

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

PRE-CABINET 24th APRIL 2023

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

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Forecasted for year to 31st March 2023

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2023	Dec 2022
	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Forecasted Variance for Year	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Chief Executive	39,121	-17,764	-4,140	17,218	39,395	-18,796	-4,140	16,459	-758	-683
Communities	177,112	-71,377	13,796	119,531	183,184	-73,652	13,797	123,329	3,798	3,301
Corporate Services	76,552	-46,040	-1,693	28,819	71,744	-42,336	-1,693	27,715	-1,104	-1,022
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	206,983	-42,198	22,906	187,691	231,003	-62,360	22,906	191,549	3,858	4,487
Place and Infrastructure	142,772	-90,182	13,252	65,841	143,685	-90,730	13,252	66,207	366	177
Departmental Expenditure	642,539	-267,561	44,122	419,100	669,012	-287,875	44,123	425,260	6,159	6,259
Unfunded pay offers - Departments				0				0	0	0
Unfunded pay offers - Schools				0				1,500	1,500	1,500
Corporate Contingency				3,000				170	-2,830	-2,800
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-17,694				-20,444	-2,750	-2,250
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				417,963	2,077	2,707
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				379	379	342
- Communities				0				-982	-982	-982
- Corporate Services				0				552	552	511
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				-2,131	-2,131	-2,131
- Place and Infrastructure				0				-366	-366	-177
Net Budget				415,885				415,416	-470	270

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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	859	0	-845	14	723	-4	-845	-125	-139	-131
People Management	4,687	-1,585	-2,619	484	5,429	-2,136	-2,619	674	190	223
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,785	752	6,561	-1,100	-4,785	677	-75	-51
Admin and Law	4,926	-838	703	4,791	4,724	-867	703	4,560	-231	-277
Marketing & Media	2,826	-713	-1,430	683	2,388	-528	-1,430	430	-254	-265
Statutory Services	1,444	-346	281	1,380	1,547	-503	281	1,324	-56	-93
Regeneration	17,878	-13,320	4,555	9,114	18,023	-13,658	4,555	8,920	-193	-89
GRAND TOTAL	39,121	-17,764	-4,140	17,218	39,395	-18,796	-4,140	16,459	-758	-683

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted for Year
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Admin and Law							
Democratic Services	2,133	-290	1,972	-315	-187	Underspend on members pay and allowances (£147k), travelling costs (£15k), along with an additional (£25k) of income for work undertaken for the HRA.	-189
Democratic Services - Support	526	0	522	-30	-34	Additional income for work undertaken by PCC (£8k), savings on vacant post that won't be filled until 2023/24 (£25k).	-45
Land Charges	103	-275	134	-245	60	Shortfall in income due to low demand for searches	48
Legal Services	2,092	-273	2,033	-259	-45	Vacancies in early part of the year now filled. Additional 3 current vacancies estimated to be filled from April.	-64
Central Mailing	46	0	27	-2	-21	Saving on franking machine leasing costs	-23
Other variances					-4		-3
Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	409	-171	402	-25	138	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k).	158
Translation	595	-53	490	-60	-113	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment & number of staff working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services.	-120
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	1,016	-358	-183	Part year vacancies in Contact Centre and Hwbs. Constantly out to advert due to difficulty in filling posts.	-203
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	174	-96	71	-53	-60	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment, offset partly by less income from decreased demand for desk rent space.	-58
Marketing Tourism Development	405	-5	368	-5	-37	Underspend on vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-41
Statutory Services							
Registration Of Electors	176	-3	163	-3	-13	Underspend on supplies and services	0
Registrars	525	-343	585	-482	-79	Increase in anticipated income due to large number of ceremonies taking place	-55
Coroners	369	0	437	0	68	One off inquest cost of (£36k). Large increase in volume in last quarter on post-mortem fees (£17k overspend), and undertaker fees (£22k overspend). These are offset by smaller underspends on supplies and services.	-9
Electoral Services - Staff	265	0	234	0	-31	1 post currently vacant, not expected to be filled until the new financial year.	-29

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Regeneration & Property							
Regeneration Management	308	0	341	0	33	Overspend due to cessation in staff time recharged to projects	33
Property	1,195	-91	1,025	-25	-104	4 posts currently vacant that will not be filled until next financial year. These vacancies and an underspend on supplies and services are covering a shortfall on income generated from external work undertaken.	-88
Commercial Properties	34	-463	101	-617	-86	High occupancy rates during year	-13
Provision Markets	623	-556	597	-517	13	Net shortfall in income across the portfolio due to low occupancy rates. Partially offset by underspends on premises and supplies and services costs.	33
Operational Depots	356	0	342	0	-14	Underspend on various premises related costs	-28
Industrial Premises	494	-1,519	488	-1,591	-78	High occupancy levels currently	-62
County Farms	79	-351	115	-321	66	Income target not met due to current economic climate as no scope to increase tenancy agreements at the moment (£34k). Additional property maintenance works undertaken £32k).	50
Livestock Markets	62	-114	22	-91	-17	One off additional income from Newcastle Emlyn Mart.	-4
Other variances					-6		-11
Grand Total					-758		-683

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Adult Services										
Older People	71,796	-26,626	3,559	48,728	71,712	-25,785	3,559	49,486	758	309
Physical Disabilities	8,478	-1,909	286	6,855	8,198	-2,023	286	6,461	-394	-376
Learning Disabilities	43,926	-11,741	1,438	33,622	45,690	-11,293	1,438	35,834	2,212	2,171
Mental Health	11,558	-4,301	233	7,491	11,800	-4,286	233	7,748	257	242
Support	11,418	-7,551	1,167	5,034	11,430	-7,487	1,167	5,110	76	42
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,506	-1,384	532	2,655	3,561	-1,306	532	2,787	132	47
Council Fund Housing	9,216	-7,994	798	2,020	13,282	-12,199	798	1,882	-138	-42
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	17,213	-9,870	5,783	13,126	17,511	-9,272	5,783	14,022	896	907
GRAND TOTAL	177,112	-71,377	13,796	119,531	183,184	-73,652	13,797	123,329	3,798	3,301

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Commissioning	4,520	-912	4,298	-800	-110	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.	-129
Older People - LA Homes	9,895	-4,917	9,920	-4,279	664	Recruitment issues in respect of care workers has increased the reliance on Agency staff – currently projected at £501k. Impact of 2022/23 pay award significantly higher than budgeted (approx. £390k)	460
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	28,188	-13,241	28,636	-13,241	448	Movement due to 1) in-year fee uplift at £30 per bed per week from January 2023, and 2) increase in bed numbers backdated to April 2022 (two packages)	5
Older People - LA Home Care	7,836	0	7,964	0	128	Impact of 2022/23 pay award significantly higher than budgeted (approx. £350k), offset by savings relating to staff vacancies.	274
Older People - Direct Payments	1,285	-313	1,457	-313	172	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	166
Older People - Private Home Care	9,515	-2,638	9,742	-2,638	227	Additional costs in the Home Care Framework due to supporting rural provision	270
Older People - Enablement	2,060	-485	1,615	-452	-412	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.	-392
Older People - Day Services	895	-84	504	-11	-317	Provision of day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-299
Older People - Other variances					-42		-45
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,574	-313	1,273	-313	-301	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.	-250
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,447	-174	1,009	-174	-438	Demand for Supported Living placements is lower than pre-pandemic.	-448
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,024	-603	3,510	-603	486	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	507
Phys Dis - Other variances					-141		-185
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,921	-279	1,513	-59	-188	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-188
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	12,296	-4,482	13,428	-4,482	1,132	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.	1,133

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Learn Dis - Direct Payments	4,490	-572	4,955	-572	465	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	459
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	1,189	-812	103	Recruitment issues in respect of care workers has increased the reliance on Agency staff	118
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,672	-464	2,173	-214	-249	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-220
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,179	-84	817	-84	-362	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-374
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	2,940	-1,992	2,399	-2,017	-566	Provision of LD day services which forms part of the Shared Lives Services, is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-570
Learn Dis - Other variances					-17		-82
Mental Health							
M Health - Commissioning	1,512	-131	1,200	-120	-301	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.	-328
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,653	-3,377	7,226	-3,377	573	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.	576
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 2022/23.	192
M Health - Community Support	851	-78	672	-78	-179	Community Support Provision is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-167
M Health - Other variances					-29		-30
Support							
Other Variances - Support					76		42
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Business Support unit	160	0	135	0	-26	Underspent on Supplies & Services	-18
Public Health	300	-15	339	-14	39	Overspent on salaries and fly tipping costs	17
Noise Control	227	0	174	-0	-53	Under on salaries	-49
Animal Welfare	87	-87	90	-42	48	Under achievement of income, mainly due to reduction in licensed dog breeders	49

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Public Health Services Management	54	-115	114	-115	60	Overspent on salaries	20
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	96	0	45	0	-52	Under on salaries & Supplies & Services	-52
Fair Trading	231	-68	206	-5	39	Under achievement of income	23
Other Variances					77		57
Council Fund Housing							
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	121	-45	71	-25	-30	Savings on supplies & services budget.	-9
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	662	-273	626	-342	-105	Over achievement of Income	-115
Penybryn Traveller Site	182	-132	109	-99	-40	Underspent on Salaries	-27
Landlord Incentive	14	-11	151	-5	143	Improvements made to Social Lets properties, income to be recovered in future years	2
Homelessness	169	-70	20	-15	-94	Most payments relating to Homelessness prevention have been accommodated in the prevention grant.	3
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	175	0	142	0	-33	Underspent on Salaries	1
Other variances					22		103
Leisure & Recreation							
Burry Port Harbour	21	-107	40	-160	-34	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking & Catering	-17
Discovery Centre	6	-90	6	-117	-28	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking	-19
Pembrey Ski Slope	436	-475	514	-586	-34	Forecast to over achieve income to budget	-15
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	337	-192	323	-154	24	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £39k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £11k, along with various minor underspends in S & S headings	21
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,513	-1,616	1,516	-1,373	245	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £242k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £38k, along with various overspends in S & S and Premises headings	206
St Clears Leisure Centre	157	-44	147	-54	-20	£106 income not budgeted £13k along with in year vacancies	6
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	960	-856	1,013	-775	134	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £81k, along with Utilities £26k and R & M £64k, offset in part with in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £37k	134
Llandovery Swimming Pool	376	-259	405	-155	133	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £104k along with overspend in Employees due to Pay Award not being fully funded	119
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	-37	0	-37	Credit relating to backdated NNDR	-37
Actif health, fitness and dryside	213	-135	212	-85	48	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	28

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Catering - Sport Centres	320	-297	280	-206	51	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £91k offset by an underspend in cost of Catering £40k	49
Sport & Leisure General	840	-46	792	-59	-62	In year staff vacancies £31k along with forecast underspend in Promotions / Marketing expenditure	-15
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	21	-48	10	-50	-13	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-11
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	62	-14	24	-12	-37	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-35
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,297	-1,094	1,399	-894	302	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £200k, Premises Mtce £61k and Employee costs due to Pay Award not being fully funded £35k, along with various minor overspends in S & S headings	262
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	423	0	520	0	97	Forecast overspend due to planned installation of transformer to safeguard future Service delivery	49
Pembrey Country Park	873	-1,139	1,035	-1,239	61	Utilities £17k, cost of Agency staff to backfill in year vacant posts £45k	2
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	519	-382	555	-507	-90	Forecast to over achieve income to budget	-3
Ammanford Library	293	-14	258	-12	-34	In year staff vacancies	-25
Libraries General	1,130	-1	1,172	-6	37	Forecast overspend in Employees due to Pay Award not being fully funded	34
Museums General	158	0	230	0	72	Unable to achieve vacancy factor, a legacy of undelivered PBB's and unfunded post	66
Arts General	16	0	1	0	-15	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-15
St Clears Craft Centre	111	-39	72	-18	-19	Vacant posts being held pending potential community run venture	-22
Cultural Services Management	103	0	84	0	-19	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-19
Laugharne Boathouse	157	-117	151	-72	40	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	38
Lyric Theatre	417	-315	363	-271	-10	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £44k offset by reduced cost of Performance Fees £27k, utilities £7k, staffing £12k & contracted services £8k	24
Y Ffwrnes	813	-486	672	-368	-23	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £118k, offset by forecast underspend on Utilities £75k, Performance Fees £12k, Employees £25k, Contracted Services £25k and numerous other minor expenditure underspends	-55
Entertainment Centres General	564	-63	559	-23	34	Budgeted grant from ACW not due to fully materialise	32
Attractor - Management	0	0	51	0	51	Forecast cost of Project manager post (11 mths) not funded	51
Attractor - Externals	7	-58	10	-15	46	Parking income budgeted for Attractor site not fully achievable due to delays in contract completion	52
Other Variances					-7		23
Grand Total					3,798		3,301

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Financial Services	12,453	-2,788	-863	8,801	11,640	-2,402	-863	8,374	-427	-444
Revenues & Financial Compliance	64,099	-43,252	-830	20,018	60,105	-39,934	-830	19,341	-677	-578
GRAND TOTAL	76,552	-46,040	-1,693	28,819	71,744	-42,336	-1,693	27,715	-1,104	-1,022

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Financial Services							
Accountancy	1,877	-478	1,896	-466	31	Additional Accountancy support costs	40
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	277	-200	242	-187	-23	Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership £18k, along with other smaller underspends on supplies and services	-51
Grants and Technical	357	-114	275	-50	-18	Staff vacancy during year	-15
Systems and Accounts Payable	581	-79	546	-78	-34	6 Vacant posts during the year. 2 currently vacant.	-34
Audit Fees	325	-96	301	-96	-24	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants	-24
Bank Charges	66	0	54	0	-12	Reduced costs following new bank contract	-13
Miscellaneous Services	6,719	-125	6,283	-41	-353	£335k underspend on pre LGR pension costs along with a £18k underspend on Treasury Management expenses.	-350
Other variances					5		4
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	638	-36	576	-36	-62	Savings from staff member working reduced hours, maternity leave and a number of posts currently at lowest point on the salary scale	-61
Audit	511	-20	460	-40	-71	3 posts currently vacant, that will not be filled until the new financial year £35k; Additional SLA income from Fire Service and Delta £20k; £16k underspend on supplies and services	-68
Risk Management	158	-1	132	-1	-26	Staff member working reduced hours along with one off income generated.	-17
Corporate Services Training	62	0	13	0	-50	Less planned training during the year	-31
Local Taxation	986	-763	1,014	-842	-50	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.	-52
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	17,249	0	16,873	0	-376	Underspend based on latest demand figures.	-349
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	37,206	-37,289	134	Projections on expenditure based on 2021/22 claims	134
Rates Relief	289	0	205	0	-84	Low take-up anticipated in 2022/23. Based on current demand.	-84
Housing Benefits Admin	1,702	-753	1,402	-632	-178	DWP Housing Benefit Admin grant received is £212k less than budget. There is a net £288k underspend on pay costs, due to 12 current vacant posts that will not be filled until the new 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 £91k of additional one off grants from DWP during the year to complete specific projects, along with smaller underspends on supplies and services.	-155

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Revenues	1,033	-139	1,124	-136	95	£82k increase in bank charges over budget due to increased number of card payments. £77k one off essential software upgrade. Offset by short term vacant posts that are being covered by agency following failure to recruit, along with 4 current vacant posts, which will not be filled until next financial year.	114
Other variances					-8		-8
Grand Total					-1,104		-1,022

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Schools Delegated Budgets	150,324	-22,289	0	128,035	158,114	-23,789	0	134,325	6,290	7,529
Transfer from Reserves				0		-6,290		-6,290	-6,290	-7,529
Director & Strategic Management	1,561	0	-109	1,452	1,333	0	-109	1,224	-228	-227
Education Services Division	17,438	-7,309	18,289	28,418	18,376	-8,429	18,289	28,237	-182	38
Access to Education	3,850	-159	1,339	5,030	12,864	-8,432	1,339	5,770	741	1,105
Strategy & Learner Support	4,948	-3,141	653	2,460	4,767	-3,368	653	2,052	-407	-361
Children's Services	28,861	-9,299	2,734	22,296	35,548	-12,053	2,734	26,230	3,934	3,931
TOTAL excluding schools	56,659	-19,909	22,906	59,656	72,889	-32,282	22,906	63,514	3,858	4,487
GRAND TOTAL	206,983	-42,198	22,906	187,691	231,003	-62,360	22,906	191,549	3,858	4,487

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	1,191	0	955	0	-236	£225k earmarked for 2023/24 efficiency this year reducing the department's in year overspend.	-235
Other variances					8		8
Education Services Division							
School Redundancy & EVR	2,133	0	1,911	0	-223	Low number of school redundancies due to the surpluses brought forward & continuation of RRRS grant	-179
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	954	-589	836	-828	-357	WG grant funding received where already committed core budget. In year underspend supporting department pressures	-294
Additional Learning Needs	4,120	-2,401	4,460	-2,445	296	New ALN pressures in excess of the already committed budget for school provision	385
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	3,751	-470	4,291	-922	87	Increased agency costs due to staff absences across the 4 settings	96
Other variances					15		29
Access to Education							
School Admissions	420	0	349	0	-71	Part year vacant posts recently recruited to	-75
School Modernisation	142	0	427	-156	129	Overspend in relation to costs associated with closed schools following school reorganisations	126
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	3,288	-159	12,088	-8,276	683	School meals staffing costs increase re actual pay award £493k. Forecast reduced from December due to additional UPFSM grant from WG. Primary breakfast contributions for care element shortfall £90k & increased costs of food & labour £100k	1,055
Strategy & Learner Support							
Welsh Language Support	670	-232	586	-296	-149	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the Department	-46
Youth Support Service & Participation	2,294	-1,272	2,093	-1,261	-190	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays in recruitment and additional short term grants being utilised	-145
Adult & Community Learning	556	-556	960	-853	107	Reduced take up on courses impacting on level of forecast grant income eligible to claim and franchise income due via Coleg Sir Gar	-0

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European Funded Projects	315	-314	144	-196	-53	Project led by Pembs CC ended in May 2021, final grant income is still outstanding. £53k 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. Part year vacant posts being reviewed as part of current restructure	-52
School Information Systems	370	-28	248	-29	-124		-120
Other variances					-0		2
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	7,694	-109	8,858	-259	1,013	Increased agency staff costs forecast £589k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £332k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £173k. This is partly offset by other net savings - £81k - staffing budget due to vacancies as not able to recruit and additional grant income	885
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,067	-154	952	-285	-245	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-116
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,276	0	5,040	-62	702	Specialist support (mainly agency) for 2 young people with highly complex needs £368k. Boarded out costs re demand, allowance increases and additional payments due to connected carers £245k. Enhancement costs re more complex children in placements £52k, transport to school costs £66k re demand & increased fuel costs, promotion costs £9k. Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £24k. This is offset by additional WG grant £62k	726
Adoption Services	564	0	1,164	-544	56	Increased staffing costs, including agency staff re ongoing service demands and maternity leave cover required for 3 members of the team	102
Out of County Placements (CS)	446	0	1,582	-31	1,105	3 new highly complex placements in 2022/23	1,142
Residential Units	849	-365	2,568	-1,129	954	£739k Garreglwyd - significant agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting to vacant posts & sickness cover. This projected outturn position assumes £407k income from Hywel Dda University Health Board. £215k forecast overspend at the new Ty Magu Residential Unit - increased staffing costs re complex placements £385k (including £60k agency staff costs) and other estimated running costs £50k, with no budget for non-staffing costs. This is offset by £220k WG grant	839
Respite Units	1,025	-12	1,063	-9	41	Overspend forecast mainly in relation to back-dated Covid related enhancement payments for residential staff	19
Supporting Childcare	1,646	-1,035	1,642	-1,091	-60	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-60

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Short Breaks and Direct Payments	689	-59	1,471	-304	538	Increased demand for Direct Payments since change in legislation, further pressures linked to covid-19 & lack of commissioned services available £296k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £414k, partly offset by WG grant - £172k	501
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	946	-577	1,040	-750	-78	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-78
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,165	-164	1,604	-627	-24	1 Service Manager reducing their hours and 2 others being on a lower point in the grade with budget held at top of grade.	-36
School Safeguarding & Attendance	778	-474	791	-517	-30	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-17
Educational Psychology	1,388	-320	1,455	-435	-48	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays & difficulty in recruitment and additional grants being utilised	8
Other Variances					10		15
Grand Total					3,858		4,487

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Service Improvement & Transformation	4,331	-3,878	492	944	3,796	-3,116	492	1,172	228	220
Waste & Environmental Services	29,178	-5,009	1,399	25,568	30,082	-5,246	1,399	26,235	667	247
Highways & Transportation	56,878	-33,134	10,132	33,875	60,235	-36,366	10,131	34,000	125	204
Property	46,807	-45,832	899	1,874	43,988	-43,213	899	1,674	-200	-124
Place and Sustainability	5,578	-2,329	330	3,579	5,584	-2,789	330	3,125	-455	-369
GRAND TOTAL	142,772	-90,182	13,252	65,841	143,685	-90,730	13,252	66,207	366	177

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Service Improvement & Transformation							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,311	-3,783	3,792	-3,059	205	£170k pressure on wages due to actual pay award being more than budget; increased level of agency expenditure as a result of staff sickness and also a reduction in income due to closed properties	192
Business Support	-124	-35	-110	-35	14	Overspend due to actual pay award being more than budget (est £65k), netted off by vacant posts during the year	8
Other variances					9		20
Waste & Environmental Services							
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	-107	-0	-96	Interim staffing complement, recruitment will be reviewed once new HOS appointed	-69
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	132	-134	130	-74	58	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	69
Environmental Enforcement	589	-19	511	-24	-83	Underspend relates to vacated post and maternity leave. Future needs are being assessed.	-49
Waste Services	19,072	-1,366	19,770	-1,403	661	£180k additional pressure on wages due to actual pay award being more than budget. Planned draw-down from reserves for waste services not estimated to be required in 2022/23 as other divisions within the department are showing underspends.	189
Green Waste Collection	614	-550	621	-605	-47	Increased customer base	-106
Waste services - Covid19 related	0	0	196	0	196	Sickness absence related agency cover and driver support services	199
Closed Landfill Sites	265	0	255	0	-10	Unable to complete all works due to weather conditions.	6
Other variances					-12		7
Highways & Transportation							
Departmental - Transport	43	0	1	0	-43	Vacant post, management review underway	-48
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	17	0	17	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	17
School Transport	12,570	-946	12,932	-1,174	134	Total estimated additional cost of fuel prices and tender prices is £252k - £170k of which has been funded corporately; £51k pressure on staffing costs which is the difference between the actual pay award and the budget for Passenger Assistants.	251
Traffic Management	579	-189	971	-616	-36	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-82
Car Parks	2,113	-3,348	1,863	-2,859	239	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres.	231
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	85	-34	117	-54	13	Reduced demand on the service	13

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Road Safety	248	-5	147	-0	-96	Vacant post filled in January, reduced hours for another post and an estimated £66k officers time recharged to grants	-88
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	126	0	-34	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled	-34
Highway Maintenance	12,373	-4,327	15,449	-7,373	30	Winter maintenance pressures	0
Highway Lighting	2,608	-1,221	2,104	-771	-54	Vacant Assistant public lighting engineer post estimated to be filled in 2023/24	-50
Public Rights Of Way	1,043	-75	979	-58	-47	Savings on pay due to reduced hours; vacancies during the first and second quarters	-55
Other variances					2		49
Property							
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	0	0	-140	Vacant HOS post, review on-going	-140
Property Maintenance Operational	34,788	-35,749	33,244	-34,445	-240	Estimated sub-contractor costs based on 80% of works programme, this may vary as the year progresses	-190
Pumping Stations	55	0	90	0	36	Additional cost due to further testing at Llandovery pumping station	44
Design Services CHS Works	4,232	-4,437	2,916	-3,067	55	Slippage on Retrofit 2.1 scheme	10
Property Design - Business Unit	2,970	-3,338	3,299	-3,580	87	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.	100
Other variances					2		52
Place and Sustainability							
Place & Sustainability Unit	331	-17	399	-133	-48	Due to underspend on supplies & services	-47
Forward Planning	731	0	617	-1	-114	Due to staff vacancies during the year with 1 post estimated to be filled in the new financial year	-114
Development Management	1,839	-948	1,705	-1,073	-259	£289k underspend on vacant posts during the year offset by additional agency, fees & travel costs	-203
Conservation	485	-13	503	-61	-30	Due to underspend on pay & fees budget including £13k WCVA additional funding	-9
Other Variances					-2		3
Grand Total					366		177