Transport	0.001
0.029	Car Allowances	0.023
0.035		0.024
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.048	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.050
0.015	Communications/Computing	0.011
0.006	Printing/Stationery	0.008
0.033	Advertising	0.033
0.025	Grants & Subscriptions	0.024
0.067	Services	0.070
0.110	Miscellaneous	0.128
0.002	Other	0.002
0.306		0.326
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.087	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	0.086
0.035	Rendered by Voluntary Organisations	0.035
0.019	Structural	0.019
0.006	Cyclic	0.006
0.007	Safety Aids	0.007
0.154		0.153
6.213	Total Expenditure	6.607

	<u>Income</u>	
-0.760	Government Grants	-0.914
-0.003	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.003
-2.257	Customer/Client Receipts	-2.585
-0.088	Internal Income	-0.130
-3.108	Total Income	-3.632
3.105	NET PROSPERITY & DEVELOPMENT BUDGET	2.975

CHIEF EXECUTIVE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	BUDGET		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£M	£M	£M
<u>Prosperity & Development</u>			
Regeneration			
Enterprise Investment Fund	0.580	0.130	0.130
Flood Resilience Grants	0.150	0.000	0.000
Town Centre Maintenance Grants (SPF)	0.050	0.000	0.000
Town Centre Property Improvements (SPF)	0.715	0.000	0.000
Town Centre Improvements/Enhancements	0.150	0.000	0.000
96-102 Taff St, Pontypridd	4.277	0.093	0.000
Pontypridd Placemaking Plan	0.863	0.000	0.000
Transforming Towns Tonypany Placemaking Plan	0.022	0.000	0.000
Major Projects Investment Fund	0.163	0.000	0.000
Regeneration Investment	2.217	0.600	0.580
Rock Grounds Development	4.750	0.000	0.000
Total Regeneration	13.937	0.823	0.710
Cardiff Capital Region City Deal			
Cardiff Capital Region City Deal	0.292	0.786	7.385
Total Cardiff Capital Region City Deal	0.292	0.786	7.385
Planning & Countryside			
Countryside	0.112	0.000	0.000
Total Planning & Countryside	0.112	0.000	0.000
Private Sector Housing			
Disabled Facilities Grants/Adaptations (DFG)	3.375	3.875	3.875
Maintenance Repair Assistance (MRA)	0.350	0.350	0.350
Renovation Grants Exceptional Circumstances & Home Improvement Zones	0.350	0.350	0.350
Empty Properties Grants Investment	0.931	1.000	0.000
National Empty Homes Grant Scheme – RCT	2.311	0.000	0.000
National Empty Homes Grant Scheme - Other LAs	16.689	0.000	0.000
Affordable Housing	1.352	1.372	1.200
Tackling Poverty Fund	0.150	0.000	0.000
Community Regeneration	0.914	0.195	0.095
Total Private Sector Housing	26.422	7.142	5.870
Total Prosperity & Development	40.763	8.751	13.965

<u>Corporate Estates</u>			
Major repair/refurbishment and/or rationalisation of Service Group Accommodation	0.100	0.100	0.100
Strategic Maintenance	0.040	0.040	0.040
Asset Management Planning	0.035	0.035	0.035
Asbestos Management	0.115	0.115	0.115
Asbestos Remediation Works	0.035	0.035	0.035
Legionella Remediation Works	0.180	0.180	0.180
Legionella Management	0.115	0.115	0.115
Coed Ely Solar Farm	5.090	0.000	0.000
Carbon Reduction Programme	0.400	0.280	0.280
Electric Vehicles Charging	0.150	0.000	0.000
Total Corporate Estates	6.260	0.900	0.900
TOTAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE BUDGET	47.023	9.651	14.865

*** The 2025/26 budget includes estimated slippage from 2024/25 and additional grant aided schemes that were known when the three-year programme was agreed.**

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FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES

FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES OVERVIEW

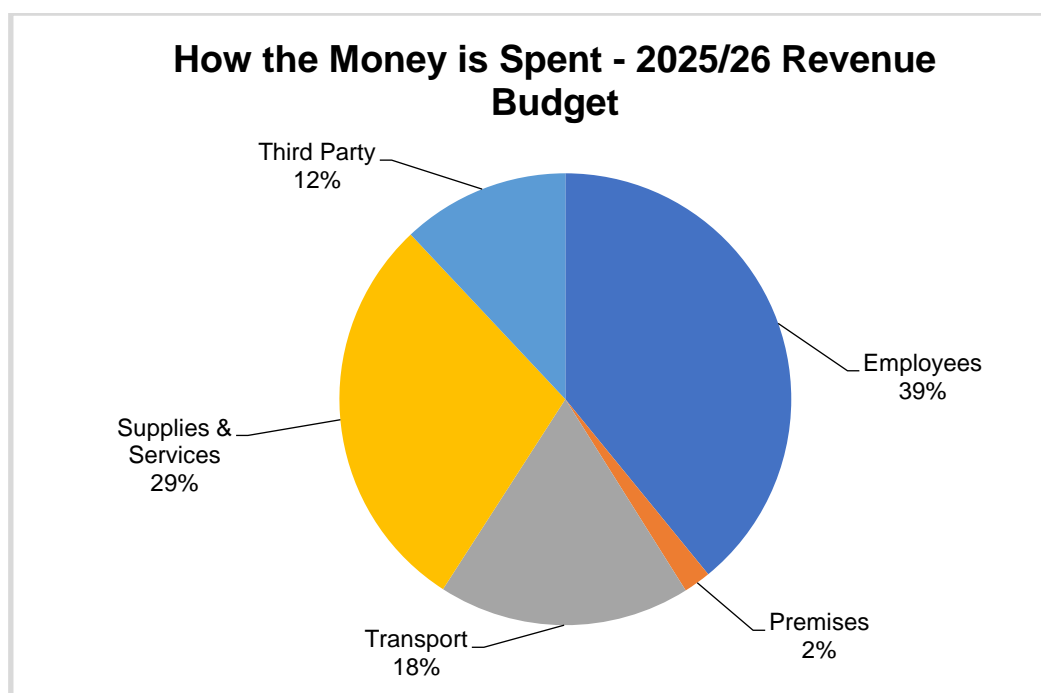
This Group contains Finance, Digital and Frontline Services (i.e. Highways, Transportation, Strategic Projects; Streetcare (including Waste Services); and Public Spaces (comprising Street Cleansing and Parks Services).

A summary of the total resources available for the Finance, Digital & Frontline Services Group in the 2025/26 financial year is as follows:

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure
	£M	£M	£M
Capital Programme	49.257	0.000	49.257
General Fund Revenue	120.343	-35.754	84.589
Total	169.600	-35.754	133.846

FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES REVENUE EXPENDITURE

The Net Revenue Budget for the Finance, Digital & Frontline Services Group for 2025/26 amounts to £84.589M. Gross expenditure is estimated at £120.343M and this is analysed by expenditure type in the chart below.



Income receivable by the Group of £35.754M reduces net expenditure to £84.589M. A detailed analysis of how this money will be spent can be found on subsequent pages within this section.

Specific Revenue Grants 2025/26

The table below identifies the main areas of expenditure funded by Specific Revenue Grants, which are included within gross expenditure / income figures as appropriate.

Award Body	Purpose	Amount £M
Welsh Government	Increased Employer's National Insurance Contributions (Public Sector)	To be confirmed
	Sustainable Waste Management Grant	1.051
	Concessionary Fares	5.551
	Road Safety	0.101
	Bus Network Grant	2.334
	Bus Service Support	0.608
	Connecting Care	0.511
UK Government	Shared Prosperity Fund	0.499

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
39.908	NJC Local Govt Workers	42.158
1.576	JNC Chief Officers	1.623
2.682	Other	3.111
44.166		46.892
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.572	Repairs & Maintenance	0.612
0.646	Energy	0.617
0.262	Rents	0.228
0.577	Local Tax	0.593
0.135	Water	0.138
0.193	Cleaning/Domestic	0.093
0.089	Other	0.061
2.474		2.342
	<u>Transport</u>	
6.375	Direct Transport	2.919
19.679	Contract Hire	18.030
0.597	Public Transport	0.609
0.089	Car Allowances	0.088
26.740		21.646
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
4.859	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	4.806
1.394	Communications/Computing	1.401
0.235	Printing/Stationery	0.232
0.224	Advertising	0.269
0.176	Grants & Subscriptions	0.189
21.384	Services	24.935
2.740	Miscellaneous	2.663
0.138	Other	0.149
31.150		34.644
	<u>Third Party</u>	
1.263	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	1.266
0.023	Rendered By Private Contract	0.023
7.290	Transport	9.553
0.085	Structural	0.087
0.448	Cyclic	0.457
0.410	Safety Aids	0.417
0.078	Winter Maintenance	0.079
2.370	Street Lighting	2.385
0.100	Miscellaneous	0.099

0.024	Highways Drainage	0.024
12.091		14.390
	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.240	School Children/Students	0.240
0.240		0.240
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.009	Recharges	0.009
0.009		0.009
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
0.180	Capital Charges	0.180
0.180		0.180
117.050	Total Expenditure	120.343
	<u>Income</u>	
-7.624	Government Grants	-11.969
-1.578	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.926
-5.302	Customer/Client Receipts	-5.293
0.000	Interest	-0.006
-0.260	Recharges–Other Revenue Account	-0.260
-19.530	Internal Income	-17.300
-34.294	Total Income	-35.754
82.756	NET FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES BUDGET	84.589

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES: SERVICES PROVIDED**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Finance & Digital Services</u>	
	<u>Finance</u>	
3.944	Financial Management, Accountancy & Internal Audit	3.703
0.038	Public Service Partnerships	0.038
3.982	Total Finance	3.741
	<u>ICT & Digital Services</u>	
7.921	ICT & Digital Services	7.967
7.921	Total ICT & Digital Services	7.967
11.903	<u>Total Finance & Digital Services</u>	11.708
	<u>Frontline Services</u>	
4.448	Highways Management	5.131
0.549	Strategic Projects	0.591
5.483	Highways Maintenance	6.518
6.462	Street Cleansing	0.000
21.412	Transportation	20.035
24.979	Waste Services	25.853
1.929	Fleet Management	3.989
3.917	Public Spaces	8.744
1.674	Group Directorate	2.020
70.853	<u>Total Frontline Services</u>	72.881
82.756	TOTAL FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES BUDGET	84.589

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**FINANCE & DIGITAL SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
12.341	NJC Local Govt Workers	12.952
1.062	JNC Chief Officers	1.094
13.403		14.046
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.001	Repairs & Maintenance	0.000
0.001	Rents	0.001
0.029	Cleaning/Domestic	0.024
0.031		0.025
	<u>Transport</u>	
0.001	Public Transport	0.001
0.013	Car Allowances	0.013
0.014		0.014
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
0.371	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	0.383
1.053	Communications/Computing	1.030
0.169	Printing/Stationery	0.137
0.009	Grants & Subscriptions	0.009
0.008	Services	0.008
0.320	Miscellaneous	0.116
0.001	Other	0.000
1.931		1.683
	<u>Third Party</u>	
0.023	Rendered By Private Contract	0.023
0.023		0.023
15.402	Total Expenditure	15.791
	<u>Income</u>	
-0.470	Government Grants	-0.882
-0.127	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.127
-0.274	Customer/Client Receipts	-0.317
0.000	Interest	-0.006
-2.628	Internal Income	-2.751
-3.499	Total Income	-4.083
11.903	NET FINANCE & DIGITAL SERVICES BUDGET	11.708

GENERAL FUND REVENUE**FRONTLINE SERVICES: TYPE OF SPEND**

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Employees</u>	
27.567	NJC Local Govt Workers	29.206
0.514	JNC Chief Officers	0.529
2.682	Other	3.111
30.763		32.846
	<u>Premises</u>	
0.571	Repairs & Maintenance	0.612
0.646	Energy	0.617
0.261	Rents	0.227
0.577	Local Tax	0.593
0.135	Water	0.138
0.164	Cleaning/Domestic	0.069
0.089	Other	0.061
2.443		2.317
	<u>Transport</u>	
6.375	Direct Transport	2.919
19.679	Contract Hire	18.030
0.596	Public Transport	0.608
0.076	Car Allowances	0.075
26.726		21.632
	<u>Supplies & Services</u>	
4.488	Equipment/Materials/Furniture	4.423
0.341	Communications/Computing	0.371
0.066	Printing/Stationery	0.095
0.224	Advertising	0.269
0.167	Grants & Subscriptions	0.180
21.376	Services	24.927
2.420	Miscellaneous	2.547
0.137	Other	0.149
29.219		32.961
	<u>Third Party</u>	
1.263	Rendered by Other Local Authorities	1.266
7.290	Transport	9.553
0.085	Structural	0.087
0.448	Cyclic	0.457
0.410	Safety Aids	0.417
0.078	Winter Maintenance	0.079
2.370	Street Lighting	2.385
0.100	Miscellaneous	0.099
0.024	Highways Drainage	0.024
12.068		14.367

	<u>Transfer Payments</u>	
0.240	School Children/Students	0.240
0.240		0.240
	<u>Support Services</u>	
0.009	Recharges	0.009
0.009		0.009
	<u>Capital Financing</u>	
0.180	Capital Charges	0.180
0.180		0.180
101.648	Total Expenditure	104.552
	<u>Income</u>	
-7.154	Government Grants	-11.087
-1.451	Other Grants/Reimbursements	-0.799
-5.028	Customer/Client Receipts	-4.976
-0.260	Recharges–Other Revenue Account	-0.260
-16.902	Internal Income	-14.549
-30.795	Total Income	-31.671
70.853	NET FRONTLINE SERVICES BUDGET	72.881

FINANCE, DIGITAL & FRONTLINE SERVICES THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	BUDGET		
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£M	£M	£M
<u>Finance & Digital Services</u>			
CIVICA Financials	0.269	0.240	0.240
Capitalisation of Computer HW/SW & Licences	1.440	1.440	1.440
Total Finance & Digital Services	1.709	1.680	1.680
<u>Frontline Services</u>			
<u>Highways Technical Services</u>			
Highways Improvements	7.700	0.930	0.930
Car Parks	0.040	0.040	0.040
Structures	9.950	0.195	0.195
Parks Structures	0.270	0.000	0.000
Street Lighting	0.330	0.330	0.130
Traffic Management	0.120	0.100	0.100
Total Highways Technical Services	18.410	1.595	1.395
<u>Strategic Projects</u>			
Transportation Infrastructure	9.152	0.025	0.025
Drainage Improvements	2.070	0.495	0.095
Land Reclamation	0.015	0.000	0.000
Total Strategic Projects	11.237	0.520	0.120
<u>Coal Tips Safety Programme</u>			
Coal Tips Safety Programme	11.337	0.000	0.000
Total Coal Tips Safety Programme	11.337	0.000	0.000
<u>Parks</u>			
Parks	1.773	0.065	0.065
Total Parks	1.773	0.065	0.065
<u>Wastes Strategy</u>			
Waste Strategy	0.670	0.000	0.000
Total Waste Strategy	0.670	0.000	0.000
<u>Fleet</u>			
Vehicles	3.893	1.600	1.600
Total Fleet	3.893	1.600	1.600
<u>Buildings</u>			
Buildings	0.108	0.107	0.107
Capitalised Equipment	0.120	0.120	0.120
Total Buildings	0.228	0.227	0.227

Total Frontline Services	47.548	4.007	3.407
TOTAL FINANCE, DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE SERVICES BUDGET	49.257	5.687	5.087

* The 2025/26 budget includes slippage from 2024/25 and additional grant aided schemes that were known when the three-year programme was agreed.

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AUTHORITY WIDE BUDGETS

AUTHORITY WIDE BUDGETS OVERVIEW

Authority Wide Budgets represent those elements of financing which are Council wide, and which cannot be directly attributed to any specific service group.

A summary of the total resources available for these budgets in the 2025/26 financial year is as follows:

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure
	£M	£M	£M
General Fund Revenue	122.183	-39.706	82.477
Total	122.183	-39.706	82.477

AUTHORITY WIDE BUDGETS: SERVICES PROVIDED

2024/25 Budget		2025/26 Budget
£M		£M
21.708	Capital Financing	21.519
15.941	Levies	16.866
14.902	Miscellaneous	15.848
0.425	NDR Relief	0.425
26.570	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	27.819
79.546	TOTAL AUTHORITY WIDE BUDGETS	82.477