

Budget Monitoring Report
Council Fund Variances

MONTH 6 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	0.063	Increases in demand for Residential Care £0.047m and Domiciliary Care £0.015m plus net other minor movements in variances of £0.001m.
Reablement Services	-0.041	Movement due to increases to employee budgets
Professional & Admin Support	-0.038	Movement due to increases to employee budgets
Resources & Regulated Services	0.056	Additional pay costs within home care, residential care and extra care
Minor Variances	-0.000	
Disability Services		
Minor Variances	0.001	
Mental Health Services		
Minor Variances	-0.062	A number of minor variances throughout the service, each less than £0.025m. The largest being Professional Support underspend of £0.023m and Substance misuse underspend of £0.015m.
Children's Services		
Minor Variances	-0.021	
Development & Resources		
Minor Variances	-0.058	A number of minor variances throughout the service, each less than £0.025m. The largest being an underspend on Charging Policy Income for £0.024m and an underspend on Vacancy Management £0.024m
Total Social Services (excl. Out of County)	-0.101	
Out of County		
Children's Services	0.149	The movement is due to the net impact of new and ended placements. There have been two additional placements and one ended placement.
Education & Youth	-0.027	Variance relates to changes to current placements, includes two new placements and two ended placements. Favourable movement overall.
Total Out of County	0.122	
Education & Youth		
Minor Variances	0.002	
Total Education & Youth	0.002	
Schools	-0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Transportation & Logistics	0.096	Community Travel pilot schemes of £0.047m commencing January, 2019. Increased transport provision to Social Services £0.025m and School Transport £0.024m
Other Minor Variances	-0.008	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.089	

Planning, Environment & Economy		
Business	-0.025	Movement due to increases to employee budgets
Development	-0.025	Higher than expected Planning Fee Income during September
Regeneration	0.039	Energy Efficiency framework moved to be accounted for in correct Portfolio £0.050m. Other minor variances £0.009m
Management & Strategy	0.026	Vacant post appointed to £0.015m. Minor variances £0.010m.
Minor Variances	-0.030	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.014	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	-0.000	Minor variances
Corporate Finance	-0.016	Minor variances
Total People & Resources	-0.017	
Governance		
Legal Services	0.011	Minor variances
Democratic Services	-0.006	Minor variances
Internal Audit	-0.003	Minor variances
Procurement	0.000	No variance
ICT	-0.002	Minor variances
Customer Services	-0.010	Minor variances
Revenues	-0.008	Reduced surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund £0.034m. Additional vacancy savings (£0.020m). Other minor variances (£0.022m).
Total Governance	-0.018	
Strategic Programmes		
Minor Variances	0.000	
Total Strategic Programmes	0.000	
Housing & Assets		
Administrative Buildings	0.101	Ecology issues creating delays to the demolition of County Hall resulting in a potential pressure of £0.101m.
Caretaking & Security	0.030	Additional costs relating to Caretaking expenditure £0.030m
Industrial Units	-0.123	Use of reserves to offset the shortfall in rent income from Industrial Units.
Disabled Facilities Grant	-0.046	Energy Efficiency framework moved to correct Portfolio
Minor Variances	-0.043	Cumulative totals of minor variances each less than £0.025m within the service. The largest being an underspend on CCTV & Open Spaces for £0.021m.
Total Housing & Assets	-0.080	
Chief Executive's	-0.005	Minor variances
Central and Corporate Finance	-0.060	Increased Windfall income of £0.066m for Non Domestic Rates of Empty Properties in Flintshire. Less than anticipated Car Parking income for the County Hall site, £0.015m. Minor variances £0.009m.
Grand Total	-0.081	

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Social Services						
Older People						
Localities	17.026	16.990	-0.036	-0.099	Residential and Nursing Care reflects a projected overspend of £0.417m due to increased numbers of funded placements following the increase in the capital limit to £40,000. Domiciliary Care reflects a projected underspend of £0.252m based on existing service users, however there are challenges due to capacity of external supply markets which are currently having to be met within Provider Services. Other underspends include a projected underspend of £0.036m on day care due to reduced demand, £0.040m on Intake/First Contact due to vacancy savings and £0.027m on Minor Adaptations. Locality Teams staffing reflects a projected underspend of £0.092m due mainly to some posts being filled at below the top of grade. Minor variances account for a £0.006m underspend.	
Community Equipment Contribution	0.478	0.334	-0.144	-0.144	Following review and implementation of an updated Section 33 partnership agreement for the North East Wales Community Equipment Store (NEWCES), the contribution levels of partners have reduced. In the longer term this saving has been earmarked for funding of some of the revenue costs for the new extra care facilities.	These savings have been earmarked for future realignment to meet some of the revenue costs funding requirement for the new Flint Extra Care facility - Llys Raddington.
Resources & Regulated Services	6.700	6.589	-0.111	-0.167	The main influence on the net projected underspend of £0.111m is extra care schemes where there is a projected underspend of £0.278m due mostly to the delay to the opening of the new Llys Raddington, Flint extra care facility. This is offset by a projected overspend of £0.133m on Home Care due to the need to cover capacity gaps in purchased Domiciliary Care. There are also other minor overspends amounting to a total of £0.034m in Residential Care and Day Centres.	Continue to monitor and review.
Minor Variances	0.850	0.809	-0.040	0.039		
Disability Services						
Resources & Regulated Services	23.280	23.164	-0.116	-0.114	The projected underspend of £0.116m is mainly due to demand influences within externally provided Supported Living	Continue to monitor and review
Disability Services	0.533	0.431	-0.102	-0.102	The projected underspend is mainly due to increased levels of contributions from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) for 2 service users.	Continue to monitor and review
Administrative Support	0.182	0.121	-0.061	-0.052	The projected underspend is due to short term vacancy savings and some staff not being at top of grade	Continue to monitor and review
Minor Variances	0.819	0.794	-0.025	-0.036		
Mental Health Services						
Residential Placements	1.184	1.523	0.339	0.343	Ongoing pressure due to the numbers of long term residential placements including four new placements, despite maximisation of opportunities to secure joint funding contributions from BCUHB	Continue to monitor and review and consider pressure item within 2019/20 budget process
Minor Variances	2.622	2.570	-0.052	0.006		
Children's Services						
Family Placement	2.564	2.790	0.226	0.227	The projected overspend is due to the number of children in care. There has been an increase in the number of children who are subject to Foster Care/Special Guardianship/Adoption who have moved through the age barriers. Other influences include new adoption and Special Guardianship Order (SGO) payments and new Foster Carers entering the system, foster carers progressing from Level 1, 2, 3 and 4. Travel costs and Christmas and birthday allowances.	Continue to monitor and review
Professional Support	4.960	5.078	0.118	0.135	The projected overspend is due mainly to ongoing service pressures particularly within Prevention and Support, and is influenced by the need to support wider regional work on child protection issues which has been partly mitigated by an allocation of £0.100m from the contingency reserve.	Continue to monitor and review
Minor Variances	1.702	1.724	0.023	0.026		
Development & Resources						
Charging Policy income	-2.469	-2.612	-0.143	-0.119	The projected underspend is due to surplus income which is mainly caused by changes to disregard rules on financial assessments which came into effect from August 2016	Continue to monitor and review.
Business Support Service	1.202	1.116	-0.085	-0.075	The projected underspend of £0.085m is due to a number of short term vacancy savings and some posts currently occupied by staff who are below top of grade	Continue to monitor and review
Good Health	0.905	0.845	-0.059	-0.055	The projected underspend is mainly due to funding of a post from a grant in the short term, plus some reductions of hours following staff returning from maternity leave	Continue to monitor and review.
Minor Variances	2.675	2.538	-0.137	-0.117		
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	65.211	64.806	-0.405	-0.305		
Out of County						
Children's Services	4.191	4.979	0.788	0.639	There is a projected overspend of £0.788m in Social Services Children's Services which is based on current clients and packages and which is likely to be subject to variation during the year	Continue close monitoring arrangements.
Education & Youth	3.083	3.879	0.796	0.823	Variance relates to Out of County placements. A substantial increase in the number of new educational placements for 2018/19.	Continue close monitoring arrangements.
Total Out of County	7.274	8.858	1.585	1.462		
Education & Youth						
School Improvement Systems	1.797	1.733	-0.065	-0.072	Variance largely relates to Early Entitlement, a reduction in maintained and non-maintained setting payments as a result of demography and a reduction of the number of settings requiring funding. Includes hourly reductions in established staff. Includes other minor variances from across service area.	
Minor Variances	6.400	6.376	-0.025	-0.020		
Total Education & Youth	8.198	8.109	-0.089	-0.091		
Schools	89.937	89.937	-0.000	0.000		
Streetscene & Transportation						
Ancillary Services & Performance	4.001	4.141	0.141	0.140	Delay in the development of the new Rockcliffe HRC site resulting in additional running costs of two existing sites continuing to operate until the 8th October commencement date, totalling £0.050m. Shortfall in Recycling Income due to falling plastic, card and paper recycling prices resulting from external market factors £0.185m. Additional income of £0.100m above the original projections following the rollout of brown bin charges. Minor variances £0.06m.	
Highways Network	8.516	8.915	0.400	0.412	Following increased car park charges from May 2018, together with charges in Flint being implemented for the first time, initial forecasts have indicated lower than anticipated income levels compared to original projections. In addition, officers have recently been appointed to meet the necessary demands of parking enforcement requirements across the County. The overall variance totals £0.260m. Additional urgent road patching repairs as a result of road condition surveys £0.075m. Minor variances of less than £0.025m but totalling £0.065m across the service.	
Transportation & Logistics	9.150	9.509	0.359	0.263	Additional pressure as a result of the provision of additional transport for pupils from John Summers to Connahs Quay, Buckley and Mold campuses £0.242m. Community Travel pilot schemes of £0.047m commencing January, 2019. Increased transport provision to Social Services £0.025m. Minor variances £0.045m.	

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Workforce	8.016	8.140	0.123	0.125	Increased Agency and Overtime costs as a consequence of current sickness levels (9%) of the workforce operatives	
Other Minor Variances	0.225	0.260	0.035	0.030		
Total Streetscene & Transportation	29.907	30.965	1.058	0.969		
Planning, Environment & Economy						
Development	0.060	-0.103	-0.163	-0.138	Higher than expected levels of Planning Fee Income received in the first half of the financial year. The projection is dependant on the number and value of the applications received, resulting in a changeable outturn to ensure an accurate reflection. An award of Legal Fees from a Planning Appeal in FCCs favour	Continue to monitor Planning Fee Income levels and adjust projection accordingly
Regeneration	0.495	0.554	0.059	0.020	Unachieved framework income for Energy Efficiency projects within 2017/18 £0.050m. Minor variances (£0.011m)	Continue to Monitor and Review.
Management & Strategy	1.197	1.311	0.113	0.087	Staffing related Business Planning Efficiencies yet to be achieved pending all Service Review outcomes within the Portfolio.	Vacancy savings across the Portfolio can assist in mitigating the unachieved efficiencies in the short term. Continue to monitor and review
Minor Variances	3.961	3.954	-0.007	0.048		
Total Planning & Environment	5.713	5.716	0.003	0.017		
People & Resources						
HR & OD	2.413	2.375	-0.038	-0.038	Minor variances	Service managers to continue to monitor and review
Corporate Finance	1.976	2.005	0.028	0.045	Minor variances	Service managers to continue to monitor and review
Holding Accounts	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
Total People & Resources	4.389	4.380	-0.009	0.007		
Governance						
Legal Services	0.706	0.744	0.037	0.026	Minor variances	
Democratic Services	2.022	2.029	0.007	0.013	Minor variances	
Internal Audit	0.454	0.428	-0.026	-0.023	Minor variances	
Procurement	0.320	0.331	0.010	0.010	Minor variances	
ICT	4.561	4.559	-0.002	0.000	Minor variances	
Customer Services	0.394	0.446	0.053	0.063	Additional registration services income estimated to be in the region of £0.024m. Prior year efficiency in respect of Contact Centres unlikely to be achieved in 2018/19 £0.100m. Other minor variances £0.024m underspend.	Monitor and Review.
Revenues	-0.209	-0.455	-0.247	-0.238	Anticipated surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund £0.145m. Additional Council Tax windfall following the conclusion of the Single Persons Discount Review £0.025m. Vacancy savings of £0.050m. Other minor variances £0.027m underspend.	
Total Governance	8.248	8.082	-0.167	-0.149		
Strategic Programmes						
Minor Variances	4.874	4.874	0.000	0.000		
Total Strategic Programmes	4.874	4.874	0.000	0.000		
Housing & Assets						
Administrative Buildings	1.179	1.332	0.153	0.052	Ecology issues creating delays to the demolition of County Hall £0.153m. Offset with savings from other areas	
CPM & Design Services	0.588	0.489	-0.099	-0.098	£0.85m additional income estimated. Underspend of £0.14m due to minor variances.	
Benefits	10.669	10.616	-0.053	-0.039	Projected underspend on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) of £0.059m. Vacancy savings of 0.026m. Additional cost of IT related expenditure such as software and external printing £0.035m. Other savings from across the service £0.003m underspend.	Continue to review and report on significant variances on a monthly basis.
Minor Variances	1.012	0.985	-0.027	0.139		
Total Housing & Assets	13.448	13.422	-0.026	0.053		
Chief Executive's	3.012	2.726	-0.286	-0.280	Due to vacancies resulting from workforce changes during the year	
Central and Corporate Finance	24.116	22.675	-1.441	-1.382	Increased Coroners Costs £0.040m. Increased Windfall Income £0.094m relating to Non Domestic Rates of Empty Properties. Pension Deficit recovery, an underspend of £1.029m, this is due to an increase in contributions, while the repayment figure has remained static. Apprentice Tax Levy, underspend of £0.065m. Auto Enrolment, numbers are less than estimated, which gives a favourable variance of £0.273m. Inflationary underspend of £0.254m of which £0.144m has been identified to contribute towards the 2019/20 budget. An underachievement on the income target of £0.200m. Shortfall from County Hall car park income £0.035m Miscellaneous £0.001m	Continue to review all variances alongside the continuing work on the MTFS.
Grand Total	264.328	264.550	0.222	0.303		

2018/19 Efficiencies Outturn - Under or Over Achieved

Portfolio	Original Efficiency	Revised Efficiency	(Under)/Over
	2018/19 £m	2018/19 £m	Achievement 2018/19 £m
Central & Corporate Finance			
Theatre C/wyd tax relief	0.075	0.075	0.000
County Hall (NDR Element)	0.060	0.060	0.000
Audit fee reduction	0.127	0.127	0.000
Total Central & Corporate Finance	0.262	0.262	0.000
Governance			
Records management; Reduce records in storage.	0.010	0.010	0.000
ICT - Digital Print	0.048	0.048	0.000
Customer Services; New customer service models	0.050	0.050	0.000
Flintshire Connects; More flexible service in conjunction with potential income	0.056	0.056	0.000
Registration; Chargeable declaration of births	0.012	0.012	0.000
Revenues; Increase in collection rates enables adjustment to bad debt provision (one off).	0.094	0.094	0.000
Revenues; Second year windfall for single person discount review (one off)	0.140	0.140	0.000
Single Person Discount additional efficiency	0.160	0.185	0.025
Total Governance	0.570	0.595	0.025
Social Services			
Disability Service; Review current contract with external agency to deliver	0.030	0.030	0.000
Disability Service; Reduction of posts.	0.110	0.110	0.000
Workforce Development; Additional Income from QCF assessors through	0.030	0.030	0.000
Business Support and Management; Rationalisation of rented	0.015	0.015	0.000
Increase in domiciliary care charging.	0.220	0.220	0.000
Integrated Care Fund	0.500	0.500	0.000
Care Fees	0.514	0.514	0.000
Merger of Out of Hours Service	0.020	0.020	0.000
Total Social Services	1.484	1.484	0.000
Education & Youth			
Early Entitlement; Reduce sustainability grant payments and remodel	0.020	0.020	0.000
Business Support; Staff reduction	0.010	0.010	0.000
Nursery Education; Staff reductions	0.040	0.040	0.000
Total Education & Youth	0.070	0.070	0.000
Schools			
Schools Demography	0.288	0.288	0.000
Total Schools	0.288	0.288	0.000
Strategic Programmes			
Leisure, Libraries and Heritage; Continuation of previous years' business plan	0.416	0.416	0.000
Total Strategic Programmes	0.416	0.416	0.000
Housing & Assets			
Valuation Service; Property rationalisation through closure and amalgamation of services into other more efficient assets.	0.050	0.050	0.000
Valuation Service; Increase farm income through renewal of grazing licences.	0.021	0.021	0.000
Valuation Service; Community Asset Transfer process, efficiencies through reduced costs.	0.010	0.010	0.000
Valuation Service; Restructure of service as part of move to a commissioning client.	0.020	0.020	0.000
Valuation Service; Remove caretaking/security services at County Offices, Flint.	0.015	0.015	0.000
Corporate Property Maintenance; Restructure of service as part of move to a commissioning client.	0.080	0.080	0.000
Design and Project Management Services; Restructure of service as part of move to a commissioning client.	0.040	0.040	0.000
NEWydd Catering and Cleaning Services; Continuation of previous Business and Marketing plans.	0.050	0.050	0.000
County Hall	0.240	0.140	(0.100)
New Homes; Return anticipated trading surplus to the Council.	0.030	0.030	0.000
Regional Training courses delivered by GT officer	0.003	0.003	0.000
Welfare Rights; Some activity to be absorbed into single financial assessment team.	0.032	0.032	0.000
Benefits; Adjustment to bad debt provision (one off).	0.050	0.050	0.000
Benefits; Council Tax Reduction Scheme.	0.250	0.250	0.000
Benefits; Remove duplication and provide a single financial assessment service.	0.050	0.050	0.000
Reduction of senior management team	0.050	0.050	0.000
Total Housing & Assets	0.991	0.891	(0.100)
Streetscene & Transportation			
Waste Strategy; Charges for garden waste	0.800	0.900	0.100
Car Park Charges	0.450	0.210	(0.240)
Total Streetscene & Transportation	1.250	1.110	(0.140)
Planning, Environment & Economy			
Development management; Production of planning statements and to undertake private appeals	0.015	0.015	0.000
Highways Development Control; Introduce further charges. Review current charges. Retain supervisory function of highway works in the Building Control; Review charges. Introduce charges. Increase partnership working. Increase authorised commencements inspections.	0.015	0.015	0.000
Built Environment; Charing for preapplication advice	0.030	0.030	0.000
Flooding and Drainage; Fees for capital project work.	0.010	0.010	0.000
Energy; Fees for energy efficiency assessment.	0.010	0.010	0.000
Minerals and Waste; Maximise regulatory compliance income. Review day rate charging.	0.050	0.050	0.000
Rights of Way; Increase charging and reduce expenditure.	0.020	0.020	0.000
Economic Development; Workforce efficiency if regional service developed.	0.020	0.020	0.000
Total Planning, Environment & Economy	0.180	0.180	0.000
		%	£
Total 2017/18 Budget Efficiencies		100	5.511
Total Projected 2017/18 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved		4	0.215
Total Projected 2017/18 Budget Efficiencies Achieved		96	5.296

Movements on Council Fund Unearmarked Reserves

	£m	£m
Total Reserves as at 1 April 2018	13.697	
Less - Base Level	(5.769)	
Total Reserves above base level available for delegation to Cabinet		7.928
Less – amount committed as part of balancing 2018/19 budget		(1.945)
Less – One off contribution to Schools agreed at Council on 1 March 2018		(0.460)
Less – Contribution to fund shortfall in MEAG funding (M2)		(0.058)
Add – transfer from revenue for amount recovered in-year due to change in accounting policy for the Minimum Revenue Provision		1.400
Add – transfer from revenue for the amount of the VAT rebate received		1.940
Less – allocation to meet additional in-year budget pressure for the agreed pay award above the 1% included in the 2018/19 budget		(0.999)
Less – allocation for ongoing resourcing of the Victim Contact Team		(0.100)
Less – allocation for Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse		(0.015)
Less – projected outturn overspend		(0.222)
Total Contingency Reserve as at 31st March 2019		7.469

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Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variance	Action Required
Housing Revenue Account						
Income	(34.381)	(34.159)	0.222	0.218	A pressure of £0.222m is anticipated on Income. £0.088m of this pressure relates to loss of rental income on properties being void longer than anticipated and £0.060m due to delays on handover/delays on new build schemes. £0.029m of the pressure relates to loss of income on garages which are not tenanted. £0.036m of the pressure relates to removal of the early payment discount on the Welsh Water contract. The remaining £0.009m relates to minor pressures.	
Capital Financing - Loan Charges	8.694	8.412	(0.282)	(0.282)	The projected underspend of £0.282m relates to expected borrowing costs for SHARP. £0.051m of the underspend relates to the Minimum Revenue Payment (loan repayment) which is lower than budgeted because borrowing levels weren't as high on the 31st March as expected. The remaining £0.231m relates to interest charges. Batch 3 schemes will now start on site later than anticipated and this means expenditure will be spread across financial years. In-year interest charges will therefore be lower than originally anticipated.	
Estate Management	1.617	1.556	(0.062)	(0.041)	The underspend of £0.062m relates to £0.074m on salary savings and £0.012m on minor movements.	
Landlord Service Costs	1.415	1.425	0.010	0.006	Minor Variance	
Repairs & Maintenance	8.159	8.140	(0.019)	0.019	Minor Variance	
Management & Support Services	2.297	2.235	(0.062)	(0.070)	A saving of £0.062m is anticipated on Management and Support costs. £0.087m relates to vacancy savings. The remaining £0.025m relates to minor pressures elsewhere.	
Capital Expenditure From Revenue (CERA)	12.170	12.294	0.124	0.081	The planned overspend of £0.124m relates to an increase in the contribution from revenue towards capital costs. This increase is possible because of decreased costs elsewhere in the HRA. Contributing towards the capital budget from revenue reduces the requirement to borrow.	
HRA Projects	0.047	0.050	0.003	0.002		
Contribution To / (From) Reserves	(0.018)	0.049	0.067	0.067	The projected HRA outturn is an underspend of £0.067m which has the impact of bringing the closing un-earmarked reserves balance to £1.165m.	
Total Housing Revenue Account	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.000)		