

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

CABINET 9th JANUARY 2023

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

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Table 1

Forecasted for year to 31st March 2023

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 2022	Aug 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	39,330	-17,973	-4,140	17,218	40,306	-19,479	-4,140	16,687	-530	-636
Communities	176,323	-70,529	13,795	119,589	179,666	-71,238	13,795	122,223	2,634	1,723
Corporate Services	76,849	-46,040	-1,693	29,116	71,903	-41,975	-1,693	28,235	-881	-739
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	201,385	-36,897	22,906	187,394	234,810	-66,626	22,906	191,091	3,696	4,585
Environment	142,539	-90,007	13,252	65,784	143,737	-91,280	13,252	65,709	-75	-2
Departmental Expenditure	636,426	-261,446	44,121	419,101	670,423	-290,599	44,121	423,945	4,844	4,930
Unfunded pay offers (above budget):										
NJC Staff (employers' offer)				0				6,500	6,500	6,500
Teachers (IWPRB recommendation)				0				600	600	600
Reversal of Employers N.I. increase November 2022				0				-800	-800	0
Corporate Contingency				3,000				200	-2,800	-3,000
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-17,694				-20,194	-2,500	-1,500
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				421,728	5,842	7,528
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				265	265	318
- Communities				0				-982	-982	-982
- Corporate Services				0				440	440	370
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				-2,131	-2,131	-2,431
- Environment				0				38	38	1
Net Budget				415,885				419,359	3,473	4,804

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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	727	-4	-845	-122	-136	-144
People Management	4,687	-1,585	-2,619	484	6,040	-2,641	-2,619	780	297	326
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,785	752	6,518	-1,016	-4,785	718	-34	-90
Admin and Law	4,926	-838	703	4,791	4,782	-955	703	4,530	-261	-244
Marketing & Media	2,826	-713	-1,430	683	2,295	-526	-1,430	338	-345	-259
Statutory Services	1,444	-346	281	1,380	1,599	-570	281	1,310	-70	-151
Regeneration	18,088	-13,529	4,555	9,114	18,344	-13,767	4,555	9,133	19	-74
GRAND TOTAL	39,330	-17,973	-4,140	17,218	40,306	-19,479	-4,140	16,687	-530	-636

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	409	-171	430	-32	160	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements.	161
Translation	595	-53	457	-53	-138	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment & number of staff working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services.	-122
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	939	-358	-260	Part year vacancies in Contact Centre and Hwbs. Constantly out to advert due to difficulty in filling posts.	-240
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	174	-96	74	-53	-57	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment, offset partly by less income from decreased demand for desk rent space.	-58
Marketing Tourism Development	405	-5	355	-5	-50	Underspend on salaries pending divisional realignment	0
Statutory Services							
Registrars	525	-343	611	-493	-64	Increase in anticipated income due to large number of ceremonies taking place.	-104
Coroners	369	0	405	0	37	£20k one off costs in relation to one particular case, large increase in undertakers fees, mortuary fees and post mortem fees in line with other local authorities.	-3
Electoral Services - Staff	265	0	223	0	-42	1 post currently vacant, unlikely to be filled until January.	-45
Regeneration & Property							
Regeneration Management	308	0	349	0	41	Overspend due to cessation in staff time recharged to projects	1
Property	1,195	-91	1,063	-16	-57	4 posts currently vacant estimated to be filled from January. These vacancies and an underspend on supplies and services are covering a shortfall on income generated from external work undertaken.	-37
County Farms	79	-351	93	-308	57	Income target not met due to current economic climate, as no scope to increase tenancy agreements at the moment	46
Other variances					-20		-85
Grand Total					-530		-636

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Adult Services										
Older People	71,112	-25,954	3,557	48,715	70,723	-26,047	3,557	48,234	-482	-833
Physical Disabilities	8,478	-1,909	286	6,855	8,271	-2,105	286	6,452	-404	-411
Learning Disabilities	43,973	-11,718	1,438	33,692	45,884	-11,320	1,438	36,002	2,309	1,422
Mental Health	11,531	-4,324	233	7,440	11,670	-4,303	233	7,600	160	558
Support	11,293	-7,375	1,167	5,085	11,317	-7,450	1,167	5,034	-51	-42
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,506	-1,384	532	2,655	3,456	-1,240	532	2,748	93	76
Council Fund Housing	9,216	-7,994	798	2,020	11,281	-9,925	798	2,155	135	156
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	17,213	-9,870	5,783	13,126	17,065	-8,849	5,783	13,999	873	797
GRAND TOTAL	176,323	-70,529	13,795	119,589	179,666	-71,238	13,795	122,223	2,633	1,723

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Commissioning	4,520	-912	4,386	-888	-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.	-227
Older People - LA Home Care	9,265	-4,286	9,589	-4,489	120	Recruitment issues in respect of care workers has increased the reliance on Agency staff	88
Older People - Direct Payments	1,285	-313	1,434	-313	149	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	143
Older People - Private Home Care	9,515	-2,638	9,873	-2,638	358	Additional costs in the Home Care Framework due to supporting rural provision	157
Older People - Enablement	2,060	-485	1,504	-471	-541	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.	-447
Older People - Day Services	895	-84	493	-18	-335	Provision of day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-309
Older People - Other variances					-123		-238
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,574	-313	1,314	-313	-260	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.	-257
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,447	-174	960	-174	-488	Demand for Supported Living placements is lower than pre-pandemic.	-506
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,024	-603	3,505	-603	481	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	456
Phys Dis - Other variances					-138		-104
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,921	-279	1,574	-57	-124	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-123
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	12,296	-4,482	13,333	-4,482	1,037	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.	978
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	4,490	-572	4,952	-572	462	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.	1,209

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Learn Dis - Day Services	2,672	-464	2,311	-260	-157	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-209
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,179	-84	866	-84	-313	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-483
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	2,940	-1,992	2,331	-1,937	-554	Provision of LD day services which forms part of the Shared Lives Services, is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-318
Learn Dis - Other variances					64		-91
Mental Health							
M Health - Commissioning	1,558	-154	1,213	-143	-335	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.	-330
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,653	-3,377	7,180	-3,377	527	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.	469
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 Covid. The Progression & Review Team will prioritise Rightsizing in Supported Living in 2022.	438
M Health - Community Support	777	-78	571	-78	-206	Community Support Provision is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-83
M Health - Other variances					-18		63
Support							
Other Variances - Support					-51		-42
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Business Support unit	160	0	135	0	-26	Under on salaries & supplies & services	-25
Public Health	300	-15	321	-6	29	Over on salaries and repairs	3
Noise Control	227	0	173	-0	-54	Under on salaries	-40
Animal Welfare	87	-87	88	-41	47	Under achievement of income, mainly due to reduction in licensed dog breeders	49
Public Health Services Management	54	-115	132	-115	78	Over on salaries	19
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	96	0	64	0	-32	Under on salaries & Supplies & Services	-53
Fair Trading	231	-68	225	-4	58	Under achievement of income	-11

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Financial Investigator	124	-527	172	-527	48	This is an assumption that court process for outstanding cases will be part delivered during 2022/23. There is a significant risk that some cases will be carried forward to 2023/24	170
Other Variances					-55		-36
Council Fund Housing							
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	662	-273	692	-339	-36	Over achievement of Income	19
Homelessness	169	-70	95	-15	-20	Underspent on Expenditure	2
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	175	0	143	0	-33	Reduced employee costs	-21
Temporary Accommodation	533	-113	1,329	-653	256	Increased pressure on service previously funded through Hardship Grant. Alternative accommodation options currently being developed e.g. more dispersed /smaller schemes	255
Other variances					-33		-99
Leisure & Recreation							
Millennium Coastal Park	264	-109	268	-91	21	Shortfall of income to budget for Parking £14k and Concessions £4k plus numerous minor expenditure overspends	-8
Burry Port Harbour	21	-107	28	-131	-16	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking	-2
Discovery Centre	6	-90	6	-109	-19	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking	-4
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	557	-375	382	-191	10	Income shortfall for Board & Accom (COVID19 recovery) £187k offset by reduced staffing requirement £113k along with various underspends in Premises and S & S headings	26
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	337	-192	302	-135	21	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £57k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £23k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	26
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,513	-1,616	1,412	-1,316	198	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £299k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £107k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	151
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	960	-856	982	-721	157	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £135k, along with Utilities £27k and R & M £52k, offset in part with in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £42k and numerous minor expenditure underspends	112
Llandovery Swimming Pool	376	-259	367	-146	104	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £113k offset with by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff	97
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	-37	0	-37	Credit relating to backdated NNDR	-37
Actif Facilities	249	0	260	-26	-15	External funding received which was not budgeted	-0
Actif health, fitness and dryside	213	-135	189	-87	22	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £47k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £25k	40

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Catering - Sport Centres	320	-297	261	-208	30	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £89k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £16k and underspend in cost of Catering £43k	5
Sport & Leisure General	840	-46	833	-54	-14	In year staff vacancies	-0
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	62	-14	40	-13	-22	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-23
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,297	-1,094	1,324	-871	249	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £223k and Premises Mtce £61k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £11k, along with various underspends in S & S headings	299
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	423	0	471	0	47	Forecast overspend due to planned installation of transformer to safeguard future Service delivery	-4
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	519	-382	591	-489	-35	Forecast to over achieve income to budget	-44
Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	187	-20	176	-21	-13	Numerous minor underspends in Supplies & Services	-20
Museum of speed, Pendine	89	-27	82	-2	18	Unable to achieve income target as site closed for most of 2022/23	17
Museums General	158	0	231	0	73	Unable to achieve vacancy factor, a legacy of undelivered PBB's and unfunded post	72
Arts General	16	0	2	0	-14	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-15
St Clears Craft Centre	111	-39	62	-18	-29	Vacant posts being held pending potential community run venture	-27
Laugharne Boathouse	157	-117	150	-64	46	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	39
Lyric Theatre	417	-315	368	-252	13	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)	-33
Y Ffwrnnes	813	-486	762	-394	41	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £91k, offset by forecast underspend on Performance Fees £11k, cost of Catering £18k and numerous expenditure underspends	65
Entertainment Centres General	564	-63	487	-23	-37	In year staff vacancies	-7
Attractor - Management	0	0	46	0	46	Forecast cost of Project Manager post (10 mths) not funded	27
Attractor - Hostel	0	0	21	0	21	Expenditure relating to Y Caban not budgeted	0
Attractor - Externals	7	-58	9	-13	46	Parking income budgeted for Attractor site not fully achievable due to delays in contract completion	34
Leisure Management	436	-3	406	-3	-30	In year staff vacancy	-28
Other Variances					-10		39
Grand Total					2,633		1,723

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Financial Services	12,750	-2,788	-863	9,098	11,959	-2,443	-863	8,653	-445	-460
Revenues & Financial Compliance	64,099	-43,252	-830	20,018	59,944	-39,532	-830	19,582	-436	-279
GRAND TOTAL	76,849	-46,040	-1,693	29,116	71,903	-41,975	-1,693	28,235	-881	-739

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Financial Services							
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	277	-200	271	-217	-24	Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership	-25
Systems and Accounts Payable	581	-79	545	-81	-37	5 Vacant posts during the year. All 5 filled from November	-68
Audit Fees	325	-96	300	-96	-25	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants	-25
Bank Charges	66	0	52	0	-14	Reduced costs following new bank contract	-9
Miscellaneous Services	7,016	-125	6,588	-39	-342	£329k underspend on pre LGR pension costs along with a £13k underspend on Treasury Management expenses.	-329
Other variances					-3		-4
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	638	-36	580	-36	-58	Savings from staff member working reduced hours, maternity leave and a number of posts currently at lowest point on the salary scale	-38
Audit	511	-20	492	-39	-38	1 vacant post estimated to be filled in November, 1 recently filled post and one post working at reduced hours	-40
Risk Management	158	-1	140	-1	-18	Staff member working reduced hours	1
Business Support Unit	149	0	135	0	-13	2 staff members on lowest points of the scale	-3
Corporate Services Training	62	0	36	0	-26	Less planned training during the year	-11
Local Taxation	986	-763	972	-802	-53	Savings on 4 vacant posts to date. Two have been filled, and two remain vacant and are being covered by agency following failure to recruit.	-50
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	17,249	0	17,008	0	-241	Underspend based on latest demand figures.	-241
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	37,206	-37,311	112	Projections on expenditure based on 2021/22 claims	112
Rates Relief	289	0	184	0	-105	Low take-up anticipated in 2022/23. Based on current demand.	-105
Housing Benefits Admin	1,702	-753	1,455	-632	-125	DWP Housing Benefit Admin grant received is £212k less than budget. There is a net £217k underspend on pay costs, due to 11 current vacant posts, estimated to be filled from January, which is 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 £120k of one-off grants from DWP during the year to complete specific projects.	-74
Revenues	1,033	-139	1,158	-136	129	£100k 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 3 recent vacant posts that are estimated to be filled from January.	168
Grand Total					-881		-739

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Schools Delegated Budgets	150,322	-22,286	0	128,035	157,712	-22,286	0	135,425	7,390	7,650
Transfer from Reserves				0		-7,390		-7,390	-7,390	-7,650
Director & Strategic Management	1,608	0	-109	1,499	1,368	0	-109	1,259	-240	-825
Education Services Division	5,905	-1,579	17,587	21,913	7,885	-3,684	17,587	21,787	-125	1,167
Access to Education	3,496	-103	1,339	4,733	11,529	-7,660	1,339	5,208	476	812
School Improvement	2,271	-119	460	2,613	11,182	-9,020	460	2,622	10	12
Curriculum & Wellbeing	9,721	-4,300	895	6,316	10,433	-5,247	895	6,081	-235	143
Children's Services	28,062	-8,510	2,734	22,286	34,701	-11,339	2,734	26,096	3,811	3,276
TOTAL excluding schools	51,064	-14,611	22,906	59,359	77,098	-36,950	22,906	63,055	3,696	4,585
GRAND TOTAL	201,385	-36,897	22,906	187,394	234,810	-66,626	22,906	191,091	3,696	4,585

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	1,238	0	1,003	0	-235	£225k earmarked for 2023/24 efficiency this year reducing the department's in year overspend. £590k has been vired to ALN since August.	-817
Other variances					-5		-8
Education Services Division							
School Redundancy & EVR	2,133	0	1,980	0	-153	Low number of school redundancies due to the surpluses brought forward & continuation of RRRS grant	-104
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	364	0	912	-828	-280	WG grant funding received where already committed core budget. In year underspend supporting department pressures	-0
Additional Learning Needs	3,298	-1,579	4,883	-2,856	308	New ALN pressures in excess of the already committed budget for school provision. Growth budget and reserve funding has been applied to specific pressures within the service since August	1,271
Access to Education							
School Admissions	420	0	343	0	-77	Part year vacant posts currently being recruited to	-48
School Modernisation	142	0	296	-44	110	£101k closed schools & £9k additional transport costs following school reorganisations	67
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	2,934	-103	10,890	-7,616	442	Based on existing costs and income levels for school meals £299k. Primary breakfast contributions for care element shortfall £90k & increased costs of food & labour £53k	793
School Improvement							
Other variances					10		12
Curriculum and Wellbeing							
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	3,506	-226	3,945	-616	48	Increased agency costs due to staff absences across the 4 settings	244
Youth Support Service & Participation	2,239	-1,217	2,089	-1,207	-140	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays in recruitment and additional short term grants being utilised	-130
School Information Systems	370	-28	253	-28	-117	Part year vacant posts being reviewed as part of current restructure	-27

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
European Funded Projects	315	-314	208	-259	-51	Project led by Pembs CC ended in May 2021, final grant income is still outstanding. £51k 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	0
Other variances					26		56
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	7,854	-109	8,960	-199	1,016	Increased agency staff costs forecast £585k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £348k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £170k. This is partly offset by other net savings - £87k - staffing budget due to vacancies as not able to recruit and additional grant income	957
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,037	-124	937	-124	-101	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-94
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,276	0	5,029	0	753	Specialist support (mainly agency) for 2 young people with highly complex needs £381k (1 additional since August). Boarded out costs re demand, allowance increases and additional payments due to connected carers £163k. Enhancement costs re more complex children in placements £46k, transport to school costs £44k re demand & increased fuel costs, one off IT equipment purchases for Carers £36k, an extension for 1 family £32k, panel costs £15k, promotion & marketing costs £13k. Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £23k	579
Adoption Services	564	0	1,203	-548	90	Increased staffing costs, including agency staff re ongoing service demands and maternity leave cover required for 3 members of the team	170
Out of County Placements (CS)	446	0	1,467	-31	990	3 new highly complex placements in 2022/23	881
Residential Units	849	-365	2,369	-1,159	725	£432k Garreglwyd - significant agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting to vacant posts & sickness cover. This projected outturn position assumes £616k income from Hywel Dda University Health Board. £293k forecast overspend at the new Ty Magu Residential Unit - increased staffing costs re complex placements £253k and other estimated running costs £40k, with no budget or grant funding currently available for non-staffing costs	464
Respite Units	1,025	-12	1,053	-4	36	Emergency placement at Llys Caradog, requiring specialist, high cost agency staff support	7
Supporting Childcare	1,321	-710	1,618	-1,036	-29	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-20

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Short Breaks and Direct Payments	689	-59	1,193	-235	328	Increased demand for Direct Payments since change in legislation, further pressures linked to COVID19 & lack of commissioned services available £294k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £206k, partly offset by recently awarded WG grant - £172k	434
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	946	-577	1,032	-724	-61	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-103
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,165	-164	1,538	-473	64	Increased number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children, with projected costs in excess of expected income from the Home Office	-44
Other Variances					-2		44
Grand Total					3,696		4,585

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Business Support & Performance	4,273	-3,878	492	887	4,403	-3,972	492	923	36	62
Waste & Environmental Services	28,964	-4,796	1,399	25,568	29,283	-5,029	1,399	25,653	85	-117
Highways & Transportation	56,947	-33,203	10,132	33,875	58,017	-33,993	10,132	34,155	280	762
Property	46,776	-45,801	899	1,874	46,599	-45,750	899	1,749	-125	-411
Place and Sustainability	5,578	-2,329	330	3,579	5,435	-2,536	330	3,229	-350	-298
GRAND TOTAL	142,539	-90,007	13,252	65,784	143,737	-91,280	13,252	65,709	-75	-2

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Business Support & Performance							
Departmental - Core	45	0	77	0	32	£14k health and wellbeing staff; £18k recruitment costs for Director post	32
Other variances					4		30
Waste & Environmental Services							
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	-77	0	-65	Interim staffing complement, recruitment will be reviewed in the third quarter.	-70
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	132	-134	130	-85	47	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	40
Environmental Enforcement	589	-19	554	-21	-37	Underspend relates to vacated post. Work underway to assess future needs.	-28
Green Waste Collection	574	-446	629	-545	-45	Increased customer base	-47
Waste Services	0	0	199	0	199	Sickness absence related agency cover and driver support services	0
Other variances					-14		-13
Highways & Transportation							
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	17	0	17	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	17
Transport Strategic Planning	419	0	435	0	16	Staff costs incurred, funding subject to review of levelling up project management allocation	4
School Transport	12,570	-946	13,315	-1,411	280	£285k due to estimated additional tender price increases and increased demand for ALN.	587
Traffic Management	579	-189	966	-629	-54	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-78
Car Parks	2,113	-3,348	1,814	-2,832	217	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres. WG reimbursement is no longer available.	407
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	85	-34	119	-57	12	Reduced demand on the service	19
Road Safety	248	-5	158	0	-85	Vacant post estimated to be filled in January, reduced hours for another post and an estimated £43k officers' time recharged to grants.	-78
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	127	0	-33	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled	-26
Highway Lighting	2,608	-1,221	2,208	-850	-28	Vacant Assistant public lighting engineer post estimated to be filled by December 2022	-28
Public Rights Of Way	1,043	-75	958	-57	-67	Savings on pay due to reduced hours; vacancies during the first and second quarters	-66
Other variances					5		5

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Property							
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	0	0	-140	No commitment for HOS post	-140
Property Maintenance Operational	34,800	-35,749	34,910	-35,996	-137	Estimated sub-contractor costs based on 81% of works programme, this may vary as the year progresses	-371
Schools Handyvan Service	253	-249	301	-240	57	More work being identified within schools which require to be undertaken	0
Pumping Stations	55	0	103	0	48	Additional cost due to further testing at Llandovery pumping station	46
Property Design - Business Unit	2,851	-3,219	3,278	-3,596	50	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.	90
Other variances					-3		-36
Place and Sustainability							
Planning Admin Account	331	-17	401	-124	-37	Due to underspend on supplies & services	-22
Building Control	687	-509	654	-492	-16	Due to vacant post to be filled in January	53
Minerals	333	-198	292	-170	-13	Due to vacant post now filled	-14
Development Management	1,839	-948	1,682	-1,038	-247	£284k underspend on vacant posts offset by additional agency, fees & travel	-263
Conservation	485	-13	457	-13	-27	Some officers not on top of grade	-27
Other Variances					-10		-25
Grand Total					-75		-2