

Budget Monitoring Report
Council Fund Variances

MONTH 8 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.109	Welsh Government have allocated an additional £0.116m to Community Transformation Grant funding which is being used to support quicker discharges from hospital by utilising beds within one of the Councils residential care homes.
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	
Minor Variances	0.003	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.110	There is a care package required for a new service user, in addition the amounts expected from Direct Payment recoupments have reduced.
Minor Variances	-0.020	
Children's Services		
Family Placement	-0.077	There were some overpayments made earlier in the year which are now being recouped.
Legal & Third Party	0.040	Increased legal costs as a result of court activity
Professional Support	0.060	Recruitment challenges to senior Social Worker posts have led to some agency costs having to increase. An additional Childrens Support Assistant has been appointed.
Minor Variances	-0.008	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Finance /Deputyship	-0.031	The budget has been transferred from Charging Policy (£0.016m) and Business Support Service (£0.008m) to fund an urgently required post due to increased workloads.
Minor Variances	0.034	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.001	
Out of County		
Children's Services	0.098	Rate changes due to additional support requirements and a number of placement end date changes
Education & Youth	0.028	Net impact of new placements less additional recoupment income
Total Out of County	0.126	
Education & Youth		
Minor Variances	-0.004	
Total Education & Youth	-0.004	
Schools	-0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Service Delivery	0.026	Increase in seasonal overtime and agency costs
Highways Network	0.173	Impact of Storm Arwen and associated clean up at the end of November
Other Minor Variances	-0.015	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.184	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Development	-0.175	Favourable movement in Month 8 following receipt of a large planning application fee
Regeneration	-0.039	Minor movements across the Service, commitment challenge and higher than anticipated fee income levels in Markets
Minor Variances	0.008	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.206	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	-0.014	
Corporate Finance	-0.005	
Total People & Resources	-0.019	
Governance		
Revenues	-0.038	Minor increase to the anticipated potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.010m); higher than anticipated fee income in Bailiffs (£0.028m)
Minor Variances	0.002	
Total Governance	-0.036	
Strategic Programmes		
Minor Variances	-0.004	
Total Strategic Programmes	-0.004	
Housing & Assets		
Benefits	0.028	Additional staffing costs not eligible for WG Hardship funding support
Housing Solutions	-0.062	Funding of Bed and Breakfast costs via the WG COVID-19 Hardship Fund
Impact of Covid-19	0.001	
Minor Variances	0.005	
Total Housing & Assets	-0.028	
Chief Executive's	-0.013	
Impact of Covid-19	-0.000	
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.032	Favourable movement due to an increase in 'one off' matrix rebates
Centralised Costs	-0.030	Further reduction in consumption levels
Impact of Covid-19	-0.000	
Grand Total	-0.061	