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1. Introduction and Legal Context

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This report is produced in accordance with Section 52 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, which requires community councils to prepare and publish an annual report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements.

St Davids City Council has chosen to combine this statutory annual report with its contribution to the objectives of the Pembrokeshire Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2023-2028, in the spirit of Section 40 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Council embraces the principles of the Act as a framework for good governance and community leadership, and considers contributing to local well-being objectives to be a core part of its role.

Council Organisation

Council Membership 2025-26

St Davids City Council is an unwarded Council of twelve Councillors. The membership during 2025-26 was: Cllr S Foster (Mayor from May 2026; Deputy Mayor to May 2026); Cllr DJ Griffiths (Mayor to May 2026; Deputy Mayor from May 2026); Cllr W Chant; Cllr ES Evans; Cllr MC Gray; Cllr FD John; Cllr B Lloyd; Cllr S Minas; County Councillor BT Price; Cllr R Price; Cllr BS Sehmi; and Cllr RJ Thornton.

Committees

The Council operates through four committees:

Finance Committee: Cllrs S Foster, S Minas, DJ Griffiths, BS Sehmi & RJ Thornton

General Purposes Committee: Cllrs DJ Griffiths, S Minas, BS Sehmi & RJ Thornton

Market Committee: Cllrs ES Evans, B Lloyd, BT Price & BS Sehmi

Staffing Committee: Cllrs ES Evans, S Foster, DJ Griffiths, FD John, S Minas & RJ Thornton

Working Groups

In addition to its formal committees, the Council operates a number of informal working groups, comprising councillors and convened to progress specific projects between full Council meetings. Working groups active during 2025-26 included the Peninsula Practice Working Group and the 18 High Street (Caretaker House) Working Group. Unlike committees, working groups are not clerked and do not produce formal agendas or minutes; recommendations arising from their work are brought back to full Council for decision using the standardised Working Group Reporting Form, introduced alongside new Working Group Terms of Reference adopted during the year. A Pride in Place Working Group was also established by Council resolution in February 2026, but did not subsequently convene, the Council having instead chosen to pursue the Bryn Road redevelopment directly as its Pride in Place bid.

Staff

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Training and Development

The Council's Training and Development Policy was reviewed and adopted at the Annual Meeting on 18 May 2026 and is published on the Council's website.

Adoption of the General Power of Competence

Subsequent to the financial year end, at its Annual Meeting on 18 May 2026, St Davids City Council resolved that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in Section 30 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and formally adopted the General Power of Competence (GPoC) under Section 31(1) of that Act. The GPoC gives the Council the ability to do anything that an individual may do, provided it is not prohibited by other legislation, broadening its capacity to act in the interests of its community. The Council intends to draw on the GPoC in pursuing its priorities for 2026-27, including the 18 High Street mixed-use redevelopment.

2. Pembrokeshire PSB Well-being Plan Objectives

The Pembrokeshire PSB Well-being Plan 2023-2028 identifies three priority project areas through which public bodies work together to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Pembrokeshire: Reducing Poverty and Inequalities; Strengthening Communities; and Tackling Climate Change and the Nature Emergency.

The four overarching well-being objectives are: support growth, jobs and prosperity and enable the transition to a more sustainable and greener economy; work with our communities to reduce inequalities and improve well-being; promote and support initiatives to deliver decarbonisation, manage climate adaptation and tackle the nature emergency; and enable safe, connected, resourceful and diverse communities.

3. Progress Against Well-being Objectives

Reducing Poverty and Inequalities

The Council demonstrated continued commitment to reducing poverty and inequalities throughout 2025-26, sustaining its focus on healthcare access, affordable housing, community support for older residents, and improved public facilities.

Healthcare Access - Peninsula Primary Care

The Council maintained its central role in the Peninsula Practice Working Group, continuing to advocate for robust primary care provision across the Peninsula. The Council's representative, Cllr S Foster, coordinated with 'Together for Change', which was appointed to assist in presenting a paper to the Health Board in March 2026. That paper, prepared by the Director of Public Health, recommended the St Davids Peninsula as a pilot area for a social model of health and well-being, aligning clinical and primary care with social care in a coordinated, integrated way. The Council formally wrote to the Chair of Trustees and Hywel Dda Health Board regarding the future of Shalom House, the local hospice, following its closure in October 2025, seeking to retain the premises in healthcare use for the Peninsula. The Pembrokeshire Peninsula Stakeholder Group continued to operate with both a Councillor representative and a non-Councillor community representative (Mr Richard Hayward).

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Affordable Housing Initiatives

The Council continued to monitor affordable housing provision actively, with the Glasfryn allocation policy - including concerns about the '50 and over' stipulation - remaining a standing item for Councillor attention. The 18 High Street (Caretaker House) Working Group progressed plans for the redevelopment of the vacant property, resolving to develop retail units on the ground floor with residential accommodation above and instructing solicitors regarding potential title-splitting. The project represents a significant long-term contribution to the Council's asset base and community housing supply.

Support for Vulnerable Residents and Older People

The Council's Warm Spaces project, funded by a £3,500 grant from PAVS, ran from December 2025 to March 2026 (with an extension to April 2026 approved), providing 10 hours weekly of warm, safe community space at City Hall to reduce social isolation and support vulnerable residents and unpaid

carers. The project built on the existing Coffee and Chat model with a volunteer-led delivery approach. An Older People's Afternoon Tea event was endorsed for 4 November 2025 as part of the wider Age Friendly Communities initiative spanning St Davids, Solva and Llanrhian, hosting a visit from Rhian Bowen-Davies, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.

Improved Public Facilities

Following the asset transfer of Bryn Road public conveniences from Pembrokeshire County Council - with the formal transfer of title expected to complete in June 2026 - the Council approved in principle at its Extraordinary Meeting on 16 March 2026 a redevelopment scheme comprising four semi-automatic unisex toilet units and a dedicated Adult Changing Places facility. An indicative budget quotation of £186,897.49 (excluding VAT) was obtained for grant application purposes and the Council submitted a full funding request for that sum to the Pembrokeshire Pride in Place Impact Fund. The panel decision is expected in July 2026. No supplier has been appointed; should grant funding be confirmed, full competitive procurement will be required under the Council's financial regulations and the Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2024.

Action/Initiative	Progress/Outcomes	Future Plans
Peninsula Practice Working Group	Continued Council advocacy for Peninsula primary care; 'Together for Change' engaged; social model of health paper to Health Board March 2026.	Progress pilot social model of health; continue stakeholder engagement.
Shalom House Advocacy	Following the hospice's closure in October 2025, letters despatched to the Trustees and Hywel Dda Health Board seeking retention of the premises in healthcare use; joint meeting subsequently held.	Continue to press for the premises to be retained in healthcare use for the Peninsula.
18 High Street (Caretaker House) Redevelopment	Retail/residential mixed-use development approved in principle; building regulations application progressing; solicitors engaged.	Progress planning application; explore community facilities.
Warm Spaces Project	PAVS £3,500 grant; 10 hours/week provision Dec 2025-Apr 2026; volunteer-led; extended beyond original deadline.	Consider continuation funding for 2026-27.
Bryn Road Public Conveniences	Asset transfer from PCC nearing completion; redevelopment scheme	Await Pride in Place Impact Fund panel decision (July 2026); proceed

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	approved in principle March 2026; indicative quotation £186,897.49 obtained; full application submitted to Pride in Place Impact Fund.	to full competitive procurement if grant awarded.

Strengthening Communities

Strengthening communities remained the most extensive area of Council activity during 2025-26, encompassing civic engagement, community assets, cultural events, support for young people and older residents, and infrastructure improvement.

Community Engagement and Participation

The Council secured a £3,000 Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Communities grant from Pembrokeshire County Council in July 2025 to support community events and arts initiatives. A Community Engagement Event was held at City Hall on 27 September 2025, funded by £1,990.56 of the SPF grant. The event featured a community mosaic project involving local schools, the Coffee and Chat/Day Centre, and the Youth Club, alongside community consultation on the City Hall exterior colour scheme ahead of the Streetscape Enhancement painting project. The mosaic panels - three in total, two for the front elevation of City Hall and one for the rear - were subsequently progressed as a permanent community art installation, with PCNPA advising that full planning permission would be required for the front elevation panels. The Council resolved in December 2025 to apply for full planning consent for the installation.

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The Council delivered a further Community Engagement event on 21 March 2026 at City Hall, themed around local businesses ahead of the 2026 season, with face-painting and musical entertainment. A £600 budget was approved from Council funds. The event also served as a platform for gathering community evidence on issues including Glasfryn Road street lighting and support for a City Hall screen and sound system. A Pride in Place Working Group was formally established by Council resolution in February 2026, with membership drawn from several Councillors, to generate project recommendations for submission under the £1.5 million Pembrokeshire Pride in Place funding pot. The Council subsequently chose to pursue the Bryn Road redevelopment directly as its Pride in Place bid, using Danfo's indicative quotation, and the working group has not yet convened.

Community Assets and Infrastructure

Significant progress was made on community assets. City Hall received a full exterior repaint under the Pembrokeshire Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, supported by a £4,999 PLANED grant (total project cost £7,500). The Memorial Playing Field upgrade, funded by an Enhancing Pembrokeshire

grant of £28,936 (total project cost £39,787), delivered new play equipment, safety surfacing, a trim trail, new swing seats, and replacement fencing.

Cultural Events and Community Cohesion

The Council delivered a comprehensive events programme across the year. VE Day 80th Anniversary commemorations comprised a commemorative service at Cross Square, with the service provided by St Davids Cathedral. St David's Day 2026 events included a Civic Dinner, a Cymanfa Ganu, a Council Market, and a Window Decoration Competition. A St David's Day 2026 Pilot Support Fund grant application was submitted to the Welsh Government but was unsuccessful. The Council allocated £1,000 to the National Eisteddfod 2026 Peninsula Appeal and made a £250 donation to Urdd Eisteddfodau, with an Eisteddfod coffee morning held in August 2025 to raise funds for the 2026 National Eisteddfod. The Christmas 2025 programme included a Tree Lighting ceremony on 29 November, a Civic Reception on 5 December, a Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch on 10 December, and Window Decoration Competition. The annual Community Award was enhanced through the introduction of an Outstanding Achievement Award, with nominations collected widely across the City and winners presented at the Civic Reception. The Lesotho Civic Visit was formally endorsed as an official St Davids City Council civic event, with the Council's insurance confirmed.

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Support for Vulnerable Groups

The Council continued to engage young people through the Youth Club and the Council's Youth Drop In Centre Group. City Hall facilities were made available free of charge to Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi's Cyfeillion for the Autumn Disco community event. St Davids Mini Rugby and Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Cyfeillion were among three organisations selected by the Council for PCNPA OYP Car Park fundraising days in summer 2026.

Governance and Council Effectiveness

A One Voice Wales workplace assessment was commissioned at £2,954.25, providing an independent specialist review of the Council's arrangements together with recommendations, with the assessment commencing in April 2026. Working Group Terms of Reference and a standardised Reporting Form were adopted. A newsletter distribution review was resolved following resident concerns about hard-copy availability, with an online survey and hard-copy consultation planned. Councillor contact details on the website were reviewed. The Council formally objected to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru's recommendation to reduce the Council from 12 to 11 Councillors.

Action/Initiative	Progress/Outcomes	Future Plans
Memorial Playing Field Upgrade	Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant (£28,936); play equipment,	Monitor usage and maintenance requirements.

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	surfacing, trim trail, fencing delivered.	
Community Engagement Event March 2026	Held 21 March 2026; business-focused; community evidence gathered on lighting, sound system, other projects.	Use evidence gathered for Pride in Place and LNG fund applications.
St David's Day 2026	Civic Dinner, Cymanfa Ganu, Market, Window Competition; Welsh Govt grant application submitted.	Review learnings; plan 2027 events.
National Eisteddfod 2026	£1,000 donation approved; Siop y Bobol fundraising; coffee morning held; Urdd £250 donation.	Support event delivery; provide venue as required.
Christmas 2025 Programme	Tree Lighting, Civic Reception, Senior Citizens' Lunch.	Continue annual programme; improve award framework.
Community Award & Outstanding Achievement Award	Outstanding Achievement Award introduced (December 2025) to complement the long-standing Community Award; nominations collected; first Outstanding Achievement Award presented Dec 2025.	Embed as annual civic recognition.
Pride in Place Working Group	Working group formally established by Council resolution (February 2026) to pursue Pride in Place funding opportunities; the Council subsequently progressed the Bryn Road redevelopment as its Pride in Place bid using Danfo's indicative quotation, and the working group has not yet convened.	Reconvene working group should further Pride in Place opportunities arise.

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Tackling Climate Change and the Nature Emergency

The Council demonstrated growing ambition and delivery in addressing climate change and biodiversity during 2025-26, culminating in a formal Biodiversity Plan and significant renewable energy commitments.

Renewable Energy

The Council's application to the PCNPA Sustainable Development Fund for solar panel installation at City Hall was approved, with a grant of £17,960 offered towards a total project cost of £22,450. The Council committed to providing the £4,490 match funding, with Electrify Wales awarded the contract. This represents a major step towards decarbonising the Council's operations.

Biodiversity

A Biodiversity Plan in consultation with EcoDewi and Dr Beynon's Bug Farm was approved in principle at the April 2026 meeting. The St Davids Bee Friendly Group was converted into a new, broader Biodiversity Group. Cllrs B Lloyd and MC Gray were appointed as the Council's biodiversity representatives. The Council's Section 6 Compliance Report 2022-2025 was published in December 2025 as required under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. This sits alongside the Council's Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Plan, and the Council's continuing St Davids Bee Friendly status. The Council considered a proposal from EcoDewi and the owner of Maes Glasfryn (the Gray family) for the Council to take on a long-term lease of the site (an approximately 4-acre Town or Village Green) for nature recovery and biodiversity with community access. As the Council is limited in its ability to extend voting rights to non-councillors, the Clerk subsequently suggested a Memorandum of Understanding rather than a council sub-committee to pursue the joint management arrangements. The Council granted provisional approval to explore the proposal, subject to legal advice and further conditions.

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Plastic Free St Davids

St Davids has previously achieved Plastic Free status, with a number of local businesses signed up to the initiative; single-use plastic water bottles have also been phased out at Council premises. The Council intends to revisit this initiative during 2026-27, including a possible invitation to EcoDewi to a future meeting to discuss further steps.

Water Quality

The Council continued to pursue bathing water designation for Porthclais Harbour, which would bring regular water quality monitoring to a popular coastal site. Progress has again been limited this year. The designation process requires a survey of individual bathers - those who fully submerge - conducted across multiple days during peak season, and identifying someone suitably positioned to carry out that monitoring has proved difficult. The Clerk approached the Porthclais Harbour kiosk operatives, but they were unable to assist due to their distance from the waterline. The Council acknowledges that a more proactive approach to volunteer recruitment - for example, through the Biodiversity Group, local diving or swimming clubs, or a targeted appeal via the Council's newsletter

and social media channels - has not yet been pursued, and this will be a priority for the 2026 bathing season. Cllrs FD John and S Minas have been asked to take this forward.

Environmental Advocacy

The Council submitted a formal response to the statutory pre-application consultation on the proposed Deep Space Advanced Radar Capability (DARC) at Cawdor Barracks, Brawdy, with eight Councillors attending the briefing session at the barracks. Environmental impacts and community concerns informed the Council's response.

Action/Initiative	Progress/Outcomes	Future Plans
City Hall Solar Installation	PCNPA SDF grant £17,960 approved; Electrify Wales contracted; match funding £4,490 committed.	Complete installation; monitor energy generation and carbon savings.
Biodiversity Plan	Section 6 Compliance Report published Dec 2025; Biodiversity Plan approved in principle Apr 2026; Bee Friendly Group converted to Biodiversity Group.	Finalise Plan incorporating expert input; implement new Biodiversity Group programme.
Maes Glasfryn Lease	Lease of the 4-acre Town/Village Green offered by the owner (Gray family) and EcoDewi; provisional approval to explore; joint management to be pursued via a Memorandum of Understanding; legal advice commissioned.	Receive legal advice; bring full report to Council before signing.
Porthclais Bathing Water Designation	Long-standing designation aspiration continuing; peak-season survey of individual bathers required; kiosk operatives unable to assist (distance from shore); survey not yet commenced.	Secure volunteers to monitor the harbour for the 2026 bathing-season survey; complete designation application.
DARC Proposal Response	Formal consultation response submitted by 23 March 2026 deadline; eight Councillors attended briefing.	Monitor planning outcome; continue engagement.

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4. Application of the Five Ways of Working

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out five ways of working as the sustainable development principle

Long-term

The 18 High Street redevelopment represents sustained long-term asset investment, the City Hall solar installation provides a permanent contribution to decarbonisation, and the Maes Glasfryn lease proposal and new Biodiversity Plan set out a multi-year framework for nature recovery. The community mosaic art installation and ongoing engagement with the One Voice Wales workplace assessment further position the Council for sustainable, long-term effectiveness.

Prevention

The Peninsula Practice Working Group's advocacy for a social model of health seeks to prevent deterioration in primary care access for a rural population; the Warm Spaces project addressed social isolation before it became entrenched; the Bryn Road redevelopment will prevent the decline of an important public facility; and the DARC consultation response sought to register environmental and community concerns at the earliest opportunity.

Integration

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The Council integrated its objectives with wider strategies by aligning with Hywel Dda Health Board and Welsh Government priorities in primary care, engaging with the PCNPA on grant funding and planning, and participating in the PSB priority framework. The Biodiversity Plan and solar installation align with Wales's national net zero and nature recovery commitments, while the SPF Communities grant integrated UK Government levelling-up funding with local well-being priorities.

Collaboration

The Council worked with EcoDewi and Dr Beynon's Bug Farm to develop its new Biodiversity Plan, bringing specialist ecological knowledge to what would otherwise have been an entirely internal process. Partnership with PAVS enabled the Warm Spaces project to be delivered on a volunteer-led basis, extending its reach beyond what Council resources alone could have sustained. Engagement with Together for Change strengthened the Council's advocacy to Hywel Dda Health Board, resulting in the social model of health paper presented in March 2026. Collaboration with PLANED and PCNPA unlocked grant funding for the City Hall repaint and Memorial Playing Field upgrade respectively, leveraging external investment against Council priorities.

Involvement

The Council involved diverse stakeholders through the Community Engagement events of 27 September 2025 and 21 March 2026; the intergenerational mosaic project; the Warm Spaces programme; youth engagement through the Youth Club and Youth Drop In Centre Group; community

nominations for the Community and new Outstanding Achievement Awards; the newsletter distribution consultation; housing needs monitoring; and Councillors' direct involvement in community representation to the Health Board, Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru and other statutory bodies.

5. Contribution to National Well-being Goals

The table below summarises how the Council's activities during 2025-2026 have contributed to each of the seven national well-being goals for Wales.

Well-being Goal	Council Contribution
A Prosperous Wales	Weekly market supporting local traders; Whitesands trading concessions; business-focused Community Engagement event (March 2026); 18 High Street mixed-use redevelopment; City Hall events programme supporting the local economy and visitor trade; SPF Communities grant directed to local community events.
A Resilient Wales	Biodiversity Plan adopted in principle; Bee Friendly Group converted to Biodiversity Group; Maes Glasfryn nature recovery lease explored; Section 6 Compliance Report published; City Hall solar panels contracted; Porthclais bathing water designation progressed; DARC consultation response submitted.
A Healthier Wales	Peninsula Practice Working Group advocacy; social model of health paper to Health Board; Shalom House retention advocacy following closure; Warm Spaces project (Dec 2025-Apr 2026); Age Friendly Communities event with the Older People's Commissioner; Coffee and Chat sessions; Porthclais bathing water quality initiative. This sits alongside the Council's tree and bulb planting; outdoor fitness equipment and the skate park at the Waunfawr Playing Field, encouraging physical activity and getting children outdoors.
A More Equal Wales	Bryn Road redevelopment including a Changing Places facility; Warm Spaces for vulnerable residents; accessible City Hall; Glasfryn affordable housing monitoring; support for isolated elderly residents; free City Hall use for Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Cyfeillion; and other community groups, including the Brownies and YFC; SPF grant enabling the St Davids Summer Carnival to proceed without cost to the organising committee.
A Wales of Cohesive Communities	Comprehensive events programme (Christmas, St David's Day); St Davids Summer Carnival 2025 supported via SPF Communities grant; September 2025 Community Engagement Event including the intergenerational mosaic project with local schools, the Coffee and Chat/Day Centre and the Youth Club; Community Engagement event March 2026; Pride in Place Working

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Well-being Goal	Council Contribution
	Group; Community Award and Outstanding Achievement Award; Senior Citizens' support; Youth Club engagement; Warm Spaces community hub; annual grants to chapels, cemetery, RBL, RAFA; funds raised by the Council donated to the St Davids Scout Hut (Ty Pawb).
A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language	St David's Day Civic Dinner, Cymanfa Ganu, Market and Window Competition; £250 Urdd donation; £1,000 National Eisteddfod 2026 donation; Eisteddfod coffee morning fundraiser; Welsh Govt St David's Day grant application; Lesotho Civic Visit; Christmas and VE Day 80th commemorations; community mosaic art project at City Hall involving local schools and Youth Club.
A Globally Responsible Wales	City Hall solar installation; biodiversity commitment including Maes Glasfryn; Porthclais bathing water quality; sustainable trading requirements at Whitesands; St Davids-Matsieng Lesotho Link international partnership.

6. Financial Summary 2025-26

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The Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 were approved at the Annual Meeting on 18 May 2026 and are currently subject to external audit by Audit Wales. The unaudited accounts will be published on the Council's website following completion of the audit. Key financial headlines for 2025-26 were: total income £373,036 (2024-25: £308,479); total expenditure £384,173 (2024-25: £291,919); closing general reserves £119,989 (2024-25: £131,127); and precept £60,000.

The Council's general reserves of £119,989 represent approximately four months of budgeted gross expenditure for 2026-27, just within the minimum recommended range. Following a detailed Finance Committee review, the Council resolved at its Extraordinary Meeting on 19 January 2026 to increase the precept to £108,000 for 2026-27, carried by 6 votes to 5, to protect the Council's reserve position and ensure financial sustainability in the face of rising costs and the substantial capital expenditure planned on the 18 High Street development.

7. Challenges and Priorities for the Coming Year

Challenges Faced

The Council faced several significant challenges during the reporting period: healthcare continuity following the complexity of Peninsula primary care and the closure of the Shalom House hospice; affordable housing pressures around the Glasfryn allocation policy and the 18 High Street development; the electoral boundary review recommending a reduction from 12 to 11 Councillors (effective May 2027); the legal, financial and planning complexity of the Caretaker House and Bryn

Road redevelopments; and financial pressures from rising costs and declining Whitesands receipts that necessitated the precept increase to £108,000.

Priorities for 2026-2027

The Council's priorities for the coming year include: completing the City Hall solar installation; developing the adopted Biodiversity Plan and the new Biodiversity Group's programme; progressing the 18 High Street development; progressing the Bryn Road redevelopment subject to the Pride in Place Impact Fund decision and, if funded, commencing full competitive procurement; advancing the Maes Glasfryn lease subject to legal advice; supporting delivery of the National Eisteddfod 2026; continuing to develop the social model of health with the Health Board and 'Together for Change'; and strengthening youth engagement.

8. Conclusion

The review of St Davids City Council's activities during 2025-26 demonstrates continued and strengthening alignment with all three priority areas of the Pembrokeshire PSB Well-being Plan 2023-2028.

In reducing poverty and inequalities, the Council's engagement with the Peninsula Practice Working Group, its advocacy for the retention of Shalom House following its closure, and the social model of health paper presented to the Health Board represent meaningful steps towards equitable access to health and care services, while the Warm Spaces project directly addressed isolated and vulnerable residents through the winter and spring.

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In strengthening communities - the Council's most extensive area of activity - the £3,000 SPF Communities grant supported both the St Davids Summer Carnival and the September 2025 Community Engagement Event, and the March 2026 event, the new awards, the Memorial Playing Field upgrade, the City Hall repaint and the wider events programme all built social capital and civic pride.

In tackling climate change and the nature emergency, the approval of solar panels at City Hall and the adoption in principle of a Biodiversity Plan - including conversion of the Bee Friendly Group into a broader Biodiversity Group - mark a step-change, reinforced by the Maes Glasfryn nature recovery proposal and ongoing Porthclais bathing water work. The Council's partnership working continues to amplify its impact well beyond its own resources.

9. Approval and Publication

This report was first presented to council at its meeting on 6 July when it was resolved to be enhanced with additional context information - and is to be approved by St Davids City Council at its meeting on 7 September 2026. Following approval, it will be published on the Council's website in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.