

Budget Monitoring Report
Council Fund Variances

MONTH 9 - SUMMARY

Service	Movement between Periods (£m)	Narrative for Movement between Periods greater than £0.025m
Social Services		
Older People		
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.039	This variance is due to the delay in opening of the Plas Yr Ywen extra care facility.
Minor Variances	0.015	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	0.025	This is due to increased care service costs within Disability Services.
Disability Services	-0.035	The favourable variance is due to additional funding identified to contribute to a care package.
Residential Placements	0.074	This is due to increased care service costs within Mental Health services.
Minor Variances	-0.008	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		
Charging Policy income	0.544	It has been identified that there have been a number of service users who have been overcharged due to a misinterpretation of complex financial assessment rules. This dates back a number of years and the variance is the estimated amount to be reimbursed to the service users. This amount has been offset by an estimated recoupment of Direct Payments
Impact of Covid-19	-0.360	This is hardship funding received from Welsh Government to support the Councils in-house care provision. Most additional costs due to COVID-19 are staff costs, which have been reported within their respective services.
Minor Variances	-0.016	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.200	
Out of County		
Children's Services	0.090	Mainly due to new placements
Education & Youth	-0.025	Reduced costs for some recent new placements due to delayed start dates due to COVID-19
Total Out of County	0.064	
Inclusion & Progression	-0.027	Movement of £0.026m in month 9 as a result from delays in recruitment
Integrated Youth Provision	-0.020	
School Improvement Systems	-0.025	At month 9 Non-maintained settings payments are projected lower than previously anticipated
Business Change & Support	-0.008	
School Planning & Provision	0.008	
Minor Variances	-0.021	
Total Education & Youth	-0.072	
Schools	0.000	
Streetscene & Transportation		
Service Delivery	0.130	Additional staffing costs totalling £0.060m due to pay arrears for charge hand roles. £0.048m relating to HRC additional security costs which are deemed to be not eligible to claim from the WG Hardship Claim. Other minor variances totalling £0.022m.
Highways Network	0.021	Minor Variances across the service
Transportation	-0.205	Impact of 75% payable to School Transport providers from January due to school closures into February and reflects the projected 25% saving.
Regulatory Services	-0.003	Minor Variances
Impact of Covid-19	-0.254	Reduction in Covid-19 risks following a review of costs and risks, together with an updated position on the proposed Hardship claims to Welsh Government, including Car Parks.
Other Minor Variances	0.000	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	-0.310	
Planning, Environment & Economy		

Development	-0.037	Higher than anticipated Planning Fees/ Land Charges income received during December
Regeneration	-0.016	A further Admin Management Fee for Welsh Government COVID Business Restrictions Fund
Minor Variances	0.007	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.046	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	-0.009	
Corporate Finance	-0.006	
Total People & Resources	-0.015	
Governance		
Revenues	-0.126	At Period 09 the movement is due to an early indication of a potential surplus on the Council Tax Fund increased by £0.025m; underspends calculated on the Welsh Government Admin Grants for Covid Funding £0.045m; review of Income expected from Fines £0.038m
Minor Variances	-0.026	
Total Governance	-0.152	
Strategic Programmes		
Public Libraries & Arts, Culture & Events		
Minor Variances	0.041	Extension of the Income Strategy Post £0.029m, minor variances across the service
Total Strategic Programmes	0.041	
Housing & Assets		
Housing Solutions	0.040	Claims from WG COVID-19 Hardship fund
Impact of Covid-19	-0.040	Claims from WG COVID-19 Hardship fund
Minor Variances	-0.005	
Total Housing & Assets	-0.005	
Chief Executive's		
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	
Central & Corporate Finance		
	0.206	Favourable movement of (£0.044m) is due to revised outturn projections for Apprentice Tax Levy costs to March, 2021 and Pension Recharges Added years. Due to the rising level of outstanding debt within the Council due to the impact of COVID-19 on business and service clients of the Council, a prudent approach has been adopted by increasing the bad debt provision by £0.250m across the Council.
Impact of Covid-19	0.000	
Grand Total	-0.101	