

REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 - FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

Social Services, Housing and Leisure Department Summary Position	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children and Families Service						
Children Support Services	7,709	7,709	7,729	20	0	20
Adult Service						
Older People Services	18,602	18,644	18,809	165	0	165
Learning Disability Services	12,822	12,892	13,095	203	0	203
Mental Health	3,309	3,309	3,199	(110)	0	(110)
Total	34,733	34,845	35,103	258	0	258
Housing Service	4,519	4,639	4,614	(25)	0	(25)
Provider Service (net position)	0	39	189	150	0	150
Leisure Service	4,472	4,435	4,480	45	0	45
Total Variances	51,433	47,193	47,446	253	0	253

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Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
7,709	7,709	7,729	20		20

An overspend position of £20k, including an underspend of (£130k) on Out-of-County Placements, and an overspend of £150k on Agency Fostering.

Adult ServiceArea:- **Older People Services**

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
18,602	18,644	18,809	165		165

A position that includes an overspend of £100k on Independent Homes, partly due to a shift towards more intense services and additional income contributions of (£85k). A net overspend position of £150k on Home Care is also predicted, with additional savings from the Enabling scheme reducing the real effect of the increase.

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<u>Adult Service</u>		Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
Area:-	Learning Disability Services	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
		12,822	12,892	13,095	203		203

A net overspend position of £203k, including an overspend of £160k on Residential and Nursing - Independent Homes due to additional cases, and an overspend of £48k on Support Accommodation.

<u>Adult Service</u>		Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
Area:-	Mental Health	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
		3,309	3,309	3,199	(110)		(110)

A net underspend position is forecasted due to a reduction of (£110k) in Residential and Nursing costs.

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Area:-		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Housing Service		4,519	4,639	4,614	(25)		(25)

A net underspend position that includes an overspend of £15k on Temporary Accommodation for Homelessness cases and additional income of (£40k) from the Home Leasing Scheme.

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		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Area:-	Provider Service (net position)	0	39	189	150		150

A forecasted overspend of £110k on Residential Homes for the Elderly, mainly due to additional staffing costs, together with an overspend on Community Care, mainly due to higher transport costs.

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		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Area:-	Leisure Service	4,472	4,435	4,480	45		45

For the time being, it is forecasted that a slippage will occur in the related savings programme for staffing arrangements in leisure centres, resulting in an overspend position this year.

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Education Department Summary Position	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Integration of Pupils ALN	189	189	144	(45)	0	(45)
Out of County Placements	1,056	1,056	1,149	93	0	93
Early Years Unit	773	773	723	(50)	0	(50)
Inclusion Strategy	802	802	657	(145)	110	(35)
Other	86,449	86,532	86,441	(91)	0	(91)
Education Department Total	89,269	89,352	89,114	(238)	110	(128)

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Area:- **Integration of Pupils
ALN**

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
189	189	144	(45)		(45)

A net position of (£45k) is forecasted for the time being, after reducing the permanent budget by (£100k) in readiness for expected savings from the Strategic Review. However, the Review on its own is not expected to realise the savings this year. Therefore, general underspending on this heading will be used, this being achieved by the Department through various measures.

Area:- **Out of County
Placements**

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1,056	1,056	1,149	93		93

For the time being, an overspend position of £93k is forecasted, which is consistent with the final position last year. However, it is likely that there will be some changes to current contracts when the new academic year starts in September.

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Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
773	773	723	(50)		(50)

For the time being, an underspend position is forecasted, reflecting a reduced level of expenditure.

Area:- **Inclusion Strategy**

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
802	802	657	(145)	110	(35)

A gross underspend position of (£145k) is forecasted on this heading, mainly due to additional grant of (£110k) received to finance certain posts, together with one-off staff turnover savings.

Since a grant has been received to finance posts which are already being financed by the Council partly through bids, under the circumstances, it is **recommended** that (£110k), which is the related saving for this year only is returned to the Council's balances.

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Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
86,449	86,532	86,441	(91)		(91)

A total which includes a neutral position for budgets devolved to schools, together with variances on various headings, including an underspend of (£20k) on Transport, an underspend of (£30k) on Management mainly due to the receipt of an additional grant, and an underspend of (£28k) on Additional Learning Needs Units, again mainly due to an additional grant received.

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Economy and Community Department Summary Position	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Business Support	121	82	25	(57)	0	(57)
Maritime	(51)	(51)	259	310	0	310
Youth Service	1,150	1,150	1,138	(12)	0	(12)
Total Variances	1,220	1,181	1,422	241	0	241

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Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
121	82	25	(57)		(57)

For now, a one-off underspend of (£57k) is forecasted on this heading, as a result of achieving savings ahead of the programme.

Area:- Maritime

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
(51)	(51)	259	310		310

There was an overspend of £155k on this heading in 2012/13, but by using the Department's previous underspend fund, this was reduced to a net underspend of £44k. While reviewing the budget for this year, the relevant income target for Hafan Pwllheli was reduced by £109k, and the target income for Harbours was also reduced by £45k.

In 2013/14, a net overspend of £310k is forecasted on this heading in general, including reduced income of £350k from Hafan, reduced income of £50k from Harbours, increased income of (£40k) from Doc Fictoria, and reduced expenditure of (£50k) on various headings. The Head of Economy and Community is expected to report further to the Cabinet in the autumn on the way forward with Hafan Pwllheli.

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Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1,150	1,150	1,138	(12)		(12)

For now, a slight underspend is forecasted as a result of the Department achieving savings ahead of the programme.

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Highways and Municipal Service (including Trunk Road Agency) Summary Position	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Waste Disposal	3,627	3,727	3,968	241	0	241
Waste Collection and Recycling	4,221	4,121	4,205	84	0	84
Disposal Sites	2,821	2,570	3,024	454	0	454
Other (Waste)	10	337	358	21	0	21
Total Variances	10,679	10,755	11,555	800	0	800

REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 - FIRST QUARTER REVIEW**DEPARTMENT: HIGHWAYS AND MUNICIPAL****Relating to Waste****Area:- Waste Disposal**

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
3,627	3,727	3,968	241		241

There was an overspend of £222k on this heading in 2012/13, with the trend continuing in 2013/14 with a gross overspend of £241k being predicted, due to failure to reduce the volume of waste produced in line with the original programme.

Area:- Waste Collection and Recycling

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
4,221	4,121	4,205	84		84

An overspend position is forecasted, mainly due to higher costs over the trial period for the new arrangements at the waste food processing plant GwyrAD, together with a likely overspend on green waste disposal due to higher operating costs and increased waste.

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Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
2,821	2,570	3,024	454		454

There was a gross overspend of £337k on this heading in 2012/13, and it has become apparent, in general, that the relevant problems continue in 2013/14. In Ffridd Rasus an overspend of £257k is forecasted, this is due to higher effluence costs of £131k, additional operating costs of £84k, and savings of £42k not having being identified. An overspend position of £75k is forecasted for Llwyn Isaf, due to higher effluence costs of £20k, and a number of variances on other headings. In Cilgwyn an overspend of £122k is forecasted which includes reduced royalty income of £90k, and additional energy costs of £20k due to effluence.

Area:- Other (Waste)

Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
10	337	358	21		21

In General - In the past the Cabinet would usually recommend additional budgets to the Department to deal with additional effluence costs and would also, perhaps, be eager to assist with the effect of reduced royalty income. In accordance with the usual procedure, a specific recommendation will be made on the matter later in the year. With view to the general position with Waste, the Department is reviewing a number of related arrangements to try and reduce the overspend forecasted and these will be further reported upon in the next quarter.

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Regulatory (Planning, Transportation and Public Protection) Department	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Area:- Car Parks	(889)	(889)	(894)	(5)		(5)

In 2012/13, there was a gross deficit of £239k on car park fee income, but with (£170k) of additional rental income relating to previous years being received, and reduced expenditure of (£15k) on numerous headings, the net overspend was reduced to £54k. For 2013/14, the budgeted income target was reduced by £170k, and up to now, the performance for the first months of this year compares favourably with the same period last year. However, this heading can be very volatile and can be affected by a number of different factors. Although it is too early in the year to come to a definite conclusion, it is forecasted that the position will be fairly neutral over the year.

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Consultancy Department		Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Area:-	Consultancy Service for Roads and Engineering	(200)	(317)	(102)	215		215

Following a very difficult year last year in financial terms, the net overspend on this heading was successfully restricted to £370k by the end of 2012/13. For this year, the budgeted income target for the service has been reduced by £250k, and following a comprehensive review of the department's financial arrangements and processes, an operational plan is in place to try to respond to the various issues that were identified. It is intended to report on the related progress in the quarterly reports during the year. Up to now in 2013/14, a number of steps have already been taken to try to attract more fee income and to freeze expenditure on some headings. However, there is continuing uncertainty as to the ability to achieve some elements of income, and the Consultancy Department will be reviewing the likelihood of achieving these further. For now, therefore, a conservative prediction of the financial performance for the whole year is represented here, an overspend position of £215k.

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Democracy and Legal Department	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Area:- Print Unit	(83)	(83)	(37)	46		46

Following last year's restructuring, and the adoption of a challenging new business plan for this year, a decision was made to support the Unit over the transitional period, but to continue with a target for the service to try to increase its income source and reduce costs. Although it is early in the year, up to now, it is forecasted that the service may fail to achieve this target, and a possible overspend may arise at the year-end.

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Corporate Budgets	Opening Budget 2013/14	Revised Budget 2013/14	Forecasted Position 2013/14	Estimated Gross Overspend / (Underspend)	Recommended Changes and Adjustments	Net Overspend / (Underspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Area:- Council Tax (only the additional element is reported upon here)			(550)	(550)		(550)

For now, an additional net income of (£550k) is expected, and this reflects the Welsh Government's decision to safeguard the position of Councils following Gwynedd Council's decision to reduce the relevant rate of collection to 97.5% for this year. Considering that it is early in the year and also, the overspend position of a number of headings in this review, no specific recommendation on the possible use of this underspend will be made for the time being.