

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY 18th OCTOBER 2023
COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

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Actual for the year to 31st March 2023

Department	Working Budget				Actual				EOY Actual Variance for Year £'000	Feb 2023 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	40,478	-17,940	-2,902	19,636	42,804	-20,684	-2,903	19,217	-419	-758
Communities	174,974	-67,439	25,463	132,998	191,407	-80,652	25,464	136,219	3,220	3,798
Corporate Services	76,553	-46,040	-2,122	28,391	69,920	-40,332	-2,122	27,466	-925	-1,104
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	209,154	-42,390	33,356	200,120	234,025	-64,366	33,356	203,015	2,895	3,858
Place and Infrastructure	149,084	-97,839	20,432	71,677	149,938	-98,851	20,432	71,519	-158	366
Departmental Expenditure	650,243	-271,648	74,227	452,822	688,093	-304,885	74,227	457,436	4,613	6,159
Unfunded pay offers - Schools				0				0	0	1,500
Corporate Contingency				0				0	0	-2,830
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate Pension reserve adjustment & accumulated leave				-15,033				-18,573	-3,540	-2,750
				-33,383				-33,385	-2	0
Levies and Contributions:										
Brecon Beacons National Park				154				152	-2	-2
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				11,170				11,170	0	0
West Wales Corporate Joint Committee				155				155	0	0
Net Expenditure				415,885				416,955	1,069	2,077
Transfer to / from General Balances				0				1,288	1,288	0
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves										
- Chief Executive				0				210	210	379
- Communities				0				-982	-982	-982
- Corporate Services				0				463	463	552
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				-2,127	-2,127	-2,131
- Place and Infrastructure				0				79	79	-366
Net Budget				415,885				415,885	0	-470

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non-controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non-controllable £'000	Net £'000		
Chief Executive	859	0	-768	91	718	-4	-768	-54	-144	-139
People Management	4,687	-1,585	-1,864	1,239	6,083	-2,897	-1,864	1,322	84	190
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,500	-964	-4,059	1,477	7,723	-2,313	-4,059	1,351	-126	-75
Admin and Law	4,926	-838	1,215	5,303	4,748	-877	1,215	5,085	-218	-231
Marketing & Media	2,835	-713	-1,052	1,071	2,445	-531	-1,052	862	-209	-254
Statutory Services	1,444	-346	416	1,515	1,707	-684	416	1,439	-76	-56
Regeneration	19,226	-13,496	3,211	8,941	19,380	-13,378	3,210	9,212	271	-193
GRAND TOTAL	40,478	-17,940	-2,902	19,636	42,804	-20,684	-2,903	19,217	-419	-758

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Main Variances

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Marketing & Media							
Marketing and Media	409	-171	443	-28	178	Overspend on salaries pending divisional realignment which is now complete. Loss of income streams from external partners (e.g. ERW £80k).	138
Translation	595	-53	483	-66	-126	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment which is now complete. A number of staff working reduced hours, savings on supplies & services.	-113
Customer Services Centres	1,203	-362	1,027	-358	-172	Part year vacancies in Contact Centre and Hwbs. Constantly out to advert due to difficulty in filling posts.	-183
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	184	-96	77	-48	-59	2 vacant posts pending divisional realignment which has now been completed, offset partly by less income from decreased demand for desk space rental.	-60
Marketing Tourism Development	405	-5	369	-5	-36	Underspend on vacant posts pending divisional realignment which has now been completed	-37
Other variances					6		0
Statutory Services							
Registration Of Electors	176	-3	153	-3	-23	Underspend on supplies and services	-13
Registrars	525	-343	586	-488	-85	Increase in income due to large number of ceremonies taking place	-79
Coroners	369	0	451	0	82	One off inquest cost of (£39k). Large increase in volume in last quarter on post-mortem fees (£26k overspend), and undertaker fees (£17k overspend). These are offset by smaller underspends on supplies and services.	68
Electoral Services - Staff	265	0	214	0	-51	1 post vacant throughout financial year	-31
Regeneration & Property							
Regeneration Management	308	0	341	0	33	Overspend due to cessation in staff time recharged to projects	33
Swansea Bay City Deal	0	0	-23	0	-23	Underspend on staff and travelling costs	0
Property	1,195	-91	1,013	-27	-119	4 posts vacant during the year. These vacancies and an underspend on supplies and services are covering a shortfall on income generated from external work undertaken.	-104
Commercial Properties	48	-463	612	-628	399	£485k set aside to fund Market Street North Project, offset by additional income generated from high occupancy rates	-86
Provision Markets	700	-556	684	-511	28	Net shortfall in income across the portfolio due to low occupancy rates. Partially offset by underspends on premises and supplies and services costs.	13
Asset Sales	20	0	111	-5	86	Additional costs associated with making Kidwelly Town Hall structurally safe	-0
Operational Depots	475	0	455	0	-20	Underspend on various premises related costs	-14
Administrative Buildings	4,057	-796	4,129	-897	-28	Underspend on various premises related costs	-0
Industrial Premises	715	-1,519	798	-1,705	-102	High occupancy levels currently	-78
County Farms	147	-351	186	-328	61	Income target not met due to current economic climate as no scope to increase tenancy agreements at the moment (£21k). Additional property maintenance works undertaken £40k).	66
Livestock Markets	69	-114	29	-91	-18	One off additional income from Newcastle Emlyn Mart.	-17

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Division	Working Budget		Actual		EOY	Notes	Feb 2023
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Actual Variance for Year		Forecasted Variance for Year
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
Externally Funded Schemes	9,192	-9,188	8,269	-8,297	-32	Underspend on flat rate income received from various grant projects ending in 2022/23	-6
Other variances					6		0
Grand Total					-419		-758

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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	75,049	-26,448	7,922	56,522	78,490	-30,151	7,922	56,261	-261	758
Physical Disabilities	8,919	-1,909	439	7,449	8,685	-1,824	439	7,300	-149	-394
Learning Disabilities	43,490	-9,590	2,653	36,552	49,504	-13,092	2,653	39,064	2,512	2,212
Mental Health	12,924	-4,309	509	9,124	12,495	-3,817	509	9,187	63	257
Support	3,592	-5,934	3,120	778	2,812	-4,799	3,120	1,134	356	76
Homes & Safer Communities										
Public Protection	3,563	-1,384	1,067	3,246	3,537	-1,161	1,067	3,442	197	132
Council Fund Housing	9,237	-7,994	1,081	2,324	17,644	-16,514	1,081	2,211	-113	-138
Leisure & Recreation										
Leisure & Recreation	18,201	-9,870	8,674	17,004	18,241	-9,294	8,674	17,620	616	896
GRAND TOTAL	174,974	-67,439	25,463	132,998	191,407	-80,652	25,464	136,219	3,220	3,798

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Adult Services							
Older People							
Older People - Commissioning	4,665	-912	4,443	-814	-125	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. Cost pressures re staffing - both in year unfunded pay award and increased use of agency staff	-110
Older People - LA Homes	11,325	-4,917	11,252	-4,426	418	Annual audits of Direct Payments balances has recovered significantly more income in 2022/23.	664
Older People - Direct Payments	1,338	-313	1,468	-679	-236	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.	172
Older People - Enablement	2,143	-485	1,860	-489	-287	Service provision has been reconfigured post-Covid and other opportunities e.g. Direct Payments are explored.	-412
Older People - Private Day Services	239	0	77	0	-162		-0
Older People - Other variances					131		444
Physical Disabilities							
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,604	-313	1,233	-98	-156	Demand for residential placements is lower than pre-pandemic. Demand levels are increasing slowly.	-301
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,479	-174	904	-123	-524	Demand for Supported Living placements is lower than pre-pandemic.	-438
Phys Dis - Private Home Care	359	-92	671	-120	285	Service provision has been reconfigured post-Covid.	0
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,276	-603	3,550	-500	377	Demand for Direct Payments remains high as an alternative to other service provision	486
Phys Dis - Other variances					-131		-141
Learning Disabilities							
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	1,819	-141	1,640	-64	-102	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-188
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	14,092	-4,482	15,026	-4,324	1,093	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.	1,132
Learn Dis - Direct Payments	4,677	-572	5,534	-1,532	-103	Annual audits of Direct Payments balances has recovered significantly more income in 2022/23.	465
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,399	-990	15,730	-3,515	1,806	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.	1,894
Learn Dis - Adult Respite Care	1,191	-812	1,312	-812	121	Recruitment issues in respect of care workers has increased the reliance on Agency staff	103
Learn Dis - Home Care Service	367	-161	398	-343	-151	Service provision has been reconfigured post-Covid and other opportunities e.g. Direct Payments are explored.	-0

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Learn Dis - Private Day Services	490	-84	357	-57	-106	Commissioned LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	-362
Learn Dis - Grants	166	125	370	-181	-102	Utilisation of external funding to reduce pressure on core budgets	-0
Learn Dis/M Health - Ssmss	-145	-138	-8	-139	136	Undelivered efficiency re management from 2018/19, 2020/21 and 2021/22	35
Learn Dis - Other variances					-81		-866
Mental Health							
M Health - Commissioning	1,554	-139	1,363	-122	-175	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. 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.	-301
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	7,310	-3,377	6,953	-2,780	239	Demand for residential and residential respite placements for mental health increasing	573
M Health - Private/Vol Homes (Substance Misuse)	159	-34	310	0	186	Annual audits of Direct Payments balances has recovered significantly more income in 2022/23.	0
M Health - Direct Payments	283	-45	279	-98	-57	Community Support Provision is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.	31
M Health - Community Support	769	-78	613	-76	-154		-179
M Health - Other variances					23		132
Support							
Departmental Support	-1,096	-3,000	-1,590	-2,163	342	Higher than anticipated legal fees (£183k) and undelivered efficiency (£98k)	24
Other Variances - Support					14		52
Homes & Safer Communities							
Public Protection							
PP Business Support unit	163	0	133	0	-30	Underspend on Supplies & Services	-18
Public Health	305	-15	356	-14	51	Overspend on salaries and fly tipping costs	17
Noise Control	231	0	133	-0	-98	Under on salaries	-49
Animal Welfare	88	-87	86	-44	41	Under achievement of income, mainly due to reduction in licensed dog breeders	49
Public Health Services Management	55	-115	116	-115	61	Over on salaries	20
Licensing	379	-345	381	-303	44	Underachievement of licensing income	11
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	98	0	44	0	-54	Under on salaries & Supplies & Services	11
Financial Investigator	127	-527	225	-467	158	Outstanding cases only part delivered during 22-23.	0
Other Variances					24		91

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Council Fund Housing							
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	124	-45	88	-72	-64	Savings on supplies & services budget.	-9
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	674	-273	680	-418	-140	Over achievement of Income	0
Penybryn Traveller Site	183	-132	113	-101	-39	Underspend on Salaries	-115
Landlord Incentive	14	-11	115	-5	107	Improvements made to Social Lets properties, income to be recovered in future years	-27
Homelessness	169	-70	1,090	-952	38	Most payments relating to Homelessness prevention have been accommodated in the prevention grant.	0
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	179	0	134	0	-45	Underspend on Salaries	2
Other variances					28		11
Leisure & Recreation							
Burry Port Harbour	24	-107	35	-135	-15	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking & Catering	-34
Discovery Centre	6	-90	5	-124	-35	Excess income achieved to budget for Parking	-28
Pembrey Ski Slope	466	-475	539	-602	-54	Excess income achieved to budget	-34
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	382	-192	357	-130	37	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £62k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £25k	24
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,641	-1,616	1,692	-1,413	253	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £208k offset by in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £46k, along with various overspends in S & S and Premises headings	245
St Clears Leisure Centre	183	-44	175	-63	-27	S106 income not budgeted £13k along with in year vacancies	-20
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	1,035	-856	1,111	-779	153	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £107k, along with Operational Consumables £61k and R & M £14k, offset in part with in year vacancies / lower use of casual staff £29k	134
Llandovery Swimming Pool	412	-259	440	-153	134	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £106k along with overspend in Employees due to Pay Award not being fully funded	133
Actif Communities	326	-39	307	-59	-39	Core staff recharge to external grant	-0
Actif Facilities	250	0	262	-0	12	Small overspends in a number of S & S expenditure headings	-7
Actif health, fitness and dryside	215	-135	163	-40	43	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery)	48
Catering - Sport Centres	324	-297	289	-226	35	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £71k offset by an underspend in cost of Catering £33k plus numerous minor underspends	51
Sport & Leisure General	845	-46	724	-59	-134	In year staff vacancies £44k, Premises Mtce £40k, Promotions / Marketing £37k, along with numerous smaller S & S underspends	-62
PEN RHOS 3G PITCH	21	-48	10	-50	-13	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-13
St John Lloyd - 2G Pitch	63	-14	22	-11	-38	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-37
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,393	-1,094	1,490	-900	292	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £198k, Premises Mtce £69k and Employee costs due to Pay Award not being fully funded £18k, along with various minor overspends in S & S headings	302
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	438	0	255	0	-183	In year staff vacancies	97

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Pembrey Country Park	905	-1,139	1,269	-1,311	191	Revenue contributions to Capital £122k Utilities £26k, cost of Agency staff to backfill in year vacant posts £43k	61
Pembrey Country Park Restaurant	541	-382	601	-511	-70	Over achievement of Catering income to budget	-90
Ammanford Library	309	-14	268	-10	-37	In year staff vacancies	-34
Llanelli Library	534	-30	515	-24	-13	In year staff vacancies	-1
Community Libraries	258	-7	238	-6	-19	In year staff vacancies	-5
Libraries General	1,133	-1	1,156	-7	18	Forecast overspend in Employees due to Pay Award not being fully funded	37
Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	228	-20	221	-46	-33	Income received in year not originally budgeted	1
Parc Howard Museum	158	-99	87	-48	-21	In year staff vacancies	8
Museums General	159	0	220	0	61	Unable to achieve vacancy factor, a legacy of undelivered PBB's and unfunded post	72
Arts General	16	0	0	0	-15	Vacant post being held pending restructure	-15
St Clears Craft Centre	123	-39	84	-19	-20	Vacant posts being held pending potential community run venture	-19
Cultural Services Management	103	0	84	0	-19	Numerous minor expenditure underspends	-19
Laugharne Boathouse	166	-117	161	-72	40	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery)	40
Lyric Theatre	470	-315	415	-288	-27	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £28k offset by reduced cost of Performance Fees £38k, utilities £12k, staffing £12k plus minor S & S underspends	-10
Y Ffwrnes	930	-486	751	-374	-67	Income shortfall (Covid19 recovery) £112k, offset by forecast underspend on Utilities £81k, Performance Fees £27k, Employees £31k, Contracted Services £25k and numerous other minor expenditure underspends	-23
Attractor - Management	0	0	52	0	52	Project manager post not funded	51
Attractor - Hostel	0	0	166	-3	163	Expenditure relating to the set up of this new facility	-4
Attractor - Museum	0	0	32	0	32	Expenditure relating to the set up of this new facility	0
Attractor - Externals	7	-58	10	-13	48	Parking income budgeted for Attractor site not fully achievable due to delays in contract completion	46
Leisure Management	438	-3	358	-3	-79	In year vacancy £44k plus underspends in Premises Mtce £28k and other minor S & S underspends	-6
Other Variances					11		4
Grand Total					3,220		3,798

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Financial Services	12,454	-2,788	-1,934	7,732	12,429	-2,773	-1,934	7,722	-10	-427
Revenues & Financial Compliance	64,099	-43,252	-188	20,659	57,491	-37,559	-188	19,744	-915	-677
GRAND TOTAL	76,553	-46,040	-2,122	28,391	69,920	-40,332	-2,122	27,466	-925	-1,104

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	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000			£'000
Financial Services							
Accountancy	1,877	-478	1,903	-477	28	Additional accountancy support costs	31
Treasury and Pension Investment Section	277	-200	237	-187	-28	Additional income for work undertaken for Wales Pension Partnership £18k, along with other smaller underspends on supplies and services	-23
Grants and Technical	357	-114	277	-54	-20	Staff vacancy during year	-18
Payments	581	-79	547	-80	-34	6 short-term vacancies during the year.	-34
Bank Charges	66	0	33	0	-33	Reduced costs following new bank contract	-12
Miscellaneous Services	6,721	-125	7,046	-376	74	Year end additions to earmarked reserves for various ongoing pressures.	-353
Other variances					3		-18
Revenues & Financial Compliance							
Procurement	638	-36	576	-36	-62	Savings from staff member working reduced hours, maternity leave and a number of posts currently at lowest point on the salary scale	-62
Audit	511	-20	461	-40	-70	3 vacant posts during the year £35k; Additional SLA income from Fire Service and Delta £20k; £15k underspend on supplies and services	-71
Risk Management	158	-1	132	-1	-26	Staff member working reduced hours along with one off income generated.	-26
Business Support Unit	149	0	137	0	-12	2 staff members on lowest points of the scale	-8
Corporate Services Training	62	0	13	0	-50	Less planned training during the year	-50
Local Taxation	986	-763	997	-725	50	Large increase in postage costs	-50
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	17,249	0	16,864	0	-385	Demand led service. Less call on the service than budget	-376
Rent Allowances	41,323	-41,540	34,533	-34,921	-171	Fluctuates depending upon demand for the service.	134
Rates Relief	289	0	206	0	-83	Low take up in 2022/23	-84
Housing Benefits Admin	1,702	-753	1,385	-638	-202	DWP Housing Benefit Admin grant received is £212k less than budget. There is a net £310k underspend on pay costs, due to 12 vacant posts during the year. We have also received £100k of additional one off grants from DWP during the year to complete specific projects, along with smaller underspends on supplies and services.	-178
Revenues	1,033	-139	1,125	-136	95	£82k increase in bank charges over budget due to increased number of card payments. £77k one off essential software upgrade. Offset by vacant posts during the year.	95
Other variances					0		-1
Grand Total					-925		-1,104

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Schools Delegated Budgets	151,938	-22,289	0	129,649	160,917	-27,187	0	133,730	4,081	6,290
Transfer from Reserves				0		-4,081		-4,081	-4,081	-6,290
Director & Strategic Management	1,511	0	111	1,623	1,272	0	111	1,383	-239	-228
Education Services Division	17,445	-7,299	22,771	32,917	18,181	-8,462	22,771	32,489	-428	-182
Access to Education	3,998	-159	2,949	6,788	12,679	-8,350	2,949	7,277	489	741
Strategy & Learner Support	4,980	-3,165	1,340	3,155	4,840	-3,526	1,340	2,655	-500	-407
Children's Services	29,283	-9,479	6,185	25,988	36,136	-12,759	6,185	29,562	3,574	3,934
TOTAL excluding schools	57,216	-20,102	33,356	70,471	73,108	-33,097	33,356	73,366	2,895	3,858
GRAND TOTAL	209,154	-42,390	33,356	200,120	234,025	-64,366	33,356	203,015	2,895	3,858

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Director & Strategic Management							
Director & Management Team	1,141	0	904	0	-237	£225k earmarked for 2023/24 efficiency this year reducing the department's in year overspend.	-236
Other variances					-2		8
Education Services Division							
School Expenditure not currently delegated	125	0	202	-132	-54	Admin income for processing WG FSM holiday payments, reducing the department's in year overspend.	-0
School Redundancy & EVR	2,133	0	1,852	0	-282	Low number of school redundancies due to the school balances brought forward & continuation of RRRS grant	-223
Early Years Non-Maintained Provision	954	-589	840	-828	-353	WG grant funding received where already committed core budget. In year underspend supporting department pressures	-357
Additional Learning needs	4,131	-2,412	4,560	-2,631	210	New ALN pressures in excess of the already committed budget for school provision	296
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	3,666	-386	4,241	-877	83	Increased agency costs due to staff absences across the 4 settings	87
School Improvement	1,522	0	1,649	-166	-39	Reduced salary costs £21k - mainly due to no Soulbury Pay award in year, which had been committed throughout the year. Also, maximisation of grant income £28k, partly offset by increased running costs incurred within training centre's £10k	12
Other variances					6		3
Access to Education							
School Admissions	420	0	348	-18	-90	Part year vacant posts recently recruited to	-71
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	3,436	-159	12,023	-8,166	580	School meals staffing costs increase re actual pay award £428k. Primary breakfast contributions for care element shortfall £90k & increased costs of food & labour £62k	683
Other variances					0		129
Strategy & Learner Support							
Welsh Language Support	732	-289	574	-297	-166	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and had staff working on, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the Department	-149
Youth Support Service & Participation	2,261	-1,239	2,071	-1,285	-235	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays in recruitment and additional short term grants being utilised	-190
Adult & Community Learning	559	-556	648	-575	70	Reduced take up on courses impacting on level of grant income eligible to claim and franchise income due via Coleg Sir Gar	107
European Funded Projects	315	-314	158	-209	-53	Net contribution to department indirect costs, project could be subject to European audits.	-53
School Information Systems	370	-28	254	-29	-118	Part year vacant posts being reviewed as part of current restructure	-124

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Children's Services							
Commissioning and Social Work	7,841	-109	8,868	-262	873	Increased agency staff costs £594k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £358k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £199k. This is partly offset by other net savings - £278k - staffing budget due to vacancies as not able to recruit and additional grant income. £140k vired Corporately at year end re pay award - not committed in February 2023 return	1,013
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,067	-154	1,072	-393	-233	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-245
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,326	0	5,232	-115	790	Specialist support (mainly agency) for 2 young people with highly complex needs £419k. Boarded out costs re demand, allowance increases and additional payments to connected carers £285k. Enhancement costs re more complex children in placements £53k, transport to school costs £64k re demand & increased fuel costs, panel & other staff costs £49k, promotion costs £9k. Increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £27k. This is offset by additional WG grant £116k	702
Adoption Services	564	0	1,178	-544	69	Increased staffing costs including agency staff re ongoing service demands and maternity leave cover required for 3 members of the team	56
Out of County Placements (CS)	446	0	1,576	-31	1,098	3 new highly complex placements in 2022/23	1,105
Residential Units	849	-365	2,579	-1,053	1,041	£787k Garreglwyd - significant agency staff costs due to difficulty recruiting to vacant posts & sickness cover. £254k overspend at the new Ty Magu Residential Unit - increased staffing costs re complex placements £412k (including £77k agency staff costs) and other running costs £62k, with no budget for non-staffing costs. This is offset by £220k WG grant	954
Respite Units	1,064	-12	1,090	-8	31	Overspend mainly in relation to back-dated Covid19 related enhancement payments for residential staff	41
Supporting Childcare	1,708	-1,096	1,810	-1,455	-257	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on	-60
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	689	-59	1,563	-446	487	Increased demand for Direct Payments since change in legislation, further pressures linked to Covid19 & lack of commissioned services available £218k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £441k, partly offset by WG grant - £172k	538
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	946	-577	1,107	-820	-83	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-78
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,165	-164	1,602	-689	-88	1 Service Manager reducing their hours and 2 others being on a lower point in the grade with budget held at top of grade £22k, reduced expenditure re delayed activity until 2023/24 £20k & maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division £46k	-24

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000
School Safeguarding & Attendance	778	-474	783	-534	-56	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division	-30
Educational Psychology	1,473	-405	1,364	-401	-103	Number of part year staff vacancies, delays & difficulty in recruitment and additional grants being utilised	-48
Other Variances					4		10
Grand Total					2,895		3,858

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Service Improvement & Transformation	3,999	-3,878	1,559	1,679	4,134	-3,898	1,559	1,794	115	228
Waste & Environmental Services	30,010	-5,039	3,058	28,029	30,919	-5,463	3,058	28,514	485	667
Highways & Transportation	66,042	-40,598	12,833	38,276	67,600	-41,956	12,833	38,477	200	125
Property	43,363	-45,995	1,956	-676	41,576	-44,629	1,956	-1,097	-421	-200
Place and Sustainability	5,670	-2,329	1,027	4,368	5,709	-2,905	1,027	3,831	-537	-455
GRAND TOTAL	149,084	-97,839	20,432	71,677	149,938	-98,851	20,432	71,519	-158	366

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Service Improvement & Transformation							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,429	-3,783	4,595	-3,843	106	£114k pressure on wages due to actual pay award being more than budget and only partly met corporately; increased level of agency expenditure as a result of staff sickness.	205
Other variances					9		23
Waste & Environmental Services							
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	15	0	-75	-0	-90	Interim staffing complement, recruitment will be reviewed once new HOS appointed	-96
Emergency Planning	79	0	67	0	-12	Underspend on pay costs and supplies & services	-6
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	131	-134	128	-84	48	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects	58
Environmental Enforcement	590	-19	508	-24	-87	Underspend relates to vacated post and maternity leave. Future needs are being assessed.	-83
Waste Services	19,784	-1,366	20,346	-1,408	521	£104k pressure on wages due to actual pay award being more than budget and only partly met corporately; Planned draw-down from reserves for waste services not required in 2022/23 as other divisions within the department are showing underspends.	661
Green Waste Collection	623	-550	609	-602	-67	Increased customer base	-47
Waste services - covid related	0	0	225	-31	194	Sickness absence related agency cover and driver support services	196
Closed Landfill Sites	175	0	151	0	-24	Unable to complete all works due to weather conditions.	-10
Other variances					3		-6
Highways & Transportation							
Departmental - Transport	44	0	6	0	-38	Vacant post, management review underway	-43
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	14	0	14	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	17
Civil Design	1,276	-1,869	1,267	-1,845	15	Income target not achieved	-1
Transport Strategic Planning	414	0	504	-63	27	Additional appraisal costs and part-funding of Towy Valley Path post	-3
Stopping-up Orders	0	-8	1	0	10	Income target not achieved	9
School Transport	13,503	-946	13,813	-1,108	149	Additional cost of tender prices and fuel price increases.	134
Traffic Management	594	-289	860	-611	-56	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income	-36
Car Parks	2,194	-3,348	1,911	-2,919	146	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres.	239
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	85	-34	116	-54	12	Reduced demand on the service	13
Road Safety	230	-5	132	-3	-96	Vacant post filled in Jan, reduced hours for another post and an estimated £66k officers time recharged to grants	-96
School Crossing Patrols	164	0	126	0	-38	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled	-34
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	456	-396	508	-431	18	Insufficient income to cover additional pay costs	-8
Highway Maintenance	21,594	-12,842	23,654	-14,725	177	Winter maintenance pressures	30

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Public Rights Of Way	1,007	-75	943	-58	-47	Savings on pay due to reduced hours; vacancies during the first and second quarters	-47
Other variances					-92		-49
Property							
Property Division Business Unit	138	0	0	0	-138	Vacant HOS post, review on-going	-140
Property Maintenance Operational	33,968	-36,249	33,651	-36,247	-315	Increased income from internal recharges reflecting work completed during the year, including significant unexpected projects.	-240
Pumping Stations	55	0	64	0	10	Additional cost due to further testing at Llandovery pumping station	36
Property Design - Business Unit	2,974	-3,338	2,267	-2,606	25	Purchasing of equipment to facilitate hybrid working and return to the office.	87
Other variances					-4	Increased non chargeable time due to increased absence as a result of sickness, maternity and paternity leave.	57
Place and Sustainability							
Place & Sustainability Unit	136	-17	203	-133	-49	Due to underspend on supplies & services	-48
Building Control	717	-509	644	-448	-12	Due to staff vacancy during the year, now filled	0
Forward Planning	782	0	675	-1	-108	Due to staff vacancies during the year with 1 post estimated to be filled in the new financial year	-114
Development Management	1,946	-948	1,805	-1,096	-289	Due to underspend on vacant posts during the year	-259
Conservation	537	-13	576	-88	-36	Due to underspend on pay & fees budget, includes £13k Wales Council for Voluntary Action additional funding	-30
Renewable Energy Fund	0	-53	0	-82	-29	Additional income received during the year	9
Other Variances					-16		-12
Grand Total					-158		366