

Budget Monitoring Report
Council Fund Variances

MONTH 11 - SUMMARY

| Service | Movement between Periods (£m) | Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m |
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| Social Services | | |
| Older People | | |
| Localities | -0.056 | Most of this movement has occurred in the residential care budget, where there has been a reduction in payments as well as additional property income. |
| Community Transformation Fund | 0.045 | Movement due to projected costs of the Community Transformation Fund activities exceeding the amount able to be claimed from the grant funding |
| Resources & Regulated Services | -0.093 | There have been some Council funded costs transferred to an Integrated Care Fund (ICF) project, which is externally funded by Welsh Government. |
| Impact of Covid-19 | 0.006 | |
| Minor Variances | 0.005 | |
| Adults of Working Age | | |
| Resources & Regulated Services | -0.026 | The variance is due to changes to care package costs within Disability Services. |
| Minor Variances | -0.010 | |
| Children's Services | | |
| Flintshire Independent Co-Ordinator | -0.041 | Changes to eligibility criteria within the Flying Start grant by Welsh Government has meant some Council funded expenditure has been able to be transferred to the grant. |
| Professional Support | -0.124 | This movement is due to the transfer of Council funded costs, mostly staff costs to grant funded services. Welsh Government recently amended the eligibility criteria for costs funded from these grants. |
| Minor Variances | -0.050 | |
| Safeguarding & Commissioning | | |
| Management & Support | 0.079 | A carry forward request has been submitted for training costs. The training is to pay for an increased number of staff to undertake Social Worker qualifications over the next three years. |
| Impact of Covid-19 | -0.020 | |
| Minor Variances | -0.016 | |
| Total Social Services (excl Out of County) | -0.301 | |
| Out of County | | |
| Children's Services | 0.082 | Net impact of placement changes and new/ended placements |
| Education & Youth | 0.087 | Reduction in recoupment income from other LAs and new placements |
| Total Out of County | 0.169 | |
| Education & Youth | | |
| Inclusion & Progression | 0.059 | Due to the service underspend in previous months, a carry forward request has been submitted to support the service in 2021-22. Not all pressures were agreed, therefore the carry forward will support the service in 2021-22. |
| School Improvement Systems | -0.084 | Savings arising from the challenge of the non-essential spend. Early Entitlement savings due to demography and reduced number of settings requiring funding. WG recently announced top up funding to support payments to non maintained settings. |
| Minor Variances | 0.011 | |
| Total Education & Youth | -0.014 | |
| Schools | -0.000 | |

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| Streetscene & Transportation | | |
| Service Delivery | 0.088 | Additional pressures in winter maintenance and traffic management |
| Highways Network | 0.369 | This variance is as a result of a carry forward request being required in relation to a match funding contribution required on electric recycling vehicles following grant funding being confirmed by WG on 15th March 2021. The Council has ordered the vehicles and they are due to be delivered in September 2021 and this contribution will meet the terms and conditions of the grant funding. |
| Transportation | -0.187 | Further Impact of 75% payable to School Transport providers due to school closures to the end of March totalling £0.085m and reflects the projected 25% saving. Social services transport has reduced by a further £0.020m. Also £0.037m grant received and various minor underspends across the area. |
| Regulatory Services | -0.183 | Increased Income of £0.100m for Car parking losses from the WG Income Loss Fund. Additional sweeper costs £0.020m, haulage cost increases £0.050m. There has been a favourable movement due to receiving a £0.160m grant which can be offset against existing service spend, which is partly offset £0.010m in reduced materials income. |
| Impact of Covid-19 | -0.092 | Updated position on the proposed Hardship claims due from Welsh Government, including Car Park income, private contractors and additional fleet costs. |
| Other Minor Variances | -0.000 | |
| Total Streetscene & Transportation | -0.005 | |
| Planning, Environment & Economy | | |
| Development | -0.236 | Welsh Government Hardship Funding Fee Income Loss for Planning, Building Control, Land Charges for Quarters 1 to 4. |
| Management & Strategy | -0.023 | Minor movements across the service |
| Impact of Covid-19 | | |
| Minor Variances | 0.005 | |
| Total Planning & Environment | -0.255 | |
| People & Resources | | |
| HR & OD | 0.013 | Minor movements across the service |
| Corporate Finance | 0.013 | |
| Total People & Resources | 0.026 | |
| Governance | | |
| Customer Services | -0.080 | Receipt of WG Hardship Fund Income Loss Grant for Registrars Quarters 1 to 4. |
| Revenues | -0.298 | Receipt of WG Hardship Fund Income Loss Grant for Court Fees and Enforcement Fines Quarters 1 to 4. |
| Minor Variances | -0.016 | |
| Total Governance | -0.394 | |
| Strategic Programmes | | |
| Leisure | -0.080 | Reduced Utility costs and reduced usage have contributed to the -£0.080m positive variance |
| Total Strategic Programmes | -0.080 | |

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| Housing & Assets | | |
| CPM & Design Services | 0.070 | The adverse movement is due to the net impact of slippage on approved maintenance programmes due to COVID-19 which is being requested to be carried forward for use in 2021/22, less a shortfall of fee income from the Design Services section. |
| Centralised Costs | -0.068 | £0.067m movement resulting from reduced electric and water usage. |
| Housing Solutions | -0.096 | Removal of provision for Bed and Breakfast accommodation for homeless persons |
| Council Fund Housing | 0.035 | Increase in costs for Carelink service contract |
| Impact of Covid-19 | 0.021 | |
| Minor Variances | -0.093 | |
| Total Housing & Assets | -0.060 | |
| Chief Executive's | 0.004 | |
| Impact of Covid-19 | -0.000 | |
| Central & Corporate Finance | -0.078 | Favourable movement actuals for support service recharges £0.015m higher than projected; Revised projection for Pension Recharges Added years and one off income benefit of Matrix Agency rebates . |
| Impact of Covid-19 | 0.000 | |
| Grand Total | -0.988 | |