

Accounts for Year from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

26 June 2023 (2022 - 2023)

Enw'r corff:

Denbigh Town Council

	Y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben		Nodiadau a chanllawiau i'r sawl sy'n llunio'r cyfrifon Dylech dalgrynnu'r holl ffigurau i'r £ agosaf. Peidiwch â gadael unrhyw flychau yn wag na chofnodi balansau o £0 neu ddim. Rhaid i bob ffigur fod yn gyson â'r cofnodion ariannol sylfaenol ar gyfer y flwyddyn berthnasol.
	31/03/2022 (£)	31/03/2023 (£)	
Datganiad o incwm a gwariant/derbyniadau a thaliadau			
1. Balansau a ddygwyd ymlaen	186697	232931	Cyfanswm y balansau a'r cronfeydd wrth gefn ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn fel y'u cofnodwyd yn y cofnodion ariannol. Rhaid iddo fod yn gyson â Llinell 7 y flwyddyn flaenorol.
2. (+) Incwm o drethiant lleol/ardoll	229944	230208	Cyfanswm yr incwm a dderbyniwyd/derbyniadwy yn ystod y flwyddyn o drethiant lleol (praesept) neu ardoll/cyfraniad gan brif gyrff.
3. (+) Cyfanswm derbyniadau eraill	9903	11151	Cyfanswm incwm neu dderbyniadau a gofnodwyd yn y llyfr arian parod llai'r symiau a gynhwysir yn llinell 2. Mae'n cynnwys grantiau cymorth, dewisol a referiw.
4. (-) Costau staff	45613	53347	Cyfanswm gwariant neu daliadau a wnaed i bob gweithiwr cyflogedig ac ar ei ran. Dylech gynnwys cyflogau, TWE ac Yswiriant Gwladol (cyflogeion a chyflogwyr), cyfraniadau pensiwn a threuliau cysylltiedig, e.e. costau terfynu.
5. (-) Llog ar fenthyciadau/ad-daliadau cyfalaf	13737	13414	Cyfanswm gwariant neu daliadau cyfalaf a llog a wnaed yn ystod y flwyddyn ar fenthyciadau allanol (os o gwbl).
6. (-) Cyfanswm taliadau eraill	134263	153599	Cyfanswm gwariant neu daliadau fel y'u cofnodwyd yn y llyfr arian parod llai costau staff (Llinell 4) a llog ar fenthyciadau/ad-daliadau cyfalaf (Llinell 5).
7. (=) Balansau a gariwyd ymlaen	232931	253930	Cyfanswm y balansau a'r cronfeydd wrth gefn ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn. Rhaid iddo fod yn hafal i (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
Datganiad o falansau			
8. (+) Dyledwyr a balansau stoc	10744	9765	Cyfrifon incwm a gwariant yn unig: Nodwch werth dyledion sy'n ddyledus i'r corff a balansau stoc a ddelir ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn.
9. (+) Cyfanswm arian parod a buddsoddiadau	222187	244165	Pob cyfrif: Swm yr holl gyfrifon banc cyfredol a chadw, daliadau ariannol a buddsoddiadau a ddelir ar 31 Mawrth. Rhaid i hyn fod yn gyson â balans cysoni'r llyfr arian parod yn unol â chysoniad y banc.
10. (-) Credydwyr	0	0	Cyfrifon incwm a gwariant yn unig: Nodwch werth yr arian sy'n ddyledus gan y corff (heblaw costau benthyg) ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn.
11. (=) Balansau a gariwyd ymlaen	232931	253930	Dylai cyfanswm y balansau fod yn gyson â llinell 7 uchod: Nodwch gyfanswm (8+9-10).
12. Cyfanswm asedau sefydlog ac asedau hirdymor	472183	475677	Gwerth cofrestr asedau a buddsoddiadau pob ased sefydlog, ynghyd ag unrhyw asedau hirdymor eraill a ddelir ar 31 Mawrth.
13. Cyfanswm benthyciadau	136000	128000	Balans cyfalaf dyledus pob benthygiad o drydydd partion ar 31 Mawrth (gan gynnwys PWLB).

Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the Council/Board/Committee, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:	PG Ref
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective financial management during the year; and the preparation and approval of the accounting statements. 	✓		Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law.	6, 12
2. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7
3. We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council/Board/ Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.	6
4. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	✓		Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit.	6, 23
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council/Board/Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly.	6, 9
6. We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems throughout the year and have received a report from the internal auditor.	✓		Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	6, 8
7. We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the Council/Board/Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.	✓		Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	✓		Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23
9. Trust funds – The body acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust fund(s)/assets. We exclude transactions related to these trusts from the Accounting Statement. In our capacity as trustee, we have discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	✓		Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	3, 6

* Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'no' response given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

Additional disclosure notes*

The following information is provided to assist the reader to understand the accounting statement and/or the Annual Governance Statement

1. Expenditure under S137 Local Government Act 1972 and S2 Local Government Act 2000

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits the Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Section 137(3) also permits the Council to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2022-23 was £8.82 per elector.

In 2022-23, the Council made payments totalling £7,526.48 under section 137. These payments are included within 'Other payments' in the Accounting Statement.



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* Include here any additional disclosures the Council considers necessary to aid the reader's understanding of the accounting statement and/or the annual governance statement.

Council/Committee approval and certification

The Council/Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements and the annual governance statement in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

<p>Certification by the RFO</p> <p>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return present fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2023.</p>	<p>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:</p>
<p>RFO signature:</p> 	<p>Minute ref: 37 37</p>
<p>Name: Jenny Galton</p> <p>Date: 13-6-2023</p>	<p>Chair signature:</p>  <p>Name: Cllr Alun Ashworth</p> <p>Date: 28-6-2023</p>

Auditor General's report and audit opinion

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2024 of **Denbigh Town Council**. My audit has been conducted on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales and in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

Audit opinion: Unqualified

On the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Other matters and recommendations

There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.



Deryck Evans, Audit Manager, Audit Wales
For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales

Date 01/08/2024

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body:

DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL

The Council/Board/Committee's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2023.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council/Board/Committee's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council/Board/Committee.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	✓				
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓				
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	✓				
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓		NO PETTY CASH
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓				
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	✓*				* SUBJECT TO ISSUE 4 IN INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓				
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓				
11. Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council/Board/Committee has met its responsibilities as a trustee.	✓				

For any risk areas identified by the Council/Board/Committee (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
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* If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

** If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council/Board/Committee are included in my detailed report to the Council/Board/Committee dated 26/06/2023.] * Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit:	JDU BUSINESS SERVICES LTD
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit:	JDU Business Services Ltd
Date:	26/06/2023