

**CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19th OCTOBER 2022**

**REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET
MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Scrutiny Committee 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 Scrutiny with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 30th June 2022, in respect of 2022/23.

To be referred to the Cabinet for decision: NO

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Darren Price (Leader)
- Cllr. Alun Lenny (Resources)
- Cllr. Phillip Hughes (Organisation and Workforce)

Directorate: Corporate Services	Designation:	Tel No. / E-Mail Address:
Name of Director of Service: Chris Moore	Director of Corporate Services	01267 224120 CMoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Report Author: Chris Moore		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19th OCTOBER 2022

Revenue & Capital Budget
Monitoring Report 2022/23

The Financial Monitoring report is presented as follows:

Revenue Budgets

Appendix A – Authority Corporate Budget Monitoring Report

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an overspend for the year at departmental level of £4,735k, with a forecast overspend on the Authority's net revenue budget of £4,767k.

At a high level this is due to a combination of:

- nationally negotiated pay offers (as yet unresolved) at much higher levels than budgeted, for which additional governmental funding is currently unknown. High level estimates are that this could be £7.1m above budget.
- overspends in service areas where budget reductions have been implemented, but progress against delivery of these is delayed, for example in Learning Disabilities
- a sustained reduction in commercial income, covering car parks, leisure centres and school meals
- capital financing underspends due to scheme delays and reduced need to borrow

As part of the 2022/23 budget setting process the Authority has agreed a £3m in year contingency budget which is currently held centrally which provides a partial offset to the general pressures above.

Appendix B

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

Capital Budgets

Appendix C – Corporate Capital Programme Monitoring 2022/23

The current capital programme is based on information available as at the end of June 2022. **Appendix C** shows a forecasted net spend of £140,696k compared with a working net budget of £147,962k, giving a -£7,266k variance.

The net budget includes the original H.R.A. and General Fund capital programmes approved by Council on 2nd March 2022 and slippage from 2021/22. 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, and new grant awards received during the year to date

Appendix D

Details the main variances against agreed budgets for each department.

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

Public HRA Housing: £7,000k for the purchase and renovation of HRA dwellings funded inhouse from funds displaced by Welsh Government grants in 2021/22.

Private Housing: £98k **additional** award of ENABLE grant to support independent living. This raises the funding available to £368 for **2022/23**.

Leisure: £50k additional funding from Sport Wales towards Amman Valley 3G Pitch. This takes the total grant from Sport Wales for this project to £350k.

Regeneration: Virements to distribute the Strategic Transformation fund to nominated projects:

Llandeilo Market Hall - £991K, Transforming Towns - £700K, Pendine Attractor - £45K, Rural Enterprise Fund - £100K. Virement of £28k from Ammanford Town Centre Regeneration to the Carregamman Carpark Project.

Environment: £504k awarded for small scale flood defence works which will be match funded by a revenue contribution of £89k. £60k has been awarded for flood mitigation at Kidwelly.

New funding of £80k for Rights of Way and Access improvement.

New awards for Transport projects: Safe Routes in Communities at Swiss Valley and Felinfoel, £498k, and Peniel, £166k. Road Safety £280k. 20mph Speed Limits £797k. Bus Infrastructure £600k. Active Travel £732k. Llanelli Masterplan £748k.

Local Funds for Nature Projects £207k across the county including funding for projects delivered by third parties, namely Dyfed Powys Police and Trinity St David's University.

Education and Children: Grant funding of £4,196k has been award for a Welsh Language Immersion Centre and additional classroom capacity at Ysgol Y Strade.

A new project supported by displaced funding from 2021/22 of £1,507k for capital works associated with the Rollout of Free School Meal in Primary Schools.

A new award of £1,256k has been received to facilitate and aid the opening of school resources to the wider community.

A new award of £213k for Flying Start Projects.

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 overspend of £4,767k.

Corporate Performance & Resources Services are projecting to be under the approved budget by £1,284k.

Capital

The capital programme shows an in-year variance of -£7,266k against the 2022/23 approved budget as at 30th June 2022.

Savings Report

The expectation is that at year end £417k of Managerial savings against a target of £484k 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
2022/23 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen
2022-27 Capital Programme	Online via corporate website – Minutes of County Council Meeting 2 nd March 2022