

MONTH 3 - SUMMARY

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Month 2 (£m)	Cause of Major Variance	Action Required
Social Services						
Locality Teams (Localities)	14.252	13.820	(0.432)	0.000	<p>Domiciliary Care There are some significant compensating variances in this area. The main area of pressure is Domiciliary Care, which is still being influenced by clients returning to the service following successful past reablement, the changing demographic profile, increased complexity and increasing numbers of people with dementia. The current level of projected overspend is £0.453m which has significantly reduced from the 2014/15 outturn position of £0.837m, which has been partly influenced by the cessation of one complex care package.</p> <p>Residential Care The projected overspend on Domiciliary care is being offset by a projected underspend of (£0.832m) on residential care, which includes, an underspend of (£0.260m) on payments to care home providers, an underspend of (£0.432m) due to an increase in the level of property related income, plus further increases in income above budget including (£0.122m) for free nursing. Other variances amount to a net (£0.018m).</p> <p>Professional Support A further area of underspend is professional support within the Localities teams. There is a total projected underspend of (£0.136m) of which (£0.137m) relates to Social Worker vacancies, and other minor variances amounting to £0.001m.</p> <p>Other Minor Adaptations is projecting an overspend of £0.100m due to an efficiency included in the budget relating to a means testing approach which is now considered to be unachievable. It is intended that this pressure is addressed by way of realignment of budget from another area. Other minor variances amount to a net (£0.017m).</p>	<p>Recommend budget realignment adjustments to use underspends elsewhere in service to address pressures.</p> <p>Recommend budget realignment adjustments to use underspends elsewhere in service to address pressures.</p>
Transition and Disability Services (Disability Services)	0.597	0.713	0.116	0.000	<p>The projected overspend is mainly due to the cost of the support arrangements provided by Penderels in respect of direct payments. This accounts for £0.082m of the total projected overspend of £0.116m with other minor variances making up the remaining £0.034m.</p>	Keep under review.

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Resources & Regulated Services (Disability Services)	16.122	15.948	(0.174)	0.000	The main influence on this underspend is an additional budget allocation of £0.338m in respect of the former Independent Living Fund for which devolved administrations have taken over responsibility for from 1st July 2015. This fund was previously managed by UK Government. Additional funding was allocated as it had been anticipated that there would be a funding gap if funding had been allocated based on RSG distribution formula. The funding by way of the Welsh Independent Living Grant is now confirmed at a level which is sufficient to meet obligations to former ILF service users who are resident in Flintshire. Funding allocations for 2016/17 and beyond are still to be confirmed so it is proposed to return £0.300m of the £0.338m allocated to corporate reserves on a one-off basis. The remaining element is needed to fund the additional admin. capacity needed to manage the payments to service users and for obligations to fund employer liability insurance payments for service users who employ carers.	Recommend that £0.300m is retained as an in year Corporate efficiency in 2015/16 with confirmation of impact on future years still to be confirmed.
Vulnerable Adults and Disability Service (Disability Services)	2.271	2.056	(0.215)	0.000	This underspend is mainly due to a current over provision for transition placements, however there is an overdue need to realign some of this budget provision within other areas of the Learning Disabilities budget.	Recommend budget realignment adjustments to use underspends elsewhere in service to address pressures.
Administrative Support (Disability Services)	0.304	0.421	0.117	0.000	This overspend is mainly due to pressures on workforce costs, including use of agency staff.	Keep under review.
Residential and Domiciliary Service (Mental Health & Substance Misuse Service)	0.813	0.984	0.171	0.000	Increases in Residential and Domiciliary packages along side additional new package costs.	Keep under review.
Forensic Budget (Mental Health & Substance Misuse Service)	0.317	0.198	(0.119)	0.000	Reflects current care packages for 2015/16.	Keep under review - potential volatility due to changes in client numbers and demands at short notice from prison or courts.
Other Services for Adults variances (aggregate)	11.378	11.230	(0.148)	0.000	Various minor variances.	Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent.

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Business Services - Charging Policy Income	(1.673)	(1.924)	(0.251)	0.000	Impact of an increase by Welsh Government in the level of the maximum charge cap from £55 per week to £60 per week.	Recommend budget realignment adjustments to use underspends elsewhere in service to address pressures.
Training	0.047	0.178	0.131	0.000	The base budget for this service has reduced as a consequence of the combined impact of Single Status outcomes and EVR/VR determinations. As a consequence the match funding element of the budget has fallen below the level required to meet the grant conditions for the Social Care Workforce Development Programme Grant (SCWDP). It will be necessary to realign the budget within Social Services to top up to the level required.	Recommend budget realignment adjustments to use underspends elsewhere in service to address pressures.
Other Development & Resources variances (aggregate)	2.417	2.444	0.027	0.000	Various minor variances.	Keep under review.
Family Placement (Children's Services)	2.227	2.421	0.194	0.000	The £0.194m overspend is a result of an increase in the number of foster care placements within the service. Part of this is also due to the increasing number of court orders for Residence and Special Guardianship orders which invariably attract an ongoing allowance for the carers.	A review of the Family Placement Team has been undertaken the outcome of which is being considered and will inform future planning and possible efficiencies.
Professional Support	4.997	5.128	0.131	0.000	Most of this pressure relates to workforce costs, including the need for additional Social Workers to deal with safeguarding issues and statutory responsibilities. Further influences include the need for additional budget allocations following Single Status appeals and maintenance.	Recommend budget realignment adjustments to use underspends elsewhere in service to address pressures.
Early Years	0.312	0.374	0.062	0.000	This pressure is due to a shortfall of income from the former NOVUS grant due to some of the expenditure claimed for being deemed to be ineligible. This grant ceased in 2014/15 and is therefore only a one-off pressure.	
Other Services for Children variances (aggregate)	5.588	5.405	(0.183)	0.000	Various minor variances.	Continue to review but not expected to be recurrent.
Total Social Services	59.969	59.396	(0.573)	0.000		

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Community & Enterprise						
Customer & Housing Services	0.777	0.710	(0.067)	0.000	Additional in-year efficiency identified in respect of Homeless Accommodation (£0.094m). Expenditure in respect of SHARP procurement of £0.031m. Other minor efficiencies (£0.004m).	Continue to monitor and review.
Supporting People	0.095	0.109	0.014	0.000	Telecare income lower than anticipated by £0.061m. Community Centres efficiency of (£0.049m). Other minor variances of £0.002m.	Continue to monitor and review.
Regeneration	0.469	0.519	0.050	0.000	Estimated shortfall of £0.050m in markets due to continuing loss of income.	Continue to monitor and review.
Revenues & Benefits	10.655	10.394	(0.261)	0.000	Anticipated surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund currently stands at £0.061m higher than initially estimated. Projected underspend on the budgeted provision for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (£0.219m). Other minor variances of £0.019m.	Continue to monitor closely as these areas are highly volatile and projections are likely to change throughout the year.
Customer Services	0.710	0.665	(0.045)	0.000	Underspend on the Flintshire Connects service provision of (£0.048m). Other minor variances of £0.003m.	Continue to monitor and review.
Total Community & Enterprise	12.706	12.397	(0.309)	0.000		

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Streetscene & Transportation						
Waste Disposal & Waste Collection	6.652	7.052	0.400	0.000	<p>Reduced electricity sales from gas engines following equipment breakdown and fluctuating levels of gas extraction £0.150m.</p> <p>Further options are being considered and consultation undertaken in relation to the proposed closure of Hope recycling centre. In addition, changes to the later than expected introduction of new operating times at Connah's Quay and Flint sites will result in a total projected shortfall on the budgeted efficiency of £0.175m.</p> <p>Delayed implementation of delivery service for waste containers £0.050m and introduction of charge for second waste bin £0.025m.</p>	<p>Potential for investment to upgrade/install new extraction wells and new management arrangement in line with 15/16 efficiency proposals.</p> <p>Reported through Programme Board Efficiency Tracker - one off.</p> <p>Reported through Programme Board Efficiency Tracker - one off.</p>
Ancillary Services & Performance - other Variances	0.988	1.023	0.035	0.000	Minor Variances.	Reported through Programme Board Efficiency Tracker.
Transportation & Logistics - other Variances	12.813	12.838	0.025	0.000	Minor Variances.	Reported through Programme Board Efficiency Tracker.
Highways Strategy	0.904	1.264	0.360	0.000	<p>Speed Limit Review programme of works totalling £0.210m.</p> <p>Delay in the full externalisation of grass cutting service £0.050m.</p> <p>The implementation of the reduced cleansing standards is now anticipated to be 1st January 2016 which will result in an estimated shortfall in the efficiency of £0.100m.</p>	<p>Informal Cabinet (02/06/15) agreed to contribute £0.210m from the contingency reserve to fund these works.</p> <p>Reported through Programme Board Efficiency Tracker.</p> <p>Reported through Programme Board Efficiency Tracker.</p>
Highway Network - other Variances	6.413	6.401	(0.012)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
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Planning & Environment						
Pest Control Dog Warden	0.043	0.059	0.016	0.000	Potential Shortfall in the self financing position.	Monitor level of services provided and adjust income commitment as appropriate.
Licensing	(0.008)	0.014	0.022	0.000	Potential Shortfall in the self financing position.	Monitor level of services provided and adjust income commitment as appropriate.
Community - Aggregate of other Variances	0.668	0.660	(0.008)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Planning Control & Enforcement	(0.133)	0.005	0.138	0.000	Shortfall from Planning Application fees not increasing until October, 2015.	Planning Fee Income levels will be closely monitored.
Development - Aggregate of other Variances	0.133	0.125	(0.008)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Portfolio Aggregate of other Variances	4.629	4.639	0.010	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Total Planning & Environment	5.332	5.502	0.170	0.000		

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Education & Youth						
Primary & Early Years Education	0.869	0.881	0.012	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Secondary, 14-19 & Continuing Education	1.122	1.127	0.005	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Inclusion Services	8.667	8.657	(0.010)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Access (School Planning & Provision)	0.508	0.534	0.026	0.000	This relates to the increase in demand for Free School Meals.	Continue to review.
21st Century Schools	0.489	0.489	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Youth Services	1.457	1.455	(0.002)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Commissioning & Performance	0.234	0.234	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
School Management & Information Team	0.192	0.186	(0.006)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Total Education & Youth	13.538	13.563	0.025	0.000		
Schools						
Primary & Early Years Education	43.683	43.683	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Secondary, 14-19 & Continuing Education	35.605	35.605	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Inclusion Services	3.882	3.882	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Archive Services	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Total Schools	83.172	83.172	0.000	0.000		

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People & Resources						
HR&OD	2.243	2.316	0.073	0.000	A 2015/16 budget efficiency of £0.105m is being reported as not achievable. This is being partially offset by workforce underspends of (£0.032m).	The efficiencies are expected to be achieved in full next year. Workforce underspends are in-year only.
Corporate Finance	2.401	2.364	(0.037)	0.000	A 2015/16 budget efficiency is being reported as being partially achieved with a shortfall of £0.038m. This is being offset by temporary workforce underspends of (£0.75m).	The efficiencies are expected to be achieved in full next year. Workforce underspends are in-year only.
Total People & Resources	4.644	4.680	0.036	0.000		
Governance						
Legal Services	0.610	0.592	(0.018)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Underspend is not expected to be recurrent.
Democratic Services	1.911	2.021	0.110	0.000	The overspend is due to a delay in achieving an efficiency of £0.110m which was agreed within the 2014/15 budget.	The efficiency is expected to be achieved in full next year.
Internal Audit	0.425	0.422	(0.003)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Underspend is not expected to be recurrent.
Procurement	0.138	0.158	0.020	0.000	Minor Variances.	Overspend is not expected to be recurrent.
Business Support	0.744	0.739	(0.005)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Underspend is not expected to be recurrent.
Records Management	0.174	0.194	0.020	0.000	Minor Variances.	Overspend is not expected to be recurrent.
ICT	4.726	4.726	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Total Governance	8.728	8.852	0.124	0.000		

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Organisational Change						
Public Libraries & Arts, Culture & Events	1.769	1.765	(0.004)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Museums Service	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
County Archives	0.257	0.256	(0.001)	0.000	Minor Variances.	Continue to review.
Leisure Services	3.970	3.979	0.009	0.000	£0.070m Deeside Ice rink income pressure offset by premises & supplies cost savings of (£0.063m). Other minor variances of £0.002m.	Continue to review.
Community Assets	0.061	0.061	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Valuation & Estates	(0.839)	(0.910)	(0.071)	0.000	Income from Newtech square over budget. Potential to give up £0.045m as an in year efficiency. Other minor variances contribute to the overall underspend.	Continue to review.
Property Design & Consultancy	2.720	2.657	(0.063)	0.000	Service charges from Mold Town Hall has resulted in an additional £0.033m income. Other minor variances contributing to the underspend.	Continue to review.
Engineering Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	No Variance.	Continue to review.
Facilities Services	1.674	1.649	(0.025)	0.000	Anticipated additional income above budget from the increased numbers in school meals will result in a reduced subsidy from FCC.	Continue to review.
Total Organisational Change	9.676	9.521	(0.155)	0.000		

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Chief Executives						
Chief Executives	3.195	3.090	(0.105)	0.000	The underspend is due to workforce savings of (£0.056m) and also a reduction in Core Funding Agreements of (£0.026m). The balance of (£0.023m) is due to minor variances.	The employee savings of £0.56m are expected to be in-year only.
Total Chief Executives	3.195	3.090	(0.105)	0.000		
Central & Corporate Finance						
Central & Corporate Finance	22.727	22.494	(0.233)	0.000	HRA Financing - The settlement amount changed after the budget was set. Based on all original assumptions this equates to a reduction in efficiencies of approximately £0.600m. Balance of unused Non Standard Inflation from previous year (£0.240m). Pension Actuarial Review (£0.912m) due to lower than anticipated costs of additional contributions. Estimated Workforce Efficiency, £0.150m considered unachievable in year. One off / time limited, Unbudgeted costs of £0.185m in relation to former Euticals Ltd - Sandycroft site. Other minor efficiencies of (£0.016m).	Review of CLIA will identify overall position for possible mitigation. Review as part of Medium Term Finance Strategy, Corporate Financing Options. Consider realignment options. Currently looking at other options. Keep under review.
Total Central & Corporate Finance	22.727	22.494	(0.233)	0.000		
TOTAL	251.457	251.245	(0.212)	0.000		