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Budget Monitoring 2011/12 (Month 11 vs. Month 9)

Service	Revised Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Variance (£m)	Variance Period 9 (£m)	Cause of Variance	Action Required
Industrial Units	(1.616)	(1.497)	0.119	0.134	Shortfall of £0.219m from Industrial Estate Rental Income, due to the current economic climate reducing occupancy levels. Repairs & Maintenance and Electricity projected to exceed budget by £0.043m. Salary savings of £0.122m mitigate some of the above shortfalls.	Maximise occupancy levels throughout industrial units going forward.
Administration Buildings	1.187	1.201	0.014	0.041	Insurance Claim settlement for the Council Chamber repair and upgrade resulting in a betterment excess of £0.050m being incurred, the majority of which has been met from other service underspends.	
Corporate Property & Design	2.382	2.350	(0.032)	(0.005)	An income shortfall had previously been mitigated by vacancy savings. However, income is now projected to be higher than originally anticipated.	
Regulatory Services	0.268	0.249	(0.019)	(0.066)	Over recovery on Streetworks income. This now includes a request to carry forward £0.030m of the additional income for some essential resurfacing works to which Streetworks were directly involved with supervising.	
Car Parks	0.025	0.063	0.038	0.030	Car Park income is anticipated to be £0.045m short of target offset by a £0.007m reduction in planned maintenance works	Keep income levels closely monitored going forward and ensure the reduction in planned maintenance does not have a detrimental effect on car parks

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Transportation	1.586	1.451	(0.135)	(0.164)	Savings on Bus Operator payments for Bus Subsidies. This also includes a carry forward request for the Rural Development Programme commitment in 2012/13 and 2013/14 for	
Routine Maintenance	1.746	1.776	0.030	0.050	Increased tipping fees for gully emptying between August and March as a result of the loss of the DIP facility.	New arrangement for gully emptier/sweeper waste disposal needs identifying for 2012 - 13
Street Lighting	1.052	1.113	0.061	0.000	Additional cost of street lighting energy and inventory charges	To be met from various minor underspends on other works budgets within the Highways Maintenance service area. Final financial pressure allocation of £60k in 2012 - 13 will remove the overspend in subsequent years
Neighbourhood Services (Streetscene Service Structure)	1.305	1.502	0.197	0.192	Impact of not implementing the Streetscene service staff structure by 1st October 2011. This also includes the loss of income from the North Wales Trunk Road Agency Technical Investigations Unit that was transferred to Gwynedd Council.	Full year implementation of the new structure within the 2011/12 financial year will remediate the on going overspend and deliver the additional £250k saving in 2012 - 13

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Waste Disposal and Civic Amenity Sites	6.849	6.268	(0.581)	(0.433)	Diversion from landfill as a result of the introduction of the Managed Weekly Collections arrangement resulted in a significant diversion from landfill to recyclates. The savings reflect the reduction in landfill tax and tipping fees.	This underspend will be reduced by the increase in Landfill Tax in 2012 - 13 which will be accommodated within the budget without the need for additional budget pressures. The balance of the underspend will provide the final £245k MWC service saving required in 2012 - 13.
Managed Weekly Collections - Waste Collection, Recycling, Sustainable Waste Management Grant and Waste Collection - Trading Account	3.118	3.668	0.550	0.448	The full roll out of the Managed Weekly Collection service commenced from November, on a five day working pattern, rather than six, reflecting the outcome of the Streetscene ballot in September 2011. Additional vehicles were required to be hired and additional staff taken on to maintain the service provision requirements operating on a five day working pattern. Additional costs have also been incurred for R&M relating to relocating the recycling function from Flint to Buckley and as a result of full roll out, significant numbers of new containers for recycling were required, totalling in excess of £0.150m, due to the demand for these from householders.	The roll out of the full six day working pattern during the summer 2012 will allow the overspend to be remediated in future years. The one off payments for recycling containers will not be required in future years

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Winter Maintenance	0.999	0.999	0.000	0.000	The amount of salt used has been significantly lower than the two previous years, together with reductions in overtime and fuel costs. As a means of comparison, 4,000 tonnes of salt was used in 2011/12, compared with around 9,000 tonnes in 2010/11. This has resulted in an underspend of £0.245m in 11/12 which has been placed in a reserve to mitigate the effects of any adverse weather conditions in 12/13.	
Fleet Services	(0.011)	0.074	0.085	0.000	Above inflationary increases in materials not being reflected in income recharges made to clients.	Review charging arrangements to all service users
Planning Control	0.459	0.596	0.137	0.097	Costs awarded against the Council in relation to both the Public Inquiry for the proposed development on Ruthin Road, Mold and land at Broughton. Planning fee income has reduced against projections due to the ongoing economic climate and it is now anticipated to be slightly short of target.	Vacancy savings from other areas of Planning Services and additional land charges income can assist with mitigating a large proportion of this variance.
Planning	1.480	1.401	(0.079)	(0.086)	Vacancy savings ahead of service review implementation. Also assumes a request to carry over a further £0.075m of UDP/LDP allocation for use in 2012/13.	
Land Charges	(0.042)	(0.073)	(0.031)	(0.015)	Land Charges income (Search Fees) is anticipated to exceed target	

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Management Support & Performance	1.370	1.247	(0.123)	(0.055)	Further vacancy savings ahead of service review implementation, which were anticipated to be filled by financial year end. In addition, the annual fee totalling £0.033m for Ordnance Survey was not required to be paid in 2011/12 and beyond due to a change in funding	The base budget for Ordnance Survey commitment has been reduced from 2012/13 onwards.
Public Protection	3.446	3.157	(0.289)	(0.269)	Net vacancy savings ahead of service review implementation, together with in-year leavers from posts within the new service structure. These outturn figures also make provision for carry forward requests totalling £0.067m being approved for works at cemeteries and dog fouling commitments which were unable to be carried out in 2011/12.	
Other variances (aggregate)	7.400	7.378	(0.022)	0.022	A number of variances of no more than £0.023m individually.	
Total :	33.157	33.039	(0.118)	(0.117)		