

Local Authority Parking Finances in Wales 2017 - 18

1 Introduction

This note covers parking finances for the 22 local authorities in Wales. As in England and Scotland, local authorities are required to submit details of all their finances to the Welsh Government in a standard format. They are normally published in October, seven months after the financial year end. This report looks at the section on parking income and expenditure from 2013-14 to 2017-18.

The published data is less comprehensive than in England and does not split out on- and off-street parking or show penalty income separately. The figures do not include any commercial off-street parking. In 2017-18, *19 councils showed surpluses and three showed deficits (the same three councils as 2016-17)*. All councils are now receiving income from parking, **although councils such as Blaenau Gwent (Ebbw Vale and Abertillery) and Torfaen (Pontypool and Cwmbran) offer free parking but still issue penalty charge notices.**

2 Summary

Table 1: Summary of parking accounts for Wales

		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Change 2017-18 on 2016-17
Parking	Income	31.55	33.91	35.82	37.41	38.49	2.90 %
	Expenditure	22.25	21.82	22.00	23.43	24.07	2.74 %
	Surplus	9.30	12.10	13.81	13.98	14.42	3.15 %
Total transport	Net cost	306.75	278.89	271.22	270.50	265.29	-1.93 %
Parking surplus as percentage of all transport costs		3.03	4.34	5.09	5.17	5.44	

Table 1 above shows the summary accounts for local authorities in Wales of the incomes and expenditures arising from parking charges and penalty income both for on- and off-street parking. The income has increased by 2.9 %, the expenditure has increased by 2.7 % and the surplus has increased by 3.2 % compared to the previous fiscal year. Total transport fallen by 1.9 % and the surplus now represents 5.4 % of transport costs.

Parking makes a smaller contribution to overall transport costs in Wales compared with England where it is around 22 % of total transport. Figure 1 gives a longer term overview of the trends in incomes, expenditures and surpluses.

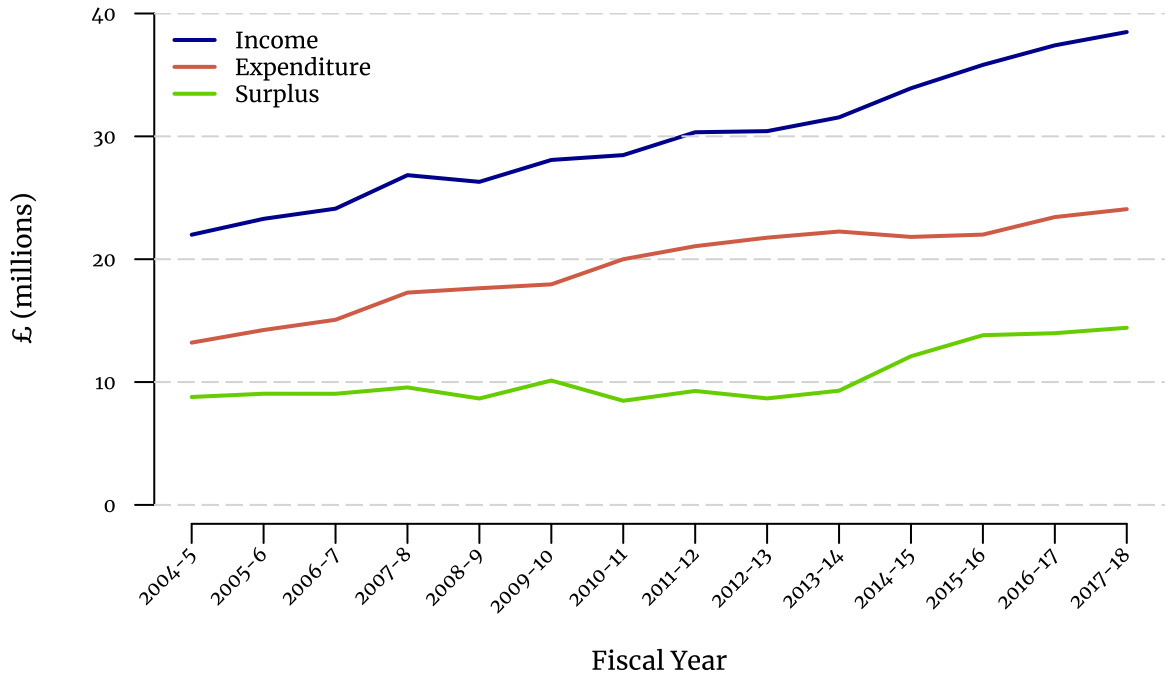


Figure 1: Parking revenues–Wales

3 Income

Total council parking income from all sources in 2017-18 was £38 million, 2.9 % higher than 2016-17. Note that this includes penalty income, which is not shown separately, but does not include off-street income received by commercial off-street parking facilities.

Eleven councils increased their income over the past year and a similar number decreased their income. Merthyr Tydfil saw income increase by 19% while Cardiff and Wrexham increased by 14%. The largest falls were Rhondda Cynon Taf (18%) Denbighshire (11%) (excluding Torfaen where the income is very low).

4 Expenditures

Table 2: Parking income for Wales (£,000)

Local Authority	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Change 2017-18 on 2016-17
Cardiff	6,613	6,900	7,257	7,599	8,629	13.56 %
Swansea	4,618	5,171	5,446	5,666	5,932	4.69 %
Carmarthenshire	2,448	2,815	3,106	3,092	3,035	-1.84 %
Gwynedd	2,097	2,027	2,538	2,490	2,539	1.97 %
Pembrokeshire	1,360	1,521	1,783	1,867	1,916	2.62 %
Conwy	1,392	1,419	1,886	1,935	1,903	-1.64 %
Powys	1,196	1,363	1,602	1,684	1,653	-1.85 %
Monmouthshire	1,183	1,250	1,421	1,522	1,535	0.82 %
Denbighshire	1,300	1,251	1,300	1,711	1,517	-11.34 %
Neath Port Talbot	1,507	1,494	1,376	1,375	1,500	9.13 %
Bridgend	1,357	1,268	1,220	1,127	1,139	0.99 %
Wrexham	155	1,045	896	974	1,113	14.25 %
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,384	1,410	1,291	1,322	1,090	-17.54 %
Ceredigion	1,123	1,150	980	1,109	1,055	-4.84 %
Vale of Glamorgan	955	788	686	764	737	-3.53 %
Merthyr Tydfil	832	745	690	608	725	19.32 %
Caerphilly	702	721	702	675	641	-4.97 %
Isle of Anglesey	388	456	523	605	639	5.62 %
Newport	605	621	640	643	591	-7.97 %
Flintshire	296	450	439	599	571	-4.64 %
Blaenau Gwent	30	38	30	30	30	0.70 %
Torfaen	9	12	5	15	4	-73.33 %
Total	31,549	33,915	35,817	37,410	38,494	2.90 %

Table 3: Parking expenditure for Wales (£,000)

Local Authority	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Change 2017-18 on 2016-17
Cardiff	3,688	3,474	3,763	3,941	4,764	20.89 %
Swansea	3,362	3,220	3,044	3,199	3,087	-3.51 %
Carmarthenshire	1,652	2,026	1,712	1,764	2,115	19.87 %
Neath Port Talbot	1,262	1,308	1,168	1,256	1,332	6.00 %
Pembrokeshire	984	1,029	1,200	1,270	1,319	3.86 %
Gwynedd	1,300	1,100	1,130	1,135	1,157	1.94 %
Denbighshire	759	767	842	1,053	1,053	0.00 %
Conwy	812	760	828	916	954	4.17 %
Rhondda Cynon Taf	991	864	794	791	906	14.52 %
Bridgend	861	1,156	988	833	889	6.74 %
Powys	761	748	763	789	822	4.12 %
Wrexham	304	580	580	838	812	-3.09 %
Vale of Glamorgan	902	637	578	632	686	8.54 %
Flintshire	807	458	862	726	678	-6.53 %
Monmouthshire	598	510	490	594	671	13.01 %
Ceredigion	845	825	964	589	567	-3.63 %
Caerphilly	491	523	512	658	550	-16.33 %
Merthyr Tydfil	631	651	519	504	510	1.26 %
Blaenau Gwent	274	262	340	866	483	-44.21 %
Isle of Anglesey	303	299	337	358	351	-1.96 %
Newport	589	556	503	633	286	-54.86 %
Torfaen	77	63	86	87	82	-5.75 %
Total	22,253	21,816	22,003	23,431	24,074	2.74 %