

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY 2nd FEBRUARY 2022

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2021/22

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Forecasted for year to 31st March 2022

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 2021 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Aug 2021 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable	Total Net		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
Chief Executive	33,803	-14,545	-2,517	16,740	32,388	-13,678	-2,517	16,192	-548	-342
Communities	160,332	-65,814	13,585	108,104	165,878	-71,191	13,585	108,273	169	476
Corporate Services	77,079	-45,838	-1,686	29,556	75,893	-45,543	-1,686	28,664	-892	-650
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	190,589	-34,277	23,348	179,660	208,556	-52,244	23,348	179,660	0	5
Environment	129,726	-81,094	12,759	61,390	142,953	-94,775	12,758	60,936	-455	-358
Departmental Expenditure	591,530	-241,568	45,489	395,451	625,668	-277,431	45,488	393,725	-1,726	-869
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-20,155				-20,655	-500	-200
Levies and Contributions:										
Brecon Beacons National Park				152				152	0	0
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				10,737				10,737	0	0
Net Expenditure				386,185				383,959	-2,226	-1,069
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				274	274	171
- Corporate Services				0				446	446	325
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				-0	-0	-5
- Environment				0				227	227	179
Net Budget				386,185				384,906	-1,279	-399

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Oct 2021 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Aug 2021 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	846	0	-845	2	667	-2	-845	-180	-181	-163
People Management	4,499	-1,558	-2,619	322	4,876	-1,861	-2,619	396	74	24
ICT & Corporate Policy	5,956	-940	-4,780	235	5,881	-964	-4,780	137	-99	-91
Admin and Law	4,495	-849	703	4,349	4,326	-968	703	4,061	-288	-261
Marketing & Media	2,751	-696	-1,430	625	2,551	-698	-1,430	423	-201	-71
Statutory Services	1,286	-310	281	1,258	1,814	-959	281	1,137	-121	-31
Regeneration	13,970	-10,193	6,173	9,950	12,273	-8,227	6,173	10,218	268	251
GRAND TOTAL	33,803	-14,545	-2,517	16,740	32,388	-13,678	-2,517	16,192	-548	-342

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Chief Executive							
Chief Executive-Chief Officer	237	0	206	0	-30	Savings on supplies & services	-27
Chief Executive Business Support Unit	610	0	461	-2	-151	3 vacant posts not anticipating filling this financial year & a staff member on maternity leave, £31k savings on supplies & services	-136
People Management							
TIC Team	233	-60	247	-60	13	1 x employee regraded with no funding	13
Business & Projects Support	262	0	230	0	-32	Savings on supplies & services	-22
Employee Well-being	775	-350	789	-302	62	Shortfall on budgeted external SLA income. Referrals have reduced from pre COVID19 levels.	36
Organisational Development	522	-39	522	-10	29	Training efficiency target not currently being met.	13
Employee Services – HR/Payroll Support	134	0	165	0	32	£16k graduate not funded, 2 x employees regraded with no funding £9k. Additional £7k agency to cover additional work done for Police/ fire pension payments	27
DBS Checks	124	0	83	-2	-43	Review of DBS checks process & budget to be undertaken	-39
Other variances					13		-4
ICT & Corporate Policy							
Chief Executive-Policy	687	-31	588	-23	-91	3 Vacant posts for most of the year whilst team review was being completed. Restructure now complete resulting in vacant posts going out to advert imminently.	-64
Other variances					-8		-27
Admin and Law							
Democratic Services	1,886	-276	1,800	-318	-128	Underspend on Members pay £59k & travelling costs £43k, along with an additional £27k of income for work undertaken for the HRA	-122
Democratic Services - Support	506	0	454	-35	-87	ERW (£7k) & PCC (£7k); Posts vacant for part of year, expecting to be filled from Jan. There are also savings on supplies & services.	-67
Land Charges	136	-305	91	-281	-20	Savings on supplies & services	-33
Legal Services	1,898	-267	1,857	-259	-33	2 vacant posts during the year. Expected to be filled imminently.	-21
Central Mailing	45	0	28	-3	-20	Saving on franking machine leasing costs.	-19

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	373	-167	503	-119	178	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements	199
Translation	566	-52	464	-52	-102	Vacant post pending divisional realignment & number of staff members working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services	-91
Customer Services Centres	1,141	-353	933	-350	-205	10 vacant posts during the year, six anticipated to be filled before year end. Difficulty in filling posts currently.	-119
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	191	-94	78	-53	-73	3 vacant posts pending divisional realignment offset partly by less income, due to decreased demand for desk rental space	-61
Statutory Services							
Registration Of Electors	170	-2	249	-94	-12	Savings on supplies & services	7
Registrars	441	-307	522	-419	-32	Additional income being generated compared to budget.	-35
Coroners	372	0	357	0	-15	Following the appointment of medical examiners by the NHS, fewer cases are being referred to the Coroner leading to less direct and indirect costs. This is partly offset by additional costs as a result of a jury inquest during the year.	36
Electoral Services - Staff	294	0	238	0	-56	2 Vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-33
Other variances					-6		-7
Regeneration & Property							
Property	1,156	-88	1,041	-8	-35	Vacant posts due to be filled imminently, this partially offsets a shortfall in external income generated.	-12
Commercial Properties	33	-594	66	-494	133	General loss of income due to properties becoming vacant & no immediate prospect of re-letting	152
Provision Markets	596	-660	566	-515	115	General downturn in demand for stalls & consequent reduction in achievable rents. Partially offset by COVID19 income claim from WG for losses specifically attributable to COVID19.	128
Administrative Buildings	3,324	-777	3,162	-691	-76	Additional essential maintenance planned during the year. Offset by savings on utilities, as staff continue to work from home	-84
Industrial Premises	485	-1,482	358	-1,422	-67	Occupancy levels are still high despite the pandemic	-81
County Farms	76	-342	73	-315	24	Market forces dictate rent/ lease achievable.	14

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Livestock Markets	61	-213	57	-38	171	Majority of overspend relates to Nant y Ci. No rental income for 24 months for Nant y Ci as per the terms of the new agreement. Additional premises maintenance costs to obtain animal health and farm assurance licences.	137
Other variances					3		-2
Grand Total					-548		-342

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Adult Services										
Older People	63,364	-22,250	3,193	44,307	62,454	-22,735	3,193	42,912	-1,395	-1,002
Physical Disabilities	7,622	-1,875	276	6,023	8,174	-2,550	276	5,900	-123	-102
Learning Disabilities	40,834	-11,098	1,282	31,018	42,010	-10,951	1,282	32,341	1,323	1,353
Mental Health	10,263	-4,107	228	6,384	10,640	-4,093	228	6,775	391	334
Support	9,498	-8,009	1,133	2,621	9,635	-8,175	1,133	2,593	-28	-100
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,348	-1,248	532	2,633	3,671	-1,570	532	2,633	0	-14
Council Fund Housing	9,199	-7,996	1,021	2,224	13,141	-11,938	1,021	2,224	0	6
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	16,203	-9,230	5,922	12,895	16,153	-9,179	5,922	12,896	0	-0
GRAND TOTAL	160,332	-65,814	13,585	108,104	165,878	-71,191	13,585	108,273	169	476

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - LA Homes	8,237	-3,891	8,219	-4,359	-486	Reduced costs associated with fewer beds occupied in conjunction with support from Hardship Fund	-425
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	25,962	-12,918	25,539	-12,918	-423	Reduced costs associated with fewer beds occupied in conjunction with support from Hardship Fund	-417
Older People - Extra Care	774	0	853	0	79	Cwm Aur contract - savings proposals in previous years only partially delivered	73
Older People - LA Home Care	7,569	0	7,565	-81	-86	Part year vacant posts	-39
Older People - Private Home Care	8,984	-2,573	8,900	-2,573	-84	Decrease in hours being commissioned by the Council because of the lack of availability of care linked to recruitment and retention issues. Also, significant funding being received from Welsh Government under the Hardship Fund to help address the pressures in the sector.	65
Older People - Enablement	1,920	-444	1,834	-444	-85	Part year vacant posts	-41
Older People - Day Services	873	-82	738	-0	-53	Reduced provision of day services due to COVID19 restrictions	-74
Older People - Private Day Services	276	0	100	0	-176	Reduced provision of day services due to COVID19 restrictions	-201
Older People - Other variances					-81		57
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,499	-306	1,235	-306	-264	Demand led - Reduced use of residential respite care due to COVID19	-346
Phys Dis - Community Support	185	0	115	0	-70	Reduction in provision of community based services due to COVID19 restrictions	-90
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	2,634	-589	2,925	-589	291	Demand for Direct Payments increasing as a consequence of fewer alternatives during COVID19 restrictions e.g. community support and respite	291
Phys Dis - Other variances					-80		43
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	11,384	-4,373	12,226	-4,373	842	Pressure remains on this budget as alternative provision is unavailable due to COVID19 restrictions. Timelines for achieving savings have slipped as many of the initiatives require face to face contact with service users and providers.	832
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	3,916	-558	4,771	-558	855	Direct Payments increasing due to demand	882
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	10,171	-2,254	10,562	-2,254	391	Rightsizing in Supported Living ongoing but delayed due to COVID19. Accommodation and Efficiency project plans for strategic longer term future accommodation options as well as current client group has experienced delays due to COVID19.	361
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,515	-405	2,315	-370	-165	Loss of income received, staff vacancies and client taxis not used. Reduced premises and running costs as building based provision is reduced due to social distancing regulations and alternatives provided.	-129

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Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,327	-82	881	-82	-446	Day Services significantly reduced. Where care has been reassessed and alternative has been provided, the additional cost is shown as an overspend in that budget.	-470
Learn Dis - Other variances					-154		-124
Mental Health							
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,203	-3,294	6,474	-3,294	271	Pressure remains on this budget as alternative provision is unavailable due to COVID19 restrictions. Timelines for achieving savings have slipped as many of the initiatives require face to face contact with service users and providers.	135
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,265	-410	1,514	-410	249	Rightsizing in Supported Living ongoing but delayed due to COVID19. Accommodation and Efficiency project plans for strategic longer term future accommodation options as well as current client group has experienced delays due to COVID19.	236
M Health - Direct Payments	148	-44	263	-44	115	Direct Payments increasing due to demand	113
M Health - Community Support	623	-76	505	-76	-118	No payment to Hafal Dom care grant scheme	-114
M Health - Other variances					-126		-36
Support							
Holding Acc-Transport	1,500	-1,773	1,520	-1,886	-93	Provision of additional services to support Hywel Dda	-145
Other Variances - Support					65		45
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Management support	104	-8	103	-29	-21	Under on Travel, photocopying & postages due to covid	0
PP Business Support unit	155	0	128	0	-27	Under on Travel, photocopying & postages & vacancies due to covid	0
Public Health	290	-14	276	-19	-19	Legal Fees & Internal Design de-committed for Corporate to pay	0
Noise Control	219	0	174	-0	-46	Under on salaries	-9
Animal Safety	162	0	125	-3	-40	Vacant Posts.	-20
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	506	-38	520	-41	11	Overspend on Agency costs.	20
Financial Investigator	90	-410	171	-335	157	Delays in receipt from prosecutions	0
Other Variances					-15		-5

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Council Fund Housing							
Penybryn Traveller Site	177	-130	179	-116	16	£27k Legal Fees & Costs	2
Temporary Accommodation	512	-110	1,797	-1,428	-33	Over achieved on Income	0
Social Lettings Agency	814	-818	844	-830	18	Additional maintenance costs	3
Other Variances					-0		1
Leisure & Recreation							
Millennium Coastal Park	254	-138	281	-191	-26	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	0
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	534	-346	506	-298	20	Includes £22k R & M not budgeted	9
Pembrey Beach Kiosk	0	-42	0	-79	-37	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	-40
St Clears Leisure Centre	151	-43	248	-42	98	Estimated cost of planned maintenance	96
Llandovery Swimming Pool	345	-239	311	-226	-22	In year staff vacancies	-33
Actif Facilities	295	0	267	0	-27	Capital recharge not budgeted £22k plus smaller expenditure underspends	-27
Actif health, fitness and dryside	199	-125	211	-165	-28	Grant award not budgeted £20k plus in year vacancy	-37
Catering - Sport Centres	346	-290	324	-290	-22	In year staff vacancies	0
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	16	-36	8	-39	-12	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	-16
ESD Rev Grant - Ynys Dawela	44	-43	4	-16	-12	Backdated grant award not budgeted	4
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	422	-326	473	-338	39	Includes £40k R & M not budgeted	16
Museum of speed, Pendine	86	-26	80	0	20	Museum Development consultancy fees not budgeted	21
Museums General	150	0	214	-18	46	Unable to fully achieve vacancy factor	50
Archives General	141	-3	163	-2	23	Part year effect of new Archive Assistant not budgeted	28
Arts General	16	0	0	0	-16	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-16
St Clears Craft Centre	107	-38	63	-33	-39	In year vacancies	-28
Laugharne Boathouse	151	-114	133	-108	-12	Forecast underspend on Materials for Resale due to COVID restrictions	-11
Entertainment Centres General	468	-62	383	-24	-47	In year staff vacancies	-50
Leisure Management	439	0	456	-1	16	Tour of Britain costs	-3
Other Variances					41		37
Grand Total					169		476

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Financial Services	13,576	-2,592	-856	10,128	12,898	-2,430	-856	9,611	-517	-517
Revenues & Financial Compliance	63,504	-43,246	-830	19,428	62,996	-43,113	-830	19,053	-375	-133
GRAND TOTAL	77,079	-45,838	-1,686	29,556	75,893	-45,543	-1,686	28,664	-892	-650

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Financial Services							
Accountancy	1,748	-467	1,736	-465	-10	£34k part year net vacancies, due to be filled during the year, offset by overspends on consultant, software and subscriptions,	-26
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	265	-195	228	-212	-54	£34k part year vacancies, due to be filled during the year. £20k external SLA income from the WPP and other smaller underspends	-38
Payments	557	-77	500	-74	-55	£36k part year vacancies, due to be filled during the year. £19k savings on supplies and services	-38
Audit Fees	322	-93	281	-93	-42	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants	-40
Bank Charges	68	0	58	0	-11	Charges reduced since introduction of new contract	-19
Miscellaneous Services	8,230	-122	7,812	-63	-359	£346k underspend on pre LGR pension costs, £13k underspend on Treasury Management costs	-335
Other variances					14		-21
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	611	-35	533	-35	-79	£79k part year vacancies, due to be filled during the year.	-47
Audit	487	-19	432	-35	-70	£34k part year vacancies, £21k saving on supplies and services along with £15k additional income over budget from SLA income	-26
Business Support Unit	142	0	108	0	-34	£29k part year vacancy, due to be filled during the year along with £5k savings on supplies and services	-24
Corporate Services Training	60	0	35	0	-25	Low uptake of training courses during year	-9
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	16,828	0	17,400	0	572	Increased demand since COVID19. WG contribution received for the shortfall in 2020/21, but no confirmation to date whether that will be replicated in 2021/22	572
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	40,961	-41,472	-294	Predicted underspend based on anticipated payments due, anticipated reimbursement from DWP and recovery of overpayments.	-294
Rates Relief	328	0	195	0	-133	Low take-up anticipated in 2021/22	-133
Housing Benefits Admin	1,684	-752	1,279	-663	-316	A number of posts have been vacant during the year to date. Some of these will now not be filled until the new financial year. A large number of staff members are also currently on lower points of the salary scale but budgeted at the top of scale. This amounts to a saving of £403k. A £15k saving on supplies and services costs is also anticipated. This is offset by the ongoing annual reduction in admin grant received from DWP.	-173
Other variances					4		1
Grand Total					-892		-650

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Schools Delegated Budgets	141,558	-19,748	0	121,810	146,299	-19,748	0	126,551	4,741	5,625
Reserve utilisation				0		-4,741		-4,741	-4,741	-5,625
Director & Strategic Management	1,829	0	-109	1,720	1,381	0	-109	1,272	-448	-801
Education Services Division	7,668	-3,074	17,981	22,575	8,674	-3,975	17,981	22,680	105	228
Access to Education	3,577	-100	1,410	4,887	10,370	-6,769	1,410	5,011	124	142
School Improvement	2,514	-523	460	2,451	3,645	-1,629	460	2,477	26	16
Curriculum & Wellbeing	8,323	-4,103	895	5,115	9,577	-5,334	895	5,138	23	133
Children's Services	25,120	-6,730	2,711	21,102	28,610	-10,048	2,711	21,273	171	289
TOTAL excluding schools	49,031	-14,529	23,348	57,850	62,257	-27,754	23,348	57,851	0	5
GRAND TOTAL	190,589	-34,277	23,348	179,660	208,556	-52,244	23,348	179,660	0	5

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	1,423	0	973	0	-450	Travel, supplies & services etc across dept savings identified towards 2022/23 efficiency requirement. This is supporting in year pressures detailed below across other service areas & has reduced from August as a result of growth budget being allocated to service areas.	-800
Other variances					2		-1
Education Services Division							
School Redundancy & EVR	1,925	0	2,019	0	93	Forecast based on known redundancies year to date & £100k contingency for late notifications	84
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	1,269	-919	1,564	-1,437	-223	Grant income facilitating the release of core budget for other service in year pressures	-0
Special Educational Needs	3,998	-2,155	4,579	-2,538	197	Staffing costs for additional classes in attached units £160k & additional statements approved £530k, partially funded (-£500k) by other services having part year vacancies & utilising core budget where grant funding has been applied.	97
Sensory Impairment	361	0	405	0	44	Increased staffing required to meet demand, recruitment to be progressed once funding identified	47
Other variances					-7		-1
Access to Education							
School Modernisation	124	0	211	-37	50	£41k closed schools & £9k additional transport costs following school reorganisations	45
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	3,148	-100	9,768	-6,637	83	Primary school free breakfasts voluntary income shortfall £90k. Forecasts include high levels of sickness cover £200k and increasing food costs £190k, along with reduced income £100k, partially funded (-£500k) by other services having part year vacancies & utilising core budget where grant funding has been applied	93
Other variances					-9		4
School Improvement							
School Effectiveness Support Services	517	0	506	-16	-27	Maximising grant income for core budget to support other pressures	-11
National Model for School Improvement	805	0	897	-40	52	One off costs re ERW partially offset by part year vacant posts	26

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Curriculum and Wellbeing							
Music Services for Schools	1,037	-727	1,203	-853	40	Forecast SLA income not sufficient to cover projected staffing costs - vacant posts to be reviewed for affordability	41
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	2,380	-150	2,765	-485	50	Increase in demand for placements at PRUs requiring additional staffing	62
Youth Offending & Prevention Service	1,769	-991	2,027	-1,302	-53	Additional Grant allocation from WG - Support for Young People in Wales, offsetting core budget to support other services areas as continue to provide reduced services in some areas & recruiting pressures due to covid challenges	4
Adult & Community Learning	631	-631	608	-624	-16	Delays in recruitment	-2
School Information Systems	320	-28	305	-28	-15	Part year vacancy	-3
Other variances					17		32
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	7,241	0	7,556	-209	106	Increased staffing costs forecast at this stage in the year (£281k) and overspend forecast on legal costs (£105k) - more external providers being used as a result of increased sickness levels internally and also complexity of cases, partially offset by part year vacancies across the dept (-£280k)	149
Fostering Services & Support	4,176	0	4,244	0	68	Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's)	60
Adoption Services	540	0	1,070	-474	56	Adoption costs remain high with a further increase in projected costs of inter agency fees £35k, panel member costs £21k	21
Garreglwyd Residential Unit	466	-202	1,083	-820	-0	Assumes £497k income from Hywel Dda Health Board	0
Respite Units	971	0	954	-2	-19	Recruitment delays and 1 officer partially grant funded	27
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	803	-75	969	-181	59	Overspend due to increased Direct Payments demand since change in legislation, further increase linked to COVID19 £125k and also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks, due to lack of available building based services £92k. This is partially offset by in year vacancy £58k & £100k efficiencies across the dept.	61
Family Aide Services	111	0	285	-208	-34	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-39

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	509	-268	699	-484	-26	Part year vacancy (-£11k). Sessional workers, travel and activity costs for Young Carers (-£15k) as not currently running clubs or holiday activities (COVID19 guidance)	13
School Safeguarding & Attendance	398	-120	718	-505	-65	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-81
Other Variances					27		78
Grand Total					0		5

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Business Support & Performance	4,219	-3,784	489	923	5,694	-5,295	489	888	-35	-2
Waste & Environmental Services	26,581	-4,590	1,364	23,355	27,697	-5,745	1,364	23,316	-39	-37
Highways & Transportation	61,720	-40,273	10,632	32,079	63,721	-42,072	10,632	32,282	203	60
Property	32,248	-30,504	-56	1,688	41,027	-39,669	-56	1,303	-385	-252
Planning	4,959	-1,944	330	3,345	4,812	-1,994	330	3,148	-198	-127
GRAND TOTAL	129,726	-81,094	12,759	61,390	142,953	-94,775	12,758	60,936	-455	-358

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Business Support & Performance							
Emergency Planning	76	0	62	0	-14	LRF commitment covered by WG grant for 2021/22 (£11k); post not at top of budgeted scale point (£3k).	-13
Business Support	-87	-35	-103	-35	-17	A few vacant posts to be filled before year end.	-6
Departmental - Core	48	0	63	0	15	H&Wellbeing posts not budgeted for (£11k); previous year efficiency not yet delivered.	15
Departmental - Policy	6	0	-17	0	-22	Vacant post now filled	-0
Other variances					2		2
Waste & Environmental Services							
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	127	-130	115	-66	53	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	63
Cleansing Service	2,700	-129	2,722	-188	-37	Vacant posts to be filled imminently following review	3
Green Waste Collection	555	-435	534	-463	-49	Increased customer base	-43
Other variances					-7		-60
Highways & Transportation							
Design Services CHS Works	4,068	-4,329	4,368	-4,720	-91	Increased income from internal recharges reflecting work projected during the year.	-51
Property Design - Business Unit	2,848	-3,176	3,229	-3,627	-70	Increased income from internal recharges reflecting work projected during the year.	-3
Transport Strategic Planning	402	0	362	0	-40	Project Management fees recovered from grants	-0
Section 106 Transport schemes	0	0	1	-14	-14	Income received in 2021/22 for expenditure incurred in previous years	-14
School Transport	11,770	-923	12,306	-1,043	417	Additional operating days plus supply chain tender prices are increasing	0
Traffic Management	581	-70	1,049	-580	-42	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-13
Car Parks	2,068	-3,134	2,075	-3,026	116	Volume of anticipated ticket sales does not match budgeted levels	165
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	82	-34	118	-56	14	Reduced demand on the service	16
Road Safety	184	0	129	-0	-55	Underspend due to vacant post being filled part way during the year, an officer working part time and time recharged to grants	-30
School Crossing Patrols	154	0	142	-2	-14	Vacancies on some sites need to be filled.	-9
Public Rights Of Way	978	-79	945	-64	-18	Vacant posts and 1 employee working reduced hours	-0
Other variances					1		-2

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Property							
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	97	0	-43	Net effect of the transfer of the previous Head of Property post holder	-0
Property Maintenance Operational	26,918	-28,233	34,664	-36,329	-350	Increased income from internal recharges reflecting work projected during the year, including significant unexpected projects.	-251
Other variances					8		-0
Planning							
Planning Admin Account	352	-16	342	-58	-52	Savings on supplies and services and vacant posts including the part-year effect of the Head of Service vacancy (now filled)	-94
Building Regulations Trading - Chargeable	441	-492	411	-432	30	Shortfall in income anticipated	86
Policy-Development Planning	706	-2	572	-2	-134	£79k underspend due to staff vacancies and £55k savings on consultants fees both due to covid-related delay in the LDP process	-136
Development Management	1,693	-935	1,691	-878	55	Shortfall in income anticipated	57
Conservation	471	-13	473	-52	-37	Vacant post estimated to be filled in January 2022	-29
Net Zero Carbon Plan	129	0	88	0	-41	Vacant post estimated to be filled before year-end and savings on various fees/costs	0
Other Variances					-18		-10
Grand Total					-455		-358