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Budget Monitoring 2012/13 (Month 9)

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Period 8 (£m)	Cause of Variance	Action Required
Industrial Units	(1.479)	(1.397)	0.082	0.064	Shortfall of Industrial Unit Rental Income, due in the main to Gaz de France decommissioning the Shotton Power Station site. Income shortfalls are partly mitigated by savings in vacant posts at Deeside Enterprise Centre. Increased variance at period 9 due to NNDR costs being higher than anticipated	Keep Unit rental income closely monitored throughout the year
Property Holdings	0.090	0.054	(0.036)	(0.052)	Budget provision at the former Ty'r Binwydden site has at Period 9 been utilised to finance additional R&M at Custom House CP, dilapidation works at Glanrafon and legal fees for the Bailey Hill site.	Review of site budgets necessary in line with asset management programme
Property Asset & Development	0.530	0.476	(0.054)	(0.052)	Net Vacancy Savings	
Car Parks	0.025	0.053	0.028	0.033	Car Park income shortfall at Holywell and Mold partially offset by a reduced maintenance programme	
Highways Maintenance	2.710	2.761	0.051	0.048	Cost associated with attending flooding events following substantial rainfall at various times since July.	

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Waste Disposal & Waste Collection	9.118	9.367	0.249	0.247	<p>Delivery of the new Streetscene Service resulted in unexpected additional operational costs which have been mitigated by increased recycling levels, which not only reduce landfill and tipping charges but increases the level of recycling income received.</p> <p>One off Agency and staff backfilling costs as a result of the on-going investigation within Waste have been incurred and in addition, the energy generation from Gas at the landfill sites has been affected by problems with the performance of the Gas Engines at both landfill sites. This has resulted in a £145k shortfall against the income target.</p> <p>Work to realign budgets across the service is on-going and will be in place for 2013/14 onwards.</p>	Keep tonnage levels closely monitored to establish if further savings can be achieved to further mitigate the costs.
Fleet Services	(0.026)	(0.064)	(0.038)	(0.038)	<p>Outturn based on actual recharges to date projected to financial year end with these charges also reflected in all Environment client budgets.</p>	

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Planning Control	0.367	0.427	0.060	0.035	The costs associated with Planning enforcement activities e.g. specialist advice and legal fees have been offset by improved Planning fee income since Period 7. However, at period 9 costs of £20k are now anticipated for the planning appeal in relation to the former Croes Atti site.	Partially offset by salary savings within the Planning service
Service Development & Support	0.236	0.216	(0.020)	(0.020)	Part time salary savings	
Management Support & Performance	1.164	1.046	(0.118)	(0.115)	Vacancy Savings relating to 5 posts (2 x Sc4, Sc6, SO1 & M6) ahead of Service Review implementation offset by the cost of Modern Apprentices from September 2012.	Provision will be made within Service budgets for the Modern Apprentice costs in 2013/14.
Public Protection	3.543	3.326	(0.217)	(0.214)	Vacancy Savings totalling £230k (3 x EHO 2 x EO 1 x Admin) ahead of the Service Review being implemented, offset by income shortfalls in Pollution Control.	
Markets	(0.099)	(0.078)	0.021	0.013	Rental shortfalls from outdoor pitches & car boots due to poor weather conditions have reduced income further at Period 9.	
Other variances (aggregate)	16.302	16.242	(0.060)	(0.038)	A number of variances of no more than £0.038m individually.	
<b>Total :</b>	<b>32.481</b>	<b>32.429</b>	<b>(0.052)</b>	<b>(0.089)</b>		