

## Budget Monitoring Report

Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
<b>Social Services</b>							
<b>Older People</b>							
Localities	20.679	20.063	-0.616		-0.612	The commissioned Older Peoples domiciliary and Direct Payment budget is expected to underspend by £0.834m based on recent months activity. There are recruitment and retention challenges within this service which is limiting the amount of required care purchased. The residential care budget is projecting a £0.364m overspend due to the cost of placements net of income such as Free Nursing Care, Regional Integration Fund contributions and property income. The Localities staffing budget is expected to underspend by £0.070m as not all staff are currently top of grade and some costs are to be recharged. There are also underspends on the Day Care budget of £0.033m and the Sensory service level agreement budget of £0.042m	
Resources & Regulated Services	8.921	9.139	0.218		0.249	In-house residential care is expected to overspend by £0.255m due to staff and running costs and in-house homecare is estimated to overspend by £0.022m. The Extra Care budget is underspent by £0.025m, and Day Care by £0.034m. There is an assumption that we will receive £0.185m Winter Pressures funding built into these projections.	
Minor Variances	1.269	1.245	-0.024		-0.021		
<b>Adults of Working Age</b>							
Resources & Regulated Services	29.481	29.683	0.202		0.098	The PDSI (Physically Disabled and Sensory Impaired) budget is reporting a £0.113m overspend due to net costs of care packages. The in-house Supported Living service is £0.077m overspent but will likely increase if required recruitment is successful. The Learning Disability Daycare and Work Scheme budget is £0.067m overspend due in part to recent inflationary pressures. The care package costs for independently provided care for Learning Disability services is a £0.054m underspend.	
Children to Adult Transition Services	0.951	1.065	0.113		0.084	These are the costs of care for young adults who are transferring to Adult Social Care, from Children Services, this financial year. Care costs are initially estimated but once services have been agreed the actual cost may be different.	
Residential Placements	1.956	2.350	0.394		0.353	This is the cost of current commissioned care packages within the Mental Health service.	
Minor Variances	4.033	4.004	-0.029		-0.044		
<b>Children's Services</b>							
Family Support	0.375	0.502	0.127		0.139	Costs are based upon the current activity levels over the last few months and projected forward for the rest of the year. Workforce costs, primarily sessional staff are the primary cost driver for this service.	
Legal & Third Party	0.232	0.743	0.511		0.516	Legal costs are overspent by £0.276m due to the number of cases going through the courts and some use of external legal professionals. Direct Payments also continue to increase in demand and are overspending by £0.234m.	
Residential Placements	1.312	0.917	-0.395		-0.406	The in-year opening of some Children's Residential care settings will mean that there will be one off cost savings, in addition it is expected that one off, non-recurring grant from Welsh Government will be received for start up costs.	
Professional Support	6.173	6.423	0.250		0.178	To support adequate levels of child protection, the established staffing structure needs to be at a sufficient level to meet mandatory safeguarding standards. Vacancies are minimised and additional temporary posts are sometimes required to meet the challenges and demands of Children's Services. There is an assumption that Welsh Government will allow for flexible use of Children's Services grants which will allow for some cost pressures to be offset.	

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Minor Variances	3.537	3.567	0.030		0.040		
<b>Safeguarding &amp; Commissioning</b>							
Business Support Service	1.195	1.144	-0.051		-0.027	The underspend is due to a decrease in staff costs because of vacancies which are unlikely to be filled within year.	
Safeguarding Unit	1.291	1.082	-0.209		-0.210	A consultation for the updated Liberty Protection Safeguard legislation continue to be undertaken. Due to the delay in implementing the legislation there will be an in-year saving	
Management & Support	-2.267	-2.328	-0.061		-0.017	An expected reduction of £0.040m on Flintshires contribution to the Regional Collaboration Team is expect this year	
Minor Variances	-1.170	-1.150	0.020		0.004		
<b>Total Social Services (excl Out of County)</b>	<b>77.969</b>	<b>78.447</b>	<b>0.478</b>	<b>-0.000</b>	<b>0.323</b>		
<b>Out of County</b>							
Children's Services	10.097	11.497	1.400		1.189	The projected overspend reflects significant additional demands on the service in the year to date with 25 new placements having been made in the year to date - most of which are high cost residential placements - there is provision for a contingency sum of £0.250m, for net impacts of further new placements and other placement changes but this may not prove to be enough.	
Education & Youth	5.004	4.615	-0.389		-0.364	The underspend reflects projected costs for the current cohort of placements and there have been 16 new placements in the year to date with further new placements also likely to emerge as the year progresses, for which contingency provision of £0.050m has been made.	
<b>Total Out of County</b>	<b>15.101</b>	<b>16.112</b>	<b>1.011</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.825</b>		
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>							
School Improvement Systems	1.889	1.756	-0.133		-0.132	Payments to Non-maintained and maintained settings projected similar to those of 21/22. Welsh Government have announced continuation of top-up funding to £5 p/hour, so gives the Early Entitlement budget increasing financial capacity. Alongside this, the Recruit, Recover and Raise Standards grant and the Early Years Pupil Development Grant increases announced allow core budget to be released. Proposed efficiency savings are currently under review.	
School Planning & Provision	0.671	0.619	-0.053		-0.036	Projected underspend on insurance liability claims costs and some salary savings	
Minor Variances	7.374	7.215	-0.159		-0.122		
<b>Total Education &amp; Youth</b>	<b>9.935</b>	<b>9.590</b>	<b>-0.344</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.290</b>		
<b>Schools</b>	<b>108.420</b>	<b>108.420</b>	<b>-0.000</b>		<b>-0.000</b>		
<b>Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>							
Service Delivery	9.147	9.412	0.265		0.247	The service has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.100m for security costs due to vandalism at the Household Recycling Centres. Additional £0.050m Repair/Plant Hire costs across the Service. Street lighting is also incurring a £0.070m revenue pressure on the Community Council Income Budget. Remaining £0.170m is attributable to high sickness levels/Agency costs.	
Highways Network	8.096	8.599	0.503		0.487	Highways is incurring a Revenue pressure of £0.400m in Fleet services as a result of rising Fuel costs. Also additional £0.050m costs increase in weed spraying following concerns raised in Scrutiny, which cannot be covered by our existing Budget.	

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Transportation	10.031	10.393	0.362		0.164	Local Bus is incurring additional overspend of £0.100m due to Park and Ride Service and Service 5 re-procurement. School Transport is incurring a revenue pressure of £0.090m, due to a shortfall in budget for 3 school days driven by Easter timelines in this financial Year. In Period 5 there has been an additional pressure of £0.200m in School Transport due to additional routes (PRU's) 6 in total equating to £270.00 per day.	
Regulatory Services	11.192	11.158	-0.034		-0.023	Following changes to Council Policy the Service is seeing a reduction in recycling disposal waste. Sustained and improved recycling rebate prices have improved our projected Income.	
<b>Total Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>38.466</b>	<b>39.562</b>	<b>1.096</b>	<b>-0.000</b>	<b>1.064</b>		
<b>Planning, Environment &amp; Economy</b>							
Community	0.890	0.963	0.073		0.077	Fee income shortfalls in Licensing and Pest Control and historic business planning efficiency £0.024m not realised	
Development	0.146	-0.448	-0.594		-0.246	Favourable variance following receipt of a small number of high value one off Planning Fee each approx £0.300m	
Management & Strategy	1.385	1.274	-0.111		-0.116	Staff savings from vacant posts	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.036	COVID-19 related additional cleaning costs for Countryside Service and Environmental Health Officer costs	
Minor Variances	4.376	4.350	-0.026		0.014		
<b>Total Planning &amp; Environment</b>	<b>6.797</b>	<b>6.188</b>	<b>-0.610</b>	<b>0.047</b>	<b>-0.236</b>		
<b>People &amp; Resources</b>							
HR & OD	2.284	2.257	-0.027		-0.133	Staff savings due to vacant posts and commitment challenge across the service	
Corporate Finance	2.041	2.013	-0.028		-0.027		
<b>Total People &amp; Resources</b>	<b>4.324</b>	<b>4.270</b>	<b>-0.055</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.160</b>		
<b>Governance</b>							
Democratic Services	2.374	2.283	-0.091		-0.089	Variance as a result of the Members Allowances new rate not being implemented until May, 2022 and lower than anticipated take up of both Broadband and Pension Allowances (£0.108m) ; plus minor variances across Service	
ICT	4.960	4.910	-0.050		-0.038	Staff savings from vacant posts and minor variances across the Service	
Customer Services	1.018	0.893	-0.125		-0.116	Registrars Fee Income higher than anticipated and savings from vacant posts	
Revenues	0.201	0.063	-0.138		-0.113	The variance results from the projected potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.117m) based on current information; minor variance across the service	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001		
Minor Variances	2.220	2.246	0.027		0.026		
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>10.772</b>	<b>10.396</b>	<b>-0.376</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>-0.330</b>		
<b>Strategic Programmes</b>							
Minor Variances	6.116	6.108	-0.009		-0.020		
<b>Total Strategic Programmes</b>	<b>6.116</b>	<b>6.108</b>	<b>-0.009</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.020</b>		
<b>Assets</b>							
Caretaking & Security	0.264	0.183	-0.081		-0.082	Due to vacancy savings	
Minor Variances	0.048	0.109	0.061		0.036		

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<b>Housing and Communities</b>							
Benefits	13.260	13.040	-0.220		-0.350	Projected underspend of -£0.609m on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) which is offset by pressures of £0.367m on recovery of overpayments including a shortfall against the income budget target which has previously been compensated by the WG COVID-19 Hardship Fund and also due to the need to increase the bad debt provision for recovery of overpayments	
Minor Variances	1.402	1.407	0.005		-0.168		
<b>Total Housing and Communities</b>	<b>14.662</b>	<b>14.448</b>	<b>-0.215</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.518</b>		
<b>Chief Executive's</b>	<b>2.256</b>	<b>2.187</b>	<b>-0.069</b>		<b>-0.071</b>	Variance due to vacant post and not all staff at top of scale, together with commitment challenge across the Services	
<b>Central &amp; Corporate Finance</b>	<b>28.769</b>	<b>28.538</b>	<b>-0.231</b>		<b>-0.226</b>	Over recovery of planned pension contributions recoupage against actuarial projections based on the current level of contributions	
Centralised Costs	2.783	2.752	-0.031		-0.030		
Central Loans & Investment Account	0.000	0.053	0.053		0.000	IFRS 9 requires that for soft loans interest is accrued at the Effective Interest Rate (EIR) rather than the Contract Interest Rate.	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>326.682</b>	<b>327.363</b>	<b>0.680</b>	<b>0.048</b>	<b>0.285</b>		