

## Budget Monitoring Report - Month 10

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<b>Social Services</b>									
<b>Older People</b>									
Localities	23.279	23.677	0.398	0.227	-0.111		-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 adaptations 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		
<b>Adults of Working Age</b>							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	-0.046	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		-0.100	The underspend is the result of in-year vacancies.	
Substance Misuse	0.385	0.311	-0.073	-0.054			0.000	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		
<b>Children's Services</b>							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			0.000	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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Inclusion & Progression	5.577	5.441	-0.137	-0.142	-0.110		-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			0.000	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		
<b>Total Education &amp; Youth (Non-Schools)</b>	<b>10.327</b>	<b>9.963</b>	<b>-0.364</b>	<b>-0.385</b>	<b>-0.140</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.140</b>		
<b>Schools</b>	<b>114.043</b>	<b>114.306</b>	<b>0.264</b>	<b>0.248</b>					
<b>Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>									
Service Delivery	10.843	10.993	0.151	0.225	-0.077		-0.077	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.	
Highways Network	8.594	9.904	1.311	1.333			0.000	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 budget). The remaining variance of £0.170m is related to increases in costs for both road fuel and streetlighting energy.	Fleet Budget pressure being recommended within the 2024/25 MTFS 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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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.	
<b>Total Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>42.227</b>	<b>43.538</b>	<b>1.311</b>	<b>1.454</b>	<b>-0.387</b>	<b>-0.035</b>	<b>-0.422</b>		
<b>Planning, Environment &amp; Economy</b>									
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		
<b>Total Planning, Environment &amp; Economy</b>	<b>7.557</b>	<b>6.859</b>	<b>-0.699</b>	<b>-0.747</b>	<b>-0.223</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.223</b>		
<b>People &amp; Resources</b>									
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	
<b>Total People &amp; Resources</b>	<b>4.672</b>	<b>4.550</b>	<b>-0.122</b>	<b>-0.179</b>	<b>-0.143</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.143</b>		
<b>Governance</b>									
Legal Services	0.992	1.185	0.193	0.202			0.000	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 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		
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>11.943</b>	<b>11.751</b>	<b>-0.192</b>	<b>-0.403</b>	<b>-0.282</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.282</b>		
<b>Assets</b>									
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		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>11.096</b>	<b>10.679</b>	<b>-0.418</b>	<b>-0.370</b>	<b>-0.020</b>	<b>-0.029</b>	<b>-0.049</b>		
<b>Housing and Communities</b>									

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Housing Solutions	2.334	4.978	2.643	2.687			0.000	The Housing Solutions service is currently reflecting a net 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.	
Minor Variances	13.656	13.609	-0.047	-0.004	-0.030	-0.042	-0.072		
<b>Total Housing and Communities</b>	<b>15.990</b>	<b>18.587</b>	<b>2.597</b>	<b>2.683</b>	<b>-0.030</b>	<b>-0.042</b>	<b>-0.072</b>		
<b>Chief Executive's</b>	<b>1.672</b>	<b>1.640</b>	<b>-0.032</b>	<b>-0.016</b>	<b>-0.010</b>		<b>-0.010</b>		
<b>Central &amp; Corporate Finance</b>	<b>26.003</b>	<b>23.887</b>	<b>-2.115</b>	<b>-1.985</b>			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).	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>352.121</b>	<b>354.566</b>	<b>2.445</b>	<b>2.502</b>	<b>-1.548</b>	<b>-0.166</b>	<b>-1.714</b>		