

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY 19th OCTOBER 2022
COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

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Forecasted for year to 31st March 2023

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2022 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	36,065	-14,716	-4,140	17,210	36,382	-15,522	-4,140	16,720	-490
Communities	175,771	-69,969	13,794	119,596	178,811	-71,391	13,795	121,215	1,619
Corporate Services	79,849	-46,040	-1,693	32,116	74,648	-41,633	-1,693	31,322	-794
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	190,904	-26,416	22,906	187,395	221,972	-53,629	22,906	191,249	3,854
Environment	136,036	-83,504	13,252	65,784	131,977	-78,900	13,251	66,329	545
Departmental Expenditure	618,624	-240,644	44,120	422,100	643,790	-261,075	44,120	426,835	4,735
Unfunded pay offers (above budget):									
NJC Staff (employers' offer)				0				6,500	6,500
Teachers (IWPRB recommendation)				0				600	600
Corporate Contingency				0				-3,000	-3,000
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-17,694				-18,444	-750
Levies and Contributions:									
Brecon Beacons National Park				154				152	-2
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				11,170				11,170	0
West Wales Corporate Joint Committee				155				155	0
Net Expenditure				415,885				423,968	8,082
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves									
- Chief Executive				0				245	245
- Communities				0				-982	-982
- Corporate Services				0				397	397
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				-2,431	-2,431
- Environment				0				-545	-545
Net Budget				415,885				420,653	4,767

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2022 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	859	0	-845	14	717	-4	-845	-132	-145
People Management	4,680	-1,585	-2,619	476	6,087	-2,659	-2,619	810	333
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,785	752	6,457	-997	-4,785	675	-77
Admin and Law	4,964	-876	703	4,791	4,713	-902	703	4,514	-277
Marketing & Media	2,834	-713	-1,430	691	2,482	-526	-1,430	525	-165
Statutory Services	1,444	-346	281	1,380	1,526	-633	281	1,174	-206
Regeneration	14,784	-10,233	4,555	9,106	14,399	-9,802	4,555	9,153	47
GRAND TOTAL	36,065	-14,716	-4,140	17,210	36,382	-15,522	-4,140	16,720	-490

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Chief Executive						
Chief Executive-Chief Officer	240	0	216	0	-24	Savings on supplies & services
Chief Executive Business Support Unit	618	0	501	-4	-121	3 staff on secondment, savings on supplies & services £15k.
People Management						
Agile Working Project	0	0	66	0	66	Unfunded post
Payroll	662	-365	688	-357	35	Past year efficiencies not yet being met
People Services – HR	1,174	-275	1,294	-285	111	Temporary increased resource employed to deal with recruitment backlog
Employee Well-being	815	-359	818	-335	27	Shortfall on budgeted external SLA income.
Organisational Development	454	-40	529	-7	108	Training efficiency target not currently being met (£33k). Investors in people assessment one off costs of £26k, Unfunded Welsh Language post previously funded from Risk Management fund.
DBS Checks	129	0	104	-1	-26	Review of DBS checks process & budget to be undertaken
Other variances					13	
ICT & Corporate Policy						
Information Technology	5,643	-921	5,586	-903	-39	Vacant posts, due to be filled from October
Chief Executive-Policy	722	-32	687	-35	-38	Vacant posts in early part of year, now mostly filled. One currently vacant due to be filled imminently.
Admin and Law						
Democratic Services	2,133	-290	1,953	-315	-206	Underspend on members pay & allowances £154k, travelling costs £22k, supplies & services £4k, along with an additional £26k of income for work undertaken for the HRA.
Democratic Services - Support	526	0	512	-30	-44	Additional income for work undertaken for the Wales pension partnership £21k & PCC £8k, savings on supplies & services £15k.
Land Charges	141	-313	94	-211	55	Shortfall in income due to low demand for searches
Legal Services	2,092	-273	2,038	-275	-55	Vacant post due to be filled from September. A number of staff at lower point of scale.
Central Mailing	46	0	24	0	-22	Saving on franking machine leasing costs
Other variances					-5	

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Marketing & Media						
Marketing and Media	409	-171	438	-32	168	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k). Looking at alternative potential partnership arrangements
Translation	595	-53	478	-53	-117	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment & number of staff working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services.
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	1,039	-358	-160	12 posts vacant, difficulty in filling posts.
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	174	-96	74	-53	-57	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment, offset partly by less income from decreased demand for desk rent space.
Statutory Services						
Registration Of Electors	176	-3	234	-113	-52	One off income received from Electoral Commission
Registrars	525	-343	569	-501	-115	Increase in anticipated income due to large number of ceremonies taking place.
Coroners	369	0	353	0	-15	Savings on supplies and Services
Electoral Services - Staff	265	0	242	0	-23	Vacant post. Due to be filled from October
Regeneration & Property						
Commercial Properties	34	-463	103	-558	-25	Occupancy levels relatively high
Industrial Premises	494	-1,519	519	-1,560	-16	Occupancy levels relatively high
County Farms	79	-351	79	-308	43	Income target not met due to current economic climate, along with some land no longer available to rent due to tree planting/ecological purposes.
Livestock Markets	62	-114	21	-38	35	Shortfall on income at Carmarthen and Llandovery Markets
Other variances					11	
Grand Total					-490	

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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	71,878	-26,173	3,557	49,262	71,165	-26,622	3,557	48,100	-1,162
Physical Disabilities	8,275	-1,905	286	6,655	8,519	-2,259	286	6,546	-109
Learning Disabilities	43,472	-11,683	1,438	33,226	44,342	-11,147	1,438	34,633	1,407
Mental Health	11,076	-4,324	233	6,985	11,429	-4,314	233	7,349	364
Support	11,148	-6,649	1,167	5,667	11,140	-6,602	1,167	5,704	38
Homes & Safer Communities									
Public Protection	3,400	-1,278	532	2,655	3,390	-1,316	532	2,606	-48
Council Fund Housing	9,249	-8,027	798	2,020	12,051	-10,740	798	2,110	90
Leisure & Recreation									
Leisure & Recreation	17,273	-9,930	5,783	13,126	16,775	-8,392	5,783	14,167	1,040
GRAND TOTAL	175,771	-69,969	13,794	119,596	178,811	-71,391	13,795	121,215	1,619

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Adult Services						
Older People						
Older People - Commissioning	4,220	-865	3,985	-865	-235	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. Additional budget has been allocated in 2022/23 and a wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.
Older People - LA Homes	9,265	-4,286	9,635	-4,835	-179	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly. Recruitment issues re Care Workers. A wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	28,743	-13,241	28,432	-13,241	-311	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly. Recruitment issues re Care Workers. A wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.
Older People - LA Home Care	8,031	0	7,919	-0	-112	Demand for home care remains high but capacity to deliver is constrained by staff recruitment issues. A wide range of initiatives have been launched to address this.
Older People - Direct Payments	1,369	-313	1,473	-313	104	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision
Older People - Enablement	2,132	-485	1,743	-485	-389	Demand for reablement services remains high but capacity to deliver is constrained by staff recruitment issues. A wide range of initiatives have been launched to address this.
Older People - Day Services	895	-84	687	-12	-136	Provision of day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Older People - Other variances					95	
Physical Disabilities						
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,615	-313	1,318	-313	-297	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,228	-174	1,018	-174	-210	Demand for Supported Living placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	2,957	-603	3,497	-603	540	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision
Phys Dis - Other variances					-142	

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Learning Disabilities						
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,921	-279	1,582	-63	-123	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	11,996	-4,482	12,827	-4,482	831	Whilst demand for LD Residential Placements has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	4,328	-572	4,729	-572	401	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,081	-2,295	12,037	-2,295	956	Whilst demand for LD Supported Accommodation has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.
Learn Dis - Day Services	2,701	-464	2,388	-364	-213	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Private Day Services	1,048	-84	808	-84	-240	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Adult Placement/Shared Lives	2,940	-1,992	2,547	-1,772	-173	Provision of LD day services which forms part of the Shared Lives Services, is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Other variances					-33	
Mental Health						
M Health - Commissioning	1,558	-154	1,252	-143	-296	Recruitment issues re Social Workers. Additional budget has been allocated in 2022/23 and a wide range of initiatives are being launched to increase recruitment.
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,628	-3,377	6,986	-3,377	358	Whilst demand for MH Residential Placements has not increased significantly, the budget has been reduced to reflect efficiency proposals. The delivery of this has been delayed.
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,431	-466	1,643	-466	212	Accommodation and Efficiency project plans for strategic longer term future accommodation options as well as current client group has experienced delays due to COVID19. The Progression & Review Team will prioritise Rightsizing in Supported Living in 2022.
M Health - Direct Payments	166	-45	320	-45	154	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision
M Health - Other variances					-64	
Support						
Other Variances - Support					38	

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Homes & Safer Communities						
Public Protection						
PP Business Support unit	160	0	138	0	-22	Under on salaries & supplies & services
Noise Control	227	0	188	0	-40	Under on salaries
Animal Welfare	87	-87	84	-41	43	Under achievement of income, mainly due to reduction in licensed dog breeders
Dog Wardens	105	-30	119	-23	20	Increase in abandoned dogs & not reclaimed
Trading Standards Services Management	94	-40	30	-40	-65	Staff Vacancy
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	96	0	74	0	-23	Under on salaries & Supplies & Services
Fair Trading	154	-68	145	-35	24	Under achievement on Income & over on travel
Other Variances					15	
Council Fund Housing						
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	121	-45	-9	53	-32	Savings on supplies & services budget.
Temporary Accommodation	533	-113	1,219	-712	87	Increased pressure on service previously funded through Hardship Grant. Alternative accommodation options currently being developed e.g. more dispersed /smaller schemes
Social Lettings Agency	846	-839	862	-826	28	Potential reduction in commission rates as a result of current market forces. New landlord offer being developed to sustain existing landlords and attract new ones.
Other variances					7	
Leisure & Recreation						
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	557	-375	409	-183	45	Income shortfall for Board & Accom (COVID19 recovery) £192k offset by reduced staffing requirement £106k along with various underspends in Premises and S & S headings
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	337	-192	307	-121	41	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £71k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £15k, along with various underspends in S & S headings
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,513	-1,616	1,378	-1,202	279	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £414k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £135k
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	960	-856	922	-668	150	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £188k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £38k

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Llandovery Swimming Pool	376	-259	384	-142	125	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £117k along with minor forecast overspend on Employee costs £7k
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	-38	0	-38	Credit relating to backdated NNDR
Catering - Sport Centres	320	-297	254	-214	17	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £83k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £24k, along with forecast underspend in the cost of catering £42k
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,297	-1,094	1,257	-799	255	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £296k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £30k, along with various underspends in S & S headings
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	423	0	370	0	-53	In year vacancies due to implementation of staffing restructure
Pembrey Country Park	873	-1,139	992	-1,167	90	Forecast overspend due to essential on site maintenance
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	519	-382	529	-442	-51	Forecast to over achieve income to budget
Parc Howard Museum	151	-99	150	-87	11	Unable to achieve income target as site closed for most of 2022/23
Museum of speed, Pendine	89	-27	76	-2	12	Unable to achieve income target as site closed for most of 2022/23
Museums General	158	0	221	0	63	Unable to achieve vacancy factor, a legacy of undelivered PBB's and unfunded post
Archives General	156	-10	179	-9	24	Unfunded post
Arts General	16	0	1	0	-15	Vacant post being held pending restructure
St Clears Craft Centre	111	-39	68	-15	-19	Vacant posts being held pending potential community run venture
Laugharne Boathouse	157	-117	157	-71	46	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery)
Lyric Theatre	417	-315	373	-289	-19	Forecast underspend on cost of Performance Fees
Y Ffwrnes	813	-486	741	-365	49	Income shortfall (COVID19 recovery) £116k, offset by forecast underspend on cost of Performance Fees £42k and cost of catering £25k
Attractor - Management	0	0	27	0	27	Forecast cost of Project Manager post (6 mths) not funded
Attractor - Externals	7	-58	5	-26	30	£25k PBB proposal for Attractor site not yet achievable due to delays in contract completion
Leisure Management	460	-3	434	-3	-26	In year staff vacancy
Other Variances					-5	
Grand Total					1,619	

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	
Financial Services	15,750	-2,788	-863	12,098	15,126	-2,583	-863	11,679	-419
Revenues & Financial Compliance	64,099	-43,252	-830	20,018	59,522	-39,050	-830	19,643	-375
GRAND TOTAL	79,849	-46,040	-1,693	32,116	74,648	-41,633	-1,693	31,322	-794

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Financial Services						
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	277	-200	270	-217	-25	Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership
Grants and Technical	357	-114	312	-87	-18	Vacant post due to be filled (est October)
Payments	581	-79	567	-80	-14	Vacant post due to be filled from September
Audit Fees	325	-96	300	-96	-25	A proportion of audit fees are chargeable directly to grants
Miscellaneous Services	10,016	-125	9,648	-81	-324	£324k underspend on pre LGR pension costs
Other variances					-14	
Revenues & Financial Compliance						
Procurement	638	-36	602	-36	-36	Savings from staff member working reduced hours and a number of posts currently at lowest point on the salary scale
Audit	511	-20	475	-40	-56	1 vacant post estimated to be filled in September, 1 recently filled post and one post working at reduced hours
Local Taxation	986	-763	931	-771	-63	Savings on 4 vacant posts to date. Two have been filled, and two remain vacant and are being covered by agency following failure to recruit.
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	17,249	0	17,008	0	-241	Underspend based on latest demand figures.
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	37,206	-37,311	112	Projections on expenditure based on 2021/22 claims
Rates Relief	289	0	184	0	-105	Low take-up anticipated in 2022/23. Based on current demand.
Housing Benefits Admin	1,750	-753	1,573	-756	-180	11 vacant posts. Estimated to be filled from November. Number of posts on lower points of the scale.
Revenues	984	-139	1,176	-135	195	£100k increase in bank charges over budget due to increased number of card payments. £95k one off essential software upgrade
Other variances					-2	
Grand Total					-794	

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Schools Delegated Budgets	148,160	-20,125	0	128,035	156,560	-20,125	0	136,435	8,400
Transfer from Reserves				0		-8,400		-8,400	-8,400
Director & Strategic Management	2,578	0	-109	2,469	1,621	0	-109	1,512	-957
Education Services Division	5,068	-1,332	17,587	21,323	7,347	-2,648	17,587	22,286	963
Access to Education	3,394	-103	1,339	4,630	10,599	-6,062	1,339	5,875	1,245
School Improvement	2,152	0	460	2,613	3,344	-1,176	460	2,628	16
Curriculum & Wellbeing	6,435	-1,124	895	6,206	10,509	-4,966	895	6,438	232
Children's Services	23,117	-3,733	2,734	22,118	31,991	-10,251	2,734	24,474	2,355
TOTAL excluding schools	42,744	-6,291	22,906	59,359	65,412	-25,104	22,906	63,214	3,854
GRAND TOTAL	190,904	-26,416	22,906	187,395	221,972	-53,629	22,906	191,249	3,854

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Director & Strategic Management						
Director & Management Team	2,208	0	1,255	0	-953	Growth & remainder of budget held back from budget review 2021/22 - to be allocated by Director to service pressures below
Other variances					-4	
Education Services Division						
School Redundancy & EVR	2,133	0	2,038	0	-96	Commitments are based on known redundancies at this time and therefore forecast is subject to fluctuation
Additional Learning Needs	2,461	-1,332	4,347	-2,159	1,059	£800k overspend relates to Statementing. £320k for increased number of children placed Out of County.
Access to Education						
School Admissions	317	0	268	0	-49	Part year vacant posts currently being recruited to
School Modernisation	142	0	229	-41	45	£36k closed schools & £9k additional transport costs following school reorganisations
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	2,934	-103	10,102	-6,021	1,250	Based on existing costs and income levels for school meals £1.1m. Primary breakfast contributions for care element shortfall £91k & increased costs of food & labour £60k. Does not reflect any forecasting regarding UPFSM.
School Improvement						
School Improvement	1,484	0	1,499	0	15	
Other variances					1	
Curriculum and Wellbeing						
Music Services for Schools	333	0	1,590	-1,212	46	SLA income insufficient to cover core staffing costs to deliver this SLA provision.
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	3,396	-226	3,819	-393	255	Overspend on salaries, due to current staffing level pressures and high agency costs.
School Information Systems	370	-28	302	-28	-68	Part year vacant posts being reviewed as part of current restructure
Children's Services						
Commissioning and Social Work	7,814	-109	8,492	-159	627	Increased staff £90k & agency staff £282k costs forecast re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, additional demand forecast for assistance to clients and their families £105k and legal costs £150k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases.

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2022	Notes
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Forecasted Variance for Year	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	971	-58	1,075	-294	-132	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on (£87k). Underspend forecast on Board & Lodge costs will lower numbers currently (£45k).
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,271	0	4,739	0	469	Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £26k, increased fostering costs including transport to school costs £41k re demand & increased fuel costs, enhancement costs re more complex children in placements £57k, boarded out costs re demand, allowance increases and additional payments due to connected carers £215k, one off IT equipment purchases for Carers £46k and cost of an extension for 1 family £32k, promotion & marketing costs £17k, panel member costs £15k, other misc costs £20k.
Adoption Services	564	0	1,117	-481	71	Increased staffing costs re ongoing service demands and maternity leave cover required for 3 members of the team.
Out of County Placements (CS)	376	0	987	0	611	2 new highly complex placements in 2022/23 .
Residential Units	838	-354	1,596	-764	347	£241k forecast overspend on staffing costs at the Rhydygors Residential Unit based on costs to date and expected costs from 1st September, when setting officially transfers to Children's Services. Due to no return being received, other non-staff costs are not included within the forecast. £106k in relation to Garreglwyd - non achievement of efficiency saving in relation to selling places / beds to other counties. This projected outturn position assumes £468k income from Hywel Dda University Health Board.
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	596	0	1,038	-2	440	Increased demand for Direct Payments since change in legislation, further pressures linked to COVID19 & lack of commissioned services available £269k. Increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £171k.
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	946	-577	873	-590	-86	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division.
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,165	-164	1,435	-460	-26	1 member of staff on long term sick leave, no pay forecast from December 2022 onwards.
Educational Psychology	1,074	-184	1,271	-344	37	Ongoing demand for additional staff, partly arising from COVID19 pandemic.
Other Variances					-3	
Grand Total					3,854	

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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	4,273	-3,878	492	887	4,412	-3,966	492	939	52
Waste & Environmental Services	28,964	-4,795	1,399	25,568	28,590	-4,609	1,399	25,381	-187
Highways & Transportation	56,630	-32,886	10,132	33,875	55,315	-30,560	10,132	34,887	1,011
Property	40,945	-39,970	899	1,874	38,608	-37,651	899	1,855	-19
Place and Sustainability	5,224	-1,974	330	3,579	5,052	-2,113	330	3,268	-311
GRAND TOTAL	136,036	-83,504	13,252	65,784	131,977	-78,900	13,251	66,329	545

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Business Support & Performance						
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,311	-3,783	4,443	-3,882	33	Additional resource (agency) required to cover sickness. Issues retaining and recruiting staff are leading to additional pressures.
Other variances					19	
Waste & Environmental Services						
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	-85	0	-73	Interim staffing complement, recruitment will be reviewed in the Autumn.
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	132	-134	130	-108	25	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects
Environmental Enforcement	589	-19	529	-20	-62	Underspend relates to vacated post. Work underway to assess future needs.
Public Conveniences	216	-6	196	-6	-20	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
Green Waste Collection	574	-446	616	-543	-56	Increased customer base
Other variances					-1	
Highways & Transportation						
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	16	0	16	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles
School Transport	12,534	-946	13,221	-1,046	587	£354k estimated additional cost of fuel price increases, £233k estimated additional tender price increases.
Car Parks	2,108	-3,340	1,860	-2,404	688	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres. WG reimbursement is no longer available.
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	85	-34	80	-18	12	Reduced demand on the service
Road Safety	248	-5	164	-0	-79	-£19k - 6 months vacant Assistant Road Safety Officer; -£16k - part-time Asst Road Safety Officer; Estimated -£55k for time recharged to grants
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	134	0	-26	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled
Technical Surveys	510	0	487	0	-24	Vacant Technician post - estimated to be filled by October 2022
Highway Lighting	2,611	-1,221	2,204	-841	-28	Vacant Assistant public lighting engineer post estimated to be filled by September/October 2022
Public Rights Of Way	1,057	-75	938	-77	-121	Savings on pay due to reduced hours; vacancies during the first and second quarters and officers not on top of scale
Other variances					-14	

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Property						
Property Division Business Unit	140	0	0	0	-140	No commitment for HOS post
Design Services CHS Works	4,232	-4,437	2,525	-2,610	121	The recovery is based on percentage of the contractor costs and the lack of contractor availability means the contractor costs are not sufficient to meet the surplus target.
Place and Sustainability						
Building Control	687	-509	654	-451	25	Income shortfall offset by vacant post estimated to be filled in November
Forward Planning	731	0	640	-0	-91	Vacant posts, one filled, other two to recruit in near future & estimated less spend on consultants & general fees
Development Management	1,839	-948	1,681	-948	-159	£230k underspend on pay costs due to vacant posts (4 estimated to be filled by September), reduced hours or not on top of scale, offset by additional agency, fees & travel costs.
Conservation	485	-13	505	-57	-24	Some officers not on top of grade
Net Zero Carbon Plan	135	0	79	0	-55	Vacant post estimated to be filled in September & less spend on legal & consultants fees
Other Variances					-7	
Grand Total					545	