

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

## COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2024/25

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Table 1

Forecasted for the year to 31st March 2025

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year	
	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Including Schools Balances	Excluding Schools Balances
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Chief Executive	22,530	-5,049	-10,555	6,925	23,818	-7,089	-10,555	6,174	-751	-751
Communities	226,096	-102,442	16,727	140,380	227,251	-101,097	16,726	142,880	2,501	2,501
Corporate Services	75,002	-39,898	-2,539	32,565	73,201	-38,930	-2,539	31,732	-833	-833
Education & Children	57,147	-11,104	26,215	72,257	72,838	-22,950	26,215	76,102	3,845	3,845
Schools Delegated Budget	168,643	-24,823	0	143,821	179,405	-24,823	0	154,583	10,762	0
Place, Infrastructure & Economic Development	158,235	-85,155	20,767	93,847	170,961	-95,517	20,766	96,210	2,363	2,363
<b>Departmental Expenditure</b>	<b>707,653</b>	<b>-268,472</b>	<b>50,614</b>	<b>489,794</b>	<b>747,474</b>	<b>-290,406</b>	<b>50,613</b>	<b>507,679</b>	<b>17,885</b>	<b>7,123</b>
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-24,245				-25,745	-1,500	-1,500
<b>Levies and Contributions:</b>										
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				14,367				14,367	0	0
Brecon Beacons National Park				158				158	0	0
West Wales Corporate Joint Committee				175				175	0	0
<b>Net Expenditure</b>				<b>480,249</b>				<b>496,634</b>	<b>16,385</b>	<b>5,623</b>
Teachers & Firefighters Pensions Grant				-4,052				-4,052	0	0
Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves				-3,000				-3,000	0	0
Transfers to/from School Balances				0		-5,175		-5,175	-5,175	0
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				376	376	376
- Communities				0				0	0	0
- Corporate Services				0				416	416	416
- Education & Children				0				0	0	0
- Place, Infrastructure & Economic Development				0				-2,363	-2,363	-2,363
<b>Net Budget</b>				<b>473,197</b>				<b>482,836</b>	<b>9,639</b>	<b>4,052</b>

**Chief Executive Department**  
**Budget Monitoring - as at 30th June 2024**

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2024 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	
Chief Executive	899	-4	-971	-76	748	0	-971	-223	-147
People, Digital and Policy	11,803	-3,028	-8,227	549	12,791	-4,166	-8,227	397	-151
Law, Governance & Civil Services	7,049	-1,273	706	6,481	7,833	-2,207	706	6,333	-149
Marketing & Media	2,778	-745	-2,063	-29	2,445	-716	-2,063	-334	-305
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>22,530</b>	<b>-5,049</b>	<b>-10,555</b>	<b>6,925</b>	<b>23,818</b>	<b>-7,089</b>	<b>-10,555</b>	<b>6,174</b>	<b>-751</b>

## Chief Executive Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 30th June 2024

### Main Variances

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000		
<b>Chief Executive</b>						
Chief Executive-Chief Officer	250	0	224	0	-26	Underspend on supplies & services
Chief Executive Business Support Unit	620	-4	502	0	-114	Underspend on salaries due to three vacant posts
Other variances					-7	
<b>People, Digital and Policy</b>						
TIC Team	263	-105	290	-67	65	Income efficiency target (£35k) not likely to be delivered in 2024/25. Net £30k additional short term staffing resource
Business & Projects Support	177	0	205	0	28	£127k efficiency proposal not yet in place. Partially offset by savings on a vacant post, a member of staff reducing their hours and an underspend on supplies and services.
Payroll	941	-405	1,002	-390	76	£76k previous year salary efficiency not yet achieved
People Services – HR	980	-321	1,031	-301	71	£75k previous year salary efficiency not yet achieved plus £31k income target efficiency not met; additional part year staffing resources to implement recruitment system. Offset by savings from vacant posts.
Employee Well-being	893	-453	756	-387	-70	4 vacant posts - 3 estimated to be filled in September.
Organisational Development	490	-47	584	-125	17	£30k Income efficiency target not achieved. Partially offset by savings on supplies and services expenditure.
Information Technology	5,915	-1,126	5,657	-1,073	-205	7 vacant posts currently, pending implementation of a realignment of the division
Welsh Language	142	-15	118	-15	-24	Vacant post, estimated to be filled later in the year.
Chief Executive-Policy	817	-42	749	-42	-68	3 vacant posts estimated to be filled later in the year
DBS Checks	149	0	109	0	-40	Underspend based on previous years' volume of checks and current year to date.
Other variances					-2	

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### Main Variances

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024	Notes
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Law, Governance &amp; Civil Services</b>						
Democratic Services	2,333	-326	2,258	-344	-94	Underspend on Members pay & allowances (£72k), supplies & services (£4k) & additional income from the HRA (£18k)
Democratic Services - Support	564	-8	569	-38	-25	Underspend on supplies & services (£10k), part-year vacant post (£10k), additional income for work by Partneriaeth (£5k)
Land Charges	98	-285	86	-165	108	Shortfall in income due to low demand for searches with downturn in the housing market
Coroners	381	0	411	0	30	Large increase in number of cases being referred to the Coroner in general. Corresponding increase in volume and cost of toxicology, histology reports and post mortem fees.
Electoral Services - Staff	287	0	234	0	-52	Vacant post that will not be filled this financial year
Legal Services	2,434	-236	2,321	-231	-108	Underspend on salaries due to vacancies that will not be in post until later in the year.
Other variances					-8	
<b>Marketing &amp; Media</b>						
Marketing and Media	827	-76	744	-63	-71	Underspend due to vacant posts not being filled due to recruitment freeze
Translation	592	-66	529	-79	-77	Underspend on salaries, one staff member on maternity leave, and one vacant post during the year, along with smaller underspends on supplies & services
Customer Services Centres	1,257	-502	1,096	-515	-174	Underspend on salaries due to short term vacant posts (£215k), offset by an overspend on set up and configuration of new communications software.
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	102	-101	76	-59	17	Shortfall in income mainly due to decreased demand for desk space rental
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>-751</b>	

**Department for Communities**  
**Budget Monitoring - as at 30th June 2024**

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2024 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	
<b>Adult Services</b>									
Older People	81,560	-27,392	4,500	58,668	82,554	-27,038	4,500	60,017	1,349
Physical Disabilities	10,724	-1,975	347	9,095	11,547	-2,638	347	9,256	161
Learning Disabilities	49,042	-12,215	1,390	38,216	49,137	-11,889	1,390	38,638	422
Mental Health	13,566	-4,570	326	9,322	13,951	-4,552	326	9,725	403
Support	11,987	-7,627	1,258	5,618	11,727	-7,401	1,258	5,584	-34
<b>Homes &amp; Safer Communities</b>									
Public Protection	3,849	-1,623	398	2,624	3,474	-1,220	398	2,652	28
Council Fund Housing	34,360	-34,815	739	284	33,958	-34,383	739	314	29
<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>									
Leisure & Recreation	21,009	-12,225	7,769	16,553	20,902	-11,976	7,769	16,696	143
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>226,096</b>	<b>-102,442</b>	<b>16,727</b>	<b>140,380</b>	<b>227,251</b>	<b>-101,097</b>	<b>16,726</b>	<b>142,880</b>	<b>2,501</b>

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Adult Services</b>						
<b>Older People</b>						
Older People - Residential Care Homes (Local Authority Provision)	10,854	-4,739	10,920	-4,452	353	Projected overspend is the result of increased overtime/casual and agency costs to ensure appropriate cover/capacity as a result higher dependency of residents. Some of the overspend has been mitigated by increased income through higher occupancy rates and lower than anticipated premises costs. The in-house agency pilot (Llanelli area) that commenced in May 2024 is also starting to reduce on-going agency and overtime costs and it is anticipated that this approach will expand out to the rest of the County in the coming months. This forecast anticipates further savings as the in-house agency progresses. Parallel to this approach will be an in-depth assessment of base staffing levels that are required across all in-house care homes as well as closely monitoring and improving sickness absence.
Older People - Residential Care Homes	34,437	-14,625	34,807	-14,625	370	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.
Older People - Direct Payments	1,403	-325	1,588	-325	185	Increased demand in Direct Payments
Older People - Private Home Care	9,651	-2,743	10,399	-2,743	748	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.
Older People - Other variances					-307	Underspend relates primarily to a reduced provision of day services when compared to pre-pandemic levels.
<b>Physical Disabilities</b>						
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,571	-628	3,807	-628	236	Financial pressures from previous years remain.
Phys Dis - Other variances					-75	

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Learning Disabilities</b>						
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,146	-331	1,753	-197	-259	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Residential Care Homes	13,399	-4,705	13,590	-4,705	191	Progress is being made in the right sizing of individual packages , but developing alternative more cost-effective accommodation solutions is taking longer than anticipated . Progress is also impacted by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability , and children transitioning through from Children's Services, although the forecast assumes that these figures will reduce from the current level. In the meantime, it is necessary to continue to commission high-cost independent provision and the current budget allocation does not reflect this trajectory.
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	12,598	-2,364	13,177	-2,364	579	Progress is being made in the right sizing of individual packages , but developing alternative more cost-effective accommodation solutions is taking longer than anticipated . Progress is also impacted by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability , and children transitioning through from Children's Services. In the meantime, it is necessary to continue to commission high-cost independent provision and the current budget allocation does not reflect this trajectory.
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	3,222	-2,163	2,971	-2,098	-186	Increased number of clients has led to an increase in fees received and provision of respite is forecasted to remain low. Additional saving due to part year vacant posts
Learn Dis - Other variances					96	Increased demand in Direct Payments £92k

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Mental Health</b>						
M Health - Residential Care Homes	7,491	-3,530	7,772	-3,530	282	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and developing alternatives to residential care is a priority for 2024/25. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a mental health issue and children transitioning from Children's Services, although the forecast assumes that these figures will reduce from the current level. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	2,367	-425	2,534	-425	168	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and developing alternatives to residential care is a priority for 2024/25. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a mental health issue and children transitioning from Children's Services. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
M Health - Other variances					-46	Staff vacancies in the Care Management Teams £44k
<b>Support</b>						
Support - Other variances					-34	
<b>Homes &amp; Safer Communities</b>						
<b>Public Protection</b>						
PP Business Support Unit	172	0	153	0	-20	2 Staff Vacancies off set by supporting post in other division
Animal Welfare	94	-91	112	-42	66	Under achievement of Licences Income due to reduced activity. The income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the County, with licences fees calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.
Diseases Of Animals	55	-40	59	-22	21	Income based on previous grants from WG in relation to regional work and extra inspections to collection centres, marts, and slaughterhouses. Cuts to WG budgets mean that they have reduced regional work and ceased slaughterhouse inspections and reduced the funding accordingly.
Dog Wardens	113	-34	98	-53	-34	Increased activity of Pest Control services
Public Health Services Management	122	-126	25	-126	-97	Vacant post Environmental Protection Manager



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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Licensing	392	-455	412	-298	178	Income targets for licensing are validated year-on-year and do not reflect the achievable income based on the number of licensable businesses in the county. Furthermore, approximately 40% of the income is generated from Premises/Personal licenses, the fees for which are prescribed in the Licensing Act and have not been amended since enactment in 2005. The remaining income, including that generated from taxi licensing activity, comes from fees that must be calculated in accordance with statutory guidance and do not increase at the same rate as the income targets.
Trading Standards Services Management	135	-44	173	-50	32	Overspend due to additional Legal Fees & vehicle costs
Civil Law	254	-3	133	0	-118	Vacant post Senior Consumer Protection Officer & other underspends
Safety	76	-12	62	-23	-24	Grant Income not budgeted for
Other Variances					24	
<b>Council Fund Housing</b>						
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	686	-688	908	-877	34	Additional spend to bring more empty homes back into use
Penybryn Traveller Site	181	-131	148	-124	-27	Forecasted underspend on Supplies & Services
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	195	0	154	0	-40	Vacant post Tenancy support lead
Social Lettings Agency	1,127	-901	910	-632	53	Small overspend as a result of some Landlords moving out of sector offset by additional Landlords becoming part of Social Lettings Agency- increased activity has led to increased management and maintenance costs.
Other variances					10	

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000		
<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>						
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	530	-414	360	-98	147	Forecast shortfall in income due to part year closure of residential accommodation on site
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	375	-200	409	-188	46	Unable to achieve vacancy factor £31k, forecast to be under on income £11k and over on Utilities
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,982	-1,840	2,026	-1,960	-76	Unable to achieve vacancy factor £53k, offset by forecast overachieved income
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	1,266	-1,045	1,262	-1,060	-19	Forecast to overachieve income £15k plus small underspend on Utilities
Specialist populations	136	-136	133	-133	0	Forecast assumes the funding of a £88k shortfall in current project budget.
Catering - Sport Centres	336	-413	420	-460	38	Unable to achieve vacancy factor £28k, along with forecast overspend in cost of catering
Sport & Leisure General	934	-53	907	-58	-32	Unable to achieve vacancy factor £8k, offset with forecast underspend in Operational consumables
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	43	-16	30	-16	-12	In year vacancies
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,517	-1,114	1,604	-1,177	24	Unable to fully achieve vacancy factor
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	303	0	320	0	16	Unable to achieve vacancy factor
Llanelli Library	542	-27	543	-39	-11	Forecast to overachieve income for casual lettings
Libraries General	1,269	-1	1,298	-2	28	Unable to fully achieve vacancy factor
Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	207	-46	177	-37	-22	In year vacancies £13k plus forecast to be under on Utilities
Museums General	393	-1	451	0	59	Unable to achieve vacancy factor £22k along with estimated cost of 2 Employees not budgeted - due to be made redundant
Laugharne Boathouse	183	-134	173	-89	35	Forecast to underachieve income
Lyric Theatre	635	-449	676	-467	24	Forecasting to be over on Projects & Activities mainly due to increased costs of running the pantomime.
Y Ffwrnes	926	-490	865	-416	12	Forecasting to underachieve income
Entertainment Centres General	691	-120	643	-110	-37	In year vacancies
Attractor - Museum	179	-111	124	-96	-40	In year vacancies £11k plus currently forecasting to be under on NNDR £23k along with minor underspends in Supplies & Services
Leisure Management	399	-6	389	-6	-10	In year vacancies
Other Variances					-28	
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>2,501</b>	

**Corporate Services Department**  
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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2024 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	
Financial Services	14,401	-3,156	-999	10,247	13,880	-2,894	-999	9,986	-260
Revenues & Financial Compliance	60,601	-36,743	-1,540	22,318	59,321	-36,036	-1,540	21,745	-573
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>75,002</b>	<b>-39,898</b>	<b>-2,539</b>	<b>32,565</b>	<b>73,201</b>	<b>-38,930</b>	<b>-2,539</b>	<b>31,732</b>	<b>-833</b>

## Corporate Services Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 30th June 2024

### Main Variances

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024	Notes
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Financial Services</b>						
Accountancy	1,994	-375	1,996	-359	18	£16k shortfall on deputyship income along with smaller overspends on supplies and services
Bank Charges	67	0	54	0	-12	Forecast underspend based on current expenditure
Miscellaneous Services	7,761	-136	7,396	-68	-297	£272k underspend on pre LGR pension costs. £19k underspend on Subscriptions, along with smaller underspends
Other variances					31	
<b>Revenues &amp; Financial Compliance</b>						
Procurement	721	-15	690	-15	-31	Vacant post in the section due to be filled later in the year. One staff member has reduced their hours.
Audit	540	-27	526	-27	-14	Part time post vacant
Risk Management	214	-0	170	-0	-43	2 vacant posts in the section due to be filled imminently as a result of a recent realignment
Business Support Unit	167	0	155	0	-11	Vacant post due to be filled later in the year
Corporate Services Training	57	0	44	0	-14	Underspend based upon current demand for courses.
Local Taxation	1,093	-776	1,069	-719	33	Large overspend on postage costs following price increases in recent years of £53k, along with a reduction in anticipated income received from recovering court costs based on 2023-24 figures of £84k . This is offset by vacant posts within the section.
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	19,763	0	19,607	0	-157	Underspend anticipated based on current levels of demand.
Rent Allowances	34,823	-35,040	34,259	-34,527	-51	Projection based on 2023/24 claims.
Rates Relief	261	0	183	0	-78	Low take-up anticipated based on current demand.
Housing Benefits Admin	1,824	-757	1,382	-664	-350	Net shortfall on grants income receivable of £93k compared with budget, offset by 12 current vacant posts within the section due to difficulties with recruitment.
Revenues	1,137	-127	1,235	-84	142	£131k overspend on bank charges due to significant increase in the number of card payments in recent years along with other smaller overspends.
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>-833</b>	

**Department for Education & Children**  
**Budget Monitoring - as at 30th June 2024**

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2024 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	
Schools Delegated Budgets	168,643	-24,823	0	143,821	179,405	-24,823	0	154,583	10,762
Transfer from Reserves				0		-5,175		-5,175	-5,175
Director & Strategic Management	1,197	0	397	1,594	1,183	0	397	1,580	-14
Education Services Division	16,797	-1,939	23,019	37,877	25,129	-9,661	23,019	38,487	610
Children & Families	39,153	-9,165	2,799	32,786	46,526	-13,289	2,799	36,035	3,249
<b>TOTAL excluding schools</b>	<b>57,147</b>	<b>-11,104</b>	<b>26,215</b>	<b>72,257</b>	<b>72,838</b>	<b>-22,950</b>	<b>26,215</b>	<b>76,102</b>	<b>3,845</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>225,790</b>	<b>-35,927</b>	<b>26,215</b>	<b>216,078</b>	<b>252,243</b>	<b>-52,948</b>	<b>26,215</b>	<b>225,509</b>	<b>9,432</b>

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### Main Variances

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000		
<b>Schools Delegated Budgets</b>						
Primary Schools	88,510	-12,681	93,198	-12,681	4,688	
Secondary Schools	76,690	-11,976	82,782	-11,976	6,092	
Special Schools	3,444	-166	3,426	-166	-18	
Transfer to school reserves				-5,175	-5,175	School reserves estimated to be fully utilised in year.
<b>Director &amp; Strategic Management</b>						
Other variances					-14	
<b>Education Services Division</b>						
Additional Learning Needs	3,476	-1,454	3,707	-1,502	182	Additional Commissioned placements due to complexity of need.
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	5,945	-349	6,160	-492	72	Overspends across the Pupil referral units with increased complexity of need impacting on transport, resources & additional support costs.
Music Services for Schools	354	0	1,421	-997	70	Estimated income from the SLA and concert revenues cannot cover the staffing costs and other expected departmental costs.
School Improvement	823	0	1,170	-216	130	Overspend due to less income being received from LAEG and RRRS ALP for non maintained setting ending. Recharges being incurred from Swansea CC that were previously paid for by Partneriaeth.
School Modernisation	139	0	248	-27	82	Ongoing costs of closed school premises following school reorganisations.
Youth Support Service & Participation	978	-106	2,255	-1,333	49	Shortfall in meeting the 2024/25 budget efficiency.
Other variances					24	
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>						
Commissioning and Social Work	7,293	-123	8,421	-548	702	Increased agency staff costs forecast £837k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £291k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £300k. This is partly offset by additional grant income & part year staff vacancies.
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,086	-65	952	-65	-134	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	6,486	0	6,914	-45	383	Increased costs associated with Fostering - more immediate carers & increased costs linked to complex placements. This is partly offset by additional WG grant and part year staff vacancies.

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### Main Variances

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024	Notes
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC)	292	0	2,352	-1,549	512	Ongoing high numbers of Unaccompanied Children & more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received.
Commissioned Placements (CS)	2,487	0	5,487	-26	2,974	Several ongoing highly complex placements .
Respite Settings	1,157	0	1,463	0	306	Overspend mainly as a result of temporarily utilising Llys Caradog for some emergency residential placements due to no capacity in Garreglwyd, requiring the use of additional agency staff.
Adoption Services	617	0	887	-30	240	Overspend in relation to increased staffing costs, including travelling costs re ongoing service demands £52k. Additional costs for Inter Agency Adoption fees, Adoption Allowances and Therapy / Counselling costs, again in line with service demands £188k
Supporting Childcare	1,651	-980	1,675	-1,044	-40	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	3,058	-687	2,716	-742	-397	Part year staff vacancies being recruited to and maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,475	-164	1,471	-185	-25	Part year staff vacancies being recruited to.
2024/25 Growth Budget to be allocated	1,174	0	0	0	-1,174	2024/25 Growth Budget still to be allocated to specific service areas within the division once changes are implemented & commitments reflected within service areas
School Safeguarding & Attendance	329	0	707	-488	-111	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division.
Other variances					13	
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>9,432</b>	

**Place, Infrastructure & Economic Development**  
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PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2024 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 Improvement and Transformation	5,236	-4,218	836	1,854	5,310	-4,232	836	1,914	60
Environmental Infrastructure	102,796	-46,396	13,642	70,042	112,454	-54,349	13,642	71,747	1,705
Place & Sustainability	7,261	-2,929	526	4,858	7,131	-2,795	526	4,862	4
Economic Development & Property	42,943	-31,611	5,761	17,093	46,067	-34,142	5,761	17,686	594
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>158,235</b>	<b>-85,155</b>	<b>20,767</b>	<b>93,847</b>	<b>170,961</b>	<b>-95,517</b>	<b>20,766</b>	<b>96,210</b>	<b>2,363</b>



## Place, Infrastructure & Economic Development - Budget Monitoring - as at 30th June 2024

### Main Variances

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024	Notes
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>						
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,951	-4,057	5,111	-4,089	128	£57k Estimated overspend on pay costs including agency costs due to sickness and vacant posts; £58k vacancy factor not achieved.
Business Support	-27	-87	-129	-87	-102	Number of vacant posts due to recruitment freeze, partly offset by £24k vacancy factor
Public Conveniences	236	-10	263	-11	26	Increased management fee for Cleaning and maintenance of Danfo PCs. - contract review ongoing
Other variances					8	
<b>Environmental Infrastructure</b>						
Environmental Enforcement	575	-23	519	-26	-60	Vacant post not filled due to recruitment freeze plus flexi retirement within the team
Cemetery and Crematorium	38	-28	33	-12	11	Legal advice and support ongoing with Pembs CC on MOU for Parc Gwyn crematorium
Waste collection	13,184	-1,164	13,694	-1,322	352	Additional resources required to cover sickness, leave & plant downtime; £84k vacancy factor not achievable
Waste Treatment & disposal	10,701	-458	10,813	-464	107	Increased costs of waste treatment fees and haulage
Waste unit	1	-135	28	-135	27	Additional vehicle costs for waste wardens
Civil Design	1,352	-2,012	1,367	-2,015	12	Vacancy factor of £15k is not factored into client recharges, but it is likely that this will be made up during the year due to additional volume of work.
Transport Strategic Planning	462	0	441	0	-21	Vacant posts during the year
School & Public Transport	20,027	-3,728	23,763	-6,211	1,253	The estimated overspend is a combination of an increase in the number of operational days for school contracts in this financial year from 188 to 199 - estimated cost of £858k and continuous significant increases in contract prices.
Traffic Management	600	-277	1,290	-1,055	-88	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income, staff vacancies during the year and staff time recharged to grants.
School Crossing Patrols	139	0	126	0	-13	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled - in line with the National Safety Criteria to ensure posts exist at locations a patrol is required only.
Highway Lighting	2,814	-1,050	2,739	-842	133	Estimated electricity costs based on 13% reduction in 2024/25 charges to date - budgets for 2024/25 energy reduced by 23%
Other variances					-7	

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## Main Variances

PRE-CABINET 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024	Notes
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Place and Sustainability</b>						
Place & Sustainability Unit	617	-19	666	-104	-36	Underspend on supplies & services
Building Control	726	-582	641	-394	103	Shortfall in building reg fee income due to an increase in competitors and the current economic climate
Net Zero Carbon Plan	243	0	175	0	-67	Vacant post assume will not be filled due to recruitment freeze, & maternity leave from November 2023, returning August 24
Other Variances					4	
<b>Economic Development &amp; Property</b>						
Regeneration Management	325	0	366	0	41	Overspend due to cessation of staff time recharged to grants
Property	1,030	-109	923	-21	-18	£88k shortfall in income target efficiency offset by one vacant post not expected to be filled this year and 2 others reducing their hours.
Management of Markets, Employment Sites and Premises	222	0	178	0	-44	Vacant post estimated to be filled in December
Commercial Properties	49	-486	159	-613	-18	Reasonably high occupancy rates currently
Administrative Buildings	4,166	-723	3,495	-72	-20	Savings on various premises related costs
Industrial Premises	579	-1,702	596	-1,585	133	Reduced occupancy including one large site. Essential redecoration needed. Rental rates unable to keep up with increase in income validation due to market conditions.
The Beacon	227	-152	264	-149	40	Overspend on premises related costs
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	7,927	-4,000	13,479	-9,069	483	Current projections are forecasting £336k overspend on school meals, both secondary and primary will be further reviewed in detail to ensure accuracy & actions required by the service. Primary Breakfast ongoing pressure of £147k due to not meeting income for care element target.
Other variances					-4	
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>2,363</b>	