

**Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee**  
**Budget Monitoring - Actual 2023/24 - Summary**

Division	Working Budget				Actual				EOY Actual Variance for Year £'000	Feb 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	4,875	-4,117	535	1,293	4,890	-4,174	535	1,252	-41	160
Waste & Environmental Services	30,250	-4,931	2,894	28,213	31,979	-5,891	2,894	28,982	769	720
Highways & Transportation	56,557	-29,841	12,574	39,289	66,765	-40,048	12,574	39,291	2	299
Public Protection	3,657	-1,417	620	2,860	3,503	-1,160	620	2,963	103	101
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>95,339</b>	<b>-40,306</b>	<b>16,624</b>	<b>71,656</b>	<b>107,137</b>	<b>-51,273</b>	<b>16,624</b>	<b>72,488</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>1,280</b>

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**Budget Monitoring - Actual 2023/24 - Main Variances**

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
<b>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,790	-4,017	4,922	-4,100	49	Deficit as a result of the pay award not being fully budgeted for	160
Business Support	-61	-35	-137	-40	-81	Vacant posts during the year	-7
Operational Training	59	-65	0	-28	-21	Vacant trainer post	0
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	14	0	14	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	12
Other Variances					-2		-6
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services</b>							
Environmental Infrastructure	28	0	-4	0	-32	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-33
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	145	0	-54	-0	-199	Underspend on pay costs pending structure review and re-assessment of recruitment freeze	-196
Environmental Enforcement	555	-19	497	-25	-64	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Realignment review ongoing.	-58
Cemetery and Crematorium	35	-27	32	-10	14	Undelivered efficiency target	-3
Public Conveniences	251	-9	262	-10	9		21
Cleansing Service	2,887	-103	3,026	-136	106	Deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and efficiencies not fully met	116
Waste Services	21,302	-1,405	22,601	-1,756	948	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place. Outturn includes draw-down from reserves. Pay budget deficit following pay award not fully met.	862
Green Waste Collection	599	-602	616	-661	-41	Increased customer base	-69
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	3,968	-2,696	4,267	-2,987	9		60
Closed Landfill Sites	196	0	222	0	27	Increased electricity costs in both sites	28
Other Variances					-8		-7

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<b>Highways &amp; Transportation</b>							
Departmental - Transport	171	0	13	0	-158	Vacant post, management review underway	-153
Civil Design	1,314	-1,961	1,267	-2,036	-123	Increased income as a result of increased productivity and less sick days	-104
Transport Strategic Planning	388	0	406	-40	-23	Vacant posts during the year	-28
School Transport	13,798	-994	14,799	-1,340	654	Increased transport costs for operators which subsequently escalate the tendered contract prices for the statutory provision of home to school transport. Transport operators are continuing to experience driver shortages, global supply chain shortages for vehicles and parts and a period of very high fuel prices make for a challenging operating environment, also deficit budget on Passenger Assistants as a result of the pay award.	842
Traffic Management	565	-262	1,122	-977	-158	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income, staff vacancies during the year and staff time recharged to grants.	-212
Car Parks	2,314	-3,593	2,001	-3,304	-25	Reduced Highway maintenance costs as a result of a milder winter and resurfacing works not undertaken by the end of the financial year.	-4
Electric Cars Charging Points - running costs	0	0	3	-23	-21	Income from charging points	-14
Road Safety	220	-11	167	0	-43	Staff time recharged to grants	-54
School Crossing Patrols	162	0	125	0	-37	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.	-36
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	523	-512	656	-615	30	Insufficient income to cover pay costs	3
Highway Maintenance	12,580	-3,907	15,417	-6,744	-1		104
Highway Lighting	3,109	-1,029	3,467	-1,447	-60	Vacant post now filled - from February 2024	-47
Public Rights Of Way	1,065	-83	1,026	-67	-23	Underspend due to maternity leave during the year	-12
GT Link II	235	-235	75	-108	-33	Flat rate underspend	0
Bwcabus Transition	0	0	304	-295	10	Additional costs incurred during transition period	0
Other Variances					11		12

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
<b>Public Protection</b>							
PP Business Support unit	164	0	143	0	-21	Staff Vacancies and underspend on supplies & services	-20
Animal Welfare	90	-87	82	-41	38	Under achievement of Licenses income due to reduced activity. The income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the county, with licensing fees calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.	39
Diseases Of Animals	54	-40	57	-5	38	No grant income received	8
Dog Wardens	109	-33	85	-45	-36	Reduced contracted services costs relating to impounding	-17
Public Health Services Management	116	-121	94	-178	-79	Saving in vacant manager post (£16k) Underspend on supplies & services (£31k)	-47
Licensing	379	-358	397	-292	84	Under achievement of income ,the income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the county, with licensing fees set by legislation or calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.	79
Trading Standards Services Management	151	-42	112	-48	-46	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Consumer & Business Affairs Manager post	-45
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	47	0	-51	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Trading Standards Officer post	-51
Civil Law	250	-3	219	0	-29	Underspend on salaries due to vacant post	-13
Fair Trading	212	-68	248	-5	99	Underachievement of income (£63k), which is at the discretion of the courts when awarding prosecution costs. The income target is particularly high and does not currently reflect the actual potential for cost recovery and additional employee costs for three posts due to be re-aligned.	101
Financial Investigator	126	-527	195	-479	117	Continued delays in courts system means it is taking longer than originally anticipated to translate into receipts.	65
Other Variances					-13		1
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>832</b>		<b>1,280</b>

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**Budget Monitoring - Actual 2023/24 - Detail Variances**

Division	Working Budget				Actual				EOY Actual Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Feb 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>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>											
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,790	-4,017	409	1,182	4,922	-4,100	409	1,231	49	Deficit as a result of the pay award not being fully budgeted for	160
Business Support	-61	-35	177	81	-137	-40	177	0	-81	Vacant posts during the year	-7
Operational Training	59	-65	28	21	0	-28	28	-0	-21	Vacant trainer post	0
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	6	6	14	0	6	20	14	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	12
Departmental - Core	87	0	-85	2	85	0	-85	0	-2		-6
Rechargeable Works	0	0	0	0	5	-5	0	0	0		-0
<b>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>	<b>4,875</b>	<b>-4,117</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>-4,174</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>-41</b>		<b>160</b>
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services</b>											
Environmental Infrastructure	28	0	4	32	-4	0	4	0	-32	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-33
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	145	0	54	199	-54	-0	54	-0	-199	Underspend on pay costs pending structure review and re-assessment of recruitment freeze	-196
Emergency Planning	80	0	14	94	72	0	14	86	-8		-10
Civil Contingencies	69	-69	4	4	70	-70	4	4	-0		0
Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum	0	0	-0	-0	41	-41	-0	-0	0		-0
Environmental Enforcement	555	-19	89	625	497	-25	89	561	-64	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Realignment review ongoing.	-58
Cemetery and Crematorium	35	-27	0	8	32	-10	0	22	14	Undelivered efficiency target	-3
Child Burial & Cremation Grant Scheme	0	0	0	0	10	-10	0	0	0		0
Public Conveniences	251	-9	61	303	262	-10	61	312	9		21
Cleansing Service	2,887	-103	129	2,913	3,026	-136	129	3,019	106	Deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and efficiencies not fully met	116
Tim tacluso	136	0	1	137	136	0	1	137	-0		0
Waste Services	21,302	-1,405	1,131	21,028	22,601	-1,756	1,131	21,976	948	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place. Outturn includes draw-down from reserves. Pay budget deficit following pay award not fully met.	862
Green Waste Collection	599	-602	9	6	616	-661	9	-35	-41	Increased customer base	-69
COVID-19	0	0	0	0	13	-13	0	0	0		2
Powys CC Green Waste collection agreement	0	0	0	0	171	-171	0	0	0		0
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	3,968	-2,696	1,397	2,668	4,267	-2,987	1,397	2,677	9		60
Closed Landfill Sites	196	0	2	198	222	0	2	225	27	Increased electricity costs in both sites	28
Landfill sites	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1		0
GT Caru Cymru	0	0	-1	-1	0	-0	-1	-1	0		0
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services Total</b>	<b>30,250</b>	<b>-4,931</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>28,213</b>	<b>31,979</b>	<b>-5,891</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>28,982</b>	<b>769</b>		<b>720</b>
<b>Highways &amp; Transportation</b>											
Departmental - Transport	171	0	-13	158	13	0	-13	-0	-158	Vacant post, management review underway	-153
Engineering Sub-Contractors	18	0	0	18	20	-2	0	18	-0		0
Sec 278 HT Agreements	0	0	0	0	75	-75	0	0	0		0
Highways Drainage Connection	0	0	0	0	5	-5	0	0	0		0
Civil Design	1,314	-1,961	156	-490	1,267	-2,036	156	-613	-123	Increased income as a result of increased productivity and less sick days	-104
Transport Strategic Planning	388	0	66	454	406	-40	66	431	-23	Vacant posts during the year	-28
Transport Revenue Grants - Other	0	0	0	0	53	-50	0	3	3		4
Fleet Management	7,298	-8,115	2,525	1,708	9,484	-10,300	2,525	1,708	0		0
Passenger Transport	4,771	-2,676	259	2,354	5,657	-3,562	259	2,354	0		0

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Nant y Ci Park & Ride	17	-7	0	10	25	-7	0	17	8		8
Electric Cars Charging Points - running costs	0	0	0	0	3	-23	0	-21	-21	Income from charging points	-14
Storm Damage	0	0	0	0	-2	2	0	0	0		0
Road Safety Revenue Grant	139	-108	2	33	142	-111	2	34	0		0
Road Safety	220	-11	45	254	167	0	45	212	-43	Staff time recharged to grants	-54
School Crossing Patrols	162	0	3	165	125	0	3	128	-37	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.	-36
Bridge Maintenance	788	0	27	815	788	-1	27	815	-0		-1
Remedial Earthworks	285	0	2	287	318	-33	2	287	0		0
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	523	-512	46	57	656	-615	46	87	30	Insufficient income to cover pay costs	3
Technical Surveys	480	0	41	522	480	0	41	522	-0		2
Highway Maintenance	12,580	-3,907	871	9,544	15,417	-6,744	871	9,544	0		104
Capital Charges	0	0	7,719	7,719	0	0	7,719	7,719	0		-0
Western Area Works Partnership	6,264	-6,299	260	226	8,795	-8,829	260	226	0		0
Town & Community Councils LED Conversion project	0	0	0	0	60	-60	0	0	0		0
Highway Lighting	3,109	-1,029	97	2,177	3,467	-1,447	97	2,117	-60	Vacant post now filled - from February 2024	-47
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GT Link II	235	-235	1	2	75	-108	1	-32	-33	Flat rate underspend	0
GT SPF RIF Dev Volunteer Resource PROW	19	-19	0	0	10	-10	0	-0	-0		0
SPF Funded Caru Sir Gar Project	31	-31	0	0	8	-8	0	0	0		0
Bwcabus Transition	0	0	0	0	304	-295	0	10	10	Additional costs incurred during transition period	0
<b>Highways &amp; Transportation Total</b>	<b>56,557</b>	<b>-29,841</b>	<b>12,574</b>	<b>39,289</b>	<b>66,765</b>	<b>-40,048</b>	<b>12,574</b>	<b>39,291</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>299</b>

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<b>Public Protection</b>											
PP Management support	98	-9	69	158	104	-7	69	166	8		9
PP Business Support unit	164	0	9	173	143	0	9	152	-21	Staff Vacancies and underspend on supplies & services	-20
Public Health	356	-16	56	396	348	-8	56	396	0		-0
Noise Control	180	0	14	194	172	-0	14	186	-8		-5
Air Pollution	136	-41	9	104	123	-16	9	116	12		12
Other Pollution	30	0	4	34	44	-12	4	36	2		2
Water - Drinking Quality	49	-5	4	49	54	-7	4	52	3		3
Stray Horses	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	-5		-5
Animal Welfare	90	-87	8	11	82	-41	8	49	38	Under achievement of Licenses income due to reduced activity. The income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the county, with licensing fees calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.	39
Diseases Of Animals	54	-40	4	18	57	-5	4	56	38	No grant income received	8
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Public Health Services Management	116	-121	102	96	94	-178	102	17	-79	Saving in vacant manager post (£16k) Underspend on supplies & services (£31k)	-47
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Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	532	-38	39	532	481	10	39	529	-3		5
Occupational Health	145	-2	12	154	150	-3	12	158	4		5
Trading Standards Services Management	151	-42	50	160	112	-48	50	114	-46	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Consumer & Business Affairs Manager post	-45
Metrology	133	-17	9	125	127	-8	9	129	3		6
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	6	104	47	0	6	53	-51	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Trading Standards Officer post	-51
Civil Law	250	-3	20	267	219	0	20	239	-29	Underspend on salaries due to vacant post	-13
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Safety	74	-11	5	68	61	-14	5	52	-16		-16
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<b>TOTAL FOR PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	<b>95,339</b>	<b>-40,306</b>	<b>16,624</b>	<b>71,656</b>	<b>107,137</b>	<b>-51,273</b>	<b>16,624</b>	<b>72,488</b>	<b>832</b>		<b>1,280</b>