MEETING	Snowdonia National Park Authority
DATE	15 July 2020
TITLE	REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/20
REPORT BY	Chief Finance Officer
PURPOSE	<ul> <li>i. To approve the virements, transfers and carry-forward of revenue and capital budgets as outlined in the report.</li> <li>ii. To approve the Capital Financing Statement.</li> <li>iii. To consider the departmental performance with regard to budgetary control.</li> <li>iv. To approve the proposed changes to reserves.</li> </ul>

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The National Park base revenue grant from Welsh Government for 2019/20 was maintained at the same level as 2018/19.
- 1.2 A total of £1,858,540 "one off" capital grant was allocated to the Authority by Welsh Government in January 2020 with the condition that this finance was to be either spent or at least begun to be committed before 31/3/2020. See appendix 3 for the grant sums remaining at 31/3/2020. As the grant was allocated for 2019/20 the remainder is held in the Authority reserves as opposed to a creditor in the Authority balance sheet.
- 1.4 The final financial position for services for 2019/20 confirms that the Authority has once again succeeded to stay within its financial budgets with a net underspend of £350,882. (see appendix 2).
- 1.5 Due to the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of local authorities, a one-time extension has been given for completing and approving the annual Statement of Accounts. The Authority, therefore, is requested to approve the 2019/20 financial outturn (and relevant financial transfers), as part of the process of producing the statutory financial statements (to be approved by the Chief Finance Officer by 31 August, and approved by the Authority by 30 November 2020).

# 2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report provides a comparison, at service area level, between the Authority's budgeted revenue and capital spending plans and the actual outturn expenditure for 2019/20.
- 2.2 The total net revenue expenditure for the year was £2,616,329 i.e. £3,999,570 under the revised net budget of £6,615,899. This figure includes the effect of a substantial sum of grants received in advance. The total gross capital expenditure for the year was £1,416,764.
- 2.3 As in the table in paragraph 3.2 the £3,999,570 is before net transfers of £3,294,522 to specific "cash" reserves, and also slippages and commitments (to 2020/21) of some of the 2019/20 budget allocations worth £354,166. (The Management Team has instructed that this money is not to be spent, until the Authority's financial position is clearer). This brings the remaining balance available for re-allocation to **£350,882**.
- 2.4 It should be noted that some figures in this report may be adjusted during the accounts closure process (between now and 31/8/2020) and that all figures are subject to audit (between now and 31/11 2020). Any significant adjustments made in the statement of accounts and following completion of the audit will be reported to the Authority.

	Original Net Budget	Virements	Revised Net Budget	Actual spend	Under / (over)
Service Area	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land					
Management	2,381,940	-12,553	2,369,387	991,037	1,378,350
Corporate	3,053,510	537,989	3,591,499	3,100,998	490,501
Balances	10,000	-10,000	0	0	0
	5,445,450	515,436	5,960,886	4,092,035	1,868,851
Interest Earned	-8,000	-21,200	-29,200	-48,077	18,877
Capital financed from					
revenue	998,485	265,208	1,263,693	-848,149	2,111,842
Capital Charges					
Adjustment	-579,480	0	-579,480	-579,480	0
TOTAL	5,856,455	759,444	6,615,899	2,616,329	3,999,570

# 3. FINAL REVENUE SUMMARY 2019/20

# 3.1 NET BUDGET for 2019/20

The increase of £759,444 in the net base revenue budget rom £5,856,455 to £6,615,899 represents the following additions:

- £6,500 slippage 2017/18
- £402,423 slippage 2018/19
- £54,183 from the match funding reserve (including an adjustment of £1,380 on the amounts included in the original budget).
- £ 71,000 from the asset management fund
- £268,692 from the project fund
- £181,210 from the revenue grants fund

- £14,415 from the capital grants fund
- - £19,728 net adjustment on the amounts from the capital grant fund included in the original budget.
- £23,250 contribution from the capital receipts fund towards the purchase of an electric car for Planning use.
- - £100,000 Snowdonia Partnership Fund contribution to the Carneddau scheme
- £4,999 NRW grant received in 2018/19 for use re footpath work
- - £47,500 to fund future employment of the Partnerships Officer
- - £100,000 to repay the funding for HQ boiler works to the capital receipts reserve because a grant has been received for this purpose.

The Authority has already been notified of the above except for the last movement of -£100,000.

Appendix 1 provides further details of the reported transfers to the Authority in December (since there was no Performance and Resources Committee meeting held in March), and those that have been implemented since.

# 3.2 Transfers from and to Reserves and Other Specific Costs

There is a balance of  $\pounds$ 3,999,570 before transfers to and from reserves. A breakdown of the transfers is shown in the table below, along with other specific costs:

	£	£	£
Total balances available 2019/20			3,999,570
Transfers from Reserves			
Planning and Land Management			
Caer Gai	8,182		
Ysgwrn (outside HLF grant scheme)	18,162		
Wealth of our Marshlands	1,189	27,533	
Corporate			
Welsh government grant scheme (capital)	79,284	79,284	
Transfer to Reserves			
Planning and Land Management			
Cultural Heritage Projects	-50,200		
Ysgwrn (HLF grant scheme)	-2,482		
Dolgellau town Heritage Scheme - SNPA matched funding	-89,973		
Welsh Government grant schemes (capital)	-1,079,629		
Open Call (SNPA contribution)	-27,278		
ENRaW scheme	-14,894		
Dark Skies	-44,441		
SMS grant scheme - Welsh Peatlands	-12,097		
National Grid grant scheme - Maentwrog (2)	-138,145		
SMS grant scheme - Uwch Gwyrfai	-3,330		
SMS grant scheme - Afon Eden	-16,119		
Celtic Rainforests (LIFE grant scheme)	-812,377		
Archaeology Carneddau - SNPA contribution	-11,048 -8,169		
Cader idris - BMC and NRW grants	-70,000		
Planning - section 106 funding	-10,000		
Welsh Government grant schemes (revenue)	-25,402	-2,415,584	
Corporate			
Maes Newyddion Net sale proceeds	-34,218		
TAIS grant schemes	-18,998		
Welsh Government grant schemes (capital)	-744,542		
New website	-14,060		
Snowdonia Partnership Fund	-75,933		
Snowdonia Partnership - Cyngor Gwynedd grant	-8,000		
Welsh Government grant schemes (revenue)	-90,004	-985,755	
			-3,294,522
Slippage and other costs (see appendix 4)	-354,166		-354,166
Balance available for reallocation			350,882

# 3.3 Departmental Outturn

Essential transfers to and from reserves within specific programmes or otherwise earmarked have already been set out in point 3.2.

The table below shows the position of each directorate level after taking into account the reserved and specific items brought forward within the 2019-20 budget:

	Net revised Budget	Actual Spend	Under / (Over)	Commitment	Under / (Over)
DIRECTORATE	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land					
Management	2,369,387	991,037	1,378,350	1,185,578	192,772
Corporate	3,591,499	3,100,998	490,501	313,786	176,715
SUB-TOTAL	5,960,886	4,092,035	1,868,851	1,499,364	369,487
Interest Earned	-29,200	-48,077	18,877	0	18,877
Capital financed from					
revenue	1,263,693	-848,149	2,111,842	2,149,324	-37,482
Capital Charges					
Adjustment	-579,480	-579,480	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,615,899	2,616,329	3,999,570	3,648,688	350,882

Total additional income and underspend, after taking account of the transfers to and from reserves, were **£350,882**.

# 3.4 Detailed Analysis

A more detailed breakdown by service of the spending and commitments for 2019/20 is provided in Appendix 2.

# 3.5 Significant Variations

Services with variations of over £10,000, in the figure of £350,882 which is a combination of net additional income and underspend are:

## **Underspend**

Planning and Land Management

- **Conservation, Woodlands and Agriculture (£55,478)** a saving mainly on employment with one post vacant throughout the year and a saving on reducing the hours of another post.
- Cultural Heritage (£14,823) saving on the employment of a Project Officer.
- Archaeology (£13,806) post has been vacant most of the year.
- Planning (£42,054) Head of Service vacancy for most of the year with the saving covering the costs of buying in service and the shortfall in planning income fees (£17,402)
- Public Access (£16,220) savings on several budget lines.
- Wardens General (£30,064) includes income from part exchange of equipment where the new equipment purchased was financed from Welsh Government capital grant.
- North Wardens (£13,696) the remainder of the Senior Warden post budget which has been vacant throughout the year.

## <u>Corporate</u>

- Engagement (£12,803) savings in various budget lines including employment, travel costs and the school transport fund.
- Information Centres (£18,795) saving on interpretation budget line and property costs.
- Llyn Tegid (£16,175) additional income to the budget from parking fees.
- Car Parks (£101,938) additional income.
- Management Plan and Partnerships (£65,023) remaining uncommitted balance out of the Commissioning Fund budget line

- Authority support (£11,188) a saving of £11,895 on the subscription budget line mainly due to the Authority no longer paying a subscription to "UK National Parks".
- **Corporate Management (£97,877)** the inclusion of a "one-off" project line (£69,000) and reimbursement for central services out of the ERRAMP scheme (£17,691)
- Administration and Customer Care (£15,162) savings in protective clothing, equipment, phones and maintenance budget lines.
- Information Systems (£19,458) savings in revenue budget lines to fund overspend (£12,424) on the Information Systems capital budget.
- **Translation (£23,191)** a net saving between a single post's employment budget and the cost of purchasing an external translator service.
- Headquarters (£12,220) main saving on the "maintenance" budget line.
- Visitor Facilities (£14,520) mainly due to the Hafod Eryri rent being higher than the budgeted amount.

# <u>Overspend</u>

<u>Corporate</u>

- **Plas Tan y Bwlch (£160,370)** mainly due to a shortfall in the course income fee budget line of £198,140.
- Legal (£57,800) the impact of the costs of buying in a service to deal with the Hillside and Llanbedr planning cases
- **Property (£22,424)** due to additional costs for buying in service and responsive maintenance.

# 3.6 Changes since previously reported

The last budget report presented to the Authority in December 2019 identified a likely outturn of a deficit of £102,000 compared to the actual outturn of a surplus of £350,882.

The main reason for the £452,882 difference is that a number of officers have not submitted bids for carry-over due to the Authority's position regarding the impact of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of financial support from the Welsh Government.

# 3.7 Targets for specific services

In the light of recent budget cuts and the financial strategies put in place to cope with them, the Information Centres and Plas Tan y Bwlch services were reviewed and specific targets agreed in relation to them.

## Information Centres

The baseline target set for the Centres is **£128,680** (December 2016 Authority report and the impact of restructuring).

The Information Centres outturn for 2019/20 is **£142,085** (includes £5,940 capital cost). The corresponding outturn for 2018/19 was £141,360 (including £5,740 non-cash capital cost).

## Plas Tan y Bwlch

The Authority has accepted the aim for this service to be cost neutral by 2021/22 (excluding say £50,000 of the cost of relevant central services). This principle was

adopted at the Plas Board meeting (November 2016) and then incorporated into the financial targets for Plas Tan y Bwlch.

The service outturn for 2019/20 shows a budget shortfall of  $\pounds$ 160,370. The corresponding figure for 2018/19 was a deficit of  $\pounds$ 42,852.

A shortfall against the budget for course and accommodation income was £213,140 (2018/19 equivalent figure £98,947). Accepting the impact of COVID-19 on the 2019/20 outturn, fee income decreased over the year by £72,293 with £28,710 of this in February and March 2020.

## 4. **RESERVES**

#### 4.1 SUMMARY

Below is a summary of usable reserves with their current balances.

Name of Fund	Balance 31/3/2020
	(£)
Capital Receipts Reserve	-163,791
Section 106 Reserve	-240,000
Revenue Grants Reserve	-1,716,636
Capital Grants received in advance	-2,253,979
Asset Management Reserve	-233,655
Public Inquiry Reserve (Planning)	-225,000
Matched Funding Reserve	-1,073,182
Moneys carried over Reserve	-372,506
Projects Reserve	-404,583
Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve	-56,303
Specific Risk Reserve	-424,160
Staff Resilience Reserve	-120,000
Commercial Risks Reserve	-100,000
General Balances	-697,956
	-8,081,751

## 4.2 Earmarking Underspend Balance And Additional Income

At the Authority's meeting on 11 December 2019, and further on 5 February 2020, prudent current levels for the main reserves were considered. There is a balance of £350,882 of underspend and additional income from 2019/20 and is available for reallocation on a one-off basis. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Authority's commercial activities and income, the surplus is added to the Authority's General Balances Reserve.

## 4.3 Capital Receipts Reserve

The balance on this reserve at 31/3/2019 was £152,823. The Authority must use this money to fund capital expenditure, and it can be used to contribute to costs related to the sale of assets. During the year an electric vehicle was purchased (£23,250) and the Maes Newyddion site was sold (£34,218 net). The Capital Receipts Reserve balance at 31/3/2020 is **£163,791**.

# 4.4 Section 106 Reserve

The balance on this reserve at 31/3/2019 was £230,000. During 2019/20 a sum of £10,000 was received which leaves the balance of the reserve at **£240,000**. This funding is earmarked for affordable housing purposes.

# 4.5 Revenue Grants Reserve

This reserve holds the balance of unused revenue grants, received for use in the financial year and recognised as income in that financial year, but transferred to a reserve for future use. At 31/3/2019 the reserve had a balance of £845,017. During 2019/20 grants were received and used giving a net increase of £871,619 in the reserve giving a balance of £1,716,636 at 31/3/2020.

# 4.6 Capital Grants Reserve

This reserve has been created on the same basis as the Revenue Grant Reserve. At 31/3/2019 the reserve balance was £1,189,806. During 2019/20 grants were used and received giving a net increase of £1,064,173 to the reserve giving a balance on the 31/3/2020 of £2,253,979.

# 4.7 Asset Management Reserve

This reserve funds property costs that are beyond the normal annual budget of the Property Service. The Asset Management Reserve balance at 31/3/2019 was £304,655. £71,000 was used during the year of departure **£233,655** on the 31/3/2020.

## 4.8 Public Inquiry Reserve

As at 31/3/2019, the Authority had £225,000 in the Public Inquiry Reserve, to meet the costs:

- linked to the inquiry into the Development Plan (Local Development Plan), which is essentially difficult to predict.
- related to any other major investigation (Planning)
- which may be brought against the Authority for failure in a planning appeal

This reserve was not used during 2019/20 and therefore the balance remains at **£225,000** on the 31/3/2020.

## 4.9 Match Funding Reserve

At 1/4/2019 there was £803,552 in this reserve. During the year there was a net addition of £269,630 leaving **£1,073,182** on the 31/3/2020. The money is earmarked as follows:

Rhododendron Management	181,970
Snowdon Circular Route	115,667
Yr Ysgwrn	130,707
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage	157,757
BMC "Mend our Mountains" scheme	117,259
TAIS grant schemes	18,998
Dark Skies project	22,304
ENRaW scheme	14,894
Provision for costs on termination of grant schemes	70,136
Provision for lack of partnership funding	32,000
Carneddau Landscape Partnership	118,649
SMS grant schemes	40,987
Caer Gai	10,107
Cwm Ciprwth	6,800
Wealth of our Marshlands	4,497
Celtic Rainforests (LIFE)	30,450
Total	1,073,182

# 4.10 Projects Reserve

This reserve is for the purpose of funding specific projects by the Authority. There was a balance of £392,502 at 31/3/2019 which has now increased to **£404,583** and represents:

Project	(£)
Snowdonia Partnership Fund	75,933
Projects Officer (Cultural Heritage)	122,196
Snowdon Partnership Officer	47,500
Legacy re. "Youth Manifesto"	92,954
New website	66,000
Total	404,583

## 4.11 Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve

The balance of the reserve as at 31/3/2019 was £56,303. There was no change during 2019/20 leaving a balance of **£56,303** on the 31/3/2020.

## 4.12 Specific Risk Reserve

The balance of the reserve stands at £323,915 at 31/3/2019. During 2019/20 the 2019/20 budget surplus of £100,245 was transferred in, giving **£424,160** at 31/3/2020. It should be noted in this context that there is uncertainty about future Welsh Government grant settlements. It is proposed that the revised balance be retained to fund one-off costs of projects that achieve permanent savings (including redundancy costs, transition and "invest to save" schemes).

## 4.13 Staff Resilience Reserve

This reserve was approved in February 2019. There was no use during 2019/20 and the current balance is **£120,000**.

## 4.14 Commercial Risks Reserve

This reserve was approved in February 2019. No use occurred during 2019/20 and the current balance is **£100,000**.

# 4.15 General Balances

The Authority's Revenue General Balances at 31/3/2019 amounted to £347,074. We are in an unprecedented situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, with the Authority facing significant income losses without a commitment of support from the Welsh Government. In view of this the 2019/20 outturn surplus of £350,882 is added to the reserve which brings the current balance to **£697,956**.

# 5. CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/20

5.1 Details of the Capital budget, outturn and funding sources appear below:

	Net Budget	Expend.	Income	Balance	Committed	Under / (Over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management			× 4		× *	
Cultural Heritage projects	63,206	0	0	63,206	-63,206	0
Dolgellau Townscape Scheme	115,440	146,177	-111,281	80,544	-80,544	0
Planning System	20,000	15,800	0	4,200	-4,200	0
Electric Car (Planning)	23,250	23,250	0	0	0	0
Ysgwrn	0	37,653	-29,311	-8,342	8,342	0
LIFE Vehicle	13,396	13,396	0	0	0	0
Wardens' Vehicles	83,214	67,412	0	15,802	-15,802	0
"Tramper" Vehicle	0		-8,065	8,065	-8,065	0
Access Projects	82,500	0	0	82,500	-82,500	0
Visitor Monitoring Equipment	0	15,285	-15,000	-285	0	-285
Commercialisation of Pen y Pass & Llyn Tegid	10,000	972	0	9,028	-9,028	0
Maes Newyddion	0	1,332	-35,550	34,218	-34,218	0
Llyn Tegid Boat	14,260	14,213	0	47	0	47
Mulching Equipment	0	60,639	-60,000	-639	0	-639
Ffridd Isaf	32,000	10,301	0	21,699	-21,699	0
Cadair Idris	0	0	-70,000	70,000	-70,000	0
Watkin Path	11,336	7,060	0	4,276	0	4,276
BwlchM - Brithdir	0	19,672	-70,000	50,328	-50,328	0
Access Equipment	3,880	106,430	-80,000	-22,550	0	-22,550
Caer Gai	50,000	64,052	0	-14,052	8,182	-5,870
Carneddau	105,000	633	0	104,367	-104,367	0
St Davids' Hotel - demolition	265,272	257,261	0	8,011	-8,011	0
Other grants Welsh Gov. 19/20	0	0	-847,000	847,000	-847,000	0
	892,754	861,538	-1,326,207	1,357,423	-1,382,444	-25,021
Corporate						
Snowdon Interpretation Plan	15,000	0	0	15,000	-15,000	0
Snowdon Partnership Scheme	54,666	3,440		51,226	-51,226	0
TAIS Schemes	61,040	210,208	-168,166	18,998	-18,998	0
IT equipment replacement program	77,340	39,764	0	37,576	-50,000	-12,424
Translation Equipment	10,000	10,037	0	-37	0	-37
New Web Site	91,000	1,200	0	89,800	-89,800	0
Snowdon Partnership Videos Betws y Coed Information Center	3,700	3,700	0	0	0	0
Improvements	0	7,860	-130,000	122,140	-122,140	0
Energy Saving	0	83,568	-88,000	4,432	-4,432	0
Electric Car charging points	15,000	5,176	0	9,824	-9,824	0
Plas Tan y Bwlch (accommodation)	0	19,962	-229,000	209,038	-209,038	0
Plas Tan y Bwlch (course booking system)	28,193	0	0	28,193	-28,193	0
Boiler System (Headquarters)	0	88,069	-120,000	31,931	-31,931	0
Hafod Eryri (Welsh Gov. grant)	0	79,284	-123,700	44,416	-44,416	0
Water Refill Stations (Welsh Gov. grant)	15,000	2,958	0	12,042	-12,042	0
Other grants Welsh Gov. 19/20	0	0	-79,840	79,840	-79,840	0
	370,939	555,226	-938,706	754,419	-766,880	-12,461
TOTAL	1,263,693	1,416,764	-2,264,913	2,111,842	-2,149,324	-37,482
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Capital financing from revenue		-143,717				
Use of Capital Receipts		-23,250				
Use of capital grants from 17/18 and 18/19		-456,967				
Grants and contributions in 19/20		-2,229,363				
		-2,229,000				
Grants and contributions relating to 2020/21 expenditure		1,436,533				
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5.2 Revised net budget of £1,263,693 and net expenditure of - £848,149 leaving £2,111,842. After taking into account committed expenditure carried over to 2020/21 together with earmarked sums (£2,149,324), it leaves an overspend of £37,482.

5.3 The figure committed - £2,149,324 in the table represent:

Transfers to reserves:		
Amounts to be carried over (Appendix 4)		£217,201
Remaining grants W.G received in 2019/20		£1,476,475
Remaining schemes with grants previously r	eceived	£347,696
NRW and BMC grants for Cader Idris		£70,000
The balance of the budget of the Dolgellau F	ILF scheme	£80,544
Maes Newyddion sale net income		£34,218
Remaining TAIS scheme budget		£18,998
		£2,245,132
Transfers from reserves:		
Ysgwrn	-£8,342	
Caer Gai	-£8,182	
Hafod Eryri	-£ <u>79,284</u>	<u>-£95,808</u>
		<u>£2,149,324</u>

#### 6. TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGETS OVER THE VALUE OF £30,000 FOR THE AUTHORITY'S ATTENTION

6.1 Part 3 of the Authority's Financial Regulations states the need to report to the Authority or the Performance and Resources Committee on virements of over £30,000 between budgets, as follows:

Amount	Approval of Virement
£30,000 - £100,000	Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer
	and Chairman. Virement to be reported to
	the next Authority for information only.
£100,000 or above	Authority meeting resolution

- 6.2 There are two transfers worth between £30,000 and £100,000
  - £66,000 transferred from Engagement budgets (£35,000), Corporate Management (£21,000) and Information Technology (£10,000) to the Authority's New Website capital budget.
  - £32,500 has been moved between the Access (- £2,250), Snowdon Team (- £ 14,000), and the Wardens budgets (+ £14,000) and the Vehicle Purchase capital budget (+£2,250).
- 6.3 One transfer of £100,000 requires retrospective approval i.e to return £100,000 from the capital budget for improving the HQ heating system to the capital receipts reserve.

## 7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 To approve the virements in the revenue and capital budgets as outlined in part 3 (see appendix 1).
- 7.2 To approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves (net movement £3,294,522) as outlined in the table under paragraph 3.2.

- 7.3 Note directorates and services' final position relating to budgetary control (paragraphs 3.3 to 3.7 and appendix 2)
- 7.4 Approve the slippages and commitments (£354,166) in appendix 4.
- 7.5 Approve the use of the balance of the additional income and underspend for the financial year 2019/20 (£350,882) to increase the Authority's General Balances (paragraph 4.2).
- 7.6 Approve the Capital Financing Statement (part 5).
- 7.7 Retrospectively approve the £100,000 budget virement (para 6.3)

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	Original	Virem		Net
		Months	Months	Revised
	Budget	1 - 7	8 - 12	Budget
	£	£	£	£
Plannign and Land Management				
Conservation and Agriculture	407,680	4,605	-7,000	405,285
Open Call (NRW grant scheme)	22,990	29,838	0	52,828
Dark Skies	15,990	0	0	15,990
ENRaW	0	0	7,000	7,000
Wealth of our Marshlands	0	0	0	0
SMS - Peatlands Wales	0	0	0	0
SMS - Eden	0	0	0	0
National Grid - Maentwrog (East)	0	0	0	0
National Grid - Maentwrog (West)	0	75,142	0	75,142
National Grid - Traditional Boundaries	0	0	0	0
LIFE - Celtic Rainforests	74,860	0	-13,396	61,464
Carneddau Landscape Partnership	0	0	0	0
ERAMMP	0	0	0	0
Public Access	129,160	-22,390	-11,130	95,640
Snowdon Team	286,420	16,799	-9,000	294,219
Wardens - General	259,730	-22,530	-31,550	205,650
Wardens - North	256,700	-62,500	12,000	206,200
Wardens - South	237,920	8,760	7,400	254,080
Estate Workers	0	-10,870	0	-10,870
Archaeology	59,880	13,794	-15,000	58,674
Cultural Heritage	110,140	2,475	-3,760	108,855
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Scheme	36,610	0	0	36,610
Carneddau - Part 2	0	0	18,760	18,760
Planning	450,850	0	0	450,850
Ysgwrn	33,010	0	0	33,010
Ysgwrn (HLF Scheme)	0	0	0	0
Sub total carried forward	2,381,940	33,123	-45,676	2,369,387
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Corporate				
Members' Costs	103,510	0	-4,455	99,055
Authority support	83,990	0	0	83,990
Corporate Management	672,100	24,058	-32,230	663,928
Property	162,820	43,960	0	206,780
Legal	51,830	0	0	51,830
Administration and Customer Care	216,780	4,000	-1,500	219,280
Translation	109,420	-3,000	0	106,420
Sub total carried forward	1,400,450	69,018	-38,185	1,431,283

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Snowdonia National Park Authority							
Revised Budget 2019-20 as at 31 March 2020							
	Original Virements Rev						
	U	Months	Months	Net			
	Budget	1 - 7	8 - 12	Budget			
	£	£	£	£			
Sub totals carried forward							
PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT	2,381,940	33,123	-45,676	2,369,387			
CORPORATE	1,400,450	69,018	-38,185	1,431,283			
Personnel and Training	107,450	4,000	-30,103	111,450			
Headquarters	225,290	4,000	1,500	237,210			
Information Systems	325,690	34,660	-10,000	350,350			
Finance	166,540	19,700	11,000	197,240			
Plas Tan y Bwlch	285,810	12,000	10,555	308,365			
Engagement	361,850	142,060	-33,830	470,080			
New Web Site	0	0	16,410	16,410			
Youth Engagement (grant scheme)	0	0	0	0			
Well-being Pathways (grant scheme)	0	0	0	0			
Management Plan and Partnerships	245,800	176,622	1,400	423,822			
Snowdon Partnership (Welsh Gov.)	0	0	21,634	21,634			
Mountainsafe	0	68,925	0	68,925			
Information Centres	140,780	20,100	0	160,880			
Llyn Tegid	-27,970	0	0	-27,970			
Car Parks	-385,900	0	0	-385,900			
	15,000	0	0	15,000			
Traffic and Transportation	5,000	0	0	5,000			
Visitor Facilities	187,720	0	0 - <b>19,516</b>	187,720			
	3,053,510	557,505	·	3,591,499			
BALANCE	10,000	-10,000	0	0			
TOTAL	5,445,450	580,628	-65,192	5,960,886			
Interest Earned	-8,000	-10,200	-11,000	-29,200			
Capital financing from revenue	998,485	289,016	-23,808	1,263,693			
Capital Charges Adjustment	-579,480	0	0	-579,480			
	5,856,455	859,444	-100,000	6,615,899			
FUNDED FROM							
National Park Grant	3,745,263			3,745,263			
Constituent Authority Levy	1,248,420			1,248,420			
Transfer to Reserves	862,772	859,444	-100,000	1,622,216			
Revised Net Budget	5,856,455		ĺ	6,615,899			

# Appendix 2

Snowdonia National Park Authority								
Final Revenue Position 2019-20 as at 31 March 2020								
Revised Net Actual Net To / From under /								
	Budget	Expenditure	Reserves	(over)				
	£	£	£	£				
PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT								
Conservation, Woodlands and Agriculture	405,285	315,975	33,832	55,478				
Open Call (NRW grant scheme)	52,828	25,550	27,278	0				
Dark Skies	15,990	-28,451	44,441	0				
ENRaW	7,000	-7,894	14,894	0				
Wealth of our Marshlands	0	1,189	-1,189	0				
SMS Welsh Peatlands	0	-12,097	12,097	0				
SMS Eden	0	-16,119	16,119	0				
SMS Uwch Gwyrfai	0	-3,330	3,330	0				
National Grid - Maentwrog (West)	0	-95,719	95,719	0				
National Grid - Maentwrog (East)	75,142	32,716	42,426	0				
National Grid - Traditional Boundaries	0	0	0	0				
Celtic Rainforests (LIFE)	61,464	-750,913	812,377	0				
Carneddau Landscape Partnership (Part 1)	0	9,711	-9,711	0				
Carneddau (Part 2)	18,760	880	17,880	0				
ERAMMP	0	0	0	0				
Public Access	95,640	79,420	0	16,220				
Snowdon Team	294,219	292,091	0	2,128				
Wardens - General	205,650	175,586	0	30,064				
Wardens - North	206,200	192,504	0	13,696				
Wardens - South	254,080	249,426	0	4,654				
Estate Workers	-10,870	-10,719	0	-151				
Archaeology	58,674	31,074	13,794	13,806				
Cultural Heriaage	108,855	43,832	50,200	14,823				
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Scheme	36,610	27,181	9,429	0				
Planning	450,850	398,796	10,000	42,054				
Ysgwrn	33,010	51,172	-18,162	0				
Ysgwrn (HLF)	0	-10,824	10,824	0				
Sub total to carry forward	2,369,387	991,037	1,185,578	192,772				
CORPORATE								
Members Costs	99,055	95,158	0	3,897				
Authority Support	83,990	72,802	0	11,188				
Corporate Management	663,928	539,713	26,338	97,877				
Sub total to carry forward	846,973	707,673	26,338	112,962				

Appendix 2 (contin.)

Snowdonia National Park Authority							
Final Revenue Pos	Final Revenue Position 2019-20 as at 31 March 2020 Cyllideb Net   Gwariant   Wedi'i   o dan /						
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	£	£	£	£			
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Sub totals carried forward							
PLANNING AND LAND							
MANAGEMENT	2,369,387	991,037	1,185,578	192,772			
CORPORATE	846,973	707,673	26,338	112,962			
Property	206,780	229,204	0	-22,424			
Legal	51,830	109,630	0	-57,800			
Administration and Customer Care	219,280	204,118	0	15,162			
Translation	106,420	83,229	0	23,191			
Personnel and Training	111,450	113,620	0	-2,170			
Headquarters	237,210	224,990	0	12,220			
Information Systems	350,350	330,892	0	19,458			
Finance	197,240	190,861	0	6,379			
Plas Tan y Bwlch	308,365	468,735	0	-160,370			
Engagement	470,080	373,637	83,640	12,803			
New Web Site	16,410	2,350	14,060	0			
Snowdonia Partnership (Welsh Gov.)	21,634	21,635	0	-1			
Mountainsafe (Welsh Gov)	68,925	18,921	50,004	0			
Management Plan and Partnerships	423,822	219,055	139,744	65,023			
Information Centres	160,880	142,085	0	18,795			
Llyn Tegid	-27,970	-44,145	0	16,175			
Car Parks	-385,900	-487,838	0	101,938			
Litter Clearance	15,000	18,146	0	-3,146			
Traffic and Transport	5,000	1,000	0	4,000			
Visitor Facilities	187,720	173,200	0	14,520			
	3,591,499	3,100,998	313,786	176,715			
BALANCES	0	0	0	0			
	5,960,886	4,092,035	1,499,364	369,487			
TOTALS		40.077	-	40.000			
Interest Earned	-29,200	-	0	18,877			
Capital funded from Reserves	1,263,693	-848,149	2,149,324	-37,482			
Captial Charges Adjustment	-579,480	-579,480	0	0			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6,615,899	2,616,329	3,648,688	350,882			
FINANCED FROM							
National Park Grant	3,745,263						
Levies on Sonctituent Authorities	1,248,420						
Use of Reserves	1,622,216						
Revised Net Budget	6,615,899						

# Appendix 3

Welsh Governm	ent Grants remaining	Original Grant	Balance 31/3/20
		(£)	(£)
Grants carried	Revenue		
forward from	Mountain Safe	-70,000	-50,004
2016/17		-70,000	-50,004
	Capital		·
	Capel Curig footbridge	-10,000	-10,000
		-10,000	-10,000
	Total	-80,000	-60,004
Welsh	Revenue		
Government	Commercialize the Access service for health and well-being		
	outputs - re-purposed for a new website	-31,000	-20,080
in March	Snowdon Interpretation Plan	-10,000	-10,000
2017/18	Electric Car Charging Points	-5,000	-2,500
2017/10	Continuity of services	-247,000	-25,402
		-293,000	-57,982
	Capital	200,000	01,002
	Snowdon Interpretation Plan	-50,000	-50,000
	Carneddau Landscape Partnership - Data LiDAR	-85,000	-71,727
	Carneddau Landscape Partnership - Data Librat	-130,000	-130,000
	Snowdon Partnership Scheme	-130,000	-101,226
	Ffridd Isaf, Snowdon - Access improvement	-40,000	-21,699
	Commercialize the Access service for health and well-being	40,000	21,000
	outputs (£ 20k re-purposed towards the cost of a new website)	-45,000	-45,000
	Efficiency savings for IT equipment relevant to Development	-40,000	-+0,000
	Control	-20,000	-4,200
	Complete work for SMS, LIFE and CTL schemes	-30,000	-30,000
	Electric Car Charging Points	-25,000	-19,825
	Supportive projects to make Pen y Pass and Llyn Tegid more	20,000	10,020
	commercially sustainable	-20,000	-9,028
	Improvements to make Yr Ysgwrn more commercially		0,010
	sustainable after the end of the HLF scheme	-40,000	-40,000
	Purchase a new website for the Authority	-25,000	-23,800
	Demolition of St David's Hotel Harlech	-315,000	-8,011
		-955,000	-554,516
	Total	-1,248,000	-612,498
Welsh	Revenue		
Government	Ysgwrn	-132,000	-132,000
	Landscape Architect	-135,700	-135,700
-	Ecology	-113,300	-113,300
in March	Litter / effect of people campaign	-40,000	-30,000
2018/19	Health and Wellbeing routes	-40,000	-55,000
	Authority website	-79,000	-79,000
	Engagement of Young People	-75,000	-75,000
		-630,000	-620,000
	Capital	-000,000	-020,000
	Water Refill Stations at key sites	-15,000	-12,042
	-		
	Capital improvements to Hafod Eryri	-176,300	-97,016
	Total	-191,300 - <b>821,300</b>	-109,058 - <b>729,058</b>
			. 20,000
	carried forward	-2,149,300	-1,401,560

# Appendix 3 (continued)

Welsh Government	Grants remaining	Original Grant	Balance 31/3/20
		(£)	(£)
	carried forward	-2,149,300	-1,401,560
Welsh Government	Capital		
grants received in	Betws y Coed - visitor experience	-85,000	-82,075
2019/20	New "tramper" vehicle - to improve disabled		
	access	-16,000	-8,065
	Improvements to accommodation facility at Plas		
	Tan y Bwlch	-200,000	-193,882
	Plas Tan y Bwlch - upgrade	-29,000	-15,157
	Solar panels and other energy saving measures	-88,000	-4,432
	Mobile Observatory	-100,000	-100,000
	Sky Paths	-15,000	-15,000
	Penmaen Brith (circuit)	-50,000	-50,000
	Llyn Cynwch, Dolgellau (circuit)	-70,000	
	Snowdonia Circuit: Bwlch Maesgwn to Brithdir	-70,000	-50,328
	Snowdonia Circuit : Brithdir to Pen Ceunant	-70,000	
	New Heating System (HQ)	-120,000	-31,931
	Harlech Conservation and Regeneration Program	-187,000	-187,000
	Hafod Eryri	-123,700	-123,700
	Betws y Coed Information Center: development		
	of a café and sales facility	-45,000	-40,065
	Canolfan Ogwen: developing information for		
	walkers and other groups	-79,840	-79,840
	Gorseddau slate quarry landscape	-150,000	-150,000
	Nant Gwynant crossing point	-45,000	-45,000
	Cader Idris - upland paths	-100,000	-100,000
	Llyn Llywelyn / Drws y Coed, Rhyd Ddu	-30,000	-30,000
	Lon Gwyrfai	-30,000	-30000
	Total	-1,703,540	-1,476,475
	Grand Total	-3,852,840	-2,878,035

	<u>Ap</u>	pendix 4
Snowdonia National Park Authority		
Slippage and Other Costs 2019-20		
	(£)	(£)
Conservation, Woodlands and Agriculture		
Rhododendron control	8,430	8,430
Archaeology		
Work at Tomen y Mur	2,746	2,746
Management Plan and Partnerships		
Volunteer and Community Fund	13,650	
Park Management Plan	12,161	25,811
Engagement		
Contribution to the cost of a new website	26,690	
Develop online content and engagement over the Covid-19 period	14,470	
Snowdon VR works completed	5,000	
Contribution to TAIS Ogwen	5,000	
Renewal of Hafod Eryri interpretation	19,000	
A saving on the cost of producing Snowdonia magazine - piloting "mail-shot" within the National Park and nearby		
communities	3,480	73,640
Corporate Management		
Management Team Fund	26,338	26,338
CAPITAL		
Cultural Heritage capital projects	63,206	
Warden and Access Vehicles	15,802	
Access Projects	60,000	
Database Management System	50,000	
Develop the course booking system at Plas Tan y Bwlch	28,193	217,201
Total Slippage and Other Costs 2019/20		354,166

MEETING	Snowdonia National Park Authority			
DATE	30 June 2021			
TITLE	REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2020/21			
REPORT BY	Chief Finance Officer			
PURPOSE	<ul> <li>i. To approve the budget transfers, virements and carry forward from revenue and capital budgets as outlined in the report.</li> <li>ii. To approve the Capital Financing Statement.</li> <li>iii. To consider the departmental performance with regard to budgetary control.</li> <li>iv. To approve the proposed changes to reserves.</li> </ul>			

# 1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 The final financial position of the services for 2020/21 confirms that the Authority has again managed to keep within financial constraints with a net underspend of £10,237. (see Appendix 2).
- 1.2 Due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic being so disruptive to the work of local authorities, a temporary time extension has been granted for the completion and authorisation of the annual statement of accounts. The Authority is therefore requested to approve the final financial position for 2020/21 (and related financial transfers), as part of the production of the statutory financial statements (to be certified by the Chief Finance Officer by 31 August, and approved by the Authority by 30 November 2021).
- 1.3 It should be noted that some figures in this report may be adjusted during the accounts closure process (between now and 31/8/2021) and that all figures are subject to audit (between now and 31/11/2021). Any significant adjustments made to the statement of accounts will be further reported to the Authority after they have been audited.

# 2 GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2020/21

2.3 The National Park core grant funding from the Welsh Government for 2020/21 was originally maintained at the same level as 2019/20. During the year, a total of £2,131,344 additional "one-off" grant funding was allocated to the Authority by the Welsh Government as follows:

	additional core revenue grant additional core capital grant
	Sustainable Lands Sustainable Places capital grant (SLSP, in two
£1,288,600	parts)
	SLSP capital grant (for the purchase of Bwlch Coediog) which was converted into a core capital grant to finance expenditure on Hafod
£253,000	Eryri.
£2,131,344	

The first three grants above are allocated for 2020/21 and the remainder are held in the Authority's reserves. The £253,000 is specifically for work in 2021/22 and is therefore treated as a grant received in advance within creditors in the Authority's balance sheet.

2.4 In addition to the above the Authority received support grants due to the impact of the pandemic as follows:

£382,140	first quarter support grant from Welsh Government
£256,348	"furlough" support grant via HMRC
	support grants from the Welsh Government and the
£35,050	Federation of Museums for Yr Ysgwrn
	business support grants through Gwynedd Council and Conwy
<u>£138,000</u>	Council
<u>£811,538</u>	

## 3. OUTLINE OF THE ACCOUNTS FINAL POSITION

- 3.1 This report presents a comparison, at service area level, between the revenue and capital expenditure plans for which the Authority had budgeted, and the actual final expenditure for 2020/21.
- 3.2 Net expenditure for the year amounted to £3,886,741 which was £3,108,371 under the revised net budget of £6,995,112. This figure includes the impact of a significant amount of grants received in advance. The total gross capital expenditure for the year was £1,798,494.
- 3.3 It can be seen from the table under 4.2 that £3,108,371 of balances are available before net transfers of £2,864,679 to specific reserves, and also that there are slippages and commitments (to 2021/22) of some 2020/21 budget allocations to the value of £233,455. This brings the remaining balance available for reallocation to **£10,237**.

# 4. FINAL REVENUE SUMMARY 2020/21

	Original Net Budget	Virements	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Under / (Over)
Service Area	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land Management	2,440,830	-95,203	2,345,627	1,505,001	840,626
Corporate	3,323,957	48,123	3,372,080	3,107,988	264,092
Balances	10,000	-10,000	0	0	0
	5,774,787	-57,080	5,717,707	4,612,989	1,104,718
Interest Earned Financing Capital from Revenue	-23,000 1,795,767	0 72,438	-23,000 1,868,205		-10,693 2,014,346
Capital Charges Adjustment	-567,800	0	-567,800	-567,800	0
TOTAL	6,979,754	15,358	6,995,112	3,886,741	3,108,371

# 4.1 Net Budget for 2020/21

The increase of £15,358 in the net basic revenue budget from  $\pounds$ 6,979,754 to  $\pounds$ 6,995,112 represents the following additions:

- -£5,063 an adjustment in capital budgets following the 2019/20 outturn
- +£75,933 Cronfa Eryri grants from the Projects reserve
- -£9,672 adjustment to budget for path work at "Bwlch Mawr Brithdir"
- -£45,840 the project officer (Cultural Heritage) budget moved to the Projects reserve

The Authority has already been informed of the above. Appendix 1 provides further details of the reported transfers to the Authority in March and those that have been implemented since.

# 4.2 Transfers from and to Reserves and Other Specific Costs

There is a balance of £3,108,371 before transfers to and from reserves. A summary of the breakdown of transfers are shown in the table below, along with other specific costs, with details in Appendix 3.

	(£)	(£)	(£)
Total balances available for 2020/21			3,108,371
Transfers from Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	108,078		
Corporate	35,652	143,730	
Transfers to Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	-1,646,774		
Corporate	-1,361,635	-3,008,409	-2,864,679
Slippage and Other Costs (Appendix 4)	-233,455		-233,455
Balance available for distribution			10,237

# 4.3 Departmental Outturn

Essential transfers to and from reserves within specific programmes or set aside in point 4.2 have already been identified.

The table below shows the position of each directorate level after taking into account the reserved and specific items brought forward within the 2020/21 budget:

DIRECTORATE	Revised Net Budget £	Actual Expenditure £	Under / (Over) £	Committed £	Under / (Over) £
Planning and Land Management	2,345,627	1,505,001	840,626	763,571	77,055
Corporate	3,372,080	3,107,988	264,092	339,970	-75,878
SUB-TOTAL	5,717,707	4,612,989	1,104,718	1,103,541	1,177
Interest Earned	-23,000	-12,307	-10,693	0	-10,693
Capital financed from revenue	1,868,205	-146,141	2,014,346	1,994,593	19,753
Capital Charges Adjustment	-567,800	-567,800	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,995,112	3,886,741	3,108,371	3,098,134	10,237

The total additional income and underspend, after taking account of transfers to and from reserves, was **£10,237**.

# 4.4 Detailed Analysis

A more detailed breakdown in relation to each service of the expenditure and commitments for 2020/21 is provided in Appendix 2.

# 4.5 Significant Variations

The services with variations over £10,000, in the figure of £10,237 which are a combination of net additional income and underspend are:

## **Underspend**

Planning and Land Management

- <u>Conservation, Woodland and Agriculture</u>: £26,913 arising from the movement of expenditure into grant schemes
- <u>Planning</u>: £63,572 arising from over budget planning fee income and savings in employment costs

## **Corporate**

- <u>Corporate Management</u>: £40,993 due mainly to a vacancy for the year
- <u>Administration and Customer Care</u>: £19,648 mainly employment budget underspend.
- <u>Translation:</u> £30,504 underspend on external translators.
- <u>Personnel :</u> £14,004 mainly due to underspend on the training courses budget
- <u>Management Plan and Partnerships</u>: £85,961 mainly due to underspend on the budget line "Commissioning Fund"
- Engagement: Mostly £20,518 due to a vacancy for 10 months of the year

• <u>TICs:</u> £41,780 resulting from higher than budgeted profits on sales and grant aid relating to the pandemic.

# <u>Overspend</u>

<u>Corporate</u>

- Plas Tan y Bwlch: £274,076 including £253,632 redundancy costs.
- <u>Legal</u>: £27,271 largely due to the need to purchase specialist legal service to deal with the Hillside, Aberdyfi case.
- Car Parks: £40,423 due to the impact of the pandemic on income.

# 4.6 Changes since previously reported

The last budget report presented to the Authority in March 2021 identified a likely outturn deficit of £155,200 compared to the actual outturn from surplus of £10,237.

The main reasons for the difference of £165,437 are:

<u>Conservation Woodlands and Agriculture:</u> + £64,913 due to moving expenditure out of service budget against grant schemes.

<u>Wardens</u> - £22,409 due to the need for funding from 2020/21 underspends to fund the costs of restructuring the service.

<u>Plas Tan y Bwlch :</u> +£41,924 mainly due to delayed redundancies as the "furlough" scheme has been extended until the end of September 2021, to see if it is possible to continue without further redundancies.

<u>Engagement:</u> +£20,518 because the forecast was break-even, but the saving that has been in a vacant position most of the year was not used.

<u>TIC's</u>: +£41,780 due to the break-even forecast but better than expected outturn due to impact of profit on sales and grant aid,

<u>Car Parks :</u> +£22,577 due to less than anticipated shortfall in income.

<u>Corporate Management:</u> - £30,007 mainly due to ring-fencing of £19,000 for additional pay inflation provision.

# 4.7 Targets for specific services

Performance against targets set for the Tourist Information Centre services (£128,680) and Plas Tan y Bwlch (to be cost free by 2021/22) is usually reported. 2020/21 has, however, been an unique year in terms of the impact of the pandemic and the changing position at Plas Tan y Bwlch, and as a result we are not reporting this year.

# 5. RESERVES

## 5.1 SUMMARY

Below is a summary of usable funds with their current balances. It should be noted that a significant proportion (over 80%) of the following represents amounts already committed for specific purposes.

Reserve	Balance 31/3/2021
	(£)
Capital Receipts Reserve	163,791
Secion 106 Reserve	294,844
Revenue Grants Reserve	2,108,647
Capital Grants Reserve	2,369,716
Asset Management Reserve	444,658
Public Inquiry (Planning) Reserve	225,000
Match Funding Reserve	1,110,090
Monies carried over Reserve	555,961
Projects Reserve	503,574
Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve	56,303
Specific Risks Reserve	424,160
Staff Resilience Reserve	120,000
Commercial Risks Reserve	100,000
General Balances Reserve	669,473
	9,146,217

## 5.2 Earmarking the Balance of Underspend and Additional Income

At the meeting of the working group on 2 December 2020 and the Authority on 9 December 2020 consideration was given to prudent current levels for the main funds. There is a balance of  $\pounds 10,237$  from underspend and additional income from 2020/21 and it is available for reallocation on a one-off basis. The surplus is added to the Authority's General Balances fund.

## 5.3 Capital Receipts Reserve

The balance on this reserve at 31/3/2020 was £163,791. The Authority has to use this money to fund capital expenditure, and it can be used to contribute to costs related to the sale of assets. There was no use during the year and therefore the balance at 31/3/21 remains at £163,791.

## 5.4 Section 106 Reserve

The balance on this reserve as at 31/3/2020 was £240,000. During 2020/21 £104,844 was received and £50,000 was used via a grant to Conwy Council which leaves the balance of the reserve at **£294,844**. This funding is earmarked for affordable housing purposes.

## 5.5 Revenue Grants Reserve

This reserve holds the balance of unused revenue grants, received for use in the financial year and recognised as income in that financial year, but transferred to a

reserve for future use. At 31/3/2020 the fund had a balance of £1,719,836. During 2020/21 grants were received and used resulting in a net increase of £388,811 in the reserve giving a balance of **£2,108,647** on 31/3/2021.

# 5.6 Capital Grants Reserve

This reserve has been created on the same basis as the Revenue Grant Reserve. At 31/3/2020 the reserve balance was £2,257,209. During 2020/21 grants were used and received resulting in a net increase of £112,507 in the reserve giving a balance on 31/3/2021 of £2,369,716.

## 5.7 Asset Management Reserve

This reserve funds property costs that are beyond the normal annual budget of the Property Service. The Asset Management Reserve balance at 31/3/2020 was £233,655. Funding of £165,382 relating to Yr Ysgwrn and £45,621 related to the Ogwen Centre was added during the year giving a balance of **£444,658** on 31/3/2021.

## 5.8 Public Inquiry Reserve

As at 31/3/2020, the Authority had £225,000 in the Public Inquiry Reserve, to meet the costs:

- linked to the inquiry into the Development Plan (Local Development Plan), which is in essence difficult to predict.
- related to any other major inquiry (Planning)
- which may be brought against the Authority for failure in a planning appeal.

This reserve was not used during 2020/21 and therefore the balance remains **at £225,000** on 31/3/2021.

## 5.9 Match Funding Reserve

At 1/4/2020 this reserve was £1,062,996. During the year it was used and added to which resulted in a net increase of £47,094 thereby giving a balance of **£1,110,090** as at 31/3/2021. The money is earmarked as follows:

Project	(£)
Rhododendron Management	181,970
SMS grant schemes	53,964
ENRaW scheme	19,791
Dark Skies	22,304
Celtic Rainforests (LIFE)	47,210
Wnion area scheme (via Gwynedd Council)	2,577
Peatlands (NPAP scheme with NRW)	16,548
Contingency for project exit costs	74,635
Contingency for deficit in partners' match funding	32,000
Match funding for future projects	33,376
Snowdon Circular Route	115,667
BMC "Mending Our Mountains"	117,259
Ffridd Uchaf	27,830
Carneddau Landscape Partnership	144,149
Dolgellau Town Heritage Scheme	203,903
Caer Gai	10,107
Cwm Ciprwth	6,800
Total	1,110,090

# 5.10 Monies Carried Over Reserve

There are three years' monies in the reserve as follows:

	(£)	Notes
2018/19	18,340	Funding for a new Planning system
2019/20	304,166	The money was withheld by the Management Team until the financial impact of the pandemic could be assessed. It has now been agreed to release it to the services.
2020/21	233,455	See Appendix 4
Total	555,961	

#### 5.11 Projects Reserve

This reserve is for the purpose of funding specific projects by the Authority. There was a balance of  $\pounds$ 404,583 on 31/3/2020 which has now increased to  $\pounds$ 503,574 and represents:

Project	(£)
Eryri Partnership Fund	49,155
Projects Officer (Cultural Heritage)	106,350
Snowdon Partnership Officer	19,070
Bequest to finance "Youth Manifesto"	92,954
New Website	86,000
Document Management System	50,000
Property Officer (S.L.S.P. administration fee)	100,045
	503,574

#### 5.12 Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve

The balance of the reserve as at 31/3/2020 was £56,303. There was no change during 2020/21 leaving a balance of **£56,303** on 31/3/2021.

#### 5.13 Specific Risk Reserve

The balance of the reserve stands at  $\pounds$ 424,160 as at 31/3/2020. There was no movement in the reserve during 2020/21 which is  $\pounds$ 424,160 on 31/3/2021.

#### 5.14 Staff Resilience Reserve

This reserve was approved in February 2020. No use was made of it during 2020/21 and the current balance is **£120,000**.

#### 5.15 Commercial Risks Reserve

This reserve was approved in February 2020. There was no use during 2020/21 and the current balance is **£100,000**.

#### 5.16 General Balances

The Authority's General Revenue Balances at 31/3/2020 amounted to £659,236. The 2020/21 outturn surplus of £10,237 is added to the fund which brings the current balance to **£669,473**.

# 6. CAPITAL OUTTURN 2020/21

6.1 Details of the Capital budget, outturn and sources of funding appear in the summary below and in Appendix 5:

	Net Budget	Expenditure	Income	Balance	Committed	Under / (Over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management	1,016,315	961,866	-880,970	935,419	-936,652	-1,233
Corporate	851,890	836,628	-1,063,665	1,078,927	-1,057,941	20,986
Total	1,868,205	1,798,494	-1,944,635	2,014,346	-1,994,593	19,753
FINANCE						
Financing capital from revenue		-209,442				
SLSP administrative fee to reserve		99,185				
Historic creditor sums moved to reserve		92,622				
Capital grants from 2017/18 - 2019/20 utilised		-324,001				
Grants and contributions in 2020/21		-1,944,635				
Grants and contributions relevant to expenditure in 2021/22		487,777				
Total Finance		-1,798,494				

- 6.2 The revised net budget of £1,868,205 and net expenditure of £146,141 leaves £2,014,346. After taking into account committed expenditure carried over to 2021/22 together with items specifically assigned (£1,994,593), it leaves an underspend of £19,753.
- 6.3 The committed figure £1,994,593 in the table represents:

Transfers to reserves:	
Amounts to be carried over (Appendix 4)	£58,840
Remaining Welsh Gov grants £1	1,258,672
Remaining Welsh Gov grants (S.L.S.P)	£173,247
S.L.S.P. grant administration fee	£99,158
Two historical creditors	£92,622
Remainder of other grant schemes and match funding	£222,232
Asset Management and Capital Receipts	£48,840
Document Management System	£50,000
£2	2,003,638
Transfers from reserves:	
Cadair Idris -£6,825	
St David's Hotel -£1,129	
Ogwen Centre -£687	
Pen y Pass & Llyn Tegid -£404	-£9,045
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# 7. TRANSFER BETWEEN BUDGETS WITH A VALUE OVER £30,000 FOR THE AUTHORITY'S ATTENTION

7.1 Part 3 of the Authority's Financial Regulations states the need to report to the Authority or to the Performance and Resources Committee on virements of over £30,000 between budgets, as follows:

Amount	Transfer Approval
£30,000 - £100,000	Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Chairman. Transfer to be reported to the next Authority for information only.
£100,000 or more	Decision by the Authority

7.2 Since the last report on the 2020/21 budget in March there has been one virement of between £30,000 and £100,000 which is:

£51,500 was moved from Llyn Tegid and Car Park budgets to Plas Tan y Bwlch maintenance (£10,000), Visitor Facilities (£13,500) and Betws y Coed Information Centre (£28,000).

- 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 8.1 To approve the virements in the revenue and capital budgets as outlined in part 4 (details in Appendix 1).
- 8.2 To approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves (net movement £2,864,679) as outlined in the table under paragraph 4.2 and Appendix 3.
- 8.3 To note the final position of the directorates and services re: budgetary control (paragraphs 4.3 to 4.7 and Appendix 2).
- 8.4 To approve the slippages and commitments (£233,455) in Appendix 4.
- 8.5 Note that the surplus for 2020/21 financial year (£10,237) increases the General Balances (paragraph 5.2)
- 8.6 To approve the Capital Financing Statement (part 6 and Appendix 5).

				Appendix 1
Snowodonia	National Park	Authority		
Revised Budget		•		
	Original	Virem		Net Revised
		Months	Month	
	Budget	1 - 11	12	Budget
	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land Management	~	~	~	~
Conservation, Trees and Agriculture	412,410	-11,460	-17,814	383,136
Dark Skies	22,300	0	0	22,300
ENRaW	0	13,410	0	13,410
SMS - Peatlands of Wales	0	0	0	0
SMS - Eden	0	0	17,814	17,814
National Grid - Maentwrog (West)	91,160	0	0	91,160
National Grid - Maentwrog (East)	3,260	0	0	3,260
National Grid - Traditional Boundaries	0	0	0	0
LIFE - Celtic Rainforests	74,860	0	0	74,860
Carneddau Landscape Partnership	-3,250	0	-4,313	-7,563
Public Access	104,060	-6,130	-5,000	92,930
Snowdon Team	282,750	-17,780	0	264,970
General Warden Service	221,820	-17,780	-14,860	189,180
Warden Service North	252,070	-19,190	0	232,880
Warden Service South	233,370	11,640	0	245,010
Archaeology	59,230	1,130	0	60,360
Cultural Heritage	104,040	-43,490	0	60,550
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage	31,240	0	0	31,240
Ysgwrn	67,800	4,020	0	71,820
Ysgwrn - HLF Scheme	15,000	0	0	15,000
Planning	468,710	14,600	0	483,310
Sub Totals carried forward	2,440,830	-71,030	-24,173	2,345,627
CORPORATE				
Members' Costs	103,510	0	0	103,510
Authority Support	83,540	1,380	0	84,920
Corporate Management	724,927	-101,270	0	623,657
Property	185,650	15,590	0	201,240
Legal	51,210	1,090	0	52,300
Administration and Customer Care	215,970	5,870	5,020	226,860
Translation	108,140	2,210	0,020	110,350
Personnel and Training	106,320	1,960	0	108,280
Sub Totals carried forward	1,579,267	-73,170	5,020	1,511,117

			Appendix 1	(continued)
Snowdonia Na	itional Park Aut	thority		
Revised Budget 2		-		
<b>_____</b>	Original	Vireme	ents	Net Revised
	e i ginai	Months	Month	
	Budget	1 - 11	12	Budget
	£	£	£	£
Sub Totals brought forward				
PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT	2,440,830	- 71,030	-24,173	2,345,627
CORPORATE	1,579,267	-73,170	5,020	1,511,117
Headquarters	226,850	350	0	227,200
Information Systems	301,630	5,640	0	307,270
Finance	161,100	4,050	0	165,150
Plas Tan y Bwlch	331,410	12,520	10,000	353,930
Engagement	409,250	8,700	0	417,950
New Website	39,600	0	0	39,600
Youth Manifesto (Grant Scheme)	55,500	0	0	55,500
Well Being Routes (Grant Scheme)	40,000	0	0	40,000
Park Management Plan and Partnerships	247,730	78,703	0	326,433
Snowdon Partnership	30,000	0	0	30,000
Information Centres	143,060	5,570	32,980	181,610
Llyn Tegid	-21,970	0	-35,000	-56,970
Car Parks	-426,700	5,760	-26,500	-447,440
Litter Collection	19,510	0	-8,000	11,510
Traffic and Transport	5,000	0	0	5,000
Visitor Facilities	182,720	0	21,500	204,220
	3,323,957	48,123	0	3,372,080
BALANCES	10,000	-10,000	0	0
TOTAL	5,774,787	-32,907	-24,173	5,717,707
Interest Earned	-23,000	0	0	-23,000
Revenue Financing of Capital	1,795,767	48,265	24,173	1,868,205
Capital Charges adjustment	-567,800	0	0	-567,800
	6,979,754	15,358	0	6,995,112
FINANCED FROM				
National Park Grant	3,745,263			3,745,263
Levy on Constituent Authorities	1,248,420			1,248,420
Transfer from Reserves	1,986,071	15,358	0	2,001,429
Revised Net Budget	6,979,754		Ĭ	6,995,112

# Appendix 2

Snowodonia National Park Authority						
Final Revenue Position 2020-21 as at 31 March 2021						
	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Commitment	Expenditure Under/(Over)		
	£	£	£	£		
Planning and Land Management			•			
Conservation, Trees and Agriculture	383,136	356,223	0	26,913		
Forestry (SLSP Grant)	0	-14,255	14,255	0		
Dark Skies	22,300	-9,799	32,099	0		
ENRaW	13,410	3,926	9,484	0		
Wnion Catchment Area Scheme	0	-2,577	2,577	0		
Natura 2000 - SMS Scheme	0	-54	0	54		
Peatlands (NRW Scheme)	0	-16,548	16,548	0		
SMS Peatlands of Wales	0	-77,609	77,609	0		
SMS Eden	17,814	36,819	-15,102	-3,903		
SMS Uwch Gwyrfai	0	10,169	-4,330	-5,839		
National Grid - Maentwrog (West)	91,160	-27,400	118,560	0		
National Grid - Maentwrog (East)	3,260	17,015	-13,755			
National Grid - Traditional Boundaries	0	3,085	0	-3,085		
LIFE - Celtic Rainforests	74,860	-192,849	267,709	0		
Carneddau Landscape Partnership (Part 2)		-26,837	•	0		
Public Access	92,930	81,871	6,000			
Snowdon Team	264,970	268,966		- ,		
General Warden Service	189,180	114,807	•			
Warden Service North	232,880	230,397	2,000	483		
Warden Service South	245,010	236,218	9,000			
Archaeology	60,360	61,227	0	-867		
Cultural Heritage	60,550	62,837	0	-2,287		
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage	31,240	21,597		0		
Harlech & Ardudwy	0	15,846	•	0		
Ysgwrn	71,820	52,114		0		
Ysgwrn - HLF Scheme	15,000	4,918	•	0		
Planning and Land Management	483,310	294,894	124,844	63,572		
Sub Totals carried forward	2,345,627	1,505,001	763,571	77,055		
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Members' Costs	103,510	98,264	0	5,246		
Authority Support	84,920	77,729		7,191		
Corporate Management	623,657	563,664	19,000	40,993		
Sub Totals carried forward	812,087	739,657	19,000	53,430		

			Appendix 2	(continued)	
Snowodoni	a National P	ark Authori	tv		
Final Revenue Pos			•		
	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Commitment	Expenditure Under/(Over)	
	£	£	£	£	
Sub Totals carried forward					
Planning and Land Management	2,345,627	1,505,001	763,571	77,055	
CORPORATE	812,087	739,657	19,000	53,430	
Property	201,240	169,310	30,000	1,930	
Legal	52,300		0	-27,271	
Administration and Customer Care	226,860	207,212	0	19,648	
Translation	110,350		0	30,504	
Personnel and Training	108,280		0	14,004	
Headquarters	227,200	229,539	0	-2,339	
Information Systems	307,270	307,302	0	-32	
Finance	165,150	167,184		-2,034	
Plas Tan y Bwlch	353,930			-274,076	
Engagement	417,950	360,682	36,750	20,518	
New Website	39,600	30,108	9,492	0	
Engagement - Young People (Grant \$	55,500	0	55,500	0	
Well Being Routes	40,000	0	40,000	0	
Park Management Plan and Partners	326,433	107,963	132,508	85,962	
Snowdon Partnership	30,000	7,878	22,122	0	
Information Centres	181,610	139,830	0	41,780	
Llyn Tegid	-56,970	-58,808	0	1,838	
Car Parks	-447,440	-417,017	10,000	-40,423	
Litter Collection	11,510	16,613	0	-5,103	
Traffic and Transport	5,000	0	0	5,000	
Visitor Facilities	204,220	203,434	0	786	
	3,372,080	3,107,988	339,970	-75,878	
BALANCES	0	0	0	0	
	5,717,707	4,612,989	1,103,541	1,177	
TOTAL					
Interest Earned	-23,000	-12,307		-10,693	
Revenue Financing of Capital	1,868,205	-146,141	1,994,593	19,753	
Capital Charges adjustment	-567,800	-567,800		0	
	6,995,112	3,886,741	3,098,134	10,237	
FINANCED FROM					
National Park Grant	3,745,263				
Levy on Constituent Authorities	1,248,420				
Transfer from Reserves	2,001,429				
Revised Net Budget	6,995,112				

		<u>A</u>	ppendix 3
	(£)	(£)	(£)
Total Balances for 2020/21	(2)	(£)	3,108,371
			5,100,571
Transfers from Reserves			
Planning and Land Management			
Cader Idris	6,825		
Gwesty Dewi Sant (St. Davids Hotel)	1,129		
Pen y Pass and Llyn Tegid (WG Capital Grant)	404		
Ogwen Centre (WG Capital Grant)	687		
SMS Eden River	15,102		
SMS Uwch Gwyrfai	4,330		
National Grid - Maentwrog (West)	13,755		
Harlech & Ardudwy Scheme	15,846		
Planning - use of Section 106 reserve	50,000	108,078	
Corporate			
Plas Tan y Bwlch Redundancies - WG Grant	25,402		
Engagement - WG Grant scheme re- Increasing awareness of			
plastic waste	10,250	35,652	
Transfers to Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	47.004		
Historic Creditor - Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Scheme	-47,001		
Historic Creditor - CAN Ogwen Scheme	-45,621		
Ysgwrn (Grant Scheme)	-6,482		
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Scheme (Match Funding)	-137,563		
Carneddau (WG Capital Grant)	-66,397		
Ffridd Uchaf (WG Capital Grant)	-6,131		
Access (WG Capital Grant)	-25,000		
Planning System (WG Capital Grant)	-4,200		
Mobile Observatory (WG Capital Grant)	-8,358		
Llyn Cynwch WG Capital Grant) Bwlch Mawr - Brithdir Route (WG Capital Grant)	-30,000 -7,179		
Brithdir - Pen Ceunant Route (WG Capital Grant)	-70,000		
Gorseddau (grant cyfalaf Ll. Cymru)	-73,222		
Nant Gwynant (WG Capital Grant)	-40,000		
Cadair Idris (WG Capital Grant)	-100,000		
Llyn Llywelyn (WG Capital Grant)	-30,000		
Lon Gwyrfai (WG Capital Grant)	-15,000		
Admin. Fee for 20/21 works (SLSP Grant - Welsh. Gov)	-39,343		
Works to be completed in 21/22 and relevant admin. fee (SLSP	159 571		
Grant Welsh Gov.)	-158,571		
Ysgwrn	-19,706		
Ysgwrn (HLF Grant Scheme)	-10,082		
Dark Skies	-32,099		
ENRaW Scheme	-9,484		
Wnion Catchment Area Scheme	-2,577	440 700	2 400 274
Totals Carried Forward	-984,016	143,730	3,108,371

	Appendix 3 (continued)		
	(£)	(£)	(£)
Totals Brought Forward	-984,016		
	-304,010	145,750	5,100,571
SMS - Peatlands of Wales	-77,609		
National Grid (Maentwrog-East)	-118,560		
Celtic Rainforests (LIFE Grant Scheme)	-267,709		
NRW Scheme - Peatlands	-16,548		
Planning - Section 106	-104,844		
Carneddau (HLF Grant Scheme)	-19,274		
Wardens Management (WG. Revenue Grant)	-58,214	-1,646,774	
Corporate			
Document Management System Budget	-50,000		
Snowdon Interpretation Scheme (WG. Capital Grant)	-20,000		
Snowdon Partnership Scheme (WG. Capital Grant)	-17,917		
Electric Vehicle Charging Points (WG. Capital Grant)	-12,289		
New Website (Capital)	-80,840		
Water Refill Stations (WG. Capital Grant)	-12,042		
Hafod Eryri (WG Capital Grant)	-143,217		
Headquarters - Heating System (WG Capital Grant)	-30,430		
Betws y Coed Info. Centre (WG Capital Grant)	-54,535		
Plas Tan y Bwlch (WG Capital Grant)	-233,799		
Energy Saving (WG Capital Grant)	-256		
Admin fees 20/21 (SLSP Grant - Welsh Gov.)	-60,702		
Works to be completed in 21/22 and relevant admin fee (SLSP			
Grant - Welsh Gov.)	-28,071		
Welsh Government Capital Grants	-314,530		
Engagement - Welsh Gov. Revenue Grant	-47,000		
New Website	-9,492		
Youth Manifesto (Welsh Gov. Grant)	-55,500		
Well-Being Routes (Welsh Gov. Grant)	-40,000		
Snowdon Partnership (Welsh Gov. Grant)	-26,950		
Car Parks (Welsh Gov. Grant)	-10,000		
Park Man. Plan & Partnerships - Eryri Fund Grants	-49,155		
Park Man. Plan & Partnerships - Snowdon Interpretation (WG grant)	-1,388		
Park Man. Plan & Partnerships - Welsh Gov. Grant	-31,022		
Park Man. Plan & Partnerships - CLIF Grant	-2,500		
Property (Welsh Gov. Grants)	-30,000	-1,361,635	-2,864,679
Slippage and Other Costs (see Appendix 4)	-233,455		-233,455
			40.007
Balance available for re-allocation			10,237

	<u>Ap</u>	pendix 4
Snowdonia National Park Authority		
Slippage and other Costs 2020-21		
	(£)	(£)
Planning		
Additional Employment and Planning System	70,000	70,000
Wardens		
Public Access - re-structuring budget	6,000	
Wardens - North - re-structuring budget	2,000	
Wardens - South - re-structuring budget	9,000	
Wardens - Management- re-structuring budget	15,000	32,000
Plas Tan y Bwich		
Grant funding reserved for specific expenditure	10,000	10,000
Park Management Plan & Partnerships		
Beaufort Research	40,430	
Various Small Grants	3,185	43,615
Corporate Management		
Contribution towards additional salary inflation		
contingency	19,000	19,000
CAPITAL		
Cultural Heritage Capital Projects	5,840	
Access and Warden Vehicles	53,000	58,840
Total Slippage and other Costs 2020-21		233,455

					<u>Ap</u>	pendix 5
	С	APITAL OUT				
	Net Budget	Expenditure	Income	Balance	Committed	Under / (Over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management						
CAN Ogwen scheme	0.00		0	45,621		0
Cader Idris	0	-,		-6,825		0
Wardens Vehicles	53,000		0	53,000		0
Cultural Heritage	96,280		-3,005	52,841		0
Dolgellau Townscape Heritage	194,320	253,176	-186,774	127,918		0
Ysgwrn (HLF)	0	,	-40,493	6,482		0
Carneddau	119,187	52,790	0	66,397	-66,397	0
Access (Grant)	25,000	0	0	25,000	-25,000	0
Peny Pass & Llyn Tegid (Grant)	0	404	0	-404	404	0
Planning System (Grant)	4,200		0	4,200	-4,200	0
Mobile Observatory (Grant)	75,000	66,642	0	8,358	-8,358	0
Ffridd Uchaf (Grant)	39,000	32,869	0	6,131	-6,131	0
Llyn Cynwch (Grant)	30,000	0	0	30,000	-30,000	0
Bwlch Mawr - Brithdir (Grant)	50,328	43,149	0	7,179	-7,179	0
Brithdir - Pen Ceunant (Grant)	70,000		0	70,000	-70,000	0
Gorseddau (Grant)	75,000	1,777	0	73,223	-73,223	0
Nant Gwynant (Grant)	40,000	0	0	40,000	-40,000	0
Cadair Idris (Grant)	100,000	0	0	100,000	-100,000	0
Llyn Llywellyn (Grant)	30,000		0	30,000		0
Llwybr Gwyrfai (Grant)	15,000		0	15,000		0
St David's Hotel, Harlech	0		0	-1,129		0
Woodlands (SLSP grant)	0		-40,130	13,725		0
Tree Nursery (SLSP grant)	0		-46,569	8,641		0
Ysgwrn (SLSP grant)	0		-133,200	101,969		0
Paths (SLSP grant)	0		-114,385	10,396		0
Ogwen - fibre (SLSP grant)	0		-22,000	2,000		0
Morfa Dyffryn (SLSP grant)	0		-136,240	32,610		0
Warden Vehicles (SLSP grant)	0		-57,047	4,167		0
Access Equipment (SLSP grant)	0	16,900	-18,590	1,690		0
Llyn Nantlle (SLSP grant)	0		-17,440	8,462		0
Tree Nursery (WG grant)	0		-27,795	-1,233		-1,233
IT equipment for the ERAMMP	Ĭ	20,020	21,100	1,200	0	1,200
scheme	0	7,302	-7,302	0	0	0
Equipment for the ENRAW scheme	0		-30,000	0	0	0
Planning and Land Management	- · · ·	00,000	00,000	0	0	0
sub-totals	1,016,315	961,866	-880,970	935,419	-936,652	-1,233

				<u>Ap</u>	pendix 5 (co	ontinued)
	С	APITAL OUT	TURN 2020/	21		
	Net Budget	Expenditure	Income	Balance	Committed	Under / (Over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management sub-totals	1,016,315	961,866	-880,970	935,419		-1,233
Corporate						
IT replacement programme	76,653	18,520	0	58,133	-50,000	8,133
New Website	103,800	22,960	0	80,840		0
Snowdon Partnership Scheme	46,680	28,363	0	18,317		0
Snowdon Interpretation Scheme	20,000	0	0	20,000		0
Snowdon Partnership (videos)	0	400	0	-400		0
	0	-00	5	00	-00	0
Electric Charging Points for Vehicles	19,825	7,536	0	12,289	-12,289	0
Main Offices Boiler	31,931	1,501	0	30,430		0
Energy Saving (Grant)	5,651	5,395	0	256		0
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TAIS schemes	33,677	68,059	-47,235	12,853		12,853
Water Refill Stations (Grant)	12,042	0	0	12,042		0
Plas Tan y Bwlch	238,840	5,041	0	233,799	-233,799	0
Betws y Coed Information Centre	00.075	07 5 40	0	54 505	54 505	0
(Grant)	92,075	37,540	0	54,535		0
Ogwen Centre (Grant)	0	687	0	-687	687	0
Hafod Eryri (2018-19 grant)	97,016	27,499	0	69,517		0
Hafod Eryri (2019-20 grant)	73,700	0	0	73,700		0
Information Systems (SLSP grant)	0.00	86,872	-95,555	8,683		0
Visitor Management (SLSP grant)	0.00	59,830	-65,805	5,975		0
Two Electric Vehicles (SLSP grant)	0.00	70,041	-76,445	6,404		0
Main Offices Heating (SLSP grant)	0	206,375	-247,500	41,125		0
Solar Panels (SLSP grant)	0	143,104	-165,000	21,896	-21,896	0
Electric Charging Points (SLSP grant)	0	46,905	-51,595	4,690	-4,690	0
Welsh Govt. capital grants (to be						
allocated)	0	0	-314,530	314,530	-314,530	0
Corporate sub-totals	851,890	836,628	-1,063,665	1,078,927	-1,057,941	20,986
TOTAL	1,868,205	1,798,494	-1,944,635	2,014,346	-1,994,593	19,753
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FINANCE						
Financing capital from revenue		-209,442				
SLSP grants administrative fee to						
reserve		99,185				
Historic creditor sums moved to						
reserve		92,622				
Capital grants from 2017/18 -						
2019/20 utilised		-324,001				
Grants and contributions in 2020/21		-1,944,635				
Grants and contributions relevant to		. ,				
expenditure in 2021/22		487,777				
TOTAL		-1,798,494				

# **ITEM NUMBER:**

MEETING	Performance and Resources Committee
DATE	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
TITLE	REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2021/22
REPORT BY	Chief Finance Officer
PURPOSE	<ul> <li>i. To approve the budget transfers, virements and carry forward from revenue and capital budgets as outlined in the report.</li> <li>ii. To approve the Capital Financing Statement.</li> <li>iii. To consider the departmental performance with regard to budgetary control.</li> <li>iv. To approve the proposed changes to reserves</li> </ul>

# 1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 The financial position of the services for 2021/22 confirms that the Authority has managed to keep within financial contraints with a net underspend of £516,324, (see Appendix 2). This surplus derives mainly from the additional income from the car parks and visitor facilities due to an exceptionally busy season.
- 1.2 A temporary time extension has been granted again this year for the completion and authorisation of the annual statement of accounts. The Authority is therefore requested to approve the final financial position for 2021/22 (and related financial transfers), as part of the production of the statutory financial statements (to be certified by the Chief Finance Officer by 31 August, and approved by the Authority by 30 November 2022).
- 1.3 It should be noted that some figures in this report may be adjusted during the accounts closure process (between now and 31/8/2022) and that all figures are subject to audit (between now and 31/11/2022). Any significant adjustments made to the statement of accounts will be further reported to the Authority after they have been audited.

# 2 GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2021/22

2.3 In December 2020 it was announced that there would be a 10% increase in the National Park core grant funding from the Welsh Government for 2021/22, which resulted in an additional funding of £374,526, as well as an additional £124,842 from

the constituent local authority levy. Also, during the year, a total of £1,238,885 additional 'one-off' grant funding as allocated to the Authority by the Welsh Government as follows:

£70,000 additional core revenue grant

£900,000 Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places capital grant

## £970,000

The two grants above are allocated for 2021/22 and the remainder are held in the Authority's reserves

2.4 In addition to the above the Authority received support grants due to the impact of the pandemic as follows:

£242,579	Welsh Government Hardship Fund
£26,306	HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant ('furlough')
£268,885	

## 3. OUTLINE OF THE ACCOUNTS FINAL POSITION

- 3.1 This report presents a comparison, at service area level, between the revenue and capital expenditure plans for which the Authority had budgeted, and the actual final expenditure for 2021/22
- 3.2 Net expenditure for the year amounted to £4,804,228 which was £3,297,226 under the revised net budget of £8,101,033. This figure includes the impact of a significant amount of grants received in advance. The total gross capital expenditure for the year was £1,679,923.
- 3.3 £3,297,226 of balances are available before net transfers of £2,505,987 to specific reserves, and also there are slippages and commitments (to 2022/23) of some 2021/22 budget allocations to the value of £274,833. This brings the remaining balance available for reallocation to £516,324

# 4. FINAL REVENUE SUMMARY 2021/22

Service Area	Original Net Budget	Virements	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditur e	Under/ (Over)
	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land					
Management	1,545,500	74,767	1,620,267	1,043,627	576,640
Corporate	5,064,911	269,323	5,334,234	3,855,382	1,478,852
Balances	10,000	- 10,000	-		-
			-		-
Interest Earned	- 8,000	-	- 8,000	- 11,612	3,612
Financing Capital from					
Revenue	1,636,048	109,955	1,746,003	507,881	1,238,122
Capital Charges					
Adjustment	- 591,050		- 591,050	- 591,050	-
TOTAL	7,657,409	444,045	8,101,454	4,804,228	3,297,226

# 4.1 Net Budget for 2021/22

The Authority has already been informed of the increase in the net basic revenue budget.

Further detail can be seen in Appendix 1 relating to transfers reported to the Authority in March, and any that have been implemented since.

# 4.2 Transfers from and to Reserves and Other Specific Costs

There is a balance of  $\pounds$ 3,297,226 before transfers to and from reserves. A summary of the breakdown of transfers are shown in the table below, along with slippage and other costs, with details in Appendix 3.

	(£)	(£)	(£)
Total balances available for 2021/22			3,297,226
Transfers from Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	112,510		
Corporate	116,592	229,102	
Transfers to Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	-1,606,519		
Corporate	-1,128,601	-2,735,120	-2,506,018
Slippage and Other Costs (Appendix 4)	-274,884		-274,884
Balances available for distribution			516,324

# 4.2 Departmental Outturn

Essential transfers to and from reserves within specific programmes or set aside in point 4.2 have already been identified.

The table below shows the position of each directorate level after taking into account the reserved and specific items brought forward within the 2021/22 budget:

Directorate	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Under/ (Over)	Committed	Under/ (Over)
	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land					
Management	1,620,267	1,043,627	576,640	567,997	8,643
Corporate	5,334,234	3,855,382	1,478,852	981,617	497,235
Balances	-		-		
	6,954,501	4,899,009	2,055,492	1,549,614	505,878
Interest Earned	- 8,000	- 11,612	3,612		3,612
Capital Finanaced from					
Revenue	1,746,003	507,881	1,238,122	1,231,294	6,828
Capital Charges					
Adjustment	- 591,050	- 591,050	-		
TOTAL	8,101,454	4,804,228	3,297,226	2,780,908	516,324

The total additional income and underspend, after taking account of transfers to and from reserves, was **£516,324**.

# 4.4 Detailed Analysis

A more detailed breakdown in relation to each service of the expenditure and commitments for 2021/22 is provided in Appendix 2

# 4.5 Significant Variations

The services with variations over £10,000, in the figure of £516,324 which are a combination of net additional income and underspend are:

<u>Authority Support - £13,080</u> underspend as a result of savings on travelling costs

Translation - £22,881 underspend due to the use of external translators.

<u>Plas Tan y Bwlch</u> – £77,272 overspend. The main overspends were on employment costs, energy and booking.com commission. There will be a better reflection in 2022/23 of the financial profile of the service, along with any further developments regarding new income streams.

<u>Engagement</u> – Underspend of around £18,000 due to delays on works to Hafod Eryri, therefore a delay in the related engagement work, along with an underspend on developing the new website.

<u>Car Parks and Visitor Facilities</u> – Around £480,138 more income was received during the year due to an exeptionally busy season.

# 4.6 Changes since previously reported

The last budget report presented to the Authority in March 2022 identified a likely outturn surplus of £100,000 compared to the actual outturn surplus of £516,324.

The Main reason for the difference is the income level for the car parks. It was noted previously that the intention was to allocate this surplus towards capital expenditure relating to property. Due to the significant amount of the surplus, we include this in this report for your consideration.

# 5. CAPITAL OUTTURN 2021/22

5.1 Details of the Capital budget, outturn and sources of funding appear in the summary below and in Appendix 5.

	Net Budget	Expenditure	Income	Balance	Committed	Under/ (over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management	1,071,850	889,428	-680,691	863,112	866,785	-3,672
Corporate	674,153	783,609	-484,862	375,406	366,342	9,064
Total	1,746,003	1,673,037	-1,165,552	1,238,518	1,233,127	5,391

- 5.2 The revised net budget of £1,746,003 and net expenditure of £507,880 leaves £1,238,123. After taking into account committed expenditure carried over to 2021/22 together with items specifically assigned (£1,231,288), it leaves and underspend of £6,829.
- 5.3 See appendix 5 for more detail relating to the assigned figure of £1,231,288.

## 6. **RESERVES**

**6.1** See below o summary of usable funds with their current balances. It should be noted that a significant proportion of the following represents amounts already committed for specific purposes.

Reserve Name	Balance 31/03/2021	Movement	Balance 31/03/2022
Capital Receipts Reserve	163,791	-	163,791
Section 106 Reserve	294,844	162,387	457,231
Revenue Grants Reserve	2,108,647	(366,006)	1,742,641
Capital Grants Reserve	2,369,716	(274,669)	2,095,047
Asset Management Reserve	444,658	473,060	917,718
Public Examination Reserve (Planning)	225,000	-	225,000
Match-funding Reserve	1,073,890	(82,492)	991,398
Slippage Reserve	555,961	274,833	830,794
Projects Reserve	503,574	432,783	936,357
Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve	56,303	-	56,303
Specific Risks Reserve	424,160	-	424,160
Staff Resilience Reserve	120,000	-	120,000
Commercial Risk Reserve	100,000	-	100,000
General Revenue Reserve (Balances)	669,473	44,324	713,797
	9,110,017	664,220	9,774,237

# 6.2 Earmarking the Balance of Underspend and Additional

There is a balance of £516,324 from underspend and additional income from 2021/22 and it is available for reallocation on a one off basis. The recommendation is to transfer additional income from car parking fees and visitor facilities (£480,000) to the Asset Management Reserve. The remaining surplus (£44,324) will be added to the Authority's General Balances fund.

## 6.3 Summary of the Reserves

Below is a summary of the main movements within the reserves. See Appendix 6 for a description of the purpose of each individual reserve.

## Section 106 Reserve

There was in increase of £163,237 to the reserve balance during the year. £198,000 was received in commuted sums, and £36,000 was paid out through a grant to Conwy Council.

#### Revenue Grants Reserve

This reserve holds the balance of unused revenue grants, received for use in the financial year and recognised as income in that financial year, but transferred to a reserve for future use. There was a net decrease of £366,006 in the reserve balance during the year.

## Capital Grants Reserve

This reserve has been created on the same basis as the Revenue Grant Reserve. During 2021/22 grants were used and received resulting in a net decrease of £274,669.

## Asset Management Reserve

There was an increase of  $\pounds473,000$  in the reserve balance in 2021/22. The additional income of  $\pounds48,000$  is shown here. There was also some use made of the reserve during the year.

Match funding reserve

During the year the reserve was used and added to resulting in a net increase of £82,492

## Monies Carried Over Reserve

There was an increase of £274,833 in 2021/22. See appendix 4 for more information.

## General Balances.

The 2021/22 outturn surplus of £44,324 is added to the fund which brings the current balance to £713,797.

## 7. TRANSFER BETWEEN BUDGETS WITH A VALUE OVER £30,000 FOR THE AUTHORITY'S ATTENTION

7.1 Part 3 of the Authority's Financial Regulations states the need to report to the Authority or to the Performance and Resources Committee on virements of over £30,000 between budgets, as follows:

Amount	Transfer Approval
£30,000 - £100,000	Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer
	and Chairman. Transfer to be reported to
	the next Authority for information only.
£100,000 or more	Decision by the Authority

- 7.2 There have been no such transfers since the latest report on the 2021/22 budget in March 2022.
- 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 8.1 To approve the virements in the revenue and capital budgets as outlined in part 4 (details in Appendix 1).
- 8.2 To approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves as outlined in the table under paragraph 4.2 and Appendix 3.
- 8.3 To note the final position of the directorates and services re: budgetary control (paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6 and Appendix 2).
- 8.4 To approve the slippages and commitments (£274,833) in Appendix 4.
- 8.5 To approve the transfer of the £480,000 additional car park income to the Asset Management Reserve
- 8.6 Note that the surplus for 2021/22 financial year increases the General Balances (paragraph 6.3 General Balances)
- 8.7 To approve the Capital Financing Statement (part 5 and Appendix 5).

	Performance and Resources Committee				
DATE	12 <sup>th</sup> of July 2023				
TITLE	REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2022/23				
REPORT BY	Chief Finance Officer				
PURPOSE	<ul> <li>i. To approve the budget transfers, money transfers, and the money carried forward from the revenue and capital budgets in accordance with what was outlined in the report.</li> <li>ii. To approve the Capital Financing Statement.</li> <li>iii. To consider the departmental performance in relation to to budgetary control.</li> <li>iv. To approve the recommended changes to the reserves.</li> </ul>				

## 1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 The final financial position of the services for 2022/23 confirms that the Authority has managed to stay within the financial restrictions with a net underspend of £486,655, (see Appendix 2). This surplus is mainly derived from additional bank interest as a result of the increase in interest rates as well as additional grants received from the Welsh Government.
- 1.2 The Authority aims to complete and authorize the statement of accounts within the extended timeframe suggested by the Welsh Government. However, as the 2021/22 accounts situation remains unresolved the Authority is in constant contact with Audit Wales. There is flexibility within the timetable as Audit Wales has indicated that they will not have the resources to start the audit until the end of the year. The Authority is required to approve the final financial position for 2022/23 (and relevant financial transfers), as part of the procedure for producing the statutory financial statements (to be certified by the Chief Finance Officer and approved by the Authority).
- 1.3 It should be noted that some figures in this report may be modified during the procedure of closing the accounts and that all figures are subject to audit. No specific time limit has been set but the Authority will aim to draw up draft accounts by July 31. The Authority will be further reported on any significant adjustments made in the statement of accounts and following the completion of the relevant audit.

# 2 GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2022/23

- 2.3 In March 2023, confirmation was received from the Welsh Government re. additional grant provision to the Authority for a total of £200,570 including a Capital amount of £156,000 and £44,570 in Revenue. The terms of the additional grant allowed expenditure on projects including some of the Authority's current plans. This meant that it was possible to identify a saving within the relevant services which has contributed to the general underspend. Later in the month further notice was received of a payment of £27,128 of unconditional additional revenue monies.
- 2.4 In addition to the additional grants from the Welsh Government, the first claim for 2022/23 2024/25 SLSP funding was successful for a total of £800,000. This money includes capital elements as well as revenue in the form of money for administering the grants and a contribution towards staff time to carry out the work. In addition, further funding was received from the SLSP for a joint grant project with other partners resulting in an income of £150,000 for the Authority in 2022/23.
- 2.5 During the year a three-year joint plan was agreed between the National Parks of Wales and the Welsh Government. The plan is worth £200k to the Authority with a successful claim made during 2022/23 in order to fund a Nature Restoration and Carbon Capture and Storage Officer within the Authority.
- 2.6 There was also a successful application for a grant of £65,000 for the BMW biodiversity project, the grant was not received until February with the work programmed for 2023/24. As a result the money has been calculated as a grant received in advance for 2023/24.
- 2.7 During the year the last grant payment was received for the LIFE Celtic Forests scheme. In addition to the usual payments from the other co-funders this payment was for £991,859. As the project will now continue until the autumn of 2027, a portion of this payment has already been set aside towards funding the plan until the end of the scheme, together with previous grants which have also been transferred to funds. It has already been reported to the Authority that there is a risk that the Authority will need to borrow money temporarily until the final grant payment is made.

# 3. OUTLINE OF THE ACCOUNTS' FINAL POSITION

- 3.1 This report presents a comparison, at service area level, between the revenue and capital expenditure plans that the Authority had budgeted for, and the actual final expenditure for 2022/23
- 3.2 The total net expenditure for the year was £5,130,603 which is £1,686,973 under the revised net budget of £6,817,576. The transfers to the Capital budget suggested in the March budget update have been disregarded in order to give an accurate reflection of the additional contribution required from the reserves when compared to the original budget. The transfers suggested in March represented transfers that would have been required for the expenditure projection. Appendix 3 sets out the necessary transfers based on the current outturn situation. The total gross capital expenditure for the year was £1,652,579.

3.3 There was £1,686,973 of money remaining before net transfers worth £738,799 to specific reserves, and slippages and commitments (to 2023/24) from some of the 2022/23 budget allocations worth £461,519. This brings the remaining balance available for reallocation to **£486,655**.

Service Area	Original Net Budget	Virements	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Under/ (Over)
	£	£	£	£	£
Management	1,595,967	182,842	1,778,809	1,255,155	523,654
Corporate	4,738,275	354,296	5,092,571	4,459,953	632,618
Balances	259,467	- 259,467	-	-	-
Interest Earned	- 8,000	-	- 8,000	- 135,654	127,654
Revenue	398,620	146,626	545,246	142,199	403,047
Capital Charges Adjustment	- 591,050	-	- 591,050	- 591,050	-
TOTAL	6,393,279	424,297	6,817,576	5,130,603	1,686,973

# 4. FINAL REVENUE SUMMARY 2022/23

# 4.1 Net Budget for 2022/23

The authority has already been informed of the increase in the net basic revenue budget.

In Appendix 1, there are further details regarding the transfers reported to the Authority in March and those that have been implemented since then.

## 4.2 Transfers from and to Reserves and Other specified Costs

There is a balance of  $\pounds$ 1,686,973 before transfers to and from the reserves. A summary of the analysis of the transfers is shown in the table below, together with other specific costs, with the details in Appendix 3.

	(£)	(£)	(£)
Total balances available for 2022/23			1,686,973
Transfers from Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	336,295		
Corporate	307,790	644,085	
Transfers to Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	-742,860		
Corporate	-640,024	-1,382,884	-738,799
Slippage and Other Costs (Appendix 4)	-461,519		-461,519
			0
Balances available for distribution			486,655

# 4.3 Departmental Outturn

Essential transfers from and to reserves within specific or earmarked programs have already been determined in point 4.2.

The table below shows the position of each directorate level after taking the reserved items and the specific ones brought forward within the 2021/22 budget into account:

Directorate	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Under/ (Over)	Committed	Under/ (Over)
	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land Management	1,778,809	1,255,155	523,654	390,531	133,123
Corporate	5,092,571	4,459,953	632,618	406,741	225,878
Balances	-	-	_	-	-
	6,871,380	5,715,108	1,156,272	797,272	359,001
Interest Earned	- 8,000	- 135,654	127,654	-	127,654
Capital Finanaced from Revenue	545,246	142,199	403,047	403,047	-
Capital Charges Adjustment	- 591,050	- 591,050	-	-	-
TOTAL	6,817,576	5,130,603	1,686,973	1,200,319	486,655

The total additional income and underspend, after taking into account the transfers to and from reserves, was **£486,655**.

## 4.4 Detailed Analysis

A more detailed breakdown by service of the expenditure and commitments for 2022/23 is in Appendix 2.

# 4.5 Material Variations

A number of variations are funded from the surplus of other services which are under the control of the heads of service including the use of parking surplus for overspends on services such as Visitor Facilities, Litter Collection and the Corporate Property service. Following the allocation of money for this purpose, the variations over £10,000 within the services below which contribute to the total of £486,655 will be elaborated.

<u>Tree Conservation and Agriculture</u> – £133,962 underspend. There was expenditure on a number of grant projects where it was necessary to shift the expenditure against specific services/grants leaving a surplus within the service. The additional money from the Welsh Government has also contributed to almost £90,000 of underspend to create a surplus slipping into 2023/24 and contributing to the financial challenge. The nature of some of the projects within these services means that there is uncertainty in terms of the availability of grants and grant claims. It is possible that one year's surplus will tend to be needed to meet such situations in subsequent years where a deficit is identified.

<u>Information Centres</u> – An overspend of £11,286 as a result of confusion regarding tax invoices from Conwy Council which has meant additional expenditure of over £8k. A similar amount showed as an underspend in the 2021/22 accounts. Additional energy costs have also contributed to the shortfall.

Translation - £16,258 underspend arising from the use of external translators.

<u>Plas Tan y Bwlch</u> - £13,230 overspend. The main overspends are on employment, energy costs and ordering goods/food. However, the current situation is much more encouraging than the projected situation reported in March. This is mainly due to a significant increase in income as a result of invoices that had not been raised at the time. As a result the additional income has met a large part of the overspend.

<u>Car Parks and Visitor Facilities</u> - The car park and Llyn Tegid income was £185,955 and more than was budgeted for but as has already been mentioned, this money has been set aside for a shortfall within other services under the direction of the Head of Property. This includes £124,628 which is intended to be carried over to 23/24 for work programmed at Plas Tan y Bwlch and maintenance work on the authority's property such as car parks.

<u>Wardens, Public Access and Yr Wyddfa Team</u> - There is a significant underspend of  $\pounds$ 166,790 across these services. Around  $\pounds$ 90,000 of expenditure has been funded by the additional grant money from the Welsh Government which has meant reducing the expenditure level against the services and contributing to the saving.

<u>Legal</u> – There is an underspend of £26,421 which is a result of recovering £40,000 in legal costs in the Hillside case. A portion of the surplus money has been set aside for costs on the service's computer system for the next two years.

<u>Personnel and Training</u> – There is an underspend of £15,473 mainly as a result of vacancies and an underspend on the staff training budget.

<u>Management and Partnerships Plan</u> – Underspending is due to posts being vacant for a period while staff are on maternity leave. As well as this, there has been a significant underspend on the commissioning fund budget which has contributed to over £61,550. This is not unexpected as this budget has already been identified as money that can contribute to the financial challenge over the next few years.

<u>Finance</u> – An overspend of £23,907 mainly arising from the staffing situation and the work required as a result, as well as buying in a service for closing the 2021-22 accounts at the beginning of the year. There were also additional costs as the head of service was on maternity leave and a temporary head of service needed to be funded.

<u>Bank Interest</u> – The actual income received is much higher than the £8,000 budget and previous forecasts. This is mainly because the interest rates remain high and inflation is not falling at the predicted rate resulting in an additional interest income of £127,323.

#### 4.6 Changes since previously reported

In the previous report on the budget that was put before the Authority in March 2023, a likely outturn of a surplus of  $\pounds$ 19,345 was noted. This varies significantly compared to the current situation which has a surplus of  $\pounds$ 486,655.

A number of reasons reported in part 4.5 have contributed with the significant differences arising from the underspend in Conservation, Woodland and Agriculture,

Public Access and Wardens services, the commissioning fund, the additional bank interest and the additional income at Plas Tan y Bwlch.

The additional grants received of £227,698 have now been used to fund expenditure within the services increasing the surplus amount within the Tree Conservation and Agriculture Service and Public Access and Wardens services. This intention was not clear when the budget was reported in March. As a result, this has contributed to a surplus available to be allocated to the financial challenge of budgeting for 2023/24 and 2024/25 taking into account the settlement of grant and stand/flat levy despite the increase in costs and wages for the Authority.

## 5. CAPITAL OUTTURN 2022/23

5.1 Details of the Capital budget, outturn and funding sources appear in the summary below and Appendix 5:

	Net Budget	Expenditure	Income	Balance	Committed	Under/ (over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management	425,950	1,030,559	-942,419	337,810	337,815	-5
Corporate	119,296	622,019	-567,960	65,237	65,232	5
Total	545,246	1,652,578	-1,510,379	403,047	403,047	0

5.2 It has already been reported in part 3.2 that the Capital transfers suggested in the March budget update have been disregarded in order to present information based on the current situation.

The revised net budget of £545,246 and the net expenditure of £142,200 leaves  $\pounds403,047$  before transfers and slippage. However, these figures include SLSP grants as well as the joint SLSP scheme where  $\pounds950,000$  of income has been received and expenditure of only  $\pounds447,512$ . These grant schemes represent  $\pounds502,489$  of the  $\pounds607,703$  which has been set aside to go into the funds for use in 2023/24 and beyond. A number of historic grant schemes which were not originally budgeted for have also been acted upon during the year with  $\pounds369,909$  of money from specific reserves needing to be transferred. Of the plans budgeted for there is  $\pounds165,253$  remaining earmarked as money to carry over to 23/24.

The proposed transfers into and from the funds together with the amount to be carried over amount to £403,047.

5.3 See appendix 5 for more detail regarding the committed figure of £403,047.

# 6. **RESERVE FUNDS**

**6.1** See below a summary of the usable funds with their current balances before the transfer of the underspend of £486,655. It should be noted that a significant portion of the below represents amounts that have already been committed for specific purposes.

Reserve Name	Balance 31/03/2022	Movement	Balance 31/03/2023
Capital Receipts Reserve	163,791	-	163,791
Section 106 Reserve	484,505	112,529	597,034
Revenue Grants Reserve	1,752,371	(176,947)	1,575,424
Capital Grants Reserve	2,094,437	94,267	2,188,704
Asset Management Reserve	918,594	(28,030)	890,564
Public Examination Reserve (Planning)	225,000	-	225,000
Match-funding Reserve	986,397	(114,141)	872,256
Slippage Reserve	775,133	51,619	826,752
Projects Reserve	941,671	16,068	957,739
Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve	56,303	-	56,303
Specific Risks Reserve	424,160	(40,617)	383,543
Staff Resilience Reserve	120,000	(5,238)	114,762
Commercial Risk Reserve	100,000	-	100,000
General Revenue Reserve (Balances)	719,708	(70,321)	649,387
	9,762,071	(160,811)	9,601,260

# 6.2 Allocation of Balance and Underspend and Additional Income

A balance of £486,655 of underspends and additional income from 2022/23 is available to be re-allocated on a one-off basis. It is recommended that the additional income resulting from the additional grants from the Welsh Government (£227,698) be transferred to funds in order to contribute towards the deficit in the 2023/24 budget. The deficit identified in the original budget for 2023/24 was £778,953 including £459,310 of a contribution to be identified. At the time there was no certainty regarding certain grants or if specific funds would be available for some of the plans. It is expected that the first budget update in September will provide a better picture of the situation and the deficit to be financed. It is recommended that the rest of the surplus money from 2022/23 be set aside in funds for this purpose for the time being with the necessary amount to be transferred to the 2023/24 budget and the rest to be kept in reserve for the deficit in 2024/25. The recommendation is to divide this surplus between Specific Risk Funds - £160,000, Staff Resilience - £160,000 and the General Fund (balances) - £166,655.

# 6.3 Analysis of Funds

Below is a breakdown of the main movements within the funds. See Appendix 6 for a description and purpose of each fund.

## Section 106 Fund

There was an increase of £112,529 in the fund during the year. £74,594 was received in commuted sums and one 'First Homebuy' grant was awarded via Conwy Council for £14,024. In addition, £52,320 was received from the National Grid for specific

plans to be managed over the next five years by the Conservation, Woodland and Agriculture service.

#### **Revenue Grants Fund**

This fund holds the balance of unused revenue grants, received in the financial year and recognized as income in that financial year, but transferred to a fund for future use. There was a net reduction of  $\pounds 176,947$  during the year.

#### Capital Grants Fund

This fund has been created on the same premise as the Revenue Grants Fund. During 2022/23 grants were used and received meaning a net increase of  $\pounds$ 94,267 in the fund.

#### Asset Management Fund

There was a reduction of £28,030 in the Fund during 2022/23.

#### Match Funding Fund

During the year use and addition meant a net reduction of £114,141.

#### Staff Resilience Fund

 $\pm$ 5,328 was used from this fund during 2022/23. The transfer recommended above would add  $\pm$ 160,000 to this fund.

#### Specific Risk Fund

There is a net reduction of  $\pounds$ 40,617 in this fund following the 2022/23 expenditure. The transfer recommended above would add  $\pounds$ 160,00 to this fund.

#### Carry-Over Fund

Transfers of £409,900 were utilised from this fund fro use in 2022/23. There is an increase of £461,519 in 2022/23 based on the above recommendation that would result in a net increase of £51,619. See Appendix 4 for more details.

#### **General Balances**

Transfers of £70,321 were made from this fund for use in 2022/23. The transfers recommended above for the surplus of £166,655 would mean a net increase of  $\pounds$ 96,334 in this Fund.

# 7. TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGETS WORTH OVER £30,000 FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORITY

7.1 Part 3 of the Authority's Financial Regulations states the need to report to the Authority or the Performance and Resources Committee on transfers worth over £30,000 between budgets, as follows:

Sum	Transfer Approval
£30,000 - £100,000	Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and the Chairman. Transfer to be
	reported to the next Authority for information only.
£100,000 or more	Authority Decision

7.2 There has been one transfer since the last report for funding Capital expenditure on vehicles to the Conservation, Woodland and Agriculture service. £35,409 was transferred from the service's revenue budget as there was a significant underspend.

- 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 8.1 Approval of the transfers in the revenue and capital budgets as outlined in part 4 (details in Appendix 1).
- 8.2 To approve the transfers to and from the earmarked reserves as outlined in the table under paragraph 4.2 and Appendix 3.
- 8.3 To identify the final position of the directorates and services in terms of budgetary control (paragraph 4.3 to 4.6 and Appendix 2)
- 8.4 To approve the slippages and commitments (£461,519) in Appendix 4.
- 8.5 To note that the underspends relating to the 2022/23 financial year will increase the General Balances, the Staff Resilience Fund and the Specific Risks Fund.
- 8.6 Approve the Capital Financing Statement (part 5 and Appendix 5).

A MEETING	Performance and Resources Committee				
DATE	10 <sup>th</sup> of July 2024				
TITLE	REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2023/24				
REPORT BY	Chief Finance Officer				
PURPOSE	<ul> <li>i. To approve the budget transfers, money transfers, and the money carried forward from the revenue and capital budgets in accordance with what was outlined in the report.</li> <li>ii. To approve the Capital Financing Statement.</li> <li>iii. To consider the departmental performance in relation to to budgetary control.</li> <li>iv. To approve the recommended changes to the reserves.</li> </ul>				

## 1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 The final financial position of the services for 2023/24 confirms that the Authority has managed to stay within the financial restrictions. There was concern during the year that the Authority would be facing a deficit at the end of the year, but with the 'Grant in Aid' that was received at the end of the year from the Welsh Government, the Authority managed to avoid this eventuality.
- 1.2 The Authority aims to complete and authorise the statement of accounts within the extended timeframe suggested by the Welsh Government. However, due to the delays getting the 2021/22 account audited, and the knock-on effect of this on the 2022/23 financial statements, Audit Wales have noted that they do not have the resources to complete the 2023/24 audit until after the end of the calendar year. There is flexibility within the timetable as Audit Wales has indicated that they will not have the resources to start the audit until the end of the year. The Authority is required to approve the final financial position for 2023/24 (and relevant financial transfers), as part of the procedure for producing the statutory financial statements (to be certified by the Chief Finance Officer and approved by the Authority).
- 1.3 It should be noted that some figures in this report may be modified during the procedure of closing the accounts and that all figures are subject to audit. No specific time limit has been set but the Authority will aim to draw up draft accounts by July 31. The Authority will be further reported on any significant adjustments made in the statement of accounts and following the completion of the relevant audit.

# 2. GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2023/24

- 2.1 In March 2024, confirmation was received from the Welsh Government re. additional grant provision to the Authority for a total of £2,067,300 including a Revenue amount of £1,205,000 and £862,300 in Capital. The terms of the additional grant allowed expenditure on projects including repairs at Hafod Eryri, to address capital maintenance backlogs and other capital pressures/priorities. £1.3m of the total sum was available to displace expenditure made from non-exchequer sources and savings made can be utilised in 2024/25 in order to close the deficit.
- 2.2 In addition to the additional grants from the Welsh Government, the second claim for 2022/23 2024/25 SLSP funding was successful for a total of £800,000. This money includes capital elements as well as revenue in the form of money for administering the grants and a contribution towards staff time to carry out the work.
- 2.3 During the year a three-year joint plan was agreed between the National Parks of Wales and the Welsh Government. The plan is worth £200k to the Authority with a successful claim made during 2023/24 in order to fund a Nature Restoration and Carbon Capture and Storage Officer within the Authority.
- 2.7 In October 2023, the Authority received confirmation that it had been successful in a grant worth a total of £617,346.89 from WCVA for Local Places for Nature funding 2023-25. £332,945 of this amount was relevant to 2023/24, with the remainder to be spent in 2024/25. The main purpose of this project is to improve access to nature across Eryri.

## 3. OUTLINE OF THE ACCOUNTS' FINAL POSITION

- 3.1 This report presents a comparison, at service area level, between the revenue and capital expenditure plans that the Authority had budgeted for, and the actual final expenditure for 2023/24
- 3.2 The total net expenditure for the year was £4,674,970 which is £3,218,775 under the revised net budget of £7,871,333. This reflects the additional grant income received at the end of the financial year worth £2,067,300, as well as additional income from projects including Local Places for Nature, Eryri Fringes and Car Park income which has once again exceeded the budget. Attachment 3 notes the necessary transfers to and from reserves based on the current outturn position. The total capital expenditure for the year was £2,110,439 compared with £1,652,579 for the previous year (attachment 5). This level of expenditure reflects the success of officers in executing projects such as SLSP, Dolgellau Heritage Scheme, software upgrading and a number of other capital projects.
- 3.3 There was £3,218,775 of money remaining before net transfers to specific reserves, and slippages and commitments It is suggested that any monies remaining be earmarked in order to meet the financial challenge over the coming years, There is a balance of £633,344 available to re-purpose as a result of underspends as well as the addition grant from Welsh Government.

## 4. FINAL REVENUE SUMMARY 2023/24

Service Area	Original Net Budget	Virements	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Under/ (Over)
	£	£	£	£	£
Management	2,654,955	75,666	2,730,621	2,249,359	481,262
Corporate	4,692,341	406,562	5,098,903	3,571,496	1,527,407
Balances	261,600	- 231,600	30,000	-	30,000
Interest Earned	- 28,000	- 92,000	- 120,000	- 294,050	174,050
Revenue	503,970	218,889	722,859	- 283,218	1,006,077
Adjustment	- 591,050	-	- 591,050	- 591,050	-
TOTAL	7,493,816	377,517	7,871,333	4,652,537	3,218,796

## 4.1 Net Budget for 2023/24

The authority has already been informed of the increase in the net basic revenue budget.

In Appendix 1, there are further details regarding the transfers reported to the Authority in March and those that have been implemented since then.

## 4.2 Transfers from and to Reserves and Other specified Costs

There is a balance of  $\pounds$ 3,218,796 before transfers to and from the reserves. A summary of the analysis of the transfers is shown in the table below, together with other specific costs, with the details in Appendix 3.

	(£)	(£)	(£)
Total balances available for 2022/23			3,218,796
Transfers from Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	148,032		
Corporate	293,901	441,933	
Transfers to Reserves			
Planning and Land Management	-313,189		
Corporate	-2,414,810	-2,727,999	-2,286,066
Slippage and Other Costs (Appendix 4)	-299,370		-299,370
			0
Balances available for distribution			633,344

# 4.3 Departmental Outturn

Essential transfers from and to reserves within specific or earmarked programs have already been determined in point 4.2. The table below shows the position of each directorate level:

Directorate	Revised Net Budget	Actual Expenditure	Under/ (Over)	Committed	Under/ (Over)
	£	£	£	£	£
Planning and Land Management	2,730,621	2,249,359	481,262	319,888	161,374
Corporate	5,098,903	3,571,496	1,527,407	1,229,488	297,919
Balances	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-
	7,859,524	5,820,854	2,038,670	1,579,376	459,294
Interest Earned	- 120,000	- 294,050	174,050	-	174,050
Capital Finanaced from Revenue	722,859	- 260,784	983,643	983,643	-
Capital Charges Adjustment	- 591,050	- 591,050	-	-	-
TOTAL	7,871,333	4,674,970	3,196,363	2,563,019	633,344

# 4.4 Detailed Analysis

A more detailed breakdown by service of the expenditure and commitments for 2023/24 is available in Appendix 2.

# 4.5 Material Variations

Any variations and deficits in the budget have been funded from the additional grant received at the ned of the year. Below is a brief explanation of the variations over  $\pounds 10,000$  within the services below which contribute to the total of  $\pounds 633,344$  to be reallocated.

<u>Tree Conservation and Agriculture</u> – £169,504 underspend. There was expenditure on a number of grant projects where it was necessary to shift the expenditure against specific services/grants leaving a surplus within the service. Additional money from the Welsh Government has also contributed to the underspends to create a surplus slipping into 2024/25 and contributing to the financial challenge. The nature of some of the projects within these services means that there is uncertainty in terms of the availability of grants and grant claims. It is possible that one year's surplus will tend to be needed to meet such situations in subsequent years where a deficit is identified.

<u>Plas Tan y Bwlch</u> - £60,627 underspend. The budget for gas and electricity was increased significantly in light of the concerns relating to the effects of increasing energy costs on the building. Luckily the true cost of energy was not as high as expected, resulting in a saving in the budget.

<u>Car Parks and Visitor Facilities</u> - The car park and Llyn Tegid income was £221,363 more than was budgeted.

<u>Wardens, Public Access and Yr Wyddfa Team</u> - There is a significant underspend of £81,797 across these services as a result of savings on salaries, and less expenditure on revenue projects as a result of prioritising capital projects such as SLSP within the department.

<u>Property</u> – There was £83,418 overspend as a result of expenditure on repairs and maintenance that could not be avoided.

<u>Legal</u> – There is an overspend of £41,433 as a result of additional costs relating the court case in relation to the mast at Pen y Pass.

<u>Management and Partnerships Plan</u> – Underspending is due to posts being vacant for a period while staff are on maternity leave. As well as this, there has been a significant underspend on the commissioning fund budget. This is not unexpected as this budget has already been identified as money that can contribute to the financial challenge over the next few years.

Engagement – Overspend of £51,289 as a result of vacant posts in the department.

<u>Finance</u> – An underspend of  $\pounds$ 37,789 which will be earmarked to upgrade the finance system in over the coming years.

<u>Bank Interest</u> – The actual income received is much higher than the £120,000 budget and previous forecasts. This is mainly because the interest rates remain high and inflation is not falling at the predicted rate resulting in an additional interest income of £174,050.

## 4.6 Changes since previously reported

As noted previously, the Authority has successfully avoided ending the year in a deficit as a result of receiving additional grant funding at the end of the year. This grant funding has also allowed the Authority to carry over income from car parks, and information centres etc over to 2024/25 in order to meet the financial challenge. This money will be held in the reserves until needed.

# 5. CAPITAL OUTTURN 2023/24

5.1 Details of the Capital budget, outturn and funding sources appear in the summary below and Appendix 5:

	Net Budget	Expenditur e	Income	Balance	Committed	Under/ (over)
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Planning and Land Management	290,260	1,106,661	-1,310,073	493,672	493,672	0
Corporate	432,599	1,003,778	-1,083,584	512,405	512,405	0
Total	722,859	2,110,439	-2,393,657	1,006,077	1,006,077	0

- 5.2 The revised net budget of £722,859 and the net expenditure of -£260,784 leaves £983,643 before transfers and slippage. These figures include the additional grant income of £804,000 as well as SLSP grants and a number of historic grant projects that were executed during the year, where a budget was not originally set up for them.
- 5.3 See appendix 5 for more detail

# 6. **RESERVE FUNDS**

**6.1** See below a summary of the usable funds with their current balances. It should be noted that a significant portion of the below represents amounts that have already been committed for specific purposes.

Reserve Name	Balance 31/03/2023	Movement	Balance 31/03/2024
Capital Receipts Reserve	163,791	-	163,791
Section 106 Reserve	597,034	62,397	659,431
Revenue Grants Reserve	1,387,388	(125,706)	1,261,682
Capital Grants Reserve	2,114,265	(277,187)	1,837,078
Asset Management Reserve	1,002,014	(265,073)	736,941
Public Examination Reserve (Planning)	225,000	-	225,000
Match-funding Reserve	898,889		898,889
Slippage Reserve	358,179	58,809	299,370
Projects Reserve	1,044,694	4,763	1,049,457
Snowdon Infrastructure Reserve	56,303	-	56,303
Specific Risks Reserve	668,476	-	668,476
Staff Resilience Reserve	399,672	-	399,672
Commercial Risk Reserve	100,000	-	100,000
Financial Hardship Reserve	-	1,701,734	1,701,734
General Revenue Reserve (Balances)	1,100,256	-	1,100,256
	10,115,961	1,159,737	11,158,080

# 6.2 Allocation of Balance and Underspend and Additional Income

A balance of £633,344 of underspends and additional income from 2023/24 is available to be re-allocated on a one-off basis. It is recommended that this sum is transferred to the Financial Hardship Reserve in order to contribute towards the deficit in the 2024/25 onwards. The deficit identified in the original budget for 2023/24 was around £400k, but as a result of the grant received specifically to meet this deficit, we now have funds to reallocate. It is expected that the first budget update in September will provide a better picture of the situation and the deficit to be financed. It is recommended that the rest of the surplus money from 2023/24 be set aside in the Financial Hardship Reserve for this purpose for the time being with the necessary amount to be transferred to the 2024/25 budget and the rest to be kept in reserve for the deficit in 2025/26.

## 6.3 Analysis of Reserves

Below is a breakdown of the main movements within the reserves.

#### Section 106 Reserve

There was an increase of £62,397 in the fund during the year. Movement within this reserve is dependent on the number of relevant planning applications received.

## Revenue Grants Reserve

This reserve holds the balance of unused revenue grants, received in the financial year and recognised as income in that financial year, but transferred to a reserve for future use. There was a net reduction of  $\pounds 125,706$  during the year.

### Capital Grants Reserve

This reserve has been created on the same premise as the Revenue Grants Fund. During 2023/24 grants were used and received meaning a net decrease of  $\pounds$ 277,187 in the reserve.

### Asset Management Reserve

There was a reduction of £265,073 in the reserve during 2023/24 following expenditure on Plas Tan y Bwlch and Hafod Eryri.

## Match Funding Reserve

During the year there was no movement in this reserve. This reserve allows the Authority to seek additional financing from external partnership and operate above the baseline budget.

## Staff Resilience Reserve

There was no movement in this reserve in 2023/24. The funds in this reserve are earmarked for buying in services as needed to meet the Authority's needs due to long term absences or to complete specific elements of work.

## Specific Risk Reserve

There was no expenditure in 2023/24. The purpose of this reserve is to address any possible cuts to the budget, considering there is uncertainty regarding future grant settlements.

#### Financial Hardship Reserve

This reserve was set up in 2023/24 to address the financial challenge that faces the Authority. The funds in this reserve derive from underspends in the 2023/24 budget, as well as commercial income from car parks etc following the receipt of the Grant in Aid from the Welsh Government late in the year. It is also recommended that the remaining unallocated surplus of £633k is earmarked in this reserve which would bring the total balance to £2,335,068.

#### **General Balances**

There is an expectation that the Authority keeps funds in reserve for any substantial unforeseen costs that may arise at short notice. There have been no transfers to the general balances in 2023/24 as any surplus funds have been allocated to the financial hardship reserve.

# 7. TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGETS WORTH OVER £30,000 FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORITY

7.1 Part 3 of the Authority's Financial Regulations states the need to report to the Authority or the Performance and Resources Committee on transfers worth over £30,000 between budgets, as follows:

Sum	Transfer Approval
£30,000 - £100,000	Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and the Chairman. Transfer to be reported to the next Authority for information only.
£100,000 or more	Authority Decision

7.2 There has been no such transfer since the last report.

- 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 8.1 Approval of the transfers in the revenue and capital budgets as outlined in part 4 (details in Appendix 1).
- 8.2 To approve the transfers to and from the earmarked reserves as outlined in the table under paragraph 4.2 and Appendix 3.
- 8.3 To identify the final position of the directorates and services in terms of budgetary control (paragraph 4.3 to 4.6 and Appendix 2)
- 8.4 To approve the slippages and commitments (£299,730) in Appendix 4.
- 8.5 To approve the transfer of the underspends relating to the 2023/24 financial year to the Financial hardship Reserve, rather than increase the General Balances.
- 8.6 Approve the Capital Financing Statement (part 5 and Appendix 5).