

MONTH 3 - SUMMARY

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variance
Social Services				
Social Services for Adults	45.367	45.881	0.514	The biggest influence within the net projected overspend of £0.514m relates to Domiciliary Care provision within the Localities teams. This is a demand led service with the key influences on a significant increase in demand being the changing demographic profile, complexity of need and the increasing numbers of older people with dementia. As a result of the Modernising of Social Services programme, Social Services for Adults have been successful in reabling many clients, which has delivered significant savings for the Council over the last four years. However, there is a cyclical impact of this approach whereby clients who have been successfully reabled in the past will return to the service with increasing needs and increased frailty. Detailed analysis has been carried out which illustrates the range of influences on the significant growth in client demand for domiciliary care, as a consequence of this we are seeking to proactively manage this demand lead pressure.
Development & Resources	1.543	1.414	(0.129)	Impact of an increase by Welsh Government in the level of the maximum charge cap from £50 per week to £55 per week.
Social Services for Children	12.598	12.859	0.261	(£0.153m) overspend is a result of an increase in the level of boarded out payments for Foster care placements within the service. Costs need to be made due to the demand of the service. (£0.142m) overspend due to increased direct payment for Children's Integrated Disability Services (CIDS) and cost of placements within the leaving care service. (£0.034m) underspend due to other minor variances.
Total Social Services	59.508	60.154	0.646	

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Community & Enterprise				
Customer & Housing Services	1.100	1.151	0.051	An overspend (£0.074m) is projected to occur due to a lower level of support recharge to the Council Fund from the HRA. (£0.023m) underspend due to other minor variances.
Supporting People	0.534	0.601	0.067	Projected over spend (£0.018m) against mileage costs. Projected over spend (£0.015m) on the Maintenance Contract due to insufficient budget to meet renewed contract. (£0.034m) overspend due to other minor variances.
Regeneration	0.701	0.716	0.015	Minor Variance
Revenues & Benefits	11.277	11.033	(0.244)	(£0.104m) surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.145m) underspend on Council Tax Reduction Scheme (£0.005m) overspend minor variances
Customer Services	1.115	1.141	0.026	(£0.025m) pressure on Postage services (£0.001m) overspend minor variances
Total Community & Enterprise	14.727	14.642	(0.085)	

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Streetscene & Transportation				
Street Scene	19.190	19.433	0.243	The Service Scoping of Highways Related Services is subject to a service review due to be completed 01/01/2015. This, in addition to the limited take up on the Voluntary Redundancy Scheme, means only partial recovery of this efficiency is likely (£0.140m). There are a number of vacant posts within the Waste Service that are currently required to be covered by Agency or additional overtime to maintain service delivery (£0.080m). (£0.023m) overspend due to other minor variances.
Assets & Transportation and Public Protection	2.985	3.046	0.061	The trunk road collaboration project is currently stalled following a Ministerial announcement on the future procurement of Trunk Road services in Wales (£0.050m). (£0.011m) overspend is due to other minor variances.
School Transport	6.052	6.041	(0.011)	Minor Variance
Total Streetscene & Transportation	28.227	28.520	0.293	

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Planning & Environment	1.414	1.339	(0.075)	Higher than expected levels of Planning Fee Income in the first quarter of 14/15, have contributed to the favourable variance. These levels will be closely monitored during the year.
Public Protection	2.739	2.736	(0.003)	Minor Variance
Miscellaneous Services*	0.821	0.863	0.042	The overspend is due to projected costs for external contractors / hired plant for Public Rights of Way Works
Management Support & Performance	0.772	0.780	0.008	Minor Variance
Greenfield Valley & Heritage Park	0.284	0.279	(0.005)	Minor Variance
Total Planning & Environment	6.030	5.997	(0.033)	

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Education & Youth				
Primary & Early Years Education	44.176	44.176	0.000	No Variance
Secondary, 14 -19 & Continuing Education	36.757	36.767	0.010	Minor Variance
Inclusion Services	12.866	12.780	(0.086)	Current Projected underspend on Out of County Placements (£0.078). (£0.008m) underspend due to other minor variances.
Access (School Planning & Provision)	0.712	0.699	(0.013)	Minor Variance
21st Century Schools	0.082	0.082	0.000	No Variance
Youth Services	1.646	1.655	0.009	Minor Variance
Commissioning & Performance	0.505	0.484	(0.021)	Minor Variance
School Management & Information	0.204	0.208	0.004	Minor Variance
Total Education & Youth	96.948	96.851	(0.097)	

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People & Resources				
HR&OD	2.423	2.433	0.010	Minor Variance
Corporate Finance	2.812	2.817	0.005	Minor Variance
Total People & Resources	5.235	5.250	0.015	
Governance				
Legal Services	0.934	1.045	0.111	(£0.131m) pressure due to Litigation around local land charges (£0.020m) underspend due to other minor variances
Democratic Services	2.092	2.085	(0.007)	Minor Variance
Internal Audit	0.504	0.498	(0.006)	Minor Variance
Procurement	0.178	0.178	0.000	No Variance
ICT	4.513	4.584	0.071	(£0.040m) pressure due to Oracle Licence Management review (£0.031m) overspend due to other minor variances
Total Governance	8.221	8.390	0.169	

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Organisational Change 1				
Public Libraries & Arts, Culture & Events	1.891	1.875	(0.016)	Minor Variance
Museusms Service	0.062	0.058	(0.004)	Minor Variance
County Archives	0.261	0.261	0.000	No Variance
Leisure Services	3.537	3.573	0.036	Repairs to swimming pool at Buckley Leisure Centre.
Community Assets	0.059	0.054	(0.005)	Minor Variance
Total Organisational Change 1	5.810	5.821	0.011	

Budget Monitoring

Council fund variances

Appendix 1

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Organisational Change 2				
Valuations & Estates	(0.718)	(0.785)	(0.067)	Estimated net income shortfalls across the Industrial Estate Portfolio. Potential Risk from additional rental loss from a unit where current leaseholder is experiencing financial difficulties. Rental Income levels will be closely monitored through the year.
Property Design & Consultancy	3.054	3.088	0.034	Minor Variance
Management	0.095	0.095	0.000	No Variance
Engineering Services	(0.140)	(0.136)	0.004	Minor Variance
Facilities Services	1.494	1.506	0.012	Minor Variance
Total Organisational Change 2	3.785	3.768	(0.017)	
Chief Executives				
Chief Executives	2.163	2.173	0.010	Minor Variance
Total Chief Executives	2.163	2.173	0.010	

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Central & Corporate Finance				
Central & Corporate Finance	24.522	24.213	(0.309)	Corporate Windfall Income (£0.098m), this is in relation to additional Non Domestic Rate revaluations, which are one-off. (£0.301m) within the budget for Pension Fund Contribution, requires realignment to pay as part of Single Status Accounting to be undertaken by the end of September 2014. Unbudgeted costs in relation to former Euticals Ltd site (£0.115m). (£0.025m) underspend is due to other minor variances.
Total Central & Corporate Finance	24.522	24.213	(0.309)	
TOTAL	255.176	255.779	0.603	

* Miscellaneous services include Drainage, Highways Development Control, Public Rights of Way, Energy Services, and Landfill Sites (closed).

Efficiencies

EFFICIENCY NOT ACHIEVABLE		
Portfolio	Efficiency Description	Efficiency not achieved (£m)
Streetscene & Transportation	Streetscene - North Wales Trunk Road Association Financial benefit from Involvement with the NE Wales Trunk Road Hub.	0.050
		Reason for efficiency not being achieved Ministerial announcement re: the future of the Trunk Road Management arrangements has stalled the project.

Total		0.050
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EFFICIENCY ACHIEVABLE IN PART		
Portfolio	Efficiency Description	Efficiency not achieved (£m)
Social Services	LD - Short Term Care - Right-sizing project worker staffing levels	0.013
		Care Packages being reviewed ongoing, projected end date of reviews is April 2015.
Social Services	LD - Enhanced Community Residential Services - Right-sizing 4 supported living houses	0.023
		ECRS Reviews being reviewed as part of the Right-sizing.
Social Services	Community Living - Transition	0.100
		Currently projected to be a shortfall of circa £0.100m.
Streetscene & Transportation	Streetscene & Transportation - Highways Related Services - the ongoing diagnostic of the two service areas will make recommendations on synergies	0.140
		Savings subject to completion of the Service Review by 1 January 2015.
Education & Youth	Inclusion Services -Securing early, local and effective intervention for vulnerable children and young people through increasing locality working and school autonomy	0.070
		We anticipate that the £0.070m relating to delegation of the TA support budget to schools will be affected by the delay in implementation. Full year efficiency is expected to be achieved in 2015/16.
Total		0.346

APPENDIX 3

Movements on Council Fund Unearmarked Reserves

	£m	£m
Total Reserves as at 1 April 2014	11.161	
Less - Base Level (inclusive of reduction of £0.065m agreed as part of the 2014/15 budget)	(5.769)	
Total Reserves above base level		5.392
Less – estimate required from the amount approved as part of Investment strategy as per budget 2014/15 report		(2.500)
Add – Contribution from investment costs for termination benefits accounted for in 2013/14		0.745
Less - Amount approved under delegated powers reported in July 2014 monitoring report		(0.696)
Amount available for delegation to Cabinet		2.941
Less projected non pay overspend as at Month 3		(0.603)
Total projected Contingency Reserve as at 31st March 2015		2.338

HRA Major Variance Report - Period 3

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Last Month (£m)	Cause of Variance
Rents	(27.713)	(27.659)	0.054		Garage income is lower than anticipated due to high void rates.
Other variances (aggregate)	26.548	26.532	(0.016)		
Total :	(1.165)	(1.127)	0.038		

