

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE BOARD 20th JANUARY 2020

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2019/20

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Forecasted for year to 31st March 2020

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 19 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Aug 19 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
Chief Executive	30,974	-13,396	-2,097	15,480	30,788	-13,229	-2,097	15,462	-18	288
Communities	148,903	-61,379	10,785	98,309	148,952	-60,445	10,784	99,291	982	811
Corporate Services	78,627	-51,091	-1,216	26,320	81,364	-54,513	-1,216	25,634	-686	-579
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	170,023	-29,757	26,106	166,372	176,274	-31,925	26,106	170,454	4,082	4,060
Environment	122,857	-79,402	11,898	55,353	134,265	-90,135	11,898	56,028	675	980
Departmental Expenditure	551,383	-235,024	45,475	361,834	571,643	-250,248	45,474	366,870	5,035	5,560
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-20,497				-21,697	-1,200	-750
Levies and Contributions:										
Brecon Beacons National Park				138				138	0	0
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				9,838				9,838	0	0
Net Expenditure				351,313				355,149	3,835	4,810
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				9	9	-288
- Corporate Services				0				343	343	290
- Environment				0				-675	-675	-980
Net Budget				351,313				354,824	3,512	3,831

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Chief Executive	495	0	-739	-244	830	-1	-739	90	334	330
People Management	4,337	-1,419	-2,457	461	5,247	-2,349	-2,457	441	-20	12
ICT & Corporate Policy	5,620	-941	-4,709	-30	5,439	-885	-4,709	-155	-125	-145
Admin and Law	4,170	-804	735	4,101	4,101	-773	735	4,063	-37	44
Marketing & Media	2,853	-863	-1,498	493	2,591	-580	-1,498	513	21	30
Statutory Services	1,269	-295	341	1,315	1,341	-489	341	1,193	-123	-158
Regeneration & Property	12,229	-9,074	6,230	9,384	11,240	-8,154	6,230	9,316	-68	175
GRAND TOTAL	30,974	-13,396	-2,097	15,480	30,788	-13,229	-2,097	15,462	-18	288

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Chief Executive							
Corporate Savings Target	-339	0	0	0	339	£290k Corporate Health & Safety efficiency proposal not yet implemented; £49k standby efficiency less than originally proposed.	339
People Management							
Business & Projects Support	268	0	252	0	-16	Savings on supplies & Services	-16
ICT & Corporate Policy							
Information Technology	4,581	-864	4,488	-800	-28	A few posts temporarily vacant during year	0
Welsh Language	180	-10	140	-10	-40	Vacant Post pending team review	-41
Chief Executive-Policy	829	-67	743	-30	-49	Part year vacant posts pending section review	-99
Admin and Law							
Democratic Services	1,836	-256	1,764	-289	-104	Members time recharged to HRA greater than budgeted (£33k), savings on members allowances (£46k), savings on supplies & services inc printing and telephones (£25k)	-8
Land Charges	151	-294	114	-239	18	Reduction in income due to housing market fluctuations	18
Legal Services	1,637	-254	1,653	-234	36	Additional responsibility allowance and re-grading not budgeted for	36
Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	594	-368	469	-122	120	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (eg. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements.	118
Translation	522	-35	491	-39	-35	Part year vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-57
Customer Services Centres	1,104	-336	1,062	-336	-42	Part year vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-31
Marketing Tourism Development	343	-1	319	-2	-25	Part year vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-5
Statutory Services							
Registration Of Electors	163	-2	172	-31	-20	In year contribution from the Cabinet Office towards individual electoral registration costs (£31k)	0
Registrars	418	-293	542	-457	-40	Recent increase in statutory fees, some of the additional income to be utilised to complete certain digitisation projects.	-95
Coroners	401	0	376	0	-25	Lower demand on service in year	-24
Electoral Services - Staff	279	0	242	0	-37	A few posts temporarily vacant during year. Not yet filled	-40

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Regeneration & Property							
Property	1,176	-42	1,127	-40	-47	Post vacant during year. Due to be filled.	-0
Commercial Properties	31	-521	44	-681	-147	High Occupancy Levels resulting in additional income	-79
Provision Markets	566	-638	569	-579	61	Reduction in Lettings income due to market forces impacting rates achievable.	49
Net Zero Carbon Local Authority	0	0	27	0	27	Costs associated with the authority's commitment to reduce carbon in the forthcoming years	90
Administrative Buildings	2,740	-764	2,731	-729	27	Proposed rental income efficiency of £50k for Ty'r Nant is no longer achievable as building is in the process of being sold. This is partially offset by various small savings on supplies and services.	50
Industrial Premises	529	-1,567	462	-1,610	-110	High Occupancy Levels resulting in additional income	-57
Livestock Markets	58	-205	19	-17	149	Anticipated shortfall in income collected at Nant Y Ci Mart	157
Other					-30		-17
Grand Total					-18		288

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Adult Services										
Older People	57,654	-24,194	2,658	36,117	58,066	-23,822	2,657	36,901	784	675
Physical Disabilities	7,887	-1,751	204	6,340	8,522	-2,266	204	6,460	120	52
Learning Disabilities	38,850	-9,541	1,294	30,603	38,336	-9,002	1,294	30,628	25	39
Mental Health	9,513	-3,803	237	5,947	9,185	-3,443	237	5,979	32	37
Support	6,996	-4,865	1,002	3,133	7,019	-4,862	1,002	3,158	26	12
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,170	-974	588	2,784	3,036	-847	588	2,777	-7	-70
Council Fund Housing	9,098	-7,964	243	1,377	9,342	-8,205	243	1,380	4	64
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	15,735	-8,286	4,559	12,008	15,446	-7,998	4,559	12,008	-0	0
GRAND TOTAL	148,903	-61,379	10,785	98,309	148,952	-60,445	10,784	99,291	982	811

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - LA Homes	7,620	-4,830	7,834	-4,816	228	Additional cost due to higher dependency levels/increased occupancy rates/use of agency staff to meet statutory duty. Review currently being undertaken in relation to Residential Care future staffing levels	208
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	22,699	-13,064	23,038	-13,190	213	Performance data shows increased demographic pressure on demand in line with national information that shows a year on year increase in Older People of 3.4%pa. Preventative work continues to be reviewed to mitigate the effects of this.	179
Older People - Extra Care	759	0	825	0	65	Cwm Aur contract - savings proposals in previous years only partially delivered	61
Older People - LA Home Care	7,236	0	7,331	0	95	Efficiency issues around sickness rates/hours delivered impacting on additional spend. Balance between continuity of care and increased efficiency being worked on	6
Older People - Private Home Care	8,338	-2,473	8,338	-2,331	142	There has been a significant increase in demand for domiciliary care that has only been partly offset by a fall in residential care placements. There is significant departmental work to monitor and manage demand by audit assessment practice and by continuing to promote independent living through Integrated Care Fund initiatives such as Releasing Time to Care resulting in lower demand eg for double handed care packages. We are currently reviewing whether this initiative requires additional resources to yield the necessary financial savings	245
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Commissioning & OT Services	613	-108	525	-88	-68	Vacancies within the Occupational Therapy Team: 1FTE Senior Practitioner; 1.5FTE Occupational Therapy Assistant; 1FTE Occupational Therapist offset by payments for Rotational Occupational Therapy from Hywel Dda	-61
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	2,685	-566	2,835	-566	150	Increase in take up of DP related to right of service user to request as alternative to regulated provision	147
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,305	-203	1,298	-124	72	Overspend on staffing in Coleshill Day Centre £30k due to complexity of clients. Proposal 'Collaboration with social enterprise for craft / Reprovision of a day centre / transport' is likely to be deliver full year savings in 2020-2021	136

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Learn Dis - Direct Payments	3,548	-537	3,604	-537	56	Increase in take up of DP related to right of service user to request as alternative to regulated provision	40
Other Variances - Adult Services					31		-144
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Business Support unit	149	0	128	0	-22	Underspend due to vacant post -part year	-20
Public Health	276	-14	263	-14	-13	Underspend due to maternity leave	-24
Air Pollution	124	-35	94	-18	-13	Underspend due to vacant post -part year	-3
Animal Welfare	80	-82	64	-51	14	Underachievement of licences income	10
Dog Wardens	96	-28	114	-9	36	Underachievement of fees income and overspend on private sector contracted services	15
Licensing	341	-324	339	-339	-17	Overachievement of income target	-23
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	481	-38	443	-38	-38	Underspend due to two vacant post - part year	-27
Fair Trading	143	-64	137	-3	55	Underachievement of fees income	12
Other Public Protection	1,479	-390	1,454	-375	-10		-10
Other Variances - Public Protection					0		0
Council Fund Housing							
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	104	-45	80	-45	-24	underspends on supplies and services	-6
Social Lettings Agency	782	-786	686	-672	19	underachievement of income on housing benefits	0
Other Council Fund Housing	8,212	-7,134	8,576	-7,489	9		70
Other Variances - Council Fund Housing					0		0

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Leisure & Recreation							
Millenium Coastal Park	221	-105	226	-137	-27	One off Compensation income from Welsh Water	-23
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	500	-333	423	-299	-43	Forecast reduction in Instructor hours to budget based on confirmed bookings	5
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,567	-1,606	1,556	-1,538	57	Forecasting lower sales volumes in income to budget	38
St Clears Leisure Centre	141	-41	155	-43	12	Design fee costs to support Capital funding bid not budgetted	-3
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	846	-707	831	-745	-52	Forecasting higher sales volumes in income to budget	-55
Sport & Leisure General	877	-58	884	-51	14	Free swim grant only approved for 6 months £14k	14
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	229	0	275	0	45	Operational staffing and Agency costs linked to long term sickness and implementation of restructure. This variance is likely to reduce once fully implemented	16
Llyn Lech Owain Country Park	85	-33	84	-52	-22	Forecasting higher income to budget due to sale of wood from planned Tree Felling	-20
Museums General	175	0	193	0	18	Unable to achieve vacancy factor	24
Arts General	39	0	5	0	-34	Vacant post being held pending Service review	-35
St Clears Craft Centre	151	-88	143	-56	24	Forecast shortfall in income to budget in this newly established in-house catering facility	16
Laugharne Boathouse	147	-109	168	-116	15	Forecast overspend in casual Customer Service Assistant posts	11
Oriel Myrddin CCC	108	0	118	0	10	Backdated NNDR costs £6k and Internal Design fees £4k supporting ACW grant bid	0
Leisure Management	400	0	360	0	-40	Vacant posts being held pending Service review	-29
Other Variance - Leisure & Recreation					22		42
Grand Total					982		811

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Financial Services	4,504	-2,083	-2,360	61	4,293	-2,133	-2,360	-200	-261	-200
Revenues & Financial Compliance	4,842	-1,711	-2,129	1,002	4,574	-1,660	-2,129	786	-216	-192
Other Services	69,281	-47,297	3,272	25,257	72,497	-50,721	3,272	25,048	-209	-186
GRAND TOTAL	78,627	-51,091	-1,216	26,320	81,364	-54,513	-1,216	25,634	-686	-579

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Financial Services							
Chief Officer	348	-61	335	-96	-48	Additional £35k income from arrangement to act as S151 officer for Mid and West Wales Fire along with £13k savings on supplies and services	-25
Accountancy	1,721	-430	1,546	-423	-168	Number of vacant posts currently in the section, 2 currently out to advert	-150
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	251	-178	225	-178	-27	Vacant Post currently being advertised	-19
Payments	519	-74	493	-71	-22	Reduction in expenditure on supplies and services along with a temporary vacant post during the year.	-6
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	529	-33	458	-33	-71	£60k - vacant Procurement manager post - will be advertised shortly. Net £ 11k - short-term vacancies and amendments to working patterns.	-69
Audit	596	-19	581	-19	-15	A few posts temporarily vacant during year	-2
Local Taxation	927	-735	896	-735	-31	A few posts temporarily vacant during year	8
Housing Benefits Admin	1,637	-751	1,525	-752	-113	Number of vacant posts during the year. Majority of officers also currently on the lowest points of their grade.	-131
Other Services							
Audit Fees	310	-90	291	-88	-17	A proportion of audit fees chargeable directly to grants	-17
Miscellaneous Services	5,905	-117	6,400	-801	-190	Reduction in pre LGR pension costs	-160
Other Variances					16		-9
Grand Total					-686		-579

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Schools Delegated Budgets	118,537	-10,321	0	108,216	121,537	-10,321	0	111,216	3,000	3,001
Director & Strategic Management	1,511	0	-94	1,417	1,483	0	-94	1,389	-28	-21
Education Services Division	9,086	-1,858	20,440	27,668	10,040	-1,845	20,440	28,635	967	820
Access to Education	8,743	-5,948	2,167	4,962	8,748	-5,800	2,167	5,115	153	150
School Improvement	3,359	-1,388	463	2,434	3,519	-1,560	463	2,423	-11	-2
Curriculum & Wellbeing	6,045	-4,530	567	2,083	6,521	-4,884	567	2,204	122	113
Children's Services	22,741	-5,712	2,563	19,592	24,425	-7,516	2,563	19,472	-120	-0
TOTAL excluding schools	51,486	-19,436	26,106	58,156	54,737	-21,605	26,106	59,238	1,082	1,059
GRAND TOTAL	170,023	-29,757	26,106	166,372	176,274	-31,925	26,106	170,454	4,082	4,060

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Schools Delegated Budgets							
Primary schools	63,230	-6,978	64,430	-6,978	1,200	Based on schools' working budgets received for 2019/20. Deficit budget submissions are included subject to approval of recovery plans by LA	1,200
Secondary schools	51,398	-3,297	52,798	-3,297	1,400		1,400
Special Schools	3,910	-46	4,310	-46	400		400
Director & Strategic Management							
Business Support	387	0	359	0	-28	Part year vacant posts - 1 remaining vacant post should be filled from January onwards	-17
Education Services Division							
School Expenditure not currently delegated	101	0	152	2	53	Closing balances from 2 primary schools closed April 2019	59
School Redundancy & EVR	2,013	0	2,098	0	86	Forecast based on business cases approved to date. Schools are supported and challenged on staffing structure proposals	121
Special Educational Needs	3,079	-1,548	3,582	-1,375	676	Forecast based on existing known commitments. Demand for Teaching Assistant support has increased. A reduction in the number of pupils from other counties has resulted in a reduction in the level of income.	505
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	2,001	-283	2,173	-288	166	Increasing demand from schools for alternative provision £134k and an increase in home tuition £32k	172
Access to Education							
School Admissions	253	0	224	0	-29	Part year staff vacancies following re-structure of the section	-10
School Modernisation	108	-1	261	-48	105	School transport recharges from school reorganisations £22k; Premises costs relating to closed schools £83k	83
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	8,382	-5,947	8,264	-5,752	77	Budget pressures across the service especially sickness cover, kitchens' maintenance and food price increases. A strategic review of meal provision is on-going to identify service efficiencies	77

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Curriculum and Wellbeing							
Music Services for Schools	871	-770	1,178	-911	166	Slow progress with staff restructuring, which has been affected by a delay in the ongoing redundancy process and therefore an increased staffing forecast from the previous report to year end	134
Youth Offending & Prevention Service	1,972	-1,112	2,021	-1,195	-34	Maximisation of grants to release core budget	-31
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	6,790	-79	6,916	-148	58	Increased number of legal cases attracting significant costs	79
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	975	0	1,165	-157	33	Increased Lodging costs offset by St David's Day and ICF grants.	0
Fostering Services & Support	3,869	0	3,964	-188	-93	Part year vacant posts and maximisation of grants to release core budget (£55k), Also, more cost effective recruitment of Foster Carers and tight controls in place on additional miscellaneous payments made to Foster Carers (£38k)	-109
Garreglwyd Residential Unit	586	-166	665	-168	78	Hywel Dda Health Board disputing partnership arrangement, which could affect the level of their contribution. Senior officers are currently in negotiations with the Health Board to resolve this	80
Residential and Respite Units	961	0	984	0	24	Increased salary costs at Llys Caradog Respite Centre - emergency placement over the summer and generally increased support needed for young people with complex needs who are now being referred to service	1
Childcare	484	-187	459	-188	-26	Additional in year grants awarded from Welsh Government. Existing staff have been utilised to work on the grants which has released core funding	-0
Families First Grant	1,260	-1,056	1,246	-1,057	-15	Additional in year grants awarded from Welsh Government. Existing staff have been utilised to work on the grants which has released core funding	-1
Family Aide Services	168	0	279	-188	-76	Part year vacant posts following restructure and setting up of new Step Up Step Down Family Intervention Team.	1
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	591	-362	602	-448	-75	External income received from other Local Authorities as part of regional REFLECT project, which has released core budget	0
School Safeguarding & Attendance	221	0	390	-191	-21	Part year vacant posts following service restructure	-12
Other Variances					-41		-73
Grand Total					4,082		4,060

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Buisness Support & Performance	15	-96	146	65	-11	-102	146	34	-31	-43
Waste & Environmental Services	24,294	-4,533	1,264	21,025	24,225	-4,349	1,264	21,140	115	292
Highways & Transportation	58,223	-38,314	9,598	29,507	61,450	-41,382	9,598	29,665	158	251
Property	36,160	-34,105	606	2,662	44,129	-42,048	606	2,687	25	17
Planning	4,165	-2,354	284	2,094	4,471	-2,254	284	2,501	407	463
GRAND TOTAL	122,857	-79,402	11,898	55,353	134,265	-90,135	11,898	56,028	675	980

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Business Support & Performance							
Business Support	-159	-36	-207	-36	-48	Posts budgeted at top of scale but majority are not at the top of scale yet; a few temporary vacant posts estimated during the year.	-56
Departmental - Core	58	0	73	0	15	Contribution towards the Health and wellbeing co-ordinators	11
Waste & Environmental Services							
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	114	-110	113	-38	70	Anticipated income not expected to materialise based on current income trends - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	60
Public Conveniences	571	-12	485	-9	-83	Capital repayment element deducted from Danfo final quarter cost due to end of contract term. New contract will be cleansing & management only.	-23
Cleansing Service	2,397	-115	2,456	-111	63	The service cost comprises plant and resource and of course tipping charges for disposal of waste we collect. The current overspend reflects the current resource levels and increased cost of disposal of collected waste. In order to address the budget position it will mean reviewing the service. This work is underway but will not be complete before the end of the financial year.	59
Green Waste Collection	496	-336	428	-212	56	The green waste collection service is not yet self-financing. We did not anticipate to break even this financial year, as per the original business plan, but we are on track with growing the service as anticipated, with a view to being break even in future years. A third vehicle has now been introduced to cater for potential additional customers.	56
Highways & Transportation							
Transport Strategic Planning	351	0	333	0	-18	The net effect of an increase in consultants fees as a result of temporary vacancies.	-1
School Transport	10,984	-1,102	11,444	-1,264	297	The overspend is mainly due to an increase in the number of Additional Learning Needs pupils transported to Special schools. In addition a number of recent appeals have been successful as well as increased contractor costs, diminishing market supply and increased minimum wage.	214
Traffic Management	529	-40	591	-232	-130	Net increased income of £90k from Traffic Regulation Orders; salary savings of £40k on 2 posts which are both currently out for recruitment.	0
Car Parks	2,187	-3,228	1,733	-2,682	92	Reduction in income due to temporary loss of spaces at St Peter's Car Park and a general reduction in Parking Fees income. Reduction in Penalty Charge Notices income due to vacant Civil Enforcement Officers posts which are currently being recruited.	65
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	79	-32	104	-38	20	Increased maintenance costs	21
Tour of Britain - Environment	0	0	25	0	25	Cost of Womens tour of Britain in June 2019	-0

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Main Variances

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		Oct 19 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Aug 19 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Road Safety	178	0	152	-1	-26	Vacant post - Road Safety Manager which is currently being recruited and also a recent temporary vacancy has arisen within the Road Safety Unit. A proportion of staff time is recharged to the Road Safety Revenue Grant.	-0
School Crossing Patrols	116	0	135	0	18	The school crossing patrols section has reviewed all patrols to identify where there is no requirement to provide them according to the National Safety criteria. Vacancies that arise in the sites that do not require school crossing patrols will not be filled as and when they become vacant.	18
Bridge Maintenance	781	0	745	-5	-41	Vacant posts - Principle Engineer on hold until Apr 2020 and Structures Engineer vacant for part year hoping to fill by Jan 2020	-0
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	416	-357	410	-433	-82	Additional income from highway adoption agreements	-23
Property							
Facilities Management - Corporate Buildings	358	0	391	0	32	Overspend due to cover sickness absence	15
Planning							
Building Control - Other	181	-5	163	0	-12	Vacant posts not expected to fill until Apr '20 at the earliest	1
Policy-Development Planning	567	0	577	-0	10	Overspend due to projected non-achievement of income - no longer carrying out consultancy work for other Depts. etc.	12
Development Management	1,536	-1,274	1,494	-786	446	WG set planning fees, but across Wales there is recognition that full cost recovery of planning services will not be achieved from planning fees alone. Most LPAs only cover on average 60% of their costs of delivering the development management service through fees, and the last increase in fees was in 2015. WG expect that at least part of the Development Management function should be met by Local Authorities themselves – to encourage development to come forward. Currently Carmarthenshire's Development Management section is budgeted to fund 78% of its costs through fees generated, this is currently being reviewed. WG have committed to review fees, but there is no known timetable for this workstream.	483
Tywi Centre	34	-34	77	-98	-21	Projected surplus being generated from running training courses at the Tywi Centre	-13
Other Variances							
					-8		80
Grand Total					675		980