

POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY - 5TH OCTOBER 2015

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - 2015/16

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Table 1

Forecasted for year to 31 March 2016

Service	Working Budget				Actual				Variance For Year £'000
	Controllable Expenditure £'000	Controllable Income £'000	Net Non Controllable £'000	Total Net £'000	Controllable Expenditure £'000	Controllable Income £'000	Net Non Controllable £'000	Total Net £'000	
Chief Executive	18,110	-6,190	-1,320	10,600	19,319	-6,780	-1,320	11,219	619
Education & Childrens Services	176,930	-38,514	21,011	159,427	178,509	-39,491	21,011	160,029	602
Corporate Services	88,120	-55,724	-9,482	22,914	87,668	-55,324	-9,482	22,862	-52
Communities	125,130	-46,147	11,873	90,856	125,393	-45,731	11,873	91,535	679
Environment Services	110,778	-73,541	8,361	45,598	98,825	-61,236	8,361	45,950	352
Departmental Expenditure	519,068	-220,116	30,443	329,395	509,714	-208,562	30,443	331,595	2,200
Capital Charges/Asset Man. Acc.				-3,535				-4,035	-500
Pension Reserve Adjustment				-5,085				-5,085	0
Accumulated Leave									0
Levies and Contributions:									
Brecon Beacon National Parks				147				147	0
Fire Authority				9,067				9,067	0
Net Expenditure				329,989				331,689	1,700
Outcome Agreement Grant				-570				-570	0
Contribution from Balances				-138				-138	0
Transfer from Balances/Earmarked Reserves				-1,060				-1,060	0
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves									
- Chief Executive				0				-82	-82
- Education & Children's Services				0				-602	-602
- Corporate Services				0				26	26
- Communities				0				0	0
- Environment				0				-352	-352
Net Budget				328,221				328,911	690

Main Variance Summary

The following are items contributing to the variances identified for each department in the summary above:

	Variance £000
<u>Chief Executives Department</u>	
Corporate Savings Target - Standby £400k, Health & Safety £100k and Printing Rationalisation £37k (efficiencies not yet delivered)	537
People Management & Performance - Corporate Serv - Translation - Staff levels over and above the budgeted structure to meet demand for the service	40
People Management & Performance - Fitness For Work - Income target will not be achieved	53
Economic Development - Business Support Unit - Efficiency saving was identified for 14/15 in relation to premises costs at Nant Y Ci, with the intention of selling the property. This sale is currently on hold so savings have not been released at this point.	34
Economic Development Management - Vacant post	-32
Economic Development - Business Services Salaries -Member of staff on maternity leave, with no planned maternity cover	-20
Other	7
Chief Executive - Net Variance	619
<u>Education & Childrens Services</u>	
Director & Management Team - Utilisation of grant income which ends March 2016	-65
Education Services - School Expenditure not currently delegated - WJEC reviewed and reduced fees for 2015-16	-31
Education Services - School Redundancy & EVR - Additional cost of School related EVR and redundancies	631
Education Services - Governor Support & Admissions - Expenditure relating to the updating of school plans less than estimated	-19
Education Services - Early Years Non-Maintained Provision - Reduction in demand for 10 hours free education for 3 year olds in non maintained settings	-98
Education Services - Special Educational Needs - Vacant posts and utilisation of grant. The underspend is being managed in conjunction with the current pressures within Home Tuition below	-290
Education Services - EOTAS (Education Other Than At School) & Behaviour Services - Projected overspend in the cost of the EOTAS, specifically the home tuition service	252
Education Services - Rhydygors Day Centre - Vacant posts within the day centre are being considered within the review of provision	-35
Education Services - Educational Psychology - Additional staffing costs due to increased service demand - recharges are being reviewed to reduce this pressure	43
Learner Programmes - Youth Service - Additional staffing costs £37k, URDD £15k, Evolve Licence £5k, transport & travel £14k, and contribution towards communications team £4k	75
Learner Programmes - Adult & Community Learning - Forecast overspend due to maintaining & subsidising four Community Centres which are only used in part for the ACL classes £10k and the cost of course tuition exceeding the franchise income by £166k	176
Children's Services - Commissioning and Social Work - In year vacancies across the Social Care Teams	-266
Children's Services - Fostering Services & Support - Savings anticipated on Boarded out payments -£95k, partially offset by salary overspend on fostering services £20k and transport of children by taxis to maintain stability whenever possible £13k	-62
Children's Services - Out of County Placements (CS) - Savings anticipated on Out of County placements based on current levels, with a contingency for a further case that is being progressed	-132
Children's Services - Residential & Respite Units - Forecast overspend in staffing at Garreglwyd £66k, Blaenau £22k & Llys Caradog £10k. In addition, the planned additional contribution from the LHB is unlikely to be achieved in 2015-16 £250k	348
Children's Services - Direct Payments - Increasing number of direct payments processed. This should result in savings across other service areas	19
Children's Services - Preventative incl Section 17 Payments - Underspend based on current level of payments	-17
Children's Services - FACT and Family Aide Services - Additional staffing costs for court duties	24
Children's Services - Out of Hours Service - Increasing number of referrals being handled by the out of hours service for Children Services & Communities Department	64
Children's Services - Children's Services Management and Support Service (incl Care First) - Part year vacant posts in Policy -£41k, staff travelling & other minor efficiencies in management team -£18k partially offset by an increase in SLA costs for Carefirst £22k however there is a potential for additional contribution from Adult Services	-37
Children's Services - Legal Fees - Overspend on legal fees based on current level of cases	33
Other	-11
Education and Children's Services - Net Variance	602

Corporate Services	
Livestock Markets - Non Achievement of income target for Llandeilo Mart	16
Miscellaneous Services - Reduction in subscriptions	-49
Other	-19
Corporate Services - Net Variance	-52
Social Care, Health, Housing & Leisure	
Older People - LA Homes - Early closure of Glanmarlais -£200k (probable efficiency savings slippage of £230k will be met from contract renegotiation savings)	-200
Older People - Private/Vol Homes - Additional packages £91k (potential additional cost due to annual contract negotiation with private providers)	91
Older People - Direct Payments - Additional packages	94
Older People - Day Services - Efficiency saving slippage from 2014. Proposal paper to CMT to reduce spend with significant reshape of service	458
Physical Disabilities - Private/Vol Homes - Reduction in Packages	-91
Physical Disabilities - Group Homes/Supported Living - Additional packages, partly offset by additional income	-30
Physical Disabilities - Community Support - Reduction in Packages	-28
Physical Disabilities - Direct Payments - Reduction in Packages	-36
Learning Disabilities - Private/Vol Homes - Slower than anticipated reduction in placements required to meet efficiency savings, work underway to address	204
Learning Disabilities - Direct Payments - Additional packages	216
Learning Disabilities - Group Homes/Supported Living - Additional funding from Health (joint funding) and ILF grant	-249
Learning Disabilities - Adult Respite Care - Staff Vacancies	-35
Learning Disabilities - Transition Service - Staff Vacancies	-36
Learning Disabilities - Community Support - Additional Packages	162
Learning Disabilities/Mental Health - Ssmss - Staff vacancies	-79
Mental Health - Commissioning - Additional staffing costs regarding out of hours service	20
Mental Health - Private/Vol Homes - Additional packages resulting in an over commitment on a very volatile budget	193
Mental Health - Direct Payments - Additional Placements	16
Mental Health - Community Support - Additional care contracts	38
Mental Health - Substance Misuse Team - Underspend on salaries	-33
Public Protection - Civil Law - Savings due to Graduate trainee salary costs being covered Corporately	-17
Public Protection - Safety - Underachievement of fee income anticipated for 15/16	17
Home Improvement (Non HRA) - Vacant posts offset by small overspends in other Home Improvement services	-22
Leisure - Millenium Coastal Park - Part year vacancies in Service	-22
Leisure - Carmarthen Leisure Centre - Part year vacancies in Service	-22
Leisure - Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowling Club - Delay in asset transfer	16
Leisure - Amman Valley Leisure Centre - Projected shortfall in income to budget	17
Country Parks General - Part year vacancies in Service	-60
Pembrey Country Park - Projected shortfall in income to budget	51
Entertainment Centres General - Part year vacancies in Service	-26
Leisure - Llanelli Leisure Centre - Mainly due to income shortfall as a result of cafe refurbishment	38
Other	34
Social Care, Health, Housing and Leisure - Net Variance	679
Environment Services	
Policy & Development - Emergency Planning - Severance efficiency savings not delivered £36k and overspend on out of hours service £11k	47
Street Scene - Public Conveniences - PC's - Full savings woill not be not realised until after phased 3 year programme	44
Street Scene - Waste Services - On going review of waste strategy has produced savings	-35
Transport - Civil Design - Under recovery of income due to vacant Technician post, a review of income is underway	50
Bus Stations/Community Transport/Concessionary Fares Grant - Service adjustments undertaken to manage budget pressures	-32
Car Parks - No commitment for efficiency target of £109k in respect of a 20p increase in parking charges and the introduction of evening parking charges which is yet to be implemented pending political endorsement.	117
Nant y Ci Park & Ride - Major development funding ceased in 12/13 - the modified service is currently being trialled with the LHB to generate additional revenue to cover the shortfall	42

School Crossing Patrols - posts are being advertised but unable to fill the vacancies	-70
Property Services - Building Maintenance - Unachievable income target not met due to reduction in Carmarthenshire Homes Standard works	393
Property Services - Grounds Maintenance Service - Effect of ongoing efficiency savings within the grounds maintenance service	-187
Planning Admin Account - Underspend anticipated through maintaining vacant posts and planned general reduced spending on administration to offset the reduction in fees generated by the division	-63
Planning - Minerals - Underspend mainly due to proposed charging out of 2 members of staff to externally funded projects as a 'direct cost'	-47
Planning - Policy - Development Planning - Underspend mainly due to maintaining vacant posts to partly meet the reduction in planning application fee income	-58
Planning - Development Management - Overspend mainly due to projected non-achievement of planning fee income	153
Other	-2
Environment Services - Net Variance	352

<u>Capital Charges</u>	
Reduced borrowing (interest savings)	-500