

**PWYLLGOR CRONFA ELUSENNOL  
CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	08 December 2025
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Pentre Awel Hydrotherapy Pool Collaboration Agreement and Release of Funds to Carmarthenshire County Council
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Lee Davies, Executive Director of Strategy and Planning.
<b>SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Anwen Pearce, Capital Programme Manager – Planning.

**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)**

**Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC) with an update on the Hydrotherapy Pool Collaboration Agreement between Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) and Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) and the subsequent release of funds to CCC.

**Cefndir / Background**

Below is a timeline breakdown of the key activity:

- In 2012, Pittsburgh National Corporation Financial Services (PNC) (on behalf of the JC Williams Trust) agreed to provide a financial contribution to the development of a Hydrotherapy Pool at the Heol Goffa, Llanelli site from its Elizabeth Williams Endowment Fund.
- On 15 March 2018, the CFC received a position paper from Carmarthenshire County Director and Commissioner relating to the development of a Hydrotherapy Pool at the Pentre Awel site (of note: discussions by this time had moved on from the Heol Goffa site in 2012, where a more appropriate site was identified – Pentre Awel). At this meeting, the Committee supported the recommendation to proceed and progress discussions with PNC to agree the next steps to draw down the capital funding held in America.
- On 3 October 2018, the CFC received a report from the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Corporate Services following its correspondence with PNC in order to begin the process of drawing down funds. The HDdUHB was asked to demonstrate that it had enacted its responsibilities relating to the Plan and Articles of the Elizabeth Williams Endowment Fund and that it would comply with Article I (Purpose) and Article IV (Duties). The Administration Committee (AC) was asked to consider and re-affirm its proposal (CFC 15 March 2018) for the development of the Hydrotherapy Pool at the Pentre Awel site.

- At the CFC meeting held on 15 September 2020, it was agreed that the £303,230 donation held by the Hydrotherapy Pool Committee (HPC) should be accepted in support of the Hydrotherapy Pool at the Pentre Awel development.
- On 10 March 2021, an AC for the JC Williams (Elizabeth Williams Endowment) Fund convened and approved the proposal for the development of a Hydrotherapy Pool at the Pentre Awel Village and confirmed the HDdUHB's compliance with the JC Williams (Elizabeth Williams Endowment) Fund's Plan and Articles, for the use of those funds to develop the Hydrotherapy Pool service.
- The funds of £303,230 raised by the external Llanelli HPC was released to Hywel Dda Health Charities (HDdHC) in October 2022.
- J C Williams Charitable Trust (Elizabeth Williams Endowment) of £1,216,594 was released to HDdHC on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- A condition of the release of funds was that the monies allocated would benefit the population of Llanelli.

### Asesiad / Assessment

Pentre Awel is a multi-million-pound economic regeneration development across 83 acres of land in South Llanelli, which is led by CCC with an aim to create a new landmark infrastructure project, that provides facilities for business, research, education, community healthcare, leisure and assisted living and establishes an 'ecosystem' for life sciences. The HDdUHB is leasing part of the site for a Clinical Delivery Unit (CDU) to provide a range of therapy, nursing, audiology clinics, as well as research and development opportunities to develop health focused education and training opportunities and improved population health and wellbeing across all five stages of life. The HDdUHB will also provide services from the Hydrotherapy Pool.

The HDdUHB's therapy service proposes to utilise the Hydrotherapy Pool for rehabilitative and therapeutic interventions for up to 10 sessions per week (Mon-Fri 08:00-17:30). This reflects the aim to work across traditional boundaries to create better outcomes for our population and efficiencies. The integrated pathways created will maximise the adjacencies of the CDU, Hydrotherapy Pool and wider leisure facilities (including the gymnasium).

A significant amount of collaboration has been undertaken between the HDdUHB and CCC, supported by consultants ARUP, in developing the specifications and costings for the development of the Hydrotherapy Pool at the Pentre Awel development in Zone 1.

Construction of Zone 1 Pentre Awel began in March 2023 and was completed mid-September 2025 and the Leisure facilities opened to the public on the 15 October 2025. The CDU is currently being fitted out and is due to be completed by the end of 2026.

The shortfall in the capital funding for the construction of the Hydrotherapy Pool totalling £359,000 was funded by Welsh Government directly to CCC. The HDdUHB also received funding for the equipment costs of the Hydrotherapy Pool and the CDU at Pentre Awel.

A Hydrotherapy Pool Joint Working Group has been established with CCC and the HDdUHB to discuss and agree the operational and maintenance requirements of the Hydrotherapy Pool. A draft Hydrotherapy Pool Procedures document has been developed in collaboration between CCC Leisure and HDdUHB Physiotherapy colleagues. This document will continue to evolve

over the coming months as the Commissioning Plan is actioned, and the Hydrotherapy Pool becomes operational.

The HDdUHB has commissioned Legal & Risk Services to draft the Collaboration Agreement given its significance.

The release of the Funds to CCC, subject to the Collaboration Agreement being finalised has been endorsed and approved by:

- Executive Team on 5 March 2025
- Charitable Funds Committee on 18 March 2025
- The Board, in its role as Corporate Trustee of HDdHC on 27 March 2025
- JC Williams (Elizabeth Williams Endowment) Administration Committee on 2 April 2025

Significant progress has been made over recent months on the Collaboration Agreement, and it is anticipated this should be finalised imminently. It has taken some time to work through and agree key elements within the Collaboration Agreement to ensure the longevity of the Hydrotherapy Pool for the residents of Llanelli and wider population of Carmarthenshire.

Once finalised, the Collaboration Agreement will be signed under seal by the Chair and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Concerns have been raised by the former trustees of the Llanelli HPC in relation to the delays in the development and commissioning of the Hydrotherapy pool, particularly following the opening of Pentre Awel. The HDdUHB recognises these concerns and are in regular contact with the former Chair of the charity, providing updates on the progress. A Hydrotherapy launch event and unveiling of a plaque to recognise the charitable contributions is being arranged for December 2025, where the former trustees will be invited to attend.

### Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Charitable Funds Committee is asked to:

- **Take assurance** of the progress to date on the work that has been undertaken to define and agree the operational and maintenance requirements within the Hydrotherapy Pool Procedures Document.
- **Note** the release of the funds to CCC will be actioned once the Collaboration Agreement is finalised and signed under seal.

### **Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)**

#### **Objectives: (must be completed)**

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	3.1 To make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's Charitable Funds, within the budget, priorities and spending criteria determined by the Board and consistent with the legislative framework. 3.2 To provide assurance to the Board in its role as Corporate Trustee of the charitable funds held and administered by the Health Board.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not applicable

Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	7. All apply
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	2. Culture and valuing people 5. Whole systems perspective
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	2. Healthier communities 3. Great care 4. Positive futures
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	7 Primary and community strategic plan
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	2. Develop a skilled and flexible workforce to meet the changing needs of the modern NHS 4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives 5. Offer a diverse range of employment opportunities which support people to fulfill their potential 8. Transform our communities through collaboration with people, communities and partners

### Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	The design development work has been undertaken by ARUP Limited based on consultations held with representatives of HDdUHB and CCC.  The work has been benchmarked against best practice design for hydrotherapy facilities. This has included reference site visits to facilities in Cardiff, Star College and Bath University Hospital, and desktop/market research of hydrotherapy pools and associated equipment, including HydroWorx, Hippo Leisure and Dolphin Mobility.
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	All terminology is explained within the report.
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Cronfa Elusennol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Charitable Funds Committee:	Pentre Awel CCC Project Board and Sub-Groups Pentre Awel HDdUHB/CCC Hydrotherapy Working Group HDdUHB Executive Team CCC, Council Management Team CCC, Preliminary Executive Board CCC Executive Board

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau)</b> <b>Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian:</b> <b>Financial / Service:</b>	<p>There are two elements which will provide the capital to construct and fit out the Hydrotherapy Pool at Pentre Awel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Charitable funds held by the HDdUHB totalling £1,516,595, received from the Llanelli Hydrotherapy Pool Committee and the JC Williams Trust</li> <li>2. £359k received by CCC from Welsh Government End of Year slippage</li> </ol> <p>The running costs of the Hydrotherapy Pool will be shared between HDdUHB and CCC based on actual usage of the pool as detailed within the Collaboration Agreement.</p>
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf:</b> <b>Quality / Patient Care:</b>	<p>Services delivered will focus on wellness and not on illness and therefore on living and staying healthy and independent longer. When care is required, the person will be placed at the centre of decision making and enabled to take a key role in that process.</p>
<b>Gweithlu:</b> <b>Workforce:</b>	<p>The staffing for the Hydrotherapy pool clinical operation will be provided by HDdUHB.</p> <p>Maintenance operation will be provided by CCC.</p>
<b>Risg:</b> <b>Risk:</b>	<p>Project Board has delegated responsibility for the management of risk to the Project Management Office.</p>
<b>Cyfreithiol:</b> <b>Legal:</b>	<p>Legal agreement developed to satisfy the conditions of the Trust fund.</p> <p>Legal framework provided within the Collaborative Agreement formed between CCC and the HDdUHB.</p>
<b>Enw Da:</b> <b>Reputational:</b>	<p>The plan to develop a hydrotherapy pool in Llanelli has been under consideration for a number of years. To deliver a state of the art facility will be positive for the Health Board and will provide improved opportunities and capacity for rehabilitation within the community.</p>

<p><b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b></p>	<p>Data systems used within Pentre Awel will be based on the Public Sector Broadband Aggregation (PSBA). Discussions have been undertaken between CCC and HDdUHB Informatics Department to maximise opportunities for joint working whilst ensuring cyber security.</p> <p>Detailed planning will ensure appropriate, future proofed infrastructure is created.</p>
<p><b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has EqIA screening been undertaken? Yes</li> </ul> <p>Consideration has been given to protected equality groups as part of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) in order that these demographic cohorts are given 'due regard' within the business and service planning processes for Pentre Awel. The HIA sought to establish a suitable evidence base, gathering quantitative and qualitative data about those with protected characteristics, in order that a robust assessment can be made about the positive and negative impacts the development may have on those categorised as vulnerable or disadvantaged.</p>