

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 12 th July 2022
Report Subject	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2021/22 - Final Outturn
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement
Report Author	Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the revenue budget final outturn position for the financial year 2021/22 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.

The Accounts for 2021/22 are now effectively closed and we are on schedule to submit the formal Statement of Accounts and supporting notes to Audit Wales within the framework set by Welsh Government.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to provide challenges for the Council; the financial impact over the last 12 months has again been significant and has included cost pressures as a result of the response, such as purchasing PPE, payments to social care providers, accommodation for the homeless, and significant reductions in planned income from Council services.

The final position reflects additional grant funding received from Welsh Government (WG) which has significantly contributed to the level of operating surplus. This includes additional Social Care funding for winter pressures of £2.167m together with additional grant funding for Children's services from WG of £0.292m.

As reported previously measures were introduced to review and challenge non-essential spend and recruitment to vacancies with the aim of reducing in-year expenditure to 'dampen' the projected overspend at that time. This work also made a positive impact on the outturn position.

The final year end position is:

Council Fund

- An operating surplus of (£5.711m) which is a favourable movement of (£1.107m) from the surplus figure of (£4.604m) reported at Month 10.
- The operating surplus of (£5.711m) equates to 1.9% of the Approved Budget, which is above the target MTF5 KPI for a variance against budget of 0.5%.
- A projected contingency reserve balance as at 31st March, 2022 of £7.098m

Housing Revenue Account

- Net revenue expenditure £1.404m higher than budget
- A closing balance as at 31st March, 2022 of £3.616m

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note the overall report and the Council Fund contingency sum as at 31 st March, 2022
2	To note the final level of balances on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
3	To approve the carry forward requests included in Appendix 6

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING (OUTTURN 2021/22)
1.01	Council Fund Projected Position The final year end position is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An operating surplus of (£5.711m)• A projected contingency reserve available balance as at 31 March 2022 of £7.098m. Our ability to mitigate financial risks arising from the pandemic largely depended on the continuation of the Welsh Government Hardship Fund to meet the impacts of additional costs and income losses. This Fund ceased on 31 st March 2022.
1.02	Table 1. Projected Position by Portfolio The table below shows the projected position by portfolio:

Portfolio/Service Area	Approved Budget £m	Projected Outturn £m	In-Year Over / (Under) spend £m
Social Services	71.130	67.758	(3.371)
Out of County Placements	12.921	13.748	0.827
Education & Youth	9.190	8.722	(0.468)
Schools	102.181	102.181	0.000
Streetscene & Transportation	31.803	32.513	0.710
Planning Env & Economy	6.288	5.614	(0.674)
People & Resources	4.625	4.466	(0.160)
Governance	10.350	9.820	(0.529)
Strategic Programmes	4.648	4.611	(0.037)
Housing & Assets	14.493	13.601	(0.892)
Chief Executive	2.386	2.243	(0.143)
Central & Corporate Finance	27.442	26.468	(0.973)
Total	297.457	291.746	(5.711)

1.03	The reasons for the favourable net monthly movement of (£1.107m) are shown in Appendix 1. The reasons for the overall projected variances are summarised within Appendix 2 showing the detail of all variances over £0.050m. It is important to note that the majority of the positive movements provide only a one-off benefit and would not have been material to the budget setting process for 2022/23.
	Significant Movements from Month 10
1.04	<p>Social Services (£0.520m)</p> <p>The favourable movement relates to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Social Care Recovery Fund grant to offset Direct Payment costs (£0.278m). • Reduction in demand for Domiciliary and Direct Payment costs £0.160m. • Maternity leave, long term sickness absences and new vacancies have meant staff costs reduced by £0.065m. This was mitigated by the additional cost within the residential budget to purchase a block bed contract to minimise hospital bed usage. (£0.279m) • Net impact of changes to care packages within Adults of Working Age Services (£0.154m)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional training costs together with increased Advocacy costs and changes to care package costs mitigated by the allocation of Grant funding used to offset Staffing Costs within Children's Services £0.059m • Finalisation of COVID Hardship Claims due to the number of void beds in Residential Care Homes previously supported by the Grant (£0.065) <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remainder (£0.081m).</p>
1.05	<p>Out of County (£0.061m)</p> <p>The favourable movement is a net result of changes to placements, ended placements, a number of rate changes and an increase in the amount of recoupment income received from other local authorities in respect of their pupils being placed in Flintshire schools.</p>
1.06	<p>Education & Youth £0.063m</p> <p>The adverse movement is due to the net impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A net favourable movement of (£0.089m) due to late notification of the Local Authority Education Grant (LAEG). These grants have been used to offset costs incurred within services, reducing spend against core budgets. This has been partly offset by an agreed budget carry forward from the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant (MEAG). • Integrated Youth Provision approved Carry forward of underspends £0.101m • Tree Survey Work £0.045m <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remaining £0.006m.</p>
1.07	<p>Planning Environment & Economy (£0.164m)</p> <p>The favourable movement is due to the net impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher than anticipated Fee Income in Planning and Land Charges (£0.106m). • Delayed recruitment into April, 2022 for the Private Water Supplies initiative (£0.117m). • Additional expenditure of £0.120m relating to Ash Die Back and other Countryside Projects. <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remaining (£0.061m).</p>
1.08	<p>People & Resources £0.072m</p> <p>The adverse movement is due to the net impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual expenditure on Disclosure and Barring Service higher than previously anticipated and lower income for the Employer Incentive Scheme, delayed into 2022/23 £0.026m • Final Grant Maximisation target shortfall £0.045m <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remainder £0.001m.</p>

1.09	<p>Housing & Assets (£0.161m)</p> <p>The favourable movement is due to the net impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Centre Recharge no longer applied (£0.066m) • Additional Fee Income in Corporate Property Management and Design Services and Consultancy (£0.244m) • Savings on Repair and Maintenance Costs (£0.033m) • Prepayment of Costs supported by the Hardship Fund (£0.263m) <p>Mitigated by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed Carry Forward of underspends to provide further future financial resilience against expected pressures in 2022/23 £0.250m • Reduced underspend on Council Tax Reduction scheme and agreed Carry Forward of underspends £0.161m • Additional costs for site investigation works at the Queensferry Riverside Traveller Site £0.038m <p>Minor variances across the Portfolio account for the remaining (£0.004m).</p>
1.10	<p>Central & Corporate (£0.327m)</p> <p>The favourable movement is due to the net impact of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Loans and Investment Account (£0.070m) • Over recovery of Pension Contributions (£0.098m) • Reduced consumption levels on utilities (£0.023m) • Final position on Soft Loan mitigation (£0.087m) <p>Minor variances account for the remainder (£0.049m)</p>
1.11	<p>Tracking of In-Year Risks and Emerging Issues</p> <p>Members were made aware when setting the budget that there were a number of open risks that would need to be kept under close review. An update on these is provided below.</p>
1.12	<p>Council Tax Income</p> <p>The collection rate outturn for 2021/22 was 97.73% - this was 0.15% higher than target. Collection levels for 2021/22 were also 0.72% higher compared to 2020/21 and only 0.15% below the pre-pandemic levels of 2019/20.</p>
1.13	<p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme</p> <p>The final outturn reflects an underspend of (£0.192m), with a late increase in demand during March slightly reducing the level of underspend which had been projected in previous budget monitoring reports.</p>

1.14	<p>Social Care Grant Funding</p> <p>In November, Welsh Government announced additional funding for Social Care and Health totaling £42.72m across Wales. The grant supports Children's Services, Integrated Health and Social Care, unpaid carer direct payments, early intervention and prevention, along with improved advertising and recruitment for social care. The Social Care Recovery Fund 2021-22 allocation was increased for the Council from £1.733m to £2.772m.</p> <p>Furthermore, Welsh Government confirmed that £50m across Wales was approved for Social Care winter pressures, which resulted in an allocation of £2.167m for the Council and is reflected in the final outturn figures for Social Services.</p>
1.15	<p>Out of County Placements</p> <p>There continued to be significant pressure on this volatile budget arising from the full year impacts of new placements made during 2020/21, including several new high cost placements which were agreed in March after the budget for 2021/22 had been set.</p> <p>A total contribution of £0.650m was made from the Social Care Recovery Fund which left an actual overspend of £0.827m for the year.</p>
1.16	<p>Achievement of Planned In-Year Efficiencies</p> <p>The 2021/22 budget contained £2.363m of specific efficiencies which were tracked and monitored throughout the year. In 2020/21 the level of efficiency achievement was 100% which was an improvement on the 90% achieved during the previous year. The Council aimed to achieve a 95% rate in 2021/22 as reflected in the MFS KPI's.</p> <p>The actual level of efficiencies achieved in 2021/22 was 100%. Further details on efficiencies are shown in Appendix 3.</p>
1.17	<p>Emergency Funding</p> <p>The Local Government Hardship fund initially allocated £206.6m to support local government for the first six months of 2021-22 in the Welsh Government Final Budget 2021-22. In addition £23.3m was allocated to support free school meals during the school holidays.</p> <p>A further £97.5m was subsequently allocated to the end of the financial year based on spend patterns to date, changes to policy approaches (for example tapering of social care uplifts and void payments) and the current alert level. In addition three further allocations to the fund were confirmed - £38m for winter fuel support, £0.600m for Community hubs and £2m for homelessness support (Homelessness Prevention Fund). The £2m was added to specifically provide a top up to the discretionary homelessness prevention funds utilised by the Council.</p> <p>The Principles and Guidance for the Hardship Fund were revised by WG on 1st October with changes impacting on eligibility for various service areas including school costs and additional waste tonnages (reduced to 50%).</p>

	<p>Costs for additional cover when staff were off sick due to COVID or self-isolating and additional vehicle costs due to social distancing requirements were all deemed eligible until the end of 2021/22.</p> <p>During 2021/22 additional cost claims totaled £13.730m and Income Loss claims were £2.401m (which include claims for Aura, Newydd Catering and Cleaning and Cambrian Aquatics).</p>
1.18	<p>Increase in the Local Government Settlement 2021/22</p> <p>Welsh Government announced an additional £60m for Local Government across Wales in 2021/22. The increase was intended to displace expenditure met through the Council's own resources during the year (i.e. council tax or fees and charges) to enable more flexibility in managing pressures, this year or in the future. £10m of this allocation is specific to support the Council's ambitions to increase domiciliary support service capacity through funding driving lessons and to purchase and provide access to electric vehicles for domiciliary care workers. An allocation of £0.400m has been set aside for social care and an amount of £2.432m has been set aside as a specific reserve to safeguard the council against budget/inflation risks.</p>
1.19	<p>Unearmarked Reserves</p> <p>The final level of Council Fund Contingency Reserve brought forward into 2021/22 was £5.973m as detailed in the 2020/21 outturn report. However, this increased to £6.444m when taking account of the budgeted contribution to Reserves in the 2021/22 budget. This is the amount available for general purposes following the set-aside of £3.0m for a COVID-19 Emergency Funding.</p> <p>However, there was a requirement to meet the unfunded impacts of the pay awards from the Contingency Reserve following the outcome of the national pay award negotiations.</p> <p>The £3m emergency ring-fenced fund had an amount of £2.066m remaining at the end of the financial year after allocating known ineligible items. However, there are still a number of holding items being considered by the Grants Panel in relation to 2021/22 claims. The 2022/23 budget approved in February included a top up of £3.250m to this Reserve to safeguard against the cessation of the Welsh Government Hardship Fund, providing a fund total of £5.316m.</p> <p>Taking into account the final outturn position and previously agreed allocations, the amount remaining within the Contingency Reserve is £7.098m (See Appendix 4).</p>

1.20	Council Fund Earmarked Reserves 2021/22		
Reserve Type	Balance as at 01/04/21	Balance as at 31/03/22	
Service Balances	3,698,164	4,697,595	
Specific Service Balances	426,972	0	
Workforce Costs	1,042,570	877,786	
Investment in Change	1,464,329	1,617,975	
County Elections	235,913	291,851	
Local Development Plan (LDP)	242,360	242,360	
Minerals and Waste	15,032	0	
Warm Homes Admin Fee	322,068	297,925	
Waste Disposal	23,360	48,771	
Design Fees	170,000	250,000	
Winter Maintenance	250,000	250,000	
Severe Weather	0	250,000	
Car Parking	45,403	45,403	
Insurance Reserves	2,224,462	2,135,817	
Cheque Book Schools	3,595	3,814	
School HWB ICT Replacement	0	263,223	
Free School Meals	0	115,522	
Flintshire Trainees	612,843	696,631	
Rent Income Shortfall	30,979	12,779	
Plas Derwen Wave 4	0	1,780	
Customer Service Strategy	22,468	22,468	
Capita One	18,827	0	
Supervision Fees	48,798	48,798	
ICT Servers	0	85,000	
IT Infrastructure HWB	0	327,442	
Schools Intervention	427,268	491,133	
Organisational Change/ADM	33,500	274,154	
NWEAB	92,319	210,644	
Employment Claims	124,846	109,846	
Community Benefit Fund NWRWTP	229,792	450,653	
Total	8,107,703	9,421,775	
Schools Balances	6,902,451	12,291,688	
Inflation/Budget Risk (additional RSG)	0	2,432,022	
Social Care (additional RSG)	0	400,000	
Grants & Contributions	5,730,074	7,944,134	
TOTAL	24,438,392	37,187,214	
1.21	Request for Carry Forward of Funding		
	There are a number of carry forward requests recommended for approval which are detailed in Appendix 6.		

1.22	<p>Operating Surplus and Contingency Reserve position</p> <p>The operating surplus and Contingency Reserves position over the last 5 financial years is as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="312 309 1385 824"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="6">Final Outturn and Contingency Reserve</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>2021/22</th> <th>2020/21</th> <th>2019/20</th> <th>2018/19</th> <th>2017/18</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>£m</th> <th>£m</th> <th>£m</th> <th>£m</th> <th>£m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Revenue Outturn Surplus</td> <td>5.711</td> <td>2.185</td> <td>0.439</td> <td>0.608</td> <td>2.107</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency Reserve</td> <td>7.098</td> <td>5.973</td> <td>2.370</td> <td>6.031*</td> <td>5.523*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* 2018/19 Contingency Reserve is after earmarking agreed contributions to 2019/20 budget (£2.221m) * 2017/18 Contingency Reserve is after earmarking agreed contributions to 2018/19 budget (£2.405m)</p>	Final Outturn and Contingency Reserve							2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	Revenue Outturn Surplus	5.711	2.185	0.439	0.608	2.107	Contingency Reserve	7.098	5.973	2.370	6.031*	5.523*
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1.23	<p>Housing Revenue Account</p> <p>The 2020/21 Outturn Report to Cabinet on 13 July 2021 showed an un-earmarked closing balance at the end of 2020/21 of £5.039m and a closing balance of earmarked reserves of £1.869m.</p>																														
1.24	<p>The 2021/22 budget for the HRA was £37.825m which included a movement of £0.566m to reserves.</p>																														
1.25	<p>The final outturn for the HRA shows in year expenditure to be £1.404m higher than budget and a closing un-earmarked balance as at 31 March 2022 of £3.616m, which at 9.18% of total expenditure satisfies the prudent approach of ensuring a minimum level of 3%. Appendix 5 provides further detail.</p>																														
1.26	<p>The favourable movement (£0.382m) is as a result of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further reduction in Bad Debt Provision top up (£0.173m) • Saving on Interest Charges following the introduction of the Annuity Method for recharging purposes (£1.537m) • Saving on Sub Contractor expenditure (£0.050m) • Net CERA requirements at year end £1.484m • Additional Income to offset expenditure (£0.089m) <p>Minor variances of (£0.017m) account for the remainder.</p>																														
1.27	<p>The budget contribution towards capital expenditure (CERA) is £16.620m. The budgeted figure in the 2021/22 HRA Business Plan was £13.442m and the additional contribution of £3.178m has been taken from in year underspends (£0.878m) and unearmarked reserves (£2.300m). This has been utilised towards additional capital works.</p>																														

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As set out within the report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	The Revenue Budget Monitoring Report reflects the three categories of risks covered in the main section of the report. These are in-year risks and emerging issues, achievement of planned in-year efficiencies and other tracked risks. These risks are included from paragraph 1.04 to 1.17.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	None specific.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Fund – Movement in Variances from Month 10 Appendix 2: Council Fund – Budget Variances Appendix 3: Council Fund – Programme of Efficiencies Appendix 4: Council Fund – Movement on Un-earmarked Reserves Appendix 5: Housing Revenue Account Variances Appendix 6: Carry Forward Requests

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Various budget records.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Dave Ledsham Strategic Finance Manager Telephone: 01352 704503 E-mail: dave.ledsham@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Budget: a statement expressing the Council’s policies and service levels in financial terms for a particular financial year. In its broadest sense it includes both the revenue budget and capital programme and any authorised amendments to them.</p> <p>Council Fund: the fund to which all the Council’s revenue expenditure is charged.</p> <p>Financial Year: the period of twelve months commencing on 1 April.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account: the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a local authority account showing current income and expenditure on housing</p>

services related to its own housing stock. The account is separate from the Council Fund and trading accounts and is funded primarily from rents and government subsidy.

Intermediate Care Fund: Funding provided by Welsh Government to encourage integrated working between local authorities, health and housing.

Projected Outturn: projection of the expenditure to the end of the financial year, made on the basis of actual expenditure incurred to date.

Reserves: these are balances in hand that have accumulated over previous years and are held for defined (earmarked reserves) and general (general reserves) purposes. Councils are required to regularly review the level and purpose of their reserves and to take account of the advice of the Chief Finance Officer.

Revenue: a term used to describe the day-to-day costs of running Council services and income deriving from those services. It also includes charges for the repayment of debt, including interest, and may include direct financing of capital expenditure.

Variance: difference between latest budget and actual income or expenditure. Can be to date if reflecting the current or most up to date position or projected, for example projected to the end of the month or financial year.

Virement: the transfer of budget provision from one budget head to another. Virement decisions apply to both revenue and capital expenditure heads, and between expenditure and income, and may include transfers from contingency provisions. Virements may not however be approved between capital and revenue budget heads.

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Outturn - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	-0.522	Social Care Recovery Fund grant slippage of £0.393 was transferred to this budget heading to offset Direct Payment costs. Domiciliary and Direct Payment costs were reduced by £0.160m over the last two months due to demand. Maternity leave, long term sickness absences and new vacancies have meant staff costs reduced by £0.065m. There was an additional cost within the residential budget to purchase a block bed contract to minimise hospital bed usage.
Resources & Regulated Services	0.244	It was expected that the Social Care Recovery Fund grant would fund £0.275m for hospital discharges to in-house residential care homes. However, due to admission embargos because of Covid infections this amount was unable to be used in full, meaning £0.247m of grant support was transferred from this service.
Impact of Covid-19	0.001	
Minor Variances	-0.002	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.102	Amendments to care packages and subsequent costs have led to a net reduction
Children to Adult Transition Services	0.039	This was caused by net changes to care package costs
Professional and Administrative Support	0.028	Demand led changes for the Council's Supported Living Service have led to a slight increase in costs
Residential Placements	-0.034	Changes to care packages and their subsequent costs have reduced the overall cost of care with this service.
Minor Variances	-0.085	Cumulative net variances across the service
Children's Services		
Children's Development	0.040	Due to additional training costs
Family Placement	-0.036	Additional grant funding from Transformation Fund and ICF
Grants	0.057	Increased Advocacy for Children and increase to costs of the Integrated Family Support Service
Legal & Third Party	0.105	Increased costs are due to late notification of placement costs to be funded from the Targeted Support Team budget.
Professional Support	-0.095	Late allocation of grant funding to offset staffing costs.
Minor Variances	-0.013	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Charging Policy income	-0.030	Variation to the estimated income charged for eligible care services
Management & Support	-0.034	Predominantly due to the central telephone recharge being less than the amount budgeted.
Impact of Covid-19	-0.065	Finalisation of all Hardship Claims had meant the previous reported figure for eligible in-house services was underestimated. This was mostly due to the number of void beds in residential care homes which were supported from Hardship.
Minor Variances	-0.015	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	-0.520	
Out of County		
Children's Services	0.101	New placements and other placement changes
Education & Youth	-0.162	Net impacts of placement changes and ended placements
Total Out of County	-0.061	
Education & Youth		
Inclusion & Progression	-0.089	Favourable movement due to late Local Authority Education Grant (LAEG) grants. These grants have been used to offset costs incurred within the services, reducing the spend against core budgets. There has also been an agreed budget c/f of £90k from the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant (MEAG) service.
Integrated Youth Provision	0.101	Approved c/f of underspends to 2022/23
School Planning & Provision	0.045	Tree survey work plus a number of other minor movements
Minor Variances	0.006	
Total Education & Youth	0.063	

Appendix 1

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Schools	0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Highways Network	0.277	Highways Network £0.200m contribution required in relation to Highways Asset Management Plan and Roads Maintenance.
Transportation	-0.057	Lower School Transport costs due to less vehicles required than originally anticipated.
Regulatory Services	-0.225	Favourable market rates for the sale of recyclable materials in a very volatile market.
Impact of Covid-19	-0.030	Additional Claim in Quarter 4 for Overtime costs in Workforce due to Covid.
Other Minor Variances	0.015	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	-0.019	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Business	-0.117	Delayed recruitment into April, 2022 for the Private Water Supplies initiative resulting in an adjustment to the MTFS for future years therefore no further requirement to carry forward the underspend.
Community	-0.068	Commitment challenge across the service
Development	-0.106	Higher than anticipated Fee Income Levels for Planning / Land Charges
Access	0.120	Ash Die Back Expenditure funded from service
Regeneration	0.129	Capital Expenditure contribution at outturn for Warm Homes Crisis Fund
Management & Strategy	-0.127	Bad Debt Provision reduction / commitment challenge
Impact of Covid-19	0.003	
Minor Variances	0.002	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.164	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	0.026	Higher than expected expenditure on DBS Checks, Income from Employer Incentive scheme anticipated but not realised
Corporate Finance	0.045	Final Outturn figure on Grant Maximisation Income target
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	
Total People & Resources	0.072	
Governance		
Democratic Services	0.034	Agreed carry forward of underspend to resource iPads for Members
ICT	0.216	Movement relates to the payment upfront for 5 year contract for Microsoft 365 Back Up solution - paid in advance to take advantage of contract savings together with carry forward £0.085m to assist in financing the replacement of Servers in Schools.
Customer Services	-0.067	Fee Income higher than anticipated
Revenues	-0.154	WG COVID Income Loss Grant Claim at Outturn
Impact of Covid-19	-0.000	
Minor Variances	-0.021	
Total Governance	0.009	
Strategic Programmes		
Minor Variances	0.002	
Total Strategic Programmes	0.002	
Housing & Assets		
Administrative Buildings	-0.066	Data Centre recharge no longer applied plus other minor changes
Property Asset And Development	-0.037	Additional consultancy fee income
CPM & Design Services	-0.206	Increased Fee income
Industrial Units	-0.033	Savings on R and M costs
Benefits	0.161	Reduced underspend on Council Tax Reduction scheme and c/f of underspends
Housing Solutions	0.270	Due to c/f of underspend of £0.250m to provide additional buffer against expected pressure in 2022/23 following cessation of the WG COVID-19 Hardship Fund
Housing Programmes	0.038	Increased costs at Queensferry travellers site
Impact of Covid-19	-0.263	Due to prepayments of costs to end of September 2022 as agreed with Welsh Government
Minor Variances	-0.024	
Total Housing & Assets	-0.161	
Chief Executive's	-0.000	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.216	Final outturn on the Corporate Central Loans & Investment Account (CLIA), Matrix Rebates, Pension contributions, plus some inflationary pressures not required.
Centralised Costs	-0.023	
Impact of Covid-19	-0.001	
Soft Loan Mitigation	-0.087	IFRS 9 requires that for soft loans interest is accrued at the Effective Interest Rate (EIR) rather than the Contract Interest Rate. Capital financing regulations require that soft loan accounting doesn't impact Council Tax levels, therefore this accrual for interest at the EIR was allocated in P12 with a contra entry in P14.
Grand Total	-1.107	

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Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
Social Services							
Older People							
Localities	19.237	18.483	-0.754		-0.232	The net cost of residential care overspent by £0.432m. This included the cost of residential care placements net of the income received for this service such as property charges and contributions from Health. Day care is £0.032m under budget, this service did not resume during the year. Domiciliary and Direct Payments reported an underspend of £0.871m, this includes a contribution of £0.498m from the Social Care Recovery Fund Grant. The Localities workforce budget was underspent by £0.212m, recruitment and retention challenges meant that the service held vacancies which were not able to be recruited to. The Minor Adaptations budget was £0.045m underspent due to the in-year demand. The Sensory Service Level Agreement budget was £0.025m underspent.	
Resources & Regulated Services	8.737	8.477	-0.259		-0.503	The Councils in-house care provision underspent by £0.255m. Day care is underspent by £0.029m as day centres remained closed during the year. Homecare was £0.001m underspent, but received £0.220m additional income from the Social Care Recovery Fund grant. Residential care was underspent by £0.163m which includes a £0.028m contribution from the Social Care Recovery Fund grant. Extra Care underspent by £0.062m.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.004		
Minor Variances	1.255	1.222	-0.033		-0.031		
Adults of Working Age							
Resources & Regulated Services	26.949	27.292	0.343		0.445	The overspend is the cost of social care packages for people with learning or physical impairments. These include the cost of nursing and residential care, domiciliary care and Direct Payments, which were required to meet assessed needs.	
Professional and Administrative Support	0.342	0.274	-0.068		-0.096	Not all staff were paid at top of grade and some staff were seconded from this service.	
Supporting People	-0.323	-0.378	-0.055		-0.055	Additional grant was received this year.	
Residential Placements	1.791	2.033	0.242		0.276	The overspend is due to the cost of social care for people supported by the Mental Health service. These costs include nursing and residential care, domiciliary and Direct Payments.	
Minor Variances	4.304	4.134	-0.170		-0.123		
Children's Services							
Legal & Third Party	0.210	0.601	0.391		0.286	Legal costs overspent due to the number of cases which went through the courts and unavoidable use of legal professionals. Direct Payments also were above the budgeted demand. In addition costs for supporting and young person has fallen onto the Targeted Support Team budget.	

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Residential Placements	0.549	0.378	-0.171		-0.173	There was an in-year underspend for a registered Children's Home within Flintshire as grant funding from the Young People and Children's Services Transformation Fund was used to offset startup costs.	
Minor Variances	9.300	9.302	0.002		0.051		
Safeguarding & Commissioning							
Charging Policy income	-3.104	-3.375	-0.271		-0.241	In 2020/21 a provision was set aside to refund historic overcharges. The actual refunds were lower than the estimated amount and the surplus provision was drawn down into revenue.	
Good Health	0.705	0.654	-0.051		-0.031	There were some staffing underspends and one-off in-year grants.	
Management & Support	-2.500	-4.689	-2.189		-2.155	Welsh Government provided an additional in-year grant of £2.167m for Winter Pressures and Social Care Overspends. This grant was used to offset current spending and significantly reduced the overall Portfolio spend.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	-0.365	-0.365	-0.365	-0.300	Financial assistance provided from the hardship fund for in-house services.	
Minor Variances	3.677	3.709	0.032		0.025		
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	71.130	67.758	-3.371	-0.360	-2.851		
Out of County							
Children's Services	8.417	9.394	0.977		0.876	The overspend reflects the costs of the current cohort of placements with the budget pressure being influenced by the full year impacts in 2021/22 of a number of new placements made in the second half of 2020/21. This has continued in 2021/22 with a further influx of new placements. The true pressure level has also been partly mitigated by an allocation of £0.650m of one-off grant income from the Welsh Government Social Care recovery fund.	
Education & Youth	4.504	4.354	-0.150		0.012	The underspend reflects the costs of the current cohort of placements.	
Total Out of County	12.921	13.748	0.827	0.000	0.888		
Education & Youth							
Inclusion & Progression	4.577	4.398	-0.179		-0.090	Variance due to staff savings through vacant posts. Also additional grants through the Local Authority Education Grant (LAEG) totalling £0.090m. Due to the timing of the grants, the service were unable to spend on additional services, resulting in the grants being offset against costs already incurred throughout the year. The overall variance also includes the £0.060m in-year efficiency identified for Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant (MEAG) and Education Psychologists.	

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School Improvement Systems	1.828	1.596	-0.232		-0.228	The underspend in the School Improvement service is as a result of maximising the Post 16 grants against the management team. Within the Early Entitlement service, grants have also been maximised by allocating existing staff against the grant. An efficiency of £0.100m has also been identified in relation to the WG top-up funding for non-maintained settings, releasing core budget of £0.095m and setting resources mitigated by using the Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards (RRRS) grant. The Spring 2022 contingency of £0.050m was reduced as payments to settings were lower than anticipated.	
Minor Variances	2.785	2.727	-0.057		-0.213	Minor cumulative variances across the portfolio	
Total Education & Youth	9.190	8.722	-0.468	0.000	-0.531		
Schools	102.181	102.181	0.000		0.000		
Streetscene & Transportation							
Service Delivery	8.696	8.970	0.275		0.259	The service has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.050m for security costs following vandalism at the Household Recycling Centres. Plant hire and repairs incurring additional costs of £0.050m, which is attributable to aging plant and equipment. Street lighting is also incurring a £0.095m revenue pressure on the Community Council Income Budget. Remaining £0.080m is attributable to high sickness levels and subsequent costs to provide service cover.	
Highways Network	7.899	8.361	0.462		0.185	Highways Network incurred £0.200m contribution to the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) in relation to Roads Maintenance. There were significant costs in the region of £0.115m following Storm Arwen and Barra for the clean-up and making the highways network safe. Highways service area also incurred overspend in excess of £0.050m in staff costs relating to flooding and drainage costs. There are also cumulative minor variances totalling £0.037m across the service, including some additional staff recharges.	
Transportation	9.750	9.711	-0.039		0.018	School Transport operators have been supported during school closures by receiving 75% of their contracted values. In addition, a number of school routes have been re-procured to reflect current arrangements for operation in the school year. This has resulted in a projected net underspend in School Transport of over £0.100m. It should be noted however that the improvement from the 75% will only impact during COVID-19 circumstances. There are increased cost pressures for Social Services and Children's Services transport totalling £0.080m.	

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Regulatory Services	5.459	5.220	-0.239		-0.014	Car parking income reflects a loss of £0.268m, through maximising eligible funding from the WG Income Loss fund. The service has also incurred savings in recruitment and maintenance costs of parking machines. The overall overspend has been largely offset by favourable market rates for the sale of recyclable materials, but the markets remain volatile moving forward.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.251	0.251	0.251	0.281	Service Delivery has a recurring revenue pressure of £0.050m for additional cleaning and maintenance costs in Alltami depot as a result of the pandemic. This service area is also experiencing an additional revenue pressure of £0.090m in plant hire, maintenance and repairs. Additional costs of £0.070m incurred in contractors spend and Traffic Management, as the service was unable to provide the required training and has also faced recruitment delays during the Covid-19 Pandemic.	
Other Minor Variances	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000		
Total Streetscene & Transportation	31.803	32.513	0.710	0.251	0.729		
Planning, Environment & Economy							
Business	1.822	1.629	-0.193		-0.077	Staff savings from vacant posts and commitment challenge across the Service.	
Development	0.041	-0.377	-0.418		-0.312	Favourable variance due to higher than anticipated fee income in Planning and Land Charges.	
Access	1.329	1.502	0.173		0.053	The adverse variance results from historic income targets not able to be met currently; additional staff time and minor variances across the service each less than £0.010m. At Month 12 Ash Die Back expenditure agreed to be resourced from the service.	
Management & Strategy	1.326	1.003	-0.323		-0.199	Staff savings from vacant posts and at Month 12 a Bad Debt Provision reduction.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.002	-0.000		
Minor Variances	1.769	1.854	0.085		0.024		
Total Planning & Environment	6.288	5.614	-0.674	0.002	-0.510		
People & Resources							
HR & OD	2.497	2.377	-0.120		-0.147	Favourable variance follows the receipt of the income from the agreed recharge for overheads claimed for the Test, Trace and Protect Project for hosting the service on behalf of the region to March, 2022. At Month 12 increased expenditure on DBS Checks not previously committed and Income for Employer Incentive Scheme previously anticipated but not realised	
Corporate Finance	2.128	2.089	-0.039		-0.085		
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000		

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Holding Accounts	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000		
Total People & Resources	4.625	4.466	-0.160	0.000	-0.231		
Governance							
Procurement	0.320	0.262	-0.058		-0.043	Confirmation of the 2021/22 Recharge from Denbighshire CC - lower than anticipated	
ICT	4.491	4.639	0.148		-0.068	Adverse variance following the funding of a 5 year Contract for the Microsoft 365 Back Up solution and carry forward request to assist in the Server Replacement in Schools.	
Customer Services	1.043	0.895	-0.148		-0.080	Favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated fee income levels resulting from the resumption of Ceremonies following the relaxation of COVID restrictions.	
Revenues	0.497	0.084	-0.413		-0.259	Favourable variance is in the main, due to the projected potential surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund (£0.188m), Welsh Government Lockdown Admin Grant and minor variances across the service. At Month 12 full year claim from Welsh Government COVID Hardship Fund Fee Income Loss (£0.159m)	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
Minor Variances	3.999	3.940	-0.059		-0.087		
Total Governance	10.350	9.820	-0.529	0.000	-0.538		
Strategic Programmes							
Minor Variances	4.648	4.611	-0.037		-0.039		
Total Strategic Programmes	4.648	4.611	-0.037	0.000	-0.039		
Housing & Assets							
Administrative Buildings	0.465	0.360	-0.105		-0.039	Mainly underspends on Repairs and Maintenance -£0.076m and cleaning costs	
Property Asset And Development	0.460	0.390	-0.070		-0.033	Savings on staffing due to vacancies	
Caretaking & Security	0.244	0.157	-0.087		-0.068	Savings on staffing due to vacancies	
CPM & Design Services	0.598	0.392	-0.206		-0.000	Due mainly to additional fee income and some staffing savings	
Industrial Units	-1.237	-1.501	-0.264		-0.230	Due to unbudgeted income received from a new lease at power generation site	
Benefits	12.881	12.755	-0.126		-0.287	Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) -£0.192m offset by bad debt provision increase for overpayments other key influences were COVID Hardship Fund income offsetting costs of additional staffing costs due to demand pressures arising from the COVID-19 pandemic	
Housing Solutions	1.066	1.154	0.088		-0.182	Mostly due to underspends on staffing due to vacancy savings and increase in Housing Support grant internal allocations	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	-0.263	-0.263	-0.263	0.000	Impact of COVID-19 due to amount claimed from the WG COVID-19 Hardship Fund in respect of prepaid costs of temporary accommodation to end of September	
Minor Variances	0.016	0.156	0.140		0.107		

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Service	Approved Budget (£m)	Projected Outturn (£m)	Annual Variance (£m)	Impact of Covid-19 (£m)	Last Month Variance (£m)	Cause of Major Variances greater than £0.050m	Action Required
Total Housing & Assets	14.493	13.601	-0.892	-0.263	-0.731		
Chief Executive's	2.386	2.243	-0.143		-0.142	Vacant Posts	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000		
Central & Corporate Finance	24.659	24.149	-0.510		-0.294	Over recovery of planned pension contributions recouped against actuarial projections based on the current level of contributions received during the year. Projected outturn on Matrix Rebates and inflation pressures anticipated, but not required.	
Centralised Costs	2.783	2.407	-0.375		-0.352	Favourable variance due to the fixed electricity rate being set lower than current market levels and an overall reduction in consumption levels.	
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	-0.000		
Soft Loan Mitigation	0.000	-0.087	-0.087		0.000	IFRS 9 requires that for soft loans interest is accrued at the Effective Interest Rate (EIR) rather than the Contract Interest Rate. Capital financing regulations require that soft loan accounting doesn't impact Council Tax levels, therefore this accrual for interest at the EIR gets allocated in P12 with a contra entry in P14.	
Grand Total	297.457	291.746	-5.711	-0.370	-4.604		

2021/22 Efficiencies Outturn Tracker - Final Outturn

Efficiency Description	Accountable Officer	Efficiency Target	Projected Efficiency	(Under)/Over Achievement	Efficiency Open/Closed (O/C)	Confidence in Achievement of Efficiency Based on (see below) R = High Assumption A = Medium Assumption G = Figures Confirmed
		2021/22 £m	2021/22 £m	2021/22 £m		
Portfolio						
Corporate						
Employer Pension Contributions	Reduced requirement due to recovery	Rachel Parry Jones	0.300	0.300	0.000	C
Workforce - Vacant Post	Reduction of Post	Rachel Parry Jones	0.030	0.030	0.000	C
Remote Working Impacts	Reduced Operating Costs	Rachel Parry Jones	0.070	0.070	0.000	C
Remote Working Impacts	Reduced Travel	All	0.200	0.200	0.000	C
Price Inflation	Removal of Price Inflation	Rachel Parry Jones	0.113	0.113	0.000	C
Total Corporate Services			0.713	0.713	0.000	
Housing & Assets						
Property Savings (inc Demolition of Phases 3&4; utility savings)		Neal Cockerton	0.450	0.450	0.000	C
NDR Inflationary Savings		Neal Cockerton	0.120	0.120	0.000	C
Climate Change Levy		Neal Cockerton	0.295	0.295	0.000	C
Total Housing & Assets			0.865	0.865	0.000	
Social Services						
Vacancy Management Saving	Appropriate Vacancy Management	Neil Ayling	0.030	0.030	0.000	C
Strategic Use of Grant Funding	Core Funding Replacement Solution	Neil Ayling	0.060	0.060	0.000	C
Social Care Workforce Grant		Neil Ayling	0.430	0.430	0.000	C
Total Social Services			0.520	0.520	0.000	
Education & Youth						
Integrated Youth Provision	Youth Centres - Premises	Claire Homard				
Total Education & Youth			0.020	0.020	0.000	G
			0.020	0.020	0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation						
Discretionary Transport Review - Post 16 Transport	Joint with Education	Katie Wilby				
Total Streetscene & Transportation			0.200	0.200	0.000	A
			0.200	0.200	0.000	
Planning, Environment & Economy						
Planning Policy	Reduction of Post	Andy Roberts				
Total Planning, Environment & Economy			0.045	0.045	0.000	G
			0.045	0.045	0.000	
Total 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies			2.363	2.363	0.000	

	%	£
Total 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies	100	2.363
Total Projected 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved	0	0.000
Total Projected 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies Achieved	100	2.363
Total 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies (Less Previously agreed Decisions)	100	0.000
Total Projected 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies Underachieved	0	0.000
Total Projected 2021/22 Budget Efficiencies Achieved	0	0.000

Corporate Efficiencies Remaining from Previous Years

	£m	
Income Target Remaining		
Income Target Efficiency remaining from Previous Years	All Portfolios	0.041
Total Income Efficiency Remaining		0.041

Movements on Council Fund Unearmarked Reserves

	£m	£m
Total Reserves as at 1 April 2021	14.061	
Less - Base Level	(5.769)	
Total Reserves above base level available for delegation to Cabinet		8.292
Add - Transfer to Reserve Budget 2021/22		0.471
Add - Transfer from Earmarked Reserves (approved Month 5)		0.585
Less - COVID-19 Emergency Funding Allocation*		(2.317)
Less - Investment in Change (approved Month 2)		0.400
Less - Severe Weather (approved Month 2)		0.250
Less - Organisational Capacity Estimate (approved month 5)		0.103
Less - Childrens Services Social Work Costs (approved Month 5)		0.183
Less - Teachers Pay Award (after additional funding)		0.207
Add - Month 12 projected outturn		(5.711)
Less - national pay award increase		1.251
Less - Emergency Reserve top-up for Hardship Fund pressures		3.250
Total Contingency Reserve available for use		7.098

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Housing Revenue Account Variances

OUTTURN - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £25k
Housing Revenue Account		
Income	(0.173)	Reduction in Bad Debt Provision top up of (£0.263m). Loss of income of £0.028m relating to rental income on void properties and a further £0.027m relating to the utilities charges on those properties. Other minor variances of £0.035m.
Capital Financing - Loan Charges	(1.537)	Saving on interest charges due to the introduction of the annuity method for the recharge (£1.537m).
Estate Management	(0.030)	Minor variances (£0.030m).
Landlord Service Costs	(0.050)	Saving on subcontractor charges of (£0.039m). Minor variances (£0.011m).
Repairs & Maintenance	(0.165)	(£0.165m) movement, (£0.290m) to CERA, £0.113m increased Void contractor spend, £0.030m increase in Responsive material spend.
Management & Support Services	(0.111)	Reduction in Support Services Recharge (£0.109m). Minor variances (£0.002m).
Capital Expenditure From Revenue (CERA)	3.178	Increased CERA contribution due to rephasing of Capital Programme £3.178m.
HRA Projects	(0.089)	(£0.088m) additional income introduced to offset spend.
Contribution To/ (From) Reserves	(1.404)	Additional drawdown from reserves to meet CERA requirements (£1.404m).
Total Housing Revenue Account	(0.382)	

Requests for Carry Forward of Funding

Governance

ICT Service – carry forward of **£0.085m** which is comprised of an in-year underspend to provide further financial assistance in 2022/23 along with existing annual budget allocations for the replacement of Servers within Schools. The initiative is to extend the usable life of the existing servers and thereby reduce the requirement to fund replacements through prudential borrowing and minimising the cost of borrowing.

Democratic Services – carry forward of **£0.011m** in year underspend to assist in the procurement of 17 additional laptop and 5 iPads for Members following the Local Government Elections May, 2022.

Democratic Services – carry forward of **£0.024m** in year underspend to resource the replacement of existing iPads for Members following the announcement that existing 5th Generation versions will no longer be supported by Apple during 2022/23.

People & Resources

Employment Services – carry forward of **£0.036m** in year underspend comprised of existing vacancy savings to assist in resourcing an additional post to cover for payroll processing, relieve existing pressure/demands currently undertaken by the Team Manager. By releasing these constraints it will allow more time to provide vital assistance in the preparation of the forthcoming tender renewing the HR & Payroll System as the current contract nears its end date.

Chief Executives

Policy – Community Chest underspend **£0.020m** carry forward to resource future financial obligations in 2022/23

Voluntary Organisations underspend **£0.017m** carry forward to resource future financial obligations in 2022/23.

Planning, Environment & Economy

Regeneration – Town Centre Development carry forward of **£0.120m** in year underspends comprised of mainly of Grant Funding where budgeted costs have been 'rebadged' and Welsh Government Economic Resilience Grant Admin fee. To provide future financial resilience into 2022/23 to further promote and fund future Town Centre Development via the creation of project outlines, site visits and structural surveys.

Regeneration – Welsh Government Grant Regional Economic Framework Priorities and accelerate post-Covid Economic Recovery late award of funding **£0.507m**.

Housing & Pollution Control - **£0.030m** to fund the purchase of essential Noise Monitoring Equipment. The procurement exercise and tendering process has met delays with the result that raising a Purchase Order and subsequent receipt of the equipment will now take place early in the new financial year.

Housing & Assets

Request for a carry forward of in year underspend to support the funding of a capital project for the refurbishment of a Council Owned property **£0.050m**. The carry forward is intended to make up the funding shortfall from a Capital Grant to ensure works are carried out to the necessary standard required.

Education & Youth

Request for a carry forward of in year underspend **£0.117m** to fund the following fixed term posts : ASB Prevention Post - £0.047m (top of scale with on costs) and Youth Worker for Youth Violence prevention £0.020m; together with Ukrainian Refugee Settlement education costs £0.050m

Request for a carry forward of **£0.020m** to increase capacity to support Post 16 and Adult Learning. (Currently have 0.6 FTE role and want to increase up to full time for the year). The Adult Community Learning (ACL) work is developing rapidly and we are wanting to further develop work around this – linking to the Community focused schools work that is now gaining momentum as well. We are also needing to refresh the post 16 strategy in light of national post 16 reviews.

Streetscene & Transportation

Works not completed or goods not received by 31st March in line with anticipated commitments in 2021/22 as follows:-

Fencing **£0.015m** - Fencing improvements to secure stock on the Alltami depot yard and ensure compliance with internal audit recommendations to ensure that all materials are safely and securely stored, controlled and stock levels are monitored.

Vehicle Wash improvements **£0.030m** - investment required to improve the facility to reduce ongoing revenue costs for monthly emptying of the wash pit and interceptor tank.

HRC Site Barriers **£0.018m** - Barriers to be installed for all HRC sites following the implementation of new vehicle permit criteria to control unauthorised access to sites.

Car Parking for postponed schedule of car park maintenance **£0.100m**

Replacement and renewal of redundant small and medium sized plant and equipment (including a Rotator Head) totalling **£0.067m** for grounds maintenance and highways construction service.

Replacement of 4-5 Skips that are beyond economical repair totaling **£0.020m**.

Landfill maintenance works delayed until 2022/23 **£0.47m**

Implementation of Zone Safe proximity warning system for large plant and machinery at Greenfield waste transfer station and composting facility **£0.017m**.

Automated barriers for the Deeside Park and Ride facility to control and monitor access and utilisation of the site, reduce antisocial behaviour and comply with planning conditions **£0.065m**.

CCTV – delayed implementation due to extension in the tender period resulting from site visits, tender clarifications and queries **£0.120m**.

Sustainable Waste Management Grant (SWMG) **£0.295m** – late notification of additional WG grant has been allocated to other waste service related spend in 2021/22 and this in-year underspend would be used in 2022/23 to address additional workforce costs from high levels of sickness and subsequent agency costs within the waste service, thus reducing pressure on the Hardship Contingency Fund.

Due to increased levels of recycling income, a carry forward request is submitted to meet fluctuating prices in Bulky Waste Recycling Income for 2022/23 due to increased disposal costs and uncertainty in recycling markets, with the global increases in energy costs **£0.100m**

Social Services

Flintshire Crèche Service; £0.169m - This service has generated surplus income this year. The Crèche service is being remodelled and the surplus income is requested to be carried forward to fund the remodelled service. The service is expected to be funded through Welsh Government Grants as well as income generated from private placements. The income from private places is not guaranteed and the carried forward funding is to be used to offset any income shortfalls and setting up costs.

Flintshire Community Parents; £0.088m – There is a commitment to deliver the voluntary parenting programme in full for 2022/23 and have a national Agreement in place. Unfortunately, the Early Years Pathfinder monies was significantly reduced and it is requested that the Community Parents surplus income generated is carried forward to continue to pilot this significant work for further years.

Flintshire Parenting Strategy; £0.046m - Income is received from a variety of sources which usually funds the majority of the Parent Strategy Work, this is mainly generated through national work that Flintshire officers are involved with and been able to charge to providers e.g. Big Lottery Funding, conference speaking. Due to COVID-19, this work has been put on hold for the last two years, although a similar level of funding was received. It is anticipated this funding will need to be used during the recovery stage in 2022/23 to undertake additional parenting strategy work.

