

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

| Division                       | Working Budget       |                 |                                   |               | Forecasted           |                 |                                   |               | Oct 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance for<br>Year<br>£'000 | Aug 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|---|
|                                | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllable<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllable<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  |   |   |
| Regeneration, Digital & Policy | 45,651               | -31,972         | -612                              | 13,067        | 48,197               | -34,633         | -612                              | 12,953        | -115  | -9  |
| Place and Sustainability       | 7,533                | -3,493          | 381                               | 4,422         | 7,353                | -3,582          | 381                               | 4,152         | -269  | -162  |
| Leisure & Recreation           | 20,519               | -11,525         | 6,380                             | 15,374        | 20,324               | -10,841         | 6,380                             | 15,863        | 489   | 244   |
| Council Fund Housing           | 28,678               | -28,288         | 521                               | 910           | 30,695               | -30,268         | 521                               | 947           | 37  | -61   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>             | <b>102,382</b>       | <b>-75,278</b>  | <b>6,670</b>                      | <b>33,773</b> | <b>106,569</b>       | <b>-79,323</b>  | <b>6,670</b>                      | <b>33,916</b> | <b>142</b>  | <b>12</b>   |

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**Budget Monitoring as at 31st October 2023 - Main Variances**

| Division                                      | Working Budget       |                 | Forecasted           |                 | Oct 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 | Notes   | Aug 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|
|   | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 |  |   |  |
| <b>Regeneration, Digital &amp; Policy</b>     |                      |                 |                      |                 |  |   |  |
| Regeneration Management                       | 311                  | 0               | 347                  | 0               | 36   | Overspend due to cessation of staff time that we are able to charge to grants   | 38   |
| Information Technology                        | 5,786                | -970            | 5,703                | -963            | -76  | 6 vacant posts which will not now be filled as a result of the recruitment freeze.  | -23  |
| Welsh Language                                | 141                  | -11             | 117                  | -11             | -24  | Part year vacant post not currently being filled due to recruitment freeze  | -9   |
| Property                                      | 1,016                | -95             | 916                  | -10             | -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.                    | -19  |
| Commercial Properties                         | 54                   | -486            | 126                  | -574            | -16  | Reasonably high occupancy rates currently   | -5   |
| Provision Markets                             | 719                  | -584            | 660                  | -491            | 34   | Low occupancy rates has resulted in a shortfall of £93k in anticipated income. This is offset by savings made in premises related costs.  | 40   |
| Administrative Buildings                      | 4,647                | -888            | 4,426                | -728            | -61  | £42k savings on employee costs due to vacancies and recruitment freeze. £19k savings estimated on premises related running costs.   | -4   |
| Industrial Premises                           | 613                  | -1,638          | 857                  | -1,947          | -66  | Relatively high occupancy rates currently   | -67  |
| The Beacon                                    | 252                  | -151            | 253                  | -138            | 13   | Decrease in demand for office space.  | -4   |
| Livestock Markets                             | 65                   | -120            | 20                   | -38             | 36   | Potential shortfall in income at Llandovery and Carmarthen Marts pending receipt of turnover figures from the respective operators  | 27   |
| Property Division Business Unit               | 136                  | 0               | 0                    | 0               | -136   | Vacant HOS post awaiting further review of new divisional structure   | -136   |
| Property Maintenance Operational              | 12,151               | -12,507         | 15,881               | -16,019         | 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.  | 194  |
| Property Design - Business Unit               | 2,634                | -3,010          | 2,853                | -3,317          | -87  | Review of projected income based on current vacancies   | -55  |
| Other Variances                               |                      |                 |                      |                 | 29   |   | 14   |
| <b>Place and Sustainability</b>               |                      |                 |                      |                 |  |   |  |
| Place & Sustainability Unit                   | 585                  | -18             | 655                  | -151            | -62  | Underspend on supplies & services   | -56  |
| Building Control                              | 706                  | -560            | 662                  | -411            | 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   | 88   |
| Strategic Policy & Placemaking                | 775                  | 0               | 741                  | -0              | -34  | Underspend on salaries due to maternity leave and vacant post during the year - filled from November 2023   | -76  |
| Development Management                        | 1,967                | -1,169          | 1,870                | -1,312          | -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. | -125   |
| Net Zero Carbon Plan                          | 188                  | 0               | 117                  | 0               | -70  | Vacant post won't be filled this year due to recruitment freeze, and maternity leave from November 2023   | -32  |
| SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit | 139                  | -134            | 138                  | -110            | 23   | Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects  | 31   |
| Other Variances                               |                      |                 |                      |                 | 10   |   | 8  |

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| Division                            | Working Budget       |                 | Forecasted           |                 | Oct 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 | Notes  | Aug 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
|                                     | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 |  |  |  |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>     |                      |                 |                      |                 |  |  |  |
| Millennium Coastal Park             | 334                  | -94             | 334                  | -83             | 11   | Forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees & Season Tickets   | -5   |
| Burry Port Harbour                  | 24                   | -143            | 37                   | -127            | 29   | Legal / Mtce costs relating to Burry Port Marina not budgeted £14k plus forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees  | 26   |
| Pendine Outdoor Education Centre    | 525                  | -375            | 375                  | -197            | 28   | Forecast shortfall in income for Board & Accommodation to budget with smaller group bookings   | 51   |
| Pembrey Beach Kiosk                 | 0                    | -80             | 0                    | -46             | 34   | Forecast shortfall in income from Beach Kiosk Sales due mainly to the bad summer weather over school holidays  | 34   |
| Carmarthen Leisure Centre           | 1,955                | -1,674          | 1,965                | -1,644          | 40   | Pay validation £30k plus forecast income shortfall of £10k   | -28  |
| Llandovery Swimming Pool            | 478                  | -212            | 497                  | -185            | 47   | Pay validation plus forecast income shortfall  | 34   |
| Gwendraeth Sports Centre            | 0                    | 0               | -43                  | 0               | -43  | Accrual for NNDR no longer required  | -43  |
| Actif Communities                   | 384                  | -39             | 356                  | -41             | -30  | In year vacancy  | -25  |
| Actif health, fitness and dryside   | 242                  | -156            | 206                  | -109            | 11   | Slight shortfall on higher income target set   | 18   |
| Llanelli Leisure Centre             | 1,567                | -1,075          | 1,597                | -1,043          | 63   | Pay validation £26k plus forecast income shortfall linked to sports hall booking cancellations due to roof leaks   | 40   |
| Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs | 287                  | 0               | 348                  | 0               | 61   | Forecast overspend on Employees due to shortfall of validation £20k plus long term sickness cover  | -18  |
| Pembrey Country Park                | 1,144                | -1,352          | 1,139                | -1,392          | -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      | -37  |
| Pembrey Country Park Restaurant     | 651                  | -524            | 712                  | -546            | 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                        | 18   |
| Carmarthen Library                  | 581                  | -32             | 584                  | -17             | 19   | Pay validation £12k plus utilities   | 3  |
| Llanelli Library                    | 530                  | -32             | 580                  | -19             | 63   | Forecast overspend on Employees - in part Pay validation, utilities £14k, income shortfall £13k; offset with vacancies in Libraries general  | 9  |
| Community Libraries                 | 275                  | -7              | 261                  | -6              | -12  | In year vacancies  | -25  |
| Libraries General                   | 1,258                | -1              | 1,180                | -1              | -78  | In year vacancies  | -3   |
| Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.       | 198                  | -31             | 159                  | -35             | -43  | In year vacancies  | -8   |
| Museums General                     | 412                  | -1              | 438                  | -0              | 26   | Unable to achieve vacancy factor   | 8  |
| Laugharne Boathouse                 | 158                  | -129            | 163                  | -90             | 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. | 21   |
| Lyric Theatre                       | 622                  | -445            | 617                  | -399            | 42   | Predicted shortfall in income to budget, offset by other theatres income (managed as one overall target)   | 46   |
| Ammanford Miners Theatre            | 86                   | -17             | 82                   | -25             | -12  | Predicted to over achieve income to budget   | -6   |
| Entertainment Centres General       | 585                  | -98             | 616                  | -142            | -13  | In year vacancies  | -9   |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
|   | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 |  |  |  |
| Attractor - Hostel                      | 687                  | -656            | 673                  | -396            | 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. | 211  |
| Attractor - Externals                   | 5                    | -65             | 5                    | -42             | 23   | Forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees  | 19   |
| Leisure Management                      | 398                  | -4              | 341                  | -4              | -57  | In year vacancies  | -44  |
| Other Variances                         |                      |                 |                      |                 | -4   |  | -44  |
| <b>Council Fund Housing</b>             |                      |                 |                      |                 |  |  |  |
| Independent Living and Affordable Homes | 124                  | -45             | 131                  | -79             | -27  | Underspend on salaries due to grant funding and underspend on Supplies & Services  | -0   |
| Home Improvement (Non HRA)              | 661                  | -284            | 693                  | -376            | -61  | Underspend on salaries - Staff vacancy   | -3   |
| Penybryn Traveller Site                 | 188                  | -137            | 205                  | -130            | 24   | Under achievement of Income  | 9  |
| Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)            | 177                  | 0               | 138                  | 0               | -39  | Underspend on salaries - Staff vacancy   | -12  |
| Social Lettings Agency                  | 887                  | -879            | 825                  | -653            | 164  | Reduction in forecast income. Mainly commission to retain landlords in the scheme.   | 0  |
| Other Variances                         |                      |                 |                      |                 | -24  |  | -55  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                      |                      |                 |                      |                 | <b>142</b>   |  | <b>12</b>  |

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| Division   | Working Budget       |                 |                                       |              | Forecasted           |                 |                                       |              | Oct 2023                                       | Notes  | Aug 2023                                       |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000 | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000 | Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |  | Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
| <b>Regeneration, Digital &amp; Policy</b>                |                      |                 |                                       |              |                      |                 |                                       |              |  |  |  |
| Regeneration Management                                  | 311                  | 0               | 38                                    | 349          | 347                  | 0               | 38                                    | 385          | 36   |  | 38   |
| Betws wind farm community fund                           | 87                   | -87             | 1                                     | 1            | 87                   | -87             | 1                                     | 1            | 0  | Overspend due to cessation of staff time that we are able to charge to grants  | 0  |
| Welfare Rights & Citizen's Advice                        | 161                  | 0               | 2                                     | 162          | 161                  | 0               | 2                                     | 162          | 0  |  | 0  |
| Llanelli Coast Joint Venture                             | 160                  | -160            | 5                                     | 5            | 132                  | -132            | 5                                     | 5            | -0   |  | 0  |
| Econ Dev-Rural Carmarthen, Ammanford, Town Centres       | 365                  | 0               | 5,623                                 | 5,988        | 365                  | 0               | 5,623                                 | 5,988        | -0   |  | 0  |
| Econ Dev-Llanelli, C Hands, Coastal, Business, Inf & Ent | 402                  | 0               | 89                                    | 490          | 402                  | 0               | 89                                    | 490          | 0  |  | -0   |
| Community Development and External Funding               | 576                  | 0               | 109                                   | 686          | 576                  | 0               | 109                                   | 686          | -0   |  | -0   |
| Period Dignity Grant                                     | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 105                  | -105            | 0                                     | 0            | 0  |  | 0  |
| Wellness   | 275                  | 0               | 19                                    | 294          | 275                  | 0               | 19                                    | 294          | -0   |  | -0   |
| Swansea Bay City Deal                                    | 0                    | 0               | 24                                    | 24           | -0                   | 0               | 24                                    | 24           | -0   |  | -0   |
| South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee               | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 10                   | -10             | 0                                     | -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.   | -23  |
| Welsh Language   | 141                  | -11             | -153                                  | -24          | 117                  | -11             | -153                                  | -48          | -24  | Part year vacant post not currently being filled due to recruitment freeze   | -9   |
| Chief Executive-Policy                                   | 737                  | -33             | -786                                  | -83          | 744                  | -33             | -786                                  | -75          | 7  |  | 8  |
| Public Services Board                                    | 6                    | 0               | 0                                     | 6            | 15                   | -9              | 0                                     | 6            | -0   |  | 0  |
| Armed Forces Covenant Scheme                             | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 73                   | -73             | 0                                     | 0            | 0  |  | 0  |
| Armed Forces and Remembrance                             | 5                    | 0               | 0                                     | 5            | 1                    | 0               | 0                                     | 1            | -4   |  | -2   |
| 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. | -19  |
| Management of Markets, Employment Sites and Premises     | 216                  | 0               | 0                                     | 216          | 223                  | 0               | 0                                     | 223          | 8  |  | 7  |
| Commercial Properties                                    | 54                   | -486            | 537                                   | 105          | 126                  | -574            | 537                                   | 89           | -16  | Reasonably high occupancy rates currently  | -5   |
| 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.   | 40   |
| Asset Sales  | 21                   | 0               | 0                                     | 21           | 28                   | 0               | 0                                     | 28           | 7  |  | -4   |
| Operational Depots                                       | 490                  | 0               | -326                                  | 165          | 495                  | 0               | -326                                  | 169          | 4  |  | 5  |
| 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.  | -4   |
| Industrial Premises                                      | 613                  | -1,638          | 942                                   | -82          | 857                  | -1,947          | 942                                   | -148         | -66  | Relatively high occupancy rates currently  | -67  |
| The Beacon   | 252                  | -151            | 50                                    | 151          | 253                  | -138            | 50                                    | 165          | 13   | Decrease in demand for office space.   | -4   |
| County Farms   | 83                   | -368            | 522                                   | 236          | 90                   | -368            | 522                                   | 243          | 7  |  | -0   |

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|   | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  |  |   |  |
| Livestock Markets                                 | 65                   | -120            | 3                                     | -51           | 20                   | -38             | 3                                     | -15           | 36   | Potential shortfall in income at Llandovery and Carmarthen Marts pending receipt of turnover figures from the respective operators  | 27   |
| Property Division Business Unit                   | 136                  | 0               | 22                                    | 159           | 0                    | 0               | 22                                    | 22            | -136   | Vacant HOS post awaiting further review of new divisional structure   | -136   |
| Property Maintenance Business Unit                | 1,170                | -1,351          | 65                                    | -117          | 1,156                | -1,337          | 65                                    | -117          | 0  |   | 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.  | 194  |
| Property Maintenance - Notional Allocation        | 2,800                | 0               | 13                                    | 2,812         | 2,800                | 0               | 13                                    | 2,812         | 0  |   | 0  |
| Schools Handyvan Service                          | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 243                  | -243            | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |   | 0  |
| Mechanical and Electrical Schools & other LEA SLA | 515                  | -515            | 0                                     | 0             | 515                  | -515            | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |   | 0  |
| Pumping Stations                                  | 57                   | 0               | 0                                     | 57            | 57                   | 0               | 0                                     | 57            | -0   |   | 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   | -55  |
| Design & Professional Services Frameworks         | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 113                  | -113            | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |   | 0  |
| Externally Funded Schemes                         | 9,001                | -8,997          | 303                                   | 307           | 7,376                | -7,372          | 303                                   | 307           | -0   |   | 0  |
| <b>Regeneration, Digital &amp; Policy Total</b>   | <b>45,651</b>        | <b>-31,972</b>  | <b>-612</b>                           | <b>13,067</b> | <b>48,197</b>        | <b>-34,633</b>  | <b>-612</b>                           | <b>12,953</b> | <b>-115</b>  |   | <b>-9</b>  |
| <b>Place and Sustainability</b>                   |                      |                 |                                       |               |                      |                 |                                       |               |  |   |  |
| Place & Sustainability Unit                       | 585                  | -18             | -115                                  | 451           | 655                  | -151            | -115                                  | 389           | -62  | Underspend on supplies & services   | -56  |
| 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   | 88   |
| 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   | -76  |
| Phosphates Management Grant                       | 541                  | -541            | 0                                     | 0             | 541                  | -541            | 0                                     | 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. | -125   |
| Tywi Centre                                       | 73                   | -69             | 13                                    | 17            | 119                  | -106            | 13                                    | 27            | 9  |   | 9  |
| Conservation                                      | 526                  | -118            | 36                                    | 444           | 566                  | -158            | 36                                    | 444           | -0   |   | 0  |
| Caeau Mynydd Mawr - Marsh Fritillary Project      | 100                  | -100            | 4                                     | 4             | 117                  | -117            | 4                                     | 4             | -0   |   | 0  |
| Ash Dieback                                       | 283                  | 0               | 1                                     | 285           | 283                  | 0               | 1                                     | 285           | -0   |   | 0  |
| Machynys S.106 Project                            | 6                    | -6              | 0                                     | 0             | 6                    | -6              | 0                                     | 0             | -0   |   | 0  |
| Cross Hands West Conservation Manager             | 5                    | -5              | 0                                     | 0             | 5                    | -5              | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |   | 0  |
| Local Places for Nature                           | 120                  | -120            | 0                                     | 0             | 98                   | -98             | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |   | 0  |
| Dafen Custody Biodiversity Suite                  | 6                    | -6              | 0                                     | 0             | 8                    | -8              | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |   | 0  |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|   | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000 | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000 |  |  |  |
| Renewable Energy Fund                                       | 0                    | -56             | 0                                     | -56          | 0                    | -56             | 0                                     | -56          | 0  |  | 0  |
| Sustainable Development Unit                                | 170                  | 0               | 0                                     | 170          | 169                  | 0               | 0                                     | 169          | -2   |  | -1   |
| Net Zero Carbon Plan  | 188                  | 0               | 0                                     | 188          | 117                  | 0               | 0                                     | 117          | -70  |  | -32  |
| Local Energy Grant  | 366                  | -366            | 0                                     | 0            | 272                  | -272            | 0                                     | 0            | 0  |  | 0  |
| Flood Defence & Land Drainage                               | 627                  | -1              | 50                                    | 677          | 628                  | -0              | 50                                    | 678          | 2  |  | 0  |
| WG-Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk<br>Management Revenue Grant | 225                  | -225            | 0                                     | 0            | 225                  | -225            | 0                                     | 0            | 0  |  | 0  |
| SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval<br>Body Unit            | 139                  | -134            | 0                                     | 5            | 138                  | -110            | 0                                     | 29           | 23   | Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number<br>of submissions and market buoyancy of development<br>projects | 31   |
| Reservoirs  | 66                   | 0               | 0                                     | 66           | 66                   | 0               | 0                                     | 66           | 0  |  | 0  |
| Coastal Protection  | 60                   | 0               | 1                                     | 61           | 60                   | 0               | 1                                     | 61           | -0   |  | 0  |
| GT Connecting Green Infrastructure                          | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 6                    | -6              | 0                                     | -0           | -0   |  | 0  |
| <b>Place and Sustainability Total</b>                       | <b>7,533</b>         | <b>-3,493</b>   | <b>381</b>                            | <b>4,421</b> | <b>7,353</b>         | <b>-3,582</b>   | <b>381</b>                            | <b>4,152</b> | <b>-269</b>  |  | <b>-162</b>  |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>                             |                      |                 |                                       |              |                      |                 |                                       |              |  |  |  |
| Millennium Coastal Park                                     | 334                  | -94             | 975                                   | 1,215        | 334                  | -83             | 975                                   | 1,225        | 11   | Forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees & Season<br>Tickets  | -5   |
| MCP - investment properties                                 | 0                    | -73             | 0                                     | -73          | 0                    | -73             | 0                                     | -73          | -0   |  | 0  |
| Burry Port Harbour  | 24                   | -143            | 38                                    | -81          | 37                   | -127            | 38                                    | -52          | 29   | Legal / Mtce costs relating to Burry Port Marina not budgeted<br>£14k plus forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees   | 26   |
| Discovery Centre  | 5                    | -113            | 1                                     | -106         | 6                    | -119            | 1                                     | -112         | -5   |  | 2  |
| Pendine Outdoor Education Centre                            | 525                  | -375            | 111                                   | 261          | 375                  | -197            | 111                                   | 289          | 28   | Forecast shortfall in income for Board & Accommodation to<br>budget with smaller group bookings                            | 51   |
| Pembrey Beach Kiosk   | 0                    | -80             | 0                                     | -80          | 0                    | -46             | 0                                     | -45          | 34   | Forecast shortfall in income from Beach Kiosk Sales due<br>mainly to the bad summer weather over school holidays           | 34   |
| Pembrey Ski Slope   | 532                  | -590            | 83                                    | 25           | 525                  | -588            | 83                                    | 20           | -5   |  | -27  |
| Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre                               | 360                  | -187            | 19                                    | 192          | 362                  | -181            | 19                                    | 200          | 8  |  | -17  |
| 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   | -28  |
| St Clears Leisure Centre                                    | 188                  | -69             | 88                                    | 206          | 154                  | -45             | 88                                    | 197          | -9   |  | 14   |
| Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowling Club                             | 0                    | 0               | 76                                    | 76           | 0                    | 0               | 76                                    | 76           | -0   |  | -0   |
| Amman Valley Leisure Centre                                 | 1,187                | -944            | 91                                    | 333          | 1,190                | -938            | 91                                    | 342          | 9  |  | -21  |
| Brynamman Swimming Pool                                     | 0                    | 0               | 39                                    | 39           | 0                    | 0               | 39                                    | 39           | -0   |  | -0   |
| Llandovery Swimming Pool                                    | 478                  | -212            | 32                                    | 298          | 497                  | -185            | 32                                    | 344          | 47   | Pay validation plus forecast income shortfall  | 34   |
| Garnant Golf Course   | 0                    | 0               | 1                                     | 1            | 0                    | 0               | 1                                     | 1            | 0  |  | 0  |
| Gwendraeth Sports Centre                                    | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | -43                  | 0               | 0                                     | -43          | -43  | Accrual for NNDR no longer required  | -43  |
| Dinefwr Bowling Centre                                      | 0                    | 0               | 73                                    | 73           | 0                    | 0               | 73                                    | 73           | 0  |  | 0  |
| Actif Communities   | 384                  | -39             | 54                                    | 399          | 356                  | -41             | 54                                    | 370          | -30  | In year vacancy  | -25  |
| Actif Facilities  | 272                  | 0               | 33                                    | 305          | 268                  | -1              | 33                                    | 300          | -5   |  | -2   |
| Actif health, fitness and dryside                           | 242                  | -156            | 11                                    | 97           | 206                  | -109            | 11                                    | 108          | 11   | Slight shortfall on higher income target set   | 18   |
| Specialist populations                                      | 95                   | -97             | 2                                     | 0            | 95                   | -97             | 2                                     | -0           | -0   |  | -0   |
| Falls Prevention  | 60                   | -60             | 0                                     | 0            | 59                   | -56             | 0                                     | 3            | 3  |  | 1  |
| Catering - Sport Centres                                    | 293                  | -277            | 0                                     | 16           | 317                  | -300            | 0                                     | 17           | 1  |  | 0  |

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| Division                               | Working Budget       |                 |                                       |              | Forecasted           |                 |                                       |              | Oct 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 | Notes   | Aug 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|---|--|
|  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000 | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000 |  |   |  |
| 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            |  | 15  |  |
| Sport & Leisure General                | 843                  | -44             | 71                                    | 870          | 855                  | -53             | 71                                    | 874          |  | 40  |  |
| 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          |  | 2   |  |
| St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch               | 25                   | -15             | 0                                     | 10           | 21                   | -14             | 0                                     | 6            |  | -6  |  |
| 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  | 40   |
| Coedcae Sports Hall                    | 0                    | 0               | 5                                     | 5            | -0                   | 0               | 5                                     | 4            | -0   |   | -0   |
| ESD Rev Grant - Ynys Dawela            | 0                    | 0               | 3                                     | 3            | 2                    | 0               | 3                                     | 5            | 2  |   | 4  |
| 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   | -18  |
| 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 | -37  |
| Llyn Lech Owain Country Park           | 145                  | -53             | 58                                    | 150          | 145                  | -49             | 58                                    | 154          | 4  |   | -0   |
| 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                   | 18   |
| Woodland Parks                         | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 1                    | 0               | 0                                     | 1            | 1  |   | 0  |
| NNF - Cernydd Carmel                   | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 13                   | -13             | 0                                     | 0            | 0  |   | 0  |
| Lottery Heritage Fund - Mynydd Mawr    | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0            | 1                    | -1              | 0                                     | 0            | 0  |   | 0  |
| Ynysdawela Nature Reserve              | 0                    | 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  | 3  |
| Ammanford Library                      | 302                  | -15             | 66                                    | 353          | 307                  | -11             | 66                                    | 362          | 9  |   | 5  |
| 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   | 9  |
| Community Libraries                    | 275                  | -7              | 174                                   | 442          | 261                  | -6              | 174                                   | 430          | -12  | In year vacancies   | -25  |
| Libraries General                      | 1,258                | -1              | 57                                    | 1,314        | 1,180                | -1              | 57                                    | 1,236        | -78  | In year vacancies   | -3   |
| Mobile Library                         | 99                   | 0               | 12                                    | 111          | 97                   | 0               | 12                                    | 109          | -2   |   | 9  |
| Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.          | 198                  | -31             | 107                                   | 275          | 159                  | -35             | 107                                   | 232          | -43  | In year vacancies   | -8   |
| Kidwelly Tinplate Museum               | 22                   | 0               | 1                                     | 23           | 19                   | 0               | 1                                     | 20           | -4   |   | 1  |
| Parc Howard Museum                     | 160                  | -87             | 62                                    | 135          | 150                  | -78             | 62                                    | 135          | -0   |   | -4   |
| Museum of speed, Pendine               | 0                    | 0               | 2                                     | 2            | -0                   | 0               | 2                                     | 2            | -0   |   | 17   |
| Museums General                        | 412                  | -1              | 35                                    | 447          | 438                  | -0              | 35                                    | 473          | 26   | Unable to achieve vacancy factor  | 8  |
| Archives General                       | 199                  | -11             | 80                                    | 268          | 201                  | -12             | 80                                    | 269          | 1  |   | 6  |
| Arts General                           | 0                    | 0               | 19                                    | 19           | 0                    | 0               | 19                                    | 19           | 0  |   | 0  |
| St Clears Craft Centre                 | 29                   | -4              | 55                                    | 80           | 38                   | -13             | 55                                    | 80           | -0   |   | 0  |



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| Division                                | Working Budget       |                 |                                       |               | Forecasted           |                 |                                       |               | Oct 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 | Notes  | Aug 2023<br>Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
|   | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  |  |  |  |
| Cultural Services Management            | 106                  | 0               | 14                                    | 120           | 105                  | 0               | 14                                    | 119           | -1   |  | -0   |
| 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.   | 21   |
| 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)   | 46   |
| Y Ffwrnes                               | 1,036                | -487            | 525                                   | 1,074         | 927                  | -384            | 525                                   | 1,069         | -5   |  | -52  |
| Ammanford Miners Theatre                | 86                   | -17             | 1                                     | 70            | 82                   | -25             | 1                                     | 59            | -12  | Predicted to over achieve income to budget   | -6   |
| Entertainment Centres General           | 585                  | -98             | 85                                    | 572           | 616                  | -142            | 85                                    | 559           | -13  | In year vacancies  | -9   |
| Oriel Myrddin Trustee                   | 193                  | -193            | 0                                     | 0             | 209                  | -209            | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | 0  |
| Oriel Myrddin CCC                       | 125                  | 0               | 735                                   | 859           | 125                  | 0               | 735                                   | 859           | 0  |  | 0  |
| Motor Sports Centre - Pembrey           | 0                    | -96             | 0                                     | -96           | 0                    | -96             | 0                                     | -96           | -0   |  | 0  |
| Attractor - Management                  | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |  | 5  |
| 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. | 211  |
| Attractor - Museum                      | 165                  | -103            | 0                                     | 61            | 138                  | -80             | 0                                     | 58            | -3   |  | -0   |
| Attractor - Parry Thomas                | 24                   | -44             | 11                                    | -8            | 25                   | -44             | 11                                    | -8            | 1  |  | -36  |
| Attractor - Externals                   | 5                    | -65             | 0                                     | -60           | 5                    | -42             | 0                                     | -37           | 23   | Forecast shortfall in income for Parking Fees  | 19   |
| Beach safety                            | 2                    | 0               | 0                                     | 2             | 1                    | 0               | 0                                     | 1             | -1   |  | -1   |
| Leisure Management                      | 398                  | -4              | -7                                    | 388           | 341                  | -4              | -7                                    | 331           | -57  | In year vacancies  | -44  |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Recreation Total</b>   | <b>20,519</b>        | <b>-11,525</b>  | <b>6,380</b>                          | <b>15,374</b> | <b>20,324</b>        | <b>-10,841</b>  | <b>6,380</b>                          | <b>15,863</b> | <b>489</b>   |  | <b>244</b>   |
| <b>Council Fund Housing</b>             |                      |                 |                                       |               |                      |                 |                                       |               |  |  |  |
| 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  | -0   |
| Supporting People Providers             | 6,495                | -6,495          | 0                                     | 0             | 6,495                | -6,495          | 0                                     | 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  | 0  |
| Syrian Resettlement Scheme (E)          | 0                    | 0               | 7                                     | 7             | -0                   | 0               | 7                                     | 7             | -0   |  | 0  |
| Local Housing Company                   | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | -0                   | 0               | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | -0   |
| Afghan resettlement (ARAP scheme)       | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 2                    | -2              | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | -0   |
| Ukrainian Re-settlement Scheme          | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 625                  | -625            | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | 0  |
| Asylum Seekers                          | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 132                  | -132            | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |  | 0  |
| Infection Prevention Control            | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 421                  | -421            | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |  | -0   |
| Home Improvement (Non HRA)              | 661                  | -284            | 338                                   | 715           | 693                  | -376            | 338                                   | 654           | -61  | Underspend on salaries - Staff vacancy   | -3   |
| Penybryn Traveller Site                 | 188                  | -137            | 16                                    | 67            | 205                  | -130            | 16                                    | 91            | 24   | Under achievement of Income  | 9  |
| Property Maintenance Operational        | 18,474               | -18,869         | 0                                     | -395          | 17,778               | -18,173         | 0                                     | -395          | 0  |  | 0  |
| Voids Operational Account               | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 63                   | -63             | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |  | 0  |
| Design CHS Trading Account              | 1,200                | -1,360          | 0                                     | -159          | 1,204                | -1,363          | 0                                     | -159          | 0  |  | 0  |
| Landlord Incentive                      | 14                   | -12             | 0                                     | 3             | 14                   | -2              | 0                                     | 12            | 9  |  | -0   |

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| Division   | Working Budget       |                 |                                       |               | Forecasted           |                 |                                       |               | Oct 2023                                       | Notes  | Aug 2023                                       |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
|  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  | Expenditure<br>£'000 | Income<br>£'000 | Net non-<br>controllabl<br>e<br>£'000 | Net<br>£'000  | Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |  | Forecasted<br>Variance<br>for<br>Year<br>£'000 |
| Homelessness   | 146                  | -72             | 7                                     | 80            | 146                  | -72             | 7                                     | 80            | -0   |  | -55  |
| Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)                               | 177                  | 0               | 53                                    | 230           | 138                  | 0               | 53                                    | 191           | -39  | Underspend on salaries - Staff vacancy   | -12  |
| Temporary Accommodation                                    | 295                  | -118            | 19                                    | 196           | 617                  | -444            | 19                                    | 192           | -4   |  | -0   |
| Social Lettings Agency                                     | 887                  | -879            | 9                                     | 17            | 825                  | -653            | 9                                     | 181           | 164  | Reduction in forecast income. Mainly commission to retain landlords in the scheme. | 0  |
| Home Improvement Loan Scheme                               | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 10                   | -25             | 0                                     | -15           | -15  |  | -0   |
| Houses Into Homes WG Loan Scheme                           | 0                    | 0               | 1                                     | 1             | 0                    | -0              | 1                                     | 1             | 0  |  | 0  |
| Community Cohesion Fund Grant (H)                          | 0                    | 0               | 3                                     | 3             | 140                  | -140            | 3                                     | 3             | 0  |  | -0   |
| Homelessness Prevention Grant Program                      | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | -0                   | 0               | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | 0  |
| YP Training Flats - WAG Innovation Grant                   | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 22                   | -22             | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | -0   |
| Leasing Scheme Wales was PRS Leasing Scheme GRANT          | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 80                   | -80             | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | -0   |
| Homelessness-No One Left Out                               | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 610                  | -610            | 0                                     | 0             | 0  |  | 0  |
| Discretionary Homeless Prevention & Strategic co-ordinator | 0                    | 0               | 0                                     | 0             | 341                  | -341            | 0                                     | -0            | -0   |  | -0   |
| <b>Council Fund Housing Total</b>                          | <b>28,678</b>        | <b>-28,288</b>  | <b>521</b>                            | <b>910</b>    | <b>30,695</b>        | <b>-30,268</b>  | <b>521</b>                            | <b>947</b>    | <b>37</b>                                      |  | <b>-61</b>                                     |
| <b>TOTAL FOR COMMUNITIES, HOMES &amp; REGENERATION</b>     | <b>102,382</b>       | <b>-75,278</b>  | <b>6,670</b>                          | <b>33,773</b> | <b>106,569</b>       | <b>-79,323</b>  | <b>6,670</b>                          | <b>33,916</b> | <b>142</b>                                     |  | <b>12</b>                                      |