

Budget Monitoring Report
Council Fund Variances

MONTH 12 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Localities	0.476	Increasing demand for residential care has resulted in an increase of £0.551m. Homecare costs have reduced by £0.037m and demand seems to have become more manageable. Employee costs reduced by £0.034m due to vacancies. There were minor variances of £0.004m.
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.029	In-house homecare reduced by £0.078m due to staffing numbers. Residential care has increased by £0.084m due to increased agency cover. Extra Care has reduced by £0.040m.
Minor Variances	0.013	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.079	This was from net changes to care packages
Professional and Administrative Support	-0.025	This was due to vacancy savings
Supporting People	-0.060	Additional Supporting People funding was received
Residential Placements	-0.040	This was the net reduction to Mental Health care packages
Substance Misuse	-0.026	Vacancies have meant there have been further cost reductions
Minor Variances	-0.048	
Children's Services		
Family Group Meetings	-0.046	Some eligible costs were reallocated to grant funding
Family Placement	0.067	The increase was due to a high cost, temporary placement
Legal & Third Party	0.038	There has been an increase to legal fees and court costs
Professional Support	-0.267	Eligible costs have been identified which were reallocated to grant funding. The grant funding includes the Childrens Community Grant and Revenue Integration Fund. There has also been a decrease in Direct Payment costs.
Minor Variances	0.009	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Commissioning	-0.043	Some employee costs have been capitalised
Management & Support	0.056	There has been an increase in legal costs for Adult Social Services. In addition the central telephone recharge at year end was higher than projections.
Minor Variances	-0.025	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.129	
Out of County Placements		
Children's Services	-0.145	Ended placements and additional income for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking children (UASCs)
Education & Youth	-0.161	Due to ended placements
Total Out of County Placements	-0.306	
Education & Youth (Non-Schools)		
Integrated Youth Provision	0.061	Additional service contract costs and repairs and maintenance expenditure
School Improvement Systems	-0.064	£21k of movement relates to the School Improvement Service - minor variances across the Welsh In Education Service and Healthy Schools and an £11k movement relating to additional Shared Prosperity Fund income to offset existing manager time. £0.043m relates to additional underspend within Early Entitlement service due to NMS payments demand being lower and other elements of expenditure utilised against committed grants
Minor Variances	0.028	
Total Education & Youth (Non-Schools)	0.025	
Schools	-0.080	The favourable movement is as a result of flexible retirement exit costs absorbed by schools (£0.046m), actual Free School Meals up-take less than anticipated (£0.029m) and minor variances within specific elements of non-delegated (£0.005m).
Streetscene & Transportation		
Service Delivery	0.044	Traffic Management costs increased
Highways Network	0.104	Winter maintenance Year To Date Recharges Impact on Go Plant Contract Increased
Transportation	-0.196	20 MPH Officer Time Grant release into Transport Strategy
Other Minor Variances	-0.013	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	-0.061	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Business	-0.028	Supporting People Grant £0.010m received; minor variances across the Service
Community	0.061	Carry forward of 3 and 5 year taxi licences; revised levels of fee income in Licensing
Development	0.068	Carry forward of March Fee income as Receipt in Advance; minor movements across the Service

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Shared Services	0.034	Commitment for accommodation with Gwynedd CC not previously committed for
Regeneration	-0.172	Maximisation of Grant Income against budgeted staff costs
Management & Strategy	-0.065	WaterCo expenditure lower than previously anticipated, various commitments revised and removed
Minor Variances	0.018	
Total Planning, Environment & Economy	-0.084	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	0.001	
Corporate Finance	-0.063	Maximisation of Grant Income for budgeted staff costs; minor variances across the Service
Total People & Resources	-0.062	
Governance		
Internal Audit	-0.034	Actual postage expenditure lower than previously anticipated
ICT	-0.082	Revised expenditure on some software packages, staff savings from vacant posts
Customer Services	-0.054	Backdated Rent Increase for Holywell Connects; Registrar Income higher than previously anticipated.
Minor Variances	-0.013	
Total Governance	-0.184	
Assets		
Minor Variances	0.010	
Total Assets	0.010	
Housing and Communities		
Benefits	0.042	Previously understated costs re. Food Poverty
Housing Solutions	-0.097	Reduced cost of hotel payments
Travellers and Refugees	0.068	Mainly due to electricity costs at Riverside site
Total Housing and Communities	0.013	
Chief Executive's	0.021	
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.375	Further improvement in the CLIA by (£0.280m) at Month 11 then (£0.170m) at final outturn, one off income from Education Reserve £0.068m and accounting for the Soft Loan Mitigation (£0.027m), mitigated by additional expenditure on Coroners Fees and Wales Audit Fees
Soft Loan Mitigation	-0.027	IFRS 9 requires that soft loans interest is accrued at the Effective Interest Rate (EIR)
Grand Total	-0.979	