

**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
& WALES AUDIT OFFICE**

SUBJECT: ISA260 REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

A presentation will be made on the Wales Audit Office's ISA260 Report: Communication Concerning Financial Statements to those Charged with Governance.

The Authority's Statement of Accounts 2016/17 will also be presented for confirmation and signature.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) **Members are invited to consider and accept the ISA260 Report from the Wales Audit Office.**
- b) **The Authority approve the Statement of Accounts 2016/17**

Background documents:

- o ISA260 Report – 2016/17 Audit
- o Statement of Accounts 2016/17

For further information on this report, please contact Mr Richard Griffiths (Chief Financial Officer) or Mr Anthony Barrett (Appointed Auditor, Wales Audit Office).



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Audit of Financial Statements Report and Management Letter – **Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority**

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Summary report

Introduction

- 1 The purpose of this report is twofold:
 - to set out for consideration the matters arising from the audit of the financial statements of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (the Authority) for 2016-17 that require reporting to those charged with governance, in time to enable appropriate action; and
 - to formally communicate the completion of our audit and capture the recommendations arising from our audit work for the year.
- 2 The Auditor General's responsibilities were set out in our Audit Plan along with your responsibilities as those charged with governance; we do not repeat them in detail again here.
- 3 We confirm we have undertaken the audit as planned and our performance against the agreed measures. We have no other issues to report to you other than in this report.
- 4 The Auditor General is responsible for providing an opinion on whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at 31 March 2017 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.
- 5 We do not try to obtain absolute assurance that the financial statements are correctly stated, but adopt the concept of materiality. In planning and conducting the audit, we seek to identify material misstatements in your financial statements, namely, those that might result in a reader of the accounts being misled.
- 6 The quantitative levels at which we judge such misstatements to be material for the Authority are £151,000 for income and expenditure items and working capital balances. Whether an item is judged to be material can also be affected by certain qualitative issues such as legal and regulatory requirements and political sensitivity.

Status of the audit

- 7 We received the draft financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 on 12 June 2017, and have now substantially completed the audit work.
- 8 We are reporting to you the more significant issues arising from the audit, which we believe you must consider prior to approval of the financial statements. The audit team has already discussed these issues with the Finance Manager.

Proposed audit report

- 9 It is the Auditor General's intention to issue an unqualified audit report on the financial statements once you have provided us with a Letter of Representation based on that set out in [Appendix 1](#).
- 10 The proposed audit report is set out in [Appendix 2](#).

Significant issues arising from the audit

Uncorrected misstatements

- 11 There are no misstatements identified in the financial statements, which remain uncorrected.

Corrected misstatements

- 12 There are misstatements that have been corrected by management, but which we consider should be drawn to your attention due to their relevance to your responsibilities over the financial reporting process. They are set out with explanations in [Appendix 3](#).

Other significant issues arising from the audit

- 13 In the course of the audit, we consider a number of matters both qualitative and quantitative relating to the accounts and report any significant issues arising to you. There were no issues arising in these areas this year and our conclusions are :
 - **We have no concerns about the qualitative aspects of your accounting practices and financial reporting.**

We found the information provided to be relevant, reliable, comparable, material and easy to understand. We concluded that accounting policies and estimates are appropriate and financial statement disclosures unbiased, fair and clear.
 - **We did not encounter any significant difficulties during the audit.**

We received information in a timely and helpful manner and were not restricted in our work. The quality of working papers provided and finance officer co-operation continues to be of a high standard.
 - **There are no matters discussed and corresponded upon with management which we need to report to you.**
 - **There are no other matters significant to the oversight of the financial reporting process that we need to report to you.**
 - **We did not identify any weaknesses in your internal controls which we consider to be significant.**

- **There are no other matters specifically required by auditing standards to be communicated to those charged with governance.**

Recommendations arising from our 2016-17 audit work

- 14 There are no further recommendations arising from our audit work that require a response from Management.

Independence and objectivity

- 15 As part of the finalisation process, we are required to provide you with representations concerning our independence.
- 16 We have complied with ethical standards and in our professional judgment, we are independent and our objectivity is not compromised. There are no relationships between the Wales Audit Office and the Authority that we consider to bear on our objectivity and independence.

Appendix 1

Final Letter of Representation

[Audited body's letterhead]

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[Date]

Representations regarding the 2016-17 financial statements

This letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority for the year ended 31 March 2017 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on their truth and fairness and their proper preparation. We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made enquiries as we consider sufficient, we can make the following representations to you.

Management representations

Responsibilities

We have fulfilled our responsibilities for:

- The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with legislative requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016-17 in particular the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance therewith.
- The design, implementation, maintenance and review of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

Information provided

We have provided you with:

- Full access to:
 - all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as books of account and supporting documentation, minutes of meetings and other matters;
 - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and

- unrestricted access to staff from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- The results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- Our knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and involves:
 - management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- Our knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators or others.
- Our knowledge of all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- The identity of all related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Financial statement representations

All transactions, assets and liabilities have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

Significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.

All events occurring subsequent to the reporting date which require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted for or disclosed.

All known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to the auditor and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Representations by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

We acknowledge that the representations made by management, above, have been discussed with us.

We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the company maintains adequate accounting records.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of true and fair financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The financial statements were approved by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority on [insert date].

We confirm that we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to you. We confirm that, as far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you are unaware.

Signed by:

[Officer who signs on behalf of management]

Signed by:

[Officer or Member who signs on behalf of those charged with governance (

Date:

Date:

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Appendix 2

Proposed audit report of the Auditor General to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Auditor General for Wales' report to the Members of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

I have audited the accounting statements and related notes of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority for the year ended 31 March 2017 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority accounting statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016-17 based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Respective responsibilities of the responsible financial officer and the Auditor General for Wales

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts set out on page 62, the responsible financial officer is responsible for the preparation of the statement of accounts, which gives a true and fair view.

My responsibility is to audit the accounting statements and related notes in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounting statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounting statements and related notes sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounting statements and related notes are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the responsible financial officer and the overall presentation of the accounting statements and related notes.

In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounting statements and related notes and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the accounting statements of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

In my opinion the accounting statements and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority as at 31 March 2017 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016-17.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion, the information contained in the Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement is consistent with the accounting statements and related notes.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters, which I report to you, if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the accounting statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- the Governance Statement does not reflect compliance with guidance.

Certificate of completion of audit

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

Anthony Barrett

Assistant Auditor General

For and on behalf of

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Appendix 3

Summary of corrections made to the draft financial statements which should be drawn to the attention of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

During our audit we identified the following misstatements that have been corrected by management, but which we consider should be drawn to your attention due to their relevance to your responsibilities over the financial reporting process.

Value of correction	Nature of correction	Reason for correction
£152,000	Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) - Revaluations An increase of £152,000 revaluation gains charged to the surplus / deficit on the provision of services, with a corresponding decrease to the amount credited to the revaluation reserve.	To correct an error in accounting for the revaluation of a car park.
£52,000	Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) - Depreciation A decrease in the amount of depreciation charged to the surplus/ deficit on the provision of services with a corresponding decrease to the PPE balance at 31/3/2017.	To correct an error in the application of the authority's depreciation policy for plant and machinery.
Various	Other presentational corrections We have agreed several presentational amendments to the financial statements and the supporting narrative disclosures, to aid the understanding of the financial statements and to correct some typographical and rounding errors.	To ensure consistency between the statement of accounts and the supporting notes and to ensure presentational accuracy in line with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Appendix 4

Wales Audit Office performance measures

We have agreed a range of targets for the delivery of our work and I have summarised our assessment of achievements against these targets below:

Planned output	Target	Outcome
2017 Audit Plan	February to March 2017 March 2017	March 2017
Financial accounts work: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit of Financial Statements Report and reporting issues• Opinion on Financial Statements	March to July 2017 July 2017	July 2017

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**Pembrokeshire Coast
National Park Authority**



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The Authority's income and expenditure*

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
2016/17**

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2016/17

NARRATIVE REPORT & SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

INTRODUCTION

1. Under the provisions of Section 63 of the Environment Act 1995, and the National Park Authorities (Wales) Order 1995, the Secretary of State for Wales established the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority on 23rd November 1995. From 1 April 1996, the National Park ceased to be managed as a committee of Dyfed County Council and became a free-standing, special purpose local authority. Article 17(1) of the Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Property etc.) Order 1996 had the general effect of vesting in the new National Park Authority the property rights and liabilities (but not any loan debt) of the former County Council, as it related to the National Park area.
2. The Statement of Accounts is a publication required by law that gives local taxpayers, members of the Authority and other stakeholders clear information about the financial performance and position of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, in order to facilitate an assessment of the stewardship of public funds and for making economic decisions.
3. This Narrative Report provides an easily understandable guide to the most significant matters reported in the Statement of Accounts. A simplified summarised revenue account is presented, along with supporting information, to clearly demonstrate the cost of services and how these costs are funded. Wherever possible technical terms have been avoided in this Narrative Report.

EXPENDITURE & FUNDING

4. Each year the National Park Authority is required to submit a bid to the Welsh Government for its funding for the following year. The bid is submitted as a combined Welsh National Parks' Grant Bid document and following consultation with Natural Resources Wales, the Welsh Government determines the National Park Grant for the forthcoming year.
5. In setting the amount of National Park Grant, the Welsh Government also determines, in accordance with statutory powers, the minimum amount that can be raised by the National Park Authority as a Levy against Pembrokeshire County Council. The National Park Grant represents 75% of the Authority's core grant funding, with the remaining 25% represented by the Levy. The net revenue budget accounts for income generated locally by the National Park Authority, for example through car park charges and planning fees, and from other service specific grants, for example for the maintenance of the Coast Path (National Trail). Any balance above or below the approved net budget is managed via the Authority's revenue reserves.

6. In 2016/17 the Authority's funding for revenue expenditure, (that is, day to day operational activities) was £6,901k. The capital program spend of £119k includes £73k which relates to assets owned by the Authority and impacts on the fixed asset values held in the Balance Sheet. The balance of £46k in respect of expenditure is included in the Total Revenue Cost. We set out in the following paragraphs information about the sources of funding and what it has been spent on.

(a) *Where the money came from:-*

REVENUE BUDGET	2016/17 £ 000	2016/17 %	2015/16 £ 000	2015/16 %
National Park Grant, from the Welsh Government:	3,645	53%	3,161	48%
National Park Levy, against Pembrokeshire County Council:	985	14%	1,054	16%
Locally Generated Income (through fees and charges):	1,495	22%	1,504	23%
Service/Project Specific Revenue Grants:	409	6%	584	9%
Earmarked/General Reserves:	367	5%	249	4%
TOTAL REVENUE FUNDING	6,901	100%	6,552	100%

CAPITAL BUDGET	2016/17 £ 000		2015/16 £ 000
Project Specific Capital Grants:	87		2
Use of capital receipts	Nil		Nil
CAPITAL FUNDING	87		2
Plus, funding from the revenue budget (included above)	32		145
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	119		147

The Authority's income and expenditure is split for accounting purposes between revenue funds and capital funds in accordance with local authority accounting practice. The Authority is able to use some of its revenue funding to contribute to capital projects, but it cannot use capital grants to contribute to revenue expenditure.

The Authority's overall revenue funding increased by 5.3% in 2016/17 and the major reason for this was an additional £750k of National Park Grant released by Welsh Government to fund specific projects. This National Park Grant additional funding did not attract the usually Levy. In 2016/17, for every £1 provided by the National Park Grant and Levy in the year, the Authority generated a further 49p from other sources (2015/16=55p).

Locally Generated Income consisted of:

LOCALLY GENERATED INCOME	2016/17 £000's	2015/16 £000's	% Change
Merchandise Sales and Income from Information Centres	281	312	-10%
Car park charges and concessions income	447	446	0%
Admissions fees and Activities & Events	237	249	-5%
Advertising income	85	88	-4%
Planning fees	197	168	17%
Timber sales	31	31	1%
Other : property income & contributions	154	136	13%
Income from investment properties	42	55	-24%
Investment income (spare cash invested)	21	19	9%
TOTAL LOCAL INCOME	1,495	1,504	-1%

The Authority is enormously grateful to all the organisations that support its work through providing revenue and capital funding. Further information on revenue grants and a breakdown of capital grants provided can be found in the Statement of Accounts.

(b) *What the money was spent on:-*

REVENUE BUDGET	2016/17 £000	2016/17 %	2015/16 £000	2015/16 %
Employees	3,637	53%	3,653	56%
Premises related	725	11%	640	10%
Transport & Travel	172	2%	193	3%
Supplies, Services and Grants	1,347	20%	1,210	18%
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	749	11%	518	8%
Contribution to capital projects	32	0%	145	2%
Financing charges	2	0%	1	0%
Increase/ (decrease) in General Reserves	237	3%	192	3%
TOTAL REVENUE COST	6,901	100%	6,552	100%

7. Revenue Budget

The Authority manages its revenue budget on a “net” budget basis. This means that locally generated income and specific grants are allocated to individual budget headings and are offset against the expenditure against those headings to arrive at the net budget.

The net budget for each service also includes a “capital charge”. This is based on the assets used by services and is made up of a charge for depreciation (being the value of assets used-up by a service during the year). The capital charges are reversed out of the accounts, as they are non-cash adjustments - that is, they balance to nil and do not need any cash funding.

Similarly, adjustments are made for pension costs in accordance with accounting requirements known as IAS 19 Employee benefits *Retirement Benefits*. Service budgets are charged with a “current service cost” (being the cost of what employees have earned in pension rights during the year) in lieu of the cost of employer contributions (being the actual amount charged to the accounts for contributions in the year to the Pension Fund). These adjustments are also reversed out of the accounts below the Net Cost of Services, via the *Movement on Pensions Reserve*, to revert the cost in the accounts back to the value of employer contributions. These technical adjustments are intended to bring the public services in line with International Reporting Standards.

The net budget and net out-turn position are presented on the following page for the Authority’s main service areas, shown within a simplified Income & Expenditure Account (profit/loss account).

2016/17 Revenue Account	Net Budget £000	Net out-turn £000	Variance £000	2015/16 Net Out-turn £000
Conservation of the Natural Environment	433	410	23	430
Conservation of the Cultural Heritage	183	165	18	123
Development Control	520	435	85	484
Forward Planning & Communities	439	463	-24	404
Promoting and Understanding	1,204	1,140	64	1,297
Recreation Management & Transport	73	40	33	43
Rangers, Estates & Volunteers	1,188	1,154	34	1,091
Democratic Representation & Management	588	555	33	559
Service Management & Support Services	43		43	0
Net cost of services	4,671	4,362	309	4,431
Interest and investment income earned during the year	-15	-21	6	-19
Other Non Cash Items debited or credited to the Authority Reserves for the year:	-560	-482	-78	-637
National Park Grant - Welsh Assembly Government	-3645	-3645	0	-3,161
National Park Levy – Pembrokeshire County Council	-984	-984	0	-1,054
Net Operating Surplus / Deficit (-)	533	770	-237	440
Less Net Transfer to (-) / from Earmarked Reserves	-533	-533	0	-248
END OF YEAR SURPLUS		237	-237	192

**Service Management & Support Services costs cover Heads of Service, reception, performance management, legal, finance, IT, training, projects, building maintenance, and accommodation costs – which are all recharged to users of these services, with any balance shown on the face of the accounts. Support Services net cost, including capital charges (£66k), totalled £1.0m and have been fully reallocated to direct service departments.*

Summary Comment

The outturn Net Cost of Service (N.C.S.) expenditure for the year was £4,362k against a budget N.C.S. of £4,671k and an actual of £4,431k for 2016/17. The N.C.S. was below the revised budget by £238k and an explanation for the major variances within each service is as follows

- **Conservation of the Natural Environment (£23k under budget).** The Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre was significantly under budget for the year as a result of staff savings of £2k, lower contractor of £9k and lower material raw costs of a further £9k .
- **Conservation of Cultural Heritage (£18k under budget).** The under spend in this service area was due to a number of cost savings in the Archaeological budget. The retirement of the Authority’s Archaeologist resulted in savings in salaries and associated costs in the Archaeology Services budget. The post was subsequently replaced by a part time Community Archaeologist.
- **Development Control (£85k under budget).** Planning fee income at £197k was up £5k versus budget and up £29k compared to 2015/16. Unbudgeted pre-application fee income of £15k together with savings in salaries (£22k), statutory advertising (£10k), refund of legal expenses (£6k) travel costs (£3k) and other savings contribute to the underspend
- **Forward Planning & Communities (£24k over budget).** Total Sustainable Development Fund grant payments during the year amounted to £145k, which was over the budget by £23k compensating for the underspend in 2015/16. The fund made fourteen payments different projects including: Compost Heat Recovery, Coleg Y Mor, Strumble Tidal Flow, Newport Medieval Kiln, Pembrokeshire Sustainable Shellfish Pilot Initiative, Solva Care, A Stitch in Time, Bee Wild West Wales and Pembrokeshire Park Play. Development Plans was overspent by £6k due to additional costs associated with the Local Development Plan. Following the closure of the Regional Housing Enabler scheme the authority received a rebate of £12k from the surplus program funds which was credited back to the Development Planning budget.
- **Promoting & Understanding (£64k under budget).** The table on page 10 shows the budget, actual and prior year’s merchandise sales, admissions income and car park income for the 12 months ended 31st March 2017. The total merchandise sales at £280k were down £39k versus the budget, down £29k versus last year and down £37k against 2014/15. The noticeable reductions at Oriol y Parc and Castell Henllys were in part offset by good trading figures at Carew castle. The closure of Tenby Information Centre during the year and there being no Easter holiday in the financial year 2016/17 also contributed to the reduction .The heritage centres admission fee income of £180k was £18k above budget, down £18k up on 2015/16 and up £16k on 2014/15. These income streams were augmented by additional Activities and Events income of £16k and Exhibition sales of £11k. The lease at Oriol Y Parc café was renegotiated in November 2016 and this resulted in an uplift in the rental payment of £5k on budget. During the year Carew Castle saw a 3.6% increase in visitor numbers and Oriol Y Parc saw an increase of 3.2%. Castell Henllys saw a 17.8% drop in visitors in 2016/17 while Newport saw a drop of 10.5%. At Oriol y Parc visitors visiting gallery has increased from 19.22% in 2015/16 to 29.61% in 2016/17.

Advertising income for the 2017 season of the Authority’s Coast to Coast publication was circa £85k, down £3k from 2015/16 and under budget by £2k. The Authority received funds from the Welsh Government of £250k on a 3 years Pathways project (the replacement to the “Your Park Your Future” project, £100k to cover an extension to the invasive species “Stitch in time” pilot eco systems services program and £180k to market the Wales Coast Path. The Communications budget was below budget by £26k mainly due to the extended maternity leave for the Communications and Marketing Manager.

The Authority received a £8k grant from Groundwork UK under the Bags of Help scheme for the Portfield Gate Community Woodland project. The third cohort of trainees on the Heritage Lottery Fund funded Skills in Action program joined the Authority in September. This 3 year project funds 5 trainees each year to help them develop their skills and career opportunities in the area of land management.

- **Recreation & Park Management (£33k under budget).** The table on page 10 shows Car Park income for the 12 months at £414k, which is up £40k on budget and down £2k on 2015/16. With the exception of Freshwater East and Newgale income at all other car parks are close to or above budget. The service level agreement with Pembrokeshire County Council to provide car park enforcement services, (for a period of 5 months and at a total cost of £12.5k) was renewed once again and proved successful during the year.

Pembrokeshire County Council reduced their budget for the Greenways Bus scheme so accordingly the Authority's contribution also reduced. Other savings in the service were in the National Trail & Rights of Ways areas. The Authority was also awarded a further grant from Welsh Government of £27k over a period to 31 March 2019 for a general repair program of Porthgain Quarry and Harbour

- **Rangers, Estates & Volunteers (£34k under budget).** Within the Estates Management area, income from both ice cream concessions and miscellaneous filming income were considerably above budget by £4k and £3k respectively. The North Area Ranger service was under budget due to additional hours being spent on the National Trail and the associated income being credited .
- **Democratic Representation & Management (£33k under budget).** In the Democratic Services budget there were savings in the conferences, translation costs, seminars and in members' allowances and expenses. In the Corporate Activities & Management budget there were savings in job evaluation and subscriptions. The Authority made the decision to further support the UK National Parks Partnership, commercial company which was set up to seek commercial sponsorships and trading opportunities for the 15 National Park Authorities. There was also a saving in the National Parks Wales budget by drawing on accumulative reserves to fund the current years' cost.
- **Service Management & Support Services (£43k under budget).** The underspend in Service Management & Support Services was due to a number of factors including:
 - Reduced travelling costs across a range of areas, reduced legal fees and savings in staff training budget.
 - Salary savings associated with the IT manager's job sharing arrangement with Brecon Beacons National Park.
 - A reduction in audit fees from the Wales Audit Office.
 - The installations of the biomass boiler and the photovoltaic panels contributed to significant saving in the electricity costs in Llanion H.Q.

2016/17 Income Versus Budget & Prior Years

Merchandise Sales	12 mth Budget	12 mth Income	Variance	2015 /16	Variance	2014/15	Variance	2013/14	Variance
Carew Income	70,158	78,755	8,597	81,035	-2,281	71,141	7,614	54,795	23,960
Oriel Y Parc	140,656	108,188	-32,468	121,575	-13,387	150,296	-42,108	135,816	-27,628
Newport	27,427	30,984	3,557	31,276	-292	28,886	2,098	22,479	8,505
Tenby Visitor Centre	26,715	22,524	-4,191	27,536	-5,011	28,967	-6,443	24,652	-2,128
Castell Henllys	53,705	39,179	-14,526	47,645	-8,466	37,569	1,610	42,974	-3,795
	318,661	279,630	-39,031	309,067	-29,437	316,859	-37,229	280,716	-1,086
Admission Fees									
Carew Income	104,556	123,433	18,877	126,211	-2,778	103,021	20,412	89,279	34,154
Castell Henllys	57,929	56,952	-977	71,764	-14,812	61,598	-4,646	51,444	5,508
	162,485	180,385	17,900	197,975	-17,590	164,619	15,766	140,723	39,662
Car Park Income									
Car Park Operations	5,000	4,548	-452	11,503	-6,955	10,109	-5,561	3,722	826
Saundersfoot Car Park	59,920	77,391	17,471	71,665	5,726	65,911	11,480	36,438	40,953
Manorbier Car Park	37,389	41,094	3,705	41,259	-165	41,153	-59	47,513	-6,419
Freshwater East Car Park	25,704	19,312	-6,392	22,777	-3,465	26,333	-7,021	28,454	-9,142
Little Haven Car Park	29,155	35,616	6,461	38,955	-3,339	32,144	3,472	37,009	-1,393
Broad Haven Car Park	21,638	21,628	-10	22,100	-472	22,871	-1,243	17,714	3,914
St Davids Car Park	75,000	77,327	2,327	79,780	-2,453	74,706	2,621	57,412	19,915
Newport Car Park	18,757	18,863	106	15,697	3,166	26,361	-7,498	21,538	-2,675
Poppit Car Park	36,524	45,678	9,154	34,623	11,055	36,657	9,021	20,961	24,717
Newgale Car Park	19,500	17,664	-1,836	19,946	-2,282	18,646	-982	17,902	-238
Solva Car Park	45,000	54,460	9,460	57,161	-2,701	19,583	34,877	19,401	35,059
	373,587	413,581	39,994	415,466	-1,885	374,474	39,107	308,064	105,517

8. Capital Programme

The following projects were funded as part of the capital programme for the year:

	Total Cost 2016/17 £000	Total Cost 2015/16 £000
Promoting Understanding & Enjoyment	6	73
Carew Mill Roof		52
Castell Henllys Tractor		16
Castell Henllys Roundhouse	6	5
Recreation & Park Management	107	52
Angle Gabions Revetment*	46	
Vehicles	18	52
Car Parks	43	
Corporate & Support Services	6	22
Information & Communications Technology	6	22
TOTAL CAPITAL SPEND	119	147
Financed by:		
Financing from the Revenue budget	-32	-145
Additional Grants	-87	-2
Total	-119	-147
*Expenditure on the Angle Gabions Revetment was a part of the Capital Program but the cost was borne in the Net Cost of Services		

Details of the capital programme are:

- Castell Henllys Round House. Dyfed Archaeological Trust were appointed as consultants to carry out a study into the reconstruction of two roundhouses. Work on the demolition of one of the Round Houses was completed in the financial year and it is expected that the rebuild will be undertaken in the summer of 2017.
- Angle Gabions Revetment. In March 2016 the Welsh Government awarded the Authority an Access Grant of £105k. The grant was in respect of a number of specific projects that included repairs to the gabion wall revetment of the byway at Point House lane, Angle. The Authority approved this project in September and work was completed spring 2017.
- Vehicles. When it has been seen to be appropriate to do so the Authority purchases vehicles at the end of their contract hire agreements; during the year a Mini Bus, formally used by Your Park Your Future programme, and a Mitsubishi Outlander were acquired. It is expected these purchases should have a pay back within 3 years and result in revenue savings.
- Car Parks. In June 2016 the Authority submitted a bid for a National Park Access Capital grant and received an offer of a grant from the Welsh Government of £133k. A major car park enhancement was completed at Little Haven and work began at the

Saunderfoot car park which is due for completion in 2017/18.

- Information & Communications Technology: Electronic Planning / Document Management Systems (DMS). The Authority undertook an extensive review of the DMS suitable to its needs and decide to purchase a system provided by Agile. The overall project cost is circa £63k.

9. Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
Fixed Assets	12,062	12,897
Cash in hand/bank	3,456	2,735
Stocks of merchandise and timber	153	166
Debtors – money owed to the Authority	289	260
Creditors – money owed by the Authority	-471	-463
Provisions – for known commitments	-9	
Long-term borrowing (in excess of 1 year)		-1
Cash Reserves:		
Usable Capital Receipts/Unapplied Capital Grants		
Earmarked Reserves – for specific purposes	-2,273	-1,789
General Revenue Reserves	-939	-702
Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	-281	-281
Non-cash:		
Accrued Absences Reserve	49	49
Capital Adjustment Account	-9,351	-10,313
Revaluation Reserve	-2,685	-2,558
Pension Liability	-4,638	-3,369
Pensions Reserve (to balance with liability)	4,638	3,369
BALANCED TO:		0

The net value of the Authority's fixed assets employed at the year-end was £12,062k, down from £12,897k as at 31 March 2016. A number of assets were subject to revaluation as part of the five-year rolling programme of revaluations and include the following assets: Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre, Newport Sands & Poppit Sands Car Parks, Penlan & Pentre Ifan Woodlands and land held at Sageston.

Capital additions, disposals and impairments also impacted the movement in the balance. Capital assets include vehicles and equipment and land/buildings – such as car parks, picnic sites, coastal

land, woodlands, information centres and historic sites. Stock, Debtors, Creditors, Provisions and Long Term borrowing balances arise from the normal revenue and capital expenditure activities of the Authority. The movement in these categories has been fairly minimal between the two financial years. The Authority's cash balance on the other has increased dramatically and this was due to an award of £750k from Welsh Government for a range of projects received at the end of the financial year.

Earmarked Reserves are reserves created from current and prior year surpluses and set aside for specific projects. General Reserves are accumulative surpluses available for all Park purposes. Usable Capital Receipts are proceeds from sale of Authority assets and can only be used to fund capital expenditure.

The balance on the Capital Receipts Reserve remained at £281k. During the year the Earmarked Reserves increased from £1,789k to £2,273k and this is due to the afore mention grant funded received at the end of the year.

The General Reserve balance was up from £702k to £939k at the end of the financial year. The Authority's financial position at the end of the 2016/17 remains strong with sizeable cash reserves in place. However given the continued tight fiscal environment in the public sector it is expected that the balances on the General, Capital Receipts & Earmarked Reserves will reduce significantly over the next few years. The Accumulated Absences Reserve relates to staff accrued absences earned but not taken in the year. Due to the way the Authority accounts for capital expenditure the balances on the Capital Adjustment Account and Revaluation Reserve mirror the value of fixed assets employed.

The Pension Fund Liability at the year-end increased to £4,638k compared with the liability at the close of 2015/16 of £3,369k. This was primarily due to a slight decrease in the discount rate during the year and a small increase in the CPI inflation assumption. The effect of these was a significant increase in pension fund liabilities. There were also significant gains in investments markets over the period resulting in a significant increase in the asset values.

10. Looking Forward

The National Park Grant and Levy funding for 2017/18 remained flat lined at the 2016/17 levels. This however follows cuts in core funding of just over £900k (19%) between 2013/14 and 2016/17, however when inflation is added to the total reduction in core funding in real terms in in the region of 25%. Although the Authority has made significant budget efficiencies in recent years, it therefore continues to face the financial challenge to ensure it further reduces its underlying cost base and where possible increases revenue streams to match the significant reduction in the NPG and consequential cut to the levy. The healthy reserve position affords the Authority a cushion to address the acute funding issues. However as the Authority's core grant funding is likely to continue to fall, these reserves are finite and will be soon depleted if no corrective action is taken. It is anticipated that significant member engagement on budget management will be required. The financial situation will be managed by discontinuing certain activities, improved efficiencies and cost savings, reviewing opportunities to develop local income and drawing down other sources of grant aid.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- 11 The remainder of this document presents the statutory statements of accounts for the Authority.
- 12 The Authority's Accounts, which are covered by the Statements of Responsibilities and the Auditors report, are set out on pages 16 to 61 and comprise of:-
- The Statement of Accounting Policies (from page 16) explains the principles and bases on which the Authority's accounts have been prepared.
 - The Expenditure and Funding Analysis shows how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources (government grants etc.) by the Authority in comparison with those resources consumed or earned in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the Authority's services. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
 - The Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement summarises the resources that have been generated and consumed in providing services and managing the Authority during the year. It includes all day to day expenses and related income on an accruals basis, as well as transactions measuring the value of fixed assets actually consumed and the real projected value of the retirement benefits earned by employees in the year.
 - The Authority Movement in Reserves Statement. This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the authority, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure) and other reserves. The Surplus or (Deficit) on the Provision of Services line shows the true economic cost of providing the authority's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. These are different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance. The Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves undertaken by the Authority.
 - The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the authority. The net assets of the authority (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the authority. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category of reserves are usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the authority may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use (for example the Capital Receipts Reserve that may only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt). The second category of reserves is those that the authority is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the

assets are sold; and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line ‘Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations’.

- The Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the authority during the reporting period. The statement shows how the authority generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of net cash flows arising from operating activities is a key indicator of the extent to which the operations of the authority are funded by way of taxation and grant income or from the recipients of services provided by the authority. Investing activities represent the extent to which cash outflows have been made for resources which are intended to contribute to the authority’s future service delivery. Cash flows arising from financing activities are useful in predicting claims on future cash flows by providers of capital (i.e. borrowing) to the authority.
 - Notes to the Financial Statements
- 13** The Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts (page 62) explains the Authority’s responsibilities and the Chief Financial Officer’s responsibilities in administering the Authority’s financial affairs and preparing the Statement of Accounts.
- 14** The Annual Governance Statement (page 63) sets out the framework within which financial control is managed and reviewed in the Authority.
- 15** The Auditors’ Report (page 79)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Statement of Accounts is available from:

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General Principles

The purpose of the Statement of Accounting Policies is to explain the calculation bases of the figures in the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom – which interprets International Financial Reporting Standard (I.F.R.S) guidelines. This document, prepared by CIPFA, pulls together legislative requirements and other guidance notes applicable to the preparation and publication of local authority accounts.
- Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (SeRCOP)
- The accounting convention adopted is historic cost with current value for some classes of fixed assets

2. Accounting Concepts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the following fundamental and pervasive accounting principles and concepts:

- Relevance
- Reliability
- Comparability
- Understandability
- Materiality
- Faithful representation
- Timeliness
- Accruals
- Going concern
- Primacy of legislative requirements

These principles and concepts have been used in the selection and application of accounting policies and estimation techniques and in the exercise of professional judgement.

3. Accruals of Income & Expenditure

Customer and other receipts in the form of sales, fees, charges, rents and grant aid are accrued and accounted for in the period to which they relate. All known uncollectable debts are written off at the time they become uncollectable. The full cost of employees is charged to the accounts for the period in which the employee worked. Reimbursed travel expenses are not accrued for the 12th month of each year. Interest payable on external borrowings and interest income is accrued and accounted for in the accounts for the period to which it relates, in so far as the amounts are material. The costs of supplies and services are accrued and accounted for in the period during which they were consumed or received. Quarterly bills (such as utility bills) and the like are not accrued provided that an annual equivalent charge has already been made in the accounts.

4. Contingent Assets and Contingent Liabilities

Contingent Assets and Liabilities are not recognised within the Financial Statements, but are disclosed by way of a note to the Balance Sheet. The note, where necessary, will identify the nature of the asset or liability and an estimate of its potential financial impact and timing.

5. Events After the balance sheet date

Where an event after the Balance sheet provides evidence of conditions existing at the balance sheet date occurs, the amounts recognised in the accounts will be adjusted. Where an event occurs after the Balance sheet date and is indicative of conditions that arose after the balance sheet date, amounts recognised in the accounts will not be adjusted and the event will be disclosed by way of a note to the statements, if material. However during the year there have been no such events.

6. Prior Year Adjustments

There were no prior year adjustments in the period to record in the statements.

7. Foreign Currency Translation

Income and expenditure arising from any transactions denominated in a foreign currency is translated into £ sterling.

8. Grants Received

Grants received are matched with the expenditure to which they relate. The National Park Grant from the Welsh Government and the Levy from Pembrokeshire County Council, which finance the general activities of the Authority, are credited to the revenue account for the period in respect of which they are payable. Revenue grants for specific services are presented against those services in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account. Where the acquisition of a fixed asset is financed either wholly or in part by a grant from another organisation, the amount of grant is credited to the Capital Adjustment Account. Changes in regulations require that unless any conditions have not been met grants and contributions for revenue purposes must be fully recognised in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account in the period of receipt. Previously income would not be taken to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account until the period of matching expenditure. However authorities may consider earmarking such revenue grant income until it is applied. Transfers from the General Fund to earmarked reserves are accounted for in the Movement in Reserves Statement (MiRS) within the transfers to or from earmarked reserves line.

9. Group Accounts

Group Accounts are not applicable to the Authority's 2016/17 accounts, as no relationships exist with any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures as defined for reporting purposes.

10. Intangible Assets

No intangible assets exist.

11. Investments and Capital Instruments

The Authority does not hold any investments in listed and unlisted companies. Surplus cash is deposited in short-term money market accounts with the Authority's bankers, Lloyds and NatWest. The Authority does not issue or hold any capital instruments that are listed or publicly traded on a stock exchange or market.

12. Leases

The Authority manages Operating Leases for its main photocopiers and for the majority of its vehicles, including vehicles provided to nominated staff under the Staff Lease Car Scheme. Lease payments are charged in full according to date payable on a straight-line basis, ensuring an equal annual charge to service revenue accounts throughout the life of the lease. Contributions from staff benefiting from the Lease Car Scheme are credited to the revenue account in the period of receipt.

The Authority rents a number of properties in support of its services, and rental costs are accounted for on a straight-line basis in the relevant rental periods. The Authority also rents-out a number of

owned properties that are not required for direct service provision. The properties are held as fixed assets in the balance sheet, and income relating to these properties is accounted for on a straight-line basis in the relevant rental periods.

No Finance Leases exist.

13. Recharging of Service Management & Support Service Costs

Support Services costs are recharged to service users in accordance with the costing principles of CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice. The full cost of overheads and support services are shared between users in proportion to the benefits received, with the exception of; Democratic Representation & Management and Non Distributed Costs – past service costs relating to the Pension Fund. These two cost categories are accounted for as separate headings in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Where an immaterial balance exists after recharging, this is shown separately in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement.

14. Employee Benefits

Short term employee benefits include wages and salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave and are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees render service to the Authority. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlements, including flexitime, earned by employees but not taken before the year end which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is charged to Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services and then reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Authority to terminate an officer's employment before the normal retirement date or an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy and are charged on an accruals basis to the appropriate service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Reserve balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Authority to the pension fund or pensioner in the year. The Statement of Accounts includes a statement to disclose information in relation to exit packages.

The adoption of the 2011 amendments to IAS 19 in for first time in the 2013/14 required disclosure that new classes of components of defined benefit cost to be recognised in the financial statements (i.e. net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) and remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability (asset)), and, where there is a material impact, new definitions or recognition criteria for service costs (eg past service costs) and new recognition criteria for termination benefits. The date of change in accounting policy is from 1 April 2013.

The Authority's employees have access to the Dyfed Pension Fund, a defined benefit scheme, which is administered by Carmarthenshire County Council. The cost of providing pensions for employees is funded in accordance with the statutory requirements governing the scheme in which the Authority participates. However, accounting for these pensions is to be done in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice as interpreted by the Code. Where the payments made for the year in accordance with the scheme requirements do not match the change in the Authority's recognised asset or liability for the same period, the recognised cost of pensions will not match the amount to be met through approved net funding. This is represented by an appropriation to or from the pension's reserve which equals the net change in the pension's liability recognised in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement.

The assets of the fund are measured at their fair value at the balance sheet date and any liabilities, such as accrued expenses, are deducted. The attributable scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method. The scheme liabilities comprise:

- Any benefits promised under the formal terms of the scheme; and
- Any constructive obligations for further benefits where a public statement or past practice by the employer has created a valid expectation in the employees those benefits will be granted.

The surplus/deficit in the scheme is the excess/shortfall of the value of the assets in the scheme over/below the present value of the scheme liabilities. The Authority should recognise an asset to the extent that it is able to recover a surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the scheme. The Authority should recognise a liability to the extent that it reflects its legal or constructive obligation. Any changes in the defined benefit asset or liability is analysed into its component parts.

15. Provisions

Provisions are made and charged to the appropriate revenue account when the Authority has a present obligation based on a past event, where it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will occur and where a reliable estimate can be made of the value of the benefit. Provisions are charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement, but when expenditure is incurred it is charged direct to the provision. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each period and exclude future operation losses and items where it is no longer probable that a transfer of economic benefit will take place. A provision for bad and doubtful debts is included in the accounts and the carrying amount for debtors has been adjusted accordingly.

16. Research & Development

Expenditure on research and development is regarded as part of the continuing operations of the Authority and is written off as it is incurred.

17. Reserves

Earmarked reserves are amounts set-aside from revenue, with prior approval, for a specific purpose, falling outside the definition of provisions. Transfers to and from Earmarked Reserves are disclosed in the Movement of the Authority's Reserves Statement Balance as Net Transfer to or from earmarked reserves. General reserves are balances held for contingency and cash-flow purposes, and are not earmarked for other specific purposes. Recognition is given to LAAP Bulletin 77 – Guidance Note on Local Authority Reserves & Balances in reviewing and monitoring the levels of reserves. Capital reserves are not available for revenue purposes. The Capital Adjustment Account is non-distributable and held for balance sheet purposes only. The usable capital receipts reserve and unapplied capital grants reserve can only be used for capital expenditure purposes, the latter reflecting capital grants received but not yet applied to capital projects.

18. Inventories & Long-term Contracts

Stocks of merchandise, timber, stamps and bridge tickets are included in the accounts at cost. This is a departure from recommended practice that requires stocks to be shown at the *lower of* actual cost or net realisable value. The difference is not considered to be material. Other immaterial stock, for example stationery, is treated as current expenditure and charged directly to revenue.

19. Non Current Assets

Fixed assets comprise capital expenditure on:

- All land and buildings purchases.

- Land and buildings enhancement exceeding £10,000.
- All items (such as vehicles and equipment) with a useful life in excess of one year and costing or valued at over £10,000 either individually or collectively. Repairs and general maintenance expenditure is charged directly to revenue and not capitalised.

Fixed assets are initially measured at cost, but are then revalued on a rolling 5-year revaluation programme in order to ensure that their value is accurately reflected in the Authority's balance sheet. Revaluations are undertaken by the Authority's qualified Estates Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council and by qualified surveyors employed by R.K. Lucas & Son, in accordance with the RICS Appraisal & Valuation Manual and CIPFA guidelines as they relate to Asset Valuations.

When assets are revalued, any difference between the stated values and historic cost is represented in the Revaluation Reserve.

Non-current assets are carried in the Balance Sheet as follows:

- Operational property, plant and equipment assets are carried at their current value to the authority in their existing use.
- Non-operational property, plant and equipment – surplus assets are carried at fair value
- Non-operational assets in the course of construction/development are recorded at cost.
- Infrastructure – depreciated historical cost.
- Community assets – depreciated historical cost or valuation rather than current or fair value.
- Assets held for sale – measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. These non-current assets are taken outside the scope of capital accounting pending sale although they remain subject to capital financing arrangements under the Prudential Framework.

In line with changes in accounting regulations as from April 2007 assets subject to positive revaluation have been reflected in the Revaluation Reserve and assets with negative revaluation, without a prior revaluations reserve balance, have been charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure statement. Asset values are not altered when the Authority is not aware of any material change in an asset's value.

Proceeds from the sale of individual assets of £10,000 or less are not treated as capital receipts and are, instead, credited directly to the revenue account. Proceeds above this de-minimums are credited to the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve, on an accruals basis.

Upon disposal of an asset, the net book value of the asset is written off against the Capital Adjustment Account. Where a fixed asset is disposed of for other than a cash consideration, or payment is deferred, an equivalent asset is recognised and included in the balance sheet at its appropriate value.

Depreciation is charged on all fixed assets with a finite useful life, accounting for estimated residual values. Depreciation rates, on a straight-line basis, are as follows:

- Freehold land is not depreciated
- Freehold buildings are generally depreciated over 25 years, although the useful life of certain assets are determined under the Asset Valuation Report or external advice
- Car parks are depreciated to 50% over 25 years.

- Plant and machinery are depreciated over 10 years.
- Intangible Assets are depreciated over 4 years.
- IT equipment is depreciated over 4 years.
- Vehicles and equipment are depreciated over 5 years.
- Fully depreciated assets are reviewed to ascertain whether their value in the balance sheet and their potential future life-span are appropriately represented. Where necessary, asset depreciable lives are extended or assets are revalued to achieve the appropriate representation.
- Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated. Depreciation is not charged in the year of acquisition or transfer of assets, but is charged in each subsequent year, where applicable, including the year of disposal.

Under the adoption of the IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement standard any surplus assets (assets that are not being used to deliver services, but which do not meet the criteria to be classified as either investment properties or non-current assets held for sale) held by the Authority are revalued at market value rather than value in existing use. Operational property, plant and equipment assets are outside the scope of IFRS 13.

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use, it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale. The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Where there is a subsequent decrease to fair value less costs to sell, the loss is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Gains in fair value are recognised only up to the amount of any previously losses recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale, they are reclassified back to non-current assets and valued at the lower of their carrying amount before they were classified as held for sale; adjusted for depreciation, amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale, and their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell. Assets that are to be abandoned or scrapped are not reclassified as Assets Held for Sale.

When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account. The written-off value of disposals is not a revenue charge as the cost of non-current assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement

20. Capital Charges and Revenue Expenditure Funded From Capital Under Statute

The cost of services in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account includes a capital charge for all fixed assets used by each service, as recorded in the balance sheet at 31st March 2017. These charges equate to the sum of depreciation. The General Fund Balance is adjusted so the overall result is of no financial impact on the amounts raised from the National Park Grant and Local Authority Levy – that is, the adjustments are self-balancing. All expenditure on repairs and maintenance relating to fixed assets is charged to the appropriate service revenue account. Payments that under legislation are funded from capital resources but where no fixed assets are created are charged to the

appropriate service in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement. These charges are subsequently reversed out in the Movement in Reserves Statement with an equal charge to the Capital Adjustment Account.

21. Deferred Liabilities

No deferred liabilities have arisen during the year nor been carried forward from previous years.

22. Interest Charges and Receipts

Surplus funds, made available through prudent cash flow management, are invested via Lloyds and NatWest Banks and generate interest receipts that are credited to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account.

23. Value Added Tax

The accounts have been prepared on a VAT exclusive basis.

24. Investment Properties.

The Authority holds Investment properties which are a separate class of property (land or a building, or part of a building, or both) that is held solely to earn rentals or for capital appreciation, or both, and are carried at their market value. Income from rental of Investment properties and impairments in the value of Investment Properties are shown in the Financing and Investment Income & Expenditure line of the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement. Investment properties are carried at fair value and following the specifications in IFRS 13 at highest and best use.

25. Heritage Assets

From 1 April 2010 the Authority is required to separately record Heritage Assets from other assets. Heritage Assets are assets preserved in trust for future generations because of their cultural, environmental or historic associations. Heritage Assets are split between tangible and intangible assets: a tangible asset with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture; an intangible asset with cultural, environmental, or historical significance. Examples of intangible heritage assets include recordings of significant historical events. The Authority does not hold any intangible assets. The review of the impairment, acquisition and disposal of heritage assets is included within the of the Authority's Asset Management Group. Heritage Assets are subject to the Authority's normal revolving five yearly assets revaluations program and are valued on an historical cost basis. Depreciation of Heritage Assets, where appropriate, is in line with the general policy on depreciation.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

£000's

	31 March 2017			31 March 2016		
	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net
Conservation of the Natural Environment	442	-32	410	459	-29	430
Conservation of the Cultural Heritage	167	-2	165	130	-7	123
Development Control	643	-208	435	657	-173	484
Forward Planning & Communities	476	-13	463	404	0	404
Promoting Understanding	1,936	-796	1,140	2,182	-885	1,297
Recreation & Transport	702	-662	40	789	-746	43
Rangers, Estates & Volunteers	1,269	-115	1,154	1,220	-129	1,091
Democratic Representation & Management	568	-13	555	595	-36	559
Past Service Cost (Note 40)	25		25	9		9
Cost of Services	6,228	-1,841	4,387	6,445	-2,005	4,440
Financing & Investment Income & Expenditure (Note 8)			1,006			-82
Other Operating Expenditure (Note 9)			28			22
Taxation & Non -specific Grant Income (Note 10)			-4,773			-4,227
(Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services			648			153
Surplus or deficit on revaluation of fixed assets (Note 11)			-315			-110
Actuarial gains / losses on pension assets / liabilities (Note 40)			898			-578
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			583			-688
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure (Note 6)			1,231			-535

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2017

£000's

As at:	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
Property, Plant & Equipment (Note 11)	9,956	9,843
Assets Held for Sale (Note 11)	500	0
Heritage Assets (Note 11)	171	171
Intangible Assets (Note 11)	7	2
Investment Property (Note 12)	1,428	2,881
Long Term Assets	12,062	12,897
Inventories (Note 16)	153	166
Short Term Debtors (Note 17)	289	260
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 18)	3,456	2,735
Current Assets	3,898	3,161
Short Term Creditors (Note 20)	-471	-463
Provisions (Note 20)	-9	
Current Liabilities	-480	-463
Long Term Creditors (Note 20)	0	-1
Pension Liability (Note 40)	-4,638	-3,368
Long Term Liabilities	-4,638	-3,369
Net Assets	10,842	12,226
Usable reserves (Note 21)	3,493	2,772
Unusable Reserves (Note 22)	7,349	9,454
Total Reserves	-10,842	12,226

Movement in Reserves Statement

1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

£000's

	General Fund Balance	Earmarked GF Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Revaluation Reserve	Capital Adjustment Account	Pensions Reserve	Accumulative Compensation Unusable Reserve	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves
Balance at 31 March 2015	510	1,521	247		2,278	2,482	10,508	-3,524	-53	9,413	11,691
Movement in reserves during 2015/16											
Surplus or (deficit) on provision of services	-153				-153						-153
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income						110		578		688	688
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income	-153				-153	110		578		688	535
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (Note 6)	614		34		648	-34	-195	-422	3	-648	
Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	461		34		495	76	-195	156	3	40	535
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves (Note 6)	-268	268									
Increase/Decrease in Year	193	268	34		495	76	-195	156	3	40	535
Rounding's	-1				-1				1	1	
Balance at 31 March 2016 carried forward	702	1,789	281		2,772	2,558	10,313	-3,368	-49	9,454	12,226

Movement in Reserves Statement

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

£000's

	General Fund Balance	Earmarked GF Reserves	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Revaluation Reserve	Capital Adjustment Account	Pensions Reserve	Accum Compensation Unusable Reserve	Unusable Reserves	Total Authority Reserves
Balance as at 31 March 2016	702	1,789	281		2,772	2,558	10,313	-3,368	-49	9,454	12,226
Surplus or (deficit) on provision of services	-648				-648						-648
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income						163		-898		-735	-735
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income	-648				-648	163		-898		-735	-1,383
Adjustment between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations (Note 6)	1,369				1,369	-35	-962	-372		-1,369	
Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	721				721	128	-962	-1,270		-2,104	-1,383
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves (Note 6)	-484	484									
Increase/Decrease in Year	237	484			721	128	-962	-1,270		-2,104	-1,383
Roundings						-1				-1	-1
Balance at 31 March 2017 carried forward	939	2,273	281		3,493	2,685	9,351	-4,638	-49	7,249	10,842

Cash Flow Statement
1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

£000s

	31 March 2017		31 March 2016
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	648		153
Adjust net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for noncash Movements (Note 24)	-1,420		(867)
Adjust for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	185		58
Net cash flows from Operating Activities	(587)		(656)
Investing Activities (Note 25)	-135		34
Financing Activities (Note 25)	1		(2)
Net increase() or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(721)		(624)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2,735		2,111
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	3,456		2,735

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) requires the disclosure of information relating to the expected impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted. There were no new or amended standards within the 2016/17 Code which impacted upon the Authority.

2. CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in these notes the Authority has not had to make any critical judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events.

3. ASSUMPTIONS MADE ABOUT THE FUTURE AND OTHER MAJOR SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY.

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Authority about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

In the Authority's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2017 there is a risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year in the size of the pension liability. Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Authority with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.

The Statement of Accounts contains accruals for income and expenditure known as at the balance sheet date. In addition they show the accumulative absence accrual is the value of staff leave due, but not taken, as at the end of the financial year.

Assets are depreciated over useful lives that are dependent on assumptions about the level of repairs and maintenance that will be incurred in relation to individual assets. The current economic climate makes it uncertain that the Authority will be able to sustain its current spending on repairs and maintenance bringing into doubt the useful lives assigned to assets. If the useful life of assets is reduced, depreciation increases and the carrying amount of the assets falls. It is estimated that the annual depreciation charge for buildings would increase in these circumstances.

4. MATERIAL ITEMS OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

There are no material items other than those disclosed in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

5. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

As at 30th June 2017 there were no post balance sheet events to report.

6) NOTES TO COMPREHENSIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE and MOVEMENT IN RESERVES ACCOUNTS

The Expenditure Funding Analysis below reconciles Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement to the movement on the General Reserve Fund:

£000's

	2015/16			2016/17		
	Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Reserve	Total Adjust between funding and Accounting basis	NET Comprehensive Income Expenditure Statement Expenditure	Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Reserve	Total Adjust between funding and Accounting basis	NET Comprehensive Income Expenditure Statement Expenditure
Conservation of the Natural Environment	361	69	430	354	56	410
Conservation of the Cultural Heritage	113	10	123	147	18	165
Development Control	451	33	484	409	26	435
Forward Planning & Communities	387	17	404	449	14	463
Promoting Understanding	874	423	1,297	956	184	1,140
Recreation & Transport	-12	55	43	142	-102	40
Rangers, Estates & Volunteers	979	112	1,091	985	169	1,154
Democratic Representation & Management	540	19	559	541	14	555
Past Service Gain / Pension Curtailment	9		9	25	0	25
Net Cost of Services	3,702	738	4,440	4008	379	4,387
Other Income & Expenditure	-3894	1,081	-4,975	-4,246	1,090	-3,156
Surplus(-) / Deficit	-192	343	-535	-238	1,469	1,231
Opening balance of General Reserve	510			702		
Movement	191			238		
Roundings				-1		
Closing Balance	702			939		

The following are the adjustments from the General Fund to arrive at the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement amounts:

2015/16	£000's			
	Capital	Pension	Other	Total
Conservation of the Natural Environment	24	18	27	69
Conservation of the Cultural Heritage		10		10
Development Control		33		33
Forward Planning & Communities		19	-2	17
Promoting Understanding	326	95	2	423
Recreation & Transport	54	13	-12	55
Rangers, Estates & Volunteers	46	83	-17	112
Democratic Representation & Management		19		19
Net cost of services	450	290	-2	738
Other I&E	-221	-447	-413	-1081
Total	229	-157	-415	-343

2016/17	£000's			
	Capital	Pension	Other	Total
Conservation of the Natural Environment	4	12	40	56
Conservation of the Cultural Heritage	2	17	0	19
Development Control	0	26	0	26
Forward Planning & Communities	0	14	0	14
Promoting Understanding	129	59	-2	186
Recreation & Transport	51	12	-13	50
Rangers, Estates & Volunteers	-68	61	21	14
Democratic Representation & Management	0	14	0	14
Net cost of services	118	215	46	379
Other I&E	561	1,054	-525	1,090
Total	679	1,269	-479	1,469

EXPENDITURE & INCOME ANALYSED BY NATURE

The table below show the surplus or deficit on the provision of services analysed by nature of expenditure:

	2015/16		2016/17
	£000's		£000's
Expenditure			
Employee benefits	4,074		4,011
Other services	2,041		2,244
Depreciation, amortisation,	451		117
Gains / Losses on assets disposals	10		0
Total expenditure	6,576		6,372
Income			
Fees, charges & services income	2,005		1,842
Interest & investment income	191		-891
Government grants and contributions	4,227		4,773
Total Income	6,423		5,724
Surplus / deficit (-) on provision of services	-153		-648

ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER REGULATION

The following tables show the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Authority in the year in accordance with proper accounting practice to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Authority to meet future capital and revenue expenditure:

2015/16 ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER REGULATION £000's

	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Movement in Unusable Reserves
Movement in reserves during 2015/16				
Adjustment to Revenue Resources				
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	276			-276
Revaluation of Investment Properties	-118			118
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant & Equipment	175			-175
Adjustment involving the Accumulated Absences Account	-3			3
Revenue expenditure funded from capital grants	-3			3
Pension Costs	422			-422
Total adjustment to Revenue Resources	749			-749
Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources				
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund	-145			145
Transfer of non current sales proceeds from revenue to Capital receipts reserve	10	34		-44
Total Adjustments between to Revenue and Capital Resources	-135	34		101
Total Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	614	34		-648

2016/17
ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS
AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER REGULATION
£000's

	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Movement in Unusable Reserves
Movement in reserves during 2016/17				
Adjustment to Revenue Resources				
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	235			-235
Revaluation of Investment Properties	953			-953
Revaluation losses on Property, Plant & Equipment	34			-34
Adjustment involving the Accumulated Absences Account	0			0
Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	46			-46
Revenue expenditure funded from capital grants	-87			87
Pension Costs	372			-372
Total adjustment to Revenue Resources	1,553			-1,553
Adjustments between Revenue and Capital Resources				
Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund	-32			32
Transfer of non current sales proceeds from revenue to Capital receipts reserve	0			0
Total Adjustments between to Revenue and Capital Resources	-32			32
Total Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations	1,521			-1,521

7. TRANSFERS TO/FROM EARMARKED RESERVES

This note sets out the amounts set aside from the General Fund balances in Earmarked Reserves to provide financing for future expenditure plans and the amounts posted back from earmarked reserves to meet General Fund expenditure in 2016/17.

£000's				
	Closing Balance 31 March 16	Transfers to Revenue	Transfers from Revenue	Closing Balance 31 March 17
Receipts In Advance	171	-136	111	146
Asset Management	37			37
Llanion Park	2			2
Planning (Formerly Local Plan)	209	-21		188
Self-Insurance	30			30
Staff Restructuring	420	-101		319
I.T.	19	-15		4
National Park Wales	90	-36		54
Planning System	100	-6		94
Car Par Integration	77			77
Invasive Species Eradication Program	10	-10		0
Memorial Donations	3			3
Round Houses	100			100
SDF Increase In Funds	200	-71		129
Machinery For Delivery	10	-10	4	4
Npg Reduction	100			100
Car Park Resurfacing	100	-2		98
Biodiversity	11			11
Planning Enforcement	100			100
Portfield Gate			2	2
Stitch In Time			25	25
The Pathways Project			35	35
Skills In Action			15	15
Pathway			250	250
Stitch In Time			100	100
Welsh Coast Path			180	180
Car Park Cash Machines			20	20
Future Landscapes Wales			150	150
Total	1,789	-408	892	2,273

8. FINANCING AND INVESTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

£000's

Items	2016/17	2015/16
Movement in fair value of investment properties(- Gain)	953	-118
Income from Investment properties	-42	-55
Pensions Net Interest Cost	115	109
Interest receivable and similar income	-21	-18
TOTAL	1,005	-82

9. OTHER OPERATING EXPENDITURE / INCOME

£000's

Items	2016/17	2015/16
Movement on Bad Debt Provision	2	-
Movement on General Provision	9	
Asset Disposal	0	9
Pension Administration Expenses	16	13
TOTAL	27	22

10. TAXATION AND NON SPECIFIC GRANT INCOMES

£000's

Items	2016/17	2015/16
National Park Grant from Welsh Government	3,645	3,161
Levy on Pembrokeshire County Council	985	1,054
Capital grants and contributions	143	3
Other	0	9
TOTAL	4,773	4,227

11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of capital expenditure during the reporting period, including assets acquired under finance lease, analysed for each category of fixed assets together with the sources of finance and capital financing requirement. The movements consist of additions arising from the capital programme, assets made operational during the year, asset revaluations, depreciation charges where applicable, disposals, impairments and reclassifications of held assets.

2015/16 Non Current Assets
£000's

	Operational Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Non op'l Assets In Progress	<i>Total PP&E</i>
COST OR VALUATION						
As at 1 April 2015	10,231	1,360		9	16	11,616
Reclassifications	19			-32		-13
Assets made operational in yr						
Additions		90			57	147
Disposals						
Impairment						
Revaluations	-106			23		-83
As at 31 March 2016	10,144	1,450			73	11,667
DEPRECIATION						
As at 1 April 2015	-452	-1,114				-1,566
Charge for year	-180	-95				-275
Disposals						
Reclassification						
Impairment						
Revaluation	17					17
As at 31 March 2016	-615	-1,209				-1,824
NET VALUE 31/3/15	9,779	246		9	16	10,050
NET VALUE 31/3/16	9,529	241			73	9,843

2016/17 Non Current Assets
£000's

	Operational Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Infrastructure Assets	Community Assets	Non op'l Assets In Progress	<i>Total PP&E</i>
COST OR VALUATION						
As at 1 April 2016	10,144	1,450			73	11,667
Reclassifications						
Assets made operational in yr	52				-52	
Additions	42	18			7	67
Disposals		-261				-261
Impairment						
Revaluations	155					155
As at 31 March 2017	10,393	1,207			28	11,628
DEPRECIATION						
As at 1 April 2016	-615	-1,209				-1,824
Charge for year	-181	-53				-234
Disposals		261				261
Reclassification						
Impairment						
Revaluation	125					125
As at 31 March 2017	-671	-1,001				-1,672
NET VALUE 31/3/16	9,529	241			73	9,843
NET VALUE 31/3/17	9,722	206			28	9,956

ASSETS MADE OPERATIONAL DURING THE YEAR

The following assets were made operational in the year:

	2016/17	2015/16
Carew Mill Roof	51,841	Nil
Total	51,841	Nil

Preliminary expenditure at the year-end, held under the non-operational (under construction) group, consists of:

Green Bridge Viewing Point	15,577
Round Houses	11,006
Saundersfoot Car Park	1,455
Total	28,038

ASSET ADDITION

This represents capital expenditure in the year impacting on asset values as explained in the section on the Capital Programme.

DISPOSAL

During the year there was only one disposal of land which was at Briar Bank Poppit Sands and was part of a larger land holding, the land value and proceeds were below the de minimis threshold. Fully depreciated redundant IT equipment was also removed from the non-current assets.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

The asset reclassifications which took place during the year are in relation to the Land held at Sageston being moved from Investment Properties to Assets Held for Sale and the transfer of the Carew Mill Roof from Non Operational Assets to Operational Land & Buildings.

REVALUATIONS & IMPAIRMENT

A number of assets were subject to revaluation as part of the five-year rolling programme of revaluations. Significant revaluations in the year relate to; Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre, Poppit Sands Car Park, Newport Sands Car Park, St Brides Walled Garden and Cottages, Penlan Woodland, Pentre Ifan Woodland and land held at Sageston. In regard to revaluation & impairment included in Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure are made up as follows:

	2016/17	2015/16	
Revaluation of Fixed Assets included in Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	117,856	-175,198	
Downward/ Upward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit	162,310	109,850	
Sub total	280,166	-65,348	
Revaluation and Impairment of Investment Properties	-953,000	117,999	
Total	-672,384	52,651	

A summary of the financial impact (excluding depreciation) of asset revaluations and impairment over the past five years is presented below:

Year	Other Land & Buildings	Community Assets	Non-Operational Assets	NET TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
2016/17	-30,190			-30,190
2015/16	176,998			176,998
2014/15	595,923			595,923
2013/14	1,403,322			1,403,322
2012/13	304,797			304,797
2011/12	236,902			236,902

FINANCING OF FIXED ASSETS and INTANGIBLES

The net cash additions to fixed assets and intangibles of £73,050 (Additions less transfers from Non Operational Assets) were financed as follows:

£52,905	Grant funding from other sources
£20,145	Funding from revenue grant

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31st March 2017 there were no capital commitments on the Authority.

FIXED ASSET PORTFOLIO

Excluding investment properties and assets held for sale the Authority owns the following numbers and types of property and land assets:

Type	2016/17	2015/16
Car Parks	25	25
Historic Sites	16	16
Coastal land and sites	9	9
Woodland Sites	11	11
Other sites	15	15
Other premises	11	11
TOTAL	87	87

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The following projects were funded as part of the capital programme for the year:

	Total Cost 2016/17 £000	Total Cost 2015/16 £000
Promoting Understanding & Enjoyment	6	73
Carew Mill Roof		52
Castell Henllys Tractor		16
Castell Henllys Roundhouse	6	5
Recreation & Park Management	107	52
Angle Gabions Revetment*	46	
Vehicles	18	52
Car Parks	43	
Corporate & Support Services	6	22
Information & Communications Technology	6	22
TOTAL CAPITAL SPEND	119	147
Financed by:		
Financing from the Revenue budget (including transfers Earmarked Reserves)	-32	-145
Additional Grants (see table below)	-87	-2
Total	-119	-147

The capital program spend of £119k includes £73k which relates to assets owned by the Authority and impacts on the fixed asset values held in the Balance Sheet. The balance of £46k is in respect of expenditure included in the Net Cost of Services.

* The additional grants were received from the following partners:	2016/17 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Welsh Government	87	
Natural Resources Wales		2
TOTAL ADDITIONAL GRANTS	87	2

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Authority accounts for its software as intangible assets, to the extent that the software is not an integral part of a particular IT system and is accounted for as part of the hardware item of Property, Plant and Equipment. All software is given a finite useful life, based on assessments of the period that the software is expected to be of use to the Authority. The useful life assigned to assets acquired during the year is 4 years. The amortisation charge is included in the IT department operating costs and redistributed along with other support service costs.

	2016/17 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Balance at start of year	2	2
Additions	6	
Accumulative Amortisation	-1	-1
Rounding	0	1
Balance at end of year	7	2

HERITAGE ASSETS.

The Authority's classification of heritage assets relates to specific buildings, monuments, cliffs, sand dunes, woodlands and other types of property. The following schedule details the tangible heritage assets held by the Authority and their valuation as at the balance sheet date.

Asset	Valuation as at 31/3/15	Valuation as at 31/3/16	Reclassification	Valuation as at 31/3/17
Fishguard Old Fort & Cliff	12,500	12,500		12,500
Porthgain Hoppers & Tunnels	1	1		1
Porthgain Navigation Beacon	1	1		1
Trefin Trwyn Llwyd cliff land & ruins	1	1		1
Porthgain Harbour & Bed	1	1		1
Porthgain Cliff Lands	4,000	4,000		4,000
St. Brides Landscape	36,000	36,000		36,000
Manorbier Dunes & Land	6,000	6,000		6,000
Poppit Sands - Landscape	1	1		1
Skrinkle Haven Cliff Lands	56,160	56,160		56,160
Manorbier East Moor Cliffs	3,500	3,500		3,500
Strumble Head Observatory	1	1		1
Saundersfoot Plantation Wood	3,750	3,750		3,750
Strumble Head Cliffs/Car park	6,000	6,000		6,000
Pilots House Porthgain	1	1		1
Broadhaven Cabin Club Site	30,500	30,500		30,500
Porthgain Amenity Land (Ty Mawr)		3,500		3,500
Porthelais Trailer Park		275		275
Angle, The Tower		1		1
St. Brides - The Ruin		1		1
Solva Prendergast Woods		1,250		1,250
St. Brides - Pumphouse		1		1
Whitesands Field & Land		8,000		8,000
Total	158,417	171,445	0	171,445

ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

During the year the Authority reclassified land held at Sageston as an asset held for sale.

£000's

Asset	Valuation as at 31/3/16	Reclassification	Valuation as at 31/3/17
Land at Sageston	0	500	500
Total	0	500	500

12. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The following items of income and expense have been accounted for in the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
Rental income from investment property	42	55
Net gain/(loss)	42	55

There are no restrictions on the Authority's ability to realise the value inherent in its investment property or on the Authority's right to the remittance of income and the proceeds of disposal. The Authority has no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property or repairs, maintenance or enhancement. There was a significant reduction on the value of land held by the Authority at Sageston during the year and was subsequently reclassified as an asset held for sale. The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties over the year:

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
Balance at start of the year	2,881	2,806
Disposal	0	-43
Reclassifications	-500	0
Net gains/losses from fair value adjustments	-953	118
Balance at end of the year	1,428	2,881

13. LEASES

Finance Leases

The Authority had no finance leases as at 31st March 2017 (nor as at 31st March 2016).

Operating Leases

The Authority leases the majority of vehicles under Contract Hire agreements, and some photocopiers under long-term Rental Agreements. The gross cost of these arrangements was £43,943 for 2016/17 (£55,426 for 2015/16). The Authority rents 14 properties to support its purposes, which includes for example, Tenby T.I.C., Carew Castle & Tidal Mill. The rental costs of these properties for 2016/17 were £44,842 (£42,016 2015/16).

An analysis of the Authority's minimum lease expenditure in future years are:

£000's

	As at March 2017			As at March 2016		
	Land & Buildings	Land & Buildings	total	Land & Buildings	Vehicles & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Not Later than one year	45	36	81	44	27	71
Later than one year and not later than five years	109	32	141	131	36	167
Later than 5 years	315	-	315	335	-	335
	469	68	537	510	63	573

The Authority acts as Lessor on 23 properties, generating an income of £79,239 during 2016/17 (£74,454 2015/16). Examples of these properties are the lease of land at Freshwater East to the Caravan Club, and the lease of Llanion Park North Block to the Natural Resources Wales. Some of these property leases exceed 20 years and are valued on a long-leasehold basis. They have a combined net asset value of £1,409,501 with nil cumulative depreciation.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases in future years are:

£000's

	As at March 2017	As at March 2016
	£	£
Not Later than one year	55	42
Later than one year and not later than five years	180	179
Later than 5 years	729	758
	964	979

14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Authority accounts for its software as intangible assets, to the extent that the software is not an integral part of a particular IT system and accounted for as part of the hardware item of Property, Plant and Equipment.

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

There are no financial instrument are carried in the Balance Sheet.

16. INVENTORIES

£000's

	Information Centres	Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre	Cleddau Bridge Tickets	Franking Machine	Total
Balance outstanding as at 31/3/15	114	27	1	2	144
Purchases	194	0	5	12	211
Recognised as an expense in the year	-152	-16	-4	-14	-186
Written out	-3				-3
Balance outstanding as at 31/3/16	153	11	2	0	166
Purchases	140	14	3	15	172
Recognised as an expense in the year	-157	-10	-3	-13	-183
Written out	-2				-2
Balance outstanding as at 31/3/17	134	15	2	2	153

17. LONG & SHORT TERM DEBTORS

£000's

	2016/17	2015/16
Long Term:		
Staff Car / Green Travel Loans	0	0
TOTAL	0	0
Short Term:		
Central government bodies	137	125
Other local authorities	10	7
Other entities and individuals	95	86
Payment in advance	54	46
Staff Loan	0	1
Debt Impairment Provision	-7	-5
TOTAL	289	260

18. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up of the following elements:

£000's

	2016/17	2015/16
Bank accounts & deposits	3,454	2,733
Cash held by the Authority	2	2
TOTAL	3,456	2,735

19. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

As at 31 March 2017 the authority held land at Sageston Northside as an asset held for sale

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
Balance at start of the year	0	0
Reclassifications	500	0
Balance at end of the year	500	0

20. LONG & SHORT TERM CREDITORS & PROVISIONS

£000's

	2016/17	2015/16
Long term		
Central government bodies	0	-1
TOTAL	0	-1
Short term		
Central government bodies	-63	-63
Other local authorities	-84	-59
Receipts in Advance	-42	-26
Other entities and individuals	-233	-266
Accumulative Absences	-49	-49
TOTAL	-471	-463
Provisions		
General Provisions	9	-
Total	9	-

21. USABLE RESERVES

£000's

2016/17		2015/16
939	General Fund : Resources available to meet future running costs of services	702
2,273	Earmarked Reserves : Reserves set aside for specific items	1,789
281	Capital Receipts : Proceeds on fixed asset sales available to meet future capital investment	281
3,493	TOTAL	2,772

Movements in the Authority's usable reserves are detailed in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

22. UNUSABLE RESERVES

£000's

2016/17		2015/16
2,685	Revaluation Reserve	2,558
9,351	Capital Adjustment Account	10,313
-4,638	Pensions Reserve	-3,368
-49	Accumulated Absences Account	-49
7,349	TOTAL	9,454

REVALUATION RESERVE

The Revaluation Reserve contains the gains made by the Authority arising from increases in the value of its Property, Plant and Equipment. The balance is reduced when assets with accumulated gains are:

- revalued downwards or impaired and the gains are lost
- used in the provision of services and the gains are consumed through depreciation, or
- disposed of and the gains are realised.

The Reserve contains only revaluation gains accumulated since 1 April 2007, the date that the Reserve was created. Accumulated gains arising before that date are consolidated into the balance on the Capital Adjustment Account

£000's

2016/17		2015/16
2,558	Balance at 1 April	2,482
232	Upward revaluation of assets	110
-70	Downward revaluation of assets and impairment losses not charged to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	0
-35	Difference between fair value depreciation and historical cost depreciation	-34
2,685		2,558

CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT

The Capital Adjustment Account absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for the consumption of non-current assets and for financing the acquisition, construction or enhancement of those assets under statutory provisions. The Account is debited with the cost of acquisition, construction or enhancement as depreciation, impairment losses and amortisations are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (with reconciling postings from the Revaluation Reserve to convert fair value figures to a historical cost basis). The Account is credited with the amounts set aside by the Authority as finance for the costs of acquisition, construction and enhancement. The Account contains accumulated gains and losses on Investment Properties and gains recognised on donated assets that have yet to be consumed by the Authority. The Account also contains revaluation gains accumulated on Property, Plant and Equipment before 1 April 2007, the date that the Revaluation Reserve was created to hold such gains. **Note 6** provides details of the source of all the transactions posted to the Account, apart from those involving the Revaluation Reserve.

£000's

2016/17		2015/16
10,313	Balance at 1 April	10,508
-235	Charges for depreciation and impairment of non current assets	-276
-965	Revaluations of Investment Assets	118
154	Revaluation on Property, Plant & Equipment	-175
-24	Amounts of non current assets written out on disposal	-43
-46	Revenue expenditure funded from capital under statute	0
35	Depreciation adjusting amounts written out of the Revaluation Reserve	34
87	Capital grants and contributions credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement that have been applied to capital financing	3
32	Capital expenditure charged against the General Fund balances	144
9,351	Balance at 31 March	10,313

PENSIONS RESERVE

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. The Authority accounts for post employment benefits in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as the Authority makes employer's contributions to pension funds or eventually pay any pensions for which it is directly responsible. The debit balance on the Pensions Reserve therefore shows a substantial shortfall in the benefits earned by past and current employees and the resources the Authority has set aside to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

2016/17	£000's	2015/16
-3,368	Balance at 1 April	-3,524
-898	Actuarial gains or losses on pensions assets and liabilities	578
-742	Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-804
386	Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	395
-16	Administration Expenses	-13
-4,638	Balance at 31 March	-3,368

23. ACCUMULATED ABSENCES ACCOUNT

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year, e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31 March. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the Account.

2016/17	£000's	2015/16
49	Balance at 1 April	53
0	Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	(4)
49	Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	49

24. CASH FLOW STATEMENT –

Adjustment of net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements

2016/17	£000's	2015/16
-235	Depreciation	-276
-835	Revaluations and Impairments	-57
29	Movement in creditor/stock/debtors	-103
-372	Provision of Services costs for post employment benefits	-422
-7	Other non-cash items charged to the CIES	-9
-1420	Total	-867

25. CASH FLOW STATEMENT OPERATING & INVESTING ACTIVITIES

The cash flows for operating activities include the following items:

2016/17	£000's	2015/16
19	Interest received	9
Nil	Interest paid	Nil

Cash Flows from Investing Activities are:

2016/17	£000's	2015/16
53	Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	139
-188	Other receipts from investing activities	-105
-135	Net cash flows from investing activities	34

Cash Flows from Financing Activities are:

2016/17	£000's	2015/16
-1	Travel Loans: Advances Less Receipts	-3
2	Repayment of Long Term Loan	1
1	Net cash flows from investing activities	-2

26. AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION DECISIONS

The analysis of income and expenditure by service on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is that specified by CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice. Similarly the information used by the Authority for decision making is also prepared under the Best Value Accounting Code of Practice. Accordingly there is no requirement under this note for reconciliation between the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and amounts reported for resource allocation decisions

27. ACQUIRED AND DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

There are no outstanding liabilities in respect of acquired or discontinued operations.

28. TRADING OPERATIONS

The Authority provides services as part of its objective to promote understanding and enjoyment and generates income from a number of sources including the tourist information centres, heritage centres and car parks. However there were no trading operations undertaken at risk during 2016/17 (*nor 2015/16*) as determined under the definitions of this note.

29. SCHEMES UNDER THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000

The Authority has not undertaken any schemes under this Act during 2016/17 (*nor 2015/16*).

30. AGENCY SERVICES

The Authority did not provide any agency services in 2016/17 (*nor 2015/16*)

31. POOLED BUDGET.

The Authority did not participate in any pooled budget arrangements in 2016/17 (*nor 2015/16*)

32. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES PAID IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

Total members' allowances paid during the year amounted to £70,652 (£74,603 in 2015/16) plus reimbursement of travelling, subsistence and other expense payments amounting to £8,293 (£8,475 in 2015/16).

33. OFFICERS REMUNERATION

The number of staff with remuneration in excess of £60,000 – earnings subject to Pay as You Earn taxation and pension contributions - was as follows:

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Gross Pay	78	77
P11D values	1	1
Employer Pension Contributions	11	11
Total	90	89

In addition to the above during 2016/17 one retiring officer's total remuneration, including a redundancy settlement was in the band £60,000 to £64,999. The median remuneration of the Authority was £19,939 with the ratio of the Chief Executive Officer to the median remuneration of 3.88:1.

There were no compulsory redundancies in 2016/17 *nor* 2015/16. The numbers of all exit packages, including pension payments and agreed severances, with total cost per band and total cost are set out in the table below:

	NUMBER OF SETTLEMENTS			COST
	to £20,000	£20,001 to £40,000	£40,001 to £60,000	£000's
2015/16		1	1	78
2016/17	4	1	1	113

34. AUDIT COSTS

The Authority has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the Statement of Accounts, certification of grant claims and statutory inspections and to non-audit services provided by the Authority's external auditors:

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
Fees payable to the Wales Audit Office with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor	27	30
Fees payable to the Auditor General for Wales in respect of statutory inspections and the LG Measure 2011	17	17
W.P.I. Grant	-	-8
Total	44	39

35. GRANT INCOME

The Authority credited the following grants, contributions and donations to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement:

	2016/17 £000	2015/16 £000
Credited to Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income:		
NPA Grant (Welsh Government funded)	3,645	3,161
Levy on Pembrokeshire County Council	985	1,054
Other Grant Income	143	12
	4,773	4,227
Credited to Services		
The Welsh Government: major funding towards Access projects & Carew Castle and Porthgain Harbour and Quarry	21	159
Natural Resources Wales: contributed funding towards the National Trail/Coast Path management & maintenance; various woodland schemes, National Parks Wales and the Castlemartin Ranger post.	246	235
Ministry of Defence: Castlemartin Ranger	19	19
Heritage Lottery: Skills in Action	104	104
Big Lottery: Your Park Your Future projects	0	34
Let's Walk Cymru	10	13
Other grants	9	11
TOTAL GRANTS	409	575

36. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Authority is required to disclose material transactions with related parties – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Authority or to be controlled or influenced by the Authority. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers to assess the extent to which the Authority might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the Authority. The Authority has adopted a materiality level of £5,000 for disclosure of related party transaction relevant to members and staff.

The National Park Authority is made up of 18 members, 12 appointed by Pembrokeshire County Council and 6 directly by the Welsh Government. Members of the Authority have direct control over the Authority's financial and operating policies. The total of members' allowances paid in 2016/17 is shown in Appendix 1. The Authority maintains registers of Members' Interests and Gifts &

Hospitality, with register of Members' Interest available for inspection on the Authority's website. There are no issues to report arising from the entries in these registers, and the Authority's ability to control or influence another party as result of the recorded interests is considered highly unlikely.

Disclosure notes 10 and 35 show the amount and sources of significant revenue and capital funding which the Authority received during the year. In addition to the receipt of a Levy from Pembrokeshire County Council the Authority also contracts with them for the supplies of goods and services including the provisions of refuse management, vehicle maintenance, internal audit and specialist planning advice. The Welsh Government has significant influence over the general operations of the Authority; it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Authority operates, provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Authority has with other parties (e.g. council tax bills, housing benefits). The aggregate level of income and expenditure and end of year balances on the following third parties are:

Organisation	Income £000's	Expenditure £000's	31/3/17 Creditor £000's	31/3/17 Debtor £000's
Welsh Government	3,809		-	13
Pembrokeshire County Council	1,003	249	12	8

The Authority administered the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) on behalf of the Welsh Government. In awarding grants to organisations, the SDF Committee of the Authority imposes special grant conditions, which include linking financial performance with achieving agreed milestones. Actual SDF awards made during the 2016-17 financial year that exceeded £5,000 were to the following projects:-

Project Name	Awarded to	Project Description	Amount (£)
Compost Heat Recovery	LM Tree Solutions	To enable the expansion of a National Park based tree surgery business this project uses an innovative compost heat recovery (CHR) system as an environmentally friendly source of heat for a kiln to dry firewood.	23,305
Coleg Y Mor	Sea Trust	SDF funding is contributing towards the employment of a part time Project Development Officer to develop the concept of a financially viable Coleg y Mor/Marine Academy at the Ocean lab building in Goodwick. This Welsh centre of excellence will deliver education, scientific research, environmental monitoring and also be a visitor attraction housing a refurbished aquarium.	22,967
Strumble Tidal Flow	Transition Bro Gwaun	The long term goal of Transition Bro Gwaun is to achieve a community led tidal flow project and in doing so mitigate the community's impact on climate change and provide a sustainable energy source and	16,253

		security of supply.	
Medieval Kiln	Newport Memorial Hall	The community aim is to create a new cultural heritage attraction by conserving a medieval pottery kiln (15th Century), registered as a scheduled Ancient Monument by opening it up to the public. Essential structural changes will improve environmental conditions currently threatening the fabric of the kiln.	13,500
Pembrokeshire Sustainable Shellfish Pilot Initiative	Pembs Marine SAC	This project aims to demonstrate, through education, raising awareness and the introduction of a series of practical measures that it is possible to improve the sustainability of static fishing gear off the Pembrokeshire Coast and consequently reduce the negative impact that lost gear is having on the marine environment and local economy.	13,374
Solva Care	Solva Community Council	Solva Care, a not for profit community enterprise, delivers an average of 33 hours of tailored care each week to 40 people and their families. The care provided has been flexible and responsive to need, ranging from dog walking to transport and help with IT.	12,190
A Stitch in Time	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority	Funding contributed towards the employment of a part time project coordinator for a pilot river catchment based project to control invasive non-native plant species in the Gwaun Valley. Survey work and mapping identified sources of Himalayan balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Rhododendron, which were treated using volunteers, landowners, PCNPA staff, partner organisations and contractors as appropriate..	8,947
Bee Wild West Wales	Bumblebee Conservation Trust	Working with communities, Bumblebee Conservation Trust explain the importance of bees and what can be done to protect them. They will achieve this through citizen science, conservation work parties, events, an education and activity programme and a toolkit for community groups, which will help to make green spaces more bee friendly.	6,377
Pembrokeshire Park Play.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kid's Clubs	By developing and designing 10 new sustainable low/no cost activities that were added to the childcare clubs' 'Nature Zone' packs, this project successfully increases awareness and understanding amongst children, young people and playworkers of	5,046

		the culture, wildlife, landscape and land use in the National Park.	
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37. PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVES AND SIMILAR CONTRACTS

The Authority had no PFI and similar contracts in place as at 31/3/17 (nor 31/3/16).

38. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

These disclosures are consolidated in the notes on the movement over the year in the Property, Plant and Equipment.

39. TERMINATION BENEFITS

During the year 2016/17 the Authority provided £80,946 for specific termination benefits, (£70,986 in 2015/16).

40. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEMES

The Authority offers defined retirement benefits to staff, relating to pay and service, under the Dyfed Pension Fund (Local Government Pension Scheme), being a funded scheme administered by Carmarthenshire County Council. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Authority has a current commitment to make the benefits payments that needs to be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement. The Authority's contribution rates are determined by the Fund's professionally qualified actuaries based on triennial valuations of the Fund, the most recent of which was at 31st March 2016, and are set with the aim of ensuring that the overall liabilities of the fund can be met when matched with employee contributions. The principal risks to the authority of the scheme are the longevity assumptions, statutory changes to the scheme, structural changes to the scheme (ie large-scale withdrawals from the scheme), changes to inflation, bond yields and the performance of the equity investments held by the scheme.

Local authorities are required to recognise the costs of retirement in the Net Cost of Services when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, this conflicts with the charge the Authority is required to make in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account based on the cash payable in the year to the pension fund, so the real cost of retirement benefits is then reversed out of the accounts in the statement of movement on the general fund balance. Under International Accounting Standards 19 (IAS 19) the accounting for pension's schemes has been revised for all fiscal years beginning on or after 1st January 2013 and these changes reflected in the financial statements includes interest on Assets. The expected return on assets is replaced with the "interest on assets". This is the interest on assets held at the start of the period and cash flows occurring during the period, calculated using the discount rate at the start of the year. The pension cost under the revised IAS 19 will see the interest cost and expected return on assets replaced with the "net interest cost". This will be calculated as interest on pension liabilities less the interest on assets. The revised IAS 19 guidance requires that all actuarial gains and losses be recognised in the year of occurrence via Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure and can no longer be deferred. Actuarial gains and losses on liabilities due to changes in actuarial assumptions will need to be split between the effect of changes in financial assumptions and changes in demographic assumptions. Administration expenses are recognised as a separate item within the pension cost.

Transactions Relating to Post-employment Benefits

We recognise the cost of retirement benefits in the reported cost of services when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge we

are required to make is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year:

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Total post employment benefit charged to Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	£000's	
	2016-17	2015-16
Service Costs:		
Current service cost	602	686
Past Service Cost	25	9
Financing & Investment Income & Expenditure:		
Interest cost on Liabilities	931	871
Interest on Plan Assets	-816	-762
Net Interest On Pension	115	109
Other Operating Income & Expenditure		
Administration Costs	16	13
Total Post-Employment Benefits charged to Surplus / Deficit on Provision of Services	758	817
Other Post Employment Benefits charged to Comprehensive Income & Expenditure:		
Return on plan assets (excluding the amount included in the net interest expense)	4,409	-945
Actuary Experience gain/(loss)		
Actuary Gain / (Loss) on financial assumptions	-5,307	1,523
Actuary Gain / (Loss) on demographic assumptions		
Total Post-employment Benefits charged / credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	-898	578
Reversal of charges made to surplus/deficit on provision of services in the Movement in Reserves Statement		
Current service cost	-602	-686
Past service gain / loss	-25	-9
Interest cost on Liabilities	-931	-871
Interest on Plan Assets	816	762
Administration Costs	-16	-13
Actual Amount charged against General Fund	-758	-817
Employer Contributions	386	395

Assets and Liabilities in Relation to Post-employment Benefits

Reconciliation of present value of the scheme liabilities (defined benefit obligation):

	Funded liabilities: Local Government Pension Scheme £000's	
	2016/17	2015/16
Benefit Obligations at beginning of Year	26,134	26,751
Current Service Cost	602	686
Interest On Pension Liabilities	931	871
Member Contributions	163	172
Past Service Gain		
Actuarial (Gains)/Losses on Liabilities		
Remeasurement of Liabilities:		
Experience (gain)/loss	-868	
(Gain) / Loss on financial assumptions	6,544	-1,523
(Gain) / Loss on demographic assumptions	-369	
Curtailements	25	9
Benefits Paid	-732	-832
Benefit Obligations at End of Year	32,430	26,134

Reconciliation of Present value Scheme Assets:

	Local Government Pension Scheme £000's	
	2016/17	2015/16
Fair Value at beginning of Year	22,766	23,227
Interest on / Expected Return on Plan Assets	816	762
Remeasurement / Actuarial Gains/(Losses) on Assets	4,409	-945
Administration Expenses	-16	-13
Employer Contributions	386	395
Member Contributions	163	172
Benefits/transfers paid	-732	-832
Fair Value at End of Year	27,792	22,766
Actual return on scheme assets	5,615	-182

Statement of Recognised Gains & Losses

	2016/17 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Restatements / Actuarial (Gains)/Losses	898	-578
Total pension cost recognised in MiRS	898	-578

The *current service costs* reflect the increase in liabilities expected to arise from employee service in the current period. The *past service costs* reflect the increase in liabilities related to employee service in prior periods arising from the improvement of retirement benefits in the current period. The *curtailment/settlement costs* reflect changes in liabilities relating respectively to actions that relieve the employer of primary responsibility for a pension obligation (e.g. a group of employees being transferred to another scheme) or events that reduce the expected years of future service of employees or reduce the accrual of defined benefits over their future service for some employees (e.g. closing a business unit). The *return on assets* reflects the average rate of return expected on the actual assets held in the pension scheme. Liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels etc. These assumptions are made by the Fund's actuaries, William M Mercer Ltd, and are based on the actuarial valuation report at 31st March 2016. *Interest on pension liabilities* reflects the expected increase during the year in the present value of liabilities because the benefits are one year closer to settlement. The underlying assets and liabilities for retirement benefits attributable to the Authority as at 31st March 2017 are as follows:

DYFED PENSION FUND (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority) 31 March 2017	
£000	
Present Value of Funded Benefits Obligations	32,371
Present Value of Unfunded benefit obligations	59
Total present value of Benefit Obligations	32,430
Fair Value of Plan Assets	(27,792)
Unrecognised Past Service	
Deficit	4,638

Prior Year Scheme Values

Scheme Year	Present value Scheme Liabilities(£000)	Fair Value of Scheme Assets (£000)
31st March 2016	26,134	22,766
31 st March 2015	26,751	23,227
31 st March 2014	21,868	20,300
31 st March 2013	23,884	18,968
31 st March 2012	19,976	16,514
31 st March 2011	18,005	15,986
31 st March 2010	19,339	14,391
31 st March 2009	13,266	10,137

The main assumptions are set out below:

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS <i>Financial Assumptions</i>	End of Year	Start of year
Rate of CPI inflation	2.3%	2.0%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.8%	3.5%
Rate of increase in pensions	2.3%	2.0%
Discount rate	2.5%	3.6%

Detailed assets breakdown are as follows.

Investment Category		Quoted	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
		(Y/N)	£000's	
Equities:	UK	Y	6,835	5,427
	Global Unquoted	N	6,059	4,719
	US	N	2,668	2,411
	Canada	N	139	87
	Japan	N	917	906
	Pacific Rim	N	834	637
	Emerging Markets	N	2,112	1,544
	Pooled Overseas		28	0
Bonds:	UK Government indexed	Y	2,696	2,174
	Overseas other	N	2,696	2,229
Property:	UK			
	Overseas			
	Other	Y	2,585	2,536
Cash:	Cash instruments	Y	0	0
	Cash accounts	Y	167	46
	Net current assets	N	56	50
Total			27,792	22,766

Asset category	Sub-category		Quoted (Y/N)	31 March 2017 % holding	31 March 2016 % holding
Equities:	UK		Y	24.60%	23.84%
	Global Unquoted		N	21.80%	20.73%
	US		N	9.60%	10.59%
	Canada		N	0.50%	0.38%
	Japan		N	3.30%	3.98%
	Pacific Rim		N	3.00%	2.80%
	Emerging Markets		N	7.60%	6.78%
	Pooled Overseas			0.10%	
Bonds:	UK Government indexed		Y	9.70%	9.55%
	Overseas other		N	9.70%	9.79%
Property:	UK				
	Overseas				
	Other		Y	9.30%	11.14%
Cash:	Cash instruments		Y		
	Cash accounts		Y	0.60%	0.20%
	Net current assets		N	0.20%	0.22%
Total				100.00%	100.00%

Post Retirement mortality assumptions

	End of Year	Start of Year
Non-retired members	S1PA_CMI_2015_1.5% Tables Males - 97% Females - 90%	S2PA_CMI_2012_1.5% Tables Males - 95% Females - 94%
Retired members	S1PA_CMI_2015_1.5% Tables Males - 97% Females - 90%	S2PA_CMI_2012_1.5% Tables Males - 95% Females - 94%

Life Expectancy

	End of Year	Start of Year
Of males (female) future pensioner aged 65 in 20 year's time	25 (27.8) years	25.7 (28.2) years
Of males (female) current pensioner aged 65	22.8 (25.5) years	23.4 (25.9) years

Risk and Pension Sensitivity Analysis

The principal risks to the authority of the scheme are the longevity assumptions, statutory changes to the scheme, structural changes to the scheme (i.e. large-scale withdrawals from the scheme), changes to inflation, bond yields and the performance of the equity investments held by the scheme. These are mitigated to a certain extent by the statutory requirements to charge to the General Fund the amounts required by statute as described in the accounting policies note.

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions set out in the table below. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period and assumes for each change that the assumption analysed changes while all the other assumptions remain constant. The assumptions in longevity, for example, assume that life expectancy increases or decreases for men and women. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be interrelated. The estimations in the sensitivity analysis have followed the accounting policies for the scheme, i.e. on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method.

	£000's				
	Central	Sensitivity 1	Sensitivity 2	Sensitivity 3	Sensitivity 4
		+0.1% p.a. discount rate	+0.1% p.a. inflation	+0.1% p.a. pay growth	1 Year increase in life expectancy
Disclosure Item					
Liabilities	32,430	31,851	33,021	32,577	33,067
Assets	(27,792)	(27,792)	(27,792)	(27,792)	(27,792)
Deficit (Surplus)	4,638	4,059	5,229	4,785	5,275
Projected Service Costs for next year	897	872	923	897	915
Projected Net Interest Costs for Next year	111	101	126	115	127

History of experience gains and losses

The actual gains identified as movement on the Pension Reserve can be analysed into the following categories.

	2016/17 %	2015/16 %	2014/15 %	2013/14 %	2012/13 %	2011/12 %	2010/11 %
Actuarial (gains) / losses on Assets	(15.9)	4.2	(9.1)	(2.4)	(7.8)	(4.3)	(3.9)
Actuarial (gains) / losses on liabilities	(16.4)	5.8	(14.2)	(16.6)	(10.9)	(3.4)	8.8

Market value of whole fund assets (£millions)

End of Year	Start of year
2,236	1,859

The end of year figures for the market value of the assets and the split between investments categories have been calculated as at 31/12/16. The corresponding split of assets at the start of the year has been calculated as at 31/3/16. The actuarial assumptions used in the calculation of the end of

year balance sheet liabilities are based on the 2016 actuarial valuation assumption, other than the financial assumptions which are shown above. A deduction of £16,000 in respect of expenses was made for the year.

The forecasted employer's contribution for 2017/18 is £369,000; implied service cost including net interest cost £111,000 and administration cost of £16,000. The projected deficit as at 31/3/18 is expected to be £5,293,000.

Further information on the Dyfed Pension Fund, such as the annual report, is available from the Fund administrators at Carmarthenshire County Council, or on-line at www.dyfedpensionfund.org.uk

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Authority's responsibilities for the accounts under local government legislation and other requirements are:

- to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Authority, that officer is the Chief Financial Officer.
- to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient, effective and best value use of resources and to safeguard its assets.
- to approve the statement of accounts by the statutory deadline.

Chairman.....

Date.....

The Chief Financial Officer's legal and professional responsibility for the accounts:

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's statement of accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ('the Code of Practice').

In preparing this statement of accounts, the Chief Financial Officer has:

- ✓ selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- ✓ made judgments and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- ✓ complied with the Code of Practice;

The Chief Financial Officer has also:

- ✓ kept proper accounting records which were up-to-date;
- ✓ taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Chief Financial Officer's Certificate

I hereby certify that the *Statement of Accounts 2016/17* presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2017 and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2017

R.E.GRIFFITHS
Chief Financial Officer

Date

2016/17 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

I. Introduction

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (“the Authority”) is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently, and effectively. It is a Welsh improvement authority under section 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and as such has a general duty under section 2 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised. The Authority is also a public body as defined under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act legislative requirement for 1st April 2016.

The Authority has an approved Code of Corporate Governance, which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/ SOLACE Framework ‘Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Guidance for Welsh Authorities 2016. This guidance recommends that the review of effectiveness of the system of internal control that local authorities are required to undertake in accordance with the Accounting and Audit Regulations should be reported in an Annual Governance Statement. In Wales the inclusion of the Annual Governance Statement in the Statement of Accounts is voluntary. In CIPFA also published an “Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework”. This note has been developed to advise on the application of the “Statement of the Role of the Chief Financial Officer on Local Government” under the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework “Delivering Good Governance in Local Government”. The Authority reviews and adopts any additional guidance as issued and has decided to adopt the CIPFA framework and Annual Governance Statement approach for 2016/17

II. The purpose of the Governance framework

The governance framework comprises the committees, systems and processes, cultures and values, by which the Authority is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Authority to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost-effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Authority’s policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

III. The Governance framework

There is clear definition of the roles of Members and Officer and a clear committee and decision making structure. This is based on:

The Authority

The Authority comprises 18 members and will meet at least 6 times a year and its main functions are:

- To approve the development of the Authority's strategic corporate planning framework through the National Park Management Plan (every five years), the Local Development Plan (every five years), and the Corporate Resources Plan (annually).
- To determine all policy matters in support of its strategic planning objectives. The Authority may receive advice from its committees and may also set up task and finish advisory groups to investigate and advise on specific matters.
- To determine all Service Standards and the Authority's Statutory Duties.
- To agree policies relating to the management of the Authority's resources i.e. finance, staffing and assets; and to approve the budget, levy, charges, and the Annual Accounts.
- To ensure that the NPA complies with all legislation affecting its services.
- To determine membership of other committees, task & finish groups, working groups and advisory groups, within the NPA, and their terms of reference, and the Authority's representation on external bodies and organisations.
- To determine the delegation of the Authority's responsibilities to other committees of the Authority and when appropriate to the Chief Executive.

Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee

The Committee will comprise 9 Members of the Authority to be selected and/or confirmed at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Role of the committee is to exercise the powers and duties of the Authority in relation to the following functions:

1. Regulatory Framework
 - To monitor the Authority's performance against the National Park Management Plan
 - To oversee the production of the Annual Governance Statement and to monitor the Authority's performance against the associated Action Plan
 - To monitor the Authority's performance against the annual Strategic Grant Letter
 - To monitor performance against the Welsh Government's Standards relating to the Welsh language
 - To monitor performance against the Authority's adopted Service Standards
2. Audit Activity
 - To consider reports from the Wales Audit Office (e.g. the Annual Improvement Report, Annual Audit Letter) and to monitor the Authority's performance thereon
 - To consider reports from Internal Audit on the Authority's financial systems and controls
3. Finance
 - To consider quarterly reports on the Authority's financial performance and budgetary matters
 - To monitor the Authority's performance in relation to its Annual Statement of Accounts
4. Human Resources

To monitor the Authority's performance:

 - against its adopted HR policies
 - in relation to Health and Safety
5. Information Technology
 - To monitor the Authority's performance in relation to its Information Technology Strategy

6. Performance Management
 - To consider quarterly reports on the *Ffynnon* performance management system and to monitor the Authority's performance thereon
 - To review the Authority's Risk Register in terms of Audit and Corporate functions and make any recommendations to the National Park Authority to change levels of risk
 - To consider reports of the meetings of the Continuous Improvement Group
7. Communications
 - To monitor the Authority's performance in relation to Communications and Marketing
8. Other issues
 - To review any issue referred to it by the National Park Authority, any of its Committees or the Chief Executive Officer
 - To determine an Authority response on any proposals that affect the National Park or the Authority, its powers, duties, functions and responsibilities, particularly but not exclusively, from central, regional or local government, neighbouring authorities, partnerships and other external bodies where the proposals are relevant to the functions of the Committee and where the Chief Executive considers that such response should be determined by the Committee

Development Management Committee

The Development Management Committee is responsible for carrying out the Authority's statutory planning functions in relation to the determination of applications, appeals and enforcement matters, and allied issues relating to development and the regulation of uses and activities.

The terms of reference of the Development Management Committee are:

- (a) Except where those powers and duties have been delegated by the Authority to one of its officers and subject to its decisions being in conformity with the Authority's approved statements and plans the Committee shall exercise, with power to act, all the powers and duties of the Authority relating to the consideration of planning, listed building and conservation area applications, notification schemes, tree preservation orders, the control of development and the enforcement of such control, and other consultation schemes where appropriate.
- (b) Where members resolve to take a decision, contrary to an officer's recommendation, which the Chief Executive the Director of Planning or Development team Leader identifies as constituting a significant departure from an approved plan or policy of the Authority, or as otherwise having significant implications for the Authority, the decision shall be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

If, ultimately, the Committee's decision is contrary to the officer recommendation, there shall be taken a full minuted record of Members' reasons for rejecting the officer recommendation, together with a recorded vote. (*Policy Committee, 10/97*)

- (c) To receive reports from time to time from the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) and other officers on the exercise of any functions relating to the control of development which may have been delegated to them.

- (d) To deal with all matters relating to the designation and administration of Conservation Areas.
(Policy Committee 10/97)

Operational Review Committee

The Committee comprises 9 Members of the Authority, to be selected and/or confirmed at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Committee meet on a quarterly basis and considers reports to the Authority on its performance. The Role of the committee is:

1. To monitor performance and make recommendations to the National Park Authority in relation to the functions of:
 - Development Management
 - Park Direction
 - Park Delivery
 - Discovery
2. To review the Authority's Risk Register and make any recommendations to the National Park Authority to change levels of risk.
3. To review the Authority's financial performance in relation to the functions of the services referred to in 1 above.
4. To review any issue referred to it by the National Park Authority, any of its Committees or the Chief Executive.
5. To determine an Authority response on any proposals that affect the National Park or the Authority, its powers, duties, functions and responsibilities, particularly but not exclusively, from central, regional or local government, neighbouring authorities, partnerships and other external bodies where the proposals are relevant to the functions of the Committee and where the Chief Executive considers that such response should be determined by the Committee.

Continuous Improvement Group

The Continuous Improvement Group consists of five members of the Authority including the CEO. The membership includes the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Authority along with the Chairmen of the two Performance Review Committees. The group have the power to invite attendance of other members or officers if the work programme indicates that their attendance or experience would add value to its work.

Internal Audit

The review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and governance arrangements is informed by the work of the Internal Auditors and their reporting to the Authority. This work is undertaken by Gateway Assure. The terms of reference for internal audit require that work is conducted in accordance with standards as set out in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government. Gateway Assure provide an audit opinion which is reported to the Authority and act as the Chief Audit Executive.

External Audit

Wales Audit Office act as the Authority's external audit and make comments following their financial accounts and performance work and in the annual audit letter. They also express an opinion on the adequacy of internal audit work.

Section 151 Officer

In the Authority the Finance Manager also acts as the Section 151 Officer. The Authority complies with the CIPFA "Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government". The Finance Manager is also a member of the Authority's Core Management Team.

The Executive

An Executive structure for decision making for officers is based on a Senior Management Team, Core Management Team and a Leadership Team. During the year a review of the internal committee structure led to a change where the Leadership Team meetings take place every two weeks and the Senior Management Team meet every two weeks.

Principles of Governance

The review of the effectiveness of the Authority systems of governance is undertaken in accordance with the following 6 CIPFA principles.

- Focusing on the Authority's purpose, on outcomes for the community including citizens and service users and creating and implementing a vision for the local area
- Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose, with clearly defined functions and roles.
- Promoting values for the Authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour
- Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk
- Developing the capacity and capability of Members and officers to be effective
- Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

IV. Actions Taken During The Year

Previously identified Significant Governance Issues, the actions taken to tackle these issues and their evaluations are shown in the table below:

Governance Issues Identified	Actions proposed	Evaluation
Document Management Systems	Review alternative systems	In February 2017 the Authority approved the purchase of a Document Management System.
Impact of Future Landscapes Program	Work with partners to seek to influence the outcome of the program	Officers and Members were engaged fully in the development of Future Landscapes Program.
National Park Grant funding	Continue to work with Welsh Government to respond to funding position and developing a medium term financial plan	Despite the 6% reduction National Park Grant the Authority was able to balance its budget for the 2016/17 financial year.
Continuity Planning following experienced leaving the Authority	Monitor staff workloads and ensure Authority is run as effectively as possible	The Authority was able to recruit suitable calibre staff to replace those who left during the year.
Provide members with most efficient distribution of Authority documents	Review of options in conjunction with practice of PCC	In February 2017 National Park Authority Meeting the Authority agreed to adopt the use of paperless committee documentation.
Compliance with the Welsh language Act	Continue the review to ensure compliance with the Act	While the Authority has adopted most of the requirements of the Act it also has been successful in challenging two aspects of the Act which were considered too onerous.

V. Review of Effectiveness

The Authority is responsible for conducting an annual review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. This review is informed by the work of the Authority's, Members and its Committees, internal and external auditors, other review agencies (as appropriate) and senior managers who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control environment. The normal process of review has been impacted by the delay in the production of the Annual Improvement Report from the Wales Audit Office.

The review is based on the six principles of the Code of Corporate Governance.

Principle 1.

Focusing on the Authority's purpose, on outcomes for the community including citizens and service users and creating and implementing a vision for the local area.

The Authority has been focusing on developing work to ensure that it is 'fit for Purpose' to meet the challenges of the future.

Future Landscapes Wales Program

During the year officers of the Authority have been actively involved in the Future Landscapes Wales programme. This programme has taken forward the recommendations of the Review of Designated Landscapes and produces a series of options for the Welsh Government to consider in relation to designated landscapes. The programme has a number of elements and currently one Member and three officers are participating in the programme. The final report was launched on 15th March 2017.

While the Authority has received a token financial sum from the Welsh Government for its participation on the programme, the time requirement, in particular for the officers is significant. On a positive note, the programme provides an opportunity for the Authority to shape future options for its governance and operation.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

The Authority has worked with WLGA as an Early Adopter and undertaken Member and officer training with Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia NPAs. The Corporate and Resources Plan for 2017/18 has been prepared to deliver against the seven Well-being Goals set by Welsh Government. The plan shows budget distribution across the Well-being Goals and Authority's Well-being Objectives.

Demonstrating Strategic Leadership

The Authority's current National Park Management Plan (NPMP) 2015/19 was approved in 2014 and was developed following full consultation with partners, stakeholders and communities setting out policies and longer term objectives. We are expecting new guidance on producing NPMPs in light of the development of Area Statements and other legislative changes.

Annual Improvement Plan

The Authority sets out its improvement objectives and priority work activities for the forthcoming year. This document is developed in consultation with Members, staff and stakeholders.

Quality of Service

The Authority carries out surveys of the effectiveness of its service delivery through customer satisfactions surveys, performance against quality standards and by monitoring formal complaints which remain at a low level.

Ffynnon System

The Authority has continued to adopt the Ffynnon system to ensure that we develop and manage a robust system of performance information to highlight the impact of the work undertaken by the Authority. Performance review committee reports are prepared directly from Ffynnon.

Budget Pressures / Joint working

Work has continued to reduce costs and to identify options for joint working. Discussions are on-going with a number of other Authorities to identify efficient ways of delivering our services.

Community Engagement

The Authority has endorsed Participation Cymru's 10 National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales. The Authority has carried out consultation and engagement activities with communities on key decisions that will affect them. The Authority is part of the Pembrokeshire Engagement Network which promotes engagement practice and provision in Pembrokeshire. The Authority undertook significant public consultation on the future delivery of its information services and in particular the future its Tenby and Newport information Centres.

Membership of Public Service Board

The Authority is an invited member of the Pembrokeshire Public Services Board (PSB). The PSB is currently working to prepare the Pembrokeshire Well-being Assessment, which will be agreed in March 2017. The Authority will contribute to the work of the PSB to develop the Pembrokeshire Well-being Plan, which will be agreed by May 2018. From 2018 onwards the Authority's Corporate Plan will reflect the Well-being Objectives agreed in the Pembrokeshire Well-being Plan.

Principle 2

Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose, with clearly defined functions and roles.

Reduction in National Park Grant and Levy

A balanced revenue budget for 2016/17 was approved in February 2016. Fortunately the Authority was been able to absorb the pressure from the successive years of continued reduced funding. In 2014/15 the Authority absorbed a £349k, or 7.4%, reduction followed by a reduction of 4.12% in 2015/16 and a 6.04% for 2016/17. The total the N.P.A. Grant and Levy therefore fell by £782k from £4,721k for 2013/14 to £3,939k in 2016/17. When the consumer prices index is applied the overall reduction in real terms equates to 24.5% for the period from 2013/14 to 2016/17.

The Authority practice of holding Budget workshops following NPA's meeting has proven very helpful in developing the budget for 2016/ 17 and a medium term financial strategy and identifying areas for rationalisation. With a cut in core funding over 17% in the last three years continuation of the workshops will be essential if it is to successfully manage the anticipated budgetary challenges ahead.

Scrutiny Committee

Members and officers have in place an agreed scrutiny process, through which they can access how successful National Park Authority policies are working.

Member and Officer Joint Training & Development

During the year Members & Officer undertook several joint training programmes which covered the following areas:

- Presentation by Camping and Caravanning Clubs
- Development of National Significance joint workshop with PCC
- Governance Workshop
- Design - joint workshop with PCC
- Presentation from Milford Haven Port Authority
- Finance and Scrutiny by WLGA
- Visit to Pentre Solar joint workshop with PCC

Consultations

Members have contributed their comments to responses to Welsh Government consultation papers including: Together for mental health, Code of Practice for species control provisions in Wales, Draft Renewable Energy SPG, Proposals for new Marine SACs and Special Protection Areas in the seas around Wales, Planning Committee protocol, Procurement regulation in Wales, Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy 2016, Getting Wales Moving, Consultation on fee rates and fee scales 2017-18, Planning law in Wales scoping paper, Draft Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment, Regulations and statutory guidance regarding area plans following the population assessment, Proposals for secondary legislation to support the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and various best-practice guidance documents, Appeals, costs and standard daily amounts, Practice Direction Number 3, Review of the Designated Areas and action programme to tackle nitrate pollution in Wales, Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Wales) Regulations 2007

Employee Forum

The Authority has in place an Employee Forum. The purpose of the forum is to provide a platform for members and staff to discuss a range of employee matters and to gain an understanding from each other on issues facing the Authority

Task and Finish Groups

The Authority task and finish group into the provision of visitor information contributed significantly into the decisions surrounding the Tenby & Newport Information Centres. The work of the support services group continued in 2016 and is currently ongoing.

Principle 3

Promoting values for the Authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour.

A Code of Conduct for Members and a Code of Conduct for Officers is in place. Issues relating to breaking the Code of Conduct are dealt with by the following:

The Standards Committee

It is the responsibility of the Authority's Standards Committee to promote high standards of conduct by Members and Officers. It does this by advising on and promoting awareness and understanding of the code of conduct for Members and the code of conduct for officers, both of which are documented in the Authority's Constitution.

Monitoring Officer

The statutory Monitoring Officer functions set out in Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended) i.e., in short, to report to the Authority if the Monitoring Officer considers that any proposal, decision, or omission by the Authority may give rise to unlawfulness or maladministration. The Monitoring Officer provides an Annual Report of his work to both the Standards Committee and the National Park Authority.

Public Sector Ombudsman for Wales

The Public Service Ombudsman for Wales has jurisdiction over the Authority's functions by virtue of the Public Service Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005. He has not made any investigation into the Authority either in relation to any alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by the Authority on 25 June 2008. However there has been one investigation with regard the Authority's planning process.

Staff Members

Issues relating to the conduct of staff are normally considered in accordance with the Authority's Disciplinary procedures, which are normally reviewed in accordance with the Peoples Strategy. All Authority staff have annual and interim performance appraisals. This process allows an opportunity for managers and staff to review past performance, highlight potential areas of concern and agree future objectives to ensure they are linked to service plan/corporate targets.

Whistle Blowing Policy

In the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 the Government has given statutory protection to employees who 'blow the whistle' by speaking out against corruption and malpractice at work. It protects them against victimisation and dismissal. The Authority has approved and adopted such a policy in 2002 which was updated in 2009. In its commitment to the highest standards of openness, probity and accountability, it says "The authority encourages employees and others with serious concerns about the Authority's work to come forward and raise their concerns with the Authority".

Safeguarding Policy

In August 2014 the Authority approved a safeguarding policy. The policy aims to ensure that sound working practices are in place that put safeguarding as a priority and which are effective in managing risk for these vulnerable groups, but which will also protect staff and volunteers against wrongful or malicious allegations.

Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy

The Authority has in place approved an Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy. The policy covers all employees, volunteers and members of the Authority. It incorporates the changes to the bribery legislation that have been included in the Bribery Act 2010. The Bribery Act 2010 establishes criminal offences and individuals found guilty can face an unlimited fine and imprisonment up to ten years. Where an organisation itself is found guilty of the offence then the penalty is an unlimited fine.

Financial Standards

The Authority revised recently its Financial Standards The purpose of the Financial Standards is to provide a financial framework within which the Authority can operate. and will assist the Authority in ensuring that:

- Legislation is complied with.
- The assets of the Authority are safeguarded.
- The funds available are spent wisely and efficiently.
- Appropriate income generation is undertaken.
- Best value is achieved

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Principle 4

Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk.

The Authority has taken the following action to improve its processes and structures and also to tackle identified issues of risk.

Risk Management

Following recommendation by Internal Audit the Risk Register is now presented to each meeting of both the Audit & Corporate Services and Operational Review Committees and annually to the full Authority. It is regularly reviewed by the Leadership Team when current risks are reviewed and new risks evaluated.

Performance Management

The Authority signed up for a further two years to use the Ffynnon performance management system. Staff are updating the Ffynnon system directly with information to update performance reporting on a regular basis.

Upgrading systems infrastructure

During 2016/17 the Authority made further investments in the following IT systems; planning document management system, Pobl y Parc, Parcnet and the EPOS systems.

Internal Audit 2016/17

As part of the Authority's corporate governance programme a risk assessment was made on all its services and formed the basis of the work carried out during 2015/16 by the Authority's internal auditors' Gateway Assure. The focus of the Audit was on the following areas:

- Review of Previous Year Agreed Action Plan
- Key Financial Controls – Procurement & Creditors
- Information Governance - Corporate Governance
- Performance Management
- Planning Fees
- Departmental Review – Benchmarking Survey

The Chief Audit Executive's Opinion

In the Audit & Corporate Services Review Committee Meeting of May 2017 Gateway Assure, the Authority's Internal Auditors, gave the following audit opinion for the year 2016/17:

“Overall in our opinion, based upon the reviews performed during the year, the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority:

- has adequate and effective risk management;
- has adequate and effective governance; and
- has adequate and effective control processes.”

Committees

Individual service team leaders update Members of their respective Review Committee with details of the work in progress within the team. There is a clear documenting of decisions, meeting agenda and minute process. Members therefore make decisions based on timely and accurate information,

although some decisions are deferred to allow members for considered decisions. Members reviewed the committee structure towards the end of the year and made recommendations where appropriate.

Wales Audit Office Reports

Wales Audit Office passes an opinion on their review the Authority's performance and Statements of Accounts which is recorded in the WAO Improvement Assessment Letter and the ISA 260 report. The Wales Audit Office 2013/14 Annual Improvement Report was not available in 2014/15 to action any recommendations.

Wales Audit Office National Park Authorities – Governance Review

Following the Auditor General's consultation on the Well-being of Future Generations Act and audit, all three National Park Authorities in Wales agreed to work with the Wales Audit Office in piloting approaches to audit under the Act. It has been agreed that over the next four years, the Wales Audit Office will undertake a series of governance reviews aimed at facilitating improved governance in the context of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. In 2016-17 the Wales Audit office has been undertaking a governance review of governance culture involving survey and workshop activities with staff and Members.

Benchmarking

The Authority undertakes benchmarking activities across a number of areas. Key performance indicators within the annual Corporate Plan are benchmarked against other National Park Authorities where comparative data is available. The Authority submits an Annual Performance Report every November as part of the Welsh Government Planning Performance Framework. The annual report discusses how the Authority has performed against the indicators, identifying what it had done well so that this can be shared with others, and what steps might be taken to address areas of performance in need of improvement. Through the Framework the Authority is able to benchmark its performance against other Planning Authorities in Wales.

In conjunction with Brecon Beacons National Park the Authority commissioned its internal auditors to undertake a 15 National Park wide benchmarking exercise on support costs. The findings were reported to the Authority on 29th March 2017

Principle 5

Developing the capacity and capability of Members and Officers to be effective.

The Authority has undertaken the following to develop the capacity and capability of Members:

Skills Audit

During this year the Authority undertook a Members Skills Audit. This information contributed towards the future planning of training sessions and was also passed onto the Welsh Government to assist them with the process of appointing two new Members of the Authority.

Wales Charter for Member Support and Development

The Authority currently holds Charter status for Member Support & Development

Staff Development

Learning and development needs are identified at annual performance reviews and priority 1 needs form the basis of the plans for the year. All new staff are 'inducted' on an individual basis when they start, with an annual corporate induction with the CE and Directors, and the opportunity to attend an

all-UK National Park event. Appropriate certificated training is identified and scheduled with periodic refreshers.

In 2015-16, the 3-year SLA with PCC delivered an autumn/winter programme of learning opportunities for leadership team and team leaders, plus some coaching. Relevant managers also undertook an Equality Impact Assessment workshop. A regular programme of lunchtime training and awareness events takes place. A training programme with the West Wales Action on Mental Health team is ongoing, including for team leaders in their role as people managers. Over 50 staff took part in sessions introducing Mindfulness as an aid to wellbeing.

Health and Safety

There was an internal audit of Health and Safety during 2015/16 with a substantial assurance. The Authority produces an annual Health and Safety Plan which sets out its priorities for the year. Members received a comprehensive annual report in November 2016 and endorsed a set of priorities and actions. An HSE inspection took place following a RIDDOR report of a work related health condition. Three team leaders have successfully completed a 4-day IOSH accredited 'Managing Safely' course and all managers have taken part in a workshop to refresh management understanding of manual handling.

Staff Development.

Both team leaders and administrative staff participated in professional development programs ran by Pembrokeshire County Council. A cross authority programme to support administration staff was commenced during the year.

Principle 6

Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

During the past year the Authority has sought to engage with local people and stakeholders through a range of consultations. Following last year's survey of community councils training sessions on planning have been provided to all who requested it.

The Authority proposes to continue to undertake consultation with residents, visitors, organisations and other stakeholders on a long term strategy on service delivery on the reducing funding anticipated over the next few years.

Strategic Equality Plan

The Authority joined a consortium of most of the public bodies in south west Wales to undertake a major equalities perception survey which was managed by Carmarthenshire County Council. In April 2016 the Authority approved a revised Strategic Equality Scheme.

Partnership working arrangements

The Authority works with a number of external bodies helping to improve value for money and in communicating with various other interest groups to deliver a number of common projects, e.g.:

- Carmarthenshire County Council; SLA's Payroll / Pension, Minerals
- South Wales Local Authority Purchasing Group
- Brecon Beacons & Snowdonia National Parks Authorities, brokerage Insurance / joint IT manager and Mosaic project Community Consultation; there has been significant engagement with Town and Community Councils on the changes in planning guidance and on Budget priorities for the Authority.

- Future Landscapes Wales programme
- Public Services Board
- Apprenticeship scheme with Brecon Beacons National Park and Torfaen Borough Council
- National Park Partnership on corporate social responsibility options and other sponsorship funding
- The UK National Parks on support services benchmarking.

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VI. Significant Governance Issues

Governance Issues Identified	Action to be taken
Document Management Systems	Review alternative systems
Impact of Future Landscapes Program	A review will be undertaken to assess the outcome of the program
National Park Grant Funding	Continue to work with Welsh Government to respond to funding position and developing a medium term financial plan
Business Interruption	An internal group will be set up to lead all aspects of business continuity
Compliance with the Equality Act	Continue the review to ensure compliance with the Act
Information Governance	There will be a review by the Performance & Compliance Officer on Information Governance which will feed into staff training plans
Change in Authority Membership	The impending change in the membership of the Authority will managed effectively and necessary induction process and training provided.

VII. OPINION

We propose over the coming year to take steps to address the matters referred to in part VI to further enhance our governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review.

SIGNED _____
Chairman

DATED _____

SIGNED _____
Chief Executive

DATE _____

SIGNED _____
Section 151 Officer

DATE _____

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Proposed audit report of the Appointed Auditor to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

I have audited the accounting statements and related notes of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority for the year ended 31 March 2017 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's accounting statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet and the Cash Flow Statement.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17 based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Respective responsibilities of the responsible financial officer and the independent auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts [set out on page 58], the responsible financial officer is responsible for the preparation of the statement of accounts which gives a true and fair view.

My responsibility is to audit the accounting statements and related notes in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounting statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounting statements and related notes sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounting statements and related notes are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the responsible financial officer and the overall presentation of the accounting statements and related notes.

In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Narrative Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounting statements and related notes. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the accounting statements of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

In my opinion the accounting statements and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority as at 31 March 2016 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion, the information contained in the Narrative Report for the financial year for which the accounting statements and related notes are prepared is consistent with the accounting statements and related notes.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the Governance Statement on which I report to you if, in my opinion, it does not reflect compliance with 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework' published by CIPFA/SOLACE in June 2007, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information I am aware of from my audit.

Certificate of completion of audit

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

Anthony Barrett
Assistant Auditor General
24 Cathedral Road
Cardiff
CF11 9LJ
Date:

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Appendix I

Schedule of Members Allowances & Expenses Paid in the Financial Year 2016/17

<u>NAME</u>	Basic Salary	Senior salary	Travel & subsistence	% of attendance
Cllr ST Hudson	3,600		117	68%
Mr D Ellis*	2,250	1,250	39	88%
Cllr M Williams	3,600		166	100%
Cllr PJ Morgan	3,600		270	95%
Cllr DGM James		12,300	1,707	95%
Mrs GM Hayward ****		6,000	675	91%
Mr AE Sangster	3,600		400	96%
Cllr LM Jenkins ****	3,600		844	90%
Ms CM Gwyther	3,600		0	59%
Mr AG Archer ****	3,600		1,003	71%
Mrs MJ Thomas **	2,400		779	73%
Cllr NP Harries	3,600		741	91%
Cllr RS Owens ****	3,600		448	95%
Cllr DWM Rees	3,600		589	67%
Cllr RP Kilmister ***	3,252		515	95%
Cllr AW Wilcox	3,600		0	91%
Cllr M Evans*	3,600		0	59%
Cllr RM Lewis	-		0	90%
Total	51,102	19,550	8,293	84%
<p>* Term of office came to an end during the year and served part of the year as Deputy Chair ** Term of office came to an end during the year *** Temporarily stood down while a candidate in Welsh Government Elections **** Includes additional travel & subsistence paid due to attendance an appeals process at Brecon Beacon's National Park Authority</p>				