

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**Council's Revenue Budget Monitoring Report**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

That the Board receives the Budget Monitoring report and considers the budgetary position.

That Chief officers and Heads of Service critically review their budgetary positions and implement appropriate actions to deliver their services within their allocated budgets.

**Reasons:**

To provide the Executive Board with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, in respect of 2015/2016.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: NA

Exec Board Decision Required	YES
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Council Decision Required	NO
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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**28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**Council's Revenue Budget Monitoring Report**

The revenue budget monitoring exercise for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 is attached and indicates that;

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an end of year overspend of £690k on the Authority's net revenue budget with an overspend at departmental level of £2,200k.

**Chief Executive's Department**

The Chief Executive Department is showing a projected overspend at year end of £619k. Corporate Savings proposals of £400k on Standby Costs and £100k on Health & Safety provision have not yet been implemented and there has been slippage of £37k on the printer rationalisation programme. The Translation Unit is projecting an overspend of £40k due to an increase in demand for the service and Fitness for Work a projected overspend of £53k due to an inability to meet their budgeted income target. The Regeneration Business Unit is also anticipating an overspend of £34k due to a previous year efficiency to sell the property at Nant y Ci which remains unsold. These overspends are offset by vacant posts within Economic Development of £52k and an overachievement of income within Land Charges of £17k.

**Department for Education and Children**

The Education & Children's Services Department is forecasting an overspend of £602k for the year.

The main adverse budget variations relate to school based EVR and redundancy costs (+£631k); Residential and Respite Units (+£348k); EOTAS (Education other than at School) (+£252k); Adult & community learning (+£176k); Youth Service (+£75k); Out of Hours Service (+£64k); Educational Psychology (£43k); Legal fees in respect of care proceedings (£33k) and FACT & Family Aide Services (£24k).

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: Staff vacancies, secondments and maximising use of grant funding (-£713k); Out of County Care Placements (-£132k); Payments to private early years providers (-£98k); Fostering services & support (-£62k); Children's Services management & support (-£37k).

**Resources**

The Resources Department is anticipating an underspend at year end of £52k due mainly to a reduction in the cost of annual subscriptions.

## **Department for Communities**

The Department for Communities is forecasting an over spend of £ 679k for the year.

The Older People / Physical Disabilities Division has an over spend on Direct Payments £58k for additional placements/packages due to increased demand and £458k non achievement of efficiency savings re Older People Day Centres offset by an underspend of -£200k in Residential Homes due to early closure of Glanmarlais, -£30k Physical Disability Group Homes / Supported Living and -£28k Physical Disability Community Support.

The Learning Disability / Mental Health Division has an overspend on residential and supported living placements of £148k due to a slower than anticipated reduction required to meet efficiency savings which is currently being addressed. There is an overspend on additional packages for Direct Payments £232k and a Community Support overspend of £201k.

The Departmental overspend is reduced by savings of -£161k due to staff vacancies.

The Housing services and Public Protection Division is forecasting a nil budget variance overall.

The Leisure Services Division is forecasting a nil budget variance overall.

## **Environment**

The department is showing an anticipated overspend of £352k at year end.

The Transport division is showing a net overspend of £105k for the year. Civil design is showing an overspend of £50k due to under recovery of income as a result of a vacant post, Car Parks an overspend of £117k due to a delay in implementing the increased charges that were included in the efficiency proposals and Park and Ride is overspent by £42k. These are partly offset by a £70k underspend in School Crossing Patrols as a result of a number of vacant posts and various sections are showing smaller underspends due to service efficiencies.

The Property Services division has an overall anticipated overspend of £222k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £393k overspent due to not achieving their income target due to a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. This is offset by a £187k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

The Streetscene division is expecting to break even at year end.

The Policy & Development division is anticipating a £52k overspend mainly due a £36k severance efficiency not being delivered as well as a £9k overspend on out of hours allowances.

The Planning Division anticipates an underspend of £27k despite a projected overspend of £153k on Development Management due to non achievement of planning fee income. This overspend is offset by a £121k saving on vacant posts within the division as well as 2 members of staff being charged out to an externally funded scheme (£47k).

## **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

The HRA is forecasting an underspend of -£487k to the year end for 2015/16. £201k of this is within Supervision and Management - employee related vacancies -£126k ,staff related

travelling -£14k ,supplies & services costs of -£31k (postages/telephones etc.) and premises related costs -£30k (energy charges).

Improvement in delivering savings on void turnaround times etc. will save £280k.

**A list of the main variances is attached to this report**

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**YES**

## IMPLICATIONS

**I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :**

**Signed: Chris Moore**

**Director of Corporate Services**

Policy, Crime  
& Disorder  
and  
Equalities

**NONE**

Legal

**NONE**

Finance

**YES**

ICT

**NONE**

Risk  
Management  
Issues

**NONE**

Staffing  
Implications

**NONE**

Physical  
Assets

**NONE**

### **1. Finance**

#### Council Fund

Overall, the Authority is forecasting an overspend of £690k.

#### HRA

The HRA is forecasting that it will be £487k under its approved budget.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Chris Moore

Director of Corporate Services

1. Scrutiny Committee – Not applicable

2. Local Member(s) – Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council – Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners – Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Not applicable

## Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
2015/16 Budget		Resources Department, County Hall, Carmarthen