

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	0.562	Demands on older peoples services are leading to increased costs. This includes pressures from ensuring safe hospital discharges and this pressure will likely increase during winter. The residential care service has increased by £0.305m and the domiciliary service increased by £0.248m.
Minor Variances	0.035	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.063	This is due to the net increase to PDSI and Learning Disabilities care packages
Children to Adult Transition Services	0.036	This is from increase to care packages for young people transferring from Childrens Services to Adult Social Care.
Residential Placements	-0.085	This is from a reduction in care package costs for people with mental ill health.
Minor Variances	-0.010	
Children's Services		
Residential Placements	0.152	A new cohort of Flintshire employed care workers has been recruited. Agency costs have not decreased as much as hoped as some cover delivered through care agencies is still currently required.
Professional Support	0.232	New social worker agency requirements in the First Contact and Permanency teams are costing an additional £0.100m. Seven additional unaccompanied asylum seeking children have reached, or very soon will reach, the age of 18. There will be an additional cost of £0.160m due to this. Some minor cost reductions have netted against these costs.
Minor Variances	-0.008	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Business Systems & Financial Assessments	-0.027	Some software costs have transferred to the Performance and Information team.
Charging Policy income	-0.050	This is an increase to the anticipated income recieved through contributions to care.
Safeguarding Unit	-0.034	This is due to additional grant income.
Performance and Information	0.029	This is due to software costs transferred across from the Business Systems and Financial Assessments team.
Minor Variances	0.012	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.908	
Out of County		
Children's Services	-0.031	Various new and ending placements, rate adjustments and other adjustments to projected expenditure based on actual data has caused a £0.031m favourable movement in comparison to Month 5.
Education & Youth	0.077	A number of new Education Day placements have been added to the caseload, causing a £0.077m adverse movement in comparison to Month 5.
Total Out of County	0.047	
Education & Youth		
Minor Variances	0.012	
Total Education & Youth	0.012	
Schools	0.016	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Transportation	0.054	Additional request in School Transport and Social Services Transport.
Regulatory Services	-0.227	Improved tendering process and vacancy savings.
Other Minor Variances	0.002	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	-0.171	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Minor Variances	0.004	
Total Planning & Environment	0.004	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	0.011	
Corporate Finance	-0.010	
Total People & Resources	0.001	

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Governance		
Procurement	0.026	Movement relates to a potential extra £25k for recruitment. This is likely to increase further but wont know until September
Minor Variances	-0.021	
Total Governance	0.006	
Assets		
Minor Variances	0.011	
Total Assets	0.011	
Housing and Community		
Housing Solutions	-0.117	A positive movement of (£0.117m) as a result of a reduction in the number of placements in Temporary Housing Accommodation in September
Total Housing and Community	-0.117	
Chief Executive's	0.000	
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.870	At Month 6 a further review of the CLIA account results in a further £0.100m favourable movement. The 2024 Pay Award has now been agreed at a level that has resulted in a favourable movement of £0.765m compared to what was originally budgeted for.
Grand Total	-0.153	