

REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 - END OF NOVEMBER REVIEW						
Adults, Health and Well-being Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Adults Services</u>						
Older People's Services						
Residential and Nursing - Homes	15,077	15,347	270	0	270	457
Domiciliary Care	7,100	7,277	177	0	177	(289)
Others	(249)	866	1,115	0	1,115	1,214
	21,928	23,490	1,562	0	1,562	1,382
Physical Disabilities Services	2,374	2,471	97	0	97	(31)
Learning Disabilities Services	19,562	19,601	39	0	39	(438)
Mental Health Services	3,554	3,424	(130)	0	(130)	(130)
Other Services (Adults)	3,095	3,116	21	0	21	(69)
<u>Adults Services Total</u>	50,513	52,102	1,589	0	1,589	714
<u>Provider Services (shows net budget)</u>						
Residential Care	96	(152)	(248)	0	(248)	(28)
Day Care	14	103	89	0	89	240
Community Care	69	695	626	0	626	539
Others	22	49	27	0	27	43
<u>Provider Services Total</u>	201	695	494	0	494	794

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Other Services						
Departmental Central Services (<i>including Department savings</i>)	3,040	3,496	456	0	456	378
Covid-19 expenditure in the Adults Care field		1,908	1,908	0	1,908	0
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund		(229)	(229)	0	(229)	0
Other Services Total	3,040	5,175	2,135	0	2,135	378
Adults, Health and Well-being Total	53,754	57,972	4,218	0	4,218	1,886
<i>Grant Receipt from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(960)	(960)	
Adults, Health and Well-being Adjusted Total					3,258	

Adults, Health and Well-being

Older Peoples Services - increase in demand for domiciliary care packages and pressure on the residential and nursing care provision. Within the 'Others' heading, a failure to realise £1,144k worth of savings and an overspend of £323k on Supported Accommodation, with the costs of the Hafod y Gest scheme responsible for a substantial proportion of the relevant overspend. Grant receipts reduce the reported overspend.

Physical Disabilities Service - increased demand, particularly in Domiciliary Care.

Learning Disabilities Service - three new expensive cases in residential and nursing and the impact of Covid19 contributed to additional expenditure by the service, but also a reduction in the demand for support plans this year.

Mental Health Services - less pressure on the support plans provision along with staff turnover.

Provider Services - staffing above the budget level are issues within Community Care and Day Care. Additional costs associated with Covid19 in particular in Residential Care, with the expectation that the Government will compensate the Council for the cost.

Departmental Central Services - increasing cost of the Telecare scheme and a slippage in realising £563k worth of savings schemes.

2020/21 Budget - this year, the department received bids to a value of over £1.8 million to address the increasing pressure on the 2020/21 budget, including for the fields of Learning Disabilities, Residential Care in the Provider Unit, and Older People's Residential and Nursing Care.

Covid19 Expenditure / Grant - Covid19 has had a significant impact on the Adults, Health and Well-being department this year, with £3 million spent up to the end of November, and a Covid hardship grant of £1.722 million has already been allocated to the department towards the relevant additional costs for the first quarter and a further £960k is to be allocated as part of this review for the second quarter.

Savings - without considering the impact of Covid19, a failure to realise savings worth £1.8 million is a significant factor of the overspend. The Chief Executive has already commissioned work to obtain a better understanding of the matters and a clear response programme, to better understand the complex details of the situation in adults' care.

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Children and Families Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Service Management	590	599	9	0	9	(6)
Operational	2,161	2,195	34	0	34	39
Placements						
Out-of-County Placements	2,965	4,573	1,608	0	1,608	1,591
Fostering through an Agency	1,179	1,534	355	0	355	447
Fostering – Internal	2,161	2,573	412	0	412	374
Support Services and Others	1,824	1,665	(159)	0	(159)	(47)
	8,129	10,345	2,216	0	2,216	2,365
Post-16	1,055	1,460	405	0	405	414
Specialist/Derwen	1,839	2,075	236	0	236	239
Youth Justice	253	192	(61)	0	(61)	(38)
Early Years	157	93	(64)	0	(64)	(52)
Youth	896	735	(161)	0	(161)	(164)
Others	1,720	1,699	(21)	0	(21)	(18)
Children and Families Total	16,800	19,393	2,593	0	2,593	2,779
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(142)	(142)	
Children and Families Adjusted Total					2,451	

Children and Families

Placements - despite additional funding of £1.8m having been allocated to this field for 2020/21 in order to meet the increasing pressure, the overspend continues, with an anticipated overspend of £2.2m by the end of the financial year. Within the heading, there are savings to the value of £688k which are yet to be realised and which now look unlikely to be realised.

A significant proportion of the overspend derives from eight new out-of-county placements and the impact of a full year of seven cases that commenced during 2019/20, with the average number of placements having increased to 21.6 from 18.1 for 2019/20. Fostering through an agency: three new cases this year and the impact of a full year of 12 cases that commenced in 2019/20. Overspend deriving from the impact of full year increase in the number of internal fostering placements last year (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 costs.

Post-16 - this year's high initial support costs derive from three new cases since the start of the financial year, along with the full year impact of two cases from last year.

Specialist/Derwen – the impact of the increased demand for support schemes and specialist support over the past years is responsible for the overspend, but this has been reduced by underspend on travel costs as a result of Covid19 restrictions.

Youth Justice - staff turnover and use of contributions to replace core funding means that there is an underspend under this heading.

Early Years – the use of grants funded core expenditure, with the receipt of grants in the childcare field responsible for the underspend.

Youth – the receipt of grants was higher against core expenditure for this year, along with underspend following the remodelling of the service.

Despite the Covid19 crisis, the Children's Budget Task Force has resumed its work of focussing on the department's complex financial matters.

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Education Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Devolved Schools	80,371	80,371	0	0	0	0
Secondary School Meals Income (Devolved)	0	76	76	0	76	0
Schools Quality Services	(628)	(929)	(301)	0	(301)	(219)
Infrastructure and Support Services			0			
Transport	4,906	4,731	(175)	0	(175)	(449)
Ancillary Services	574	1,722	1,148	0	1,148	534
Others	3,156	3,048	(108)	0	(108)	(141)
	8,636	9,501	865	0	865	(56)
Leadership and Management	2,281	2,217	(64)	0	(64)	(60)
Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion	4,536	4,348	(188)	0	(188)	24
Education Total	95,196	95,584	388	0	388	(311)
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(482)	(482)	
Education Adjusted Total					(94)	

Education

Secondary School Meals Income - loss of income from school meals as a result of the Covid19 crisis, Welsh Government has compensated the Council to the value of half the year, but the allocation for the second quarter has yet to be allocated to the department.

Schools Quality Services - a combination of receiving grants, staff turnover, reducing expenditure and a decrease in demand for certain budgets over the lockdown period is responsible for the anticipated underspend.

Transport - contrary to the usual trend of overspending, an underspend of (£175k) is anticipated for transport this year, following the closure of schools over the summer term with an underspend of (£173k) on school buses and (£119k) on taxi and train transportation, but is reduced by a deficit of £177k in Post-16 Transport ticket sales during the lockdown period.

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, so that it is possible to take advantage of efficiency opportunities.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Ancillary Services - loss of income from school meals and the care element of the breakfast clubs as a result of the crisis, along with an increase in the numbers who claim free school meals. Furthermore, there was additional expenditure on school cleaning due to requirements associated with Covid19 that came into effect in September. It is anticipated that the Government's Covid grants will address the relevant additional costs.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Others - reduced demand on various budgets, especially during lockdown.

Leadership and Management - receipt of grant funding and underspend on various headings within the budget.

Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion - a mixed picture that is a combination of vacant posts and underspend on a number of various headings, while circumstances relating to one specific centre continues and is responsible for an overspend of £191k.

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Economy and Community Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	356	347	(9)	0	(9)	(6)
Community Regeneration and Support Programmes	367	366	(1)	0	(1)	0
Maritime and Country Parks	16	144	128	0	128	271
Leisure Contracts	1,447	1,452	5	0	5	(39)
Sports Programmes	59	33	(26)	0	(26)	(26)
Economic Development Programmes	(83)	(83)	0	0	0	0
Marketing and Events	260	264	4	0	4	3
Gwynedd Libraries	1,613	1,550	(63)	0	(63)	(93)
Gwynedd Museums, Arts and Archives	857	879	22	0	22	43
<u>Economy and Community Total</u>	4,892	4,952	60	0	60	153
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(160)	(160)	
<u>Economy and Community Adjusted Total</u>					(100)	

Economy and Community

Maritime and Country Parks - a loss of income as a result of the Covid19 crisis has had a significant impact on this field, contributing to an overspend of £107k on Maritime and £21k on Country Parks. The most evident loss of income is to be seen at Hafan, Pwllheli, and the harbours. It is anticipated that the Covid grants will cover a significant proportion of the overspend.

Leisure Contracts - the Leisure provision was transferred to the Byw'n Iach Company on 1 April 2019, but responsibility for the running costs of premises remained with the Council. With the centres having been closed for part of the year as a result of Covid19, a one-off reduction in the leisure centres' running costs is anticipated for this year with funding to compensate for the additional Covid costs due from the Welsh Government.

Gwynedd Libraries - a number of vacant posts, receipt of grants and a reduction in expenditure while the libraries were closed over the lockdown period.

Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives - problems continue in Storiell with a predicted deficit of £68k by the end of the financial year, which is a combination of overspend in staff costs and income deficit. The work of renovating Neuadd Dwyfor has commenced and as a result there is no possibility of generating income this year, while the impact of Covid19 has led to a loss of income at the Lloyd George Museum. Expenditure cuts have led to underspend by the Arts and Archives. Acceptance of Covid grants, Arts Council Grants and Furlough scheme has reduced the reported overspends.

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Highways and Municipal Department (including Trunk Roads)	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Highways Services (including Trunk roads)	9,728	9,601	(127)	0	(127)	(101)
Engineering Services	383	461	78	0	78	60
Municipal Services						
Waste	11,025	11,828	803	0	803	481
Others	3,920	4,449	529	0	529	397
Highways and Municipal Total	25,056	26,339	1,283	0	1,283	837
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(637)	(637)	
Highways and Municipal Adjusted Total					646	

Highways and Municipal (including Trunk roads)

Highways Services - Covid19 restrictions during the early months of the year have caused underspend on the roadworks budget for this year; vacant posts and underspend on various headings also contributed to the anticipated underspend situation.

Engineering Services - a delay in realising the savings scheme, but discussions are ongoing to find a solution.

Waste - a number of matters are responsible for the overspend anticipated, but the overspend has mainly due to waste and recycling collection. Although the department had taken action to reduce costs by changing shifts and waste collection circuit arrangements, there was a delay in implementation. 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, this being pushed back to March 2021; there were therefore transitional costs associated with staffing and sickness costs this year.

The service faced additional costs and loss of income as a result of Covid19, and a significant reduction was also seen in the prices received for selling recycling materials. The department is also struggling to realise savings.

Other Municipal Services - the effects of Covid19 have also led to loss of income, including within the commercial waste field, as businesses were closed during the lockdown period. Additional requirements and changes to working arrangements in order to comply with Covid19 regulations and social distancing have led to additional costs. A failure to realise savings also contributes to the situation.

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Environment Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Department Management	419	328	(91)	0	(91)	(88)
Planning and Building Control Service	490	660	170	0	170	148
Street Works and Transport Services						
Network Management (Transport)	693	463	(230)	0	(230)	(146)
Parking and Parking Enforcement	(1,786)	(1,368)	418	0	418	114
Integrated Transport	1,684	1,955	271	0	271	293
	591	1,050	459	0	459	261
Countryside and Access	654	652	(2)	0	(2)	(15)
Public Protection	1,604	1,640	36	0	36	(2)
<u>Environment Total</u>	3,758	4,330	572	0	572	304
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(203)	(203)	
<u>Environment Adjusted Total</u>					369	

Environment

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

Planning and Building Control Service - the general trend of income loss continues again this year, though mitigated somewhat by staff underspend and lower spending on various budgets including statutory notices and appeals.

Street Works and Transport Services

Network Management (Transport) - a combination of vacant posts, underspend on a number of budget headings including works in Forward Planning, but a loss of income from streetworks fees and fees on road adoption contracts.

Parking and Parking Enforcement - the significant impact of Covid19 restrictions is responsible for a lack of parking income of over one million for the first half of the financial year; Welsh Government have already compensated the Council by £874k for the value of the loss in the first quarter of the year, with a further £198k received for the second quarter, but yet to be allocated. Further income losses are anticipated for the remainder of the year, but these are reduced by underspend on various budgets.

Integrated Transport - overspend on public bus contracts; although the department is in the process of conducting a review of public transport, with the University already having been commissioned to review the provision, this has been delayed due to the Covid19 crisis.

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Consultancy Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Roads and Engineering Services	(699)	(711)	(12)	0	(12)	66
Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Unit (SuDS)	2	2	0	0	0	0
Flood Risk Management Unit	486	486	0	0	0	0
Building Service	(16)	6	22	0	22	36
Consultancy Total	(227)	(217)	10	0	10	102
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(110)	(110)	
Consultancy Adjusted Total					(100)	

Consultancy

Roads and Engineering Services - income levels recovered after income during the first months of the financial year was hindered due to the impact of Covid19 with the net loss of £140k for the first months of the year now having been compensated by the Welsh Government. The service continues to apply for work and therefore attracts further income on various schemes by external organisations, such as other councils and the Welsh Government.

Building Service - income deficit reduced by staff underspend.

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Housing and Property Department	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	232	216	(16)	0	(16)	20
Housing Services			0			
Homelessness	1,082	1,636	554	0	554	493
Private Sector Housing	433	435	2	0	2	(30)
Others	440	399	(41)	0	(41)	(51)
	1,955	2,470	515	0	515	412
Property Services						
Property	4,449	4,361	(88)	0	(88)	(50)
Care-taking, Catering and Cleaning	2	19	17	0	17	(25)
	4,451	4,380	(71)	0	(71)	(75)
Housing and Property Total	6,638	7,066	428	0	428	357
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>				(288)	(288)	
<i>Housing and Property Adjusted Total</i>					140	

Housing and Property

Management - An alternative savings scheme has now replaced a historic scheme that did not achieve the savings, and an underspend on staff and training costs.

Housing Services - significant pressure on the Temporary Accommodation budget within Homelessness, with a substantial proportion of this as a result of the crisis and the need to take homeless people off the street. £194k to compensate for the additional relevant expenditure for the first quarter has already been received from the Welsh Government, with the expectation that the application for £260k for the second quarter will also be successful. Underspend on staff costs in the Homelessness Unit and underspend in the Gypsies and Travellers field under 'Others', which helps mitigate the overspend reported for the Housing Service.

Property Services - vacant posts and secondments are mainly responsible for the underspend anticipated as well as a combination of additional costs and a loss of income in the area of cleaning.

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Central Departments	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Management Team and Legal	1,764	1,708	(56)	0	(56)	(31)
Finance (and Information Technology)	6,580	6,509	(71)	0	(71)	(85)
Corporate Support	7,284	7,293	9	0	9	51
Central Departments Total	15,628	15,510	(118)	0	(118)	(65)
<i>Grant received from Welsh Government to compensate for expenditure/loss of income due to the Covid-19 crisis</i>						
<i>Finance (and Information Technology)</i>				(7)	(7)	
<i>Corporate Support</i>				(61)	(61)	
Central Departments Adjusted Total					(186)	

Central Departments

Corporate Management Team & Legal - the latest projections suggest an underspend of (£56k), with a proportion of the underspend on the vacant Corporate Director post being diverted to fund improved well-being provision in Council offices. Although the impact of the crisis led to a reduction in the income received by the Legal Unit at the beginning of the crisis, the income levels have now recovered.

Finance (and Information Technology) – a combination of reasons responsible for the underspend, including one-off underspend due to vacant posts, secondments, income and grants received in several fields. Additional costs were incurred by the department as a result of the crisis in terms of business grant administration and also in the area of information technology.

Corporate Support - Covid19 restrictions have led to a loss of income, mainly in the field of marriage registrations. The impact of Covid19 has also had negative implications for the internal income of the Printroom, with a deficit of £123k anticipated by the end of the financial year. A number of vacant posts and an underspend on services and provisions across the department.

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Corporate (Reflects variances only)	Proposed Budget 2020/21	Estimated 2020/21 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2020/21	Use of Other Sources or Other Recommended Adjustments	Adjusted Estimated Over / Under Spend 2020/21	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August 2020 Review
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Council Tax	*	*	(277)	277	0	0
Council Tax Reductions	*	*	(303)	303	0	0
Capital Costs	*	*	(613)	613	0	0
Interest Received	*	*	320		320	300
Provision for realising corporate savings	*	*	(1,644)		(1,644)	(1,644)
Advance Savings	*	*	(148)	148	0	(75)
Others including Budgets and Bids returned by Departments	*	*	(769)	449	(320)	(225)
Grant receipts from Welsh Government to compensate expenditure/loss of income due to COVID-19 not allocated to the Departments	*	*	0		0	(422)
Corporate Total	*	*	(3,434)	1,790	(1,644)	(2,066)
Grant receipts from Welsh Government to compensate expenditure/loss of income due to COVID-19 not allocated to the Departments					(49)	
Corporate Adjusted Total					(1,693)	

Corporate

Council Tax and Council Tax Premium - in light of the Covid19 crisis and therefore in order to avoid possible financial hardship, all recovery actions on unpaid Council Tax bills were suspended for three months until the start of July. Up to the end of November, the Valuation Office permitted 342 properties to transfer from Council Tax to Non-domestic Rates (397 in 2019/20, 453 in 2018/19). The Council has planned to receive £2.7m of Council Tax Premium during 2020/21, which is to be allocated to be considered for the Housing Strategy. Notwithstanding this, we anticipate a favourable situation of additional tax to the value of (£277k) on Council Tax due to prudential assumptions in setting the 2020/21 budget.

Council Tax Reductions - although there was an increase of 3% in the numbers claiming the reduction in Gwynedd during this financial year as a result of the Covid19 crisis, an underspend of (£303k) is anticipated following receipt of a specific grant and setting prudential estimates.

Capital Costs - (£478k) of capital costs to be funded from revenue, but will now slip to the next year due to Covid19, to be transferred to a fund to enable the resource to be re-profiled. Additionally, an underspend of (£135k) as a result of current treasury management policy which means that external borrowing can be avoided.

Interest Received - following the impact of Covid19 on the financial markets, a reduction in the expected interest received is anticipated.

Provision for realising corporate savings - following the failure of certain departments to realise savings in some fields, a corporate provision has been set up for the purpose, which is available for appropriate distribution.

Others including Budgets and Bids returned by Departments - the pressure across a number of budgets not as much as anticipated and, therefore, underspending this year.

It is recommended that (£478k) capital schemes that are to be funded from revenue should be transferred to a fund to enable re-profiling the resource, with the remainder of the net underspend on Corporate budgets, a sum of (£1,312k) being transferred to the Council's balances to assist in addressing the financial challenge facing the Council at the end of 2020/21, especially in light of the Covid-19 crisis.