

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY 31st MARCH 2023
COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

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Forecasted for year to 31st March 2023

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year	Oct 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year
	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	39,154	-17,797	-4,140	17,218	39,979	-19,305	-4,140	16,534	-683	-530
Communities	176,259	-70,523	13,795	119,531	179,476	-70,440	13,796	122,832	3,301	2,634
Corporate Services	76,552	-46,040	-1,693	28,819	72,405	-42,915	-1,693	27,797	-1,022	-881
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	206,201	-41,416	22,906	187,691	230,782	-61,510	22,906	192,178	4,487	3,696
Place and Infrastructure	142,564	-89,975	13,252	65,841	144,645	-91,878	13,252	66,018	177	-75
Departmental Expenditure	640,730	-265,751	44,121	419,100	667,286	-286,049	44,122	425,359	6,259	4,844
Unfunded pay offers - Departments				0				0	0	4,800
Unfunded pay offers - Schools				0				1,500	1,500	1,500
Corporate Contingency				3,000				200	-2,800	-2,800
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-17,694				-19,944	-2,250	-2,500
Levies and Contributions:										
Brecon Beacons National Park				154				152	-2	-2
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				11,170				11,170	0	0
West Wales Corporate Joint Committee				155				155	0	0
Net Expenditure				415,885				418,593	2,707	5,842
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				342	342	265
- Communities				0				-982	-982	-982
- Corporate Services				0				511	511	440
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				-2,131	-2,131	-2,131
- Place and Infrastructure				0				-177	-177	38
Net Budget				415,885				416,156	270	3,473

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Chief Executive	859	0	-845	14	732	-4	-845	-117	-131	-136
People Management	4,687	-1,585	-2,619	484	6,212	-2,887	-2,619	706	223	297
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,785	752	6,586	-1,100	-4,785	701	-51	-34
Admin and Law	4,926	-838	703	4,791	4,691	-880	703	4,514	-277	-261
Marketing & Media	2,826	-713	-1,430	683	2,375	-526	-1,430	419	-265	-345
Statutory Services	1,444	-346	281	1,380	1,495	-489	281	1,287	-93	-70
Regeneration	17,911	-13,352	4,555	9,114	17,889	-13,420	4,555	9,024	-89	19
GRAND TOTAL	39,154	-17,797	-4,140	17,218	39,979	-19,305	-4,140	16,534	-683	-530

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Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	409	-171	427	-32	158	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k).	160
Translation	595	-53	475	-53	-120	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment & number of staff working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services.	-138
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	996	-358	-203	Part year vacancies in Contact Centre and Hwbs. Constantly out to advert due to difficulty in filling posts.	-260
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	174	-96	73	-53	-58	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment, offset partly by less income from decreased demand for desk rent space.	-57
Marketing Tourism Development	405	-5	363	-5	-41	Underspend on vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-50
Other variances					-0		0
Statutory Services							
Registrars	525	-343	591	-464	-55	Increase in anticipated income due to large number of ceremonies taking place	-64
Electoral Services - Staff	265	0	236	0	-29	1 post currently vacant, committed from March	-42
Other variances					-9		37
Regeneration & Property							
Regeneration Management	308	0	341	0	33	Overspend due to cessation in staff time recharged to projects	41
Property	1,195	-91	1,036	-19	-88	4 posts currently vacant estimated to be filled from March. These vacancies and an underspend on supplies and services are covering a shortfall on income generated from external work undertaken.	-57
Commercial Properties	34	-463	102	-545	-13	Relatively high occupancy rate currently	-9
Provision Markets	623	-556	613	-513	33	Shortfall in income at Carmarthen Market due to low occupancy. Essential work undertaken on the Llanelli Market Recycling compound.	3
Operational Depots	356	0	328	0	-28	Underspend on various premises related costs	-5
Industrial Premises	494	-1,519	536	-1,624	-62	High occupancy levels currently	-8
County Farms	79	-351	86	-308	50	Income target not met due to current economic climate, as no scope to increase tenancy agreements at the moment.	57
Other variances					-15		-1
Grand Total					-683		-530

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Adult Services										
Older People	71,111	-25,954	3,557	48,715	71,441	-25,974	3,557	49,024	309	-482
Physical Disabilities	8,478	-1,909	286	6,856	8,263	-2,069	286	6,480	-376	-404
Learning Disabilities	43,972	-11,718	1,439	33,693	45,799	-11,374	1,439	35,864	2,171	2,309
Mental Health	11,512	-4,325	233	7,420	11,719	-4,290	233	7,662	242	160
Support	11,251	-7,370	1,167	5,048	11,366	-7,444	1,167	5,089	42	-51
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,506	-1,384	532	2,655	3,506	-1,337	532	2,701	47	93
Council Fund Housing	9,216	-7,994	798	2,020	10,011	-8,832	798	1,978	-42	135
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	17,213	-9,870	5,783	13,126	17,370	-9,120	5,783	14,033	907	873
GRAND TOTAL	176,259	-70,523	13,795	119,531	179,476	-70,440	13,796	122,832	3,301	2,634

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Commissioning	4,520	-912	4,302	-823	-129	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. Additional budget has been allocated in 2022/23 and a wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.	-110
Older People - LA Homes	9,265	-4,286	9,899	-4,460	460	Recruitment issues in respect of care workers has increased the reliance on Agency staff. Impact of 2022/23 pay award significantly higher than budgeted (approx. £390k).	120
Older People - LA Home Care	7,836	0	8,110	0	274	Impact of 2022/23 pay award significantly higher than budgeted (approx. £350k).	-98
Older People - Direct Payments	1,285	-313	1,451	-313	166	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	149
Older People - Private Home Care	9,515	-2,638	9,784	-2,638	270	Additional costs in the Home Care Framework due to supporting rural provision	358
Older People - Enablement	2,060	-485	1,668	-485	-392	Demand for Reablement Services remains high but capacity to deliver is constrained by staff recruitment issues. A wide range of initiatives have been launched to address this.	-541
Older People - Day Services	895	-84	515	-4	-299	Provision of Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-335
Older People - Other variances					-40		-25
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,574	-313	1,324	-313	-250	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.	-260
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,447	-174	1,000	-174	-448	Demand for Supported Living placements is lower than pre-pandemic.	-488
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,024	-603	3,530	-603	507	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	481
Phys Dis - Other variances					-185		-138
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,921	-279	1,515	-61	-188	Provision of LD Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-124
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	12,296	-4,482	13,430	-4,482	1,133	Whilst demand for LD Residential Placements has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.	1,037
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	4,490	-572	4,936	-559	459	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	462

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Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	10,967	-2,295	12,861	-2,295	1,894	Whilst demand for LD Supported Accommodation has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.	1,894
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,086	-812	1,205	-812	118	Recruitment issues in respect of care workers has increased the reliance on Agency staff	98
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,672	-464	2,349	-361	-220	Provision of LD Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-157
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,179	-84	647	74	-374	Provision of LD Day Services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-313
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	2,940	-1,992	2,434	-2,056	-570	Provision of LD Day Services which forms part of the Shared Lives Services, is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-554
Learn Dis - Other variances					-82		-34
Mental Health							
M Health - Commissioning	1,539	-154	1,177	-120	-328	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. Additional budget has been allocated in 2022/23 and a wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.	-335
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,653	-3,377	7,229	-3,377	576	Whilst demand for MH Residential Placements has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.	527
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,648	-466	1,840	-466	192	Accommodation and Efficiency project plans for strategic longer term future accommodation options as well as current client group has experienced delays due to COVID19. The Progression & Review Team will prioritise Rightsizing in Supported Living in 2022.	192
M Health - Community Support	777	-78	610	-78	-167	Community Support Provision is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-206
M Health - Other variances					-30		-18
Support							
Other Variances - Support					42		-51
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
Noise Control	227	0	178	-0	-49	Under on salaries	-54
Animal Welfare	87	-87	90	-41	49	Under achievement of income, mainly due to reduction in licensed dog breeders	47
Dog Wardens	105	-30	123	-26	22	Increase in abandoned dogs & not reclaimed	16
Public Health Services Management	54	-115	74	-115	20	Over on salaries	38

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Trading Standards Services Management	94	-40	32	0	-22	Staff Vacancy £58k offset by income not achieved £40k	-14
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	96	0	44	0	-52	Under on salaries & Supplies & Services	-32
Fair Trading	231	-68	191	-4	23	Under achievement of income	58
Other Variances					56		35
Council Fund Housing							
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	662	-273	671	-397	-115	Over achievement of income	-76
Penybryn Traveller Site	182	-132	121	-98	-27	Underspent on salaries	-8
Social Lettings Agency	846	-839	868	-758	102	Reduction in commission to retain stock, under achieved on Fees & Rent	12
Other variances					-1		207
Leisure & Recreation							
Burry Port Harbour	21	-107	25	-129	-17	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking	-16
Discovery Centre	6	-90	6	-109	-19	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking	-19
Pembrey Ski Slope	436	-475	510	-564	-15	Forecast to over achieve income to budget	-3
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	337	-192	313	-147	21	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £45k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £12k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	21
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,513	-1,616	1,452	-1,348	206	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £267k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £55k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	198
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	960	-856	1,003	-766	134	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £91k, along with Utilities £27k and R & M £53k, offset in part with in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £37k	157
Llandovery Swimming Pool	376	-259	389	-153	119	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £106k along with overspend in Employees due to pay award not being fully funded	104
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	-37	0	-37	Credit relating to backdated NNDR	-37
Actif Facilities	249	0	259	0	10	Numerous minor expenditure overspends	-15
Actif health, fitness and dryside	213	-135	191	-84	28	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £50k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £22k	22
Catering - Sport Centres	320	-297	262	-190	49	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £107k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £17k and underspend in cost of Catering £41k	30
Sport & Leisure General	840	-46	839	-61	-15	In year staff vacancies	-14
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	21	-48	11	-49	-11	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-7
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	62	-14	27	-13	-35	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-22

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Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,297	-1,094	1,371	-906	262	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £188k, Premises Mtce £61k and Employee costs due to pay award not being fully funded £33k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	249
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	423	0	472	0	49	Forecast overspend due to planned installation of transformer to safeguard future Service delivery	47
Ammanford Library	293	-14	261	-7	-25	In year staff vacancies	-7
Llanelli Library	491	-30	516	-25	29	Forecast overspend in Employees due to pay award not being fully funded	-2
Libraries General	1,130	-1	1,166	-4	34	Forecast overspend in Employees due to pay award not being fully funded	6
Museums General	158	0	224	0	66	Unable to achieve vacancy factor, a legacy of undelivered PBB's and unfunded post	73
Arts General	16	0	1	0	-15	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-14
St Clears Craft Centre	111	-39	69	-19	-22	Vacant posts being held pending potential community run venture	-29
Cultural Services Management	103	0	84	0	-19	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-0
Laugharne Boathouse	157	-117	148	-70	38	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	46
Lyric Theatre	417	-315	392	-265	24	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	13
Y Ffwrnes	813	-486	712	-440	-55	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £46k, offset by forecast underspend on Utilities £57k, cost of Catering £13k and numerous other expenditure underspends	41
Entertainment Centres General	564	-63	557	-24	32	Budgeted grant from ACW not due to fully materialise	-37
Attractor - Management	0	0	51	0	51	Forecast cost of Project manager post (10 mths) not funded	46
Attractor - Externals	7	-58	10	-10	52	Parking income budgeted for Attractor site not fully achievable due to delays in contract completion	46
Leisure Management	436	-3	408	-3	-28	In year staff vacancy	-30
Other Variances					18		25
Grand Total					3,301		2,634

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Financial Services	12,453	-2,788	-863	8,801	11,700	-2,479	-863	8,358	-444	-445
Revenues & Financial Compliance	64,099	-43,252	-830	20,018	60,705	-40,436	-830	19,439	-578	-436
GRAND TOTAL	76,552	-46,040	-1,693	28,819	72,405	-42,915	-1,693	27,797	-1,022	-881

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Financial Services							
Accountancy	1,877	-478	1,907	-468	40	Accountancy support costs of one-off Welsh Government payments	0
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	277	-200	244	-217	-51	Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership £18k. Salary costs chargeable to grant schemes £28k, along with other smaller underspends on supplies and services	-24
Grants and Technical	357	-114	275	-47	-15	Vacant post will not be filled until the new financial year	-4
Systems and Accounts Payable	581	-79	546	-78	-34	6 Vacant posts during the year. All now filled.	-37
Audit Fees	325	-96	301	-96	-24	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants	-25
Bank Charges	66	0	53	0	-13	Reduced costs following new bank contract	-14
Miscellaneous Services	6,719	-125	6,283	-39	-350	£331k underspend on pre LGR pension costs along with a £19k underspend on Treasury Management expenses.	-342
Other variances					4		1
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	638	-36	576	-36	-61	Savings from staff member working reduced hours, maternity leave and a number of posts currently at lowest point on the salary scale	-58
Audit	511	-20	463	-40	-68	3 posts currently vacant, that will not be filled until the new financial year £34k; Additional SLA income from Fire Service and Delta £20k; £14k underspend on supplies and services	-38
Risk Management	158	-1	141	-1	-17	Staff member working reduced hours	-18
Corporate Services Training	62	0	31	0	-31	Less planned training during the year	-26
Local Taxation	986	-763	972	-802	-52	Savings on 4 vacant posts to date this year. Three are still currently vacant and not going to be filled during this financial year. Some Agency cover has been used during the year following failure to recruit to these posts.	-53
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	17,249	0	16,900	0	-349	Underspend based on latest demand figures.	-241
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	37,206	-37,289	134	Projections on expenditure based on 2021/22 claims	112
Rates Relief	289	0	205	0	-84	Low take-up anticipated in 2022/23. Based on current demand.	-105
Housing Benefits Admin	1,702	-753	1,426	-632	-155	DWP Housing Benefit Admin grant received is £212k less than budget. There is a net £240k underspend on pay costs, due to 10 current vacant posts, 3 of which will be filled from March. The remaining 7 will not be replaced until the next financial year. These vacancies are offset by the cost of agency staff who have been covering some of these posts due to difficulties in recruiting replacements. We have also received £127k of one off grants from DWP during the year to complete specific projects.	-125

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Revenues	1,033	-139	1,143	-136	114	£103k increase in bank charges over budget due to increased number of card payments. £82k one off essential software upgrade. Offset by short term vacant posts that are being covered by agency following failure to recruit, along with 5 current vacant posts, only one of which will be filled in March. The remaining 4 will not be filled until next financial year.	129
Other variances					-8		-13
Grand Total					-1,022		-881

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Schools Delegated Budgets	150,324	-22,289	0	128,035	157,853	-22,289	0	135,564	7,529	7,390
Transfer from Reserves				0		-7,529		-7,529	-7,529	-7,390
Director & Strategic Management	1,572	0	-109	1,463	1,345	0	-109	1,236	-227	-240
Education Services Division	17,053	-6,954	18,289	28,388	18,516	-8,380	18,289	28,426	38	-57
Access to Education	3,793	-103	1,339	5,030	12,608	-7,811	1,339	6,135	1,105	476
Strategy & Learner Support	4,933	-3,126	653	2,460	4,927	-3,482	653	2,099	-361	-293
Children's Services	28,526	-8,944	2,734	22,316	35,532	-12,020	2,734	26,247	3,931	3,811
TOTAL excluding schools	55,877	-19,127	22,906	59,656	72,929	-31,693	22,906	64,143	4,487	3,696
GRAND TOTAL	206,201	-41,416	22,906	187,691	230,782	-61,510	22,906	192,178	4,487	3,696

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	1,201	0	966	0	-235	£225k earmarked for 2023/24 efficiency this year reducing the department's in year overspend.	-235
Other variances					8		-5
Education Services Division							
School Redundancy & EVR	2,133	0	1,955	0	-179	Low number of school redundancies due to the surpluses brought forward & continuation of RRRS grant	-153
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	922	-558	899	-828	-294	WG grant funding received where already committed core budget. In year underspend supporting department pressures	-280
Additional Learning needs	4,078	-2,359	4,593	-2,488	385	New ALN pressures in excess of the already committed budget for school provision.	308
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	3,751	-470	4,188	-811	96	Increased agency costs due to staff absences across the 4 settings	48
Other variances					29		21
Access to Education							
School Admissions	420	0	345	0	-75	Part year vacant posts currently being recruited to	-77
School Modernisation	142	0	396	-128	126	£117k closed schools & £9k additional transport costs following school reorganisations	110
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	3,231	-103	11,867	-7,684	1,055	School meals £863k - significant increase in staffing costs re actual pay award and reduced income projections. Primary breakfast contributions for care element shortfall £89k & increased costs of food & labour £103k	442
Strategy & Learner Support							
Welsh Language Support	655	-217	662	-270	-46	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the Department	12
Youth Support Service & Participation	2,294	-1,272	2,118	-1,242	-145	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays in recruitment and additional short term grants being utilised	-140
European Funded Projects	315	-314	152	-203	-52	Project led by Pembs CC ended in May 2021, final grant income is still outstanding. £52k underspend on the flat rate allowance for indirect costs has been achieved due to the project not fully spending 15% allowance provided to cover any indirect or ineligible items. The project could still be subject to further European audits.	-51
School Information Systems	370	-28	250	-28	-120	Part year vacant posts being reviewed as part of current restructure	-117
Other variances					2		2

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	7,854	-109	8,914	-284	885	Increased agency staff costs forecast £578k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £299k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £157k. This is partly offset by other net savings - £149k - staffing budget due to vacancies as not able to recruit and additional grant income	1,016
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,067	-124	1,036	-209	-116	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-101
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,276	0	5,064	-62	726	Specialist support (mainly agency) for 2 young people with highly complex needs £406k. Boarded out costs re demand, allowance increases and additional payments due to connected carers £181k. Enhancement costs re more complex children in placements £52k, transport to school costs £48k re demand & increased fuel costs, one off IT equipment purchases for Carers £24k, an extension for 1 family £32k, panel costs £15k, promotion & marketing costs £11k. Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £19k. This is offset by additional WG grant £62k	753
Adoption Services	564	0	1,198	-532	102	Increased staffing costs, including agency staff re ongoing service demands and maternity leave cover required for 3 members of the team	90
Out of County Placements (CS)	446	0	1,619	-31	1,142	3 new highly complex placements in 2022/23	990
Residential Units	849	-365	2,486	-1,162	839	£672k Garreglwyd - significant agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting to vacant posts & sickness cover. This projected outturn position assumes £394k income from Hywel Dda University Health Board. £167k forecast overspend at the new Ty Magu Residential Unit - increased staffing costs re complex placements £336k (including £54k agency staff costs) and other estimated running costs £51k, with no budget currently available for non-staffing costs. This is offset by £220k WG grant	725
Supporting Childcare	1,321	-710	1,639	-1,088	-60	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-29
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	689	-59	1,386	-255	501	Increased demand for Direct Payments since change in legislation, further pressures linked to covid-19 & lack of commissioned services available £377k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £296k, partly offset by recently awarded WG grant - £172k	328
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	946	-577	1,043	-752	-78	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-61

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,165	-164	1,635	-669	-36	Increased funding from Home Office in relation to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children - only communicated recently and therefore not committed in October return	64
Other Variances					25		34
Grand Total					4,487		3,696

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Oct 2022 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Service Development & Improvement	4,331	-3,878	492	944	4,595	-3,922	492	1,164	220	36
Waste & Environmental Services	28,964	-4,796	1,399	25,568	29,469	-5,053	1,399	25,816	247	85
Highways & Transportation	56,878	-33,134	10,132	33,875	58,358	-34,411	10,132	34,079	204	280
Property	46,813	-45,838	899	1,874	46,671	-45,821	899	1,750	-124	-125
Place and Sustainability	5,578	-2,329	330	3,579	5,552	-2,672	330	3,210	-369	-350
GRAND TOTAL	142,564	-89,975	13,252	65,841	144,645	-91,878	13,252	66,018	177	-75

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Service Development & Improvement							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,311	-3,783	4,578	-3,858	192	£170k additional pressure on wages due to actual pay award being more than budget. £22k due to high level of agency as a result of staff sickness	3
Departmental - Core	103	0	114	0	12	£22k - recruitment costs for Director post; less £10k saving on pay costs due to officer not at top of grade and reduction in hours.	32
Other variances					16		1
Waste & Environmental Services							
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	-80	-0	-69	Interim staffing complement, recruitment will be reviewed in the fourth quarter	-66
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	132	-134	132	-65	69	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	47
Environmental Enforcement	589	-19	543	-22	-49	Underspend relates to vacated post. Future needs are being assessed.	-37
Waste Services	18,836	-1,257	19,141	-1,372	189	£180k additional pressure on wages due to actual pay award being more than budget.	-0
Green Waste Collection	574	-446	614	-591	-106	Increased customer base	-45
Waste services - COVID19 related	0	0	199	0	199	Sickness absence related agency cover and driver support services	199
Other variances					13		-13
Highways & Transportation							
Departmental - Transport	43	0	-5	0	-48	Vacant post, management review underway	-0
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	17	0	17	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	17
Transport Strategic Planning	419	0	446	0	27	Staff costs incurred on grant project - funding subject to review of levelling up project management allocation	16
School Transport	12,570	-946	13,061	-1,186	251	Total estimated additional cost of fuel prices and tender prices is £376k - £200k of which has been funded corporately; £75k estimated additional staff costs, £51k of which is the difference between the actual pay award and the budget for Passenger Assistants.	280
Traffic Management	579	-189	925	-617	-82	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-54
Car Parks	2,113	-3,348	1,879	-2,883	231	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres.	217
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	85	-34	117	-54	13	Reduced demand on the service	12
Road Safety	248	-5	155	-0	-88	Vacant post filled in January, reduced hours for another post and an estimated £74k officers time recharged to grants	-85
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	126	0	-34	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled	-33
Highway Lighting	2,608	-1,221	2,148	-812	-50	Vacant Assistant Public Lighting Engineer post estimated to be filled by March 2023	-28

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Public Rights Of Way	1,043	-75	969	-56	-55	Savings on pay due to reduced hours; vacancies during the first and second quarters	-67
Other variances					22		5
Property							
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	0	0	-140	Vacant HOS post, review on-going	-140
Property Maintenance Operational	34,800	-35,749	35,400	-36,540	-190	Estimated sub-contractor costs based on 80% of works programme, this may vary as the year progresses	-136
Schools Handyvan Service	253	-249	304	-249	51	More work being identified within schools which require to be undertaken	57
Pumping Stations	55	0	98	0	44	Additional cost due to further testing at Llandovery pumping station	49
Design Services CHS Works	4,232	-4,437	3,362	-3,558	10	Slippage on Retrofit 2.1 scheme	-6
Property Design - Business Unit	2,970	-3,338	3,312	-3,580	100	Purchasing of equipment to facilitate hybrid working and return to the office. Increased non chargeable time due to increased absence as a result of sickness, maternity and paternity leave.	50
Other variances					2		-0
Place and Sustainability							
Planning Admin Account	331	-17	399	-132	-47	Underspend on supplies & services	-37
Building Control	687	-509	653	-456	19	Due to a shortfall in income as a result of a market slump since Christmas	-16
Forward Planning	731	0	745	-128	-114	Grant funding of £127k received from Welsh Government for Phosphates in December 2022; vacant posts during the year with 1 post estimated to be filled in the new financial year	-4
Development Management	1,839	-948	1,712	-1,024	-203	£289k underspend on vacant posts during the year offset by additional agency, fees & travel costs	-247
Other Variances					-25		-46
Grand Total					177		-75