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Gina Maddison, Allan Marshall, Vicky Perfect, Kevin Rush, Jason Shallcross,
Sam Swash and Linda Thomas

3 February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING
CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023 at 10.00 AM

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

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A G E N D A

1 **APOLOGIES**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 12)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2023.

4 **ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 13 - 16)

Report of Democratic Services Manager -

Purpose: To inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.

5 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 17 - 24)

Report of Democratic Services Manager -

Purpose: To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

6 **JOINT FUNDED CARE PACKAGES - UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 25 - 28)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services), Corporate Finance Manager - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

Purpose: To share an update on the current situation on the long term debt with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board since the last report was received.

7 **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 9) AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 (MONTH 9)** (Pages 29 - 80)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9) Report and the Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9) Report, and Significant Variances.

Please note that there may be a 10 minute adjournment of this meeting if it lasts longer than two hours

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CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE **12 JANUARY 2023**

Minutes of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, 12 January 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Jones (Chairman)

Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Bill Crease, Chris Dolphin, Alasdair Ibbotson, Gina Maddison, Allan Marshall, Vicky Perfect, Kevin Rush, Jason Shallcross, Sam Swash and Linda Thomas

Present for minute number 68:

Councillors: Helen Brown, Teresa Carberry, Rob Davies, Mared Eastwood, Hilary McGuill, Andrew Parkhurst and Mike Peers

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure), Councillor Christine Jones (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing), Councillor Dave Hughes (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy), Councillor Paul Johnson (Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion & Resilient Communities), Councillor Billy Mullin (Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services), Councillor Chris Bithell (Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health & Public Protection), Councillor Sean Bibby (Cabinet Member for Housing & Regeneration), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Social Services), Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation), Corporate Finance Manager, Strategic Finance Managers and Corporate Manager (Capital Programme and Assets)

IN ATTENDANCE: Democratic Services Manager and team

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

65. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2022 were approved, as moved and seconded by Councillors Bernie Attridge and Linda Thomas.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

66. ACTION TRACKING

The Democratic Services Manager presented an update on actions arising from previous meetings.

The recommendation was moved and seconded by Councillors Bernie Attridge and Jason Shallcross.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the progress which has been made.

67. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Democratic Services Manager presented the current forward work programme for consideration, including items to be allocated to future meetings.

The recommendations were moved and seconded by Councillors Bernie Attridge and Gina Maddison.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted; and
- (b) That the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.

68. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND BUDGET 2023/24 - WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT

The Chief Executive introduced a report on the latest position for the Council Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24 including an update on the key headlines and financial impacts of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement and feedback from the recent Overview & Scrutiny meetings. The update detailed changes and risks to the additional budget requirement for 2023/24 and work being undertaken on the solutions available to enable the Council to set a legal and balanced budget.

In highlighting the main areas of the report, the Corporate Finance Manager gave a reminder that in November 2022, the additional budget requirement for the 2023/24 financial year was estimated to be £32.448m. Following a rigorous review by Overview & Scrutiny committees, all portfolio cost pressures had been accepted with no new cost reduction areas identified. A summary of the main themes from those sessions was appended to the report. The provisional Aggregate External Finance (AEF) for 2023/24 represented an increase of 8.4% which compared favourably with other Welsh authorities. This reflected a cash uplift of £19.568m over the 2022/23 AEF of £232.179m however Flintshire's funding allocation per capita remained ranked 20th out of the 22 Welsh authorities. An increase in the indicative all-Wales revenue allocation for 2024/25 equated to an increase of 3.1% in 2024/25 compared with the previous indicative increase of 2.4%.

Whilst the increased Settlement for 2023/24 was welcomed, this equated to around 60% of the Council's estimated cost pressures identified. In addition, the

report detailed changes which increased the additional budget requirement to £32.978m along with a number of ongoing risks which could further impact the position. As the Provisional Settlement was unlikely to change significantly, a combination of the remaining budget solutions would need to contribute to the remaining gap of £13.410m to enable a legal and balanced budget to be set. Following review by Overview & Scrutiny committees, the portfolio cost reduction options totalling £6.166m would need to be considered to decide which would be taken forward as part of the final budget proposals. Other budget considerations would include the impact of the reduction in Employers' National Insurance, the outcome of the Triennial Actuarial Review of the Clwyd Pension Fund, delegated schools budgets and the level of Council Tax.

On reserves and balances, it was being recommended to Cabinet that the additional Revenue Support allocation of £2.4m received at the end of 2022/23 be transferred to the Contingency Reserve to enhance the level remaining and safeguard the Council against risks.

The Chairman referred to unresolved points raised by Overview & Scrutiny committees on the Housing and Environment portfolio options which were not included in the appendix. The Corporate Finance Manager explained that the appendix summarised the main themes from the sessions with Cabinet Members in attendance and that feedback would be reported to Cabinet.

On the Overview & Scrutiny sessions, Councillor Bernie Attridge said that information requested on the homelessness service, currently being progressed by officers, would need to form part of the budget considerations. He raised a number of queries on the content of the report.

The Chief Executive explained that increased expenditure for Parc Adfer was primarily due to haulage costs linked with rising fuel costs and that a response from the Chief Fire Officer on the North Wales Fire & Rescue levy was due the following week. On homelessness, there was an increase in demand for temporary accommodation and it was unknown at this stage whether the level of grants available would be sufficient to mitigate pressures, however more clarity was likely in the coming weeks.

The Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) advised that the Sustainable Waste Management Grant was currently under review by Welsh Government (WG) and could pose a potential risk, as reported to the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee. On school transport, she explained that rising fuel costs together with increased demand in services for children with Additional Learning Needs and Pupil Referral Units had resulted in the cost pressure. On projecting future costs, she explained the changing demand for those services, particularly over the Summer period.

In response to Councillor Attridge's concerns, the Corporate Finance Manager advised that the final budget report would include the outcome of work on specific grants including which of those were confirmed. He cited the Homelessness and Sustainable Waste Management Grants as the two most significant.

In highlighting risks such as the impact of inflation and funding of pay awards, Councillor Paul Johnson gave a reminder of the importance of maintaining an adequate level of reserves to safeguard against unforeseen events.

On the ongoing risks to the additional budget requirement, the Chairman said that assumptions on pay awards and Out of County Placements should be re-assessed to avoid reliance on reserves. He said that sharing estimated costs for each of the remaining risks would assist with the budget-setting process.

In response, the Corporate Finance Manager explained that officers were currently working through the implications of these known ongoing risks and that they would not remain as risks if there was a budgetary impact for 2023/24 as the full-year effect would be shared at the final budget stage.

Councillor Ian Roberts spoke about the challenges involved in accurately projecting some costs due to changes in demand and gave assurance that officers were working through these.

The recommendation was moved and seconded by Councillors Bernie Attridge and Bill Crease.

RESOLVED:

That having considered the Cabinet report on the latest budget position, the comments raised by the Committee be noted.

69. VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

A slight change in the order of business was agreed to bring forward agenda item 9 Social Value Progress Update. The remainder of the items would be considered in the order shown on the agenda.

70. SOCIAL VALUE PROGRESS UPDATE

The Chief Officer (Social Services) presented performance data on the social value generated in Flintshire for the reporting periods, together with an update on progress with the broader social value work programme.

This was a positive report where performance targets for 2021/22 and the first half of 2022/23 had been exceeded following actions to increase social value from the Council's commissioning and procurement activities. In addition to providing detailed information on those achievements, the report highlighted the range of outcomes to support local communities and national recognition of social value work in Flintshire. The ongoing action plan would help to identify further improvements to embed social value across the organisation and develop additional resources to support the work of the Social Value Development Officer.

Councillor Bernie Attridge welcomed actions to maximise social value in all procurement activities across the organisation to build upon performance.

The Corporate Manager (Capital Programme and Assets) paid tribute to the work of the Social Value Development Officer as the sole member of the team and said that plans to develop 'social value champions' across the organisation would expand capacity.

Councillor Paul Johnson said that social value was a corporate priority for the Council and that the action plan would help to move forward in a more sustainable way. He suggested a future workshop on social value to raise awareness with all Members.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Corporate Manager (Capital Programme and Assets) explained that many social value outcomes did not involve financial aspects and he referred to community benefits packages for larger contracts.

The Chief Executive said that performance reflected contractors discharging their own social responsibilities through contractual mechanisms.

The recommendations were moved and seconded by Councillor Attridge and the Chairman.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee notes the positive performance achieved in relation to generating social value during 2021/22 as well as the first six months of 2022/23; and
- (b) That the Committee supports the next steps proposed.

71. MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

The Chief Executive presented the monitoring report to review mid-year progress against Council Plan priorities identified for 2022/23. This was an exception-based report focussing on areas of performance not currently achieving their target.

Overall this was a positive report with 70% of performance indicators (PIs) having met or exceeded their targets (green). Of those reporting under-performance against target (red), only one was relevant to this Committee and related to the number of digital learning sessions provided, under the Poverty theme.

The Chairman remarked on the outturns for the completion of new Council homes and Residential Social Landlord (RSL) homes which were below target. His comments on improving recycling performance by raising awareness and encouraging residents had been raised at the recent Environment and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting.

The recommendations were moved and seconded by Councillors Bernie Attridge and Bill Crease.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee supports levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of priorities as at mid-year within the 2022/23 Council Plan;
- (b) That the Committee endorses and supports overall performance against 2022/23 Council Plan performance indicators as at mid-year; and
- (c) That the Committee is assured by explanations given for those areas of underperformance.

72. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 8)

The Strategic Finance Manager introduced the report on the 2022/23 month 8 position for the revenue budget monitoring for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) prior to consideration by Cabinet.

On the Council Fund, the projected year-end position - without new actions to reduce cost pressures and/or improve the financial return on efficiency planning and cost control - was an operating deficit of £0.352m, leaving a contingency reserve balance of £3.797m at year-end (after the impact of final pay awards).

An update was given on current eligibility for Welsh Government (WG) Hardship Funding claims and the current level of Covid-19 Emergency Reserves (as a safeguard against the continuing impacts of the pandemic) which stood at £4.064m. Significant movements across portfolios from month 7 were summarised including a carry-forward request by People & Resources. The tracking of in-year risks reported a marginal dip in Council Tax collection levels which reflected a national trend. Other tracked risks included the current position with Out of County Placements.

On the HRA, projected in-year expenditure of £3.076m higher than budget would leave a closing un-earmarked balance of £3.398m, which was above the recommended guidelines on spend.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Strategic Finance Manager agreed to provide a separate response on the movement in the approved budgets from Chief Executive's to Assets, which the Corporate Manager (Capital Programme and Assets) said could relate to third sector grants.

On a query by Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson, the Chief Executive and Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) provided clarification on additional costs arising from the Proclamation Event and Queen's State Funeral.

Councillor Bernie Attridge asked about the approach for some portfolios to absorb additional Covid-19 recovery costs from their underspends. The point was

noted by the Corporate Finance Manager who said that officers would look at this for the next report. On the carry-forward request, he advised that this complied with the reserves and balances protocol to show transparency.

Councillor Attridge's request that any underspend on the HRA be considered for use in improving performance with void properties was acknowledged by Councillor Sean Bibby.

The recommendation was moved and seconded by Councillors Bernie Attridge and Linda Thomas.

RESOLVED:

That having considered the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 8) report, the Committee confirms that there are no specific issues to be raised with Cabinet.

73. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

None.

(The meeting started at 10am and ended at 11.42am)

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Chairman

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CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 9 February 2023
Report Subject	Action Tracking (CROSC)
Report Author	Democratic Services Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report shows the action points from previous meetings of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the progress made in completing them. The majority of the requested actions have been completed. Any outstanding will be reported back to the next monthly meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the committee notes the progress which has been made.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE ACTION TRACKING REPORT
1.01	In previous meetings, requests for information, reports or actions have been made. These have been summarised as action points. Following the meeting of the committee in July 2018, it was recognised that there was a need to formalise such reporting back, as 'Matters Arising' is not an item which can feature on an agenda.
1.02	This paper summarises those points and where appropriate provides an update on the actions resulting from them. The Action Tracking details are attached in appendix 1.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The creation of the Action Tracking report increases workflow but should provide greater understanding and efficiency.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	Not applicable.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	In some cases, action owners have been contacted to provide an update on their actions.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Corporate Resources OSC Action Points.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Minutes of previous meetings of the committee as identified in the report.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Steven Goodrum, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: Steven.Goodrum@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	None.

ACTION TRACKING FOR THE CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date	Agenda item	Action Required	Action Officer(s)	Action taken	Status
15.12.2022	7. Work of the Coroner's Office	To arrange an all-Member workshop for the Coroner to present about his role and work.	Steven Goodrum	Arrangements are being made.	Open
12.01.2023	9. Social Value Progress Update	To arrange an all-Member workshop on social value.	Steven Goodrum	Arrangements are being made.	Open

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CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 9 February 2023
Report Subject	Forward Work Programme
Report Author	Democratic Services Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview & Scrutiny presents a unique opportunity for Members to determine the Forward Work programme of the Committee of which they are Members.

By reviewing and prioritising the Forward Work Programme, Members are able to ensure it is Member-led and includes the right issues.

A copy of the Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration which has been updated following the last meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider, and amend where necessary, the Forward Work Programme for the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee considers the draft Forward Work Programme and approve/amend as necessary.
2	That the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
1.01	Items feed into a Committee's Forward Work Programme from a number of sources. Members can suggest topics for review by Overview & Scrutiny Committees, members of the public can suggest topics, items can be referred by the Cabinet for consultation purposes, or by County Council or Chief Officers. Other possible items are identified from the Cabinet Work Programme and the Improvement Plan.

1.02	<p>In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful for a 'test of significance' to be applied. This can be achieved by asking a range of questions as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the review contribute to the Council's priorities and/or objectives? 2. Is it an area of major change or risk? 3. Are there issues of concern in performance? 4. Is there new Government guidance of legislation? 5. Is it prompted by the work carried out by Regulators/Internal Audit? 6. Is the issue of public or Member concern?
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	Not applicable.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Draft Forward Work Programme.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Steven Goodrum, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: Steven.Goodrum@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	Improvement Plan: the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Improvement Objectives and publish an Improvement Plan.

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CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
CURRENT FWP

Date of meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report/Presentation	Scrutiny Focus	Responsible/Contact Officer
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>Revenue budget monitoring 2022/23 (month 10)</p>	<p>To provide the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.</p>	<p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Corporate Finance Manager</p>
	<p>Local Government Finance Act 1992, Section 13A (Sub-section 1C)</p>	<p>To review Flintshire County Council's policy on discretionary powers held by councils to discount or write-off the amount of Council Tax payable on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Policy review</p>	<p>Corporate Finance Manager</p>
	<p>NEWydd Business Plan 2023/24</p>	<p>To present the NEWydd Catering & Cleaning Ltd Business Plan 2023/24 for endorsement</p>	<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Corporate Manager, Corporate Property and Assets</p>
	<p>Joint Procurement Service Annual Report 2021/22</p>	<p>To receive a performance update report on the Joint Procurement Service with Denbighshire County Council.</p>	<p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Chief Officer (Governance)</p>
	<p>Community Foundation in Wales Flintshire Funds Impact Report 2022</p>	<p>To share with the Committee the Flintshire Funds Impact Report 2022 which has been produced by the Community Foundation in Wales (CFIW).</p>	<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Nicola McCann / Andrea Powell</p>
<p>Thursday 20th April, 2023</p>	<p>Revenue budget monitoring 2022/23 (month 11)</p>	<p>To provide the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.</p>	<p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Corporate Finance Manager</p>
	<p>Employment and Workforce Half-Yearly</p>	<p>This report covers strategic updates in addition to the quarterly workforce statistics</p>	<p>Assurance</p>	<p>Corporate Manager, People and Organisational</p>

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Date of meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report/Presentation	Scrutiny Focus	Responsible/Contact Officer
	<p>Update</p> <p>Delivering public services through outsourcing or shared services</p> <p>Council Plan 2023-28 Development</p>	<p>and their analysis</p> <p>To explore the financial benefits of outsourcing or sharing some Council services</p> <p>To share the Council Plan 2023-28 Part 1 and Part 2 draft content for review/feedback prior to sign off at Cabinet.</p>	<p>Consultation</p> <p>Consultation</p>	<p>Development</p> <p>Corporate Manager, Corporate Property and Assets</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>
<p>Thursday 18th May, 2023</p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Outturn) and Capital Programme Monitoring 2022/23 (Outturn)</p>	<p>To present the Revenue Budget Monitoring (Outturn) and Capital Programme Monitoring (Outturn) for 2022/23.</p>	<p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Corporate Finance Manager</p>
<p>Thursday 15th June, 2023</p>	<p>Revenue budget monitoring 2023/24 (month 1)</p> <p>Council Plan 2022-23 Year-End Performance</p>	<p>To provide the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2023/24 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.</p> <p>To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities and performance levels identified in the Council Plan.</p>	<p>Performance monitoring</p> <p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Corporate Finance Manager</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>
<p>Thursday 13th July, 2023</p>	<p>Revenue budget monitoring 2023/24 (month 2)</p>	<p>To provide the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2023/24 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.</p>	<p>Performance monitoring</p>	<p>Corporate Finance Manager</p>

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Item(s) to be scheduled:

Month	Item	Purpose of Report	Responsible / Contact Officer
September	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	To receive an update from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.	TBC
TBC	North Wales Councils Regional Emergency Planning Service (NWCREPS) - Annual Report 2021/22	To receive an update on the preparedness of the Council to plan for emergencies and specific follow-up reports to any major local or regional emergency events to which the Council has had to respond.	Chief Executive
TBC	Community Safety Partnership Annual Report	This item fulfils the statutory requirement for the committee to hold an annual 'crime & disorder' scrutiny meeting.	Sian Jones
TBC	Flintshire Community Endowment Fund - Annual Report		Fiona Mocko

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
REGULAR ITEMS

Month	Item	Purpose of Report	Responsible / Contact Officer
Quarterly / Annual	Performance Reporting	To consider performance outturns for improvement targets against directorate indicators.	Chief Executive
Monthly	Revenue Budget Monitoring	To provide the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2021/22 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.	Corporate Finance Manager
Twice-Yearly	Employment and Workforce Update	This report covers strategic updates in addition to the quarterly workforce statistics and their analysis.	Corporate Manager, People and Organisational Development
Annually	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter and Complaints against Flintshire County Council	To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter and Complaints made against Flintshire County Council Services	Chief Officer (Governance)



CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 09 February 2023
Report Subject	Joint Funded Care Packages – Update Report
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services
Report Author	Chief Officer (Social Services) and Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As previously discussed in the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 13th October, 17th November and 15th December 2022, the process of funding joint funded care packages is complex. Processes have been put in place over the past three months to address outstanding invoices and ensure current invoices are raised and paid in a timely manner. Significant reductions in the number of long-standing outstanding invoices have been seen alongside progress identifying and engaging with an independent arbitrator to resolve difficult to close down long-standing debts.

Members have requested an update report to give assurance that the work relating to the payment of outstanding invoices continues and that outstanding debt levels are now within normal operating activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To update Members on the continued proactive budget management of outstanding invoices raised by the Council for payment by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	PROGRESS UPDATE													
1.01	Regular meetings continue between Council officers and health board staff to reduce the number of outstanding invoices and resolve any gaps in information which have prevented payment to date.													
1.02	Processes are now in place to ensure current and future invoices are raised in a timely manner and supported by appropriate information to allow for prompt payment within invoicing terms.													
1.03	Meetings continue to be held at operational, strategic and Leader/Chief Executive level and the management of outstanding invoices is a standing item on all meeting agendas.													
1.04	During work to support arbitration, Council officers and Health Board staff have been able to resolve a further £0.114m of long-standing debt. Arbitration arrangements were put on hold to ensure this work was completed; they have now been re-engaged.													
1.05	Debt Levels													
1.06	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Outstanding CHC Invoices 12/10/2022</th> <th>Outstanding CHC Invoices 11/11/2022</th> <th>Outstanding CHC Invoices 06/12/2022</th> <th>Outstanding CHC Invoices 31/01/2023</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£ 1,285,005.01</td> <td>£ 1,143,087.50</td> <td>£834,664.00</td> <td>£666,102.57</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>From October 2022 to January 2023 the outstanding CHC Invoice position has improved by 48.16%</p> <p>Of the £0.666m outstanding CHC Invoices as of 31st January 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £0.078m will have been paid on account by 15th February 2022 • £0.049m are being reconciled by the Council and will be paid within the next few weeks • £0.327m are unresolved and are being discussed at independent arbitration (this is a reduction of £0.114m from December 2022 through continued work of the Council and the Health Board's officers) 					Outstanding CHC Invoices 12/10/2022	Outstanding CHC Invoices 11/11/2022	Outstanding CHC Invoices 06/12/2022	Outstanding CHC Invoices 31/01/2023	Total	£ 1,285,005.01	£ 1,143,087.50	£834,664.00	£666,102.57
	Outstanding CHC Invoices 12/10/2022	Outstanding CHC Invoices 11/11/2022	Outstanding CHC Invoices 06/12/2022	Outstanding CHC Invoices 31/01/2023										
Total	£ 1,285,005.01	£ 1,143,087.50	£834,664.00	£666,102.57										
1.07	The remaining operating debt level of £0.211m is a 15.65% improvement on the December 2022 operating debt level of £0.250m and is an 83.6% improvement on the October 2022 operating debt level of £1.285m.													
1.08	Next Steps													
1.09	Continue with monthly operational meeting, strategic meetings, and escalation pathways through the FCC and BCUHB Strategic meetings.													

1.10	Work by officers of the Council and the Health Board has reduced the number and value of unresolved invoices. Now that this work is complete Arbitration for the remaining £0.327m is being arranged.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
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2.01	None as this report is the provision of financial information only.
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3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
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3.01	Debt levels are monitored monthly, and a clear escalation route has been established.
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4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
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4.01	None required at this stage.
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5.00	APPENDICES
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5.01	None
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6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
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6.01	None
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7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Jane Davies - Senior Manager Safeguarding and Commissioning</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702503</p> <p>E-mail: jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk</p>
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
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8.01	None
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CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Date of Meeting	Thursday 9th February, 2023
Report Subject	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 Month 9 and Capital Programme 2022/23 Month 9
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9) and Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the committee considers and comments on the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9) report. Any specific matters for attention will be noted and reported back to the Cabinet when it considers the report.
2	That the committee considers and comments on the Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9) report. Any specific matters for attention will be noted and reported back to the Cabinet when it considers the report.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING POSITION 2022/23 (MONTH 9)
1.01	The Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9) report will be presented to Cabinet on Thursday 23rd February, 2023. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A to this report.
1.01	The Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9) report will be presented to Cabinet on Thursday 23rd February, 2023. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix B to this report.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As set out in Appendix A; Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9).
2.02	As set out in Appendix B; Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9).

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	As set out in Appendix A; Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9).
3.02	As set out in Appendix B; Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9).

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
4.01	None required.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A; Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9).
5.02	Appendix B; Capital Programme 2022/23 (Month 9).

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None required.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Dave Ledsham, Finance Manager Telephone: 01352 704503 E-mail: dave.ledsham@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Revenue: a term used to describe the day to day costs of running Council services and income deriving from those services. It also includes charges for the repayment of debt, including interest, and may include direct financing of capital expenditure.</p> <p>Budget: a statement expressing the Council's policies and service levels in financial terms for a particular financial year. In its broadest sense it includes both the revenue budget and capital programme and any authorised amendments to them.</p> <p>Capital Programme: The Council's financial plan covering capital schemes and expenditure proposals for the current year and a number of future years. It also includes estimates of the capital resources available to finance the programme.</p>

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CABINET

Date of Meeting	Thursday 23rd February, 2023
Report Subject	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 (Month 9)
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monthly report provides the latest detailed overview of the budget monitoring position in 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account for the financial year and presents the position, based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 9.

This report projects how the budget would stand at the close of the financial year, without new actions to reduce cost pressures and/or improve the financial return on efficiency planning and cost control is:

Council Fund

- An operating deficit of £0.117m (excluding the impact of the pay award which has been met by reserves), which is a favourable movement of £0.235m from the deficit figure reported at Month 8.
- A projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2023 of £6.464m.

Housing Revenue Account

- Net in-year revenue expenditure forecast to be £3.208m higher than budget
- A projected closing balance as at 31st March, 2023 of £3.266m

Hardship Funding from Welsh Government helped secure over £16m of direct financial help in 2021/22 and we have continued to claim payments totalling £4.8m in 2022/23 for Self-isolation and Statutory Sick Pay Enhancement, along with Free School Meals direct payments and Winter Fuel Payments within their eligible periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note the report and the estimated financial impact on the 2022/23 budget.
2	To support the carry forward request included in paragraph 1.09
3	To support the funding from Contingency Reserve in paragraph 1.10

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23
1.01	<p>Council Fund Projected Position</p> <p>The projected year end position, without mitigation to reduce cost pressures and improve the yield on efficiency planning, is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An operating deficit of £0.117m (excluding the impact of the pay award which has been met by reserves), which is a favourable movement of £0.235m from the figure reported at Month 8.• A projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2023 of £6.464m. <p>To assist with managing risks and mitigating the overall projected overspend, the review of non-essential spend and a vacancy management process continues.</p>
1.02	<p>Hardship Funding from Welsh Government helped secure over £16m of direct financial help in 2021/22 and we have continued to claim payments totalling £4.8m in 2022/23 for Self-isolation and Statutory Sick Pay Enhancement, along with Free School Meals direct payments within their eligible periods. From the end of September, Winter Fuel Payments are also eligible to be claimed.</p>

1.03

Table 1. Projected Position by Portfolio

The table below shows the projected position by portfolio:

Portfolio/Service Area	Approved Budget	Projected Outturn	In-Year Over / (Under) spend
	£m	£m	£m
Social Services	77.969	78.658	0.689
Out of County Placements	15.101	16.070	0.969
Education & Youth	9.953	9.433	(0.520)
Schools	108.401	108.401	0.000
Streetscene & Transportation	38.466	39.602	1.136
Planning Env & Economy	6.797	6.351	(0.446)
People & Resources	4.332	4.255	(0.077)
Governance	10.755	10.092	(0.663)
Strategic Programmes	6.116	6.190	0.074
Assets	0.932	0.836	(0.096)
Housing & Communities	14.662	14.669	0.006
Chief Executive	1.636	1.540	(0.096)
Central & Corporate Finance	31.562	30.702	(0.859)
Total	326.682	326.781	0.117

1.04

The reasons for the projected variances are summarised within Appendix 1 and shows the detail of all variances over £0.050m and a summary of minor variances for each portfolio.

Significant Movements from Month 8

1.05

Social Services (£0.109m)

The net favourable movement relates to:

Older People Services:

- Localities (£0.033m) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board have agreed to some additional joint funded care packages which has resulted in additional income.
- Regional Integration Fund (RIF) (£0.072m) – The “Step Down” RIF scheme enables quicker hospital discharge times by placing people into short term residential care placements before they return home. The costs which had been allocated to the Regional Integration Fund for short term care are no longer being projected to this budget heading. Current and future costs are now being incorporated into the

	<p>Localities budget. Additionally agreed health funding within the Localities budget has offset the impact of the additional expenditure.</p> <p>Adults of Working Age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources and Regulated Services £0.052m and Transition and Disability Services (£0.039m) – Increased service demands and continued challenges in recruitment for the in-house supported living service have resulted in increased costs. Supporting People (£0.047m) - There has been additional Supporting People funding provided this year. Residential Placements Mental Health Services £0.041m - This is the result of changes to the cost of care packages for people requiring support with mental illness. <p>Children’s Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Placements (£0.040m) – Additional Revenue Integration Fund income has been offset against eligible allowances Legal and Third Party £0.069m - Legal Costs for a high-cost court case. Residential Placements (£0.038m) – The precise amount for an in-year Welsh Government grant has been confirmed. <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remainder of the movement totalling (£0.002m).</p>
1.06	<p>Strategic Programmes £0.073m</p> <p>The movement relates to an agreed £0.050m contribution to support the Aura Pay award</p> <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remainder £0.023m.</p>
1.07	<p>Housing & Communities (£0.119m)</p> <p>This is due in the main to an additional in-year allocation of No One Left Out grant from Welsh Government totalling £0.256m which has resulted in a positive movement of (£0.124m).</p> <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remainder £0.005m.</p>
1.08	<p>There are a number of minor variances across the other Portfolios each below £0.040m that account for the remainder of the overall movement (£0.080m).</p>
1.09	<p>Carry Forward Request</p> <p><u>Governance – ICT</u></p> <p>To request a carry forward of the £0.085m allocated to the procurement of replacement Servers for Schools. Due to other work pressures and the need for detailed consultation with the schools the Service have been unable to finalise the order and delivery of the server equipment for replacement of school servers. It is an expectation that ICT will be able to place and order in</p>

	<p>this financial year 2022/23, but delivery of the equipment will not occur before 31st March 2023 due to extended lead-in times.</p>
1.10	<p>Request for funding from Contingency Reserve</p> <p>A finding of fact hearing has concluded for a significant legal case within Children’s Services. The outcome of the hearing has resulted in a further court case being required. Legal expertise required to support the Council for this case is creating additional financial pressure and to date £0.108m of legal fees have been incurred and are being reported within the Children’s Services legal cost budget within this report. These fees will continue to increase until the court proceedings are finalised. Therefore, it is requested for a contribution of £0.250m from the Contingency Reserve to be allocated to offset current and future legal costs for these proceedings.</p>
1.11	<p>Tracking of In-Year Risks and Emerging Issues</p> <p>Members were made aware when setting the budget that there were a number of open risks that would need to be kept under close review. An update on these is provided below.</p>
1.12	<p>Council Tax Income</p> <p>‘In-year’ Council Tax collection levels, up to December 2022, are 84.3% compared to 84.6% in the previous year. Collections remain challenging as the rising costs-of-living are impacting on the ability of some households to make payment of council tax on time. Current collections for 2022/23 are still 0.2% ahead of 2020/21 collections during the height of the pandemic.</p>
1.13	<p>Pay Award (Teacher and Non-Teacher)</p> <p>The offer from the National employers for NJC employees of £1,925 on all spinal column points has now been accepted with back pay made to employees in November. This equated to an increase of 2.54% on the highest scale point to 10.5% on the lowest point.</p> <p>The Minister for Education has confirmed the pay award for teachers at 5%.</p> <p>The Council has provided for an uplift of 3.5% for Teaching and Non-Teaching staff – the increase above this level requires the Council to utilise reserves to fund the difference in the current financial year.</p> <p>The impact on 2022/23 is as follows: The in-year additional cost of the 2022/23 pay awards that have been met from reserves is £3.955m after taking into account the reversal of the additional 1.25% rate of National Insurance (NI) from November.</p>
1.14	<p>Other Tracked Risks</p> <p>In addition, there are a number of risks being tracked which may be subject to change and these are summarised below.</p>
1.15	<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Impact</p>

	<p>An update on the latest budget position was reported in January and provided an update on the impact of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement together with feedback from the specific overview and scrutiny committees that were held throughout December. The report also reported on changes and risks to the additional budget requirement for 2023/24 which has increased to £32.978m.</p> <p>Work on the remaining risks has now been concluded and the final budget will be considered as part of the agenda for this meeting together and will include a projection of the medium-term position for 2024/25 and 2025/26.</p> <p>All Portfolios consider their financial position, the risks within their service and the impacts on the Medium Term on a monthly basis as part of their Portfolio Management Team meetings.</p>
1.16	<p>Out of County Placements</p> <p>The risks include continued high demand for placements where children and young people cannot be supported within in-house provision, and market supply limitation factors and inflationary pressures leading to higher costs.</p> <p>There is a projected net overspend of £0.969m for the current cohort of placements. However, this is likely to increase if demand for new placements remains at the current levels. There have been 62 new placements in the year to date with costs totaling £3.3m within the total projected spend for the year of £16.1m, which amounts to over 20%.</p> <p>The service areas within this pooled budget will continue to do everything possible to manage these risks and additional investment has already been made to further develop in-house provision to help to mitigate against such financial pressures.</p>
1.17	<p>Benefits</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) – Based on current demand, costs are currently projected to be £0.732m below budget, although this will be monitored closely throughout the year due to the potential for growth.</p> <p>There is continued high demand across the whole of the Benefits service which is expected to remain the case for the foreseeable future. There is a significant pressure on recovery of overpayments which is a combination of a shortfall of recovery against the level of income target budget which is partly influenced by lower number of overpayments occurring, and also the need to increase the bad debt provision on historic debt.</p> <p>The increased staffing levels are still required, and those costs are now being met in full from the additional funding of £0.300m previously approved to provide the service with the additional flexibility needed to adapt to and meet the sustained increase in customer demand.</p>

1.18	<p>Homelessness</p> <p>The risk is a consequence of the cessation of funding support from the Welsh Government COVID-19 Hardship Fund at the end of 2021/22.</p> <p>Although, there is continued support via the new Homelessness – No One Left Out grant, with a further allocation of £0.256m being confirmed recently, this still falls well below the amount of support the Council received via the Hardship Fund in 2020/21 and 2021/22.</p> <p>Although it has been possible to contain some of the expected pressure through prepaid accommodation to the end of September 2022, which has been funded by the COVID-19 Hardship Fund, the expected continued high demand for temporary accommodation including short term Bed & Breakfast provision will continue to present significant challenges. There is a recent trend of increased numbers of households in Bed & Breakfast accommodation with numbers increasing progressively month on month from 29 in October to 61 in January, so more than doubling over a period of three months. This is due to a combination of more new placements and fewer households moving on. At this rate of net growth there remains a clear risk of overspend despite additional in-year funding having been provided by Welsh Government.</p> <p>The service continues to strategically use increased allocations of Housing Support Grant working with external partners, but there remains a risk that the costs of statutory provision of support for Homelessness may exceed existing funding provision from base budget and available grant funding.</p>
1.19	<p>School Transport</p> <p>Since the start of the Autumn school term from September 2022, there have been a number of transport pressures emerging relating to increased costs in the provision of additional key service routes for Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and Pupil Referral Units (PRU) from re-procurement increases and additional statutory provision that is necessary, as well as increased transport contractor costs due to fuel, insurance, driver costs etc. These increased costs currently impacting on 2022/23 outturn will continue into 2023/24 and these demands and increases will be considered within the final 2023/24 budget considerations.</p>
1.20	<p>Winter Maintenance</p> <p>Due to the amount of more severe winter weather encountered in January, in addition to the prolonged period of icy weather through December, spend is anticipated to exceed the £0.846m annual budget. Therefore, there is now likely to be a requirement of up to £0.150m required from the Winter Maintenance Reserve in 2022/23. It is recommended that consideration be given to replenishing the Winter Maintenance Reserve up to £0.250m from Contingency Reserve to mitigate the risk of increasing costs from more severe winters into the future.</p>

1.21	<p>Waste Recycling Infraction Charge</p> <p>Due to the Council not meeting the statutory minimum target for the percentage of municipal waste which must be recycled, prepared for re-use and composted, as specified in Section 3 of the Waste (Wales) Measure 2010 (64%) in 2021/22, Welsh Government can now take steps to impose a penalty on the Council by way of an infraction fine. This has been confirmed as a penalty of up to £0.663m so is a very significant financial risk to the Council. Discussions are set to take place between WG and the Council as to the reason for not achieving the target and whether the penalty will be levied.</p>								
1.22	<p>Achievement of Planned In-Year Efficiencies</p> <p>The 2022/23 budget contains £1.341m of specific efficiencies which are tracked and monitored throughout the year. The Council aims to achieve a 95% rate in 2022/23 as reflected in the MTFs KPI's and fully achieved all efficiencies in the previous financial year</p> <p>It is projected that all efficiencies will be achieved in 2022/23 and further details can be seen in Appendix 3.</p>								
1.23	<p>Unearmarked Reserves</p> <p>The final level of Council Fund Contingency Reserve brought forward into 2022/23 was £7.098m as detailed in the 2021/22 outturn report (subject to Audit). In addition, the Council has set-aside a further £3.250m to the carried forward £2.066m COVID-19 Emergency Reserve being a total of £5.316m as a safeguard against the continuing impacts of the pandemic (additional costs and lost income).</p> <p>Some claims for March 2022 were disallowed by WG and Internal claims for Quarter 1 and 2 have been made in 2022/23 relating to additional costs in Schools, Streetscene & Transportation and for income losses within AURA and Holywell Leisure Centre. These currently total £1.594m and the balance on the COVID-19 Emergency Reserve is currently £3.722m.</p> <p>The earmarked reserve of £2.432m from the additional Revenue Support allocation received at the end of the 2021/22 financial year has been transferred to the Contingency Reserve to enhance the level remaining as reported at Month 8.</p> <p>After taking into account all of the above there is a projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2023 of £6.464m.</p>								
1.24	<p>Council Fund Earmarked Reserves</p> <p>The table below gives a summary of earmarked reserves as at 1 April 2022 and an estimate of projected balances as at the end of the current financial year.</p> <p>Monitoring Summary Month 9</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="316 1995 1410 2098"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="316 1995 802 2098">Reserve Type</th> <th data-bbox="810 1995 999 2098">Balance as at 01/04/22</th> <th data-bbox="1007 1995 1195 2098">Balance as at Month 9</th> <th data-bbox="1203 1995 1410 2098">Estimated Balance as at 31/03/23</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reserve Type	Balance as at 01/04/22	Balance as at Month 9	Estimated Balance as at 31/03/23				
Reserve Type	Balance as at 01/04/22	Balance as at Month 9	Estimated Balance as at 31/03/23						

	Service Balances	4,697,596	2,793,850	1,187,565
	Workforce Costs	877,786	877,786	854,567
	Investment in Organisational Change	1,617,975	1,552,674	1,061,545
	County Elections	291,851	291,851	235,913
	Local Development Plan (LDP)	242,360	242,360	242,360
	Warm Homes Admin Fee	297,925	297,925	202,068
	Waste Disposal	48,771	48,771	48,771
	Design Fees	250,000	250,000	125,000
	Winter Maintenance	250,000	250,000	250,000
	Severe Weather	250,000	250,000	119,550
	Car Parking	45,403	45,403	0
	Insurance Reserves	2,135,817	2,135,817	2,350,000
	Cheque Book Schools	3,814	0	0
	School HWB ICT Replacement	263,223	263,223	263,223
	Free School Meals	115,522	115,522	0
	Flintshire Trainees	696,631	696,631	612,843
	Rent Income Shortfall	12,779	12,779	0
	Plas Derwen Wave 4	1,780	1,780	1,780
	Customer Service Strategy	22,468	22,468	0
	Supervision Fees	48,798	48,798	48,798
	IT COVID Enquiry	0	160,000	160,000
	ICT Servers Reserve	85,000	85,000	0
	IT Infrastructure HWB	327,442	312,442	0
	Schools Intervention Reserve	491,133	467,133	434,023
	Organisational Change/ADM	274,154	274,154	240,654
	NWEAB	210,644	210,644	210,644
	Solar Farms	0	57,940	57,940
	Employment Claims	109,846	109,846	109,846
	Community Benefit Fund NWRWTP	450,653	450,653	229,792
	Total B823 Balances	9,421,775	9,531,600	7,859,317
	Schools Balances	12,291,688	12,291,688	5,100,000
	Grants & Contributions	10,776,156	7,930,312	6,055,888
	TOTAL	37,187,216	32,547,450	20,202,770
1.25	Housing Revenue Account			
	The 2021/22 Outturn Report to Cabinet on 12 July 2022 showed an un-earmarked closing balance at the end of 2021/22 of £3.616m and a closing balance of earmarked reserves of £1.622m.			
1.26	The 2022/23 budget for the HRA is £37.755m which includes a movement of £2.858m to reserves.			
1.27	The monitoring for the HRA is projecting in year expenditure to be £3.208m higher than budget and a closing un-earmarked balance as at 31 March 2023 of £3.266m, which at 8.71% of total expenditure satisfies the prudent approach of ensuring a minimum level of 3%. Appendix 4 attached refers.			

1.28	The monthly movement of £0.132m from Month 9 is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income £0.148m – Delay in the introduction of grant income relating to SHARP Schemes <p>Minor movements account for the remainder (£0.016m)</p>
1.29	The budget contribution towards capital expenditure (CERA) is £10.898m with the actual contribution projected to be £13.755m at outturn.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As set out within the report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	The financial impacts as set out in the report are a combination of actual costs and losses to date and estimates of costs and losses for the future. There is the possibility that the estimates will change over time. The budget will be monitored closely, and mitigation actions taken wherever possible.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	None specific.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Fund – Movement in Variances from Month 8 Appendix 2: Council Fund – Budget Variances Appendix 3: Council Fund – Programme of Efficiencies Appendix 4: Council Fund – Movement on Un-earmarked Reserves Appendix 5: Housing Revenue Account Variances

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Various budget records.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Dave Ledsham Strategic Finance Manager

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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Budget: a statement expressing the Council's policies and service levels in financial terms for a particular financial year. In its broadest sense it includes both the revenue budget and capital programme and any authorised amendments to them.</p> <p>Council Fund: the fund to which all the Council's revenue expenditure is charged.</p> <p>Financial Year: the period of twelve months commencing on 1 April.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account: the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a local authority account showing current income and expenditure on housing services related to its own housing stock. The account is separate from the Council Fund and trading accounts and is funded primarily from rents and government subsidy.</p> <p>Intermediate Care Fund: Funding provided by Welsh Government to encourage integrated working between local authorities, health and housing.</p> <p>Projected Outturn: projection of the expenditure to the end of the financial year, made on the basis of actual expenditure incurred to date.</p> <p>Reserves: these are balances in hand that have accumulated over previous years and are held for defined (earmarked reserves) and general (general reserves) purposes. Councils are required to regularly review the level and purpose of their reserves and to take account of the advice of the Chief Finance Officer.</p> <p>Revenue: a term used to describe the day-to-day costs of running Council services and income deriving from those services. It also includes charges for the repayment of debt, including interest, and may include direct financing of capital expenditure.</p> <p>Variance: difference between latest budget and actual income or expenditure. Can be to date if reflecting the current or most up to date position or projected, for example projected to the end of the month or financial year.</p> <p>Virement: the transfer of budget provision from one budget head to another. Virement decisions apply to both revenue and capital expenditure heads, and between expenditure and income, and may include transfers from contingency provisions. Virements may not however be approved between capital and revenue budget heads.</p>

MONTH 9 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	-0.033	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board have agreed to some additional joint funded care packages which has resulted in additional income.
Regional Integration Fund	-0.072	The costs which had been allocated to the Regional Integration Fund for short term care are no longer being projected to this budget heading. Current and future costs are now being incorporated into the Localities budget. Additional health funding agreed within the Localities budget has offset the impact of the additional expenditure.
Minor Variances	-0.011	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.052	Increased service demands and continued challenges in recruitment for the in-house supported living service have resulted in increased costs.
Transition & Disability Services Team	-0.039	Budget has been increased to fund a post designated specifically for ensuring a successful process around joint funded care package applications. Increasing budgets where additional income from Health was agreed across commissioned care budgets within adult social care has enabled this.
Supporting People	-0.047	There has been additional Supporting People funding provided this year.
Residential Placements	0.041	This reflects the change to to costs of care packages for people requiring support for mental ill health
Minor Variances	-0.001	
Children's Services		
Family Placement	-0.040	Additional Revenue Integration Fund income has been offset against eligible allowances
Legal & Third Party	0.069	Legal Costs for a high cost court case.
Residential Placements	-0.038	The precise amount for an in-year Welsh Government grant has been confirmed.
Minor Variances	0.011	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	-0.109	
Out of County		
Children's Services	-0.038	Net impact of cost of 4 new placements less partial reduction of contingency provision
Education & Youth	0.018	
Total Out of County	-0.020	
Education & Youth		
School Planning & Provision	0.027	Reduced savings on salaries
Minor Variances	-0.037	
Total Education & Youth	-0.011	
Schools	0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Other Minor Variances	0.006	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.006	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Development	-0.119	One off Application Fee received £0.117m in Highways Development Control, revised projections in Fee Income Development Management
Access	0.069	Revised projection for Ash Die Back Costs to March, 2023
Management & Strategy	0.054	At Month 9 resulting from issues with the new Agile Case Management System requiring a commitment for a potential renewal of the contract with Civica for a further one year use of Flare.
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	COVID Costs covered from Contingency Reserve
Minor Variances	0.005	
Total Planning & Environment	0.008	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	0.006	
Corporate Finance	-0.043	At Month 9 receipt of Welsh Government Admin Fee for Administering the Free School Meals Programme
Total People & Resources	-0.037	
Governance		
Minor Variances	-0.017	
Total Governance	-0.017	
Strategic Programmes		
ADM's & CAT's	0.073	Adverse variance as a result of an agreed £0.050m contribution to support the Aura Pay award, £0.023m minor variances.
Total Strategic Programmes	0.073	
Assets		
Minor Variances	-0.026	Industrial Units (£0.021m) and other services combined (£0.005m)
Total Assets	-0.026	
Housing and Community		
Housing Solutions	-0.123	Additional allocation of No One Left Out grant from WG
Minor Variances	0.005	
Total Housing and Community	-0.119	
Chief Executive's	-0.009	
Central & Corporate Finance	0.009	
Central Loans & Investment Account	0.016	
Grand Total	-0.235	

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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
Social Services							
Older People							
Localities	20.679	20.104	-0.575		-0.543	The commissioned Older People domiciliary and Direct Payment budget is projecting an underspend of £0.903m based on recent activity. There are recruitment and retention challenges within this service which is severely limiting the amount of homecare which can be commissioned, The residential care budget is projecting a £0.339m 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 on the Day Care budget of £0.033m and an overspend of £0.044m on the Minor Adaptations budget.	
Regional Integration Fund	0.000	0.151	0.151		0.223	The Step Down Regional Integration Fund (RIF) scheme which enables quicker hospital discharges by placing people into short term care before they can return home safely has been spent in full. At this time it seems unlikely that additional funding will be allocated.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
Minor Variances	10.190	10.195	0.006		0.017		
Adults of Working Age							
Resources & Regulated Services	29.481	29.877	0.396		0.344	The PDSI (Physically Disabled and Sensory Impaired) budget is reporting a £0.142m overspend due to net costs of care packages. The in-house supported living service £0.261m overspent and will likely increase further as recruitment challenges continue and service demand increases. The Learning Disability Daycare and Workscheme budget is £0.079m overspent due in part to recent inflationary pressures. The care package costs for independently provided care for Learning Disability Services is a £0.087m underspend.	
Children to Adult Transition Services	0.951	1.086	0.134		0.150	These are the costs of care for young adults who are transferring to Adult Social Care from Childrens Services within this financial year. Care costs are initially estimated but once services have been confirmed the actual costs may be different.	
Residential Placements	1.956	2.477	0.522		0.481	The overspend is due to the current cost of commissioned care packages to support people with mental ill health.	
Professional Support	0.774	0.831	0.057		0.050	Increased contributions to the Emergency Duty Team have resulted in the majority of the overspend on this budget.	
Minor Variances	3.259	3.059	-0.200		-0.122		

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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
Children's Services							
Family Placement	2.862	2.742	-0.120		-0.080	The underspend is due to current spend for in-house Foster Placements and Special Guardianship Orders.	
Grants	0.236	0.287	0.051		0.051	There are a number of smaller variances which contribute to the overspend on the integrated working budget. These include a £0.010m additional cost for advocacy and variation to pay forecasts for the Accommodation/Supporting People Team.	
Family Support	0.375	0.503	0.128		0.138	Costs are based upon the current activity levels over the laast few months and projected forward for the rest of the year. Workforce costs, mostly sessional staff are the primary cost driver for this service.	
Legal & Third Party	0.232	0.762	0.530		0.461	Legal costs are overspent by £0.311m due to the number of cases going through the courts and some use of external professionals. One particular significant court case is resulting in costs to date of £0.108m. Direct Payments also continue to increase in demand and are overspending by £0.220m.	
Residential Placements	1.312	0.795	-0.517		-0.479	The in-year opening of in-house Childrens Residential Care settings will mean one off costs savings. There is also one off Welsh Government Grant funding.	
Professional Support	6.173	6.653	0.480		0.459	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 asumption the Welsh Government will allow for some flexible use of grants which would allow for some costs to be offset.	
Minor Variances	0.440	0.442	0.002		0.002		
Safeguarding & Commissioning							
Business Systems & Financial Assessments	0.831	0.904	0.073		0.077	There are additional one off costs for £0.018m for an IT system upgrade. In addition there are additional staff costs due to temporary uplift in hours and additional business suport assistants. These additional posts are being funded using the underspend from the Business Support Service.	
Charging Policy income	-3.104	-3.224	-0.120		-0.120	Increased demands on the Older People Residential Care budget are expected to result in higher income achievement	
Business Support Service	1.195	1.145	-0.050		-0.055	The underspend is due to a decrease in staff costs because of vacancies which are unlikely to be filled this year.	

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Safeguarding Unit	1.291	1.103	-0.187		-0.191	A consultation for updated Liberty Protection Safeguard legislation continues to be undertaken. Due to the delay in implementing the legislation there will be an in year saving.	
Commissioning	0.679	0.623	-0.056		-0.051	Vacancies are not being filled immediately and are resulting in one off savings.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000		
Minor Variances	-1.843	-1.857	-0.014		-0.015		
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	77.969	78.658	0.689	-0.000	0.798		
Out of County							
Children's Services	10.097	11.439	1.342		1.380	The projected overspend reflects significant additional demands on the service in the year to date with 36 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 £0.150m, for net impacts of further new placements and other placement changes, but this may not prove to be enough.	
Education & Youth	5.004	4.631	-0.373		-0.392	The latest underspend reflects projected costs for the current cohort of placements and there have been 25 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.	
Total Out of County	15.101	16.070	0.969	0.000	0.988		
Education & Youth							
Inclusion & Progression	5.251	5.132	-0.119		-0.108	The underspend position reflects savings within the Additional Learning Needs service by maximising grants. Staff on long term sick and now left, reducing costs within the ALN service further. Savings have also been captured within the EAL (English as an Additional Language) service by maximising grants against core staff. Further savings have been identified from the Autism post due to a delayed start. Savings in Plas Derwen are as a result of part year vacancies and delays in filling posts.	
Integrated Youth Provision	1.035	0.962	-0.073		-0.061	The projected underspend is mainly due to staffing savings	

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School Improvement Systems	1.889	1.702	-0.187		-0.164	Payments to Non Maintained Settings and Maintained Settings projected similar to those in 21/22. Welsh Government have announced continuation of Top-up funding to £5 per hr, so gives 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. Savings have also been identified within the School Improvement service by maximising Post 16 and Adult Community Learning grants to offset core staff.	
School Planning & Provision	0.671	0.602	-0.069		-0.096	Projected underspend on insurance liability claims costs and some salary savings	
Minor Variances	1.106	1.035	-0.071		-0.081		
Total Education & Youth	9.953	9.433	-0.520	0.000	-0.510		
Schools	108.401	108.401	-0.000		-0.000		
Streetscene & Transportation							
Service Delivery	9.277	9.550	0.273		0.266	The service has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.100m for security costs due to vandalism/break-ins at the Household Recycling Centres. Street lighting is also incurring a £0.070m revenue pressure on the community council income budget. The remaining £0.100m is attributable to high sickness levels/agency costs. The service is also expected to cover YTD costs of £0.060m related to the State Funeral and Proclamation Events. The overall overspend is partially offset by additional income achieved through in-house construction work.	
Highways Network	8.096	8.588	0.492		0.492	Highways is incurring a pressure of £0.400m in Fleet services as a result of rising fuel costs. An additional £0.050m is due to an increase in contractor costs for weed spraying following a recommendation from Scrutiny Committee, which cannot be covered from existing budgets.	

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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
Transportation	10.031	10.487	0.456		0.458	Local bus subsidy 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. Since P5, there has been an additional pressure of £0.200m in School Transport due to additional routes (PRUs/ALN) for 6 routes in total equating to £2,700 extra per day. School transport is also facing an additional revenue pressure of £0.030m in P7 due to capacity issues on a commercial bus service. There may be further cost increases towards the end of this financial year end due to rising transport operator costs (fuel, driver wages, insurance, energy etc.).	
Regulatory Services	11.062	10.977	-0.085		-0.087	The Service is incurring £0.060m pressure due to increased residual waste tonnages, which is creating a risk in achieving WG Recycling targets. The overspend is largely offset by an underspend of £0.053m due to vacancies within the service, increased rebates for the sale of electricity, recycling income and car parking income, which has increased income by £0.064m, including other minor variances with reduction in recycling disposal costs of £0.030m.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
Total Streetscene & Transportation	38.466	39.602	1.136	0.000	1.130		
Planning, Environment & Economy							
Community	0.890	0.967	0.077		0.078	Fee income shortfalls in Licensing and Pest Control and historic business planning efficiency £0.024m not realised	
Development	0.146	-0.547	-0.693		-0.574	Favourable variance following receipt of two high value one off Planning Fee each approx £0.300m	
Access	1.446	1.600	0.154		0.085	Adverse variance relates to the projected costs of Ash Die Back to March, 2023, together with historic grant income target not realised	
Regeneration	0.807	0.738	-0.069		-0.047	Review and reduction of commitments; minor variances across the service	
Management & Strategy	1.343	1.412	0.069		0.016	At Month 9 resulting from issues with the new Agile Case Management System requiring a commitment for a potential renewal of the contract with Civica for a further one year use of Flare.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
Minor Variances	2.166	2.181	0.015		-0.012		
Total Planning & Environment	6.797	6.351	-0.446	0.000	-0.454		
People & Resources							
HR & OD	2.291	2.289	-0.002		-0.008		

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Corporate Finance	2.041	1.966	-0.075		-0.032	At Month 9, receipt of a 50% Welsh Government Admin Grant for administering the Free School Meals Programme	
Total People & Resources	4.332	4.255	-0.077	0.000	-0.040		
Governance							
Legal Services	0.884	0.957	0.074		0.065	Additional costs for locum services covering vacant posts	
Democratic Services	2.374	2.297	-0.076		-0.078	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	
Internal Audit	1.016	0.953	-0.063		-0.049	Vacancy savings together with revised/reduced projected cost for Postage within Central Despatch	
ICT	4.953	4.889	-0.064		-0.067	Vacancy Savings and reduced Contribution to Denbighshire County Council for the Procurement Service	
Customer Services	1.008	0.843	-0.165		-0.164	Registrars Fee Income higher than anticipated and savings from vacant posts	
Revenues	0.201	-0.150	-0.351		-0.338	The variance results from the projected potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.277m) 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	0.320	0.303	-0.017		-0.017		
Total Governance	10.755	10.092	-0.663	0.001	-0.645		
Strategic Programmes							
ADM's & CAT's	6.069	6.143	0.074		0.001	Adverse variance as a result of an agreed £0.050m contribution to support the Aura Pay award, £0.024m minor variances.	
Total Strategic Programmes	6.116	6.190	0.074	0.000	0.001		
Assets							
Caretaking & Security	0.309	0.229	-0.080		-0.082	Savings on staffing due to vacancies	
Industrial Units	-1.527	-1.585	-0.058		-0.038	Reduced costs of Repair and Maintenance plus some additional rent income	
Minor Variances	2.150	2.192	0.042		0.049		
Total Assets	0.932	0.836	-0.096	0.000	-0.070		
Housing and Community							
Minor Variances	14.662	14.669	0.006		0.125		
Total Housing and Community	14.662	14.669	0.006	0.000	0.125		

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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
Chief Executive's	1.636	1.540	-0.096		-0.087	Variance relates to vacant post and not all staff at top of scale	
Central & Corporate Finance	28.779	27.864	-0.915		-0.924	Over recovery of planned pension contributions recoupement 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		-0.005		
Central Loans & Investment Account	0.000	0.060	0.060		0.044	IFRS 9 requires that for soft loans interest is accrued at the Effective Interest Rate (EIR) rather than the Contract Interest Rate. Capital financing regulations require that soft loan accounting doesn't impact on Council Tax levels.	
Grand Total	326.682	326.799	0.117	0.000	0.352		

2022/23 Efficiencies Outturn Tracker - Month 9

Efficiency Description	Accountable Officer	Efficiency Target	Projected Efficiency	(Under)/Over Achievement	Efficiency Open/Closed (O/C)	Confidence in Achievement of Efficiency - Based on (see below) R = High Assumption A = Medium Assumption G = Figures Confirmed
		2022/23 £m	2022/23 £m	2022/23 £m		
Portfolio						
Corporate						
Increase in Reserves	Rachel Parry Jones	0.471	0.471	0.000	C	G
Utility Inflation	Rachael Corbelli	0.085	0.085	0.000	C	G
Efficiency from Restructure	Corporate Policy Rachel Parry Jones	0.025	0.025	0.000	C	G
Recharge to HRA	Chief Executive post to HRA 50% Rachel Parry Jones	0.027	0.027	0.000	C	G
Total Corporate Services		0.608	0.608	0.000		
Housing & Assets						
Connahs Quay Power Station	Neal Cockerton	0.290	0.290	0.000	C	G
Rent Newydd	Neal Cockerton	0.020	0.020	0.000	C	G
Total Housing & Assets		0.310	0.310	0.000		
Social Services						
Sleep in Pressure not Required	Neil Ayling	0.123	0.123	0.000	C	G
Total Social Services		0.123	0.123	0.000		
Governance						
Single Person Discount Review (One Off)	Gareth Owens	0.300	0.300	0.000	O	G
Total Governance		0.300	0.300	0.000		
Total 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies		1.341	1.341	0.000		

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	%	£
Total 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies	100	1.341
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved	0	0.000
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Achieved	100	1.341
Total 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies (Less Previously agreed Decisions)		
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved	100	0.000
Total Projected 2022/23 Budget Efficiencies Achieved	0	0.000

Corporate Efficiencies Remaining from Previous Years

Income Target Remaining	£m	
Income Target Efficiency remaining from Previous Years	All Portfolios	0.041
Fees and charges increase 1st October, 2022	Full Year effect 1st April 2023	(0.026)
Total Income Efficiency Remaining		0.015

(0.015)

Movements on Council Fund Unearmarked Reserves

	£m	£m
Total Reserves as at 1 April 2022	18.438	
Less - Base Level	(5.769)	
Total Reserves above base level available for delegation to Cabinet		12.669
Less - COVID-19 Emergency Funding Allocation		5.316
Less - Childrens Services Social Work Costs (approved 21/22)		0.157
Less - Children's Services front door service - agency workers (approved by Cabinet on 28th June)		0.300
Add - Total Balances Released to Reserves (Month 5)		1.208
Add - Additional Revenue Support (Month 8)		2.432
Less - impact of the final pay awards		3.955
Less - Month 9 projected outturn		0.117
Total Contingency Reserve available for use		6.464

Budget Monitoring Report
Housing Revenue Account Variances

MONTH 9 - SUMMARY

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variance	Action Required
Housing Revenue Account						
Income	(37.755)	(37.161)	0.593	0.445	We are currently projecting a variance of £0.530m due to loss of rental income in relation to void properties. Of this, £0.387m relates to void properties, £0.095m relates to utilities costs on void properties and £0.048m relates to void garages. Additional income in respect of new properties transferred into the stock during the year (£0.045m). Pressure relating to the draw down of grant in respect of delayed SHARP schemes £0.158m. We are forecasting a reduction in the requirement to top up the Bad Debt Provision of (£0.075). The remaining £0.025m relates to other minor variances.	
Capital Financing - Loan Charges	6.723	6.723				
Estate Management	2.263	2.010	(0.253)	(0.259)	Additional cost of agency positions of £0.170m, which is offset by vacancy savings of (£0.230m) and additional funding from the Housing Support Grant of (£0.120m). Other minor variances of (£0.073m).	
Landlord Service Costs	1.265	1.349	0.084	0.095	Salary savings of (£0.057m) are currently being projected within the service which offset agency costs of £0.023. There is a forecasted pressure on utilities costs of £0.104m. The remaining variance of £0.014m is down to other minor movements.	
Repairs & Maintenance	10.908	10.974	0.065	0.079	There are a number of vacant trades positions which are being covered by agency, leading to an additional net cost of £0.066m. Vacancy savings of (£0.034m) in respect of Admin posts have also been identified. Savings on the cost of materials of (£0.102m). Additional cost of fleet forecasted to be £0.154m due to factors such as rising fuel costs. Other minor variances of (£0.019m).	
Management & Support Services	2.716	2.578	(0.139)	(0.140)	Savings of (£0.067m) have been projected based on current vacancies within the service and a further (£0.171m) efficiency has been identified through a review of central support recharges. Costs of legal advice in respect of the Renting Homes Wales Act £0.019m. Pressure in relation to insurance costs currently forecasted to be £0.102m. Other minor variances of (£0.022m).	
Capital Expenditure From Revenue (CERA)	10.898	13.755	2.857	2.857		
HRA Projects	0.122	0.122	(0.000)	(0.000)		
Contribution To / (From) Reserves	2.858	2.858				
Total Housing Revenue Account	(0.000)	3.208	3.208	3.076		



CABINET

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 23 rd February 2023
Report Subject	Capital Programme Monitoring 2022/23 (Month 9)
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report summarises changes made to the Capital Programme 2022/23 since it was set in December 2021 to the end of Month 9 (December 2022), along with expenditure to date and projected outturn.

The Capital Programme has seen a net decrease in budget of (£20.414m) during the period which comprises of:-

- Net budget decrease in the programme of (£13.750m) (See Table 2 - Council Fund (CF) (£13.283m), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (£0.467m));
- Carry Forward to 2023/24 approved at Month 6 of (£4.562m) and additional Free Schools Meals grant (£1.767m) (all CF);
- Identified savings at Month 9 of (£0.335m) (CF)

Actual expenditure was £35.294m (See Table 3).

Capital receipts received in the third quarter of 2022/23, along with savings identified total £0.882m. This gives a revised projected surplus in the Capital Programme at Month 9 of £4.258m (from a Month 6 funding position surplus of £3.376m) for the 2022/23 – 2024/25 Capital Programme, prior to the realisation of additional capital receipts and/or other funding sources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

	Cabinet are requested to:
1	Approve the overall report.
2	Approve the carry forward adjustments, as set out at 1.13.
3	Approve the additional allocations, as set out in 1.15.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING POSITION – MONTH 9 2022/23
1.01	Background <p>The Council approved a Council Fund (CF) Capital Programme of £37.469m for 2022/23 at its meeting on 7th December 2021 and a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme of £25.074m for 2022/23 at its meeting on 15th February 2022.</p>
1.02	For presentational purposes the Capital Programme is shown as a whole, with sub-totals for the Council Fund and HRA. The HRA programme is 'ring fenced' and can only be used for HRA purposes.
1.03	Changes since Budget approval <p>Table 1 below sets out how the programme has changed during 2022/23. More detailed cumulative information relating to each Portfolio is provided in Appendix A:-</p>

Table 1

REVISED PROGRAMME	Original Budget 2022/23	Carry Forward from 2021/22	2022/23 Previously Reported		Savings - This Period	Changes - This Period	Revised Budget 2022/23
			Changes	Carry Forward to 2023/24			
			£m	£m			
People & Resources	0.350	0.155	(0.060)	0.000	0.000	(0.245)	0.200
Governance	0.363	0.383	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.746
Education & Youth	10.010	6.057	(3.518)	(2.448)	0.000	1.564	11.665
Social Services	1.364	1.038	2.337	(0.189)	(0.082)	0.968	5.436
Planning, Environment & Economy	0.128	0.817	2.914	(0.657)	(0.018)	0.005	3.189
Streetscene & Transportation	3.519	2.683	12.928	(3.706)	0.000	(0.222)	15.202
Strategic Programmes	19.400	0.964	0.052	(0.275)	0.000	(15.353)	4.788
Housing and Communities	1.660	0.386	0.286	0.000	(0.235)	0.000	1.847
Capital Programme and Assets	0.675	1.243	0.035	(0.597)	0.000	0.000	1.356
Council Fund Total	37.469	13.726	14.974	(7.872)	(0.335)	(13.283)	44.429
HRA Total	25.074	0.000	2.529	0.000	0.000	(0.467)	27.136
Programme Total	62.543	13.726	17.503	(7.872)	(0.335)	(13.750)	71.565

1.04

Carry Forward from 2021/22

Carry forward sums from 2021/22 to 2022/23, totalling £13.726m (CF £13.726m, HRA £0.000m), were approved as a result of the quarterly monitoring reports presented to Cabinet during 2021/22.

1.05

Changes during this period

Funding changes during this period have resulted in a net decrease in the programme total of £13.750m (CF (£13.283m), HRA (£0.467m)). A summary of the changes, detailing major items, is shown in Table 2 below:-

Table 2

CHANGES DURING THIS PERIOD		
	Para	£m
<u>COUNCIL FUND</u>		
Increases		
Education General	1.06	1.010
Children's Services	1.07	0.968
Other Aggregate Increases		0.721
		2.699
Decreases		
Theatr Clwyd	1.08	(15.500)
Other Aggregate Decreases		(0.482)
		(15.982)
Total		(13.283)
<u>HRA</u>		
Increases		
Major Works	1.09	1.415
Other Aggregate Increases		1.405
		2.820
Decreases		
WHQS Improvements	1.09	(3.287)
		(3.287)
Total		(0.467)

1.06	Introduction of Welsh Government grant funding to support learning environments for those with ALN and increase accessibility to promote inclusive practice, support learning and pupil wellbeing.
1.07	Introduction of grant in relation to Ty Nyth Assessment Centre and funding to support Childcare and Early Years small grants schemes.
1.08	Re-profiling of grant funding over financial years following the commencement of works on the Theatr Clwyd redevelopment scheme.
1.09	Award of Optimised RetroFit grant funding from WG within the WHQS programme and delays to work in Leeswood due to mobilisation issues, has allowed budget to be re-allocated in year to carry out urgent major works.
1.10	Capital Expenditure compared to Budget Expenditure as at Month 9, across the whole of the Capital Programme was £35.294m. The breakdown of expenditure is analysed in Table 3, along with the percentage spend against budget.

This shows that 49.32% of the budget has been spent (CF 42.37%, HRA 60.70%). Corresponding figures for Month 9 2021/22 were 64.80% (CF 64.88%, HRA 64.62%).

1.11 The table also shows a projected underspend (pending carry forward and other adjustments) of £3.060m on the Council Fund and a break-even position on the HRA.

Table 3

EXPENDITURE	Revised Budget	Cumulative Expenditure Month 9	Percentage Spend v Budget	Projected Outturn	Variance Budget v Outturn (Under)/Over
	£m	£m	%	£m	£m
People & Resources	0.200	0.000	0.00	0.200	0.000
Governance	0.746	0.445	59.65	0.672	(0.074)
Education & Youth	11.665	4.215	36.13	10.743	(0.922)
Social Services	5.436	3.332	61.30	5.436	0.000
Planning, Environment & Economy	3.189	1.224	38.38	2.947	(0.242)
Streetscene & Transportation	15.202	6.861	45.13	14.252	(0.950)
Strategic Programmes	4.788	1.124	23.48	4.223	(0.565)
Housing & Communities	1.847	1.277	69.14	1.697	(0.150)
Capital Programme & Assets	1.356	0.345	25.44	1.199	(0.157)
Council Fund Total	44.429	18.823	42.37	41.369	(3.060)
Buy Backs	0.050	0.000	0.00	0.050	0.000
Disabled Adaptations	1.015	0.651	64.14	1.015	0.000
Energy Schemes	2.967	2.641	89.01	2.967	0.000
Major Works	2.141	0.937	43.76	2.141	0.000
Accelerated Programmes	0.685	0.302	44.09	0.685	0.000
WHQS Improvements	15.625	8.665	55.46	15.625	0.000
SHARP Programme	4.653	3.275	70.38	4.653	0.000
Housing Revenue Account Total	27.136	16.471	60.70	27.136	0.000
Programme Total	71.565	35.294	49.32	68.505	(3.060)

1.12 Details of the variances for individual programme areas are listed in Appendix B, which includes the reasons, and remedial actions which may be required, where those variances exceed +/- 10% of the revised budget. In addition, where carry forward into 2023/24 has been identified, this is also included in the narrative.

1.13 **Carry Forward into 2023/24**
 During the quarter, carry forward requirements of £3.060m (all CF) has been identified which reflects reviewed spending plans across all programme areas; these amounts can be split into two areas, those required to meet the cost of programme works and/or retention payments in 2023/24.

1.14

Information relating to each programme area is contained in Appendix B and summarised in Table 4 below:

Table 4

CARRY FORWARD INTO 2023/24							Total
	Month 4	Month 6	Reversed	WG Grant	Sub Total	Month 9	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Governance	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.074	0.074
Education & Youth	0.461	0.220	0.000	1.767	2.448	0.922	3.370
Social Services	0.189	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.189	0.000	0.189
Planning, Environment & Economy	0.250	0.408	(0.001)	0.000	0.657	0.242	0.899
Streetscene & Transportation	0.046	3.660	0.000	0.000	3.706	0.950	4.656
Strategic Programmes	0.000	0.275	0.000	0.000	0.275	0.565	0.840
Housing & Communities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150
Capital Programme & Assets	0.597	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.597	0.157	0.754
Council Fund	1.543	4.563	(0.001)	1.767	7.872	3.060	10.932
TOTAL	1.543	4.563	(0.001)	1.767	7.872	3.060	10.932

1.15

Additional Allocations

Additional allocations have been identified in the programme in this quarter as follows:

- Wepre Park Visitor Centre - £0.035m. Funding to support grant received through WG Brilliant Basics Fund to upgrade and improve amenities including provision of accessible toilets.

This can be funded from within the current 'headroom' provision.

- Dock area works- £0.015m. To carry out health and safety improvements to dock areas, assisting in mitigation of claims against the Council.

This can be funded from within the current health and safety provision.

1.16

Savings

The following savings have been identified in the programme in this quarter.

Table 5

IDENTIFIED SAVINGS	
	Savings
	£m
Diabled Facilities Grants	0.235
Marleyfield House Residential Care Home	0.082
Levelling Up Fund	0.018
Total	0.335

- Ty Nyth Children’s Assessment Centre - £0.060m. Previously, funding had been allocated from ‘headroom’ provision to complete works, pending the outcome of a bid for additional grant funding. The bid was successful; therefore this has been returned to the ‘headroom’ provision.

1.17 **Funding of 2022/23 Approved Schemes**

The position at Month 9 is summarised in Table 6 below for the three year Capital Programme between 2022/23 – 2024/25:-

Table 6

FUNDING OF APPROVED SCHEMES 2022/23 - 2024/25		
	£m	£m
Balance carried forward from 2021/22		(2.149)
Increases		
Shortfall in 2022/23 to 2024/25 Budget	0.867	0.867
Decreases		
Additional GCG - 2022/23 Confirmed	(0.786)	
Savings	(0.585)	
Actual In year receipts	(1.605)	(2.976)
Funding - (Available)/Shortfall		(4.258)

1.18 Capital receipts received in the third quarter of 2022/23, along with savings identified total £0.882m. This gives a revised projected surplus in the Capital Programme at Month 9 of £4.258m (from a Month 6 funding position surplus of £3.376m) for the 2022/23 – 2024/25 Capital Programme, prior to the realisation of additional capital receipts and/or other funding sources.

1.19	<p>Investment in County Towns</p> <p>At its meeting on 12th December 2017, the Council approved a Notice of Motion relating to the reporting of investment in county towns. The extent and format of the reporting was agreed at the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14th June 2018.</p>																																												
1.20	<p>Table 7 below shows a summary of the 2021/22 actual expenditure, the 2022/23 revised budget and budgets for future years as approved by Council at its meeting of 7th December, 2021. Further detail can be found in Appendix C, including details of the 2022/23 spend to Month 9.</p> <p>Table 7</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="347 613 1359 1317"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">INVESTMENT IN COUNTY TOWNS</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>2021/22 Actual £m</th> <th>2022/23 Revised Budget £m</th> <th>2023 - 2025 Budget £m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Buckley / Penyffordd</td> <td>1.928</td> <td>1.450</td> <td>13.607</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Connah's Quay / Shotton</td> <td>0.842</td> <td>2.727</td> <td>1.500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flint / Bagillt</td> <td>0.368</td> <td>1.611</td> <td>7.939</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holywell / Caerwys / Mostyn</td> <td>4.495</td> <td>4.609</td> <td>0.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mold / Treuddyn / Cilcain</td> <td>6.968</td> <td>5.928</td> <td>38.290</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Queensferry / Hawarden / Sealand</td> <td>8.031</td> <td>3.834</td> <td>3.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saltney / Broughton / Hope</td> <td>4.929</td> <td>1.342</td> <td>27.430</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unallocated / To Be Confirmed</td> <td>1.540</td> <td>3.549</td> <td>18.092</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>29.101</td> <td>25.050</td> <td>109.858</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	INVESTMENT IN COUNTY TOWNS					2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Revised Budget £m	2023 - 2025 Budget £m	Buckley / Penyffordd	1.928	1.450	13.607	Connah's Quay / Shotton	0.842	2.727	1.500	Flint / Bagillt	0.368	1.611	7.939	Holywell / Caerwys / Mostyn	4.495	4.609	0.000	Mold / Treuddyn / Cilcain	6.968	5.928	38.290	Queensferry / Hawarden / Sealand	8.031	3.834	3.000	Saltney / Broughton / Hope	4.929	1.342	27.430	Unallocated / To Be Confirmed	1.540	3.549	18.092	Total	29.101	25.050	109.858
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Standard (WHQS), which was originally outside the scope of this analysis. A summary is provided in Table 8 below, albeit using a slightly different catchment area basis.

Table 8

WHQS Programme		
	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Budget £m
Holywell	0.850	4.550
Flint	0.870	1.450
Deeside & Saltney	4.430	1.700
Buckley	4.820	1.250
Mold	5.150	4.262
Connah's Quay & Shotton	0.960	2.350
Total	17.080	15.562

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Financial implications - As set out in the body of the report.
2.02	Personnel implications - None directly as a result of this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	<p>The impact of the pandemic will continue to be monitored closely during this financial year. Due to the re-profiling of schemes from the 2021/22 and resources available to manage and deliver schemes, the levels of planned expenditure in 2022/23 may be affected, resulting in a high level of carry forward requests to re-phase budgets into the 2023/24 programme.</p> <p>In addition to the above there are currently indications that material supplies, and demand, are being impacted by overseas supply market disruption leading to potential cost increases, higher tender prices and project delays.</p> <p>Grants received will also to be closely monitored to ensure that expenditure is incurred within the terms and conditions of the grant. The capital team will work with project leads to report potential risks of achieving spend within timescales and assist in liaising with the grant provider.</p> <p>The Council has a prudent policy of allocating its own capital receipts to fund capital projects only when receipts are received rather than when it is anticipated the receipt will be received, and this position continues to be the</p>

	case. Due to the pandemic, there may be a delay in obtaining capital receipts as the timing of these receipts are also subject to market forces outside of the Council's control. In line with current policy no allowance has been made for these receipts in reporting the Council's capital funding position.
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4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	No consultation is required as a direct result of this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A: Capital Programme - Changes during 2022/23
5.02	Appendix B: Variances
5.03	Appendix C: Investment in Towns

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Capital Programme monitoring papers 2022/23.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Chris Taylor, Strategic Finance Manager Telephone: 01352 703309 E-mail: christopher.taylor@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Budget Re-profiling: Capital schemes are very dynamic and a number of factors can influence their timing and funding. Budget re-profiling assures that the correct resources are available in the correct accounting period to finance the actual level of expenditure.</p> <p>Capital Expenditure: Expenditure on the acquisition of non-current assets or expenditure which extends the useful life of an existing asset</p> <p>Capital Programme: The Council's financial plan covering capital schemes and expenditure proposals for the current year and a number of future years. It also includes estimates of the capital resources available to finance the programme.</p> <p>Capital Receipts: Receipts (in excess of £10,000) realised from the disposal of assets.</p>

Carry Forward: Carry forward occurs when schemes due to be completed in a given financial year are delayed until a subsequent year. In this case the relevant funding is carried forward to meet the delayed, contractually committed expenditure.

CERA: Capital Expenditure charged to Revenue Account. The Council is allowed to use its revenue resources to fund capital expenditure. However the opposite is not permissible.

Council Fund (CF): The fund to which all the Council's revenue and capital expenditure is charged.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA): The fund to which all the Council's revenue and capital expenditure relating to its housing stock is charged.

MRA: Major Repairs Allowance. A general capital grant from WG for HRA purposes.

Non-current Asset: A resource controlled (but not necessarily owned) by the Council, from which economic benefits or service potential are expected to flow to the Council for more than 12 months.

Section 106: Monies are received from developers/contractors pursuant to Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. These sums are available for use once the relevant terms of the individual agreement have been met. The monies are most commonly used for educational enhancement, play areas, highways and affordable housing.

Target Hardening: Measures taken to prevent unauthorised access to Council sites.

Unhypothecated Supported Borrowing (USB), commonly referred to as Supported Borrowing - Each year Welsh Government provide Councils with a Supported Borrowing allocation. Councils borrow to fund capital expenditure equivalent to that annual allocation, Welsh Government then include funding to cover the revenue costs associated with the borrowing for future years within the Revenue Support Grant. The Council decides how this funding is spent.

Unsupported (Prudential) Borrowing: Borrowing administered under the Prudential Code, whereby Authorities can set their own policies on acceptable levels and types of borrowing. The Prudential Framework allows Authorities to take out loans in response to overall cash flow forecasts and other factors provided they can show that the borrowing is to meet planned capital expenditure in the current year or the next three years.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - CHANGES DURING 2022/23

	Original Budget 2022/23	Carry Forward from 2021/22	2022/23 Previously Reported			Savings (Current)	Changes (Current)	Revised Budget 2022/23
			Changes	Carry Forward to 2023/24	Savings			
	£m	£m	£m	£m		£m	£m	£m
Council Fund :								
People & Resources								
'Headroom'	0.350	0.140	(0.060)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.245)	0.185
Corporate Finance - H & S	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015
	0.350	0.155	(0.060)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.245)	0.200
Governance								
Information Technology	0.363	0.383	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.746
	0.363	0.383	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.746
Education & Youth								
Education - General	0.650	4.778	1.849	(1.971)	0.000	0.000	0.611	5.917
Primary Schools	1.257	0.666	0.683	(0.257)	0.000	0.000	0.422	2.771
Schools Modernisation	7.303	0.000	(7.303)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.308	0.308
Secondary Schools	0.300	0.357	1.253	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.223	2.133
Special Education	0.500	0.256	0.000	(0.220)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.536
	10.010	6.057	(3.518)	(2.448)	0.000	0.000	1.564	11.665
Social Services								
Services to Older People	0.650	0.156	0.286	(0.189)	0.000	(0.082)	0.000	0.821
Learning Disability	0.270	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.270
Children's Services	0.444	0.882	2.051	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.968	4.345
	1.364	1.038	2.337	(0.189)	0.000	(0.082)	0.968	5.436
Planning, Environment & Economy								
Closed Landfill Sites	0.000	0.250	0.000	(0.250)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Engineering	0.038	0.349	0.000	(0.222)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.165
Energy Services	0.000	0.000	0.968	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.057)	0.911
Ranger Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.196	0.196
Town Centre Regeneration	0.050	0.218	1.725	(0.185)	0.000	(0.018)	(0.148)	1.642
Private Sector Renewal/Improv't	0.040	0.000	0.221	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.275
	0.128	0.817	2.914	(0.657)	0.000	(0.018)	0.005	3.189
Streetscene & Transportation								
Waste Services	1.875	1.930	0.877	(3.405)	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.277
Cemeteries	0.000	0.265	0.000	(0.255)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010
Highways	1.644	0.424	2.386	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.262)	4.192
Local Transport Grant	0.000	0.018	9.665	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.040	9.723
Solar Farms	0.000	0.046	0.000	(0.046)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	3.519	2.683	12.928	(3.706)	0.000	0.000	(0.222)	15.202

	Original Budget 2022/23	Carry Forward from 2021/22	2022/23 Previously Reported			Savings (Current)	Changes (Current)	Revised Budget 2022/23
			Changes	Carry Forward to 2023/24	Savings			
	£m	£m	£m	£m				£m
Strategic Programmes								
Leisure Centres	0.200	0.286	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.015)	0.471
Play Areas	0.200	0.394	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.147	0.793
Libraries	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.024
Theatr Clwyd	19.000	0.275	0.000	(0.275)	0.000	0.000	(15.500)	3.500
	19.400	0.964	0.052	(0.275)	0.000	0.000	(15.353)	4.788
Housing & Communities								
Disabled Facilities Grants	1.660	0.386	0.286	0.000	(0.250)	(0.235)	0.000	1.847
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Capital Programme & Assets								
Administrative Buildings	0.675	0.588	0.035	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.298
Community Asset Transfers	0.000	0.655	0.000	(0.597)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.058
	0.675	1.243	0.035	(0.597)	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.356
Housing Revenue Account :								
Buy Backs	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.050
Disabled Adaptations	1.114	0.000	(0.099)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.015
Energy Schemes	0.510	0.000	1.626	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.831	2.967
Major Works	0.726	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.415	2.141
Accelerated Programmes	0.561	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.124	0.685
WHQS Improvements	13.355	0.000	5.557	0.000	0.000	0.000	(3.287)	15.625
Modernisation / Improvements	1.000	0.000	(1.000)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
SHARP Programme	7.808	0.000	(3.555)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.400	4.653
	25.074	0.000	2.529	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.467)	27.136
Totals :								
Council Fund	37.469	13.726	14.974	(7.872)	(0.250)	(0.335)	(13.283)	44.429
Housing Revenue Account	25.074	0.000	2.529	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.467)	27.136
Grand Total	62.543	13.726	17.503	(7.872)	(0.250)	(0.335)	(13.750)	71.565

PEOPLE & RESOURCES

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
'Headroom'	0.185	0.000	0.185	0.000	0	0.000		Corporate provision - to be allocated as requested and approved.	Any unspent allocation will be the subject of a carry forward request at outturn.
Corporate Finance - Health & Safety	0.015	0.000	0.015	0.000	0	0.000		Corporate provision - to be allocated as requested and approved.	Any unspent allocation will be the subject of a carry forward request at outturn.
Total	0.200	0.000	0.200	0.000	0	0.000			

GOVERNANCE

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Information Technology	0.746	0.445	0.672	(0.074)	-10	0.000	£0.050m - replacement tape technology was due to be replaced this financial year, however another years worth of use can be obtained from the technology in 2022/23. £0.024 - Laptop Replacement scheme to continue into 2023/24.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.074m to 2023/24.	
Total	0.746	0.445	0.672	(0.074)	-10	0.000			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

EDUCATION & YOUTH

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Education - General	5.917	1.756	5.521	(0.396)	-7	0.000	Classroom ventilation works to progress into 2023/24, £0.066m. R&M School Capital Maintenance and Health & Safety works to progress into 2023/24, £0.300m. £0.030m of expenditure will fall into 2023/24 for the Upgrades of kitchen equipment.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.396m to 2023/24.	
Primary Schools	2.771	1.598	2.671	(0.100)	-4	0.000	R&M works St Ethelwolds to continue into 2023/24.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.100m to 2023/24.	
Schools Modernisation	0.308	0.203	0.308	0.000	0	0.000			
Secondary Schools	2.133	0.166	1.707	(0.426)	-20	0.000	Holywell High ATP and survey works to fall into 2023/24, £0.300m. Flint High upgrade of kitchen ventilation system to progress into 2023/24, £0.126m.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.426m to 2023/24.	
Special Education	0.536	0.492	0.536	0.000	0	(0.220)			
Total	11.665	4.215	10.743	(0.922)	-8	(0.220)			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

SOCIAL SERVICES

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Services to Older People	0.821	0.498	0.821	0.000	0	0.000			Awaiting confirmation of WG Grant (approved in principle £0.850m) for Croes Atti Scheme. £0.082m saving Identified on the Marleyfield House Residential Scheme.
Learning Disability Services	0.270	0.073	0.270	0.000	0	0.000			
Children's Services	4.345	2.761	4.345	0.000	0	0.000			£0.060m 'headroom' allocation returned following additional WG Funding.
Total	5.436	3.332	5.436	0.000	0	0.000			

Variance = Budget v Projected Outturn

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Closed Landfill Sites	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000			
Engineering	0.165	0.001	0.033	(0.132)	-80	(0.223)	Works at Greenfield Reservoir to progress into 2023/24.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.132m to 2023/24.	
Energy Services	0.911	0.626	0.911	0.000	0	0.000			
Ranger Services	0.196	0.095	0.196	0.000	0	0.000			
Town Centre Regeneration	1.642	0.335	1.532	(0.110)	-7	(0.185)	31 Chester Road West project is to progress into 2023/24 following delays in the project start date.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.110m to 2023/24.	No further funds to be committed prior to a decision on the award of the Level Up Funding, therefore, a saving of £0.018m identified.
Private Sector Renewal/Improvement	0.275	0.167	0.275	0.000	0	0.000			
Total	3.189	1.224	2.947	(0.242)	-8	(0.408)			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

STREETSCENE & TRANSPORTATION

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Waste Services	1.277	0.267	1.027	(0.250)	-20	(3.405)	Purchase of Shredder at Greenfield HRC to progress into 2023/24 due to leading times within the supply chain.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.250m to 2023/24.	
Cemeteries	0.010	0.005	0.010	0.000	0	(0.255)			
Highways	4.192	1.594	3.492	(0.700)	-17	0.000	Works relating to decarbonisation of the fleet to progress in 2023/24, £0.500m. Principle Structure Maintenance works to progress into 2023/24 inline with schedule of works, £0.200m.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.700m to 2023/24.	
Local Transport Grant	9.723	4.995	9.723	0.000	0	0.000			
Total	15.202	6.861	14.252	(0.950)	-6	(3.660)			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Leisure Centres	0.471	0.005	0.164	(0.307)	-65	0.000	Currently receiving quotes for the Holywell Leisure Centre replacement 3G pitch, £0.050m, with works aimed to be completed in the summer. Deeside Leisure Centre replace waterproof covering over office accommodation (£0.008m) and urgent property work on leisure and libraries to continue into 2023/24, (£0.249m).	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.307m into 2023/24.	
Play Areas	0.793	0.417	0.535	(0.258)	-33	0.000	Work to progress into 2023/24.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.258m into 2023/24.	
Libraries	0.024	0.000	0.024	0.000	0	0.000			
Theatr Clwyd	3.500	0.702	3.500	0.000	0	(0.275)			
Total	4.788	1.124	4.223	(0.565)	-12	(0.275)			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

HOUSING & COMMUNITIES

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Disabled Facilities Grants	1.847	1.277	1.697	(0.150)	-8	0.000	Delays in service delivery were experienced as a result of COVID-19 restrictions in conjunction with a service re-design.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.150m to 2023/24.	DFG spend is customer driven and volatile. Saving of £0.235m identified.
Total	1.847	1.277	1.697	(0.150)	-8	0.000			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

CAPITAL PROGRAMME & ASSETS

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
Administrative Buildings	1.298	0.287	1.141	(0.157)	-12	0.000	Projects to progress in 2023/24.	Carry Forward - Request approval to move funding of £0.157m to 2023/24.	
Community Asset Transfers	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.000	0	0.000			The funding for Capital Asset Transfers is allocated for specific purposes and is drawn down as and when required.
Total	1.356	0.345	1.199	(0.157)	-12	0.000			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget	Actual Exp.	Projected Outturn	Variance (Under)/ Over	Variance %age	Variance Prev Qtr	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	£m			
Buy Backs	0.050	0.000	0.050	0.000	0	(1.000)			
Disabled Adaptations	1.015	0.651	1.015	0.000	0	0.000			Demand lead
Energy Services	2.967	2.641	2.967	0.000	0	0.000	Programme of Energy efficiency in homes. WG ORG grant secured and additional CERA introduced to offset variance to original budget.		
Major Works	2.141	0.937	2.141	0.000	0	0.000			
Accelerated Programmes	0.685	0.302	0.685	0.000	0	0.000			
WHQS Improvements	15.625	8.665	15.625	0.000	0	0.000	Award of Optimised RetroFit grant funding from WG within the WHQS programme and delays to work in Leeswood due to mobilisation issues, has allowed budget to be re-allocated in year to carry out urgent major works.		
SHARP	4.653	3.275	4.653	0.000	0	0.000			
Total	27.136	16.471	27.136	0.000	0	0.000			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

SUMMARY

Capital Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Month 9

Programme Area	Total Budget £m	Actual Exp. £m	Projected Outturn £m	Variance (Under)/ Over £m	Variance %age %	Variance Prev Qtr £m	Cause of Variance	Action Required	Comments
People & Resources	0.200	0.000	0.200	0.000	0	0.000			
Governance	0.746	0.445	0.672	(0.074)	-10	0.000			
Education & Youth	11.665	4.215	10.743	(0.922)	-8	(0.220)			
Social Services	5.436	3.332	5.436	0.000	0	0.000			
Planning, Environment & Economy	3.189	1.224	2.947	(0.242)	-8	(0.408)			
Streetscene & Transportation	15.202	6.861	14.252	(0.950)	-6	(3.660)			
Strategic Programmes	4.788	1.124	4.223	(0.565)	-12	(0.275)			
Housing & Communities	1.847	1.277	1.697	(0.150)	-8	0.000			
Capital Programme & Assets	1.356	0.345	1.199	(0.157)	-12	0.000			
Sub Total - Council Fund	44.429	18.823	41.369	(3.060)	-7	(4.563)			
Housing Revenue Account	27.136	16.471	27.136	0.000	0	0.000			
Total	71.565	35.294	68.505	(3.060)	-4	(4.563)			

Variance = Budget v Outturn

INVESTMENT IN COUNTY TOWNS - 2022/23 REVISED BUDGET

APPENDIX C (Cont)

TOWN FUNDING	REVISED BUDGET £000	BUCKLEY		CONNAH'S QUAY		FLINT		HOLYWELL		MOLD		QUEENSFERRY		SALTNEY		UNALLOCATED		TOTALS			
		Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Total £000	
EXPENDITURE																					
HOUSING - HRA																					
SHARP	4,653	32		401		230		3,947		10		33							4,653	0	4,653
EDUCATION & YOUTH																					
Ysgol Glanrafon	398									302	96								302	96	398
Ysgol Croes Atti, Flint	300					300													300	0	300
Ysgol Croes Atti, Shotton	553				553														0	553	553
SOCIAL CARE																					
Ty Nyth, Children's Residential Care	1,363									863	500								863	500	1,363
Croes Atti Residential Care Home, Flint	811					811													811	0	811
Relocation of Tri-Ffordd Day Service provision	270												270						270	0	270
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY																					
Solar PV Farms	418			418															418	0	418
STREETSCENE & TRANSPORTION																					
Improvements to Standard Yard Waste Transfer Station	466		466																0	466	466
Highways Maintenance	2,595	371						268		286		342		60		1,268			2,595	0	2,595
Transport Grant	9,723		581		1,355		270	31	363		371		3,459	70	942		2,281		101	9,622	9,723
STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES																					
Theatr Clwyd - Redevelopment	3,500										3,500								0	3,500	3,500
	25,050	403	1,047	819	1,908	1,341	270	4,246	363	1,461	4,467	375	3,459	400	942	1,268	2,281		10,313	14,737	25,050
AREA TOTAL			1,450		2,727		1,611		4,609		5,928		3,834		1,342		3,549				

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TOWN FUNDING	ACTUAL TO DATE £000	BUCKLEY		CONNAH'S QUAY		FLINT		HOLYWELL		MOLD		QUEENSFERRY		SALTNEY		UNALLOCATED		TOTALS			
		Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Total £000	
EXPENDITURE																					
HOUSING - HRA																					
SHARP	3,275	32		401		230		2,569		10		33							3,275	0	3,275
EDUCATION & YOUTH																					
Ysgol Glanrafon	366									270	96								270	96	366
Croes Atti Flint	188					188													188	0	188
SOCIAL CARE																					
Ty Nyth, Children's Residential Care	1,273									773	500								773	500	1,273
Croes Atti Residential Care Home, Flint	498					498													498	0	498
STREETSCENE & TRANSPORTION																					
Improvements to Standard Yard Waste Transfer Station	245		245																0	245	245
Highways Maintenance	1,487	371						268		286		342	60		160			1,487	0	1,487	
Transport Grant	4,995		22	1,260		88	9	216			298	2,496	285		321			9	4,986	4,995	
STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES																					
Theatr Clwyd - Redevelopment	702										702								0	702	702
	13,029	403	267	401	1,260	916	88	2,846	216	1,339	1,596	375	2,496	60	285	160	321	6,500	6,529	13,029	

AREA TOTAL 670 1,661 1,004 3,062 2,935 2,871 345 481

INVESTMENT IN COUNTY TOWNS - 2023- 2025 BUDGET

APPENDIX C (Cont)

TOWN FUNDING	FUTURE BUDGET £000	BUCKLEY		CONNAH'S QUAY		FLINT		HOLYWELL		MOLD		QUEENSFERRY		SALTNEY		UNALLOCATED		TOTALS			
		Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Internal £000	External £000	Total £000			
EXPENDITURE																					
EDUCATION & YOUTH																					
Ysgol Croes Atti, Flint	5,150					1,925	3,225												1,925	3,225	5,150
Drury County Primary	3,650	2,372	1,278																2,372	1,278	3,650
Elfed High School	4,488	1,571	2,917																1,571	2,917	4,488
Mynydd Isa Area	1,464	512	952																512	952	1,464
Saltney/Broughton Area	25,000													8,750	16,250				8,750	16,250	25,000
Penyffordd CP	600	600																	600	0	600
Joint Archive Facility, FCC and DCC	3,225									3,225									3,225	0	3,225
SOCIAL CARE																					
Relocation of Tri-Ffordd Day Service provision	2,430													2,430					2,430	0	2,430
Croes Atti Residential Care Home, Flint	189					189													189	0	189
STREETSCENE & TRANSPORTION																					
Highways Asset Management Plan	2,000															2,000			2,000	0	2,000
Improvements to Standard Yard Waste Transfer Station	3,405	3,405																	3,405	0	3,405
STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES																					
Theatr Clwyd - Redevelopment	34,747									7,247	27,500								7,247	27,500	34,747
HOUSING & ASSETS																					
Affordable Housing	23,510			1,500	0	2,600				318		3,000					16,092		23,510	0	23,510
TOTAL	109,858	8,460	5,147	1,500	0	4,714	3,225	0	0	10,790	27,500	3,000	0	11,180	16,250	18,092	0	57,736	52,122	109,858	

ARE TOTAL

13,607

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18,092