



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Annual Report 2024-2025

The Report describes how Radyr & Morganstown Community Council is contributing to the wellbeing of its area.

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About this Annual Report

An annual report is required for the 2024-2025 financial year. It is due for publication as soon as practicable after 1 April 2025. Reports will be required annually thereafter.

This Annual Report is in two parts.

Part 1 deals with basic information about the Council, its structure, and finances.

Part 2 showcases the work of the Council during the year, reflects on the past year's activity and looks ahead to the coming year.

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PART 1

Members

[Members Contact Details](#)

(This information will be updated on our website as changes occur)

Committees and Leadership

Decisions are made by the Full Council. The Council receives recommendations from committees. Details of the committee structure are published to our website

The Council was chaired in 2024/2025 by Councillor Allan Cook
Councillor Julia Charles was the Vice-Chair

Contacting the Council

The Clerk to the Council is: Julie Thomas

The Council's main telephone number is 02920 842213. Mobile number is 07349275556.

The Council can also be contacted at clerk@radyr.wales

Financial Information

The Council has set its Precept for 2025/26 at £181,806

The Council retains its funds with the Unity Trust Bank:

On 31 March 2025 the balance on each account was as follows

Account *****326	£194,281.47
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Account *****339	£91,770.88
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Account *****011	£89,847.07
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Income and expenditure for 2024/25 will be recorded in the Annual Return, which is to be approved by 30 June 2025. Details will be available from the Clerk.

General and Earmarked Reserves are identified in the Council's Statements of Accounts produced at year end. These will be available from the Clerk.

This is the Council's Annual Budget for 2024/25

Summary		Budget £	
A	Environment	49,000	
B	Old Church Rooms	37,755	
C	Old Church Rooms Loan	7,500	
D	Community Grants	20,400	
E	Community Halls	100	
F	Community Services	13,300	
G	Events & Hospitality	13,095	
H	Staff	56,175	
I	Members	5,000	
J	Insurance & Fees	16,490	
K	Elections	0	
L	Gen Admins	8,700	
M	Contingency	0	

What do you think should be our spending priorities as we plan for the future?

Audit

The Council's Accounting Statements for the year will be the subject of internal and external audit.

The Council's external auditor (Audit Wales) has issued an Unqualified Opinion in relation to the Accounting Statements for 2022/23 and 2023/24. There were no further matters drawn to the Council's attention.

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Training Plan

The Council's Training Plan can be viewed on our website

(This information will be updated on our website as changes occur)

The Training Plan will be kept under review.

Biodiversity

The Council's Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Plan can be viewed on our website

General Power of Competence

The Council no longer satisfies the criteria to exercise this power. It no longer passes the necessary resolution, which has been publicised. The Council has previously relied on this power, which is a power of first resort, to implement many of the initiatives described below in previous years.

Relationships with Cardiff Council

A Charter is in place to provide a framework for relationships with Cardiff Council. We continue to enjoy good relationships and receive regular reports from our County Councillors. These reports can be viewed on our website.

We are represented on the Standards & Ethics Committee by Councillor Julia Charles.

Assets

An asset register will be produced as part of the end of year accounts. The 2024/25 register is obtainable from the Clerk. Fixed assets on 31 March 2025 amounted to £1,446,935

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PART 2

Foreword

We have embraced new ways of working but also continued with traditional forms of communications and meetings.

This report describes some of the ways in which the Council responded to these pressures, introducing new ways of working, supporting & sustaining communities as we return to ways of supporting and developing our locality.

The report also describes how the Council continued to exercise its usual functions and meet its statutory obligations.

We now want to hear your views about how we have performed and the objectives we have set.

Have we done all we can?

Would you like us to consider other ways of contributing to [local Well-being](#)?

Please let us know. You can reach us via social media or by email at clerk@radyr.wales

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Outcomes & Indicators

We have examined our performance against Wales-wide sustainability goals. This report includes an overview of our achievements in delivering on these objectives.

- A Prosperous Community.
- A Resilient Community.
- A Healthier Community.
- A More Equal Community.
- A Cohesive Community.
- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally Responsive Community.
- A Competent Council.

Our 5 Ways of Working:

We believe in.....

The Long Term: the importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long term needs

Prevention: how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.

Integration: considering how public bodies' well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.

Collaboration: acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Council meet its well-being objectives.

Involvement: the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the Council serves.

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“Helping to Make Radyr & Morganstown a Great Place to Live!”

In this, our third Annual Report, senior councilors describe some of our key achievements during the year.

Councillor Julia Charles, Chair, Finance Committee

Finance Committee

Adam Woodall was the Chair of Finance for 2024-25. As he has now left the Council, this summary has been prepared in his absence.

- RMCC has 3 accounts with Unity Trust – standard current account, OCR account and a deposit account, all with healthy credit balances. Our main objective for 2024-25 was to open an account with another financial institution to protect RMCC finances in line with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. After extensive research, this has now been achieved and a community current and deposit account has been opened with Barclays Bank
- Our grant strategy and application process has been upgraded and become more straight forward to complete applications and apply for grants. In 2024 -25 we received 12 community grant applications and awarded £8463.89 in funds. A youth provision grant was also allocated to Radyr Hub for £6450.00. This has helped local services and improved our community
- Regular dialogue is maintained with the Council’s accountant to ensure our accounts are in order and to identify any concerns. We continue to meet on a regular basis and preserve our sound internal financial environment
- The bank statements and accounts are regularly checked at each full council and finance committee meeting, thus ensuring transparency and compliance. We are in the process of reviewing our accounting processes as One Voice Wales (the representational body of community councils in Wales) has recommended upgrading to the Scribe system. This will help our clerks with the modernising of our accounts and payroll systems. This is a new system and is in the process of being reviewed to ascertain its effectiveness and efficiency.

Councillor Iona Shariff, Chair, Environment Committee

Environment Committee.

The Environment Committee has worked diligently over the past year to enhance and maintain our local spaces, tackling a diverse range of projects despite limited resources. Our commitment to sustainability, community engagement, and environmental leadership has remained at *contact us with any views on the issues in this report via clerk@radyr.wales*

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the heart of every initiative, from park enhancements and woodland conservation to litter-picking efforts and infrastructure improvements.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our team and the invaluable support of volunteers and residents who contribute to making our community greener and more inviting. A special thanks goes to the Assistant Clerk for her tireless work in managing communications and ensuring that all environmental matters are addressed efficiently. Her efforts have been instrumental in keeping projects on track and fostering meaningful dialogue with stakeholders. As we look ahead to future initiatives, we remain focused on delivering impactful improvements that benefit both residents and the natural environment, ensuring a thriving and sustainable community for years to come.

- **Local Maintenance** We deeply appreciate the dedication of David Barnes in maintaining our community spaces. His work in grass cutting, basket hanging, and various environmental tasks is invaluable.
- **Radyr Wood Wardens** A heartfelt thank you to the Radyr Woods Wardens for their commitment to preserving and caring for the woods. Their efforts ensure that this natural space remains a treasured resource for the community.
- **Radyr Woods Pond** We are delighted with the new safety measures and signage implemented around Radyr Woods Pond. This initiative, delivered by Radyr Woods and funded by the Environment Committee, enhances safety and accessibility for all visitors.
- **Pentwyn Park** We have obtained multiple quotes to complete the wall and fence at Pentwyn Park. Our goal is to see this project come to fruition in 2025/2026.
- **Windsor Gardens** Plans for Windsor Gardens are underway, and discussions with the designer are ongoing. As this is a long-term project, we aim to integrate it into broader improvements on Station Road.
- **RMA Stall** This year, the committee proudly hosted a stall at the RMA Fete, where we had the pleasure of engaging with local residents and gathering valuable feedback on community priorities. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts!
- **Co-op Frontage** We have maintained regular communication regarding updates on the Co-op building frontage. As this issue remains a key concern among residents, the Environment Committee will begin applying greater pressure to ensure progress is made.
- **Station Road** Over the past year, we have collaborated extensively with Cardiff Council and street architects to explore development opportunities for Station Road. We aim to work closely with local businesses and residents on a feasibility study to determine viable solutions. By 2025/2026, we hope to provide a clearer and more assured development plan for Station Road and its surrounding streets.

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- **Commemorative Stone Bench** To mark 50 years of the Community Council, a commemorative stone bench has been designed and approved for Radyr Woods. This tribute is located near Radyr Lodge, a historic site that once operated as a smallholding, with remnants of its original stonework still visible. The bench will stand as a lasting testament to Radyr Lodge's existence, with an attached plaque offering insights into its history for future generations.
- **Fisher Hill Way Footpath** We have contacted Cardiff Council regarding persistent flooding along the Fisher Hill Way footpath and are working toward a resolution.
- **Radyr Woods Signs** New signs have been ordered for Radyr Woods, with two additional signs planned for installation in 2025/2026 to further enhance the area's accessibility and signage.
- **Litter Picking** We fully support the incredible work of the litter-picking group based at the Hub/Library. Their dedication helps keep our environment clean and welcoming, and we extend our sincere gratitude for their efforts.

Councillor David Silver, Chair, Publicity and Communications Group

Publicity Group

A series of improvements were made to our infrastructure to improve our systems and increase our security:

- 2 Wi-Fi access points were installed in to remove dead spots in the building which we had identified.
- A new router was installed, and a split was made between access for office staff and the general public. Previously everyone was on the same system. This will give us extra security for Council information.
- A mini switch has been installed to enhance printer accessibility for staff members.
- A new projector was purchased to replace the two previously in use in the OCR. They were so out of date that they did not even have HDMI ports which all speakers using the equipment needed.
- Sage was investigated and then introduced to improve our finance system and make it easier to use for staff.
- Microsoft 365 was implemented due to the discontinuation of support for our previous system. Clerks were set up on 365.
- All Councillors were set up with new @radyr.wales accounts. Microsoft 365 accounts and e mail addresses were set up for them. This will ensure that all documentation is centralised and can be readily accessed in the event of a freedom of information request. Also Councillors can now reply to messages from the public without

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supplying their personal e-mail addresses, something most Councillors were unhappy to do.

Website

- Both Clerks have been trained and are now able to post News items onto our website and have been doing this as the opportunity arises. It was decided that all legally required items would go on the website as well as any long-term items. Any short-term items would go onto our social media accounts.

Social Media

- During the year, a new Facebook account was set up and the Council now has a Facebook group and a Facebook page. There are two people plus the clerks who have access to the accounts, and we have just started to use these.

We continued to post on Twitter (X) throughout the year either posting ourselves or reposting from others.

Councillor Tyrone Davies, Chair, Old Church Rooms (OCR) Management Board

Old Church Rooms Management Board

To all members/Cllrs who were part of the OCR Board – i.e., Cllrs Allan Cook, Tyrone Davies, Jo Holmes, Huw Onllwyn Jones, David Silver & Adam Woodall.

To our Assistant Clerk (Julie Hopkins) and our Handyman (Karl) for all their efforts managing the building daily. Please Note We should be immensely proud of our building. In my opinion, it has never looked better.

It is the focus of our villages and used by a plethora of individuals and groups who are diverse, all enhancing the opportunities for our community. Work Completed in the Last Year (May 2024 – May 2025).

- Purchased equipment for use by the handyman to keep OCR garden neat and tidy
- Purchased a professional projector for use by hall users
- Updated Chairman's Board to include most recent Chairmen
- Purchased Plants/Planter for the foyer
- Purchased and installed bilingual interpretation boards relating to our mosaic
- Purchased 6 extra tables to enhance OCR users' experiences
- Upgraded the Weir Room floor
- Arranged for all OCR chairs to be deep cleaned
- Arranged for a deep clean of the entire building
- Improved effectiveness of Garth Room radiators

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- Installed a new boiler to ensure appropriate heat for Garth Room
- Advised Full Council on new rental rates post April 2025
- Installed a new Fire Door to enhance the building's visual appeal and security
- Installed a new panel on front entrance to protect access to latch thus enhancing security
- Employed a Pest Control company to eradicate rodents
- Carried out a survey to understand better what our community wishes for the OCR
- Managed/completed the installation of the Lift
- Revamped downstairs toilets

and finally, a word from the outgoing Chairman of the Council, Councillor Allan Cook

It was an unexpected honour to serve as Chair during the year, which I have thoroughly enjoyed, this is largely due to the help and support I have received from my fellow Councillors. I hope that this feeling of respect for the opinions of other Councillors will continue.

The first happening worth noting is the arrival of our new Clerk - Julie Thomas. It has been instructive to watch her grow in knowledge and experience and she has now become a very good and experienced Clerk. In fact we are lucky in our whole team, Julie Thomas as Clerk, Julie Hopkins as Assistant Clerk and Karl as handyman. Long may it continue.

The first major event I attended was the One Voice Wales conference on the Royal Welsh showground in Builth Wells. The best thing about this conference was not the event itself but the subsidiary events and we discovered a new accountancy/room booking system which we are just putting into operation and which we hope will make the accountancy more efficient and save us money.

The major event of the year has been the installation of the lift and the refurbishing of the toilet block in the OCR. I am very pleased with the outcome. The architect seems to have found extra space in the existing building and given us several large storage cupboards. . The efficiency of the lift is yet to be confirmed but I feel it will be a useful addition to the OCR. I feel that the toilet block is very successful. As the work was being completed the Supreme Court made an unexpected ruling on the nature of sexuality. I know that we do not all agree about the decision to make that toilet block unisex and, like all Court rulings, this has still to be proven in practice. But I suspect that many other institutions will follow our lead and go down the unisex path. The alternative seems to be an undefined number of separate toilet blocks.

In January I hosted a meeting of other Community Council leaders which come under the Cardiff umbrella. They were very impressed with the OCR. A very useful discussion about our mutual difficulties showed that we are all
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on the same path and we agreed to meet again once the new Chairs and Committees are in place.

I hosted a Christmas dinner for those who work in the Community but by far the largest event was the Civic Service and reception at the beginning of the Festival. We were inundated with dignitaries from the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Lord Mayor, both out Westminster and Senedd Members, our County Councillors and a good representation of those who work so hard in the community.

The VE Day commemoration was announced at relatively short notice, but I feel that in combining it with our Festival launch we gave it a truly meaningful send off. Representatives of the Guides and Scouts hoisted the VE flags which flew for the duration of the Festival. I am grateful to the Vicar - Mary Evans - for a meaningful service both at the War Memorial and in the Church, and to Mike Dimant and his team for placing the poppies on the church fence. We were also involved with the beacon on the top of the Garth mountain on the day itself.

I also was present at a very meaningful event to remember the young man drowned in the river, when a plaque was unveiled to Aryan in Windsor Gardens. Many projects are still in discussion or planning. How we make Station Road competitive with the development of a new retail complex in Plas Dwr. How we can improve Windsor Gardens. The stone "corlan" bench in Radyr Woods.

Finally we started the year one Councillor short and during the year lost another very useful member, Adam Woodall, due to pressure of work. We hope that Adam will see his way to rejoin the Council in the future. R&MCC is a busy Council and we do need a full complement of Councillors.

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Appendix 1

Objectives & Targets 2024-25

Objectives

The Council supports the following principles, as its long-term objectives.

To contribute towards the delivery of:

- A Prosperous Community.
- A Resilient Community.
- A Healthier Community.
- A More Equal Community.
- A Cohesive Community.
- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.
- A Globally Responsive Community.
- A Competent Council.

These objectives provide a framework for the delivery of specific projects, services, and programme of events during the year. They guide spending decisions. The initiatives described by Members above show how we helped deliver some these objectives during the year.

Targets

Here are some targets to guide our work. We will measure success and record our achievements in future reports.

- A Prosperous Community
To continue to provide support to all members of the community and encourage an infrastructure which supports the local economy.
- A Resilient Community
We will work with other agencies to maintain and enhance natural environments with healthy ecosystems that support social, economic, and ecological resilience and the capacity to change.
- A Healthier Community
We will promote opportunities for outdoor living and active travel.
- A More Equal Community

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We will promote equality of opportunity, celebrate diversity, and encourage a fairer society.

- A Cohesive Community

Our programme of events will provide the space for communities to come together. We will maintain dialogue with community safety partners and Cardiff Council.

We will help sustain the voluntary sector. We will work with agencies who support those coming to our community from areas of conflict. Our dialogue with community safety partners will help maintain safe, confident communities.

- A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language.

We will support the arts and embrace Welsh culture.

- A Globally Responsive Community.

We will continue to work with other agencies to help mitigate the impact of climate change and promote sustainability.

- A Competent Council.

We aspire to remain a Competent Council.

We will respond to legislative changes to continue to ensure that we meet our statutory obligations.

We will prepare an Annual Report and training plans for staff and Councillors.

The Council will continue to embrace principles of Sustainable Development based upon Long Term Planning, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration, and Involvement to deliver these goals.

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Statement of Well-being

This Well-Being Statement sets out the Council's commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 'the Act', defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals. In this regard the Council recognises the role it has to play. Therefore, it will promote sustainable development in how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act and when working for and with the communities that make up its area.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. These well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Council embraces these well-being goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision-making arrangements to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The Act provides a more detailed definition for each of the seven well-being goals. However, for the purposes of this statement the seven goals are:

A Prosperous Wales (1)	A Resilient Wales (2)	A Healthier Wales (3)	A More Equal Wales (4)	A Wales of Cohesive Communities (5)	A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language (6)	Globally Responsible Wales (7)
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When applying these well-being goals to the functions, activities and services provided by the Council; the Act requires the Council to think more about the long term, to work better with people and communities and also other public bodies, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach.

The Council will go about this by making the following commitments:

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COMMITMENTS

- Look to the long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.
- Involving the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where it is applicable to do so.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.
- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.
- Take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local well-being plan that has affect in its area. In this regard the Council will consider and review the local objectives contained in the plan alongside its own objectives for the year ahead.
- Form its own judgement of what steps it would be reasonable for it to take towards meeting the local objectives in its area, on the basis of its own knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area.
- Report annually detailing the progress it has made in meeting Well-being objectives.
- Supporting Sustainable Development.

ACTIONS

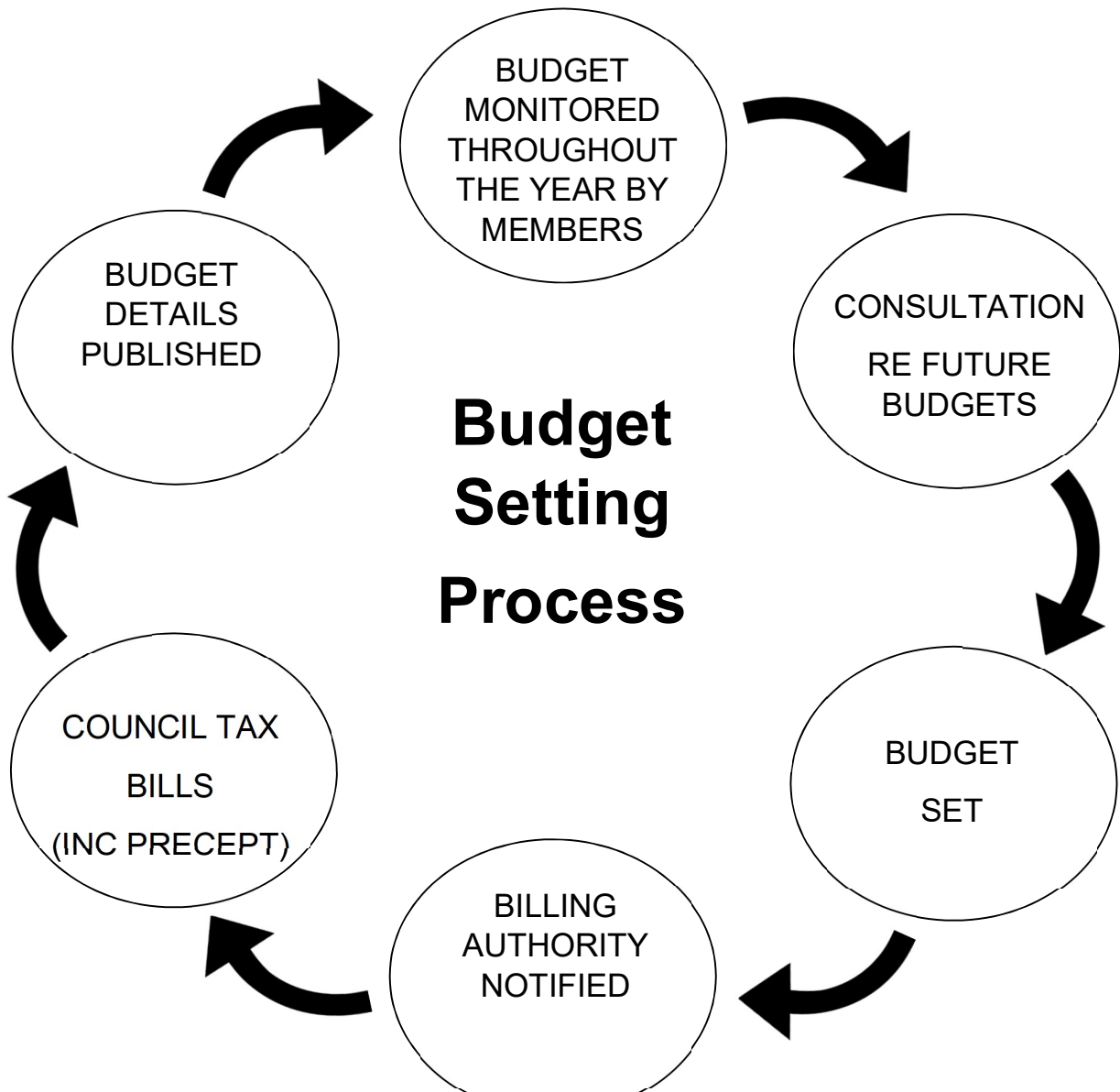
The Council commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing this well-being statement and Annual Report on its website.
- Incorporating this well-being statement into its Annual Report, which provides an overall framework to focus the Council's activities, investments, and spending priorities.
- Incorporating the well-being goals into its Strategic Planning.
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up its area. It will do this by dedicating resources to promote community development through the Council's work programme.
- To support Sustainable Development in what we do, and who we work with.
- To work with others to bring about Well Being locally.

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Our Budget Setting Cycle



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