

EXECUTIVE BOARD
23RD OCTOBER 2017

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 30th June 2017, in respect of 2017/2018.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: NA

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. David Jenkins

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Council's Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

The revenue budget monitoring reports for the period to 30th June 2017 and indicates that:

COUNCIL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT(Appendix A)

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an end of year overspend of £2,289k on the Authority's net revenue budget with an overspend at departmental level of £3,198k.

Chief Executive's Department

The Chief Executive Department is anticipating an overspend of £555k for the year.

In relation to the application of Standby and training, proposed savings have yet to be fully achieved £505k. Work is ongoing with the TIC teams in relation to delivering the full efficiencies identified.

The Regeneration, Policy and Property Division is anticipating an overspend of £144k at year end. This is down to an unfunded post and an unachievable income target within the policy section

The Admin & Law division is showing an £81k underspend as a result of vacant posts of £92k. This is offset by a shortfall in meeting the income target in Land Charges as fees are set nationally and not increased with inflation

The People Management & Performance Division is expected to break even.

Department for Communities

The Department for Communities is forecasting an overspend of £950k for the year.

Services supporting Older People are projecting an overspend of £334k; £200k on Residential Care and £133k on Domiciliary Care.

Learning Disabilities is projecting £627k overspend; £255k on Residential Care, £200k on Supported Living / Group Homes and £172k on Day Services.

Support Services are anticipating an underspend of £10k; Leisure Services are expecting to break even and Housing & Public Protection Services are also predicting a nil variance.

Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Department is projecting a £208k underspend for the year. This is as a result of staff vacancies of £163, a £60k reduction in grant audit fees and a £11k bank charges saving. This is offset by an anticipated £23k charge for costs relating to sales of assets.

Department for Education and Children

The Department for Education and Children is forecasting a net overspend of £1,389k at year end.

The main adverse budget variations relate to: new school based EVR and redundancy costs £217k; additional Special Educational Needs statements £268k; School Modernisation property decommissioning and cost of sales £314k (which includes £256k NNDR); Special Guardianship Orders to keep children with their families and Boarded Out Allowances £220k, rurality impact on Fostering staff and client travel £43k; increased number of cases entering the Legal system £298k; Out of County residential care placements £204k; and a shortfall in the Music Service SLA income from schools £203k.

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: staff vacancies and secondments -£424k

Environment

The department is anticipating an overspend of £513k for the year.

The Highways and Transport division is projecting a £212k overspend. This is due to a £263k overspend in car parks as a result of the non achievement of income targets and a £36k overspend on school transport following an initial assessment of demand. This is offset by underspends in Passenger transport of £36k due to tender efficiencies and a £72k underspend in Public rights of way due to vacant posts.

The Property Division anticipates an overall underspend of £76k. This is due to vacant posts (£38k) and currently high occupancy levels within industrial premises resulting in additional income.

The Waste and Environmental Services are expecting to break even overall.

The Business Support & Performance division are also expecting to break even.

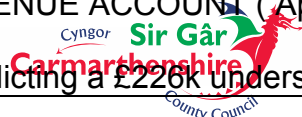
The Planning Division is anticipating a £376k overspend. This is due to a decrease in planning applications and the resultant loss of income (£442k) which is being offset by vacant post in the division of £67k

Capital Charges

Reduced borrowing/interest savings

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (Appendix B)

The HRA is predicting a £226k underspend to the year end



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Repairs and maintenance is £10k over budget due to the responsive maintenance element of the budget.

Supervision and Management costs are forecasted to be underspent by £8k primarily due to travelling expenses -£13k and reduction in spend on supplies and services -£15k offset by increased staffing costs £18k on warden services and premises costs £2k.

Predicted increased costs on central recharges will result in £13k overspend on the budget.

Reduction in the provision required for debt write-offs , based on arrears levels and age debt analysis to year end of -£231k

Rental income/service charges/other income is forecasted to be -£10k higher due primarily to a small variation in void predictions.

Lists of the main variances are attached to this report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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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

1. Finance

Council Fund

Overall, the Authority is forecasting an overspend of £2,289k.

HRA

The HRA is forecasting that it will be £226k 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
2017/18 Budget		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen