

Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Budget Monitoring as at 29th February 2024 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2024 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Dec 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	5,247	-4,171	484	1,559	160	218
Waste & Environmental Services	30,007	-4,931	1,342	26,419	31,542	-5,745	1,342	27,139	720	664
Highways & Transportation	57,886	-31,493	10,239	36,632	65,121	-38,430	10,239	36,931	299	1,175
Public Protection	3,651	-1,417	532	2,766	3,524	-1,189	532	2,867	101	171
GRAND TOTAL	96,577	-41,958	12,597	67,216	105,434	-49,535	12,597	68,496	1,280	2,228

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Budget Monitoring as at 29th February 2024 - Main Variances

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Service Improvement & Transformation							
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,731	-4,017	4,957	-4,083	160	£180k budget deficit following the pay award	168
Business Support	122	-35	120	-40	-7	£48k budget deficit following the pay award met from vacant posts during the year.	50
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	12	0	12	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	13
Other Variances					-6		-12
Waste & Environmental Services							
Environmental Infrastructure	134	0	101	0	-33	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-35
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-145	0	-341	-0	-196	Underspend on pay costs pending structure review and re-assessment of recruitment freeze	-163
Emergency Planning	81	0	71	0	-10	Underspend due to Manager not at top of pay grade	-11
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	514	-25	-58	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Realignment review ongoing.	-52
Public Conveniences	230	-9	248	-6	21	Increase in Danfo contract cost over and above validation	14
Cleansing Service	2,660	-103	2,789	-116	116	£53k deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and efficiencies not fully met	105
Waste Services	21,203	-1,405	22,337	-1,677	862	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.	650
Green Waste Collection	671	-602	659	-659	-69	Increased customer base and £5k budget deficit following pay award	-73
Grounds Maintenance Service and Urban Parks	3,953	-2,696	4,224	-2,908	60	Deficit in pay budget due to pay award	205
Closed Landfill Sites	292	0	320	0	28	Increased electricity costs in both sites	23
Other Variances					-0		2

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Highways & Transportation							
Departmental - Transport	41	0	-112	0	-153	Vacant post, management review underway	-152
Civil Design	1,308	-1,943	1,295	-2,033	-104	Based on current income projections	-65
Transport Strategic Planning	442	0	414	0	-28	Vacant posts during the year	-50
School Transport	13,683	-994	14,892	-1,360	842	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.	1,125
Traffic Management	557	-262	1,036	-954	-212	Net increase in Traffic Regulation orders income, staff vacancies during the year and staff time recharged to grants.	-193
Car Parks	2,269	-3,593	1,981	-3,309	-4	Increased anticipated parking income, however there is a reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget. Reduction in gritting and highways costs as a result of a milder winter.	228
Electric Cars Charging Points - running costs	0	0	2	-15	-14	Forecasted income from charging points	-3
Storm Damage	0	0	-2	2	-0	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. Additional funding from WG Resilient Roads Fund to cover these costs.	300
Road Safety	251	-11	187	0	-54	Staff time recharged to grants	-54
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	124	0	-36	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.	-33
Highway Maintenance	12,489	-3,907	13,597	-4,911	105	£105k budget deficit following the pay award	105
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	3,162	-1,142	-47	Vacant post now filled - from February 2024	-44
Public Rights Of Way	1,069	-83	1,041	-67	-12	Underspend due to maternity leave during the year	-11
Other Variances					15		23

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Public Protection							
Animal Welfare	90	-87	82	-40	39	Under achievement of Licenses income due to reduced activity. The income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the county, with licensing fees calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.	51
Public Health Services Management	116	-121	86	-139	-47	Saving in vacant manager post (£16k) Underspend on supplies & services (£31k)	-6
Licensing	378	-358	402	-303	79	Under achievement of income ,the income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the county, with licensing fees set by legislation or calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.	68
Trading Standards Services Management	151	-42	113	-49	-45	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Consumer & Business Affairs Manager post	-48
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	47	0	-51	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Trading Standards Officer post	-52
Fair Trading	212	-68	249	-5	101	Underachievement of income (£63k), which is at the discretion of the courts when awarding prosecution costs. The income target is particularly high and does not currently reflect the actual potential for cost recovery and additional employee costs for three posts due to be re-aligned.	101
Financial Investigator	126	-527	191	-527	65	Continued delays in courts system means it is taking longer than originally anticipated to translate into receipts.	65
Other Variances					-40		-8
Grand Total					1,280		2,228

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Service Improvement & Transformation											
Facilities Management - Building Cleaning	4,731	-4,017	359	1,073	4,957	-4,083	359	1,233	160	£180k budget deficit following the pay award	168
Business Support	122	-35	145	232	120	-40	145	225	-7	£48k budget deficit following the pay award met from vacant posts during the year.	50
Operational Training	64	-65	19	17	47	-49	19	17	0		0
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	6	6	12	0	6	18	12	Under-utilisation of pool vehicles	13
Departmental - Core	117	0	-45	71	111	0	-45	65	-6		-12
Service Improvement & Transformation	5,032	-4,117	484	1,399	5,247	-4,171	484	1,559	160		218
Waste & Environmental Services											
Environmental Infrastructure	134	0	0	134	101	0	0	101	-33	Part-year saving due to Head of Service post being vacant until July 2023	-35
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-145	0	12	-134	-341	-0	12	-330	-196	Underspend on pay costs pending structure review and re-assessment of recruitment freeze	-163
Emergency Planning	81	0	12	93	71	0	12	83	-10	Underspend due to Manager not at top of pay grade	-11
Civil Contingencies	69	-69	0	0	69	-69	0	0	0		-0
Environmental Enforcement	566	-19	77	624	514	-25	77	566	-58	Underspend relates to vacated post, maternity leave and flexible retirement. Realignment review ongoing.	-52
Cemetery and Crematorium	32	-27	0	6	29	-26	0	3	-3		-1
Public Conveniences	230	-9	55	276	248	-6	55	297	21	Increase in Danfo contract cost over and above validation	14
Cleansing Service	2,660	-103	101	2,658	2,789	-116	101	2,774	116	£53k deficit in pay budgets due to pay award and efficiencies not fully met	105
Tim tacluso	262	0	0	262	262	0	0	262	0		-0
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Green Waste Collection	671	-602	1	70	659	-659	1	1	-69	Increased customer base and £5k budget deficit following pay award	-73
COVID-19	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2		2
Powys CC Green Waste collection agreement	0	0	0	0	259	-259	0	-0	-0		0
Grounds Maintenance Service and urban parks	3,953	-2,696	266	1,522	4,224	-2,908	266	1,582	60	Deficit in pay budget due to pay award	205
Closed Landfill Sites	292	0	2	295	320	0	2	322	28	Increased electricity costs in both sites	23
Landfill sites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Waste & Environmental Services Total	30,007	-4,931	1,342	26,419	31,542	-5,745	1,342	27,139	720		664
Highways & Transportation											
Departmental - Transport	41	0	-43	-3	-112	0	-43	-155	-153	Vacant post, management review underway	-152
Engineering Sub-Contractors	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	-0	-0		-0
Sec 278 HT Agreements	0	0	0	0	59	-59	0	-0	-0		-0
Highways Drainage Connection	0	0	0	0	5	-5	0	-0	-0		0
Civil Design	1,308	-1,943	124	-511	1,295	-2,033	124	-615	-104	Based on current income projections	-65
Transport Strategic Planning	442	0	55	497	414	0	55	469	-28	Vacant posts during the year	-50
Transport Revenue Grants - Other	0	0	0	0	50	-50	0	-0	-0		0
Fleet Management	8,750	-9,813	1,085	23	10,929	-11,988	1,085	27	4		4
Passenger Transport	4,890	-2,676	249	2,462	5,820	-3,607	249	2,462	-0		0

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Car Parks	2,269	-3,593	129	-1,195	1,981	-3,309	129	-1,200	-4	Increased anticipated parking income, however there is a reduced footfall in town centres together with year on year validation applied to budget. Reduction in gritting and highways costs as a result of a milder winter.	228
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	17	-7	0	10	25	-7	0	17	8		9
Electric Cars Charging Points - running costs	0	0	0	0	2	-15	0	-14	-14	Forecasted income from charging points	-3
Storm Damage	0	0	0	0	-2	2	0	-0	-0	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. Additional funding from WG Resilient Roads Fund to cover these costs.	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	-54
School Crossing Patrols	160	0	3	163	124	0	3	127	-36	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.	-33
Bridge Maintenance	819	0	21	840	818	0	21	839	-1		-1
Remedial Earthworks	357	0	2	359	390	-33	2	359	0		0
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	518	-515	34	38	488	-482	34	41	3		9
Technical Surveys	504	0	33	537	506	0	33	539	2		3
Highway Maintenance	12,489	-3,907	813	9,395	13,597	-4,911	813	9,500	104	£105k budget deficit following the pay award	105
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	7,801	-7,801	106	106	0		-0
Town & Community Councils LED Conversion project	0	0	0	0	60	-60	0	-0	-0		-0
Highway Lighting	3,096	-1,029	85	2,152	3,162	-1,142	85	2,105	-47	Vacant post now filled - from February 2024	-44
Public Rights Of Way	1,069	-83	113	1,099	1,041	-67	113	1,088	-12	Underspend due to maternity leave during the year	-11
GT Link II	235	-235	0	1	92	-91	0	1	0		-0
GT SPF RIF Dev Volunteer Resource PROW	19	-19	0	0	17	-17	0	0	0		0
SPF Funded Caru Sir Gar Project	0	0	0	0	11	-11	0	0	0		0
GT Bwcabus WG 2019-20 funding	0	0	0	0	321	-321	0	-0	0		0
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Public Protection											
PP Management support	98	-9	69	158	105	-7	69	167	9		9
PP Business Support unit	163	0	5	167	143	0	5	148	-20	Staff Vacancies and underspend on supplies & services	-22
Public Health	355	-16	45	384	447	-108	45	384	-0		-0
Noise Control	180	0	12	192	78		12	187	-5		-6
Air Pollution	136	-41	6	101	123	-16	6	113	12		11
Other Pollution	30	0	2	32	44	-12	2	35	2		2
Water - Drinking Quality	49	-5	3	47	55	-7	3	50	3		5
Stray Horses	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	-5		-5
Animal Welfare	90	-87	6	9	82	-40	6	48	39	Under achievement of Licenses income due to reduced activity. The income target does not reflect the number of licensable businesses in the county, with licensing fees calculated in accordance with statutory guidance.	51
Diseases Of Animals	54	-40	2	16	58	-36	2	24	8		19
Dog Wardens	109	-33	55	131	85	-27	55	114	-17		8
Animal Safety	170	0	12	182	156		12	167	-14		-14
Public Health Services Management	116	-121	101	96	86	-139	101	49	-47	Saving in vacant manager post (£16k) Underspend on supplies & services (£31k)	-6
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Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	531	-38	24	517	488	10	24	521	5		-3
Occupational Health	144	-2	7	149	150	-3	7	154	5		4
Trading Standards Services Management	151	-42	51	160	113	-49	51	115	-45	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Consumer & Business Affairs Manager post	-48
Metrology	133	-17	6	122	127	-5	6	128	6		6
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	97	0	5	102	47	0	5	52	-51	Underspend on salaries due to vacant Trading Standards Officer post	-52
Civil Law	250	-3	14	262	235	0	14	249	-13		-12
Fair Trading	212	-68	6	150	249	-5	6	250	101	Underachievement of income (£63k), which is at the discretion of the courts when awarding prosecution costs. The income target is particularly high and does not currently reflect the actual potential for cost recovery and additional employee costs for three posts due to be re-aligned.	101
Safety	74	-11	3	66	60	-13	3	50	-16		-9
Financial Investigator	126	-527	3	-398	191	-527	3	-333	65	Continued delays in courts system means it is taking longer than originally anticipated to translate into receipts.	65
Public Protection Total	3,651	-1,417	532	2,766	3,524	-1,189	532	2,867	101		171
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