

**Bwrdd Gweithredol
30 Gorfennaf 2018**

ADRODDIAD MONITRO CYLLIDEB REFENIW Y CYNGOR

Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:

Sicrhau bod y bwrdd yn derbyn yr adroddiad Monitro Cyllideb.

Y Rhesymau:

I ddatgan i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol sefyllfa y gyllideb ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn 2017/18.

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YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:-

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD
30TH July 2018

Council's Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

The year end financial position for the financial year 2017/2018 is attached.

COUNCIL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT(Appendix A)

The final outturn figures indicate an underspend for the year at departmental level of £306k however, after taking account of the underspend on capital charges and the movement in Earmarked and Departmental reserves the net position for the Authority is a £480k underspend. This compares favourably with the budgeted position of a £200k drawdown, therefore the net variance for the year is £680k.

Chief Executive's Department

The Chief Executive Department is underspent by £151k for the year.

The Regeneration, Policy and Property Division is £82k underspent. This consists of a £165k underspend on staff vacancies, an £88k underspend on election services following a £39k grant from the electoral commission, and less than anticipated expenditure on the county council elections. This is offset by an overspend on Marketing and Media due to unfunded posts of £114k (this will be addressed as part of the Unit's realignment which will be completed in 18/19), a £41k overspend due to premises maintenance costs at the Guildhall in Carmarthen, along with an overspend of £27k on premises costs at the Beacon due to insufficient budget.

The Admin & Law division is showing a £217k underspend as a result of £121k of vacant posts, a £13k saving on franking machine costs following a rationalisation of the function and a £77k saving in democratic costs due to the low uptake of Members superannuation and a reduction in printing costs.

The People Management & Performance Division is underspent by £186k as a result of a £113k saving on vacant posts during the year along with a £39k underspend on DBS checks and a £30k reduction in supplies and services expenditure.

The ICT division is £206k underspent due to vacant posts of £61k and £145k saving on equipment and service contracts following a rationalisation exercise.

The above is off-set against a £580k overspend as the proposed efficiency savings on Standby (£295k) and Health & Safety training (£285k) have yet to be fully achieved. Work is ongoing with the TIC team in relation to delivering the H&S efficiency. There is a £40k underspend due to a vacant post in the Chief Executives division.

Department for Communities

The Department for Communities is reporting an underspend of £53k for the year.

Services supporting Older People / Physical Disabilities are reporting an underspend of £818; -£411k on Residential Care which has benefitted from additional residents income and Welsh Government grant, -£939k on Domiciliary Care as significant departmental work is undertaken to monitor and manage demand along with WG grant, offset by overspend of £212k on Day Services due to an unmet efficiency proposal in previous years which is being addressed with the TIC team, £143k on Direct payments and the Careline service is showing an overspend of £138k due to a reduction in the number of connections provided to other local authorities.

Learning Disabilities / Mental Health is projecting £567k overspend; £656k on packages of care including residential care, supported living, direct payments, and day services, £150k on a shortfall of Workchoice grant income, £35k relating to catering day opportunities underachieving sales income and £91k relating to Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DoLS)

Staffing vacancies and miscellaneous underspends across all social care areas are -£287k; mainly in Care Management Teams.

Leisure Services are reporting an overspend of £156k due in the main to issues in the Outdoor Recreation sub division including Health & Safety works at both Llyn Llech Owain and Pembrey Country Parks, whilst a shortfall of income across the sub division accounts for the balance.

Housing & Public Protection Services are reporting a variance of 4k.

Corporate Services Department

The Corporate Services Department is reporting a £317k underspend for the year. There is a net underspend on staff vacancies of £446k and a £30k underspend on staff training, however this is offset by costs of £171k in relation to sales of assets and the development of the Hub in Ammanford.

Department for Education and Children

The Department for Education and Children ended the year with a net overspend of £164k.

The main adverse budget variations relate to: new school based EVR and redundancy costs £488k; increased number of care proceedings entering the Legal system £187k; shortfall in the Music Service SLA income from schools £169k; reduced uptake, loss of sales due to adverse weather and greater than anticipated inflationary food costs of School Meals £148k; additional Out of County Care placements £142k; increased staffing costs at Garreglwyd Residential Unit £130k and additional statementing costs within small schools £123k.

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: staff vacancies and secondments -£733k, utilisation of grant income to support core spend -£327k and reduced numbers in early years non maintained provision -£107k

Environment Department

The department is overspent by £50k for the year.

The Highways and Transport division is reporting a £185k overspend. The main reason for the divisional outturn is a £450k overspend in Parking Services as a result of the non-achievement of income targets due to various reasons. Highways Maintenance is overspent by £159k due to increased winter maintenance and School crossing patrols are overspent by £19k due to additional demands on the service. This is offset by underspends in Passenger transport of £24k due to tender efficiencies, £39k additional income in Civil Design and a £39k underspend in Public rights of way due to vacant posts. Transport Strategic Planning is underspent by £31k as a result of core staff being charged to grant schemes and Highways Lighting are underspent by £28k due to an increase in charges to SWTRA. School Transport are also underspent by £288k due to service efficiencies.

Waste and Environmental Services division are £95k overspent for the year. This is due to an £86k overspend on grounds maintenance as full provision was made for approved asset transfers, along with a £34k overspend on green waste collection as the service is not yet fully self-funding. These are offset by a £30k saving at Nantycaws landfill site following a reduction in licence premiums due to the success of the new treatment plant.

The Property Division is underspent by £204k for the year. There was a reduction of £120k in the Carbon Reduction tax tariff, £123k underspend on property maintenance following a reduction in demand for responsive repairs, £38k underspend in building cleaning due to a change in cleaning procedures, £41k underspend on admin buildings as a result of past investment in energy reducing schemes and £30k additional income in Industrial Premises due to high occupancy. There is also a £83k underspend in Strategic Asset Management due to vacant posts during the year. This is offset by a £211k under recovery of surplus target from Building Maintenance internal recharges. This will be adjusted in fee arrangements for 2018-19.

The Business Support & Performance division is underspent by £88k due to staff vacancies and additional training income.

The Planning Division is £62k overspent. This is due to a decrease in planning applications and the resultant loss of income of £264k; This is offset by a reduction in planning admin expenditure and additional street naming income of £65k, an underspend due to staff vacancies of £45k, £51k was also released following confirmation that there would be no clawback for two grants. Building control is also underspent by £26k due to a reduction in supplies and services expenditure and an increase in income generated from fire risk assessments.

Capital Charges

£2.2m - reduced borrowing interest savings



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HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (Appendix B)

The HRA is predicting a £22k underspend to the year end.

Repairs and maintenance is £334k over budget due to increased delivery on voids £373k, Servicing £70k and additional spend on Minor Works of £80k. This is offset by reduction in responsive/other of £188k.

Supervision and Management costs are overspent by £33k due to premises related expenditure, mainly energy costs of £249k and supplies £18k .These are offset by savings on staffing and recharges costs of £225k and travelling expenses of £9k.

Increased costs on central recharges have resulted in a £13k overspend on the budget.

Capital financing charges are £54k more than budgeted due to a small increase in interest rates. There is also a reduction in borrowing due to an underspend on the capital programme.

There is a reduction in the provision required for debt write-offs, based on arrears levels and age debt analysis to year end of -£254k

Rental income/service charges/other income is £202k higher due primarily to settlement of insurance claims (£-128k) and amendment to interest on balances (£-18k).

To further support our Affordable Homes programme additional resources of £3.8M have been identified. This will ensure all projects including new development and purchase of private dwellings can be resourced to deliver our ambitions. This may also lead to opportunities for additional support from Welsh Government in the future.

Lists of the main variances are attached to this report

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Chris Moore

Director of Corporate Services

	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Finance

Council Fund

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HRA

The HRA is showing a £22k underspend at year end.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Chris Moore

Director of Corporate Services

1. Scrutiny Committee – Not applicable

2. Local Member(s) – Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council – Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners – Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
2017/18 Budget		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen