

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY 18th OCTOBER 2023
COUNCIL'S BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24

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Forecasted for year to 31st March 2024

Department	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 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	35,317	-12,364	-4,952	18,001	36,087	-13,091	-4,952	18,044	43
Communities	214,770	-97,842	14,222	131,151	218,096	-98,975	14,222	133,343	2,193
Corporate Services	72,970	-39,749	-1,681	31,540	71,398	-38,953	-1,681	30,764	-776
Education & Children (incl. Schools)	199,780	-21,977	25,009	202,813	244,854	-62,102	25,009	207,762	4,949
Place and Infrastructure	143,261	-84,651	12,895	71,505	124,636	-65,036	12,895	72,495	990
Departmental Expenditure	666,098	-256,583	45,494	455,009	695,071	-278,157	45,494	462,408	7,399
Corporate Contingency				1,510				1,510	0
Capital Charges/Interest/Corporate				-19,513				-21,763	-2,250
Levies and Contributions:									
Brecon Beacons National Park				152				152	0
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority				13,014				13,014	0
West Wales Corporate Joint Committee				168				168	0
Net Expenditure				450,341				455,489	5,149
Transfers to/from Departmental Reserves									
- Chief Executive				0				-43	-43
- Communities				0				0	0
- Corporate Services				0				388	388
- Education & Children (incl Schools)				0				0	0
- Place and Infrastructure				0				-990	-990
Net Budget				450,341				454,845	4,504

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2023 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	844	-4	-845	-5	721	-4	-845	-128	-123
People Management	4,759	-1,734	-2,619	406	6,266	-2,878	-2,619	769	363
ICT & Corporate Policy	6,674	-1,015	-4,731	929	6,589	-983	-4,731	876	-53
Admin and Law	5,106	-884	711	4,933	5,059	-887	711	4,884	-49
Marketing & Media	2,755	-616	-1,432	707	2,546	-557	-1,432	558	-149
Statutory Services	1,485	-363	281	1,404	1,733	-562	281	1,452	49
Regeneration	13,693	-7,748	3,683	9,627	13,172	-7,222	3,683	9,633	6
GRAND TOTAL	35,317	-12,364	-4,952	18,001	36,087	-13,091	-4,952	18,044	43

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Chief Executive						
Chief Executive-Chief Officer	242	0	214	0	-28	Savings on supplies & services
Chief Executive Business Support Unit	602	-4	507	-4	-95	Underspend on salaries due to one staff member being on maternity leave, two vacant posts, one committed from September, the other not anticipated to be filled in the current financial year.
People Management						
TIC Team	246	-101	310	-71	94	Additional support for office downsizing, funding to be confirmed (£60k). Income efficiency target (£35k) not likely to be delivered in 2023/24.
Business & Projects Support	262	0	272	0	10	£18k salary efficiency target not met. Offset by savings on Supplies and Services.
Payroll	913	-406	966	-375	84	Salary and income efficiency targets not met (£96k). Partially offset by savings on supplies and services.
People Services – HR	913	-291	1,152	-364	166	£108k salary efficiency savings not met. £84k overspend on Agency costs to deal with volume of recruitment work being undertaken. This is partially offset by vacant posts in early part of the financial year.
Organisational Development	467	-42	507	-48	34	Income efficiency target not achieved
DBS Checks	143	0	120	-1	-25	Underspend based on this and past year's expected volume of checks required.
Other variances					-1	
ICT & Corporate Policy						
Information Technology	5,786	-970	5,644	-892	-63	Number of vacant posts in early part of the year. Four currently vacant anticipated to be filled from September.
Chief Executive-Policy	746	-33	761	-38	10	Short term extension to grant funded post to enable completion of the project
Admin and Law						
Democratic Services	2,237	-304	2,168	-315	-80	Underspend on members pay & allowances of £69k along with an additional income of £11k from the HRA
Democratic Services - Support	550	-8	560	-36	-17	Underspend on supplies & services (£8k), additional income for work undertaken by Partneriaeth (£5k), salaries (£4k)
Civic Ceremonial	28	0	16	0	-12	Underspend on members hospitality/expenses, & saving on transport costs following reducing from two vehicles to one.
Land Charges	105	-287	152	-234	100	Shortfall in income due to low demand for searches due to downturn in the housing market
Legal Services	2,139	-285	2,110	-274	-17	Overspend on software and licences costs (£20k) and £19k overspend on external legal fees, offset by an underspend on salaries due to a short term vacant post that has now been filled, one admin post unlikely to be filled in this financial year
Central Mailing	49	0	26	0	-23	Saving on franking machine leasing costs

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Marketing & Media						
Marketing and Media	558	-50	486	-33	-55	Underspend due to three vacant posts anticipated to be filled from September
Translation	576	-56	521	-69	-68	Underspend on salaries, with one staff member on maternity leave, one vacant post anticipated to be filled from September along with smaller underspends on supplies & services
Customer Services Centres	1,267	-380	1,202	-376	-61	Underspend on salaries due to vacant posts (£120k), offset by overspend on software costs
Yr Hwb, Rhydaman a Llanelli	110	-99	94	-48	35	Shortfall in income mainly due to decreased demand for desk space rental
Statutory Services						
Coroners	366	0	468	0	102	Large increase in number of cases being referred to the Coroner in general. Corresponding increase in volume and cost of toxicology and histology reports. Post mortem fees have doubled in the last 2 years due to increase in rates charged. Undertakers fees increased by 11.5%, Mortuary Fees increased by 5%.
Electoral Services - Staff	275	0	221	0	-54	Vacant post. Not likely to be filled in current year
Regeneration & Property						
Regeneration Management	311	0	350	0	38	Overspend due to cessation in staff time able to be recharged to grants
Property	1,016	-95	959	-25	12	Shortfall of £70k in external income offset by 3 vacant posts in early part of the year. Predicted to be filled from September
Commercial Properties	54	-486	133	-584	-19	Relatively high occupancy rates currently
Provision Markets	719	-584	642	-486	22	Low occupancy rates has resulted in a shortfall of £94k in anticipated income. This is offset by savings made in premises related costs.
Industrial Premises	613	-1,638	357	-1,449	-68	Relatively high occupancy rates currently
Livestock Markets	65	-120	25	-53	27	Shortfall in income at Newcastle Emlyn and Carmarthen Marts
Other variances					-7	
Grand Total					43	

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2023 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	
Adult Services									
Older People	76,601	-26,372	3,618	53,847	76,649	-25,818	3,618	54,449	602
Physical Disabilities	9,129	-1,910	276	7,496	9,655	-2,620	276	7,311	-185
Learning Disabilities	48,323	-11,976	1,475	37,821	48,499	-11,304	1,475	38,670	848
Mental Health	11,946	-4,323	234	7,858	12,531	-4,269	234	8,496	638
Support	11,379	-7,483	1,198	5,094	11,416	-7,468	1,198	5,146	53
Homes & Safer Communities									
Public Protection	3,641	-1,427	532	2,746	3,612	-1,199	532	2,945	198
Council Fund Housing	33,969	-33,559	521	931	35,391	-35,102	521	810	-120
Leisure & Recreation									
Leisure & Recreation	19,781	-10,791	6,369	15,358	20,342	-11,194	6,369	15,517	158
GRAND TOTAL	214,770	-97,842	14,222	131,151	218,096	-98,975	14,222	133,343	2,193

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Adult Services						
Older People						
Older People - LA Homes	10,354	-4,554	10,354	-4,080	474	Agency costs projected at £436k
Older People - Private/ Vol Homes	31,792	-14,062	32,030	-14,062	238	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.
Older People - LA Home Care	8,387	0	7,646	-0	-741	Staffing vacancies
Older People - Direct Payments	1,349	-313	1,550	-313	201	Financial pressures from previous years remain.
Older People - Private Home Care	10,038	-2,638	11,019	-2,638	981	Numbers on waiting lists are reducing as assessed needs are being met in alternative ways. However care packages are increasing as capacity develops in care sector.
Older People - Enablement	2,225	-515	1,841	-514	-382	Staffing vacancies
Older People - Other variances					-168	
Physical Disabilities						
Phys Dis - Private/Vol Homes	1,652	-314	1,535	-314	-117	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at June 2023
Phys Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,520	-174	1,343	-174	-177	Demand led - projection based on care packages as at June 2023
Phys Dis - Direct Payments	3,164	-603	3,344	-603	180	Financial pressures from previous years remain.
Phys Dis - Other variances					-71	
Learning Disabilities						
Learn Dis - Employment & Training	2,077	-352	1,703	-207	-229	Provision of LD day services is reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels.
Learn Dis - Private/Vol Homes	13,970	-4,524	14,477	-4,524	507	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and in developing alternatives to residential care. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
Learn Dis - Group Homes/Supported Living	11,515	-2,295	12,296	-2,295	781	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and in developing alternatives to residential care. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.

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Learn Dis - Private Day Services	981	-84	829	-84	-152	As part of the transformation of day services, we are providing for those with the most complex needs in our buildings as an alternative to commissioning services from independent providers. This has resulted in significant savings. However due to increased demand and complexity there will need to be further staff resource to continue with this strategy
Learn Dis - Other variances					-59	
Mental Health						
M Health - Private/Vol Homes	6,986	-3,394	7,378	-3,394	393	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and in developing alternatives to residential care. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
M Health - Group Homes/Supported Living	1,707	-446	2,232	-446	525	Progress being made in the right sizing of individual packages and in developing alternatives to residential care. This is mitigated by an increase in demand and complexity in those with a learning disability or mental health issue. In the meantime, high cost independent providers are being commissioned and the current budget allocation does not reflect this demand.
M Health - Other variances					-279	
Support						
Other Variances - Support	11,379	-7,483	11,416	-7,468	53	
Homes & Safer Communities						
Public Protection						
Public Health	318	-16	345	-16	27	Re-alignment of staffing budgets required, overall position on target
Noise Control	239	0	157	-0	-82	Re-alignment of staffing budgets required, overall position on target
Animal Welfare	93	-87	94	-44	44	Under achievement of income
Licensing	393	-368	385	-303	57	Under achievement of income
Diseases	551	-38	574	-39	22	Re-alignment of staffing budgets required, overall position on target
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	101	0	47	0	-54	Staff Vacancy
Fair Trading	243	-68	250	-3	72	Under achievement of income
Financial Investigator	132	-527	187	-527	55	Under achievement of income, delays in court cases
Other Variances					57	

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Council Fund Housing						
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	132	-45	137	-93	-43	Underspend on supplies & services
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	658	-284	616	-305	-63	Additional Income
Non HRA Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	185	0	150	0	-35	Underspend on Salaries
Other variances					21	
Leisure & Recreation						
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	523	-375	409	-183	78	Forecast shortfall in income for Board & Accommodation to budget
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	360	-187	345	-201	-30	In year vacancies £17k plus forecast to achieve income above amount budgeted
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	2,005	-1,724	1,953	-1,706	-34	Forecast underspend in utilities
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	1,187	-944	1,173	-965	-34	In year vacancies £13k plus forecast to achieve income above amount budgeted
Llandovery Swimming Pool	478	-212	490	-203	22	Forecast to overspend on Employees £15k plus not fully achieve income budgeted
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	0	0	-43	0	-43	Accrual for NNDR no longer required
Actif Communities	384	-39	355	-44	-34	In year vacancy along with reduced match funding requirement
Sport & Leisure General	854	-44	893	-44	40	Forecast to overspend on Employees
Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	230	-31	196	-26	-29	In year vacancies until new Employee structure filled
Parc Howard Museum	160	-87	130	-76	-19	In year vacancies until site re-opened and new Employee structure filled
Museums General	256	-1	460	0	205	Virement for cost of Service re-structure yet to be processed along with costs for 2 displaced Employees being met by Service until either re-deployment or Redundancy cases signed off
Laugharne Boathouse	158	-129	155	-102	24	Forecast to not fully achieve income budgeted
Lyric Theatre	548	-443	570	-419	46	Forecast overspend on Performance fees along with predicted shortfall in income to budget
Attractor - Hostel	0	0	570	-544	27	Service only recently commenced operation, current forecast therefore based on only 3 months trading and may be subject to change
Leisure Management	448	-4	393	-4	-55	In year vacancies
Other Variances					-4	
Grand Total					2,193	

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Financial Services	14,082	-2,970	-852	10,260	13,411	-2,720	-852	9,839	-422
Revenues & Financial Compliance	58,888	-36,779	-830	21,279	57,987	-36,232	-830	20,925	-354
GRAND TOTAL	72,970	-39,749	-1,681	31,540	71,398	-38,953	-1,681	30,764	-776

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Financial Services						
Accountancy	1,939	-510	1,948	-457	62	£52k overall shortfall on income targets consisting of a £22k shortfall on deputyship income, £19k of grant income not likely to be available in 2023/24 and £11k of other smaller income shortfalls. £12k overspend on software costs.
Bank Charges	64	0	39	0	-25	Reduction in costs following new bank contract.
Miscellaneous Services	8,135	-131	7,626	-60	-437	£425k underspend on pre LGR pension costs. £12k underspend on Subscriptions
Other variances					-22	
Revenues & Financial Compliance						
Procurement	643	-37	581	-37	-62	Underspend on staff, due to 2 being on maternity leave, one on reduced hours and 2 vacancies during the first quarter of the year. These are being filled imminently.
Risk Management	166	-1	153	-1	-13	Reduction in working hours of a member of staff within the section.
Corporate Services Training	55	0	43	0	-12	Underspend based upon current demand for courses.
Local Taxation	1,040	-776	1,131	-709	158	Large overspend on postage costs following price increases in recent years of £115k, along with a reduction in anticipated income received from recovering court costs based on 2022/23 figures.
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	18,385	0	18,244	0	-140	Underspend anticipated based on current levels of demand.
Rent Allowances	34,823	-35,040	34,409	-34,599	27	Projection based on 2022/23 claims.
Rates Relief	251	0	156	0	-95	Low take-up anticipated based on current demand.
Housing Benefits Admin	1,766	-755	1,344	-661	-328	Net shortfall on income grants receivable of £94k compared with budget, offset by 12.5 FTE current vacant posts within the section due to difficulties with recruitment.
Revenues	1,089	-148	1,243	-184	117	£116k overspend on bank charges due to huge increase in the number of card payments in recent years.
Other variances					-6	
Grand Total					-776	

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Schools Delegated Budgets	154,448	-18,006	0	136,443	163,180	-18,015	0	145,165	8,722
Transfer from Reserves				0		-8,722		-8,722	-8,722
Director & Strategic Management	2,116	0	-109	2,007	1,265	0	-109	1,156	-851
Education Services Division	13,573	-2,303	20,028	31,298	16,923	-5,788	20,028	31,163	-136
Access to Education	4,737	-108	1,403	6,033	12,382	-7,081	1,403	6,705	672
Strategy & Learner Support	2,539	-135	922	3,326	13,417	-11,053	922	3,286	-40
Children's Services	22,366	-1,425	2,764	23,705	37,687	-11,442	2,764	29,010	5,305
TOTAL excluding schools	45,332	-3,971	25,009	66,370	81,675	-35,365	25,009	71,319	4,949
GRAND TOTAL	199,780	-21,977	25,009	202,813	244,854	-62,102	25,009	207,762	4,949

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Director & Strategic Management						
Director & Management Team	1,692	0	879	0	-814	Growth budget will be allocated as the relevant recruitment and reviews progress.
Business Support	424	0	387	0	-38	Any temporary in year underspend will support other service pressures. Part year vacant posts pending review of service needs once relocated.
Education Services Division						
Early Years Non-Maintained 3 year old Provision	399	0	652	-562	-308	WG are currently providing grant for non maintained settings, releasing core budget on a temporary basis to support pressures in other services
Additional Learning needs	4,298	-2,066	4,564	-2,290	42	£200k pressure in relation to Out of County placements, partially reduced by part year staff budget saving pending recruitment and reduced Transport and SLA costs.
Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)	4,771	-237	4,948	-301	113	Increased agency costs due to staff absences across the 4 settings
Other variances					17	
Access to Education						
School Admissions	485	0	411	0	-75	Part year vacant posts currently being recruited to
School Modernisation	144	0	254	-45	65	Ongoing costs for closed school premises following school reorganisations
School Meals & Primary Free Breakfast Services	4,108	-108	11,718	-7,036	681	Based on existing costs & income levels for school meals £448k, as difficult to estimate the further roll out of UPFSM. Primary breakfast contributions for care element shortfall £98k & increased costs of food & labour £135k
Strategy & Learner Support						
Youth Support Service & Participation	1,122	-106	2,194	-1,200	-22	Part year vacant posts
Data & Education Systems	1,013	-30	979	-30	-34	Part year vacant posts with recruitment progressing
Other variances					15	
Children's Services						
Commissioning and Social Work	8,019	-115	9,282	-392	985	Increased agency staff costs forecast £607k re additional demand & difficulty recruiting permanent staff, legal costs £306k with additional external provision due to increased complexity of cases and increased demand for assistance to clients and their families £188k. This is partly offset by additional grant income
Corporate Parenting & Leaving Care	1,005	-61	947	-61	-58	Maximisation of grant income supporting priorities the service had already identified and have staff working on
Fostering & Other Children Looked After Services	4,843	0	5,952	-215	894	Increased costs associated with providing specialist support and fostering placements for young people / children looked after, some with highly complex needs £445k, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) £43k, Fostering £621k. This is partly offset by additional WG grant £215k

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Adoption Services	591	0	670	0	80	Overspend mainly in relation to increased staffing costs, including agency staff and travelling costs re ongoing service demands
Out of County Placements (CS)	469	0	2,376	0	1,907	Several ongoing, highly complex placements in 2023/24, with a further increase in number of placements compared with 2022/23
Residential Settings	1,023	-361	2,016	-856	499	£499k Garreglwyd - significant agency staff costs forecast due to difficulty recruiting to vacant posts & sickness cover. £399k forecast overspend for the new Ty Magu residential setting being offset by £399k WG grant.
Short Breaks and Direct Payments	657	0	1,719	-80	982	Increased demand for Direct Payments with further pressures linked to post covid & lack of commissioned services available £363k. Also increased demand for 1-2-1 support under Short Breaks due to lack of available location based services £619k
Other Family Services incl Young Carers and ASD	674	-294	588	-276	-68	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division
Children's Services Mgt & Support (inc Eclipse)	1,189	-164	2,222	-1,073	124	Large increase in number of Unaccompanied Children resulting in more expensive placement costs in excess of the fixed income received £203k, additional Carefirst / Eclipse system costs £22k. This is partially offset by savings by not replacing 2 x vacant posts within the management and administration teams £101k
School Safeguarding & Attendance	560	-245	820	-567	-62	Maximisation of grant income, partially offsetting overspends elsewhere within the division
Other Variances					21	
Grand Total					4,949	

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				June 2023 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	
Service Improvement & Transformation	4,867	-4,117	478	1,228	4,858	-4,104	478	1,231	4
Waste & Environmental Services	30,004	-4,926	1,342	26,420	30,595	-5,265	1,342	26,672	252
Highways & Transportation	57,691	-31,300	10,247	36,638	62,021	-34,773	10,247	37,495	857
Property	44,135	-41,785	448	2,798	20,076	-17,814	448	2,710	-89
Place and Sustainability	6,563	-2,523	381	4,422	7,086	-3,079	381	4,388	-34
GRAND TOTAL	143,261	-84,651	12,895	71,505	124,636	-65,036	12,895	72,495	990

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Main Variances

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		June 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000		
Waste & Environmental Services						
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	-124	-0	-112	Interim staffing complement, temporary recruitment freeze to ensure a comprehensive review of staffing / management structure based on the amalgamation of services
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	513	-20	-54	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Future needs are being assessed.
Waste Services	20,527	-1,400	21,213	-1,537	550	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place.
Green Waste Collection	671	-602	612	-621	-78	Increased customer base
Grounds Maintenance Service and urban parks	3,953	-2,696	3,831	-2,620	-46	More work kept in-house therefore less sub-contractor costs.
Other variances					-8	
Highways & Transportation						
Departmental - Transport	41	0	19	0	-22	Vacant post, management review underway
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	14	0	14	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles
School Transport	13,690	-994	14,538	-1,178	664	Increased transport costs for operators which subsequently escalate the tendered contract prices for the statutory provision of home to school transport. Transport operators are continuing to experience driver shortages, global supply chain shortages for vehicles and parts and a period of very high fuel prices make for a challenging operating environment.
Traffic Management	557	-274	877	-659	-65	Staff vacancies including 1 vacant post to be filled during the year and net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income
Car Parks	2,268	-3,593	2,046	-2,990	380	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget. Parking fees increase of 5% due to be implemented from October 2023.
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	17	-7	35	-7	18	Overspend following cessation of service after the start of the financial year due to statutory notice periods.
Road Safety	251	-11	181	0	-60	Staff time recharged to grants
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	127	0	-33	Several posts have become vacant and will not be refilled - in line with the National Safety Criteria to ensure posts exist at locations a patrol is required only.
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	470	-466	464	-473	-12	Short term salary saving.
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	3,076	-1,037	-28	Vacant post estimated to be filled from October
Other variances					1	

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Property						
Property Division Business Unit	136	0	0	0	-136	Vacant HOS post awaiting further review of departmental structure
Property Design - Business Unit	2,697	-3,010	3,181	-3,447	48	11 vacant posts which includes 3 trainees and graduates therefore not generating income to cover indirect costs
Place and Sustainability						
Place & Sustainability Unit	394	-18	458	-125	-43	Underspend on supplies & services
Building Control	706	-560	684	-396	142	Shortfall in building reg fee income due to an increase in competitors and the current economic climate. Projection is based on actual income in the 1st quarter which may vary as the year progresses
Forward Planning	771	0	719	0	-52	Underspend on salaries due to maternity & vacant post estimated to be filled from September
Development Management	1,870	-956	1,860	-1,032	-87	Planning application income forecast based on actual income received in the 1st quarter of the year, this may vary as the year progresses
Net Zero Carbon Plan	136	0	106	0	-31	Underspend on salaries, vacant post estimated to be filled in September
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	139	-134	138	-86	47	Anticipated income not materialised - Dependent on number of submissions and market buoyancy of development projects
Other Variances					-10	
Grand Total					990	