

**Budget Monitoring Report**  
**Council Fund Variances**

**MONTH 5 - SUMMARY**

Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
<b>Social Services</b>							
<b>Older People</b>							
Localities	19.316	19.178	-0.138		-0.032	The net cost of residential care is reporting an overspend of £0.032m. This includes the cost of residential care placements net of the incomerecieved for this service, such as property charges and contributions from health. Day care is £0.023m under budget and will not resume until safe to do so, this is currentlyassumed to beat the beggining of January 2022. Domiciliary and Direct Payments are reporting a combined underspend of £0.032m, demand is increasing and current costs are being supported using the Covid recovery fund. The locality staff budget is underspent by £0.071m due to temporary vacancies and not all staff are currently paid to of grade. The Minor Adaptations budget is £0.041m underspent due to curent demand.	
Resources & Regulated Services	8.627	8.296	-0.330		-0.177	The Councils in-house care provision is projected to underspend by £0.330m. Day care is underspent by £0.015m, day centres are closed and will only reopen once it is safe to do so. The day centre staff are being deployed to residential care to asssist in delivering the service, however the staff costs are still recorded against the day care budget. Homecare is £0.016m underspent, demand is increasing and this increase in demand is being financialy supported from the Covid Social Care Recovery Fund. Residential care is expected to underspend by £0.237m although there is an assumption that ICF slippage and Winter Pressure funding will occur this year and contributions from these are included within the financial projections. Extra care is underspent by £0.062m due to the level of demand.	

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Minor Variances	1.235	1.223	-0.011		-0.022		
<b>Adults of Working Age</b>							
Resources & Regulated Services	26.875	26.979	0.104		0.020	The overspend is the cost of social care for people with learning disabilities or physical disabilities. These costs include nursing and residential care, domiciliary care and Direct payments which are required to meet their care needs.	
Professional and Administrative Support	0.339	0.277	-0.062		-0.060	Not all staff are currently paid at top of grade and there are also some staff who have been seconded from this service.	
Residential Placements	1.791	2.143	0.353		0.404	The overspend is the cost of social care for people within the Mental Health service. These costs include Direct Payments, supported living and domiciliary care as well as residential and nursing placements.	
Minor Variances	4.038	3.961	-0.077		-0.073		
<b>Children's Services</b>							
Family Placement	2.700	2.829	0.129		0.153	The overspend is due to service demand from the number of foster placements. In some instances these avoid having to make expensive Out of County placements. The main pressures are payments to foster carers and special guardianship payments.	
Grants	0.268	0.209	-0.059		-0.055	There is an assumption that the Welsh Government will allow for a flexible approach in the use of grants as occurred in 2020/21 which would result in some costs within this service to be grant funded.	
Legal & Third Party	0.210	0.559	0.349		0.371	Legal costs are overspent due to the number of cases going through the courts and use of some external legal professionals. Direct Payments have also increased in demand.	

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Residential Placements	0.599	0.495	-0.104		-0.150	This is an in-year overspend associated with the opening of a registered Childrens Home within Flintshire, in-year grant funding from the Young People and Childrens Services Transformation Fund is being used to offset start up costs.	
Professional Support	5.387	5.713	0.325		0.576	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 therefore minimised and additional temporary posts are sometimes necessary.	
Minor Variances	0.793	0.806	0.013		0.113		
<b>Safeguarding &amp; Commissioning</b>							
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	-0.300	-0.300	-0.300	-0.300	Welsh Government is providing financial assistance through the hardship funding for the Councils in-house residential, supported living, homecare and extra care services. Most additional costs incurred due to Covid are staff costs which are reported within their respective service areas.	
Minor Variances	-1.552	-1.543	0.009		0.023		
<b>Total Social Services (excl Out of County)</b>	<b>70.627</b>	<b>70.825</b>	<b>0.197</b>	<b>-0.300</b>	<b>0.788</b>		
<b>Out of County</b>							

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Children's Services	8.417	9.112	0.695		0.921	The pressure reflects the current cohort of placements which includes 18 new placements made in the year to date. The pressure is also still influenced by full year impacts in 2021/22 of significant numbers of new placements made in the second half of 2020/21. The total pressure has been partly mitigated by an allocation of £0.500m has been made from the Councils total allocation of one-off support funding provided by Welsh Government through the Social Care Recovery Fund.	
Education & Youth	4.504	4.488	-0.015		-0.024		
<b>Total Out of County</b>	<b>12.921</b>	<b>13.601</b>	<b>0.680</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.897</b>		
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>							
Inclusion & Progression	4.462	4.391	-0.071		-0.072	In year efficiencies have been identified in the MEAG service of £40k and the Ed Psychs service £20k. The MEAG service received more in grant funding for 21-22 which has been used to recruit temporary posts, resulting in core budget being underspent. The Education Psychologist service have recruited 3 Asst EPs. The in year saving has arisen due to posts not being a full year cost. In addition, there are minor variances across all of the Inclusion service.	
Integrated Youth Provision	1.018	0.960	-0.059		-0.058	Savings on Building Cleaning costs in Youth Centres due to the ongoing closures during the COVID-19 pandemic,	

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School Improvement Systems	1.823	1.669	-0.155		-0.155	The underspend in Early Entitlement includes the maximisation of the EYPDG by badging already existing staff against the grant - £18,500. An efficiency of £100k has been identified in relation to WG top-up funding for non-maintained settings, releasing core budget of £95k and setting resources mitigated by using EYPDG/RRRS £5k. A £50k contingency has been left within the budget to cover any increased Spring Term 22 costs.	
Minor Variances	1.726	1.682	-0.044		-0.053		
<b>Total Education &amp; Youth</b>	<b>9.030</b>	<b>8.701</b>	<b>-0.328</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.337</b>		
<b>Schools</b>	<b>101.937</b>	<b>101.937</b>	<b>0.000</b>		<b>-0.000</b>		
<b>Streetscene &amp; Transportation</b>							
Service Delivery	8.696	8.709	0.013		-0.042	The service has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.050m for security costs following vandalism at the Household Recycling Centres. Plant hire and repairs incurring additional costs of £0.050m, which is attributable to aging plant and equipment. Street lighting is also incurring a £0.120m revenue pressure on the Community Council Income Budget. However, this has largely been offset by workforce agency costs, which have been recovered through Covid hardship funding claims.	
Highways Network	7.847	7.949	0.101		0.064	Highways service area incurred overspend in excess of £0.050m in staff costs relating to flooding and drainage costs. There are also cumulative minor variances totalling £0.037m across the service, including some additional staff recharges.	



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<b>Planning, Environment &amp; Economy</b>							
Community	0.883	0.977	0.093		0.095	Overspend is as a result of fee income shortfalls in both Licensing and Pest Control.	
Management & Strategy	1.311	1.200	-0.111		-0.123	Vacant posts across the Service	
Minor Variances	3.966	3.942	-0.024		-0.027		
<b>Total Planning &amp; Environment</b>	<b>6.160</b>	<b>6.119</b>	<b>-0.041</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.055</b>		
<b>People &amp; Resources</b>							
HR & OD	2.465	2.339	-0.126		-0.009	Favourable variance is due to the projected income from the agreed recharge for overheads claimed for the Track and Trace Project for hosting the service on behalf of the region to March, 2022.	
Corporate Finance	2.166	2.076	-0.090		-0.084	Staff Savings due to vacant posts	
<b>Total People &amp; Resources</b>	<b>4.631</b>	<b>4.415</b>	<b>-0.216</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.093</b>		
<b>Governance</b>							
Democratic Services	2.125	2.027	-0.098	0.002	-0.092	The underspend in the main follows the reduced take up of Members Allowances and savings from travelling expenses due to remote meetings, together with commitment challenge across the service	
Customer Services	0.998	0.934	-0.063		-0.063	Favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated fee income levels resulting from the resumption of Ceremonies following the relaxation of the majority of COVID restrictions.	
Revenues	0.475	0.198	-0.277		-0.275	Favourable variance as a result of the potential projected surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund £(0.193m), Welsh Government Lockdown Grant Admin grant and minor variances across the service	
Minor Variances	6.599	6.496	-0.103	0.020	-0.107		
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>10.196</b>	<b>9.655</b>	<b>-0.541</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>-0.538</b>		

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<b>Strategic Programmes</b>							
Minor Variances	4.648	4.642	-0.006		0.010		
<b>Total Strategic Programmes</b>	<b>4.648</b>	<b>4.642</b>	<b>-0.006</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.010</b>		
<b>Housing &amp; Assets</b>							
Property Asset And Development	0.435	0.380	-0.055		-0.041	Staffing savings due to vacant posts	
Caretaking & Security	0.262	0.205	-0.057		-0.063	Staffing savings due to vacant posts	
Industrial Units	-1.237	-1.467	-0.230		-0.230	Income from new lease at powwer generation site	
Centralised Costs	2.783	2.657	-0.125		0.000	£(0.125)m underspend on Gas and Electric due to continued reduced consumption.	
Benefits	12.850	12.932	0.082		0.099	Pressures due to provision for bad debts on recovery of overpayments partly offset by income from WG Hardship Fund in respect of additional staffing costs	
Minor Variances	2.079	2.177	0.098		0.065		
<b>Total Housing &amp; Assets</b>	<b>17.172</b>	<b>16.886</b>	<b>-0.287</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.170</b>		
<b>Chief Executive's</b>	<b>2.377</b>	<b>2.290</b>	<b>-0.087</b>		<b>-0.130</b>	Vacant Posts	
<b>Central &amp; Corporate Finance</b>	<b>26.292</b>	<b>26.100</b>	<b>-0.192</b>		<b>-0.188</b>	Over recovery of planned pension contributions recoupment against actuarial projections based on the level of contributions received during the year. Projected outturn on Matrix rebates, and inflation pressures anticipated but not required to date.	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>297.457</b>	<b>297.275</b>	<b>-0.182</b>	<b>0.042</b>	<b>0.739</b>		