

**PWYLLGOR CRONFA ELUSENNOL  
CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	18 March 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)**

Ar Gyfer Penderfyniad/For Decision

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

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

Following Executive Team endorsement on 5 March 2025, the CFC is being asked to take assurance of the agreed operational arrangements of the Hydrotherapy Pool in order for the funds totalling £1,543,382 currently held by HDdUHB relating to the J C Williams Trust (Elizabeth Williams Endowment) and the funds raised by the external Llanelli Hydrotherapy Pool Charity (HPC), being released to CCC to contribute towards the construction costs.

Subject to the CFC endorsement, the Board, in its role as Corporate Trustee of the Hywel Dda Health Charities (HDdHC), will be asked to agree the transfer of the funds to CCC at such time as the Collaboration Agreement between HDdUHB and CCC is agreed and signed.

**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 the USA.

- 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 Administrative 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 Hydrotherapy Pool Charity (HPC) was released to HDdHC in October 2022.
- J C Williams Charitable Trust (Elizabeth Williams Endowment) of £1,216,594 was released to HDdHC on 28 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 establish 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 propose to utilise the Hydrotherapy Pool for rehabilitative and therapeutic interventions for ten sessions per week (Monday-Friday 08.30-17:30). 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 is due to be completed by mid-May 2025, with the CDU due to be completed in early 2026.

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 with input from CCC Leisure and HDdUHB Physiotherapy colleagues. This document will continue to evolve over the coming months as the Commissioning Plan develops and the Hydrotherapy Pool becomes operational.

The HDdUHB has commissioned Legal & Risk Services to draft the Collaboration Agreement given its significance. The Board, in its role as Corporate Trustee of HDdHC will be asked to approve the release of the Charitable Funds to CCC subject to the Collaborative Agreement being finalised. Subject to agreement by both parties, it is anticipated that the Collaboration Agreement will be finalised in this financial year (2024/25) with a view to the funding being released. Once finalised the Collaborative Agreement will be signed under seal by the Chair and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The shortfall in the capital funding for the construction of the Hydrotherapy Pool totalling £359,000 was funded by Welsh Government (WG) through End of Year Slippage directly to CCC. The HDdUHB also received End of Year slippage funding to fund the equipment costs of the Hydrotherapy Pool and the CDU at Pentre Awel.

### **Argymhelliad / Recommendation**

The Charitable Funds Committee is asked to:

- **TAKE ASSURANCE** of the progress to date on the work that has been carried out to define and agree the operational and maintenance requirements within the Hydrotherapy Pool Procedures Document.
- **CONSIDER** and **RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL** to the Board in its capacity as Corporate Trustee the release of the Charitable Funds totalling £1,543,382 to CCC, once the Collaborative Agreement is finalised and completed legally.
- **NOTE** the Board, in its role as Corporate Trustee of HDdHC, will be asked for their approval of the release of the funds to CCC when the Collaboration Agreement is agreed by both parties.

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

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

Committee ToR Reference:  
Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y  
Pwyllgor:

4.19 Provide scrutiny with a view to approving or rejecting all requests for expenditure over £50,000 and under £100,000 against named charitable funds, within the scheme of delegation for authorisation of charitable funds expenditure.

4.20 Consider and recommend for approval to the Board in its capacity as Corporate Trustee all requests for expenditure over £100,000 against named charitable

	<p>funds, within the scheme of delegation for authorisation of charitable funds expenditure.</p> <p>4.21 Provide scrutiny with a view to approving or rejecting all requests for expenditure, regardless of value, for the following expenditure types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and development expenditure.</li> <li>• Pay expenditure.</li> <li>• Requests of any nature resulting in ongoing charitable funds commitment.</li> </ul>
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	N/A
Safon(au) Gofal ac Iechyd: Health and Care Standard(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staying Healthy</li> <li>3. Effective Care</li> <li>6. Individual care</li> <li>7. Staff and Resources</li> </ol>
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Starting and developing well</li> <li>2. Living and working well.</li> <li>3. Growing older well.</li> <li>5. Deliver, as a minimum requirement, outcome and delivery framework work targets and specifically eliminate the need for unnecessary travel &amp; waiting times, as well as return the organisation to a sound financial footing over the lifetime of this plan</li> </ol>
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Develop a skilled and flexible workforce to meet the changing needs of the modern NHS</li> <li>4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives</li> <li>5. Offer a diverse range of employment opportunities which support people to fulfill their potential</li> <li>8. Transform our communities through collaboration with people, communities and partners</li> </ol>

<b>Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:</b>	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	<p>The design development work has been undertaken by ARUP Limited based on consultations held with representatives of Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) and Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC).</p> <p>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.</p>
Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms:	All terminology is explained within the report.
	Pentre Awel CCC Project Board and Sub-Groups Pentre Awel HDdUHB/CCC Hydrotherapy Working Group

Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Ymddiriedolwr Corfforaethol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to the Corporate Trustee	HDdUHB Charitable Funds Committee CCC, Council Management Team CCC, Preliminary Executive Board CCC Executive Board
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<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau)</b> <b>Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian:</b> <b>Financial / Service:</b>	There are two elements which will provide the capital to construct and fit out the Hydrotherapy Pool at Pentre Awel:  1. The Charitable funds held by the HDdUHB totalling £1,543,382, received from the Llanelli Hydrotherapy Pool Committee and the JC Williams Trust. 2. £359,000 received by CCC from Welsh Government End of Year slippage.
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf:</b> <b>Quality / Patient Care:</b>	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.
<b>Gweithlu:</b> <b>Workforce:</b>	The staffing for the Hydrotherapy pool clinical operation will be provided by Hywel Dda University Health Board.  Maintenance operation will be provided by Carmarthenshire County Council.
<b>Risg:</b> <b>Risk:</b>	Project Board has delegated responsibility for the management of risk to the Project Management Office.
<b>Cyfreithiol:</b> <b>Legal:</b>	Legal agreement developed to satisfy the conditions of the Trust fund.  Legal framework provided within the Collaborative Agreement formed between CCC and the HDdUHB.
<b>Enw Da:</b> <b>Reputational:</b>	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.
<b>Gyfrinachedd:</b> <b>Privacy:</b>	Data systems used within Pentre Awel will be based on the Public Sector Broadband Aggregation (PSBA). Discussions have been undertaken between Carmarthenshire County Council and HDdUHB Informatics Department to maximise opportunities for joint working whilst ensuring cyber security.  Detailed planning will ensure appropriate, future proofed infrastructure is created.

**Cydraddoldeb:  
Equality:**

Has EqIA screening been undertaken? Yes

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.