

**Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee  
Budget Monitoring as at 31st December 2023 - Summary**

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Dec 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Oct 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 and Transformation	5,032	-4,117	484	1,399	5,274	-4,141	484	1,617	218	228
Waste & Environmental Services	30,007	-4,931	1,342	26,419	31,397	-5,656	1,342	27,082	664	664
Highways & Transportation	66,940	-40,547	10,239	36,632	75,737	-48,169	10,239	37,807	1,175	1,052
Public Protection	3,651	-1,417	532	2,766	3,551	-1,145	532	2,938	171	13
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>105,631</b>	<b>-51,012</b>	<b>12,597</b>	<b>67,216</b>	<b>115,959</b>	<b>-59,111</b>	<b>12,597</b>	<b>69,445</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>1,957</b>

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**Budget Monitoring as at 31st December 2023 - Main Variances**

Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		Dec 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Oct 2023 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
<b>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,731	-4,017	4,939	-4,058	168	£180k budget deficit following the pay award	199
Business Support	122	-35	177	-40	50	£48k budget deficit following the pay award	55
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	13	0	13	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	14
Departmental - Core	117	0	104	0	-12	Net saving on vacant post not estimated to be filled in this financial year due to recruitment freeze	-30
Other Variances					0		-9
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services</b>							
Environmental Infrastructure	134	0	98	0	-35	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-35
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-145	0	-308	-0	-163	Underspend on pay costs due to a realignment review & recruitment freeze.	-167
Emergency Planning	81	0	70	0	-11	Underspend due to Manager post not at top of grade	-8
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	516	-21	-52	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Realignment review ongoing.	-49
Public Conveniences	230	-9	244	-9	14	Increase in Danfo contract cost over and above validation	14
Cleansing Service	2,660	-103	2,776	-114	105	£53k deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and efficiencies not met	135
Waste Services	21,203	-1,405	22,116	-1,669	650	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place. Outturn includes draw-down from reserves. £188k pay budget deficit following pay award.	775
Green Waste Collection	671	-602	645	-650	-73	Increased customer base and £5k budget deficit following pay award	-91
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	3,953	-2,696	4,299	-2,838	205	Deficit in pay budget due to pay award	62
Closed Landfill Sites	292	0	316	0	23	Increased electricity costs in both sites.	33
Other Variances					2		-6
<b>Highways &amp; Transportation</b>							
Departmental - Transport	41	0	-112	0	-152	Vacant post, management review underway	-91
Civil Design	1,308	-1,943	1,273	-1,973	-65	Based on current income projections	-13
Transport Strategic Planning	442	0	393	0	-50	Vacant posts during the year	-48
School Transport	13,683	-994	15,108	-1,294	1,125	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. £57k deficit budget on Passenger Assistants as a result of the pay award.	908

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Traffic Management	557	-262	1,023	-921	-193	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income, staff vacancies during the year and staff time recharged to grants.	-173
Car Parks	2,269	-3,593	2,034	-3,131	228	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget.	277
Storm Damage	0	0	-2	302	300	As a result of the recent storms, two sections of the highway suffered support issues with estimated reconstruction costs of £300k; A485 Alltwalis culvert replacement £100k and C2043 Bwlchnewydd road collapse £200k. Awaiting decision from WG on additional funding from Resilient Roads Fund.	300
Road Safety	251	-11	187	0	-54	Staff time recharged to grants	-47
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.	-31
Highway Maintenance	21,543	-12,961	23,667	-14,980	105	£105k budget deficit following the pay award	0
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	2,996	-974	-44	Vacant post now filled from February 2024	-40
Public Rights Of Way	1,069	-83	1,042	-67	-11	Underspend due to maternity leave during the year	-9
Other Variances					21		18
<b>Public Protection</b>							
Animal Welfare	90	-87	87	-33	51	Under achievement of income due to reduced activity	36
Licensing	378	-358	391	-303	68	Under achievement of income due to reduction in number of licensable premises	50
Trading Standards Services Management	151	-42	103	-42	-48	Underspend on salaries	-19
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	45	0	-52	Underspend on salaries	-52
Fair Trading	212	-68	248	-4	101	Underachievement of income target and additional employee due to be re-aligned.	58
Financial Investigator	126	-527	191	-527	65	Due to continued delays in courts system & slightly under on salary budget	20
Other Variances					-13		-80
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>2,228</b>		<b>1,957</b>

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<b>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>											
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,731	-4,017	359	1,073	4,939	-4,058	359	1,240	168	£180k budget deficit following the pay award	199
Business Support	122	-35	145	232	177	-40	145	282	50	£48k budget deficit following the pay award	55
Operational Training	64	-65	19	17	41	-43	19	17	0		-9
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	6	6	13	0	6	19	13	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	14
Departmental - Core	117	0	-45	71	104	0	-45	59	-12	Net saving on vacant post not estimated to be filled in this financial year due to recruitment freeze	-30
<b>Service Improvement &amp; Transformation</b>	<b>5,032</b>	<b>-4,117</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>-4,141</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>218</b>		<b>228</b>
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services</b>											
Environmental Infrastructure	134	0	0	134	98	0	0	98	-35	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-35
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-145	0	12	-133	-308	-0	12	-296	-163	Underspend on pay costs due to a realignment review & recruitment freeze.	-167
Emergency Planning	81	0	12	93	70	0	12	82	-11	Underspend due to Manager post not at top of grade	-8
Civil Contingencies	69	-69	0	-0	69	-69	0	-0	0		-0
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	77	624	516	-21	77	572	-52	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Realignment review ongoing.	-49
Ammanford Cemetery	32	-27	0	6	30	-26	0	5	-1		-6
Public Conveniences	230	-9	55	276	244	-9	55	290	14	Increase in Danfo contract cost over and above validation	14
Cleansing Service	2,660	-103	101	2,658	2,776	-114	101	2,763	105	£53k deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and efficiencies not met	135
Tim tacluso	262	0	0	262	262	0	0	262	0		0
Waste Services	21,203	-1,405	815	20,613	22,116	-1,669	815	21,262	650	Delivery of the interim phase of the waste strategy has increased costs due to contingency measures put in place. Outturn includes draw-down from reserves. £188k pay budget deficit following pay award.	775
Green Waste Collection	671	-602	1	70	645	-650	1	-4	-73	Increased customer base and £5k budget deficit following pay award	-91
COVID-19	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2		0
Powys CC Green Waste collection agreement	0	0	0	0	260	-260	0	0	0		-0
Grounds Maintenance Service and urban parks	3,953	-2,696	266	1,522	4,299	-2,838	266	1,727	205	Deficit in pay budget due to pay award	62
Closed Landfill Sites	292	0	2	295	316	0	2	318	23	Increased electricity costs in both sites.	33
Landfill sites	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1		0
<b>Waste &amp; Environmental Services Total</b>	<b>30,007</b>	<b>-4,931</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>26,419</b>	<b>31,397</b>	<b>-5,656</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>27,082</b>	<b>664</b>		<b>664</b>

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<b>Highways &amp; Transportation</b>											
Departmental - Transport	41	0	-43	-3	-112	0	-43	-155	-152	Vacant post, management review underway	-91
Sec 278 HT Agreements	0	0	0	0	49	-49	0	-0	-0		-0
Highways Drainage Connection	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	0	0		0
Civil Design	1,308	-1,943	124	-511	1,273	-1,973	124	-576	-65	Based on current income projections	-13
Transport Strategic Planning	442	0	55	497	393	0	55	448	-50	Vacant posts during the year	-48
Transport Revenue Grants - Other	0	0	0	0	50	-50	0	0	0		0
Fleet Management	8,750	-9,813	1,085	23	11,114	-12,173	1,085	26	4		0
Passenger Transport	4,890	-2,676	249	2,462	6,859	-4,645	249	2,463	0		-0
School Transport	13,683	-994	137	12,826	15,108	-1,294	137	13,951	1,125	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. £57k deficit budget on Passenger Assistants as a result of the pay award.	908
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Car Parks	2,269	-3,593	129	-1,195	2,034	-3,131	129	-968	228	Parking income not achieving income targets due to reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget.	277
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	17	-7	0	10	25	-7	0	18	9		19
Electric Cars Charging Points - running costs	0	0	0	0	8	-10	0	-3	-3		-9
Storm Damage	0	0	0	0	-2	302	0	300	300	As a result of the recent storms, two sections of the highway suffered support issues with estimated reconstruction costs of £300k; A485 Alltwalis culvert replacement £100k and C2043 Bwlchnewydd road collapse £200k. Awaiting decision from WG on additional funding from Resilient Roads Fund.	300
Road Safety Revenue Grant	112	-108	0	4	112	-108	0	4	0		0
Road Safety	251	-11	37	278	187	0	37	224	-54	Staff time recharged to grants	-47
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	3	163	127	0	3	129	-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.	-31
Bridge Maintenance	819	0	21	840	818	0	21	839	-1		-0
Remedial Earthworks	357	0	2	359	390	-33	2	359	0		-0
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	518	-515	34	38	492	-480	34	46	9		8
Technical Surveys	504	0	33	537	507	0	33	540	3		0
Highway Maintenance	21,543	-12,961	813	9,395	23,667	-14,980	813	9,500	105	£105k budget deficit following the pay award	0
Capital Charges	0	0	7,174	7,174	0	0	7,174	7,174	-0		-0
Western Area Works Partnership	6,299	-6,299	106	106	7,106	-7,106	106	106	-0		-0
Town & Community Councils LED Conversion project	0	0	0	0	18	-18	0	-0	-0		-0
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	85	2,152	2,996	-974	85	2,108	-44	Vacant post now filled from February 2024	-40
Public Rights Of Way	1,069	-83	113	1,099	1,042	-67	113	1,088	-11	Underspend due to maternity leave during the year	-9
GT Link II	235	-235	0	1	91	-91	0	0	-0		0
GT SPF RIF Dev Volunteer Resource PROW	19	-19	0	0	19	-19	0	0	0		0
SPF Funded Caru Sir Gar Project	0	0	0	0	19	-19	0	0	0		0
GT Bwcbabus WG 2019-20 funding	0	0	0	0	321	-321	0	0	0		-0
<b>Highways &amp; Transportation Total</b>	<b>66,940</b>	<b>-40,547</b>	<b>10,239</b>	<b>36,632</b>	<b>75,737</b>	<b>-48,169</b>	<b>10,239</b>	<b>37,807</b>	<b>1,175</b>		<b>1,052</b>

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<b>Public Protection</b>											
PP Management support	98	-9	69	158	105	-7	69	167	9		0
PP Business Support unit	163	0	5	167	141	0	5	146	-22		-20
Public Health	305	-16	45	334	448	-159	45	334	-0		0
Noise Control	230	0	12	242	76	148	12	236	-6		-34
Air Pollution	136	-41	6	101	123	-17	6	112	11		10
Other Pollution	30	0	2	32	44	-12	2	35	2		-10
Water - Drinking Quality	49	-5	3	47	53	-3	3	52	5		5
Stray Horses	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	-5		-5
Animal Welfare	90	-87	6	9	87	-33	6	60	51	Under achievement of income due to reduced activity	36
Diseases Of Animals	54	-40	2	16	57	-25	2	35	19		12
Dog Wardens	109	-33	55	131	90	-6	55	138	8		3
Animal Safety	170	0	12	182	156	0	12	167	-14		-14
Public Health Services Management	116	-121	101	96	110	-121	101	91	-6		7
Licensing	378	-358	94	114	391	-303	94	182	68	Under achievement of income due to reduction in number of licensable premises	50
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	531	-38	24	517	511	-21	24	514	-3		-16
Occupational Health	144	-2	7	149	148	-3	7	153	4		-2
Trading Standards Services Management	151	-42	51	160	103	-42	51	113	-48	Underspend on salaries	-19
Metrology	133	-17	6	122	127	-5	6	128	6		4
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	5	102	45	0	5	50	-52	Underspend on salaries	-52
Civil Law	250	-3	14	262	236	0	14	250	-12		-10
Fair Trading	212	-68	6	150	248	-4	6	250	101	Underachievement of income target and additional employee due to be re-aligned.	58
Safety	74	-11	3	66	59	-5	3	58	-9		-10
Financial Investigator	126	-527	3	-398	191	-527	3	-333	65	Due to continued delays in courts system & slightly under on salary budget	20
<b>Public Protection Total</b>	<b>3,651</b>	<b>-1,417</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>-1,145</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>171</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	<b>105,631</b>	<b>-51,012</b>	<b>12,597</b>	<b>67,216</b>	<b>115,959</b>	<b>-59,111</b>	<b>12,597</b>	<b>69,445</b>	<b>2,228</b>		<b>1,957</b>