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Wrexham University

Financial Statements

2024/2025

Transparency Statement
A Year in Review

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Wrexham University

Vision and Strategy to 2030

In 2024–25, Wrexham University entered a new chapter with the formal launch of our Vision and Strategy to 2030, marking a bold evolution from the successes of our 2025 strategy. The mission as defined in our 2025 strategy was “to inspire and enable through higher education, research and engagement; working together with our students, staff and partners”

Our 2030 strategy builds on this work by embracing a renewed ambition to be a world-leading modern civic university, regionally and globally engaged, delivering skills and impactful research which drive economic growth and innovation for the well-being of current and future generations – all underpinned by our core values, themes and threads.

Core Values

Excellence

Inclusion

Collaboration

Transformation

Sustainability

[VALUES VIDEO](#) view for further details

Strategic Themes

Student Experience & Opportunities

People, Place & Partnerships

Research & Enterprise

Core Threads

Acting in a Sustainable Way

Maximising Opportunities

Promoting Welsh Language, Culture & Heritage

Sustainability

Financial Sustainability Continues

The University has maintained a positive financial position by generating positive EBITDAs (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) over the last 4 years. The financial strategy for WU promotes the diversification of income streams from a breadth of educational offerings – through online, home and international tuition along with collaborations both at home and in the UK. The University currently does not have any borrowings.

Reconciliation from Total Comprehensive Income for the Year to Net Operating Surplus	Year Ending 31 st July 2025 (£'000)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	(515)
Deduct actuarial gain in respect of pension schemes	(177)
Equals Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(692)
Add back loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,074
Add back taxation	44
Equals Net Surplus including pensions adjustments	426
Add back LGPS (pension) current service cost adjustment*	434
Deduct gain on LGPS (pension) interest adjustment*	(257)
Equals Net Operating Surplus	603

Environment, Social and Corporate Governance

The University is committed to demonstrating best practise in environmental and sustainable excellence which has been delivered through its Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2021-2025. This Strategy has helped strengthen and drive forward a range of activities and interventions by creating a stronger culture and ethos through staff, student & community engagement. A number of key outcomes were achieved, examples are:

- Carbon emissions from energy used reduced by 10% year on year
- 54% of waste was successfully recycled, surpassing the target of 50%
- Since September 2022 100% of waste has been diverted from landfill
- £110k has been invested in a series of boiler refurbishments plus programme of works to retro fit LED lighting & PIR motion sensors

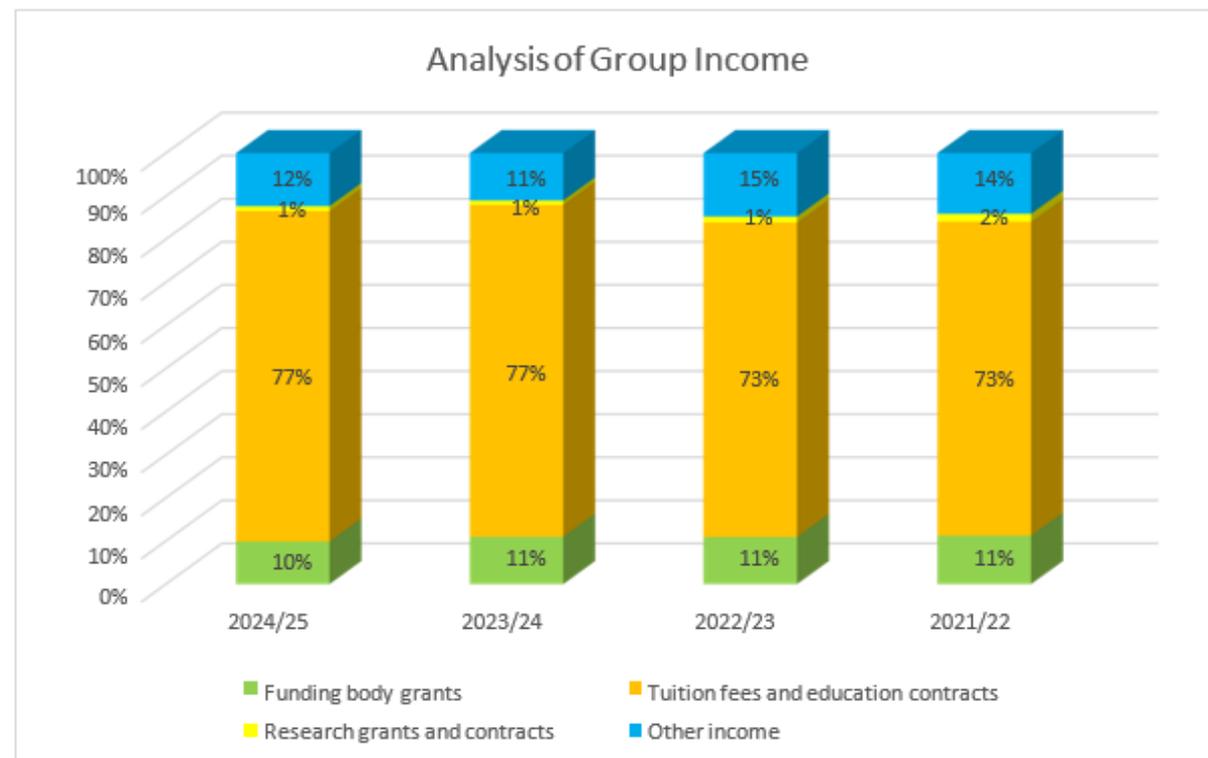


Information to show how we are funded and where we invest our income

Where our money comes from

Total group income reduced in 2024/25 to £60.1m (2023/24 £62.2m). This was mainly in tuition fee income – a significant drop in international tuition fees was offset by an increase in HEIW funding with the 3rd cohort of pre-registration students studying nursing and allied health subjects.

Funding body grants through Medr reduced due to one-off grants for specific purposes. Research income remains a low percentage of overall income but has increased to £697k in 2024/25 (2023/24 £385k).



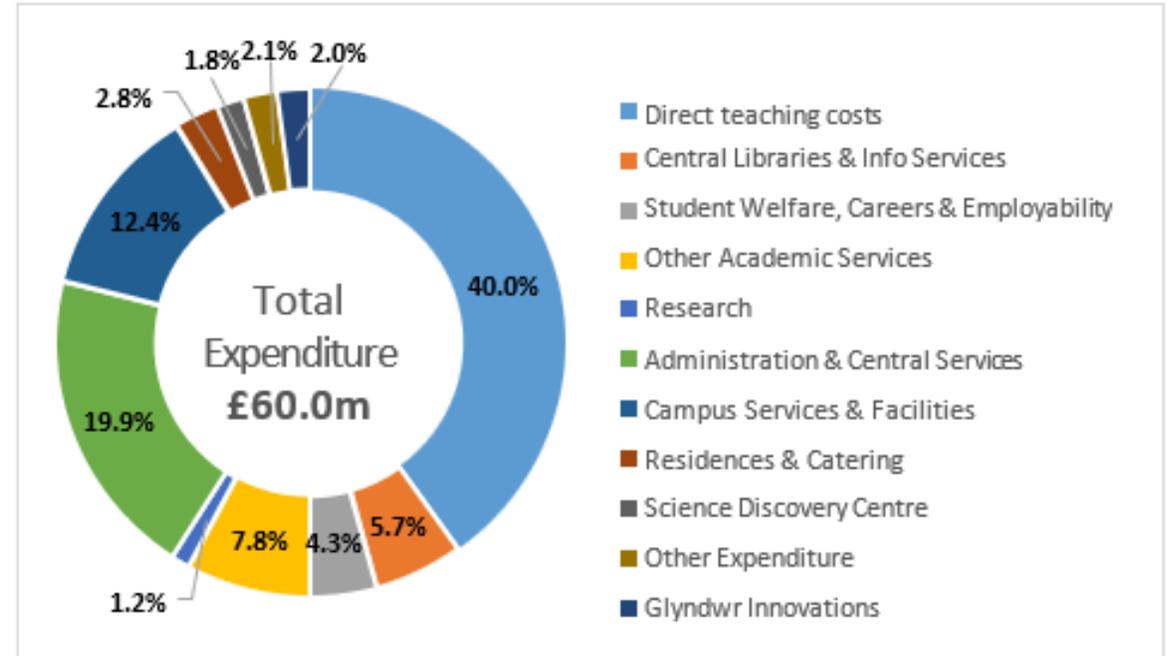
Where our money is spent

For the 24/25 financial year, how the University spent £60.0m of its income is detailed below:

Expenditure has reduced by £1.3m since 2023/24. The majority (40%) is spent on direct teaching costs (40.3% in 2023/24), and the next largest proportion is spent on Administration and Central Services 19.9% (17.3% in 2023/24).

Wrexham Students' Union: The University contributed £515,000 as a block grant during the year to help support the running of the Students' Union.

One-off additional costs for 2024/25: The University aims to only spend at levels which are within the income it has generated during the year and there were no abnormal one-off items to report other than the loss incurred on the disposal of the Engineering Block.

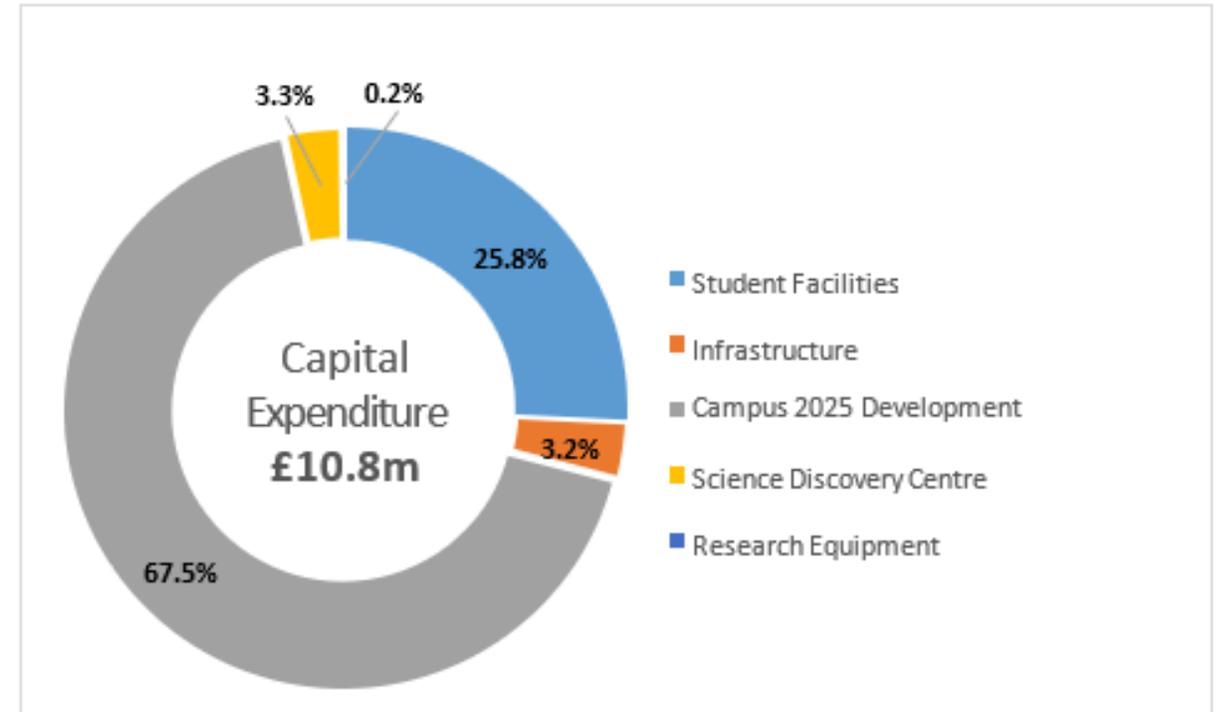


Investment in our campuses and estates

During the 24/25 financial year, the University invested £10.8m into Infrastructure, Student Facilities, the Science Discovery Centre and it's Campus 25 Developments.

Capital expenditure has increased by £2.7m since the prior year – this is primarily due to the ramping up of the EEOC works (completion of CanfodAu at Plas Coch) and construction of a new purpose-built building containing state-of-the-art technical facilities to supplement the Healthcare Simulation Centre and improvements to teaching and learning spaces which is due to be completed in Spring/Summer 2026.

The University has continued with its Campus 2025 plans and during the year the Medr capital grant was used to fund continuing development of the Science and Engineering Quarter. The University was successful in receiving approval from Ambition North Wales for a grant of £1.5m in relation to the next phase of engineering plans “Society 5.0”. Equipment is to be procured by end of March 2026 .



Investment in Digital and IT infrastructure

One of the key deliverables for efficiencies and effectiveness is to ensure that our investment in IT infrastructure is exploited efficiently and effectively. The University continued to implement IT-related projects, including the upgrade of the SAN Server and Wi-Fi improvements. As part of the Minor Capital Expenditure Programme £0.235m was spent on various projects including enhancements made to Library General Teaching Labs & Workstations including replacing numerous computers. A self-service laptop loan system has been implemented for students to access in Plas Coch plus the teaching space AV has been upgraded in our Northop Campus all for the improvement of the student experience.

During 25/26 there will be added impetus in Digital Transformation projects including the Data Warehouse and the Student Accounting Module amongst others.

Academic & Digital Skills



IT / Tech Zone



Investment in Research

The successful QER has strengthened the University's progress towards Research Degree Awarding Powers (RDAPs). Final outcomes to our application are expected in 2026.

During the reporting year, the University was announced as a partner in a new UK-wide Centre for People's Justice, which aims to bring law and social justice research together to support fairer, stronger and more inclusive societies. We also strengthened our partnership with Wrexham AFC, becoming the exclusive research partner of the Wrexham AFC Foundation to undertake research into how football positively contributes to the health and wellbeing of children and young people, as well as how it can be used as a driver for social change within communities. Our Enterprise, Engineering, and Optics Centre - CanfodAu has further strengthened our research and innovation work around lightweight material manufacturing, renewable energy, and industrial research aligned to our local and regional economy.

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The University continues to showcase its work both internally and externally through attending the Public Lectures and we are setting up presence at the monthly Research drop-in sessions at the University. We continue to develop the communication of our work digitally, through social media pages, website and a series of podcasts to share our collaborative and innovative work across the UK and wider.



Investment in The Community – Civic Mission Strategy

Our Civic Mission work has grown over the past 12 months with a focus on achieving the Wrexham University Vision and strategy 2030 to become a world leading modern civic university. Our collective, co-created Civic Mission to tackle social inequality, has been developed alongside, and in collaboration with partners, individuals and communities from across the region. Our Civic Mission is grounded in data, insight, research and engagement to tackle the challenges that matter most in our society. Crucially, our approach centres around being flexible and agile, to ensure that we can best respond to the challenges facing our communities and partners, such as the cost-of-living crisis, and addressing child poverty, and the climate emergency, to deliver impactful and wide-reaching place-based change alongside the communities we serve. Examples we have been involved in, led and enabled includes:

- * Building on the North Wales Children's University, with 4 graduation ceremonies across the region, we have piloted TCM (Tomorrow's Changemaker's) an innovative approach to project-based learning with Year 8 pupils in 2 Welsh medium Secondary schools.
- * Young people across our North Wales Communities were invited to our annual 'Bob Talks' event on the theme, Belonging. This is a Ted-X Style filming day where changemakers heard young people's public narratives.
- * Continuing to develop the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), a partnership of people and organisations developing and delivering innovative projects across the region. The NWIP has been included in an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) global case study and has been the catalyst for a number of innovative community-focused projects.



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Our Students

Wrexham University promotes and enables social inclusion and lifelong learning.

We are proud of our commitment to and support of diversity and welcome students from around the UK and from across the world to learn with us in an environment that is widely recognised for its friendliness and commitment to quality.

In 2024-25 we achieved the following recognition:

- * Ranked 1st in Wales for a second year running, and 3rd in the UK for Student Satisfaction (Complete University Guide for 2026)

- * Ranked 3rd in Wales for Assessment & Feedback (National Student Survey Data, 2025)

- * Ranked 1st in England and Wales for Social Inclusion (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide)



Graduations

Wrexham University's class of 2025 celebrated their academic successes during the University's autumn graduation ceremonies which saw more than 1,300 students proudly step onto the stage of the William Aston Hall to be presented with their awards. Throughout the week, graduates shared their personal triumphs and biggest achievements, while studying at Wrexham, including Connor Townley, Applied Art graduate, who had the privilege of presenting his work to University Chancellor, Colin Jackson CBE before his ceremony.



Effective Support Services

The University is committed to attracting, developing, engaging and retaining the best staff. Through implementation of our People Strategy, we endeavour to provide staff with relevant opportunities to continuously develop their personal and professional skills to enable them to make a positive contribution to the University's vision and strategic objectives. Academic staff contribute to both teaching and research/scholarly activity to develop their professional practice. Staff also collaborate with academics in other universities within the UK and internationally.

Staff enable the realisation of our Vision and Strategy and again made huge contributions this year. The university engages with staff through a range of mechanisms including regular Q&A's and forums with the Executive Team, staff representative bodies, conferences and workshops. A variety of staff development opportunities are offered every year, at university-wide or local department level as well as externally.

We continue to make significant strides in our engagement with Welsh language, culture and heritage. The number of staff enrolled on Welsh in the Workplace modules has increased, and there is excellent participation in Coffi a Chlonc (coffee and conversation) sessions across all our campuses.



We are inclusive

We are flexible

We are committed