

Bwrdd Gweithredol
25 Ebrill 2016

Adroddiad Montiro Cyllideb Refeniw y Cyngor

Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:

Sicrhau bod y bwrdd yn derbyn yr adroddiad Montiro Cyllideb ac yn ystyried y sefyllfa cyllidebol.

Y Rhesymau:

I ddarparu'r newyddion i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol ynglyn a sefyllfa diweddaraf cyllideb 2015/16, ar 29ain Chwefror 2016.

Ymgynghorwyd â'r pwyllgor craffu perthnasol AMHERTHNASOL

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad OES

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive Board

25th April 2016

Council's Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

The revenue budget monitoring reports for the period to 29th February 2016 are attached and indicate that;

COUNCIL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT(Appendix A)

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an end of year underspend of £793k on the Authority's net revenue budget with an overspend at departmental level of £638k.

Chief Executive's Department

The Chief Executive Department is showing a projected underspend at year end of £194k. Corporate Savings proposals of £400k on Standby Costs and £100k on Health & Safety provision have not yet been implemented although this will be partially offset due to a one off sale of old printers as part of the printer rationalisation programme (£60k) and an in year underspend of £264k as a result of energy budget rationalisation. The Translation Unit is projecting an overspend of £34k due to an increase in demand for the service. The Regeneration Business Unit is anticipating an overspend of £35k due to a previous year efficiency to sell the property at Nant y Ci which remains unsold. There are also overspends on Rural Carmarthenshire of £64k due to a contribution to the Parry Thomas Centre, Coroners (£24k), Policy due to non achievement of income target (£16k), CCTV (£21k) due to late decision to cease live monitoring and Customer Services (£15k) as a result of a contribution towards running costs of Un Sir Gar. WWEC are also overspent by £54k due to non achievement of targeted consultancy income. These overspends are offset by vacant posts across the department of £402k, saving on allowances £41k, Welsh Language reduction in projects and activities whilst implementing the Welsh language standard (£38k), reduction in SCWDP programme delivery (£35k) increased Land Charges income (£35k) and planned reduced expenditure on 3 T's Community Development and Physical Regeneration to offset overspends elsewhere in the division (£75k).

Department for Education and Children

The Education & Children's Services Department is currently forecasting to utilise £780k of Departmental reserves in order to break even at year end.

The main adverse budget variations relate to school based EVR and redundancy costs (+£1,042k); EOTAS (Education other than at School) (+£361k); Adult & Community learning (+£185k); Respite Units (+£124k); Fostering services & support (+£97k); Out of Hours Service (+£85k); Music Service (+£82k); Legal fees (+£61k) and Garreglwyd Residential Accommodation (+£30k).

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: Staff vacancies, secondments and maximising use of grant funding (-£532k); Out of County educational placements (-£405k); Centrally managed schools budget (-£100k); Out of County care placements (-£88k); Children's Services management & support (-£79k); Adoption Services (-£42k) and Governor Support (-£30k).

Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Department is anticipating an underspend at year end of £523k due to a reduction in the cost of annual subscriptions (-£37k); Reduction in Council Tax benefit caseload (-£118k); Reduction in revenues due to reduced security and staffing cost along with an increase in court income - (£39k); Benefits Fraud saving as staff transferred to DWP mid year and funding not being recouped (-£26k). There are also vacant posts across the department of - (£221k). The Corporate Property Division is anticipating a £73k underspend predominantly due to additional mart income based upon the leaseholders turnover.

Department for Communities

The Department for Communities is forecasting an over spend of £ 293k for the year.

The Older People / Physical Disabilities Division has an underspend of £263k due to a reduction in Home care packages (£893k), Staff vacancies within the Enablement service (£284k) offset by the non achievement of efficiency savings re Older People Day Centres and an overspend on Private Residential Care of £701k.

The Learning Disability / Mental Health Division has an overspend on residential and supported living placements of £366k due to a slower than anticipated reduction required to meet efficiency savings which is currently being addressed and an overspend on additional packages for Direct Payments £281k.

The Housing Services and Public Protection Division is forecasting an underspend of (£27k) due to staff vacancies and a reduced spend on supplies and services.

The Leisure Services Division is expected to break even at year end.

Environment

The department is showing an anticipated overspend of £282k at year end which will be met from its departmental reserves.

The Transport division is showing a net underspend of £31k for the year. Civil design is showing an overspend of £35k due to under recovery of income as a result of a vacant post, and the Park and Ride service is estimated to be overspent by £49k following a policy decision to remove funding. Public Transport is anticipating a £41k underspend following service adjustments to manage budget pressures elsewhere within the division. There is also expected to be a £32k underspend in Car Parks as a result of an increase in income banked and a £49k underspend on school transport.

The Property Services division has an overall anticipated overspend of £235k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £213k overspent due to non achievement of their income target as a result of a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. Repairs & maintenance of Parks and PCs are overspent by £30k as asset transfers have not as yet taken place and pumping stations £25k and PAT testing £20k are overspent as there is no budget for these functions. Building Cleaning are anticipating an overspend of £25k due to an increase in overtime and superannuation costs. This is offset by a £79k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

The Streetscene division is expecting an underspend of £7k at year end.

The Policy & Development division is anticipating a £72k overspend mainly due to £36k severance efficiencies not being delivered.

Within the Planning division an overspend in Development Management due to a reduction in planning fee income of £109k is offset by a £49k saving on vacant posts within the division as well as 2 members of staff being charged out to an externally funded scheme (£44k)

Capital Charges

Reduced borrowing/interest savings, offset by Direct Revenue Financing provision,

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (Appendix B)

The HRA is forecasting an underspend of -£2.8M to the year end for 2015/16.

Revenue repairs and maintenance -£322 due to poor weather conditions.

- £90k of this is within Supervision and Management ; staff vacancies -£137k ,staff related travelling -£47k ,supplies & services costs of +£157k (postages/telephones etc.) and premises related costs -£51k (energy charges).Affordable Homes delivery plan will require staffing resources , which will be factored into the 2016/17 budget.

Slightly higher than forecast interest applicable to existing borrowing and buy-out from HRAS +£89k.

The capital programme is also underspent due to savings on some contracts (£1.9M) and the requirement to roll forward on some contracts due the adverse weather (£1.8M).This has impacted on the direct revenue funding required in the budget monitoring by -£1.56M.

Improvement in delivering savings on void turnaround times etc. will save -£428k.

Forecast requirement for provision for bad debt is -£286k based on current aged debt analysis and forecast write offs and other income items increased by -£216k

Lists of the main variances are attached to this report

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

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: Owen Bowen

Interim Head of Financial Services

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

Council Fund

Overall, the Authority is forecasting an underspend of £793k.

HRA

The HRA is forecasting that it will be £2,805k under its approved budget.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Owen Bowen

Interim Head of Financial 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
2015/16 Budget		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen