

From "Dylan Thomas" (clerk@tkbtc.co.uk)

To Elicia Mills ; Rhun ap Gareth

Cc Cllr Charlie McCoubrey

Sent Thursday, June 1, 2023 10:41 AM

Subject RE: School Budget 2023 - 24Good Morning Elicia

With reference to your confirmation of receipt dated 28/04/2023 (copy below), the Town Council is still awaiting receipt of a reply!

Given that it's now over two months since my first email dated 29/3/2023 (copy below), I would ask that this matter is dealt with as a matter of urgency, as my members are expecting an update at our next Full Town Council meeting which is on 12/06/2023.

Kind Regards

Dylan Thomas

Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

From: "Elicia Mills" <elicia.mills@conwy.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 4:09 PM

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To: "TKBTC Clerk" <clerk@tkbtc.co.uk>; "Rhun ap Gareth" <rhun.apgareth@conwy.gov.uk>

Cc: "Cllr Charlie McCoubrey" <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; "Cllr Geoffrey Corry" <g.corry1@tkbtc.co.uk>

Subject: RE: School Budget 2023 - 24

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Good Afternoon Dylan,

Hope you are well,

I would just like to confirm receipt of your email and inform you that your response from your previous email is currently being dealt with, I will raise this early next week and confirm with you when you can expect to receive this.

Kind Regards,

Elicia Mills

Ysgrifennydd i Bennaeth y Gwasanaethau Addysg / Secretary to the Head of Education Services

Gwasanaethau Gofal Cymdeithasol ac Addysg / Social Care and Education Services

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol CONWY County Borough Council

From: TKBTC Clerk <clerk@tkbtc.co.uk>

Sent: 28 April 2023 14:47

To: Rhun ap Gareth <rhun.apgareth@conwy.gov.uk>; Elicia Mills <elicia.mills@conwy.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Geoffrey Corry <g.corry1@tkbtc.co.uk>

Subject: RE: School Budget 2023 - 24

Good afternoon Rhun I have still not heard anything back from Conwy CBC, regarding my email of 29/03/2023 (copy below).

Given that it is now a month since I first contacted Conwy CBC, please can you kindly advise when I should expect to receive a reply?

Kind Regards

Dylan Thomas

Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

From: Rhun ap Gareth <rhun.apgareth@conwy.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 April 2023 10:30

To: TKBTC Clerk <clerk@tkbtc.co.uk>; Elicia Mills <elicia.mills@conwy.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Geoffrey Corry <g.corry1@tkbtc.co.uk>

Subject: RE: School Budget 2023 - 24

Good morning,

I acknowledge receipt of your email below, and apologies for not responding earlier. I have been away on leave over Easter.

I have forwarded your email to colleagues in Education and Finance, and we will provide a response as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

Rhun ap Gareth

Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol CONWY County Borough Council

From: TKBTC Clerk <clerk@tkbtc.co.uk>

Sent: 12 April 2023 10:20

To: Elicia Mills <elicia.mills@conwy.gov.uk>

Cc: Rhun ap Iarhes <rhun.apgarth@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Charlie McCoubrey <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Geoffrey Corry <g.corry1@tkbtc.co.uk>

Subject: RE: School Budget 2023 - 24

Good morning With reference to my email of 29/03/2023 (copy below), please can you kindly confirm when I should expect to receive an acknowledgement/reply.

Kind Regards

Dylan Thomas

Town Clerk & Finance Officer Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town

From: TKBTC Clerk

Sent: 29 March 2023 11:50

To: 'elicia.mills@conwy.gov.uk' <elicia.mills@conwy.gov.uk>

Cc: Rhun ap Iarhes <rhun.apgarth@conwy.gov.uk>; 'cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk' <cllr.charlie.mccoubrey@conwy.gov.uk>; Cllr Geoffrey Corry <g.corry1@tkbtc.co.uk>

Subject: School Budget 2023 - 24

Good Morning

The members at the full Town Council meeting on 27/03/2023 resolved that:-

16. School Budgets 2023-24

Resolved that: - The clerk writes to the Head of Education/The Chief Executive and the Leader of Conwy CBC to request an explanation as to why there has been such a shortfall/impact on the budgets for 2023-24 for Ysgol Y Foryd, and why Conwy CBC are putting schools through such pressure/the timing has been so last minute. These cuts will have a negative knock on effect on staffing and the quality of the Children's learning.

Resolved that: - Cllr B Griffiths will assist the Clerk with the wording of the letter to Conwy CBC, to ensure that all the relevant points are covered.

Please see below some background/further information regarding our request:-

Ysgol Y Foryd Budget 23/24

A Community Request for Discussion

The Town Council for Towyn and Kinmel Bay would like a better understanding of the counties budgetary approach to our schools. Governors in our community attending at Ysgol Y Foryd for example have voiced concern for the impossible budgetary pressure being applied to our outstanding infant's school Ysgol Y Foryd.

At the finance meeting on 1 March, it is confidentially reported that with a healthy carry-over the school budget offered by CCBC fell below any prospect of the school being able to operate. This budget is offered late and without any operational explanation to the governing body. This situation continued through the full governors meeting on 16th March 2023.

To present a budget in this way can only damage morale in the SLT particularly here with our deprivation levels at this post pandemic catch-up time and where the cost-of-living crises is putting some families under great pressure and resulting in even greater staff attention and commitment.

More recently (Friday 24 March 2023) we hear the headteacher has attended a meeting with CCBC where they have just about managed to balance a budget for next year. They have only been able to do this by cutting costs significantly so there will be an impact to learners, e.g., less resources, less inclusion due to no subsidy of costs such as Pentre and swimming, and an impact to staff, etc. Workload – more time will be needed to make resources due to less usage of the photocopier, less opportunity for professional development.

We try to understand how LA obtain 30% of funding through council tax, etc., with some 70% from the Welsh Government; that this element is being cut year on year and declared late which makes it difficult to strategically plan.

Local authorities have choices to make; Conwy gets an allocation from the Welsh Government but can spend it any way it wants and TKBTC would like to better understand the CCBC approach to schools based on the points above.