

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Last Month (£m)	Cause of Variance	Action Required
Leisure Services	3.657	4.075	0.418	0.399	<b>There are a number of historic budget issues which also adversely effected the Leisure outturn position in 11/12.</b>	
					In line with the national picture, income from ice skating at Deeside Leisure Centre has reduced by £173k over the last 4 years, this is despite inflationary increases in admission prices and promotions.	A tariff review is being undertaken across the whole of Leisure Services. Work is being conducted to review operational efficiency and performance at all facilities.
					Three posts within Leisure Services are unbudgeted for due to timing delays caused between the Leisure Services Restructure and the JEQ results, this amounts to £120k including on-costs.	Following receipt of JEQ results: 1) Analysis of affordability of proposed new staffing structures. 2) Revisit organisational design principles.
					<b>The following pressures have been identified during the first 3 months of 2012/13:</b>	
					1) The relocation of Leisure Services Staff to Deeside has assisted in making a significant saving from relocation (vacating Connah's Quay offices). However, this has increased occupancy costs for Leisure Services for cleaning, maintenance, mileage, telephones etc by £25k which is unfunded.	The in year recharges for these services are to be revisited and recharged accordingly.
					2) A review of music licensing has identified additional liabilities resulting in a cost increase of £37k.	A budget pressure bid for this has been submitted for 2013/14.

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					The income figures were £20k less than expected over the summer months, this is thought to be due to the effect of customers staying away from facilities to watch the Olympics.	
School Improvement Service	1.403	1.471	0.068	0.073	A new pressure has been identified relating to software and licence costs of £70k. These costs are required to underpin the Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service.	A budget pressure bid for this has been put forward for 2013/14.
Schools Related	(1.711)	(1.366)	0.345	0.345	<p>Changes within Service Level Agreements (SLA's) with schools of £243k have been included. A budget pressure bid is currently lodged for this which may be mitigated if all parties can take corrective action by April 2013.</p> <p>Music Services are forecasting an overspend of £102k based on current levels of income and expenditure. A project group has been established to review the music service.</p>	<p>Budget holders are to take decisions where required to reduce expenditure accordingly, and to begin charging schools which haven't signed up for SLAs with a particular agreement for any services they subsequently require.</p> <p>The Music Services project group has recently been established with a key aim of minimising the in-year overspend and developing a sustainable financial and operational model for the service moving forward into 2013/14.</p>

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Service Units	1.650	1.891	0.241	0.245	A budget pressure bid of £0.144k has been submitted for the current overspend within free school meals as the claims for this continue to increase in the same trend as the previous financial year. A similar pattern exists for School remissions (£0.085k) where a pressure bid has also been submitted.	Both of these elements of the budget are being carefully monitored and the pressure bids can be altered accordingly as the year proceeds in order to keep pace with changes within the wider economic climate.
Facilities Services	1.159	1.422	0.263	0.274	The Catering Service (£217k) is developing radical proposals in order to modernise via projects such as on-line payments for parents, rebranding, targeting increased take-up strategies, improved/themed menu's, cost reduction/procurement. The draft APSE review has been used to form the basis of this strategy. Any efficiencies generated from this aren't likely to be realised until the next financial year.	Service needs to continue to implement the agreed strategy for efficiencies.
					The Cleaning Service (£0.057) is unable to recover the surplus generated from the Law Courts contract and some other smaller sites. A large income target still exists which is unattainable with a lower level of cleaning activity taking place.	This is the subject of management action and service redesign and a budget pressure bid for 2013/14.
					£10k was approved to be spent in year on cleaning equipment in order to release efficiencies which may reach £25k per annum	
Other variances (aggregate)	103.055	103.038	(0.017)	(0.033)	Multiple variances under £0.050m.	
<b>Total :</b>	<b>109.213</b>	<b>110.531</b>	<b>1.318</b>	<b>1.303</b>		