

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	-0.018	There has been an increase in the amount of income received from health towards free nursing care as well as increases in income from service users, such as client contributions and property charges. Offsetting this is a carry forward to fund a post in 21/22 to assist in maximising Continuing Health Care Funding.
Reablement Services	0.032	The change is due to the difference in valuation of stock which was held at the start of the year when compared to the valuation held at the end of the year.
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.081	Additional ICF funding was allocated to the Councils residential care service to offset costs associated with minimising hospital admissions. There was also a reduction in some employee costs which vary depending on the care provided each month.
Minor Variances	0.004	
Adults of Working Age		
Resources & Regulated Services	-0.224	There has been a reduction in care package costs for some service users, due to increased numbers of family members being at home, through homeworking or furlough, there has been a reduction in the budgeted levels of domiciliary care provided. These reductions were only able to be identified late in the year once all care provider invoices had been received and identified.
Disability Services	0.101	Late notification of funding contributions meant the projected income levels were less than anticipated.
Minor Variances	-0.012	
Children's Services		
Family Placement	0.085	This is due to a carry forward for payments in lieu to foster carers for respite days unable to be taken in 20/21
Grants	-0.036	The final contribution to the Integrated Family Support Service was lower than originally anticipated.
Early Years & Family Support	-0.067	Changes in eligibility in Welsh Government grant funding has meant costs usually funded from this service have been transferred to relevant grants to maximise the grant claim
Legal & Third Party	0.027	Family Intervention and Parenting Assessment costs and some other client related costs were higher than anticipated.
Residential Placements	-0.065	Changes in funding eligibility for some Welsh Government grants has meant costs normally funded from this budget have been transferred to the relevant grants to maximise grant claims
Professional Support	0.047	Changes in eligibility for some Welsh Government grant funding has meant services usually paid from this budget have been transferred to the grant to maximise the claim. There is a carry forward to contribute toward employing newly qualified social workers on a temporary basis which helps to reduce the amount of agency cover needed and assists in retaining staff.
Minor Variances	0.006	
Safeguarding & Commissioning		

Business Systems & Financial Assessments	0.084	The Social Services information system is due for renewal in the coming years, this is a carry forward for the recruitment of temporary staff to assist with the planning and implementation of this significant project
Management & Support	-0.031	Telephone recharges are calculated at year end and until this time are unknown. This years charges are less than budgeted for.
Impact of Covid-19	0.181	Adjustment to Welsh Government Hardship income mostly due to in-house provided homecare which had been overclaimed.
Minor Variances	0.010	
Total Social Services (excl Out of County)	0.042	
Out of County		
Children's Services	-0.023	
Education & Youth	-0.065	Reduction in provision for bad debt increase and a small number of ended low cost placements
Total Out of County	-0.088	
Education & Youth		
Archives	0.029	Increased costs of consultancy for shared service model
Minor Variances	0.035	
Total Education & Youth	0.063	
Schools		
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Streetscene & Transportation		
Service Delivery	0.276	Additional pressures in CCTV hardware upgrades and equipment rental.
Highways Network	0.184	£0.100m Principal Inspections carried forward and remaining pressures in winter maintenance.
Transportation	0.035	Additional costs on school transport
Regulatory Services	-0.310	Parc Adfer £0.200m positive outturn in domestic rates and successful Covid Claim. Remaining variance is a mix of Permits Income and reduction in internal charges.
Impact of Covid-19	-0.071	Updated position on the proposed Hardship claims due from Welsh Government, including increased residual waste tonnages.
Other Minor Variances	0.000	
Total Streetscene & Transportation	0.115	
Planning, Environment & Economy		
Business	-0.091	Additional hours from the Enforcement Teams acting as FCC's response to the COVID pandemic have been recharged against the WG COVID Hardship Grant
Community	-0.041	Additional hours from the Enforcement Teams acting as FCC's response to the COVID pandemic have been recharged against the WG COVID Hardship Grant
Regeneration	0.107	Agreed carry forward of Admin Grant £0.058m; additional capital expenditure of £0.023m. Minor movements across the service
Management & Strategy	-0.011	Commitment challenge across the service, minor variances
Minor Variances	-0.003	
Total Planning & Environment	-0.039	
People & Resources		
HR & OD	0.034	Final outturn on salary sacrifice costs and CRB Disclosure higher than anticipated
Corporate Finance	0.031	Revised outturn on the Grant Maximisation Income impacted by COVID
Impact of Covid-19	-0.000	
Total People & Resources	0.066	
Governance		
Customer Services	-0.045	Fee Income losses claimed from the WG Hardship Fund, vacant posts and commitment challenge
Minor Variances	-0.040	Cumulative minor movements across the portfolio
Total Governance	-0.085	

Strategic Programmes		
Leisure	-0.040	Reduced Utility costs and reduced usage have contributed to the positive variance
Minor Variances	0.001	
Total Strategic Programmes	-0.039	
Housing & Assets		
Centralised Costs	-0.087	Positive movement of (£0.075)m on Gas and Electric. Consumption less than anticipated. Minor variances.
Council Fund Housing	-0.035	Changes to service contract costs
Impact of Covid-19	-0.038	Additional recovery of income claimed from the Welsh Government COVID-19 Hardship Fund
Minor Variances	-0.001	
Total Housing & Assets	-0.161	
Chief Executive's	0.054	Agreed carry forward £0.030m to contribute to the first year costs of the replacement CAMMS Software in the new financial year following successful procurement exercise
Impact of Covid-19	-0.000	
Central & Corporate Finance	-0.204	Final outturn on the Corporate Central Loans & Investment Account, Matrix Rebates, Pension contributions and inflationary pressures not required
Impact of Covid-19	0.004	
Grand Total	-0.273	