**Report to : Council**

**Date : 17th April 2023**

**Subject : Annual report 2022-23**

**Report by : Clerk**

**Background**

1. The Welsh Government have introduced a new requirement for Town & Community Councils to produce an annual report .
2. The reports are to be produced as soon as reasonably practical after the year end .
3. The format of this report follows the guidance given by Welsh Government .

**Governance**

1. Henllys Community Council ( HCC ) is made up of 7 Councillors who attend meetings of the Council on a monthly basis.
2. A Business Planning & Finance Working Group is in existence & this meets monthly with all Councillors invited.
3. The Business Planning & Finance Working Group oversees the projects being undertaken by HCC & will make recommendations to Council .

**Community Engagement**

1. Following the pandemic meetings of the Council have returned to the Village Hall & every effort is made to accommodate residents wishing to attend meetings , either remotely or in person.
2. The Council has an active Facebook group & local opinion is sought on proposed projects & other initiatives .

**Finances**

1. In 2022-23 the financial performance of the Council was as follows :

 Budget Actuals

 £000 £000

 Reserves at Start of Year 36 36

 Income for Year 41 44

 77 80

 Less Expenditure 45 45

 Reserves at End of Year 32 35

1. In April 2022 the Council increased Council Tax by 3% in recognition of the projects identified for the next 12 months .
2. **Strategy & Achievements**
3. HCC works to a business plan which is reviewed on a regular basis.
4. Progress against the Business Plan is monitored throughout the year by the Business Planning & Finance Working Group .
5. The achievements in 22/23 include :
* Organising & funding the Village Fete
* Funding the installation of 3 speed information displays on Henllys Way
* Organising & funding the Community Cinema events at the Village Hall
* Funding the summer playschemes
* Financial support to local organisations in order for them to continue to provide a broad range of activities enjoyed by the community

**Priorities for 2023-24**

**17 .** The Business Plan is to be refreshed & priorities identified for 23-24 .

18 . In order to deliver its spending plans HCC has agreed a council tax increase of 3% , mindful of the financial pressures being placed on residents through inflationary price rises .

19. This report is for Members information and will be made available to residents .