

Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Budget Monitoring as at 31st October 2023 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Aug 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		
Service Improvement and Transformation	5,031	-4,117	478	1,392	5,250	-4,123	478	1,606	214	-4
Waste & Environmental Services	30,004	-4,926	1,341	26,420	31,368	-5,626	1,341	27,083	664	262
Highways & Transportation	57,865	-31,474	10,247	36,638	65,010	-37,553	10,247	37,704	1,066	802
Public Protection	3,651	-1,417	532	2,766	3,510	-1,263	532	2,779	13	110
GRAND TOTAL	96,552	-41,935	12,599	67,216	105,138	-48,564	12,599	69,172	1,957	1,170

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Budget Monitoring as at 31st October 2023 - Main Variances

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		Oct 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Aug 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Service Improvement & Transformation							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,731	-4,017	4,972	-4,059	199	£180k budget deficit following the pay award	0
Business Support	120	-35	175	-35	55	£48k budget deficit following the pay award	-3
Departmental - Core	117	0	87	0	-30	£25k vacant post not estimated to be filled in this financial year due to recruitment freeze	-1
Other Variances					-9		0
Waste & Environmental Services							
Environmental Infrastructure	134	0	99	0	-35	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-33
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-145	0	-312	-0	-167	Net £149k underspend on pay costs due to a realignment review & recruitment freeze. Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Future needs are being addressed.	-86
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	518	-20	-49	Increase in Danfo contract cost over and above validation	3
Public Conveniences	230	-9	244	-9	14	£53k deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and £100k efficiency not met	-9
Cleansing Service	2,660	-103	2,801	-108	135	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place. Outturn includes draw-down from reserves. £183k pay budget deficit following pay award.	571
Waste Services	21,198	-1,400	22,279	-1,707	775	Increased customer base and £5k budget deficit following pay award	-72
Green Waste Collection	671	-602	643	-665	-91	Deficit in pay budget due to pay award	-43
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	3,953	-2,696	4,077	-2,758	62	Increased electricity costs in both sites.	-1
Closed Landfill Sites	292	0	325	0	33		-13
Other Variances					-14		
Highways & Transportation							
Departmental - Transport	41	0	-50	0	-91	Vacant post, management review underway	-41
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	14	0	14	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	14
Civil Design	1,308	-1,943	1,262	-1,910	-13	Based on current income projections	0
Transport Strategic Planning	442	0	395	0	-48	Vacant posts during the year	-8
School Transport	13,683	-994	14,863	-1,267	908	Increased transport costs for operators which subsequently escalate the tendered contract prices for the statutory provision of home to school transport. Transport operators are continuing to experience driver shortages, global supply chain shortages for vehicles and parts and a period of very high fuel prices make for a challenging operating environment. £57k deficit budget on Passenger Assistants as a result of the pay award.	664

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Traffic Management	557	-262	897	-776	-173	Staff vacancies during the year, staff time recharged to grants and net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-79
Car Parks	2,268	-3,593	2,064	-3,112	277	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget. Parking fees increase of 5% due to be implemented from March 2024.	357
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	17	-7	36	-7	19	Overspend following the cessation of the service after the start of the financial year due to statutory notice periods.	18
Storm Damage	0	0	-2	302	300	As a result of the recent storms, two sections of the highway suffered support issues with estimated reconstruction costs of £300k; A485 Alltwalis culvert replacement £100k and C2043 Bwlchnewydd road collapse £200k. Awaiting decision from WG on additional funding from Resilient Roads Fund.	0
Road Safety	251	-11	194	0	-47	Staff time recharged to grants	-59
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	129	0	-31	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled - in line with the National Safety Criteria to ensure posts exist at locations a patrol is required only.	-34
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	3,203	-1,176	-40	Vacant post estimated to be filled from January 2024	-31
Other Variances					-9		1
Public Protection							
PP Business Support unit	163	0	143	0	-20	Underspend on salaries - Staff Vacancy	-23
Noise Control	230	0	196	-0	-34	Underspend on salaries - Staff Vacancy	-21
Animal Welfare	90	-87	82	-44	36	Under achievement of income	39
Licensing	378	-358	373	-303	50	Short fall in income - income target increases year on year, but the number of licensable businesses remains largely the same.	48
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	45	0	-52	Underspend on salaries	-53
Fair Trading	236	-68	230	-4	58	Underachievement of an unrealistic income target. Income dependent on criminal case progressing through the court system and the award of fees and costs recoverable.	73
Financial Investigator	126	-527	185	-567	20	Shortfall in salary budget	54
Other Variances					-44		-6
Grand Total					1,957		1,170

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Service Improvement & Transformation											
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,731	-4,017	359	1,073	4,972	-4,059	359	1,271	199	£180k budget deficit following the pay award	0
Business Support	120	-35	145	230	175	-35	145	285	55	£48k budget deficit following the pay award	-3
Operational Training	64	-65	19	17	17	-28	19	8	-9		0
Departmental - Core	117	0	-45	71	87	0	-45	41	-30	£25k vacant post not estimated to be filled in this financial year due to recruitment freeze	-1
Service Improvement & Transformation	5,031	-4,117	478	1,392	5,250	-4,123	478	1,606	214		-4
Waste & Environmental Services											
Environmental Infrastructure	134	0	0	134	99	0	0	99	-35	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-33
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-145	0	12	-134	-312	-0	12	-301	-167	Net £149k underspend on pay costs due to a realignment review & recruitment freeze.	-86
Emergency Planning	81	0	12	93	72	0	12	85	-8		-7
Civil Contingencies	69	-69	0	0	70	-70	0	-0	-0		0
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	77	624	518	-20	77	575	-49	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Future needs are being addressed.	-55
Ammanford Cemetery	34	-27	0	7	31	-30	0	1	-6		-6
Public Conveniences	230	-9	55	276	244	-9	55	290	14	Increase in Danfo contract cost over and above validation	3
Cleansing Service	2,660	-103	101	2,658	2,801	-108	101	2,794	135	£53k deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and £100k efficiency not met	-9
Town Centre Management	262	0	0	262	262	0	0	262	0		0
Waste Services	21,198	-1,400	815	20,612	22,279	-1,707	815	21,387	775	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place. Outturn includes draw-down from reserves. £183k pay budget deficit following pay award.	571
Green Waste Collection	671	-602	1	70	643	-665	1	-21	-91	Increased customer base and £5k budget deficit following pay award	-72
Powys CC Green Waste Collection Agreement	0	0	0	0	260	-260	0	-0	-0		
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	3,953	-2,696	266	1,522	4,077	-2,758	266	1,585	62	Deficit in pay budget due to pay award	-43
Closed Landfill Sites	292	0	2	295	325	0	2	328	33	Increased electricity costs in both sites.	-1
Waste & Environmental Services Total	30,004	-4,926	1,341	26,420	31,368	-5,626	1,341	27,083	664		262

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Highways & Transportation											
Departmental - Transport	41	0	-43	-3	-50	0	-43	-94	-91	Vacant post, management review underway	-41
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	6	6	14	0	6	20	14	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	14
Sec 278 HT Agreements	0	0	0	0	130	-130	0	-0	-0		0
Highways Drainage Connection	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	0	0		0
Civil Design	1,308	-1,943	124	-511	1,262	-1,910	124	-524	-13	Based on current income projections	0
Transport Strategic Planning	442	0	55	497	395	0	55	450	-48	Vacant posts during the year	-8
Fleet Management	8,750	-9,813	1,085	23	10,933	-11,995	1,085	23	0		0
Passenger Transport	4,890	-2,676	249	2,462	6,857	-4,644	249	2,462	-0		0
School Transport	13,683	-994	137	12,826	14,863	-1,267	137	13,733	908	Increased transport costs for operators which subsequently escalate the tendered contract prices for the statutory provision of home to school transport. Transport operators are continuing to experience driver shortages, global supply chain shortages for vehicles and parts and a period of very high fuel prices make for a challenging operating environment. £57k deficit budget on Passenger Assistants as a result of the pay award.	664
Traffic Management	557	-262	84	379	897	-776	84	206	-173	Staff vacancies during the year, staff time recharged to grants and net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-79
Car Parks	2,268	-3,593	130	-1,195	2,064	-3,112	130	-918	277	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget. Parking fees increase of 5% due to be implemented from March 2024.	357
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	17	-7	0	10	36	-7	0	29	19	Overspend following the cessation of the service after the start of the financial year due to statutory notice periods.	18
Electric Cars Charging Points - running costs	0	0	0	0	1	-10	0	-9	-9		-6
Storm Damage	0	0	0	0	-2	302	0	300	300	As a result of the recent storms, two sections of the highway suffered support issues with estimated reconstruction costs of £300k; A485 Alltwalis culvert replacement £100k and C2043 Bwlchnewydd road collapse £200k. Awaiting decision from WG on additional funding from Resilient Roads Fund.	0
Road Safety Revenue Grant	112	-108	0	4	112	-108	0	4	0		0
Road Safety	251	-11	37	278	194	0	37	231	-47	Staff time recharged to grants	-59
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	3	163	129	0	3	131	-31	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled - in line with the National Safety Criteria to ensure posts exist at locations a patrol is required only.	-34
Bridge Maintenance	819	0	21	840	819	0	21	840	-0		0
Remedial Earthworks	357	0	2	359	375	-19	2	359	-0		0
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	518	-515	34	38	522	-510	34	46	8		9
Technical Surveys	504	0	33	537	504	0	33	537	0		0
Highway Maintenance	12,489	-3,907	813	9,395	14,063	-5,481	813	9,396	0		0
Capital Charges	0	0	7,174	7,174	0	0	7,174	7,174	-0		0
Western Area Works Partnership	6,299	-6,299	106	106	6,541	-6,541	106	106	-0		0
Town & Community Councils LED Conversion project	0	0	0	0	18	-18	0	-0	-0		0
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	85	2,152	3,203	-1,176	85	2,112	-40	Vacant post estimated to be filled from January 2024	-31
Public Rights Of Way	1,069	-83	113	1,099	1,036	-59	113	1,091	-9		-1
GT Link II	235	-235	0	1	92	-91	0	1	0		0
Highways & Transportation Total	57,865	-31,474	10,247	36,638	65,010	-37,553	10,247	37,704	1,066		802

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Public Protection											
PP Management support	98	-9	69	158	95	-6	69	158	0		2
PP Business Support unit	163	0	5	167	143	0	5	147	-20	Underspend on salaries - Staff Vacancy	-23
Public Health	305	-16	45	334	300	-11	45	334	0		49
Noise Control	230	0	12	242	196	-0	12	208	-34	Underspend on salaries - Staff Vacancy	-21
Air Pollution	136	-41	6	101	126	-20	6	112	10		7
Other Pollution	30	0	2	32	44	-24	2	22	-10		0
Water - Drinking Quality	49	-5	3	47	54	-5	3	52	5		1
Stray Horses	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	-5		0
Animal Welfare	90	-87	6	9	82	-44	6	45	36	Under achievement of income	39
Diseases Of Animals	54	-40	2	16	56	-30	2	29	12		13
Dog Wardens	109	-33	55	131	89	-10	55	134	3		-2
Animal Safety	170	0	12	182	156	0	12	168	-14		-11
Public Health Services Management	116	-121	101	96	122	-121	101	103	7		6
Licensing	378	-358	94	114	373	-303	94	165	50	Short fall in income - income target increases year on year, but the number of licensable businesses remains largely the same.	48
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	531	-38	24	517	523	-46	24	500	-16		-22
Occupational Health	144	-2	7	149	142	-2	7	147	-2		-0
Trading Standards Services Management	127	-42	51	136	129	-63	51	117	-19		-35
Metrology	133	-17	6	122	124	-3	6	126	4		2
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	5	102	45	0	5	50	-52	Underspend on salaries	-53
Civil Law	250	-3	14	262	238	0	14	252	-10		-4
Fair Trading	236	-68	6	174	230	-4	6	232	58	Underachievement of an unrealistic income target. Income dependent on criminal case progressing through the court system and the award of fees and costs recoverable.	73
Safety	74	-11	3	66	58	-5	3	57	-10		-12
Financial Investigator	126	-527	3	-398	185	-567	3	-379	20	Shortfall in salary budget	54
Public Protection Total	3,651	-1,417	532	2,766	3,510	-1,263	532	2,779	13		110
TOTAL FOR PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE	96,552	-41,935	12,599	67,216	105,138	-48,564	12,599	69,172	1,957		1,170