

**Carry Forward Requests – Month 11****Governance – ICT**

The carry forward of a **£0.070m** in year service underspend is requested to supplement Citrix License budget due to increasing costs. Flintshire had to sign a new contract for the current Citrix license to avoid a significant price increase. In December 2020 the Council Paid £0.297m for a three-year Citrix license to cover all of the authorities IT users. The contract was recently signed and cost the Authority £0.367m, which is a £0.070m or 24% increase. In signing the new agreement recently, this prevented the authority from incurring an additional increase of around £0.073m. The ICT service only has budget to fund the £0.297m renewal in 2023/24.

The carry forward of a **£0.036m** in-year service underspend is requested to assist in resourcing higher level apprenticeships due for completion in August 2023.

**Governance – Performance**

The carry forward of a **£0.004m** underspend to support the procurement of additional specialist external InPhase training and development for newly recruited staff members to the Performance Team. InPhase is the cloud-based business Management solution used by the Council that supports integrated reporting, together with the creation of infographics. There is currently no available resource within current budget constraints to support this.

**Governance – Revenues**

The carry forward of a **£0.050m** underspend to provide additional resilience in 2023/24 for the deployment of overtime. During 2022/23 the main focus was on the administering of the 'Cost of Living Support Grants' and as a result there is a considerable volume of work including exemption and discount reviews that were deferred as a direct consequence. In order to reduce and ultimately clear the backlog, overtime requirements are expected to increase and as such would add further pressure to the service, which is already facing the potential for reduced levels of fee income as the current cost of living continues to hinder collections and recovery of fees.

**People & Resources**

The carry forward of **£0.070m** underspend in Feasibility Studies budget in order to support strategic work around the longer-term options for a number of sites namely Standard, Greenfield Housing Recycling Centre and Alltami Depot.

**Education & Youth – School Planning & Provision**

The carry forward of **£0.020m** to fund the delayed costs of feasibility studies for future projects at three school sites. In addition, it is requested that **£0.054m** be carried forward to fund costs of future transition requirements.

### **Education & Youth - Inclusion service**

The carry forward an underspend of **£0.095m** for the EAL service to meet the ongoing education needs of children who have experienced trauma, including refugee learners, children looked after, and others who have experienced early childhood experiences and/or the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Education & Youth - Pupil Referral Unit**

The carry forward of **£0.035m** to facilitate hire of two x 8-seater cars for transport provision. This will enable Plas Derwen students to continue to access a range of alternative curriculum activities to support their educational packages.

### **Housing & Communities - Carelink**

The carry forward an underspend of **£0.084m** to fund new equipment costs for non HRA customers as part of the switchover to digital equipment which must be completed by 2025.

### **Housing & Communities – Benefits**

The carry forward of a further **£0.214m** of the CTRS underspend to mitigate against future unbudgeted service pressures particularly relating to overpayments.

### **Planning, Environment & Economy**

The carry forward of in year underspend **£0.020m** is sought to provide short term agency cover in 2023/24 for the Public Protection Admin Team whilst a permanent member of staff is recruited. This is already a small team, however the long-term absence of one team member, and the imminent departure of another team member to a new post, will mean that some key tasks and duties will not be able to be undertaken – which will have a direct impact on frontline regulatory services in the Planning, Environment and Economy Portfolio.

### **Assets - Policy**

The carry forward of in year underspend of **£0.044m** in respect of core funding agreements to provide support to voluntary organisations. The budget has been reduced in 2023/24 due to an approved budget efficiency item, but there are some legal costs outstanding which will need to be funded in 2023/24.

### **Assets - Property Asset team**

The carry forward of in year underspend of **£0.093m** due to salary savings arising from vacancies to be used in 2023/24 to fund costs of staff to conduct outstanding surveys of the various property and estates and which in some cases may lead to future rent reviews and potential efficiency savings.

### **Assets - Industrial Units**

The carry forward an underspend of **£0.081m** to invest in ongoing R&M of buildings and grounds in order that the assets within these estates are maintained to an appropriate standard.

## **Streetscene & Transportation**

Sustainable Waste Management Grant **£0.090m** – request to carry over the grant received in addition to the anticipated annual target for 2022/23 to address Waste related workforce pressures in the 2023/24 financial year.

Due to delays in getting the work completed in 2022/23, it is requested that **£0.020m** be carried forward to carry out Solar Panel repairs in 2023/24, in order to maximise the future income return from solar energy.

Waste Management Pilot Costs of **£0.070m** are requested to be carried forward, following delays in incurring these costs in the intended timeframe during 2022/23.

## **Central & Corporate Finance**

It is proposed that the unutilised Real Living Wage budget allocation of **£0.254m** is earmarked to support potential financial impacts resulting from the Supreme Court decision in the Harpur Trust vs Brazel case in the calculation of holiday pay entitlements for staff who work for part of the year (i.e., term time). The carry forward would be used to resource any holiday pay liability and mitigate any historic risk, challenge and to support the necessary amendments to Holiday Pay entitlements to ensure future compliance.

### **Summary of Requests:**

<b>Portfolio/Service Area</b>	<b>Carry Forward Request £m</b>
Governance	0.160m
People & Resources	0.070m
Education & Youth	0.204m
Housing & Communities	0.298m
Planning, Environment & Economy	0.020m
Assets	0.218m
Streetscene & Transportation	0.180m
Central & Corporate Finance	0.254m
<b>Total Carry Forward Requests</b>	<b>1.404m</b>