

Communities, Homes & Regeneration Scrutiny Report
Budget Monitoring as at 31st October 2023 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 2023 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	
Regeneration, Digital & Policy	45,651	-31,972	-612	13,067	48,197	-34,633	-612	12,953	-115
Place and Sustainability	7,533	-3,493	381	4,422	7,353	-3,582	381	4,152	-269
Leisure & Recreation	20,519	-11,525	6,380	15,374	20,324	-10,841	6,380	15,863	489
Council Fund Housing	28,678	-28,288	521	910	30,695	-30,268	521	947	37
GRAND TOTAL	102,382	-75,278	6,670	33,773	106,569	-79,323	6,670	33,916	142

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Regeneration, Digital & Policy										
Regeneration Management	311	0	38	349	347	0	38	385	36	Overspend due to cessation of staff time that we are able to charge to grants
Betws wind farm community fund	87	-87	1	1	87	-87	1	1	0	
Welfare Rights & Citizen's Advice	161	0	2	162	161	0	2	162	0	
Llanelli Coast Joint Venture	160	-160	5	5	132	-132	5	5	-0	
Econ Dev-Rural Carmarthen, Ammanford, Town Centres	365	0	5,623	5,988	365	0	5,623	5,988	-0	
Econ Dev-Llanelli, C Hands, Coastal, Business, Inf & Ent	402	0	89	490	402	0	89	490	0	
Community Development and External Funding	576	0	109	686	576	0	109	686	-0	
Period Dignity Grant	0	0	0	0	105	-105	0	0	0	
Wellness	275	0	19	294	275	0	19	294	-0	
Swansea Bay City Deal	0	0	24	24	-0	0	24	24	-0	
South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee	0	0	0	0	10	-10	0	-0	-0	
Information Technology	5,786	-970	-3,792	1,024	5,703	-963	-3,792	948	-76	6 vacant posts which will not now be filled as a result of the recruitment freeze.
Welsh Language	141	-11	-153	-24	117	-11	-153	-48	-24	Part year vacant post not currently being filled due to recruitment freeze
Chief Executive-Policy	737	-33	-786	-83	744	-33	-786	-75	7	
Public Services Board	6	0	0	6	15	-9	0	6	-0	
Armed Forces Covenant Scheme	0	0	0	0	73	-73	0	0	0	
Armed Forces and Remembrance	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	-4	
Property	1,016	-95	-1,251	-330	916	-10	-1,251	-345	-15	Shortfall of £85k in external income offset by £66k staffing savings due to 3 vacant posts in early part of the year. 1 post currently vacant not currently being replaced due to recruitment freeze. £34k underspend on non salary budgets.
Management of Markets, Employment Sites and Premises	216	0	0	216	223	0	0	223	8	
Commercial Properties	54	-486	537	105	126	-574	537	89	-16	Reasonably high occupancy rates currently
Provision Markets	719	-584	366	501	660	-491	366	535	34	Low occupancy rates has resulted in a shortfall of £93k in anticipated income. This is offset by savings made in premises related costs.
Asset Sales	21	0	0	21	28	0	0	28	7	
Operational Depots	490	0	-326	165	495	0	-326	169	4	
Administrative Buildings	4,647	-888	-3,386	374	4,426	-728	-3,386	313	-61	£42k savings on employee costs due to vacancies and recruitment freeze. £19k savings estimated on premises related running costs.
Industrial Premises	613	-1,638	942	-82	857	-1,947	942	-148	-66	Relatively high occupancy rates currently
The Beacon	252	-151	50	151	253	-138	50	165	13	Decrease in demand for office space.

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County Farms	83	-368	522	236	90	-368	522	243	7	
Livestock Markets	65	-120	3	-51	20	-38	3	-15	36	Potential shortfall in income at Llandoverly and Carmarthen Marts pending receipt of turnover figures from the respective operators
Property Division Business Unit	136	0	22	159	0	0	22	22	-136	Vacant HOS post awaiting further review of new divisional structure
Property Maintenance Business Unit	1,170	-1,351	65	-117	1,156	-1,337	65	-117	0	
Property Maintenance Operational	12,151	-12,507	183	-173	15,881	-16,019	183	44	217	£18k deficit due to pay award. Following Housing Disaggregation a review of recharges needs to be undertaken to take account of revised operating costs.
Property Maintenance - Notional Allocation	2,800	0	13	2,812	2,800	0	13	2,812	0	
Schools Handyvan Service	0	0	0	0	243	-243	0	-0	-0	
Mechanical and Electrical Schools & other LEA SLA	515	-515	0	0	515	-515	0	-0	-0	
Pumping Stations	57	0	0	57	57	0	0	57	-0	
Property Design - Business Unit	2,634	-3,010	165	-211	2,853	-3,317	165	-298	-87	Review of projected income based on current vacancies
Design & Professional Services Frameworks	0	0	0	0	113	-113	0	0	0	
Externally Funded Schemes	9,001	-8,997	303	307	7,376	-7,372	303	307	-0	
Regeneration, Digital & Policy Total	45,651	-31,972	-612	13,067	48,197	-34,633	-612	12,953	-115	
Place and Sustainability										
Place & Sustainability Unit	585	-18	-115	451	655	-151	-115	389	-62	Underspend on supplies & services
Building Control	706	-560	112	258	662	-411	112	363	104	Shortfall in building reg fee income due to an increase in competitors and the current economic climate. Projection is based on actual income in the first 7 months which may vary as the year progresses
Strategic Policy & Placemaking	775	0	62	837	741	-0	62	802	-34	Underspend on salaries due to maternity leave and vacant post during the year - filled from November 2023
Phosphates Management Grant	541	-541	0	0	541	-541	0	0	0	
Development Management	1,967	-1,169	216	1,015	1,870	-1,312	216	775	-240	£190k underspend on net pay costs due to vacancies within the year & current recruitment freeze; £142k additional planning application income forecast based on actual income received in the first 7 months of the year, this may vary as the year progresses.
Tywi Centre	73	-69	13	17	119	-106	13	27	9	
Conservation	526	-118	36	444	566	-158	36	444	-0	
Caeau Mynydd Mawr - Marsh Fritillary Project	100	-100	4	4	117	-117	4	4	-0	
Ash Dieback	283	0	1	285	283	0	1	285	-0	
Machynys S.106 Project	6	-6	0	0	6	-6	0	0	-0	

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Cross Hands West Conservation Manager	5	-5	0	0	5	-5	0	0	0	
Local Places for Nature	120	-120	0	0	98	-98	0	-0	-0	
Dafen Custody Biodiversity Suite	6	-6	0	0	8	-8	0	0	0	
Renewable Energy Fund	0	-56	0	-56	0	-56	0	-56	0	
Sustainable Development Unit	170	0	0	170	169	0	0	169	-2	
Net Zero Carbon Plan	188	0	0	188	117	0	0	117	-70	Vacant post won't be filled this year due to recruitment freeze, and maternity leave from November 2023
Local Energy Grant	366	-366	0	0	272	-272	0	0	0	
Flood Defence & Land Drainage	627	-1	50	677	628	-0	50	678	2	
WG-Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Revenue Grant	225	-225	0	0	225	-225	0	0	0	
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	139	-134	0	5	138	-110	0	29	23	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects
Reservoirs	66	0	0	66	66	0	0	66	0	
Coastal Protection	60	0	1	61	60	0	1	61	-0	
GT Connecting Green Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	6	-6	0	-0	-0	
Place and Sustainability Total	7,533	-3,493	381	4,421	7,353	-3,582	381	4,152	-269	
Leisure & Recreation										
Millennium Coastal Park	334	-94	975	1,215	334	-83	975	1,225	11	Forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees & Season Tickets
MCP - investment properties	0	-73	0	-73	0	-73	0	-73	-0	
Burry Port Harbour	24	-143	38	-81	37	-127	38	-52	29	Legal / Mtce costs relating to Burry Port Marina not budgeted £14k plus forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees
Discovery Centre	5	-113	1	-106	6	-119	1	-112	-5	
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	525	-375	111	261	375	-197	111	289	28	Forecast shortfall in income for Board & Accommodation to budget with smaller group bookings
Pembrey Beach Kiosk	0	-80	0	-80	0	-46	0	-45	34	Forecast shortfall in income from Beach Kiosk Sales due mainly to the bad summer weather over school holidays
Pembrey Ski Slope	532	-590	83	25	525	-588	83	20	-5	
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	360	-187	19	192	362	-181	19	200	8	
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,955	-1,674	989	1,271	1,965	-1,644	989	1,310	40	Pay validation £30k plus forecast income shortfall of £10k
St Clears Leisure Centre	188	-69	88	206	154	-45	88	197	-9	
Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowling Club	0	0	76	76	0	0	76	76	-0	
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	1,187	-944	91	333	1,190	-938	91	342	9	
Brynamman Swimming Pool	0	0	39	39	0	0	39	39	-0	
Llandovery Swimming Pool	478	-212	32	298	497	-185	32	344	47	Pay validation plus forecast income shortfall
Garnant Golf Course	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	0	0	-43	0	0	-43	-43	Accrual for NNDR no longer required
Dinefwr Bowling Centre	0	0	73	73	0	0	73	73	0	
Actif Communities	384	-39	54	399	356	-41	54	370	-30	In year vacancy

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Actif Facilities	272	0	33	305	268	-1	33	300	-5	
Actif health, fitness and dryside	242	-156	11	97	206	-109	11	108	11	Slight shortfall on higher income target set
Specialist populations	95	-97	2	0	95	-97	2	-0	-0	
Falls Prevention	60	-60	0	0	59	-56	0	3	3	
Catering - Sport Centres	293	-277	0	16	317	-300	0	17	1	
GT RDP Rural Digital Provision & Regen	0	0	0	0	10	-10	0	-0	-0	
Pre-diabetes	51	-51	0	0	65	-65	0	0	0	
Active Young People	393	-399	20	14	393	-399	20	14	0	
GT SPF - RIF St Clears	0	0	0	0	11	-11	0	0	0	
LAPA Additional Funding (E)	12	-12	1	1	79	-79	1	1	0	
Sport & Leisure General	843	-44	71	870	855	-53	71	874	4	
National Exercise Referral Scheme (E)	198	-198	13	13	176	-176	13	13	-0	
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	11	-56	1	-44	12	-57	1	-45	-1	
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	25	-15	0	10	21	-14	0	6	-4	
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,567	-1,075	659	1,151	1,597	-1,043	659	1,213	63	Pay validation £26k plus forecast income shortfall linked to sports hall booking cancellations due to roof leaks
Coedcae Sports Hall	0	0	5	5	-0	0	5	4	-0	
ESD Rev Grant - Ynys Dawela	0	0	3	3	2	0	3	5	2	
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	287	0	65	352	348	0	65	413	61	Forecast overspend on Employees due to shortfall of validation £20k plus long term sickness cover
Pembrey Country Park	1,144	-1,352	125	-83	1,139	-1,392	125	-128	-44	Forecast to overachieve budgeted income for Admission and Season Tickets however lost over £40k income due to Wi-Fi issues, £72K essential expenditure on campsite works and alternative Wi-Fi solution
Llyn Lech Owain Country Park	145	-53	58	150	145	-49	58	154	4	
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	651	-524	8	134	712	-546	8	174	40	Pay validation, price of food increase, ambitious income setting targets, and loss of income due to Wi-Fi issues affecting position at mid-year point with aim to recover by year-end
Woodland Parks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	
NNF - Cernydd Carmel	0	0	0	0	13	-13	0	0	0	
Lottery Heritage Fund - Mynydd Mawr	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	
Ynysdawela Nature Reserve	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0	-0	-0	
Carmarthen Library	581	-32	143	692	584	-17	143	710	19	Pay validation £12k plus utilities
Ammanford Library	302	-15	66	353	307	-11	66	362	9	
Llanelli Library	530	-32	138	636	580	-19	138	699	63	Forecast overspend on Employees - in part Pay validation, utilities £14k, income shortfall £13k; offset with vacancies in Libraries general
Community Libraries	275	-7	174	442	261	-6	174	430	-12	In year vacancies
Libraries General	1,258	-1	57	1,314	1,180	-1	57	1,236	-78	In year vacancies
Mobile Library	99	0	12	111	97	0	12	109	-2	
Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	198	-31	107	275	159	-35	107	232	-43	In year vacancies

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Kidwelly Tinplate Museum	22	0	1	23	19	0	1	20	-4	
Parc Howard Museum	160	-87	62	135	150	-78	62	135	-0	
Museum of speed, Pendine	0	0	2	2	-0	0	2	2	-0	
Museums General	412	-1	35	447	438	-0	35	473	26	Unable to achieve vacancy factor
Archives General	199	-11	80	268	201	-12	80	269	1	
Arts General	0	0	19	19	0	0	19	19	0	
St Clears Craft Centre	29	-4	55	80	38	-13	55	80	-0	
Cultural Services Management	106	0	14	120	105	0	14	119	-1	
Laugharne Boathouse	158	-129	27	57	163	-90	27	100	43	Forecast to not fully achieve income budgeted due to weather & limitations of staffing structure. Staff capacity stretched through the opening of MOLS and the restructuring period, which is now concluded.
Lyric Theatre	622	-445	123	300	617	-399	123	342	42	Predicted shortfall in income to budget, offset by other theatres income (managed as one overall target)
Y Ffwrnes	1,036	-487	525	1,074	927	-384	525	1,069	-5	
Ammanford Miners Theatre	86	-17	1	70	82	-25	1	59	-12	Predicted to over achieve income to budget
Entertainment Centres General	585	-98	85	572	616	-142	85	559	-13	In year vacancies
Oriel Myrddin Trustee	193	-193	0	0	209	-209	0	-0	-0	
Oriel Myrddin CCC	125	0	735	859	125	0	735	859	0	
Motor Sports Centre - Pembrey	0	-96	0	-96	0	-96	0	-96	-0	
Attractor - Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Attractor - Hostel	687	-656	167	198	673	-396	167	444	247	Budget set at steady state year and occupation. Current forecast includes income shortfall as we build to expected room occupation rates; circa £40k shortfall in parking income (pending barrier / enforcement); £80k income shortfall with Adventure Golf opening 2024. Forecast also includes a £12k pay validation shortfall along with £42k 'one off' set up costs.
Attractor - Museum	165	-103	0	61	138	-80	0	58	-3	
Attractor - Parry Thomas	24	-44	11	-8	25	-44	11	-8	1	
Attractor - Externals	5	-65	0	-60	5	-42	0	-37	23	Forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees
Beach safety	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	-1	
Leisure Management	398	-4	-7	388	341	-4	-7	331	-57	In year vacancies
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Council Fund Housing										
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	124	-45	64	143	131	-79	64	116	-27	Underspend on salaries due to grant funding and underspend on Supplies & Services
Supporting People Providers	6,495	-6,495	0	0	6,495	-6,495	0	0	0	
Rent Smart Wales Project (E)	17	-18	3	2	4	-18	3	-11	-13	Staff Vacancy as WJ Williams has gone on secondment
Syrian Resettlement Scheme (E)	0	0	7	7	-0	0	7	7	-0	
Local Housing Company	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0	-0	-0	
Afghan resettlement (ARAP scheme)	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	-0	-0	
Ukrainian Re-settlement Scheme	0	0	0	0	625	-625	0	-0	-0	
Asylum Seekers	0	0	0	0	132	-132	0	0	0	
Infection Prevention Control	0	0	0	0	421	-421	0	0	0	
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	661	-284	338	715	693	-376	338	654	-61	Underspend on salaries - Staff vacancy
Penybryn Traveller Site	188	-137	16	67	205	-130	16	91	24	Under achievement of Income
Property Maintenance Operational	18,474	-18,869	0	-395	17,778	-18,173	0	-395	0	
Voids Operational Account	0	0	0	0	63	-63	0	0	0	
Design CHS Trading Account	1,200	-1,360	0	-159	1,204	-1,363	0	-159	0	
Landlord Incentive	14	-12	0	3	14	-2	0	12	9	
Homelessness	146	-72	7	80	146	-72	7	80	-0	
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	177	0	53	230	138	0	53	191	-39	Underspend on salaries - Staff vacancy
Temporary Accommodation	295	-118	19	196	617	-444	19	192	-4	
Social Lettings Agency	887	-879	9	17	825	-653	9	181	164	Reduction in forecast income. Mainly commission to retain landlords in the scheme.
Home Improvement Loan Scheme	0	0	0	0	10	-25	0	-15	-15	
Houses Into Homes WG Loan Scheme	0	0	1	1	0	-0	1	1	0	
Community Cohesion Fund Grant (H)	0	0	3	3	140	-140	3	3	0	
Homelessness Prevention Grant Program	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0	-0	-0	
YP Training Flats - WAG Innovation Grant	0	0	0	0	22	-22	0	-0	-0	
Leasing Scheme Wales was PRS Leasing Scheme GRANT	0	0	0	0	80	-80	0	-0	-0	
Homelessness-No One Left Out	0	0	0	0	610	-610	0	0	0	
Discretionary Homeless Prevention & Strategic co-ordinator	0	0	0	0	341	-341	0	-0	-0	
Council Fund Housing Total	28,678	-28,288	521	910	30,695	-30,268	521	947	37	
TOTAL FOR COMMUNITIES, HOMES & REGENERATION	102,382	-75,278	6,670	33,773	106,569	-79,323	6,670	33,916	142	