

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2019/20

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Table 1

Forecasted for year to 31st March 2020

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 19	Oct 19
	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Forecasted Variance for Year	Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Chief Executive	30,974	-13,396	-2,097	15,480	30,632	-13,352	-2,097	15,183	-298	-18
Communities	148,302	-61,284	10,718	97,736	149,257	-61,560	10,718	98,415	679	982
Corporate Services	78,254	-51,142	-1,216	25,896	80,951	-54,472	-1,216	25,263	-633	-686
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	171,168	-30,414	26,106	166,860	177,557	-32,866	26,106	170,797	3,937	4,082
Environment	115,826	-71,938	11,972	55,861	123,460	-79,203	11,972	56,230	369	675
<b>Departmental Expenditure</b>	<b>544,524</b>	<b>-228,173</b>	<b>45,483</b>	<b>361,834</b>	<b>561,857</b>	<b>-241,452</b>	<b>45,483</b>	<b>365,889</b>	<b>4,055</b>	<b>5,035</b>
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-20,497				-21,897	-1,400	-1,200
<b>Levies and Contributions:</b>										
Brecon Beacons National Park				138				138	0	0
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				9,838				9,838	0	0
<b>Net Expenditure</b>				<b>351,313</b>				<b>353,968</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>3,835</b>
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				149	149	9
- Corporate Services				0				316	316	343
- Environment				0				-369	-369	-675
<b>Net Budget</b>				<b>351,313</b>				<b>354,063</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>3,512</b>

**Chief Executive Department**  
**Budget Monitoring - as at 31st December 2019**

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 19 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Oct 19 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Chief Executive	495	0	-739	-244	832	-1	-739	92	336	334
People Management	4,337	-1,419	-2,457	461	5,137	-2,319	-2,457	361	-100	-20
ICT & Corporate Policy	5,620	-941	-4,709	-30	5,416	-901	-4,709	-194	-165	-125
Admin and Law	4,170	-804	735	4,101	4,062	-775	735	4,022	-79	-37
Marketing & Media	2,853	-863	-1,498	493	2,466	-501	-1,498	467	-25	21
Statutory Services	1,269	-295	341	1,315	1,387	-518	341	1,210	-105	-123
Regeneration	12,229	-9,074	6,230	9,384	11,332	-8,336	6,230	9,225	-159	-68
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>30,974</b>	<b>-13,396</b>	<b>-2,097</b>	<b>15,480</b>	<b>30,632</b>	<b>-13,352</b>	<b>-2,097</b>	<b>15,183</b>	<b>-298</b>	<b>-18</b>

# Chief Executive Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st December 2019

## Main Variances

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		Dec 19	Notes	Oct 19
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
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<b>Chief Executive</b>							
Corporate Savings Target	-339	0	0	0	339	£290k Corporate Health & Safety efficiency proposal not yet implemented; £49k standby efficiency less than originally proposed.	339
<b>People Management</b>							
Business & Projects Support	268	0	258	0	-10	Savings on supplies & Services	-16
Payroll	665	-342	618	-334	-40	Savings on supplies & Services	-2
People Services – HR	1,036	-236	1,019	-240	-21	Part year vacant post. Estimated to be filled in February 2020	-9
Employee Well-being	699	-290	681	-297	-25	Part year vacant post. Estimated to be filled in February 2020	-2
DBS Checks	122	0	101	-3	-23	Less DBS checks undertaken than budgeted for	-0
Assessment Centre Training	0	0	16	0	16	Unused assessment credits	6
<b>ICT &amp; Corporate Policy</b>							
Information Technology	4,581	-864	4,506	-816	-27	A few posts temporarily vacant during year	-28
Welsh Language	180	-10	115	-9	-64	Vacant Post pending section review	-40
Chief Executive-Policy	829	-67	726	-31	-68	Part year vacant posts pending section review	-49
<b>Admin and Law</b>							
Democratic Services	1,836	-256	1,744	-289	-124	Members time recharged to HRA greater than budgeted (£33k), savings on members allowances (£46k), savings on supplies & services inc printing and telephones (£45k)	-104
Land Charges	151	-294	114	-234	22	Reduction in income due to housing market fluctuations	18
Legal Services	1,637	-254	1,635	-228	24	Additional responsibility allowance and re-grading not budgeted for	36
<b>Marketing &amp; Media</b>							
Marketing and Media	594	-368	371	-37	108	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (eg. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements.	120
Translation	522	-35	491	-32	-28	Part year vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-35
Customer Services Centres	1,104	-336	1,012	-336	-92	Part year vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-42
Marketing Tourism Development	343	-1	329	-2	-15	Part year vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-25
Events	49	-28	76	-31	23	Overspend on activities managed against underspends elsewhere within the division.	-0
Yr Hwb - Llanelli a Rhydaman	162	-90	114	-58	-16	Savings generated due to unpaid leave being taken	2

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<b>Statutory Services</b>							
Registration Of Electors	163	-2	163	-31	-29	In year contribution from the Cabinet Office towards individual electoral registration costs (£31k)	-20
Registrars	418	-293	517	-403	-11	Increase in statutory fees in February 2019 has resulted in increased income, some of the additional income to be utilised to complete certain digitisation projects in the current financial year.	-40
Coroners	401	0	373	0	-28	Lower demand on service in year	-25
Electoral Services - Staff	279	0	242	0	-37	A few posts temporarily vacant during year. Not yet filled	-37
<b>Regeneration &amp; Property</b>							
Regeneration Management	319	0	283	0	-35	Staff time rechargeable to City Deal project	-27
Property and Major Projects	1,176	-42	1,114	-48	-69	Post vacant during year. Post to be filled in next financial year.	-47
Commercial Properties	31	-521	86	-680	-104	High Occupancy Levels resulting in additional income	-147
Provision Markets	566	-638	566	-576	62	Reduction in Lettings income due to market forces impacting rates achievable.	61
						Costs associated with the authority's commitment to reduce carbon in the forthcoming years	27
Net Zero Carbon Local Authority	0	0	23	0	23	High Occupancy Levels resulting in additional income	-110
Industrial Premises	529	-1,567	441	-1,614	-135	All properties let during year so no holding costs incurred. Very little R&M required during year	-0
County Farms	73	-329	12	-329	-62	Anticipated shortfall in income collected at Nant Y Ci Mart	149
Livestock Markets	58	-205	19	-16	149		
<b>Other</b>					0		29
<b>Grand Total</b>					-298		-18

**Department for Communities**  
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<b>Adult Services</b>										
Older People	57,700	-24,149	2,658	36,209	58,998	-24,933	2,658	36,724	514	784
Physical Disabilities	7,881	-1,751	204	6,334	7,998	-1,752	204	6,451	116	120
Learning Disabilities	38,793	-9,537	1,294	30,549	38,464	-9,164	1,294	30,594	44	25
Mental Health	9,524	-3,793	237	5,968	9,617	-3,870	237	5,985	17	32
Support	6,871	-4,865	1,009	3,015	6,787	-4,765	1,009	3,031	16	26
<b>Homes &amp; Safer Communities</b>										
Public Protection	3,170	-974	588	2,784	2,987	-774	588	2,801	17	-7
Council Fund Housing	9,098	-7,964	243	1,377	9,474	-8,386	243	1,331	-46	4
<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>										
Leisure & Recreation	15,265	-8,251	4,485	11,500	14,931	-7,916	4,485	11,500	0	-0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>148,302</b>	<b>-61,284</b>	<b>10,718</b>	<b>97,736</b>	<b>149,257</b>	<b>-61,560</b>	<b>10,718</b>	<b>98,415</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>982</b>

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<b>Adult Services</b>							
<b>Older People</b>							
Older People - LA Homes	7,620	-4,767	7,958	-5,033	73	Additional cost due to higher dependency levels/increased occupancy rates/use of agency staff to meet statutory duty. Review currently being undertaken in relation to Residential Care future staffing levels. Grant funding for Winter Pressures mitigates this in this financial year	228
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	22,699	-13,064	23,429	-13,588	207	Performance data shows increased demographic pressure on demand in line with national information that shows a year on year increase in Older People of 3.4%pa. Preventative work continues to be reviewed to mitigate the effects of this.	213
Older People - Extra Care	759	0	825	0	65	Cwm Aur contract - savings proposals in previous years only partially delivered	65
Older People - Private Home Care	8,338	-2,473	8,598	-2,617	117	There has been a significant increase in demand for domiciliary care that has only been partly offset by a fall in residential care placements. There is significant departmental work to monitor and manage demand by audit assessment practice and by continuing to promote independent living through Integrated Care Fund initiatives such as Releasing Time to Care resulting in lower demand eg for double handed care packages. We are currently reviewing whether this initiative requires additional resources to yield the necessary financial savings	142
<b>Physical Disabilities</b>							
Phys Dis - Commissioning & OT Services	613	-108	537	-109	-77	Vacancies within the Occupational Therapy Team: 2FTE Senior Practitioner; 1.5FTE Occupational Therapy Assistant; 1FTE Occupational Therapist offset by payments for Rotational Occupation Therapy from Hywel Dda	-68
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	2,485	-566	2,637	-566	152	Increase in take up of DP related to right of service user to request as alternative to regulated provision	150
<b>Learning Disabilities</b>							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,299	-194	1,307	-128	73	Overspend on staffing in Coleshill Day Centre £30k due to complexity of clients. Proposal 'Collaboration with social enterprise for craft / Reprovision of a day centre / transport' is likely to be deliver full year savings in 2020-2021	72
Learn Dis - Transition Service	589	0	523	0	-66	Staff underspend re maternity leave, postholder working reduced hours in a full time post, recruitment underway for Community Connector posts	-41
<b>Other Variances - Adult Services</b>					164		224

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<b>Homes &amp; Safer Communities</b>							
<b>Public Protection</b>							
PP Management support	101	-8	87	-8	-13	Underspend on office admin, postages and photocopying	-6
PP Business Support unit	149	0	124	0	-25	Vacant post and unutilised Training budget	-22
Noise Control	209	0	193	0	-16	Vacant post and unutilised IT Maint	1
Air Pollution	124	-35	93	-18	-14	Vacant post	-13
Animal Welfare	80	-82	60	-49	12	Underachievement of Licence fees	14
Dog Wardens	96	-28	107	-20	18	Long term Vehicle hire overspend and underachievement of income	36
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	481	-38	399	7	-37	Underspend due to two vacant post - part year	-38
Trading Standards Services Management	117	-38	127	-37	11	Underachievement of Licence fees	0
Fair Trading	143	-64	138	-3	56	Underachievement of fees income	55
Financial Investigator	30	-165	28	-125	39	Underachievement of fees income due to the profile of timing of receipts being difficult to predict due to the nature of the cases.	-0
<b>Other Variances - Public Protection</b>					-13		-36
<b>Council Fund Housing</b>							
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	104	-45	63	-45	-41	Underspends on supplies and services	-24
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	691	-297	628	-271	-37	Two vacant posts	9
Landlord Incentive	13	-10	40	-11	27	Overspend on Premises maintenance	-0
Homelessness	156	-66	189	-60	38	Overspend relates to provision of bond/prevention payments in private sector	-0
Temporary Accommodation	492	-106	819	-469	-36	Improved income due to being more proactive recovering debt	-0
<b>Other Variances - Council Fund Housing</b>					3		20
<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>							
Millenium Coastal Park	221	-105	223	-134	-27	One off Compensation income from Welsh Water	-27
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	500	-333	419	-287	-35	Forecast reduction in Instructor hours to budget based on confirmed bookings	-43
Pembrey Ski Slope	344	-350	350	-324	33	Forecasting lower sales volumes in income to budget	9
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,604	-1,606	1,538	-1,474	66	Forecasting lower sales volumes in income to budget	57
St Clears Leisure Centre	141	-41	151	-40	10	Design fee costs to support Capital funding bid not budgeted	12
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	882	-707	842	-726	-59	Forecasting higher sales volumes in income to budget	-52

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Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	255	0	297	-2	40	Operational staffing and Agency costs linked to long term sickness and implementation of restructure. This variance is likely to reduce once fully implemented	45
Museums General	182	0	200	0	19	Unable to achieve vacancy factor	18
Arts General	39	0	5	0	-35	Vacant post being held pending Service review	-34
St Clears Craft Centre	151	-88	150	-60	28	Forecast shortfall in income to budget in respect of the in-house catering facility	24
Laugharne Boathouse	147	-109	183	-123	22	Forecast overspend in casual Customer Service Assistant posts	15
Oriel Myrddin CCC	108	0	118	0	10	Backdated NNDR costs £6k and Internal Design fees £4k supporting ACW grant bid	10
Motor Sports Centre - Pembrey	0	-82	0	-99	-17	Backdated income from renegotiated lease not budgeted	0
Leisure Management	379	0	337	0	-42	Vacant posts being held pending Service review	-40
<b>Other Variance - Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>					-13		5
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>679</b>		<b>982</b>



**Corporate Services Department**  
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Financial Services	4,555	-2,134	-2,360	61	4,302	-2,069	-2,360	-127	-188	-261
Revenues & Financial Compliance	4,842	-1,711	-2,129	1,002	4,526	-1,607	-2,129	791	-211	-216
Other Services	68,857	-47,297	3,272	24,833	72,123	-50,796	3,272	24,600	-233	-209
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>78,254</b>	<b>-51,142</b>	<b>-1,216</b>	<b>25,896</b>	<b>80,951</b>	<b>-54,472</b>	<b>-1,216</b>	<b>25,263</b>	<b>-633</b>	<b>-686</b>

# Corporate Services Department - Budget Monitoring - as at 31st December 2019

## Main Variances

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
<b>Financial Services</b>							
Chief Officer	348	-61	323	-61	-26	Additional £35k income from arrangement to act as S151 officer for Mid and West Wales Fire	-48
Accountancy	1,721	-430	1,554	-423	-160	Number of vacant posts currently in the section	-168
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	251	-178	217	-178	-34	Vacant post for 6 months and 3 staff members currently at lower points of the salary scale.	-27
Payments	519	-74	537	-71	21	Additional Forensic analysis software (£36k)	-22
<b>Revenues &amp; Financial Compliance</b>							
Procurement	533	-33	485	-33	-47	Vacant Procurement manager post	-71
Audit	592	-19	573	-19	-19	A few posts temporarily vacant during year	-15
Local Taxation	927	-735	887	-738	-43	A few posts temporarily vacant during year	-31
Housing Benefits Admin	1,637	-751	1,478	-701	-109	Number of vacant posts during the year. Majority of officers also currently on the lower points of their grade.	-113
<b>Other Services</b>							
Audit Fees	310	-90	291	-88	-17	A proportion of audit fees chargeable directly to grants	-17
Miscellaneous Services	5,481	-117	5,973	-807	-199	Reduction in pre LGR pension costs	-190
<b>Other Variances</b>					0		16
<b>Grand Total</b>					-633		-686

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<b>Schools Delegated Budgets</b>	<b>119,441</b>	<b>-10,730</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108,711</b>	<b>122,641</b>	<b>-10,730</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,911</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Director & Strategic Management	1,499	0	-94	1,405	1,466	0	-94	1,372	-33	-28
Education Services Division	7,974	-2,025	20,364	26,313	8,630	-1,949	20,364	27,045	732	967
Access to Education	8,822	-5,948	2,167	5,041	8,815	-5,856	2,167	5,126	85	153
School Improvement	3,466	-1,460	463	2,469	3,646	-1,657	463	2,452	-17	-11
Curriculum & Wellbeing	6,334	-4,609	585	2,310	7,035	-5,165	585	2,455	145	122
Children's Services	23,631	-5,642	2,621	20,610	25,324	-7,510	2,621	20,435	-175	-120
<b>TOTAL excluding schools</b>	<b>51,726</b>	<b>-19,684</b>	<b>26,106</b>	<b>58,149</b>	<b>54,915</b>	<b>-22,136</b>	<b>26,106</b>	<b>58,886</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1,082</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>171,168</b>	<b>-30,414</b>	<b>26,106</b>	<b>166,860</b>	<b>177,557</b>	<b>-32,866</b>	<b>26,106</b>	<b>170,797</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>4,082</b>

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<b>Schools Delegated Budgets</b>							
Primary Schools	63,639	-7,387	65,039	-7,387	1,400	Based on schools' working budgets received for 2019/20. Deficit budget submissions are included subject to approval of recovery plans by LA	1,200
Secondary Schools	51,893	-3,297	53,193	-3,297	1,300		1,400
Special Schools	3,910	-46	4,410	-46	500		400
<b>Director &amp; Strategic Management</b>							
Business Support	387	0	357	0	-30	Part year vacant posts £22k - assumed 1 remaining vacant post will be filled from February onwards. Supplies & services savings £8k	-28
<b>Education Services Division</b>							
School Expenditure not currently delegated	101	0	125	28	53	Closing balances from 2 primary schools closed April 2019	53
School Redundancy & EVR	2,013	0	2,095	30	112	Forecast based on business cases approved to date. Schools are supported and challenged on staffing structure proposals	86
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	424	-64	352	-23	-31	Underspend due to fewer children taking places in non-maintained settings, as well as changes due to WG childcare offer.	-10
Special Educational Needs	3,059	-1,679	3,386	-1,569	437	Forecast based on existing known commitments. Demand for Teaching Assistant support has increased. A reduction in the number of pupils from other counties has resulted in a reduction in the level of income.	676
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	2,001	-283	2,297	-410	168	Increasing demand from schools for alternative provision £96k and an increase in home tuition £72k	166
<b>Access to Education</b>							
School Admissions	253	0	223	0	-30	Part year staff vacancies following re-structure of the section	-29
School Modernisation	108	-1	242	-19	115	School transport recharges from school reorganisations £22k; Premises costs relating to closed schools £93k	105
<b>School Improvement</b>							
School Effectiveness Support Services	252	-42	265	-40	17	Overspend forecast in relation to Neuadd y Gwendraeth costs, which are more accurately reflected in December return	-12
National Model for School Improvement	1,186	-59	1,257	-173	-43	Underspend due to late commencement of staff into vacant posts and maximisation of Education Improvement Grant (EIG)	-9

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
<b>Curriculum and Wellbeing</b>							
Music Services for Schools	871	-770	1,232	-917	214	Slow progress with staff restructuring, which has been affected by a delay in the ongoing redundancy process and therefore an increased staffing forecast from the previous report to year end. Also, full cost of projects & activities now being committed more accurately in December return.	166
Youth Offending & Prevention Service	1,972	-1,112	2,021	-1,207	-46	Maximisation of grants to release core budget	-34
School Information Systems	229	-28	210	-29	-20	Part year vacant post that is currently being recruited to.	-12
<b>Children's Services</b>							
Commissioning and Social Work	6,852	-79	6,725	-147	-195	Underspend in relation to part year vacant posts and maximisation of grant income. The level of both vacancies and grant income has increased. In addition, legal costs were over-estimated in October report and are now more accurately forecast.	58
Fostering Services & Support	3,858	0	3,989	-188	-57	Part year vacant posts and maximisation of grants to release core budget £40k, Also, more cost effective recruitment of Foster Carers and tight controls in place on additional miscellaneous payments made to Foster Carers £17k	-93
Adoption Services	773	-260	957	-467	-23	Maximisation of external income to release core budget	-8
Out of County Placements (CS)	657	0	694	-7	30	Additional £30k commitment included in December return in relation to potential costs to be incurred by end of the financial year	-3
Garreglwyd Residential Unit	586	-166	616	-61	136	Following dispute with Hywel Dda Health Board over payment of historic invoices, part payment resulting in possible under recovery of £84k is being reflected. Remainder of overspend due mainly to increased support needed for young people with complex needs £52k. Ongoing discussions with Health Board could secure additional contribution towards these current year costs.	78
Childcare	484	-187	456	-187	-28	Additional in year grants awarded from Welsh Government supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.	-26
Children's/Family Centres and Playgroups	316	-61	768	-461	53	Overspends forecast on Children Centres, which are heavily reliant on grant funding. There could be further grant money available to cover these overspends, but not confirmed at this stage and therefore not committed	10
Families First Grant	1,260	-1,056	1,232	-1,074	-46	Additional in year grants awarded from Welsh Government supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on.	-15
Family Aide Services	168	0	282	-188	-74	Part year vacant posts following restructure and setting up of new Step Up Step Down Family Intervention Team.	-76

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School Safeguarding & Attendance	221	0	387	-190	-24	Part year vacant posts following service restructure	-21
<b>Other Variances</b>					48		61
<b>Grand Total</b>					3,937		4,082

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Buisness Support & Performance	15	-96	146	65	-39	-79	146	28	-37	-31
Waste & Environmental Services	24,262	-4,502	1,264	21,025	23,948	-4,168	1,264	21,044	19	115
Highways & Transportation	51,225	-30,881	9,672	30,015	51,259	-30,835	9,672	30,096	80	158
Property	36,160	-34,105	606	2,662	43,880	-41,842	606	2,644	-18	25
Planning	4,165	-2,354	284	2,094	4,413	-2,278	284	2,418	324	407
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>115,826</b>	<b>-71,938</b>	<b>11,972</b>	<b>55,861</b>	<b>123,460</b>	<b>-79,203</b>	<b>11,972</b>	<b>56,230</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>675</b>

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<b>Business Support &amp; Performance</b>							
Business Support	-159	-36	-215	-35	-55	Posts budgeted at top of scale but majority are not at the top of scale yet; a few temporary vacant posts estimated during the year.	-48
Departmental - Core	58	0	73	0	15	Health and wellbeing co-ordinators	15
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services</b>							
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	114	-110	113	-20	88	Anticipated income not expected to materialise based on current income trends - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	70
Public Conveniences	571	-12	497	-9	-71	Capital repayment element deducted from Danfo final quarter cost due to end of contract term. New contract will be cleansing & management only.	-83
Cleansing Service	2,397	-115	2,450	-111	56	The service cost comprises plant and resource and tipping charges for disposal of waste we collect. The current overspend reflects the current resource levels and increased cost of disposal of collected waste. In order to address the budget position it will mean reviewing the service. This work is underway but will not be complete before the end of the financial year.	63
Waste Services	15,408	-1,293	15,310	-1,312	-117	The projected underspend reflects the net effect of the policies adopted at the household waste recycling centres and at the kerbside in the diversion of some waste from the black bags stream to the recycling and food waste streams.	0
Green Waste Collection	496	-336	427	-210	56	The green waste collection service is not yet self-financing. We did not anticipate to break even this financial year, as per the original business plan, but we are on track with growing the service as anticipated, with a view to being break even in future years. A third vehicle has now been introduced to cater for potential additional customers.	56
Landfill sites	0	0	20	0	20	Penycoed landfill feasibility and design costs	8



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<b>Highways &amp; Transportation</b>							
Transport Strategic Planning	351	0	286	0	-65	Staff time reclaimed from grants plus staff cost saving	-18
School Transport	10,984	-1,102	11,426	-1,264	279	The overspend is mainly due to an increase in the number of Additional Learning Needs pupils transported to Special schools. In addition a number of recent appeals have been successful as well as increased contractor costs, diminishing market supply and increased minimum wage.	297
Traffic Management	529	-40	560	-226	-156	Net increased income of £110k from Traffic Regulation Orders; savings of £46k from two vacant posts	-130
Car Parks	2,187	-3,228	1,717	-2,658	100	Reduction in income due to temporary loss of spaces at St Peter's Car Park and a general reduction in Parking Fees income. Reduction in Penalty Charge Notices income due to vacant Civil Enforcement Officers posts which are currently being recruited.	92
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	79	-32	103	-38	19	Increased maintenance costs	20
Tour of Britain - Environment	0	0	28	0	28	Cost of Women's Tour of Britain in June 2019	25
Road Safety	178	0	153	-1	-26	Vacant post - Road Safety Manager which is currently being recruited and also a recent temporary vacancy has arisen within the Road Safety Unit. A proportion of staff time is recharged to the Road Safety Revenue Grant.	-26
School Crossing Patrols	116	0	135	0	19	The school crossing patrols section has reviewed all patrols to identify where there is no requirement to provide them according to the National Safety criteria. Vacancies that arise in the sites that do not require school crossing patrols will not be filled as and when they become vacant.	18
Bridge Maintenance	781	0	741	-5	-45	vacant posts - Principle Engineer on hold until April 2020 and Structures Engineer post vacant for part year hoping to fill by February 2020	-41
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	416	-357	412	-430	-76	Additional income from highway adoption agreements	-82
<b>Property</b>							
Property Design - Business Unit	2,693	-2,986	3,029	-3,350	-28	Additional income generated as a result of an increased workload.	-0

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<b>Planning</b>							
Planning Admin Account	333	-14	786	-495	-29	A vacant post within the section will not be filled until the new financial year and a general reduction in supplies & services.	-4
Building Control - Other	181	-5	165	0	-11	Vacant posts not expected to be filled until April 2020 at the earliest	-12
Minerals	353	-225	306	-203	-25	More planning applications than predicted/envisaged	-4
Development Management	1,536	-1,274	1,475	-775	438	WG set planning fees, but across Wales there is recognition that full cost recovery of planning services will not be achieved from planning fees alone. Most LPAs only cover on average 60% of their costs of delivering the development management service through fees, and the last increase in fees was in 2015. WG expect that at least part of the Development Management function should be met by Local Authorities themselves – to encourage development to come forward. Currently Carmarthenshire's Development Management section is budgeted to fund 78% of its costs through fees generated, this is currently being reviewed. WG have committed to review fees, but there is no known timetable for this workstream.	446
Tywi Centre	34	-34	82	-96	-14	Projected surplus being generated from running training courses at the Tywi Centre	-21
Conservation	405	-22	398	-44	-28	Recharge income for Ecologist post not previously committed	-4
<b>Other Variances</b>					-4		40
<b>Grand Total</b>					369		675