

REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 - FINAL ACCOUNTS						
Adults, Health and Well-being Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Adults Services</u>						
Older People's Services						
Residential and Nursing - Homes	13,447	12,840	(607)	0	(607)	(145)
Domiciliary Care	6,831	5,962	(869)	0	(869)	(725)
Others	198	1,330	1,132	0	1,132	1,205
	20,476	20,132	(344)	0	(344)	335
Physical Disabilities Services	2,350	2,228	(122)	0	(122)	(52)
Learning Disabilities Services	18,183	18,627	444	0	444	481
Mental Health Services	3,462	3,315	(147)	0	(147)	(84)
Other Services (Adults)	2,980	2,932	(48)	0	(48)	(35)
<u>Adults Services Total</u>	47,451	47,234	(217)	0	(217)	645
<u>Provider Services (shows net budget)</u>						
Residential Care	(261)	(328)	(67)	0	(67)	(46)
Day Care	(23)	316	339	0	339	295
Community Care	(4)	393	397	0	397	328
Others	(3)	(46)	(43)	0	(43)	(26)
<u>Provider Services Total</u>	(291)	335	626	0	626	551

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<u>Other Services</u>						
Departmental Central Services <i>(including Department savings)</i>	3,746	3,757	11	0	11	111
Use of specific reserve			(420)	0	(420)	(649)
<u>Other Services Total</u>	3,746	3,757	(409)	0	(409)	(538)
<u>Adults, Health and Well-being Total</u>	50,906	51,326	0	0	0	658

Adults, Health and Well-being

Older People's Services - receipt of winter resilience grant worth £450k, an increase of £106k in other grants and an increase in the receipt of residential and nursing income following the reassessment of clients' income. There was also a further reduction in demand for domiciliary care packages. Failure to realise £669k worth of savings within the 'Others' heading and an overspend of £374k on Supported Accommodation, with the costs of establishing the Hafod y Gest scheme responsible for a substantial proportion of the relevant overspend.

Physical Disabilities Services - the trend of a reduction in the number of domiciliary care packages continues, but there is an increase in the number of Residential and Nursing placements.

Learning Disabilities Services - impact of the increasing demand on supported accommodation and day services reduced by underspend on residential and nursing.

Mental Health Services - an expensive case has now concluded as well as staff turnover and the receipt of an additional grant.

Provider Services - costs associated with staffing above budget level are matters within Day Care and Community Care, with homes placed in special measures, recommendations by Care Inspectorate Wales, and appointing above the budget. Reduction in income for March deriving from the Covid-19 crisis.

Departmental Central Services - receipt of a grant and income and reducing expenditure reduces the impact of the slippage in realising £247k worth of savings schemes.

The department has received a £0.8 million grant from Welsh Government towards increasing costs deriving from winter pressures and other further grants of £242k, these grants have assisted to reduce overspend anticipated during the year. The department is also using one-off finance of £420k from a specific fund which enables the department to mitigate the overspend entirely this year.

The department would overspend £1.5 million without the additional contributions. However, by the 2020/21 budget they have received additional bids of over £1.8m. The Chief Executive has already commissioned work to obtain a better understanding of the matters and a clear response programme, in order to obtain a better understanding of the complex details of the picture in adults' care.

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Children and Families Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Service Management	579	561	(18)	0	(18)	33
Operational	2,206	2,359	153	0	153	88
Placements						
Out-of-County Placements	2,128	3,752	1,624	0	1,624	1,521
Fostering through an Agency	911	1,412	501	0	501	485
Fostering – Internal	1,706	2,294	588	0	588	545
Support Services and Others	1,644	1,757	113	0	113	105
	6,389	9,215	2,826	0	2,826	2,656
Post-16	1,034	1,294	260	0	260	120
Specialist/Derwen	1,776	2,133	357	0	357	337
Youth Justice	268	190	(78)	0	(78)	(44)
Early Years	144	70	(74)	0	(74)	(73)
Youth	743	607	(136)	0	(136)	(69)
Others	1,556	1,625	69	0	69	113
Adjustment - Closure of 2019/20 Accounts				(3,259)	(3,259)	0
Children and Families Total	14,695	18,054	3,359	(3,259)	100	3,161

Children and Families

Operational - the overspend continues although the field has received an additional resource of £100k for 2019/20 onwards, a substantial increase during the last months of the year in costs to support families in the areas of Arfon and Dwyfor and an overspend on staff costs which are above budget level.

Placements - the demand for the range of services is further intensifying, most of the overspend derives from seven cases of new out-of-county placements this year, along with the impact of a full year of eight cases that commenced during 2018/19. Fostering through an agency, 12 new cases this year and the impact of a full year of four cases that commenced in 2018/19. A further increase also in the number of internal fostering placements (166 on 31.3.20, 139 on 31.3.19). Following a review of the out-of-county commitments, it became apparent there had been a change in the type of cases in recent years and, therefore, to the associated and successive costs, a reduction was also seen in contributions from Health. Furthermore, there are £370k worth of savings within Placements that are yet to be realised.

Additional funding of £1.985m has been allocated to the Department in 2020/21 to meet the increasing pressures in the field of Placements.

Post-16 - this year's high initial support costs deriving from two new cases that have transferred from Out-of-county Placements.

Specialist/Derwen – overspend of £357k mainly on support plans with increased demand for service and for specialist support.

Youth Justice - Vacant posts and staff turnover responsible for the increase in overspend.

Early Years – the receipt of grants in the childcare field responsible for underspend.

Youth – the receipt of grants against core expenditure along with underspend following the recent remodelling of the service.

Others - a grant was received at the end of the year which reduced the overspend that derives from the higher demand on the commitment to the North Wales advocacy service, overspend on professional fees and on statutory reviews.

Given the department's tendency to increasingly overspend, a Children's Budget Task Force has been commissioned by the Chief Executive to address the serious financial matters of the Department.

It is recommended that the Children and Families Department receives one-off financial assistance of £3,259k to restrict the level of overspend that will be carried over by the Department to £100k, to support them to move on to face the challenges of 2020/21.

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Education Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Devolved Schools	74,272	74,272	0	0	0	0
Schools Quality Services	(417)	(823)	(406)	0	(406)	(249)
Infrastructure and Support Services						
Transport	4,920	5,078	158	0	158	228
Ancillary Services	441	797	356	0	356	259
Others	96	(71)	(167)	0	(167)	(347)
	5,457	5,804	347	0	347	140
Leadership and Management	2,125	2,076	(49)	0	(49)	(25)
Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion	4,416	4,428	12	0	12	150
Education Total	85,853	85,757	(96)	0	(96)	16

Education

Schools Quality Services - combination of receiving and using grants, staff turnover and reducing expenditure responsible for further underspend by the end of the year.

Transport - following overspend on this field over the past few years, additional finance of £400k was allocated for 2019/20 and further finance has been allocated for 2020/21. However, the overspend continues but is lower than what was anticipated, with an overspend of £63k on School Buses, £63k on School Taxi Transport and £33k of income deficit on Post-16 Transport at the end of the financial year.

The Transport field has been the subject of a strategic review to try to control the increase in expenditure, with the need for further work by the Education Department and the Environment Department continuing, so that it is possible to take advantage of efficiency opportunities.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Ancillary Services - with schools closed for the last seven working days in March due to Covid-19, there was an increased income deficit on school dinners and the care element from the breakfast scheme as a result. This was in addition to the income deficit that already existed in this field along with the overspend on staffing and sickness matters in Catering, Cleaning and Care-taking for schools.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Others - continuing to underspend but there is high demand on various budgets including integration, than what had been anticipated originally.

Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion - the overspend involved with circumstances in one specific centre was substantially mitigated by the end of the year as a result of using a grant along with staff turnover.

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Economy and Community Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	345	348	3	0	3	0
Community Regeneration and Support Programmes	386	396	10	0	10	10
Maritime and Country Parks	(101)	(92)	9	0	9	(36)
Leisure Contracts	1,018	1,097	79	0	79	68
Sports Programmes	97	37	(60)	0	(60)	(48)
Economic Development Programmes	62	36	(26)	0	(26)	(40)
Marketing and Events	310	310	0	0	0	0
Gwynedd Libraries	1,385	1,378	(7)	0	(7)	(9)
Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives	725	784	59	0	59	69
Economy and Community Total	4,227	4,294	67	0	67	14

Economy and Community

Maritime and Country Parks - damage that derived from winter storms has led to unexpected additional expenditure on pontoons in Hafan, Pwllheli and on land maintenance in Parc Glynllifon. Staff turnover in Parc Glynllifon and Parc Padarn means that there was an underspend of £27k on the Rural Parks but there was an overspend of £36k by Maritime which is a combination of income deficit and overspend on seasonal staffing on beaches and higher expenditure in Hafan, Pwllheli.

Leisure Contracts - the Leisure provision was transferred to the Byw'n Iach Company on 1 April 2019, but responsibility for the running costs of properties remained with the Council, a one-off increase was seen in the running costs of leisure centres and, therefore, there was an overspend of £79k at the end of the financial year.

Sports Programmes and Economic Development Programmes - vacant posts and use of grants responsible for the underspend position but necessary costs at the end of the year reducing the underspend reported on Economic Development.

Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives - problems continue in Storiol with an overspend of £69k at the end of the financial year, which is a combination of overspend in staff costs and income deficit. Underspend on Archives and the Arts assists the financial position slightly by reducing the overspend to £59k.

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Highways and Municipal Department (including Trunk roads)	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Highways Services (including Trunk roads)	9,767	9,713	(54)	0	(54)	(135)
Engineering Services	309	297	(12)	0	(12)	55
Municipal Services						
Waste	10,803	11,654	851	0	851	996
Others	3,585	3,347	(238)	0	(238)	54
Adjustment - Closure of 2019/20 Accounts				(447)	(447)	0
Highways and Municipal Total	24,464	25,011	547	(447)	100	970

Highways and Municipal (including Trunk roads)

Highways Services - have exceeded on external income but additional expenditure on schemes responsible for the reduction in the underspend reported.

Engineering Services - less expenditure in a number of fields at the end of the year has led to an underspend position.

Waste - reduction in overspend in the Waste field to £851k. Costs for dealing with waste via Parc Adfer, namely a regional 'Energy Generated from Waste' facility located in Deeside, were not as high as anticipated in the previous review and a clinical waste grant of £123k was received from Welsh Government at the end of the year.

Although the department had taken action to reduce costs by changing shifts and waste collection circuit arrangements, there was a delay in operations. The new arrangements have now come into force in Dwyfor and more recently in Arfon but there was a further slippage in the timetable to implement the new system in Meirionnydd, therefore, associated transitional costs with staffing and sickness costs were responsible for £496k of the overspend.

Overspend continues on operational and transport costs, grant and income deficit on waste and recycling materials.

Although some action on the Waste side have already been taken during the year to ensure that implementation measures are within the budget, it is noted that implementation was delayed this year.

Other Municipal Services - combination of increase in income, realising savings in advance and reducing expenditure has led to an underspend position by the end of the year.

It is recommended that the Highways and Municipal Department receives one-off financial assistance of £447k, which limits overspend that will be carried forward by the Department to 2020/21 to £100k, to support them to face the challenges of 2020/21.

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Environment Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Department Management	401	343	(58)	0	(58)	(53)
Planning Service	286	305	19	0	19	137
Street Care and Transport Services						
Network Management (Transport)	590	354	(236)	0	(236)	(50)
Parking and Parking Enforcement	(1,985)	(1,869)	116	0	116	(12)
Integrated Transport	1,566	1,537	(29)	0	(29)	(24)
	171	22	(149)	0	(149)	(86)
Countryside and Access	740	773	33	0	33	21
Public Protection	1,741	1,726	(15)	0	(15)	(124)
Adjustment - Closure of 2019/20 Accounts				70	70	0
<u>Environment Total</u>	3,339	3,169	(170)	70	(100)	(105)

Environment

Management - general underspend and the department's advance savings have led to one-off savings under the Management heading.

Planning Service - a shift in position since the previous review as a result of a reduction in income deficit after receiving additional major application in the last few months of the year in the field of Development Control. Underspend on services, supplies and transport also assisting to slightly alleviate the income deficit.

Street Care and Transport Services - a mixed picture in terms of the relevant income, with the Traffic and Statutory Arrangements field over-delivering income from road closures, which is part of the department's savings schemes over the next few years. However, a further reduction in parking income as the impacts of coronavirus have had an impact on parking income during the last few weeks of the financial year, although it is alleviated by vacant posts, the net overspend is £116k.

Integrated Transport - one-off underspend on staff costs and exceeding on income reducing the impact of additional costs on bus contracts. The department using a reserve that was assigned for the purpose of increasing costs. The department is in the process of undertaking a review of public transport and has already commissioned research by the University to review the provision.

Public Protection - one-off expenditure on new software is the main reason for a reduction in underspend by the end of the year, it also appears that the impacts of coronavirus have affected income in the fields of Licensing, Taxis and Markets as income is not as promising as anticipated during the year.

As part of the end of August review, the Environment Department received the Cabinet's approval to earmark £220k of its underspend this year for costs following a judicial review relating to the Llanbedr access Road. Given the current situation with the Coronavirus crisis which has substantial financial implications for the Council, the Department has agreed that it is appropriate for it to use a combination of departmental underspend and capital provision that no longer needs to be funded.

In accordance with Financial Regulations, **it is recommended** that the usual practice is adhered to in order to allow the Environment Department to keep (£100k) of their underspend, and to move (£70k) which is the sum above (£100k), to be used to support the departments that have overspent in 2019/20.

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Consultancy Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Roads and Engineering Services	(475)	(498)	(23)	0	(23)	25
Sustainable Drainage Systems Unit (SuDS)	44	44	0	0	0	0
Flood Risk Management Unit	485	482	(3)	0	(3)	1
Building Control	48	63	15	0	15	61
Consultancy Total	102	91	(11)	0	(11)	87

Consultancy

Roads and Engineering Services - a favourable shift of (£48k) since the previous review as a result of underspend on staff costs alleviating the deficit seen in income level by external organisations, such as other Councils and Welsh Government.

Sustainable Drainage Systems Unit (SuDS) - income deficit during the period of establishing the new unit alleviated by underspend on staff costs.

Building Control - income deficit reduced by lower expenditure on services and supplies.

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Housing and Property Department	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	(22)	52	74	0	74	103
Housing Services						
Homelessness	1,062	1,313	251	0	251	160
Private Sector Housing	344	257	(87)	0	(87)	(69)
Others	212	170	(42)	0	(42)	(58)
	1,618	1,740	122	0	122	33
Property Services						
Property	1,420	1,331	(89)	0	(89)	(107)
Care-taking, Catering and Cleaning	24	0	(24)	0	(24)	1
	1,444	1,331	(113)	0	(113)	(106)
Housing and Property Total	3,040	3,123	83	0	83	30

Housing and Property

Management - Savings Scheme which is yet to be realised is mainly responsible for the overspend. The Department is examining an alternative scheme to replace the existing scheme.

Housing Services - pressures on the Temporary Accommodation, Homelessness budget as a result of a combination of increased prices and longer stays, sufficient bids have been approved to address this in 2020/21. Private Sector Housing exceeds income and Other Housing is underspending on staff costs, therefore, assisting to mitigate overspend reported for the Housing Service.

Property Services - vacant posts and secondments are mainly responsible for the underspend anticipated as well as overspend on services and supplies.

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Central Departments	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Management Team and Legal	1,632	1,582	(50)	0	(50)	(77)
Finance (and Information Technology)	6,095	6,025	(70)	0	(70)	(75)
Corporate Support	7,651	7,551	(100)	0	(100)	(96)
Central Departments Total	15,378	15,158	(220)	0	(220)	(248)

Central Departments

Corporate Management Team & Legal - a reduction in the underspend reported as a proportion of the underspend of the vacant post of Corporate Director is being diverted to fund better well-being provision in Council offices. Received additional income from the Legal Unit which contributed towards the favourable position but was reduced as a result of higher staffing costs.

Finance (and Information Technology) – combination of reasons responsible for the underspend, including one-off underspend due to staff turnover, secondments, and additional income and grants received in a number of fields. Additional income from different sources, including Welsh Government for the field of non-domestic rates relief administration and an additional transitional period grant from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) in the Benefits field. Furthermore, the Department has managed to deliver savings in advance this year and has diverted them for Corporate purposes.

Corporate Support - the underspend was mainly due to receiving external income above the budget level in a number of fields across the department, including Translation, Registration and the Human Resources Advisory Services. Vacant posts and secondments also contribute towards the favourable position, in preparation for savings over the next few years, as there is no demand for savings this year the department has already transferred a portion of its savings in advance for Corporate purposes.

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Corporate (Reflects variances only)	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Final Position	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Modified Over / (Under) Spend 2019/20	Target Over / Under Spend - November 2019 Review
Field:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Council Tax	*	*	(495)		(495)	0
Council Tax Premium	*	*	0		0	0
Council Tax Reductions	*	*	(183)		(183)	0
Others	*	*	(334)		(334)	0
Adjustment - Closure of 2019/20 Accounts				1,012	1,012	0
Corporate Total	*	*	(1,012)	1,012	0	0

Corporate

Council Tax and Council Tax Premium - favourable position of additional tax on Council Tax, however, the Valuer's Office has already permitted the transfer of 397 properties from the Council Tax list to the Non-domestic Rates list during 2019/20 (453 in 2018/19, 282 in 2017/18, and 199 in 2016/17). During the year, £2.9m of Council Tax Premium was collected and assigned to be considered for the Housing Strategy.

Council Tax Reductions - underspend of (£183k) as the number of applications to the Council Tax Reduction (Benefits) scheme was generally at its lowest level for the fourth year in succession across North and Mid-Wales in 2019/20, but an increase was seen in early 2020/21 which derived from the Covid-19 crisis.

Others - the pressures across a substantial number of budgets not as much as anticipated and, therefore, underspending.

It is recommended that departments that overspend in 2019/20 should be assisted with funding from the following sources:

- net underspend of (£1,012k) on Corporate budgets
- underspend of (£70k) by the Environment Department, which is above the underspend threshold of (£100k) permitted for Departments.
- use (£825,044) from the reserve harvesting exercise and provisions detailed in **Appendix 3**
- finance the rest that is left to be funded, namely (£1,799k) from the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve.