

## Budget Monitoring Report

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<b>Social Services</b>							
<b>Older People</b>							
Localities	20.679	20.088	-0.591		-0.516	The commissioned Older Peoples domiciliary and Direct Payment budget is expected to underspend by £0.848m based on recent months activity. There are recruitment and retention challenges within this service which is limiting the amount of care which can be purchased. The residential care budget is projecting a £0.241m 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 overspend by £0.009m. There is an underspend of £0.033m for day services and the Minor Adaptations budget is expected to overspend by £0.038m.	
Regional Integration Fund	0.000	0.165	0.165		0.086	The Step Down Regional Integration Fund (RIF) scheme which enables quicker hospital discharges by placing people into short term residential care until it is safe for them to return home, has already fully spent. At this moment it seems unlikely slippage from other RIF schemes will be able to offset the additional pressure.	
Minor Variances	10.190	10.213	0.023		0.013		
<b>Adults of Working Age</b>							
Resources & Regulated Services	29.481	29.732	0.251		0.258	The PDSI (Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment) budget is reporting a £0.125m overspend due to net costs of care packages. The in-house Supported Living service is £0.163m overspent and will likely increase as it continues agency cover is required. The Learning Disability Daycare and Workscheme budget is £0.077m overspent due mostly to inflationary pressures. The care package costs for independently provided care for Learning Disability Services is £0.114m underspent.	
Children to Adult Transition Services	0.951	1.100	0.149		0.205	These are the costs of care for young adults who are transferring to Adult Social Care from Childrens Services this financial year. Care costs are initially estimated but once servicees have been agreed the actual cost may be different.	
Professional and Administrative Support	0.367	0.315	-0.052		-0.029	Some temporary vacancies are resulting in in year savings.	
Residential Placements	1.956	2.409	0.453		0.380	Cost of currently commissioned care packages within the Mental Health Service.	
Professional Support	0.774	0.834	0.060		0.040	Increased contributions to the North East Wales emergency duty team and some staffing overspends.	
Minor Variances	2.892	2.826	-0.066		-0.050		
<b>Children's Services</b>							
Family Placement	2.862	2.809	-0.052		-0.047	Due to current in-house fostering and special guardianship order placement costs.	
Grants	0.236	0.287	0.051		0.037	There are a few smaller variances which are contributing to the overspend on the integrated working budget. These include a £0.010m additional cost for advocacy and some variation for staff costs.	
Family Support	0.375	0.513	0.137		0.137	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 seasonal staff are the primary cost driver for the service.	
Legal & Third Party	0.232	0.717	0.485		0.509	Legal costs are overspent by £0.239m due to the number of cases going through the courts and some use of legal professionals. Direct Payments also continue to increase in demand and are overspent by £0.246m	

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Residential Placements	1.312	0.981	-0.331		-0.336	The in-year operating of some Childrens Residential care settings will mean that there will be one off savings, in addition it is expected that there will be non-recurring grant from Welsh Government to support start up costs.	
Professional Support	6.173	6.438	0.265		0.243	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 Childrens Services. There is an assumption that Welsh Government will allow for flexible use of Childrens Services grants as in previous years which results in some cost pressures being offset.	
Minor Variances	0.440	0.441	0.001		-0.001		
<b>Safeguarding &amp; Commissioning</b>							
Business Systems & Financial Assessments	0.831	0.908	0.077		0.063	There are additional one off costs of £0.018m for an IT system upgrade. In addition there are temporary uplifts in hours which have increased staff costs. These additional costs are funded from underspends within the Business Support Service.	
Business Support Service	1.195	1.140	-0.055		-0.054	The underspend is due to a decrease in staff costs from vacancies which are unlikely to be filled this year.	
Safeguarding Unit	1.291	1.096	-0.194		-0.214	A consultation for the updated Liberty Protection Safeguard legislation continues to be undertaken. Due to the implementation delay for this legislation there will be an in-year saving.	
Commissioning	0.679	0.628	-0.051		-0.027	Vacancies have resulted in in-year cost reductions	
Minor Variances	-4.947	-4.999	-0.052		-0.064		
<b>Total Social Services (excl Out of County)</b>	<b>77.969</b>	<b>78.641</b>	<b>0.672</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.635</b>		
<b>Out of County</b>							
Children's Services	10.097	11.600	1.502		1.523	The projected overspend reflects significant additional demands on the service in the year to date with 31 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	4.607	-0.397		-0.301	The latest underspend reflects projected costs for the current cohort of placements and there have been 23 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>16.207</b>	<b>1.105</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>1.222</b>		
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>							
Inclusion & Progression	5.251	5.174	-0.077		-0.055	The latest underspend position reflects further savings within the ALN (Additional Learning Needs) by maximising grants and long term staff sickness. Also savings identified within EAL (English as an Additional Language) service, also by maximising grants against core staff. Part of the service savings have been captured as part of Plas Derwen, due to part year vacancies for senior staff.	
Integrated Youth Provision	1.035	0.978	-0.057		-0.046	The projected underspend is mainly due to staffing savings	

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School Improvement Systems	1.889	1.736	-0.154		-0.142	Payments to NMS (Non Maintained Settings) and MS (Maintained Settings) projected similar to those in 21/22. Welsh Government have announced continuation of top-up funding to £5 p/hour so give the Early Entitlement budget increasing financial capacity. Alongside this, RRRS (Recruit, Recover and Raise Standards) and Early Years Pupil Development grant increases announced allow core budget to be released. Proposed efficiency savings currently under review.	
School Planning & Provision	0.671	0.580	-0.091		-0.076	Projected underspend on insurance liability claims costs and some salary savings	
Minor Variances	1.106	1.004	-0.103		-0.123		
<b>Total Education &amp; Youth</b>	<b>9.953</b>	<b>9.472</b>	<b>-0.481</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.442</b>		
<b>Schools</b>	<b>108.401</b>	<b>108.401</b>	<b>0.000</b>		<b>0.000</b>		
<b>Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>							
Service Delivery	9.277	9.486	0.209		0.180	The service has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.100m for security costs at the Household Recycling Centres. Street lighting is also incurring a £0.070m revenue pressure on the Community Council income budget. Additional £0.100m overspend is attributable to high sickness levels/agency costs. The overall overspend is partially offset by additional income achieved through in-house construction work.	
Highways Network	8.096	8.582	0.486		0.489	Highways is incurring a revenue pressure of £0.400m in Fleet Services as a result of rising fuel costs. Also additional £0.050m increase in weed spraying contractor costs following concerns raised in Scrutiny, which cannot be covered by our existing budget.	
Transportation	10.031	10.482	0.451		0.418	Local bus subsidy is incurring an overspend of £0.100m due to the Park and Ride Service and Service 5. School Transport is incurring a revenue pressure of £0.090m, due to a shortfall in budget for 3 additional school days driven by Easter timelines in this financial year. At Period 5 there was an additional pressure of £0.200m identified in School Transport due to additional demand (PRUs/ALN) 6 routes in total equating to £270.00 per day. School transport is also facing an additional revenue pressure of £0.030m in Period 7 due to capacity issues on a commercial bus service. There may be further cost increases towards the end of this financial year due to rising transport operator costs (fuel, driver wages, insurance, energy etc).	
Regulatory Services	11.062	10.988	-0.074		-0.048	Regulatory Services has an underspend of £0.053m due to vacancies within the service. Increased rebate rates for the sale of electricity and improving car parking income has increased income by £0.020m.	
<b>Total Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>38.466</b>	<b>39.538</b>	<b>1.072</b>	<b>-0.000</b>	<b>1.039</b>		
<b>Planning, Environment &amp; Economy</b>							
Community	0.890	0.964	0.074		0.073	Fee income shortfalls in Licensing and Pest Control and historic business planning efficiency £0.024m not realised	
Development	0.146	-0.438	-0.584		-0.589	Favourable variance following receipt of two high value one off Planning Fee each approx £0.300m	
Management & Strategy	1.385	1.293	-0.092		-0.095	Staff savings from vacant posts	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.054	COVID-19 related additional cleaning costs for Countryside Service and Environmental Health Officer costs	
Minor Variances	4.376	4.346	-0.029		-0.022		

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<b>Total Planning &amp; Environment</b>	<b>6.797</b>	<b>6.241</b>	<b>-0.557</b>	<b>0.075</b>	<b>-0.579</b>		
<b>People &amp; Resources</b>							
HR & OD	2.284	2.246	-0.037		-0.043		
Corporate Finance	2.041	2.006	-0.035		-0.034		
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008		
<b>Total People &amp; Resources</b>	<b>4.324</b>	<b>4.260</b>	<b>-0.065</b>	<b>0.008</b>	<b>-0.069</b>		
<b>Governance</b>							
Legal Services	0.884	0.940	0.056		0.033	Additional costs for locum services covering vacant posts	
Democratic Services	2.374	2.299	-0.074		-0.079	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) ; mitigated by the inception of the new Climate Change Committee Chair person Allowance plus minor variances across Service	
ICT	4.960	4.893	-0.068		-0.051	Vacancy savings together with a reduced contribution to DCC for procurement	
Customer Services	1.018	0.856	-0.162		-0.160	Registrars Fee Income higher than anticipated and savings from vacant posts	
Revenues	0.201	-0.113	-0.314		-0.223	The variance results from the projected potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.250m) 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	1.336	1.277	-0.059		-0.043		
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>10.772</b>	<b>10.152</b>	<b>-0.620</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>-0.523</b>		
<b>Strategic Programmes</b>							
Minor Variances	6.116	6.111	-0.005		-0.008		
<b>Total Strategic Programmes</b>	<b>6.116</b>	<b>6.111</b>	<b>-0.005</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.008</b>		
<b>Assets</b>							
Caretaking & Security	0.264	0.170	-0.094		-0.080	Savings on staffing due to vacancies	
Minor Variances	0.069	0.112	0.043		0.062	Cumulative minor variances across the service	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>0.333</b>	<b>0.282</b>	<b>-0.051</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.019</b>		
<b>Housing and Community</b>							
Minor Variances	14.662	14.663	0.001		-0.231		
<b>Total Housing and Community</b>	<b>14.662</b>	<b>14.663</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.231</b>		
<b>Chief Executive's</b>	<b>2.235</b>	<b>2.152</b>	<b>-0.083</b>		<b>-0.085</b>	Variance relates to vacant post and not all staff at top of scale	
<b>Central &amp; Corporate Finance</b>	<b>28.769</b>	<b>27.828</b>	<b>-0.941</b>		<b>-0.931</b>	Over recovery of planned pension contributions recouperment against actuarial projections based on the current level of contributions together with a revised projection on the Central Loans & investment Account (CLIA) reported at Month 6	
Centralised Costs	2.783	2.778	-0.005		-0.030		
Soft Loan Mitigation	0.000	0.053	0.053		0.053		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>326.682</b>	<b>326.778</b>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>0.084</b>	<b>0.033</b>		