

Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Budget Monitoring as at 30th June 2024 - Summary

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
Public Protection	3,849	-1,623	398	2,624	3,474	-1,220	398	2,652	28
GRAND TOTAL	111,880	-52,236	14,876	74,520	121,238	-59,801	14,876	76,313	1,793

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Budget Monitoring as at 30th June 2024 - Main Variances

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000		
Service Improvement & Transformation						
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	
Environmental Infrastructure						
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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Public Protection						
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
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	
Grand Total					1,793	

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Service Improvement & Transformation										
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,951	-4,057	626	1,520	5,111	-4,089	626	1,648	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	161	47	-129	-87	161	-55	-102	Number of vacant posts due to recruitment freeze, partly offset by £24k vacancy factor
Operational Training	35	-64	29	-0	9	-38	29	-0	-0	
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	6	6	8	0	6	15	8	
Departmental - Core	42	0	-42	0	41	0	-42	-0	-0	
Public Conveniences	236	-10	55	281	263	-11	55	307	26	Increased management fee for Cleaning and maintenance of Danfo PCs. - contract review ongoing
Rechargeable Works	0	0	0	0	7	-7	0	0	0	
Service Improvement & Transformation	5,236	-4,218	836	1,854	5,310	-4,232	836	1,914	60	
Environmental Infrastructure										
Environmental Infrastructure	-22	0	22	0	-21	0	22	2	2	
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	7	0	-7	0	8	-0	-7	1	1	
Emergency Planning	113	0	19	133	114	0	19	133	0	
Civil Contingencies	72	-72	0	0	17	-17	0	-0	-0	
Environmental Enforcement	575	-23	84	636	519	-26	84	576	-60	Vacant post not filled due to recruitment freeze plus flexi retirement within the team
Cemetery and Crematorium	38	-28	0	10	33	-12	0	21	11	Legal advice and support ongoing with Pembs CC on MOU for Parc Gwyn crematorium
Child Burial & Cremation Grant Scheme	51	0	0	51	51	0	0	51	0	
Cleansing Service	2,927	-142	104	2,890	2,927	-142	104	2,889	-0	
Tim tacluso	275	0	0	275	275	0	0	275	0	
Waste collection	13,184	-1,164	1,010	13,030	13,694	-1,322	1,010	13,382	352	Additional resources required to cover sickness, leave & plant downtime; £84k vacancy factor not achievable
Circular Economy - waste	580	-394	7	193	580	-394	7	192	-0	
Waste Treatment & Disposal	10,701	-458	170	10,412	10,813	-464	170	10,519	107	Increased costs of waste treatment fees and haulage
Waste unit	1	-135	133	-0	28	-135	133	27	27	Additional vehicle costs for waste wardens
Powys CC Green Waste collection agreement	0	0	0	0	561	-561	0	0	0	
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	4,118	-2,819	277	1,577	4,073	-2,781	277	1,569	-7	
Closed Landfill Sites	279	0	3	282	279	0	3	282	-0	
Departmental - Transport	47	0	-47	0	46	0	-47	-0	-0	
Sec 278 HT Agreements	0	0	0	0	-32	32	0	-0	-0	
Civil Design	1,352	-2,012	156	-504	1,367	-2,015	156	-492	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	70	532	441	0	70	510	-21	Vacant posts during the year
Fleet Management	9,182	-10,106	1,811	886	11,074	-11,999	1,811	886	0	
School & Public Transport	20,027	-3,728	303	16,602	23,763	-6,211	303	17,855	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	100	423	1,290	-1,055	100	334	-88	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income, staff vacancies during the year and staff time recharged to grants.
Car Parks	2,425	-3,057	160	-471	2,303	-2,936	160	-473	-2	

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Nant y Ci Park & Ride	10	0	0	10	9	0	0	9	-0	
Road Safety Revenue Grant	109	-109	3	3	109	-109	3	3	-0	
Road Safety	269	-6	32	295	263	0	32	295	0	
School Crossing Patrols	139	0	16	154	126	0	16	142	-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.
Bridge Maintenance	844	0	12	856	843	0	12	855	-1	
Remedial Earthworks	373	0	2	375	373	0	2	375	0	
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	544	-529	26	41	476	-461	26	42	0	
Technical Surveys	505	0	43	548	505	0	43	548	-0	
Highway Maintenance	22,621	-13,787	1,034	9,868	23,358	-14,524	1,034	9,868	-0	
Capital Charges	0	0	7,768	7,768	0	0	7,768	7,768	-0	
Western Area Works Partnership	6,309	-6,309	97	97	8,159	-8,159	97	97	-0	
Highway Lighting	2,814	-1,050	105	1,869	2,739	-842	105	2,002	133	Estimated electricity costs based on 13% reduction in 2024/25 charges to date - budgets for 2024/25 energy reduced by 23%
Public Rights Of Way	1,151	-77	127	1,201	1,142	-68	127	1,202	1	
GT Link II	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
GT SPF RIF Dev Volunteer Resource PROW	26	-26	0	0	27	-27	0	-0	-0	
SPF Funded Caru Sir Gar Project	0	0	0	0	33	-33	0	-0	-0	
GT SPF Comm Bws Bach Y Wlad	88	-88	0	0	88	-88	0	-0	-0	
Environmental Infrastructure Total	102,796	-46,396	13,642	70,042	112,454	-54,349	13,642	71,747	1,705	

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Public Protection										
PP Management support	101	-10	20	111	104	-10	20	114	3	
PP Business Support unit	172	0	6	178	153	0	6	159	-20	2 Staff Vacancies off set by supporting post in other division
Public Health	435	-17	28	447	425	-6	28	447	0	
Noise Control	117	0	7	124	106	0	7	113	-12	
Air Pollution	138	-42	20	116	123	-17	20	126	10	
Other Pollution	32	0	2	34	48	0	2	51	17	
Water - Drinking Quality	51	-5	3	49	67	-4	3	65	16	
Stray Horses	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	0	
Animal Welfare	94	-91	6	9	112	-42	6	76	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.
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Animal Safety	176	0	7	183	161	0	7	168	-14	
Public Health Services Management	122	-126	79	75	25	-126	79	-22	-97	Vacant post Environmental Protection Manager
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Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	546	-38	23	531	529	-39	23	512	-18	
Occupational Health	150	-2	7	155	156	-2	7	160	5	
Trading Standards Services Management	135	-44	51	142	173	-50	51	174	32	Overspend due to additional Legal Fees & vehicle costs
Metrology	135	-17	5	123	131	-7	5	129	6	
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	44	0	5	49	45	0	5	50	1	
Civil Law	254	-3	10	261	133	0	10	143	-118	Vacant post Senior Consumer Protection Officer & other underspends
Fair Trading	302	-71	12	243	247	-6	12	253	10	
Safety	76	-12	2	66	62	-23	2	42	-24	Grant Income not budgeted for
Financial Investigator	201	-616	10	-405	100	-515	10	-405	-0	Continued delays in the Court System means it is taking longer than originally anticipated to translate into receipts
Public Protection Total	3,849	-1,623	398	2,624	3,474	-1,220	398	2,652	28	
TOTAL FOR PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE	111,880	-52,236	14,876	74,520	121,237	-59,801	14,876	76,313	1,793	