

Budget Monitoring 2012/13 (Month 11)

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Period 10 (£m)	Cause of Variance	Action Required
Agricultural Estates	(0.158)	(0.190)	(0.032)	(0.002)	Following the appointment of the Land Agent, this has led to the successful follow up of outstanding rent arrears. This additional income and reprofiled expenditure commitments are reflected at period 11.	
Industrial Units	(1.479)	(1.388)	0.091	0.069	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. At period 11, there were additional NNDR charges following a rating assessment of Industrial Unit property.	Keep Unit rental income closely monitored throughout the year
Property Holdings	0.090	0.052	(0.038)	(0.036)	Budget provision at the former Ty'r Binwydden site has 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	0.448	(0.082)	(0.058)	Net Vacancy Savings. At period 11, £20k professional fees received from National Grid in relation to the sale of Site C.	

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Car Parks	0.025	0.084	0.059	0.049	Car Park income shortfalls at Holywell and Mold are partially offset by a reduced maintenance programme. The figures also include anticipated back pay for Car Park Attendants regarding overtime payable at an enhanced rate for Saturday working. At period 11, additional NNDR costs have been incurred for Mold following a new rating assessment.	
Winter Maintenance	1.276	1.354	0.078	0.000	There was a sustained period of winter weather through January, including snow, together with sub zero temperatures continuing through February. However, following the major snow event on the 22nd March, extensive costs in relation to salt provision, contractors, overtime and fuel have been incurred. This is likely to result in total winter maintenance costs of £1.599m, however this has now been mitigated by the use of reserves. The total salt usage is expected to be 13,000 tonnes, with 3,270 used since the 22nd March. In addition the projected repair bill for the clear up and impact on the road network into 2013/14 for pothole repairs, patching, tree clearance and fencing repairs is still to be evaluated	The Council is currently compiling a bid to Welsh Government for assistance under the Emergency Financial Assistance Scheme (EFAS).
Highways Maintenance	2.712	2.782	0.070	0.054	Increasing cost associated with attending flooding events following substantial rainfall throughout the financial year.	

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Waste Disposal & Waste Collection	9.118	9.368	0.250	0.242	<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)	(0.059)	(0.033)	(0.036)	Outturn based on actual recharges to date projected to financial year end with these charges also reflected in all Environment client budgets.	
Planning Control	0.367	0.403	0.036	0.061	The costs associated with Planning appeals i.e. specialist advice and legal fees have been offset by Planning fee income in excess of target at period 11.	
Service Development & Support	0.236	0.216	(0.020)	(0.020)	Part time salary savings	

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Management Support & Performance	1.164	1.048	(0.116)	(0.118)	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	3.315	(0.228)	(0.229)	Net Vacancy Savings totalling £230k ahead of the Service Review being implemented, offset by income shortfalls in Pollution Control.	
Markets	(0.099)	(0.085)	0.014	0.018	Rental income shortfalls from outdoor pitches & car boot events due to poor weather conditions.	
Other variances (aggregate)	15.465	15.415	(0.050)	(0.053)	A number of variances of no more than £0.042m individually.	
Total :	32.764	32.763	(0.001)	(0.059)		