



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

The Chief Financial Officer,

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Dyddiad / Date: 11 July 2024

Dear Colleague,

Annual Capital Outturn Return (COR), 2023-24

We will today be sending an email to our contact at your authority containing a spreadsheet for the above return. This information is collected under section 168 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and section 14 of the Local Government Act 2003, respectively. This spreadsheet should be completed and returned by 9 August 2024 by email. Please note that we no longer require a signed hard copy of this return.

1. Uses of the data

Figures reported on the CO return are an essential part of National Accounts so it is important that they are as accurate and timely as possible. The information collected here is not available elsewhere. Figures from the return will be published in full on the StatsWales website. They will also be used extensively in response to Senedd questions, in dealing with ministerial correspondence and for more general monitoring purposes.

In order to avoid duplicating requests for information, with the agreement of the local authority associations, some of the data may be passed to CIPFA for use in their 'Actuals' statistical publications.

Once the data set has been finalised, subsets of the data for comparison with all other authorities will be published on our 'StatsWales' website.

2. Other issues

The return should be completed fully on an accruals basis. The 'Code' requires local authorities to show capital expenditure and receipts on an accruals basis in their published accounts.

It is an audit requirement that the spreadsheet is fully populated with data, using zeros where necessary, to help with this all the blank cells have already been set to zero.

3. Contact details

Please send a copy of the completed spreadsheet by 9 August 2024, and any other correspondence and enquiries, in the first instance to: LGFS.Transfer@gov.wales

Phone enquiries: Frank Kelly - 0300 025 5673

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Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Kind regards,

Anthony Newby

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