

**Items circulated to the Committee under separate cover since the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

*(in accordance with the Committee's Forward Work Programme)*

In line with the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Committee's decision to receive and scrutinise reports outside of the formal committee process, the following reports were forwarded to all members of the Scrutiny Committee by e-mail on **28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**:

1.	<b>ADRODDIAD MONITRO CYLLIDEB CYFALAF A REFENIW 2023/24</b> <b>REVENUE &amp; CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24</b>
2.	<b>ADRODDIAD PERFFORMIAD CWARTER 2 - 2023/24 (01/04/23-30/09/23) YN BRIODOL I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU HWN</b> <b>2023/24 QUARTER 2 - PERFORMANCE REPORT (01/04/23-30/09/23) RELEVANT TO THIS SCRUTINY</b>
3.	<b>RHEOLI TRAETHLIN AC ADDASU ARFORDIROL YN SIR GAERFYRDDIN</b> <b>SHORELINE MANAGEMENT &amp; COASTAL ADAPTION IN CARMARTHENSHIRE</b>

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The Committee had the following observations/comments/queries in relation to the above reports:

**REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
(1) Place & Infrastructure & Public Projection forecasting a 1,173k overspend on 31 <sup>st</sup> August could we have a update on the overspend please?	An update on the estimated outturn will be available in the October budget monitoring reports which will be presented to Scrutiny on the 30th of January 2024.
(2) Could we have an update on the increased transport costs since August please?	An update on the estimated outturn will be available in the October budget monitoring reports which will be presented to Scrutiny on the 30th of January 2024.

<b>Capital Programme</b>	
(1) Could we have an update on the Coastal Protection & Flood Defence works please.	A breakdown of the Coastal Protection and Flood Defence projects is given as part of the appendices to the report. The virements and new funding streams were also approved.
(2) Could we have an update on the Towy Valley Path from Carmarthen to Llandeilo under spend please?	This project relies on the purchase of a number of land parcels. In the interests of due diligence on the public purse, we commissioned a joint independent valuation of these lands, this has taken longer than expected, impacting our spend profile. The Public Inquiry into the Compulsory Purchase of some land has taken place in November 2023. Following this, works should accelerate. The project timeline has been extended with agreement from the external funders.
(3) Update on the under spend on the Fleet Replacement program and the under spend and will the department speed the money next year?	The Fleet Replacement programme budget will be needed to fund future commitments in replacing the Authority's rolling stock.
(4) Why has County Hall taken so long to finish. Has the 800k slippage in August has this been resolved?	The essential planned works have been strategically programmed in phased stages to minimise any disruptions to the normal functioning of the building. This approach not only ensures the smooth continuation of essential services but also helps avoid additional relocation costs associated with staff moves during the works period. The phased approach also allows us to maintain operational continuity. Please be informed that the ongoing works are anticipated to extend into the 2024/25 period.
(5) Could we have an update on 1,157k slippage for TY Elwyn and what is the latest regarding this work?	The project has experienced delays due to rising costs, a challenge that is prevalent across the industry. To address this issue and ensure the successful completion of the project, additional funding is required. These necessary funds have been approved as part of the August Monitoring process.

**2023/24 QUARTER 2 - PERFORMANCE REPORT (01/04/23-30/09/23) RELEVANT TO THIS SCRUTINY**

<p>(1) FOIA requests 78% is too low, could we have more information on this matter?</p>	<p>We have received 87 FOIA requests within the department in Q2.          We have responded to 72 within 20 days (83%).          We did not meet the timescale on 15 (17%).          We understand that timely responses are crucial, but please note that the nature of the requested information requires a thorough examination and compilation of paper records across various systems. This process takes time to ensure accurate and comprehensive answers.          We have implemented a PowerBi dashboard to enable live tracking within the department.          We send reminders to all service managers and heads of service every Monday to remind of all outstanding FOIA's and target dates.</p>
<p>(2) Public Convenience Strategy off Target when is this important matter going to be resolved?</p>	<p>The Public Convenience Strategy was discussed in Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee on 23rd November 2023.</p>
<p>(3) Develop community transport strategy could we have a update on this matter please?</p>	<p>We have started researching background information and reviewing Community Transport Strategies published by other local authorities to inform the development of Carmarthenshire's Strategy which we aim to bring forward for discussion and adoption in 2024/25.</p>

**SHORELINE MANAGEMENT & COASTAL ADAPTION IN CARMARTHENSHIRE**

<p>I would like to thank officers for a compressive report but I am very concerned that only 49% of CCC's actions require actioning and have not commenced predominately due to resource implication.</p> <p><b>After reading the report this matter is very serious due to resource implication. It needs to be put on the agenda for the full committee for action.</b></p>	<p>51% of the action has been progressed and there is no timeframe for implementation of the actions. For the last 8-years, there has been no dedicated human resource for coastal adaption works and those duties have fallen into an ever-increasing flood risk management portfolio along with sustainable drainage and reservoirs. We now have approval to recruit a coastal adaption officer who will be tasked with overseeing the delivery of these actions in collaboration with the South Wales Coastal Engineering Group</p> <p>To be added to the Committees Forward Work Plan for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – subject to Committee's approval.</p>
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