

## MONTH 10 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
<b>Social Services</b>		
<b>Older People</b>		
Localities	0.037	Domiciliary care costs have increased by £0.023m due to increased activity. Maternity cover has been built in on workforce budget resulting in a £0.015m increase. Net minor variance result in a decrease of £0.001m.
<b>Adults of Working Age</b>		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.065	Increased service demands have resulted in increased costs this month.
Transition & Disability Services Team	-0.050	Some Regional Integration Fund (RIF) grant has been allocated which is being used to fund a post previously funded from base budget.
Supporting People	-0.047	Additional allocation from Supporting People funding above the expected amount.
Residential Placements	-0.026	Decrease in service costs as a result of changes to care demand.
Minor Variances	-0.010	
<b>Children's Services</b>		
Grants	-0.063	An in-year reduction to expected advocacy costs has resulted in reduced expenditure
Family Support	-0.034	Due to reduced levels of expected service activity
Legal & Third Party	-0.123	Agreement for some legal costs for a specific case to be funded from a Contingency Reserve contribution.
Residential Placements	-0.113	There has been an additional grant from Welsh Government, £0.085m in value, to support radical reform of the care of looked after children. In addition some RIF funding has been made available to fund costs of £0.030m.
Professional Support	0.109	This includes costs for a team of contract agency workers required to prevent deterioration of the service whilst vacancies for experienced social worker posts remain high.
Minor Variances	-0.010	
<b>Safeguarding &amp; Commissioning</b>		
Charging Policy income	0.039	Changes to forecasted charging policy income
Safeguarding Unit	-0.029	Additional in-year grant funding from Welsh Government for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
Impact of Covid-19	-0.020	
Minor Variances	-0.003	
<b>Total Social Services (excl Out of County)</b>	<b>-0.277</b>	
<b>Out of County</b>		
Children's Services	-0.016	
Education & Youth	0.014	
<b>Total Out of County</b>	<b>-0.003</b>	
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>		
Inclusion & Progression	0.114	The Service Manager for Inclusion has put in a carry forward request due to a significant potential cost pressure that has been identified as a portfolio risk. The carry forward of underspend is required to support the education of pupils who are not attending school either due to medical difficulties, including mental health and anxiety, permanent exclusion and the lack of available specialist provision. There is currently an in year pressure which has been covered by grant funding, however, the range of grants available to support this will not be available in the coming year. A range of strategies are being explored to reduce the need for this provision, however, this is unlikely to bring around significant reduction in need/cost. The carry forward of £0.280m would help to mitigate the majority of the 2023/24 pressure.
School Improvement Systems	-0.029	Movement in Early Entitlement due to utilising Early Years Pupil Development Grant against established staff. Also, the Non Maintained Settings payments for January were lower than anticipated. Small movement in School Improvement due to additional income from the Adult Community Learning Engagement Grant which is being offset against core staff.
Minor Variances	0.025	
<b>Total Education &amp; Youth</b>	<b>0.110</b>	
<b>Schools</b>	<b>0.000</b>	
<b>Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>		
Other Minor Variances	-0.007	
<b>Total Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>-0.007</b>	
<b>Planning, Environment &amp; Economy</b>		
Minor Variances	-0.061	Cumulative minor positive movements across the portfolio
<b>Total Planning &amp; Environment</b>	<b>-0.061</b>	
<b>People &amp; Resources</b>		
HR & OD	0.026	Minor movements across the Service each less than £0.005m
Corporate Finance	-0.056	Schools Grant Income £0.015m higher than forecast, Pay Award budget allocation for Vacant Posts together with minor movements across the Service
<b>Total People &amp; Resources</b>	<b>-0.031</b>	
<b>Governance</b>		
Customer Services	0.160	The movement follows a request a carry forward of the sum £0.200m underspend to supplement the Digital Strategy Board funding. A result of salary savings across the service and a number of projects that have been unable to be progressed/completed due to limited or no resource/capacity this funding will provide the resources required to fund projects attached to the Digital Strategy. This additional funding will allow the Board to resource two 2 year fixed contracts to retain the current digital higher-level trainees. Recruitment and retention of staff issues mean that securing the existing staff would ensure continuity of service operations. This is mitigated by vacancy savings, higher than projected fee income levels and minor movements across the service (£0.040m)
Minor Variances	-0.052	Cumulative movements across the portfolio
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>0.108</b>	
<b>Strategic Programmes</b>		
Minor Variances	-0.013	
<b>Total Strategic Programmes</b>	<b>-0.013</b>	
<b>Assets</b>		
Caretaking & Security	0.025	Reduced vacancy savings
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>0.025</b>	
<b>Housing and Community</b>		
Minor Variances	-0.008	
<b>Total Housing and Community</b>	<b>-0.008</b>	
<b>Chief Executive's</b>	<b>-0.012</b>	
<b>Central &amp; Corporate Finance</b>	<b>-0.645</b>	As reported earlier in the year, the Council had not taken out new short or long term borrowing and has invested a significant amount of funds. This pattern has continued during the remaining months of this financial year resulting in no short term borrowing costs being incurred and the Council and generating increased income from investments, which have increased in line with bank interest rates.
Soft Loan Mitigation	0.005	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-0.810</b>	