

# POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015

## Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

### To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the scrutiny committee receives the Authority's Corporate Budget Monitoring Report and the Chief Executive's and Corporate Services departmental reports and considers the budgetary position.

### Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 30th June 2015, in respect of the 2015/16 financial year.

**To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO**

### Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)
- Cllr. Mair Stephens (Human Resources, Efficiencies & Collaboration)
- Cllr. Pam Palmer (Communities)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

The monitoring exercise for the period to the 30th June 2015 is attached and indicates that:

### Revenue Budgets

#### Corporate Revenue Budget (Appendix A)

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.

**Department for Education & Children** – The 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 underspends 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).

**Department for Communities** – The Department is forecasting an overspend of £ 679k for the year.

The Older People / Physical Disabilities Division has an overspend 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 & Public Protection Division is forecasting a nil budget variance overall.

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

**Environment Department** – The department is showing an anticipated overspend of £352k at year end.

The Transport & Engineering 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 Street-Scene 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).

### Chief Executive's and Corporate Services Revenue Budget (Appendix B)

The Chief Executive's 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.

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

### Capital Budgets

#### Corporate Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/16 (Appendix C)

Approved Budget for 2015/16 is £52.563m compared to a projected total expenditure of £48.326m, which gives a variance on the approved budget of -£4.237m (underspend).

#### Chief Executive and Corporate Services Capital Programme Monitoring (Appendix D)

There are no variances to report.

*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	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

**3. Finance**

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

Capital – The reported under spend of £4.237m will be incorporated into future years of the Capital Programme.

## 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. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

**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