

CYFARFOD O'R YMDDIRIEDOLWR CORFFORAETHOL
MEETING OF THE CORPORATE TRUSTEE

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	27 March 2025
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Pentre Awel Hydrotherapy Pool Collaboration Agreement and Release of Funds to Carmarthenshire County Council
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Lee Davies, Executive Director of Strategy and Planning
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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

This report is being presented, following discussion and endorsement at the 18 March 2025 Charitable Funds Committee (CFC) meeting, to request that the Board, in its capacity as Corporate Trustee of Hywel Dda Health Charities, approves the release of Charitable Funds totalling £1,543,382 to Carmarthenshire County Council, once the Collaborative Agreement is finalised.

Cefndir / Background

Below is a timeline breakdown of the key activity:

- In 2012, Pittsburg National Corporation Bank (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 the 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 Health Board 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 CFC acting as 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 £303,230k 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 Health Board'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 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 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 Carmarthenshire County Council 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 Health Board 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 Health Board will also provide services from the Hydrotherapy Pool.

The Health Board's therapy services proposes to utilise the Hydrotherapy Pool for rehabilitative and therapeutic interventions for 10 sessions per week (Mon-Fri 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 Clinical Delivery Unit, Hydrotherapy Pool and wider leisure facilities (including the gymnasium).

A significant amount of collaboration has been undertaken between the Health Board and Carmarthenshire County Council, 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 Clinical Delivery Unit due to be completed in early 2026.

A Hydrotherapy Pool Joint Working Group has been established between Carmarthenshire County Council and the Health Board, 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 Carmarthenshire County Council Leisure and Health Board Physiotherapy colleagues. This document will continue to evolve over the coming months, as the commissioning plan develops and the Hydrotherapy Pool becomes operational.

Given its significance, the Health Board has commissioned Legal & Risk Services to draft the Collaboration Agreement. The Board, in its role as Corporate Trustee of the charitable funds is asked to approve the release of the Charitable Funds to Carmarthenshire County Council, subject to the Collaborative Agreement being finalised. Once finalised, the Collaborative Agreement will be signed under seal by the Health Board Chair and Chief Executive.

The shortfall in the capital funding for the construction of the Hydrotherapy Pool totalling £359,000 was funded by Welsh Government through End of Year Slippage directly to Carmarthenshire County Council. The Health Board also received End of Year slippage funding, to fund the equipment costs of the Hydrotherapy Pool and the Clinical Delivery Unit at Pentre Awel.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Board, in its capacity as the Corporate Trustee of Hywel Dda Health Charities, is asked to **APPROVE** the release of the Charitable Funds totalling £1,543,382 to Carmarthenshire County Council, once the Collaborative Agreement is finalised.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)	
Objectives: (must be completed)	
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	N/A
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	7. All apply
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	1. Leadership 2. Culture and valuing people 5. Whole systems perspective
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	6 Clinical services plan 7 Primary and community strategic plan 8 Estates plans
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022	4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives 2. Develop a skilled and flexible workforce to meet the changing needs of the modern NHS 8. Transform our communities through collaboration with people, communities and partners

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:	
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 and Carmarthenshire County Council.</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 Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	All terminology is explained within the report.
Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Cyfarfod Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to University Health Board:	<p>Pentre Awel Carmarthenshire County Council Project Board and Sub-Groups</p> <p>Pentre Awel HDdUHB/Carmarthenshire County Council Hydrotherapy Working Group</p> <p>Carmarthenshire County Council, Council Management Team</p> <p>Carmarthenshire County Council, Preliminary Executive Board</p> <p>Carmarthenshire County Council Executive Board</p>

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	<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"> 1. The Charitable funds held by the Health Board totalling £1,543,382, received from the Llanelli Hydrotherapy Pool Committee and the JC Williams Trust and includes an element of interest since the funding was received. 2. £359,000 received by Carmarthenshire County Council from Welsh Government End of Year slippage.
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	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.
Gweithlu: Workforce:	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.
Risg: Risk:	Project Board has delegated responsibility for the management of risk to the Project Management Office.

Cyfreithiol: Legal:	<p>Legal agreement developed to satisfy the conditions of the Trust fund.</p> <p>Legal framework provided within the Collaborative Agreement formed between Carmarthenshire County Council and the Health Board.</p>
Enw Da: Reputational:	<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>
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	<p>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.</p> <p>Detailed planning will ensure appropriate, future proofed infrastructure is created.</p>
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has EqIA screening been undertaken? Yes <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>