

Budget Monitoring Report
Council Fund Variances

MONTH 8 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	-0.035	Reduced numbers of Residential and Nursing Care placements due to bereavements for £0.084m, offset by additional domiciliary care packages £0.049m.
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.076	Additional grant income for Llys Raddington extra care.
Minor Variances	-0.008	
Disability Services		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.086	Increased contract costs on externally provided Supported Living £0.058m and HFC contract costs for Day Services and Work Opportunities additional pay award cost adjustment £0.040m less other minor movements £0.012m.
Minor Variances	-0.011	
Mental Health Services		
Residential Placements	-0.097	Additional one-off WG grant income £0.150m, offset by additional costs of new placements £0.053m.
Minor Variances	-0.018	
Children's Services		
Family Placement	-0.141	Additional one off Welsh Government (WG) grant income of £0.150m offset by other minor variances £0.009m.
Family Support	0.040	Additional one off costs of licence fee for Mockingbird project.
Minor Variances	-0.002	
Development & Resources		
Minor Variances	-0.024	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	-0.288	
Out of County		
Children's Services	-0.031	Net impact of one-off grant income of £0.311m less additional costs of £0.280 for 5 new placements.
Education & Youth	-0.044	Favourable movement in variance largely relating to several placements which either have ended or are due to end within the financial year.
Total Out of County	-0.075	
Education & Youth		
Inclusion & Progression	0.006	Minor movements in variance from across service area.
Integrated Youth Provision	-0.015	Minor movements in variance from across service area.
School Improvement Systems	-0.003	Minor movements in variance from across service area.
Archives	0.001	Minor movements in variance from across service area.
Total Education & Youth	-0.012	
Schools	0.000	

Streetscene & Transportation		
Transportation & Logistics	0.209	Extra School Buses are required due to schools being oversubscribed from September 2018 . There is an increase of 95 pupils qualifying for transport resulting in additional pressure of £0.150m. For Special Educational Needs there is an increase of 20 routes for pupils with complex needs requiring solo transport totalling £0.180m. This is offset by a contribution of £0.109m from the school transition budget within Education.
Other minor variances	0.011	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.220	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Access	0.015	Minor variances.
Management & Strategy	-0.020	Two vacant posts.
Minor Variances	-0.003	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.007	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	-0.002	Minor variances.
Corporate Finance	-0.012	Minor variances.
Total People & Resources	-0.014	
Governance		
Legal Services	0.000	Minor variances.
Democratic Services	0.000	Minor variances.
Internal Audit	0.000	Minor variances.
Procurement	0.000	Minor variances.
ICT	0.006	Minor variances.
Customer Services	0.003	Minor variances.
Revenues	-0.112	Increased surplus on Council Tax Collection Fund £0.069m. Vacancy savings of £0.029m. Minor variances £0.014m reduction.
Total Governance	-0.102	
Strategic Programmes		
Minor Variances	-0.001	
Total Strategic Programmes	-0.001	
Housing & Assets		
Benefits	-0.032	Additional underspend on CTRS £0.050m. IT and postage related expenditure increase of £0.061m. Additional New Burdens grant funding £0.069m. Other minor increases £0.026m.
Housing Solutions	0.014	Grant maximisation for staffing costs £0.041m. Senior management restructure efficiency shortfall £0.035m. Other minor increases £0.020m.
Minor Variances	-0.019	
Total Housing & Assets	-0.037	
Chief Executive's		
	-0.014	Minor variances.
Central and Corporate Finance		
	-0.020	Minor Variances £0.020m.
Grand Total	-0.351	

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Social Services						
Older People						
Localities	16.987	16.913	-0.074	-0.039	Residential and Nursing Care reflects a projected overspend of £0.326m due to increased numbers of funded placements following the increase in the capital limit to £40,000. Domiciliary Care reflects a projected underspend of £0.172m 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, £0.046m on Intake/First Contact due to vacancy savings and £0.023m on Minor Adaptations. Locality Teams staffing reflects a projected underspend of £0.109m due mainly to some posts being filled at below the top of grade. Minor variances account for a £0.014m underspend.	Continue to monitor and review.
Community Equipment Contribution	0.478	0.329	-0.150	-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.	Continue to monitor and review.
Resources & Regulated Services	6.700	6.496	-0.204	-0.128	The main influence on the net projected underspend of £0.204m is extra care schemes where there is a projected underspend of £0.415m due mostly to the delay to the opening of the new Llys Raddington, Flint extra care facility and additional grant income. This is offset by a projected overspend of £0.134m 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 £0.077m in Residential Care and Day Centres.	Continue to monitor and review.
Minor Variances	0.896	0.853	-0.043	-0.040		
Disability Services						
Resources & Regulated Services	23.185	23.310	0.125	0.039	The projected overspend of £0.125m is mainly due to demand influences within externally provided Supported Living	Continue to monitor and review.
Disability Services	0.533	0.445	-0.087	-0.067	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.
Minor Variances	0.985	0.931	-0.054	-0.064		
Mental Health Services						
Residential Placements	1.184	1.445	0.261	0.358	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. The overspend is offset by £0.150m additional WG grant income.	Continue to monitor and review
Minor Variances	2.622	2.572	-0.050	-0.032		

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Children's Services						
Family Placement	2.564	2.653	0.090	0.231	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. These costs are offset by £0.150m additional WG grant income.	Continue to monitor and review
Family Support	0.364	0.464	0.099	0.060	Staff costs are higher than budget and some of these costs are associated with the carrying out of statutory duties to support looked after children in external placements. We have many strategies to resolve this in the longer term but in the short term we need to fulfil our duties to oversee the care of our younger people.	Continue to monitor and review
Professional Support	5.023	5.100	0.077	0.094	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	1.329	1.351	0.022	0.007		
Development & Resources						
Charging Policy income	-2.469	-2.618	-0.149	-0.149	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. The additional budget which arises from this surplus is earmarked for future use in funding some of the revenue costs for the new Holywell extra care facility.	Continue to monitor and review.
Business Support Service	1.196	1.067	-0.129	-0.105	The projected underspend of £0.129m 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
Safeguarding Unit	0.925	0.863	-0.062	-0.062	The projected underspend of £0.062m is mainly due to staffing savings of £0.049m following a member of the team leaving under Early Voluntary Retirement (EVR) late in 2017/18. A further influence is a non recurring Welsh Government grant of £0.013m in respect of support for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding Assessments (DOLS).	Continue to monitor and review
Commissioning	0.631	0.579	-0.052	-0.057	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.
Vacancy Management	0.155	-0.041	-0.196	-0.175	Short term vacancy savings transferred from across portfolio.	
Minor Variances	2.099	1.981	0.078	0.062	A number of minor variances within Development & Resources each less than £0.050m.	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	65.234	64.734	-0.500	-0.212		

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Out of County						
Children's Services	4.191	5.174	0.983	1.014	There is a projected overspend of £1.294m 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. These costs are offset by £0.311m from additional WG grant income.	
Education & Youth	3.083	3.816	0.733	0.777	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	8.991	1.717	1.791		
Education & Youth						
Inclusion & Progression	3.824	3.776	-0.047	-0.054	Variance largely relates to delays in recruitment, includes other minor variances from across service area.	
Integrated Youth Provision	1.348	1.332	-0.016	-0.000	Minor variances from across service area.	
School Improvement Systems	1.777	1.698	-0.079	-0.075	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.	
Business Change & Support	0.414	0.408	-0.007	-0.007	Minor variances from across service area.	
Archives	0.290	0.290	0.001	0.000	Minor variances from across service area.	
Minor Variances	0.745	0.745	0.000	0.000		
Total Education & Youth	8.398	8.250	-0.148	-0.136		
Schools	89.776	89.776	0.000	0.000		

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Streetscene & Transportation						
Ancillary Services & Performance	4.085	4.234	0.150	0.142	<p>Delay in the development of the new Rockcliffe HRC site resulting in additional running costs of two existing sites continuing to operate until October, 2018 totalling £0.050m.</p> <p>Shortfall in Recycling Income due to falling plastic, card and paper recycling prices resulting from external market factors £0.185m.</p> <p>Additional income of £0.100m above the original projections following the rollout of brown bin charges.</p> <p>Minor Variances £0.015m.</p>	
Highways Network	8.120	8.546	0.426	0.426	<p>Additional in year cost of known Vehicle Insurance Premiums totalling £0.060m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additional urgent road patching repairs as a result of road condition surveys £0.75m.</p> <p>Minor variances of less than £0.025m but totalling £0.030m across the service.</p>	
Transportation & Logistics	9.267	9.838	0.571	0.362	<p>Additional pressure as a result of the provision of additional school transport for pupils to Connahs Quay, Buckley Elfed and Mold Campus £0.133m.</p> <p>Community Travel pilot schemes of £0.047m commencing January, 2019.</p> <p>Increased transport provision to Social Services £0.061m.</p> <p>Extra School Buses are required due to schools being oversubscribed from September 2018. There is an increase of 95 pupils qualifying for transport resulting in additional pressure of £0.150m.</p> <p>For Special Educational Needs there is an increase of 20 routes for pupils with complex needs requiring solo transport totalling £0.180m.</p>	The additional school transport costs and Special Educational Needs transport will be subject to further review by the Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) to assess all the additional demands and the impact of aligning as many of these costs to existing routes.
Workforce	8.542	8.661	0.119	0.119	Increased Agency and Overtime costs as a consequence of current sickness levels (9%) of the workforce operatives	
Other Minor Variances	0.230	0.253	0.023	0.021		
Total Streetscene & Transportation	30.243	31.532	1.290	1.070		

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Planning, Environment & Economy						
Business	1.550	1.518	-0.032	-0.029	Minor variances across the service.	
Community	0.940	0.956	0.016	0.022	Minor variances across the service.	Monitor Fee Income levels. Service currently under review.
Development	0.060	-0.090	-0.149	-0.154	Higher than expected levels of Planning Fee Income received in the first half of the financial. 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 projections accordingly.
Access	1.338	1.370	0.032	0.017	Minor variances across the service.	
Regeneration	0.445	0.507	0.062	0.061	Energy Efficiency framework moved to be accounted for in correct Portfolio £0.050m. Other minor variances £0.012m	Continue to monitor and review.
Management & Strategy	1.197	1.260	0.063	0.083	Staffing related Business Planning Efficiencies yet to be achieved pending all Service Review outcomes within the Portfolio. At period 8 this is further reduced by vacant post both in Planning Policy and Planning Support.	Vacancy savings across the Portfolio can assist in mitigating the unachieved efficiencies in the short term. Continue to monitor and review
Minor Variances	0.134	0.134	0.000	0.000		
Total Planning & Environment	5.663	5.655	-0.008	0.000		
People & Resources						
HR & OD	2.413	2.408	-0.005	-0.004	Minor variances.	Continue to monitor and review
Corporate Finance	1.970	1.961	-0.009	0.004	Minor variances.	Continue to monitor and review
Total People & Resources	4.383	4.368	-0.014	0.000		
Governance						
Legal Services	0.706	0.743	0.037	0.037	Minor variances.	Continue to monitor and review
Democratic Services	2.021	2.025	0.003	0.003	Minor variances.	Continue to monitor and review
Internal Audit	0.454	0.423	-0.031	-0.032	Minor variances.	Continue to monitor and review
Procurement	0.320	0.331	0.010	0.010	Minor variances.	Continue to monitor and review
ICT	4.561	4.505	-0.056	-0.063	Some employees are not at top of grade and some have opted out from the pension scheme. In addition there have been short term vacancies during the year.	Continue to monitor and review
Customer Services	0.394	0.430	0.037	0.033	Additional registration services income estimated to be in the region of £0.020m. In-year salary saving of Connects Manager post £0.024m. Prior year efficiency in respect of Contact Centres unlikely to be achieved in 2018/19 £0.100m. Other minor variances £0.019m underspend.	Monitor and Review.
Revenues	-0.209	-0.588	-0.379	-0.267	Anticipated surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund £0.215m. Additional Council Tax windfall following the conclusion of the Single Persons Discount Review £0.025m. Vacancy savings of £0.120m. Other minor variances £0.019m underspend.	Continue to review on a monthly basis and report on any significant variances or movements.
Total Governance	8.248	7.869	-0.380	-0.277		
Strategic Programmes						
Minor Variances	4.198	4.197	-0.001	0.000		
Total Strategic Programmes	4.198	4.197	-0.001	0.000		

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Housing & Assets						
Administrative Buildings	1.179	1.325	0.146	0.145	Ecology issues creating delays to the demolition of County Hall £0.145m. Offset with savings from other service areas.	
CPM & Design Services	0.611	0.520	-0.090	-0.093	£0.085m additional income estimated. Underspend of £0.005m due to minor variances.	
Benefits	10.669	10.592	-0.077	-0.044	Projected underspend on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) £0.095m. Vacancy savings of £0.045m. Additional cost of IT related expenditure such as software, external printing and postage £0.096m. Additional New Burdens Funding £0.069m. Other costs from across the service £0.036m.	Continue to review and report on significant variances on a monthly basis.
Housing Solutions	1.083	1.028	-0.055	-0.069	Homeless Accommodation underspend £0.060m. Salary savings as a result of grant maximisation £0.041m. Unachieved efficiency in respect of Senior Management restructure £0.035m. Other minor variances including vacancy savings and other temporary accommodation expenditure £0.011m.	Continue to review and report on significant variances on a monthly basis.
Housing Programmes	0.112	0.120	0.008	0.009	Minor variances.	Continue to review and report on significant variances on a monthly basis.
Disabled Facilities Grant	0.017	0.012	-0.005	-0.005	Minor variances.	Monitor and review.
Council Fund Housing	-0.340	-0.329	0.011	0.017	Minor variances.	Continue to review and report on significant variances on a monthly basis.
Minor Variances	0.745	0.840	-0.052	-0.030		
Total Housing & Assets	13.520	13.411	-0.108	-0.071		
Chief Executive's	2.990	2.663	-0.327	-0.314	Due to vacancies resulting from workforce changes during the year.	
Central and Corporate Finance	24.402	22.856	-1.546	-1.526	Increased Coroners Costs £0.042m. Increased Windfall Income £0.111m relating to Non Domestic Rate Revaluations. Pension Deficit recovery, an underspend of £1,042m, 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 £0.400m. Increased Bank charges £0.027m. 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 £0.237m. Minor variances £0.020m	Continue to review all variances alongside the continuing work on the MTFS.
Grand Total	264.328	264.303	-0.026	0.325		

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	0.345	0.095
Benefits; Remove duplication and provide a single financial assessment service.	0.050	0.050	0.000
Reduction of senior management team	0.050	0.015	(0.035)
Total Housing & Assets	0.991	0.951	(0.040)
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	0.000	(0.030)
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	0.150	(0.030)
		%	£
Total 2017/18 Budget Efficiencies		100	5.511
Total Projected 2017/18 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved		3	0.185
Total Projected 2017/18 Budget Efficiencies Achieved		97	5.326

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 – allocation to meet historic child abuse claims		(0.028)
Add – projected outturn underspend		0.026
Total Contingency Reserve as at 31st March 2019		7.689

Less – VAT rebate amount committed as part of balancing 2019/20 budget.		(1.900)
Total Contingency Reserve available for use		5.789

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Housing Revenue Account						
Income	(34.381)	(34.092)	0.289	0.276	A pressure of £0.289m is anticipated on income. £0.144m of this pressure relates to loss of rental income on properties being void longer than anticipated and £0.073m due to delays on handover/delays on new build schemes. £0.030m 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 £0.006m relates to minor pressures.	
Capital Financing - Loan Charges	8.694	7.602	(1.092)	(0.282)	The projected underspend of £1.092m 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 were as high on the 31st March as expected. The remaining £1.041m 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. In addition, borrowing costs have been minimised through efficient treasury management.	
Estate Management	1.617	1.485	(0.132)	(0.113)	The projected underspend of £0.132m relates to £0.140m salary savings and £0.008m on minor variances.	
Landlord Service Costs	1.415	1.426	0.011	0.013	Minor Variance	
Repairs & Maintenance	8.159	8.116	(0.044)	(0.019)	Minor Variance	
Management & Support Services	2.297	2.126	(0.170)	(0.118)	A saving of £0.170m is anticipated on Management and Support costs. £0.126m relates to vacancy savings. £0.058m relates to a reduction on insurance premiums for HRA. The remaining £0.014m relates to minor pressures elsewhere.	
Capital Expenditure From Revenue (CERA)	12.170	13.141	0.971	0.173	The variance of £0.971m 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	0.146	0.099	0.003	The variance of £0.099m relates to projected costs incurred relating to site investigation works as part of site viability for future SHARP developments.	
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		