

ANNUAL MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION STATEMENT 2023/24

1. Where the Council finances capital expenditure by debt, it must put aside resources to repay that debt in later years. The amount charged to the revenue budget for the repayment of debt is known as Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), although there has been no statutory minimum since 2008. The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Council to have regard to the Welsh Government's *Guidance on Minimum Revenue Provision* (the WG Guidance) most recently issued in 2018.
2. The broad aim of the WG Guidance is to ensure that capital expenditure is financed over a period that is either reasonably commensurate with that over which the capital expenditure provides benefits, or, in the case of borrowing supported by Government Revenue Support Grant, reasonably commensurate with the period implicit in the determination of that grant.
3. The WG Guidance requires the Council to approve an Annual MRP Statement each year, and recommends a number of options for calculating a prudent amount of MRP. The following statement incorporates options recommended in the Guidance as well as locally determined prudent methods.
 - For capital expenditure incurred before 1st April 2008 and for supported capital expenditure incurred on or after that date, MRP will be determined by charging the expenditure over the expected useful life of the assets in equal instalments, starting in the year after the capital expenditure was incurred. A prudent measure of the useful life of a variable range of assets is 50 years and in accordance with the former regulations that applied on 31st March 2008, incorporating an "Adjustment A" of £1.9m. This is a policy change for 2023/24 – see Annex 1 for more details.
 - For unsupported capital expenditure incurred after 31st March 2008, MRP will be determined by charging the expenditure over the expected useful life of the relevant asset in equal instalments, starting in the year after the asset becomes operational. MRP on purchases of freehold land will be charged over 50 years. MRP on expenditure not related to fixed assets but which has been capitalised by regulation or direction will be charged over 20 years.
 - For assets acquired by leases or the Private Finance Initiative, MRP will be determined as being equal to the element of the rent or charge that goes to write down the balance sheet liability.

- Where former operating leases have been brought onto the balance sheet on 1st April 2022 due to the adoption of the IFRS 16 Leases accounting standard, and the asset values have been adjusted for accruals, prepayments, premiums and/or discounts, then the annual MRP charges will be adjusted so that the total charge to revenue remains unaffected by the new standard.
 - For capital expenditure loans to third parties that are repaid in annual or more frequent instalments of principal, the Council will make nil MRP, but will instead apply the capital receipts arising from principal repayments to reduce the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) instead.
4. Capital expenditure incurred during 2023/24 will not be subject to a MRP charge until 2024/25.
 5. Based on the Council's latest estimate of its Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) on 31st March 2023, the budget for MRP has been set as follows:

	31.03.2023 Estimated CFR £m	2023/24 Estimated MRP £m
Capital expenditure before 01.04.2008 and supported capital expenditure after 31.03.2008	130.1	2.6
Unsupported capital expenditure after 31.03.2008	36.6	2.1
Leases and Private Finance Initiative	2.0	0.3
Total General Fund	168.7	5.0