

REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW						
Adults, Health and Well-being Department	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Adults Services</u>						
Older People's Services						
Residential and Nursing - Homes	15,957	15,132	(825)	0	(825)	(137)
Domiciliary Care	7,451	8,067	616	0	616	(376)
Others	(122)	783	905	0	905	340
	23,286	23,982	696	0	696	(173)
Physical Disabilities Services	2,531	2,366	(165)	0	(165)	(39)
Learning Disabilities Services	21,336	22,060	724	0	724	(983)
Mental Health Services	3,653	3,651	(2)	0	(2)	(16)
Other Services (Adults)	3,265	3,353	88	0	88	(44)
<u>Adults Services Total</u>	54,071	55,412	1,341	0	1,341	(1,255)
<u>Provider Services (shows net budget)</u>						
Residential Care	0	(371)	(371)	0	(371)	(895)
Day Care	0	(131)	(131)	0	(131)	301
Community Care	190	830	640	0	640	1,077
Others	0	(16)	(16)	0	(16)	(16)
<u>Provider Services Total</u>	190	312	122	0	122	467

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<u>Other Services</u>						
Departmental Central Services (<i>including Department savings</i>)	3,415	3,651	236	0	236	273
Covid-19 expenditure in the Adults Care field		0	0	0	0	415
Care Workforce Additional Expenditure due to Covid-19	200	200	0	0	0	0
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund		(329)	(329)	0	(329)	0
<u>Other Services Total</u>	3,615	3,522	(93)	0	(93)	688
<u>Adults, Health and Well-being Total</u>	57,876	59,246	1,370	0	1,370	(100)

Adults, Health and Well-being

Older People's Services - under 'Others' heading, overspend on Supported Accommodation, with the costs of the Hafod y Gest and Awel y Coleg schemes responsible for a substantial proportion of the relevant overspend, an increase was also seen in the number of direct payments packages and difficulties in realising savings. Despite a reduced demand for Domiciliary Care last year as a result of Covid, a marked increase in demand this year.

Physical Disabilities Services - reduced demand, particularly in domiciliary care.

Learning Disabilities Services - costly new cases in supported housing and increasing pressure on direct payments.

Provider Services - staffing above budget level and loss of income are issues within Community Care, whilst staff turnover has led to underspend in a number of homes for the elderly and Covid implications have disrupted the Day Care provision and is therefore underspending.

Departmental Central Services - some savings schemes still not realised, but the impact is reduced by staff turnover.

2021/22 Budget - this year, the department received bids to the value of over £1.6 million for the increased pressures on the 2021/22 budget, including for the Learning Disability, Older People and Physical Disability fields.

Expenditure / Covid19 Grant - the effect of Covid has had a substantial impact on the Adults, Health and Well-being Department again this year, with over £1.3 million already claimed from Welsh Government for the increased pressure up to the end of August.

Savings - failure to deliver savings is an obvious factor in the department's overspend, with savings to the value of £855k still to be realised.

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Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Service Management	592	579	(13)	0	(13)	(37)
Operational	2,083	2,230	147	0	147	13
Placements						
Out-of-County Placements	4,701	4,505	(196)	0	(196)	820
Fostering through an Agency	1,633	1,504	(129)	0	(129)	291
Fostering – Internal	2,405	2,485	80	0	80	361
Support Services and Others	1,695	1,643	(52)	0	(52)	(152)
	10,434	10,137	(297)	0	(297)	1,320
Post-16	1,239	1,355	116	0	116	342
Specialist/Derwen	1,834	2,093	259	0	259	69
Youth Justice	253	216	(37)	0	(37)	(60)
Early Years	145	110	(35)	0	(35)	(124)
Youth	891	741	(150)	0	(150)	(216)
Others	1,864	1,838	(26)	0	(26)	(46)
Adjustment - Closure of 2020/21 Accounts					0	(1,261)
Children and Families Total	19,335	19,299	(36)	0	(36)	0

Children and Families

After allocating over £1.8m in additional funding to the department for 2021/22, and the removal of savings to the value of £1.1m, the projections this year are much more promising, with an underspend being anticipated by the end of the year.

Operational - overspend on support plans, but are below the levels seen pre-Covid, as well as an overspend on staffing costs.

Placements - a bid allocation and removal of savings has had a substantial impact on this field, which has been overspending substantially over the past years. Although 3 new out-of-county placements were seen this year, the average number is down to 21, compared with 22 for 2020/21. The average numbers are also down for agency fostering, which is 31.5 this year, compared with 33.4 in 2020/21. In Internal Fostering, an overspend is anticipated, linked to the Skills Payment and Staying On Schemes.

Post-16 - the pressure continues on the budget and although this field has been the subject of a £100k bid this year, the impact of a full year of cases can be seen and is therefore responsible for the overspend.

Specialist/Derwen - impact of the increasing demand for support plans and specialist support over the past year to account for the overspend, along with a change in the emphasis in terms of how the service is being provided, with increasing pressure on direct payments now obvious.

Youth Justice - staff turnover means that there is an underspend on this heading.

Early Years – the use of grants funding 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. The service's activity has been disrupted by the impact of Covid and there is less expenditure as a result.

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Education Department	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Gross Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Devolved Schools	82,534	82,534	0	0	0	0
Schools Quality Services	(809)	(1,122)	(313)	0	(313)	(237)
Infrastructure and Support Services						
Transport	5,565	5,827	262	0	262	(469)
Ancillary Services	486	663	177	0	177	764
Others	2,967	2,916	(51)	0	(51)	(37)
	9,018	9,406	388	0	388	258
Leadership and Management	2,241	2,112	(129)	0	(129)	(65)
Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion	4,997	4,962	(35)	0	(35)	(215)
Adjustment - Closure of 2020/21 Accounts						159
Education Total	97,981	97,892	(89)	0	(89)	(100)

Education

Schools Quality Services - a combination of receiving grants, staff turnover, reducing expenditure and a reduction in the demand on some budgets are responsible for the underspend.

Transport - although £291k of additional funding was allocated to this field for 2021/22, the latest estimates suggest an overspend of £258k on Taxi Transport. Additional pressure was seen on the budget after Grŵp Llandrillo Menai educational courses were moved to Llangefni as well as the increase in the demand for taxis for the special school pupils of Hafod Lon and Pendalar.

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 - staff overspend, loss of income from school dinners and the care element of breakfast clubs. Additional cleaning requirements in schools associated with Covid are also obvious, with the majority of the loss of income and additional expenditure claimed from Welsh Government.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Others - less demand on a number of various budgets.

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

Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion - mixed picture which is a combination of vacant posts and underspend on several varied headings, while circumstances involving one particular centre continue and are responsible for an overspend of £222k.

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Economy and Community Department	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	376	376	0	0	0	(32)
Community Regeneration and Support Programmes	374	386	12	0	12	49
Maritime and Country Parks	446	195	(251)	0	(251)	0
Leisure Contracts	1,078	1,103	25	0	25	0
Sports Programmes	32	32	0	0	0	(22)
Economic Development Programmes	(77)	(77)	0	0	0	1
Marketing and Events	263	263	0	0	0	(16)
Gwynedd Libraries	1,638	1,605	(33)	0	(33)	(115)
Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives	912	956	44	0	44	35
Economy and Community Total	5,042	4,839	(203)	0	(203)	(100)

Economy and Community

Maritime and Country Parks – a combination of reasons responsible for the underspend projections including staff turnover, exceeding income at Hafan Pwllheli as a result of an increasing number of tourists in the area and therefore in the demand for moorings following the easing of Covid restrictions over the summer. It was also seen that the beaches exceeded the income targets following a busy season for tourists in the area.

Leisure Contracts - the leisure provision was transferred to Cwmni Byw'n Iach on 1 April 2019, but the responsibility for the running costs of the properties would remain with the Council, from the latest projections, there will be an overspend of £25k by the end of the year.

As Covid has disrupted the ability of leisure centres to open and on the service provision, it has therefore impacted the ability to generate income, money to compensate for additional costs and income losses due to Covid has been received from Welsh Government, which is £1.2 million for the first half of the year for Byw'n Iach (£2.7 million in 2020/21).

Gwynedd Libraries - vacant posts and staff turnover are mainly responsible for the underspend.

Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives - Covid side-effects have disrupted income levels, there was a delay in the timetable for opening Neuadd Dwyfor following the refurbishment work, which in turn has led to lack of income this year. Problems continue in Storiol with a deficit of £38k projected by the end of the financial year.

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Highways and Municipal Department (including Trunk roads)	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Highways Services (including Trunk roads)	9,983	9,918	(65)	0	(65)	89
Engineering Services	516	652	136	0	136	(14)
Municipal Services						
Waste	11,082	11,745	663	0	663	172
Others	3,996	4,244	248	0	248	(247)
Highways and Municipal Total	25,577	26,559	982	0	982	0

Highways and Municipal (including Trunk roads)

Highways Services - an underspend is anticipated on various headings including the roadworks budget which outweighs the delay to realising savings schemes.

Engineering Services - failure to realise savings schemes including CCTV and Barmouth Bridge but discussions are continuing to seek a resolution.

Waste - a number of matters are responsible for the overspend, but mainly on waste and recycling collection. Although the department had taken action to reduce costs by changing shifts and waste collection route arrangements, there was a delay in operations. The new arrangements are in place in Dwyfor and Arfon, and are now operational in Meirionnydd since the beginning of the financial year, therefore, transitional costs associated with staffing and sickness costs were obvious. An increase also seen in the tonnage of recycling and domestic waste collected, which is an increase of 13% and 11% since 2019 levels. Furthermore, an overspend is anticipated on the costs of treating recyclable materials and difficulties in realising savings.

Other Municipal Services - a mixed picture which is a combination of factors, with some of the main reasons including land maintenance income losses, additional pressure on commercial waste budgets, public facilities and street cleaning and savings still to be realised.

The impact of Covid19 has affected the department considerably in terms of additional expenditure and loss of income, with almost £600k already claimed from Welsh Government this year (£2.4m in 20/21).

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Environment Department	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Department Management	727	645	(82)	0	(82)	(144)
Planning and Building Control Service	393	538	145	0	145	178
Street Care and Transport Services						
Network Management (Transport)	357	76	(281)	0	(281)	(626)
Parking and Parking Enforcement	(1,842)	(1,931)	(89)	0	(89)	307
Integrated Transport	1,826	1,976	150	0	150	306
	341	121	(220)	0	(220)	(13)
Countryside and Access	625	635	10	0	10	1
Public Protection	1,603	1,522	(81)	0	(81)	(122)
<u>Environment Total</u>	3,689	3,461	(228)	0	(228)	(100)

Environment

Management - staff turnover and general underspend 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 Care and Transport Services

Network Management (Transportation) - exceeding the streetworks fees income, as well as vacant posts and underspend on many of the budget's headings.

Parking and Parking Enforcement - underspend on various budgets, including employment costs.

Integrated Transport - an overspend is anticipated on public bus contracts, with the work of conducting a review to consider the provision now recommencing following a delay as a result of the Covid crisis.

Public Protection - staff turnover and a lower expenditure on several budget headings this year including food and water sampling and advertising.

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Consultancy Department	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Roads and Engineering Services	(687)	(789)	(102)	0	(102)	(116)
Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Unit (SuDS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flood Risk Management Unit	584	613	29	0	29	(17)
Building Service	(21)	22	43	0	43	69
<u>Consultancy Total</u>	(124)	(154)	(30)	0	(30)	(64)

Consultancy

Roads and Engineering Services - projections of over-achieving income by the end of the year by attracting more income on various schemes from external organisations, such as other Councils and Welsh Government.

Flood Risk Management Unit - additional expenditure is anticipated in order to secure a match grant funding.

Building Service - lack of income that is reduced by an underspend on staff.

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Housing and Property Department	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	216	183	(33)	0	(33)	171
Housing Services						
Homelessness	1,108	1,161	53	0	53	(201)
Private Sector Housing	393	388	(5)	0	(5)	17
Others	402	328	(74)	0	(74)	(24)
	1,903	1,877	(26)	0	(26)	(208)
Property Services						
Property	3,498	3,406	(92)	0	(92)	(36)
Caretaking, Catering and Cleaning	(11)	(35)	(24)	0	(24)	(2)
	3,487	3,371	(116)	0	(116)	(38)
Housing and Property	5,606	5,431	(175)	0	(175)	(75)

Housing and Property

Management - underspend as a result of staff turnover responsible for the situation.

Housing Services - once again this year in Homelessness, significant pressure is anticipated on the Temporary Accommodation service as a result of the Covid crisis, in terms of moving the homeless off the street; it is expected that Welsh Government will compensate the Council for a substantial proportion of the £1.8 million in relevant additional expenditure. Another obvious pressure this year is the cost of meeting the private Housing Leasing Scheme maintenance, with catching up to do with the maintenance element following a delay due to Covid. Concurrently, there is an underspend on other staffing costs in Homelessness and in the Gypsy and Traveller field and the Housing Options Team under 'Other'.

Property Services - vacant posts and secondments are mainly responsible for the underspend anticipated in Property, with a combination of reduced expenditure on property and services and supplies alleviating the income losses and staff overspend in the cleaning field.

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Central Departments	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Under / (Over) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Management Team and Legal	2,076	1,982	(94)	0	(94)	(100)
Finance (and Information Technology)	6,616	6,554	(62)	0	(62)	(86)
Corporate Support	7,108	7,016	(92)	0	(92)	(100)
<u>Central Departments Total</u>	15,800	15,552	(248)	0	(248)	(286)

Central Departments

Corporate Management Team & Legal - staff turnover and vacant posts responsible for the underspend with a proportion of the underspend deriving from the vacant Corporate Director post.

Finance (and Information Technology) – a combination of reasons responsible for the underspend, including one-off underspend due to vacant posts and maternity leave and a receipt of income in a number of fields.

Corporate Support - staff turnover and a number of services exceeding their income, nevertheless, the Covid side-effects have had negative implications on the internal income of the Printroom, with projected income shortages of £58k by the end of the financial year. Underspend on services and supplies across the department also contributing to the general underspend position.

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Corporate (Reflects variances only)	2021/22 Proposed Budget	Estimated 2021/22 Position	Estimated Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2021/22	Net Over/(Under) Spend Final Position 2020/21
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Council Tax and Council Tax Premium	*	*	(302)	302	0	0
Council Tax Reductions	*	*	(577)	577	0	0
Capital Costs	*	*	(285)	285	0	0
Interest Received	*	*	(103)	103	0	0
Budgets and Bids returned by Departments	*	*	(245)	245	0	0
Income above the budget	*	*	(80)	80	0	0
Others	*	*	(650)	650	0	0
Corporate Total	*	*	(2,242)	2,242	0	0

Corporate

Council Tax and Council Tax Premium - up to the end of August, the Valuer's Office permitted 178 properties to transfer from Council Tax to Non-domestic Tax (506 in 2020/21, 397 in 2019/20, 453 in 2018/19). Nevertheless, a favourable position of additional tax output is anticipated due to prudential projections when setting the 2021/22 budget. £6.5m of Council Tax Premium has been planned to be received during 2021/22 to be earmarked for consideration for the Housing Strategy.

Council Tax Reductions - a reduction in the numbers who claim the discount in Gwynedd compared with 2020/21 as well as setting prudential estimates.

Capital Costs - current treasury management policy means that external borrowing can be avoided, creating underspend against the capital costs budget. It is suggested that the underspend should be diverted to a fund, which should be used to assist in funding the capital programme.

Interest Received - projections that the interest received will exceed the expected target.

Budgets and Bids returned from Departments and Others - the pressures on many budgets not as much as anticipated this year.

It is recommended that (£285k) relating to capital costs is earmarked to a fund to finance the capital programme, with the remainder of the net underspend on Corporate budgets, namely (£1,957k) going to the Financial Strategy Support Fund to assist in facing the financial challenges faced by the Council, particularly as a result of the Covid crisis.