

**POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET**  
**MONITORING REPORT 2021/22**

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

- That Scrutiny receives the Authority's Corporate Budget Monitoring Report, the Chief Executive and Corporate Services departmental reports and the Savings Monitoring report and considers the budgetary position.

**Reasons:**

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, in respect of 2021/22.

**To be referred to the Cabinet for decision: NO**

**Cabinet Member Portfolio Holders:**

- Cllr. Emlyn Dole (Leader)
- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)
- Cllr. Ann Davies (Communities and Rural Affairs)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22**

The Financial Monitoring report is presented as follows:

**Revenue Budgets**

**Appendix A – Authority Corporate Budget Monitoring Report**

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an end of year underspend of £2,901k on the Authority's net revenue budget with an underspend at departmental level of £3,702k. At a high level this is due to a combination of:

- additional COVID19 related costs and lost income being largely refunded under the Welsh Government hardship scheme
- some services still paused or impacted by lockdown measures and social distancing during Q1.
- Utilisation of some capital financing underspends, due to some significant pressure points on in-year capital project budgets, which was approved as part of a separate report.

**Appendix B**

Chief Executive and Corporate Services detailed variances for information purposes only.

**Capital Budgets**

**Appendix C – Corporate Capital Programme Monitoring 2021/22**

The current capital programme is based on information available as at the end of December 2021. Appendix C shows a forecasted net spend of £56,526k compared with a working net budget of £104,923k, giving a **-£48,397k** variance. The variance projected at this time relates mainly to delays with regeneration projects.

The net budget includes the original H.R.A. and General Fund capital programmes approved by Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and slippage from 2020/21 and, amendments approved by Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Some of the budgets have also been amended to account for differences in actual grant allocations compared with the anticipated allocations at the time the programme was approved.

**Appendix D**

Details the main variances against agreed budgets for each department.

**New Projects and virements to note and approve for the current year:**

**Private Housing:** Additional ICF grant of £91.8k for Housing Adaptations for Carers in 2021/22 which is 100% funding by the grant.

**Regeneration:** Budgets for the Transforming Towns Place Making projects are now shown separately Previously they have been part of the Transforming Towns Strategic Budget. These projects regenerate derelict buildings within town centres and improve the retail offer at ground level while providing public housing opportunities on upper floors.

**Education and Children:** It should be noted that the grants formerly called 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools are now referred to as “Sustainable Communities for Learning”. This is following a rebranding by the Welsh Government.

£308k additional grant funding for Disability Play Equipment, £15k at Llyn Llech Owain, £260k at Pembrey Country Park which will be delivered by the authority and £15k for Llanelli Town Skate Park which will be a contribution towards a scheme delivered by the Llanelli Town Council.

A virement of £1m from Sustainable Communities for Learning Band A Projects, that are currently under design and will slip into future years; to Mobile Classroom Provisions for urgent provision of mobile classes at Ysgol Bro Myrddin and Ysgol Y Strade.

**Appendix E**

Details a full list of Chief Executive and Regeneration schemes, respectively. There are no Corporate Services schemes.

**Savings Report**

**Appendix F**

The Savings Monitoring report.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

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

**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 underspend of £2,901k.

Policy and Resources Services are projecting to be under the approved budget by £2,097k.

**Capital**

The capital programme shows an in-year variance of -£48,397k against the 2021/22 approved budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**Savings Report**

The expectation is that at year end £281k of Managerial savings against a target of £451k are forecast to be delivered. There were no Policy savings put forward.

# 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

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER(S) AWARE / CONSULTED?**  
YES

(Include any observations here)

## 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
2021/22 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen
2021-26 Capital Programme	Online via corporate website – Minutes of County Council Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021