

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY 16th MARCH 2022

COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2021/22

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Table 1

Forecasted for year to 31st March 2022

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 2021 Forecasted Variance for Year	Oct 2021 Forecasted Variance for Year
	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	33,574	-14,316	-2,517	16,740	33,584	-15,292	-2,517	15,775	-966	-548
Communities	160,560	-66,041	13,586	108,104	165,734	-72,230	13,585	107,089	-1,015	169
Corporate Services	77,125	-45,883	-1,686	29,556	75,582	-45,472	-1,686	28,425	-1,131	-892
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	193,927	-37,615	23,348	179,660	212,050	-55,740	23,348	179,658	-2	0
Environment	129,786	-81,846	13,450	61,390	141,436	-94,083	13,450	60,803	-588	-455
Departmental Expenditure	594,972	-245,702	46,181	395,451	628,386	-282,817	46,180	391,750	-3,702	-1,726
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-20,155				-21,205	-1,050	-500
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				381,433	-4,752	-2,226
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				483	483	274
- Communities				0				508	508	0
- Corporate Services				0				566	566	446
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				1	1	-0
- Environment				0				294	294	227
Net Budget				386,185				383,284	-2,901	-1,279

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 2021 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Oct 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	676	-6	-845	-175	-177	-181
People Management	4,499	-1,558	-2,619	322	5,111	-2,144	-2,619	348	26	74
ICT & Corporate Policy	5,956	-940	-4,780	235	5,853	-951	-4,780	121	-114	-99
Admin and Law	4,495	-849	703	4,349	4,334	-963	703	4,074	-274	-288
Marketing & Media	2,751	-696	-1,430	625	2,454	-696	-1,430	328	-297	-201
Statutory Services	1,286	-310	281	1,258	1,753	-920	281	1,114	-144	-121
Regeneration	13,741	-9,963	6,173	9,950	13,403	-9,611	6,173	9,964	14	268
GRAND TOTAL	33,574	-14,316	-2,517	16,740	33,584	-15,292	-2,517	15,775	-966	-548

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Chief Executive							
Chief Executive-Chief Officer	237	0	208	0	-28	Savings on supplies & services	-30
Chief Executive Business Support Unit	610	0	468	-6	-148	3 vacant posts not filling this financial year & a staff member on maternity leave, £30k savings on supplies & services	-151
People Management							
TIC Team	233	-60	247	-61	12	1 x employee regraded with no funding	13
Business & Projects Support	262	0	223	0	-39	Savings on supplies & services	-32
Employee Well-being	775	-350	786	-333	27	Shortfall on budgeted external SLA income. Referrals have reduced from pre COVID19 levels.	62
Organisational Development	522	-39	529	-10	36	Training efficiency target not currently being met.	29
Employee Services – HR/Payroll Support	134	0	158	0	24	£16k graduate not funded, 2 x employees regraded with no funding £8k.	32
DBS Checks	124	0	84	-3	-43	Review of DBS checks process & budget to be undertaken	-43
Other variances					8		13
ICT & Corporate Policy							
Welsh Language	120	-11	108	-11	-12	£7k due to period of unpaid leave taken. £5k underspend on Supplies and Services	-7
Chief Executive-Policy	687	-31	583	-29	-102	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.	-91
Admin and Law							
Democratic Services	1,886	-276	1,785	-318	-143	Underspend on Members pay £65k & travelling costs £43k, along with an additional £27k of income for work undertaken for the HRA. £7k underspend on supplies and services	-128
Democratic Services - Support	506	0	448	-35	-94	Additional income for work undertaken for the Wales pension partnership (£21k), ERW (£7k) & PCC (£7k); Posts vacant for part of year, expecting to be filled from Mar. There are also savings on supplies & services.	-87
Land Charges	136	-305	91	-275	-14	Savings on supplies & services	-20
Central Mailing	45	0	28	-3	-20	Saving on franking machine leasing costs.	-20
Other variances					-4		-33

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	373	-167	496	-122	168	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements	178
Translation	566	-52	456	-52	-110	Vacant post pending divisional realignment & number of staff members working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services	-102
Customer Services Centres	1,141	-353	911	-353	-231	10 vacant posts during the year, six estimated to be filled before year end. Difficulty in filling posts currently.	-205
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	191	-94	78	-53	-72	3 vacant posts pending divisional realignment offset partly by less income, due to decreased demand for desk rental space	-73
Marketing Tourism Development	370	0	407	-84	-47	Marketing & Media costs to boost the visitor economy reimbursed by WG.	0
Other variances					-5		-0
Statutory Services							
Registrars	441	-307	521	-435	-48	Additional income being generated compared to budget.	-32
Coroners	372	0	353	0	-19	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.	-15
Electoral Services - Staff	294	0	217	0	-77	2 Vacant posts pending divisional realignment	-56
Other variances					0		-18
Regeneration & Property							
Property	1,156	-88	1,048	-11	-30	Vacant posts estimated to be filled in March, this partially offsets a shortfall in external income generated.	-35
Commercial Properties	33	-594	85	-781	-134	General loss of income due to properties becoming vacant and no immediate prospect of re-letting. This has been partially offset by COVID19 income claim for losses attributable to COVID19. This trend has been offset by additional rental income of £270k in the current year, following a retrospective rent review in line with the lease terms.	133
Provision Markets	596	-660	579	-550	93	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.	115
Operational Depots	337	0	313	-0	-24	Modest underspends on premises and supplies and services costs in most of our depots creating a cumulative £24k underspend overall.	5

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Industrial Premises	485	-1,482	498	-1,571	-76	Occupancy levels are still high despite the pandemic	-67
County Farms	76	-342	73	-310	29	Market forces dictate rent/ lease achievable.	24
Livestock Markets	61	-213	44	-38	159	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.	171
Other variances					-2		-78
Grand Total					-966		-548

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Adult Services										
Older People	63,438	-22,473	3,193	44,157	62,694	-24,046	3,193	41,840	-2,317	-1,395
Physical Disabilities	7,622	-1,875	276	6,023	7,798	-2,060	276	6,014	-8	-123
Learning Disabilities	40,834	-11,098	1,282	31,018	41,638	-11,021	1,282	31,899	881	1,323
Mental Health	10,263	-4,107	228	6,384	10,876	-4,135	228	6,969	585	391
Support	9,647	-8,009	1,133	2,770	10,094	-8,612	1,133	2,614	-156	-28
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,349	-1,248	532	2,633	3,524	-1,353	532	2,703	70	0
Council Fund Housing	9,199	-7,996	1,021	2,224	12,753	-11,620	1,021	2,154	-70	0
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	16,207	-9,233	5,922	12,895	16,356	-9,383	5,922	12,895	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	160,560	-66,041	13,586	108,104	165,734	-72,230	13,585	107,089	-1,015	168

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Commissioning	4,016	-769	3,974	-870	-144	Part year vacant posts	-49
Older People - LA Homes	8,237	-3,891	8,716	-5,127	-757	Reduced costs associated with fewer beds occupied in conjunction with support from Hardship Fund	-486
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	25,962	-12,918	25,858	-12,918	-104	from Hardship Fund	-423
Older People - LA Home Care	7,569	0	7,774	-326	-122	Part year vacant posts	-86
Older People - Private Home Care	8,984	-2,573	8,388	-2,573	-596	Part year vacant posts	-84
Older People - Enablement	1,920	-444	1,651	-444	-268	Part year vacant posts	-85
Older People - Day Services	873	-82	685	-0	-106	Reduced provision of day services due to COVID19 restrictions	-53
Older People - Private Day Services	276	0	20	0	-256	Reduced provision of day services due to COVID19 restrictions	-176
Older People - Other variances					35		46
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,499	-306	1,340	-306	-160	Demand led - Reduced use of residential respite care due to COVID19	-264
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	2,634	-589	2,997	-589	363	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					-212		-150
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	11,384	-4,373	12,359	-4,373	975	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.	842
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	3,916	-558	4,833	-558	917	Direct Payments increasing due to demand	855
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	10,171	-2,254	10,762	-2,254	591	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.	391
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,515	-405	2,359	-349	-100	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.	-165
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,327	-82	493	-82	-834	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.	-446
Learn Dis - Community Support	3,184	-160	2,707	-160	-476	Reduced level provision due to COVID19 restrictions	-60
Learn Dis - Other variances					-192		-94

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Mental Health							
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,203	-3,294	6,558	-3,294	356	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.	271
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,265	-410	1,598	-410	334	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.	249
M Health - Direct Payments	148	-44	264	-44	116	Direct Payments increasing due to demand	115
M Health - Community Support	623	-76	405	-76	-218	No payment to Hafal Dom care grant scheme	-118
M Health - Other variances					-2		-126
Support							
Holding Acc-Transport	1,500	-1,773	1,411	-1,889	-205	Provision of additional services to support Hywel Dda	-93
Other Variances - Support					49		65
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Management support	104	-8	88	-14	-22	Under on Travel, photocopying & postages due to COVID19	-21
PP Business Support unit	155	0	120	0	-34	Under on Travel, photocopying & postages & vacancies due to COVID19	-27
Public Health	290	-14	273	-15	-18		-19
Noise Control	219	0	178	-1	-41	Under on salaries	-46
Animal Welfare	84	-85	83	-60	24	Under achievement due to reduction in licensed dog breeders	1
Animal Safety	162	0	114	-1	-48	Under on salaries	-40
Licensing	358	-337	375	-339	14		-3
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	506	-38	517	-39	10		11
Civil Law	239	-2	257	-3	18		2
Fair Trading	149	-66	141	-7	51		-1
Financial Investigator	90	-410	126	-320	126	Delays in receipt from prosecutions	157
Other Variances					-10		-14

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Council Fund Housing							
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	113	-45	58	-45	-55	Under on salaries & supplies and services	0
Penybryn Traveller Site	177	-130	137	-106	-17		16
Homelessness	163	-68	141	-60	-14		-33
Non Hra Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	168	0	187	0	19		18
Temporary Accommodation	512	-110	1,595	-1,170	23	Increased spend on contracted services and supplies	0
Social Lettings Agency	814	-818	767	-798	-27	Increased commission and other income due to greater number of properties on scheme	0
Other Variances					-0		0
Leisure & Recreation							
Millennium Coastal Park	254	-138	317	-219	-18	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	-26
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	534	-346	508	-303	16	Includes cost of replacement vehicle not budgeted	20
Pembrey Beach Kiosk	0	-42	0	-99	-57	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	-37
Pembrey Ski Slope	386	-422	463	-533	-33	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	9
St Clears Leisure Centre	151	-43	227	-37	81	Estimated cost of planned maintenance	98
Actif Facilities	295	0	295	-22	-21	Capital recharge not budgeted £22k	-27
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	16	-36	8	-54	-27	Higher level of income achieved than budgeted	-12
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,248	-1,084	1,232	-1,106	-39	In year vacancies	9
ESD Rev Grant - Ynys Dawela	44	-43	4	-16	-12	Backdated grant award not budgeted	-12
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	422	-326	504	-375	33	Includes £40k R & M not budgeted	39
Woodland Parks	0	0	28	0	28	Emergency bridge repairs not budgeted	4
Museum of speed, Pendine	86	-26	78	0	18	Museum Development consultancy fees not budgeted	20
Museums General	150	0	213	-18	44	Unable to fully achieve vacancy factor	46
Archives General	141	-3	169	-3	27	Part year effect of new Archive Assistant not budgeted	23
Arts General	16	0	0	0	-16	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-16
St Clears Craft Centre	107	-38	71	-38	-36	In year vacancies	-39
Entertainment Centres General	468	-62	387	-33	-52	In year staff vacancies	-47
Attractor - Management	0	0	24	0	24	End of year staff costs not budgeted	1
Leisure Management	439	0	462	-2	21	Tour of Britain costs	16
Other Variances					19		-66
Grand Total					-1,015		169

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Financial Services	13,621	-2,637	-856	10,128	12,788	-2,417	-856	9,515	-613	-517
Revenues & Financial Compliance	63,504	-43,246	-830	19,428	62,794	-43,055	-830	18,909	-519	-375
GRAND TOTAL	77,125	-45,883	-1,686	29,556	75,582	-45,472	-1,686	28,425	-1,131	-892

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Financial Services							
Accountancy	1,801	-467	1,742	-464	-56	£56k part year net vacancies, due to be filled during the year.	-10
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	265	-195	231	-212	-51	£31k part year vacancies, due to be filled during the year. £20k external SLA income from the WPP and other smaller underspends	-54
Payments	557	-77	491	-75	-64	£49k part year vacancies, due to be filled during the year. £15k savings on supplies and services	-55
Audit Fees	322	-93	281	-93	-42	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants	-42
Bank Charges	68	0	46	0	-22	Charges reduced since introduction of new contract	-11
Miscellaneous Services	8,177	-122	7,752	-65	-368	£354k underspend on pre LGR pension costs, £14k underspend on Treasury Management costs	-359
Other variances					-10		14
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	611	-35	522	-35	-90	£90k part year vacancies, due to be filled during the year. All posts now been recruited into.	-79
Audit	487	-19	421	-35	-82	£46k part year net vacancies, £20k saving on supplies and services along with £16k additional income over budget from SLA income	-70
Business Support Unit	142	0	105	0	-37	£32k part year vacancy, now been recruited into. £5k savings on supplies and services	-34
Corporate Services Training	60	0	19	-0	-41	Low uptake of training courses during year	-25
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	16,828	0	17,200	0	372	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. Estimated payments due less than anticipated in October.	572
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	40,961	-41,374	-196	Predicted underspend based on anticipated payments due, anticipated reimbursement from DWP and recovery of overpayments. This areas fluctuates greatly as demand is constantly changing.	-294
Rates Relief	328	0	190	0	-138	Low take-up anticipated in 2021/22	-133
Housing Benefits Admin	1,684	-752	1,336	-703	-299	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 £378k. A £14k saving on supplies and services costs is also anticipated. This is offset by the ongoing annual reduction in admin grant received from DWP.	-316
Other variances					-8		4
Grand Total					-1,131		-892

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Schools Delegated Budgets	142,191	-20,381	0	121,810	146,711	-24,901	0	121,810	0	4,741
Reserve utilisation				0				0	0	-4,741
Director & Strategic Management	1,679	0	-109	1,570	1,516	0	-109	1,407	-163	-448
Education Services Division	8,019	-3,074	17,981	22,926	9,161	-4,194	17,981	22,948	22	105
Access to Education	3,492	-100	1,410	4,802	10,627	-7,130	1,410	4,907	105	124
School Improvement	3,506	-1,543	460	2,423	4,568	-2,501	460	2,527	104	26
Curriculum & Wellbeing	9,190	-4,929	895	5,155	9,628	-5,407	895	5,116	-39	23
Children's Services	25,851	-7,589	2,711	20,974	29,840	-11,607	2,711	20,944	-29	171
TOTAL excluding schools	51,737	-17,234	23,348	57,850	65,340	-30,839	23,348	57,849	-2	0
GRAND TOTAL	193,927	-37,615	23,348	179,660	212,050	-55,740	23,348	179,658	-2	0

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	1,273	0	1,119	0	-154	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 October as a result of growth budget being allocated to service areas.	-450
Other variances					-9		2
Education Services Division							
School Redundancy & EVR	2,065	0	2,118	0	53	Fewer in year redundancies due to the additional grant funding in schools	93
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	1,269	-919	1,832	-1,683	-201	Grant income facilitating the release of core budget for other service in year pressures	-223
Special Educational Needs	4,012	-2,155	4,540	-2,516	166	Staffing costs for additional classes in attached units £166k & new statements approved in year £500k, partially funded (-£500k) by other services having part year vacancies & utilising core budget where grant funding has been applied	197
Other variances					4		37
Access to Education							
School Modernisation	239	0	303	-37	27	£22k closed schools & £5k additional transport costs following school reorganisations	50
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	2,948	-100	9,936	-7,001	87	Primary school free breakfasts voluntary income shortfall (£86k) & increased food costs (£65k) due to grab and go bags instead of cereal etc. High levels of sickness cover £86k & kitchen maintenance costs £150k, partially funded (-£300k) by other services having part year vacancies & utilising core budget where grant funding has been applied	83
Other variances					-8		-9
School Improvement							
School Effectiveness Support Services	517	-15	491	-15	-27	Maximising grant income for core budget to support other pressures	-27
National Model for School Improvement	792	0	954	-32	130	One off costs re ERW	52
Other variances					1		1

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Curriculum and Wellbeing							
Welsh Language Support	680	-248	638	-253	-48	Delay in set up of centres and maximising in year grant opportunities	1
Youth Offending & Prevention Service	1,939	-1,161	2,025	-1,307	-60	Additional WG Grant (Support for Young People in Wales) offsetting core budget to support other services areas as continue to provide reduced services in some areas & part year vacancies through recruiting pressures due to COVID19 challenges	-53
Adult & Community Learning	631	-631	530	-420	109	Reduced take up on courses will impact on level of grant income eligible to claim and franchise income due via Coleg Sir Gar	-16
School Information Systems	356	-28	304	-28	-52	Part year vacancies	-15
Other variances					11		106
Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	7,183	-4	8,728	-1,426	123	Increased staffing costs forecast at this stage in the year (£119k) and overspend forecast on legal costs (£204k)- 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 (-£200k)	106
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,080	-187	1,183	-338	-48	Reduced commitments for family / client needs in December return - less young people and less claims being made	7
Fostering Services & Support	4,103	0	4,285	-50	132	Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) and enhancement costs re more complex children in placements	68
Garreglwyd Residential Unit	466	-202	917	-653	-0	Assumes £469k income from Hywel Dda Health Board	-0
Respite Units	971	0	925	-2	-48	Recruitment delays and 1 officer partially grant funded	-19
Childcare	1,621	-1,089	1,563	-1,070	-39	Additional in year grant awarded from Welsh Government supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	2
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	703	-75	907	-337	-58	Underspend as a result of in year vacancy. Social Care Recovery Fund being applied to other costs previously reported as overspends	59
Family Aide Services	111	0	269	-208	-49	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-34

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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	582	-347	696	-488	-26	Sessional worker, travel and activity costs for Young Carers all significantly reduced as not currently running clubs or holiday activities (COVID19 guidance)	-26
School Safeguarding & Attendance	443	-165	731	-505	-52	Maximisation of grant income partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-65
Other Variances					36		73
Grand Total					-2		0

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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	4,151	-3,784	476	844	5,695	-5,401	476	770	-74	-21
Waste & Environmental Services	26,657	-4,590	1,377	23,444	28,250	-6,253	1,376	23,374	-70	-53
Highways & Transportation	61,771	-40,333	10,632	32,070	63,060	-41,330	10,632	32,362	292	203
Property	32,248	-31,195	636	1,688	39,511	-38,934	636	1,213	-475	-385
Place and Sustainability	4,959	-1,944	330	3,345	4,920	-2,166	330	3,084	-261	-198
GRAND TOTAL	129,786	-81,846	13,450	61,390	141,436	-94,083	13,450	60,803	-588	-455

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Business Support & Performance							
Facilities Management - Building							
Cleaning	4,137	-3,691	5,744	-5,313	-15	Vacancies during the year, all posts now filled	8
Business Support	-78	-35	-125	-35	-47	Vacant posts estimated to be filled before year end	-17
Departmental - Core	48	0	68	0	20	Health & Wellbeing posts not budgeted for (£11k); previous year efficiency not yet delivered.	15
Departmental - Policy	6	0	-18	0	-23	Vacant post now filled	-22
Other variances					-9		-6
Waste & Environmental Services							
Emergency Planning	76	0	60	0	-16	LRF commitment covered by WG grant for 2021/22 (£12k). Salary not at top of budgeted scale point (£4k).	-14
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	127	-130	113	-60	57	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	53
Environmental Enforcement	567	-18	544	-13	-17	Vacant posts during the year - to be included as part of the departmental review	-2
Public Conveniences	208	-6	166	-13	-48	Due to a change in legislation with effect from the 1st of April 2020, Business Rates for stand alone public conveniences are now eligible for a 100% rate relief, this outturn includes 20/21 and 21/22.	-7
Green Waste Collection	555	-435	533	-461	-48	Increased customer base	-49
Other variances					4		-35
Highways & Transportation							
Design Services CHS Works	4,068	-4,329	3,416	-3,640	36	Reduced construction work as a result of COVID19, supply chain difficulties	-91
Property Design - Business Unit	2,848	-3,176	3,081	-3,611	-202	Increased income from internal recharges reflecting work projected during the year	-70
Transport Strategic Planning	393	0	307	0	-85	Project Management fees recovered from grants	-40
Section 106 Transport schemes	0	0	0	-14	-14	Income received in 2021/22 for expenditure incurred in previous years	-14
School Transport	11,770	-923	12,297	-1,105	345	Additional operating days plus supply chain tender prices are increasing	417
Traffic Management	581	-70	1,050	-592	-54	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-42
Car Parks	2,068	-3,134	2,078	-3,012	131	Investment in new ticket machines	116
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	82	-34	117	-55	13	Reduced demand on the service	14
Storm Damage	0	0	228	0	228	Reimbursement of the storm damage clearance cost incurred during Storm Arwen and Barra is being sought from WG	0
Road Safety	184	0	106	-0	-78	Underspend due to vacant post, an officer working part time and also Project Management fees recovered from grants	-55
School Crossing Patrols	154	0	139	-3	-17	Vacancies on some sites need to be filled.	-14

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Public Rights Of Way	978	-79	941	-58	-16	Vacant posts and 1 employee working reduced hours	-18
Other variances					6		1
Property							
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	81	0	-59	Net effect of the transfer of the previous Head of Property post holder	-43
Property Maintenance Operational	26,918	-28,233	33,524	-35,263	-424	Increased income from internal recharges reflecting work projected during the year, including significant unexpected projects.	-350
Other variances					8		8
Place and Sustainability							
Planning Admin Account	352	-16	424	-149	-61	Savings on supplies and services and vacant posts including the part-year effect of the Head of Service vacancy (now filled)	-52
Forward Planning	706	-2	598	-2	-109	£75k underspend due to staff vacancies and £33k savings on consultants fees both due to covid-related delay in the LDP process	-134
Development Management	1,693	-935	1,728	-925	45	Shortfall in income anticipated	55
Tywi Centre	62	-61	132	-153	-22	Lost income claims received from WG, £12k Q2, £8k Q3	-9
Conservation	471	-13	463	-52	-48	Vacant post estimated to be filled in March 2022	-37
Net Zero Carbon Plan	129	0	70	0	-59	Vacant post not anticipating to be filled before year-end and savings on various fees/costs	-41
Other Variances					-8		22
Grand Total					-588		-455