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Service	Approved Budget	Projected Outturn	Annual Variance	Last Month Variance (£m)	Month 6-9 Moratorium (£m)	Month 10 Moratorium (£m)	In-year Moratorium (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
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Social Services									
Older People									
Localities	23.279	23.677	0.398	0.227	-0.111			Residential care costs for people over the age of 65 are projecting an overspend of £0.380m due to service demand. This amount is net of client income from property recharges and any expected reimbursements for deputyship and assets held in trust. Homecare is £0.220m overspent. Locality workforce and professional support budgets are underspent by £0.173m and day care is underspending by £0.024m. The minor adaptions budget is £0.005m underspent.	
Resources & Regulated Services	10.264	10.000	-0.265	-0.164			0.000	In-house residential care is expected to overspend by £0.051m due to staff and running costs. Homecare is predicted to underspend by £0.285m. The Extra Care budget is projecting an overspend of £0.078m due to staff costs and day care is underspent by £0.108m.	
Minor Variances	1.360	1.328	-0.032	-0.034			0.000		
Adults of Working Age							0.000		
Resources & Regulated Services	33.768	33.839	0.071	-0.022			0.000	The PDSI (physically disabled and sensory impaired) budget is reporting a £0.512m overspend due to net costs of care packages. The in-house supported living service is £0.188m overspent due to care hours and agency costs, a £0.390m contribution from reserves is currently offsetting further costs. The care package costs for independently provided care for learning disability services is £0.523m underspent. The learning disability service day and work provision is £0.106m underspent.	
Children to Adult Transition Services	1.001	0.754	-0.248	-0.224			0.000	This is the cost of care packages for young adults transferring from Childrens Services to Adult Social Care. Care packages are new this financial year and require estimating in the first instance, which can result in variances once care cost are confirmed.	
Professional and Administrative Support	0.468	0.358	-0.109	-0.097	-0.011		-0.011	This variance is due to in-year vacancies.	
Transition & Disability Services Team	0.818	0.718	-0.101	-0.062	-0.007	-0.039		Delays in recruiting to vacant posts has resulted in the underspend.	
Residential Placements	2.607	2.838	0.232	0.250			0.000	This is the overall cost of care packages for people with mental ill health. This can be a volatile service and additional needs can be identified throughout the year leading to increased costs.	
Professional Support	0.859	0.804	-0.055	-0.058	-0.100			The underspend is the result of in-year vacancies	
Substance Misuse	0.385	0.311	-0.073	-0.054				A few posts have been vacant at different times during the year which has led to the underspend.	
Minor Variances	1.617	1.581	-0.036	-0.042			0.000		
Children's Services							0.000		
Family Group Meetings	0.126	0.211	0.084	0.091	-0.005		-0.005	Service demand is resulting in increased of sessional worker usage	
Family Placement	3.175	3.043	-0.132	-0.090				The number of in-use foster carer numbers are below those which we have historically had.	
Integrated Working	0.210	0.260	0.050	0.060			0.000	Pressures are due to contributions towards the Integrated Family Support Service and a shortfall with Supported People Funding.	
Family Support	0.416	0.469	0.053	0.053	-0.020		-0.020	Demand is high for this service which has resulted in additional sessional worker usage	

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	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)		
Legal & Third Party	0.262	0.705	0.443	0.340			0.000	Legal costs are overspent by £0.216m due to the number of cases	
,								going through the courts and some use of external professionals.	
								Client support and Section 17 costs are overspent by £0.226m and	
								Direct Payments are overspent by £0.001m.	
Residential Placements	1.669	1.345	-0.324	-0.339			0.000	The in-house residential care provision is in receipt of a significant Welsh Government grant which is offsetting in year costs	
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Professional Support	6.148	6.920	0.772	0.833	-0.020	-0.021	-0.041	To support adequate levels of child protection, the established	
								staffing structure needs to be at a sufficient level to meet	
								mandatory safeguarding standards. Vacancies are minimised	
								where possible and additional temporary posts are sometimes	
								required to be able to meet the challenges and demands of Childrens Services. Two managed agency teams are currently	
								contracted to support the service, reserves are being used to	
								mitigate these costs as much as possible but there is a projected	
								overspend of £0.774m as a result, these costs may increase if	
								required to extend these contracts further. The Leaving Care	
								budget, which supports young people who are Looked After	
								Children, is overspending by £0.039m due to increasing numbers	
								of care leavers which do include unaccompanied asylum seeking	
								children. The costs for some external service contracts are	
								£0.084m overspent due to inflationary pressures. Costs for Direct	
								Payments to provide support to children with disabilities are	
								£0.097m overspent caused by service demand. Smaller variances	
								across the service are £0.222m underspent.	
Minor Variances	0.340	0.354	0.013	0.014			0.000		
Safeguarding & Commissioning							0.000		
Business Systems & Financial Assessments	0.988	1.078	0.089	0.092	-0.032		-0.032	A new social services IT system is being implemented which	
								requires additional project management and development costs.	
Charging Policy income	-3.385	-3.543	-0.158	-0.153			0.000	this is the income from service users who are charged a	
								contribution towards the care they receive.	
Business Support Service	1.319	1.264	-0.055	-0.047			0.000	The underspend is due to cumulative savings from when posts	
Minor Variances	1.612	1.620	0.009	0.022	-0.007		-0.007	were vacant throughout the year	
Total Social Services	89.305	89.931	0.626	0.598	-0.313	-0.060	-0.373		
Out of County Placements Children's Services	12.281	13.742	1.460	1.480			0.000	The service is facing continu pressures with 48 new placements	
Children 9 Services	12.201	13.742	1.400	1.460			0.000	made in the year to date and no longer any remaining contingency	
								provision for the final quarter of the year.	
Education & Youth	5.004	5.134	0.130	0.123			0.000	The service is facing continued high demand for placements	
								together with supply market challenges and inflationary pressures	
								with 25 new placements made in the year to date and a remaining	
								contingency provision of £0.100m for the final two months of the	
								year.	
Total Out of County Placements	17.285	18.876	1.591	1.603	0.000	0.000	0.000		
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Education & Youth (Non-Schools)									

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Inclusion & Progression	(£m) 5.577	(£m) 5.441	(£m) -0.137	-0.142	-0.110			In year savings identified within the Additional learning Needs and Travellers service. Previously committed expenditure of £0.050m to offset the Primary School Additional Learning Needs Band C overspend, has now been funded from the Local Authority Education Grant - ALN Learner Provision funding. A further £0.060m was identified with the Traveller/EAL service from the 2022-23 budget c/f of £0.095m. The £0.095m committed for Trauma training has not been fully met due to only one course being run this year. The service made the decision not to run further courses and to give up as a saving instead.	
Integrated Youth Provision	0.959	0.857	-0.101	-0.098	-0.030		-0.030	Savings from staff vacancies	
School Improvement Systems	1.866	1.683	-0.183	-0.175				In year savings have been identified within the School Improvement service from the Digital Advisor post. This role was not appointed to until September 2023. Other savings in the service relate to unexpected grant income from several grants, including Adult Community Learning - to offset manager time. Other additional grants such as Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply, used to offset manager time until the appointment of the Project Manager, £0.003m from the Citizens Curriculum grant and £0.004m from secondment work to Estyn. The saving within the Early Entitlement service has come from a reduction in the payments to settings due to demography. The top-up subsidy continuing and other Welsh Government grants, allowing core budget to be released within the service.	
Minor Variances	1.925	1.982	0.057	0.030			0.000		
Total Education & Youth (Non-Schools)	10.327	9.963	-0.364	-0.385	-0.140	0.000	-0.140		
	111010	444.000		2.212					
Schools	114.043	114.306	0.264	0.248					
Streetscene & Transportation									
Service Delivery Highways Network	10.843 8.594	9.904	1.311	1.333	-0.077		0.000	Service Delivery have implemented tight controls to the allocation of PPE, materials and receptacles through the in-house stores. Changes to the security provision in the Alltami Depot, Greenfield transfer station and HRC sites have generated savings as per MTFS 2023/24, following a review of the service needs. Cleaning costs have also been reviewed and reduced. The service is subject to increasing inflationary pressures and demand for temporary repairs on the road network, largely due to a lack of funding and investment in the highway network and fluctuating costs of tar and traffic management for repairs. Any overall overspend, is partly offset by performance of the in-house construction team delivering work such as the 20mph scheme rather than contracting the work externally. The renewal of the fleet contract through contract extension from October 2023 has realised an in-year contract overspend of £0.658m (£0.532m being attributable to the centralised fleet	Fleet Budget pressure being recommended within the 2024/25 MTFS
								budget). The remaining variance of £0.170m is related to increases in costs for both road fuel and streetlighting energy.	budget considerations
Transportation	11.350	11.107	-0.243	-0.208	-0.190	-0.035	-0.225	Vacancies within Transport Strategy and moratorium on recruitment are contributing to the overall underspend.	

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	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	` ,	, ,	` ′	, ,		
Regulatory Services	11.440	11.533	0.093	0.104	-0.120		-0.120	The overspend variance is due to sustained high volumes of	
								residual black waste being collected, together with the reduction in	
								income levels for both recyclable materials and a reducing return	
								on electricity generation from gas and solar at the former landfill sites.	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	42.227	43.538	1.311	1.454	-0.387	-0.035	-0.422	Sites.	
Planning, Environment & Economy									
Development	0.138	-0.206	-0.343	-0.327	-0.021		0.021	Receipt of a one off high value Planning Fee (£0.300m for	
·								Northern Gateway)	
Access	1.618	1.713	0.095	0.081	-0.047		-0.047	Projected cost of Ash Die Back works projected to March, 2024	
								mitigated by savings from vacant posts and maximisation of grant income.	
Climate Change	0.183	0.113	-0.070	-0.070	-0.007		-0.007	Staff savings from vacant posts	
Regeneration	0.813	0.700	-0.114	-0.136	-0.020		-0.020	Staff savings from vacant posts, Wales Rally GB budget saving, and maximising grant income	
Management & Strategy	1.409	1.169	-0.240	-0.248	-0.046		-0.046	Staff savings from vacant posts	
Minor Variances	3.396	3.370	-0.026	-0.047	-0.082		-0.082		
Total Planning, Environment & Economy	7.557	6.859	-0.699	-0.747	-0.223	0.000	-0.223		
People & Resources									
HR & OD	2.419	2.401	-0.019	-0.077	-0.046		-0.046	Staff savings from vacant posts. Inclusion of £0.058m carry forward requests at Month 10.	
Corporate Finance	2.252	2.150	-0.103	-0.101	-0.097		-0.097	Staff savings from vacant posts, reduction in projected feasibility studies expenditure	
Total People & Resources	4.672	4.550	-0.122	-0.179	-0.143	0.000	-0.143	oracio orportana	
Governance									
Legal Services	0.992	1.185	0.193	0.202				Additional costs for locum services covering vacant posts	
Internal Audit	1.051	0.982	-0.069	-0.074	-0.043		-0.043	Staff savings from vacant posts, deferred expenditure on	
								Agency/consultancy resulting from moratorium , revised projection	
	2.000		0.010	0.040				for postage costs	
Procurement	0.320	0.271	-0.049	-0.049	-0.027		-0.027	Revised projection for FCCs contribution to Denbighshire County Council for the procurement service	
Revenues	0.655	0.411	-0.244	-0.243			0.000	Projected surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund	
Minor Variances	8.925	8.902	-0.024	-0.239	-0.212		-0.212		
Total Governance	11.943	11.751	-0.192	-0.403	-0.282	0.000	-0.282		
Assets									
CPM & Design Services	0.713	0.522	-0.191	-0.191			0.000	Due to increased fee income	
Industrial Units	-1.502	-1.561	-0.059	-0.059			0.000	Additional rent income	
Minor Variances	0.789	1.039	0.251	0.250	-0.020	-0.029	-0.049		
Total Assets	11.096	10.679	-0.418	-0.370	-0.020	-0.029	-0.049		
Housing and Communities									
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	(Cm)	(£m)	(Cm)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)		
Housing Solutions	(£m) 2.334	(£m) 4.978	(£m) 2.643	2.687			0.000	The Housing Solutions service is currently reflecting a net	
Housing Solutions	2.334	4.970	2.043	2.007			0.000	projected overspend of £2.643m. This is mainly due to a projected	
								overspend of £3.550m on temporary accommodation within Hotels	
								and Bed and Breakfast provision, which is being offset by	
								additional Housing Benefit income of (£0.446m). There are also	
								other projected underspends and mitigation impacts within the	
								wider Housing Solutions service amounting to a net figure of	
								£0.461m, including additional internal allocation of HSG to fund	
								salary costs, use of reserves, minor salary savings due to	
								vacancies and use of WG grant income. The service are actively	
								implementing a number of mitigation measures, some of which	
								may have operational impacts on other parts of the wider Housing service, which will be incorporated within an action plan to reduce	
								the current level of projected overspend within the Homelessness	
								service.	
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Minor Variances	13.656	13.609	-0.047	-0.004	-0.030	-0.042	-0.072		
Total Housing and Communities	15.990	18.587	2.597	2.683	-0.030	-0.042	-0.072		
Chief Executive's	1.672	1.640	-0.032	-0.016	-0.010		-0.010		
0 1 10 0 1 5	22.222	22.22		4.005			0.000	The initial and in the Outer Land and Land and America	
Central & Corporate Finance	26.003	23.887	-2.115	-1.985			0.000	The initial projection on the Central Loans and Investment Account (CLIA) was reported as an underspend of (£1.550m) due to the	
								Council having not taken out any new short or long term borrowing	
								and continuing to invest a significant amount of funds. This pattern	
								has continued from the previous financial year resulting in no short	
								term borrowing costs being incurred and the Council generating	
								increased income from investments, which have increased in line	
								with bank interest rates. The favourable variances improved	
								further following the receipt of an NDR Windfall (£0.048m) at	
								Month 6. Further reviews on the CLIA during October (£0.100m),	
								November (£0.250m), December (£0.100m) and January	
								(£0.125m) have positively increased the variance further up to the	
								(£2.125m).	
Grand Total	352.121	354.566	2.445	2.502	-1.548	-0.166	-1.714		