Minor Joint Committees in Wales
Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Accounting statements 2025-26 for:

Name of Committee: PORTHCAWL HARBOUR

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 (£)	**31 March 2026 (£)**	**Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances. All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.**
Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments			
1. Balances brought forward	0	0	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	148,027	161,258	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	184,235	117,512	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	(73,779)	(88,703)	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	(113,518)	(113,518)	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	(144,965)	(76,549)	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	0	0	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
Statement of balances			
8. (+) Debtors	0	29,085	**Income and expenditure accounts only:** Enter the value of debts owed to the Committee at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	0	0	**All accounts:** The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	0	(29,085)	**Income and expenditure accounts only:** Enter the value of monies owed by the Committee (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	0	0	**Total balances should equal line 7 above:** Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	2,602,707	2,489,189	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the 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 2026, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Committee:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for: • 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.
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.
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 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.
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 committee's accounts as set out in the notice of audit.
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the 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 Committee and has dealt with them properly.
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 Committee.
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 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.
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.

* 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.

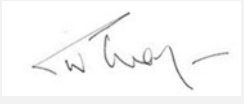
Additional disclosure notes*

The following information is provided to assist the reader to understand the accounting statement and/or the Annual Governance Statement
1. Section 42 (1) of the Harbours Act 1964 sets out that statutory harbour undertakings, such as local authorities that have functions of maintaining, improving or managing a harbour (harbour authorities) are required to prepare an annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities. Section 42 (3) of the Act states that this requirement is not met by the preparation of accounts that covers matters in addition to harbour activities. The Council's external auditors have advised that the inclusion of the harbour's activities within the Council's Statement of Accounts will not suffice and that a standalone annual statement of accounts for the harbour authority is required. This return is to comply with that requirement, in line with external audit guidance.
2. Porthcawl Harbour is not run as a separate venture within the Council's accounts, it is within the Communities Directorate budget and does not have its own separate bank account, consequently there are no separate cash balances or reserves held for this facility. The Harbour is currently run through a small subsidy provided by the Council, to offset the difference between expenditure on staff, maintenance and other running costs, and income generated through berthing fees and contributions to utility costs.
3. In terms of the return, the following provides additional detail in respect of the Statement of Income and Expenditure: Row 2 – This is the amount of income that is provided by the Council towards any shortfall between income and running costs – this is a subsidy by the Council. It also includes accounting adjustments in respect of depreciation of the facility plus a share of corporate overheads. Row 3 – This is the total income generated from berthing fees and other miscellaneous sales and contributions. Row 5 – This is the total amount charged to the accounts in respect of depreciation of the facility and is offset in full in Row 2. The book value of the asset will reduce by the amount of depreciation charged, although this does not necessarily reflect a reduction in the market value of the asset. Row 6 – This is the total of running costs such as utilities and maintenance costs.

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

Committee approval and certification

The 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.

Certification by the RFO I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return present fairly the financial position of the Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2026.	**Approval by the Committee** I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Committee under minute reference: **Minute ref:** 307
RFO signature: 	**Chair signature:** 
Name: Carys Lord	**Name:** Mr Gareth Chapman
Date: 30.06.2026	**Date:** 06.08.2026

Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report

I report in respect of my audit of the accounts under section 13 of the Act, whether any matters that come to my attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. My audit has been conducted in accordance with, guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2026 of:

Porthcawl Harbour

Auditor General's report

Audit opinion - Unqualified

On the basis of my review, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving 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 legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met; and
- is not consistent with the Harbour's governance arrangements.

Other matters arising and recommendations

We have no other matters we need to bring to your attention.

External auditor's signature: **Auditor General for Wales**		**Date:** 30.9.26

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of Committee:	PORTHCAWL HARBOUR

The 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 2026.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the 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 Committee.

	Agreed?				**Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to the Committee)**
	Yes	**No***	**N/A**	**Not covered****	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	X				Porthcawl Harbour utilises the Council's main financial ledger system and no issues were identified relating to this during audit testing.
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	X				All payments are through the Council's financial system. Sample testing of payments on ledger confirmed payments were supported by invoices, correctly authorised and VAT had been accounted for correctly.
3. The Committee assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	X				Corporate Risk Management Policy and a Corporate risk assessment is in place. Risk Assessment procedure guidance for risks available to all Council departments
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.	X				No annual precept payment. Central monitoring of budget and reserves carried out.
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	X				Invoices raised and monitored on central system. Sample of invoices selected, and all had correctly charged VAT and were raised in line with the agreed fees and charges.
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			X		None identified within financial reports for the year.
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	X				Salaries are paid through Council's central payroll system on NJC agreed pay scales. Audit testing did not identify any issues.
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	X				The Harbour is recorded on the Council's asset register.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to Committee)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	X				Council's main bank account and ledger used and subject to central checks.
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.	X				Centralised main accounting audit performed regularly, and no relevant issues identified.

For any risk areas identified by the 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 Committee)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
11.					
12.					
13.					

* 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 Committee are included in my detailed report to the Committee dated _30th June 2026 (draft)_.] * Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Committee's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the Committee (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the Committee during the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: Joan Davies
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: 
Date: 30th June 2026