

REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22 - END OF NOVEMBER 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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
Field: -	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Services						
Older People's Services						
Residential and Nursing - Homes	15,957	15,067	(890)	0	(890)	(825)
Domiciliary Care	7,451	8,084	633	0	633	616
Others	(123)	690	813	0	813	905
	23,285	23,841	556	0	556	696
Physical Disabilities Services	2,531	2,486	(45)	0	(45)	(165)
Learning Disabilities Services	21,379	21,890	511	0	511	724
Mental Health Services	3,629	3,844	215	0	215	(2)
Other Services (Adults)	3,264	3,185	(79)	0	(79)	88
Adults Services Total	54,088	55,246	1,158	0	1,158	1,341
Provider Services (shows net budget)						
Residential Care	(54)	(353)	(299)	0	(299)	(371)
Day Care	(2)	(140)	(138)	0	(138)	(131)
Community Care	223	765	542	0	542	640
Others	(4)	(17)	(13)	0	(13)	(16)
Provider Services Total	163	255	92	0	92	122

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<u>Other Services</u>						
Departmental Central Services <i>(including Department savings)</i>	3,424	3,573	149	0	149	236
Care Workforce Additional Expenditure due to Covid-19	200	125	(75)	0	(75)	0
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund	0	(329)	(329)	0	(329)	(329)
<u>Other Services Total</u>	3,624	3,369	(255)	0	(255)	(93)
<u>Adults, Health and Well-being Total</u>	57,875	58,870	995	0	995	1,370

Adults, Health and Well-being

Older People's Services - a reduction in demand for residential and nursing, and although there was a reduction in demand for Home Care last year due to Covid, increasing demand was evident this year. In 'Other' overspends on Supported Accommodation with the costs of the Hafod y Gest scheme and Awel y Coleg accounting for a significant proportion of the relevant overspend, there was also an increase in the number of direct payment packages and the inability to achieve savings.

Physical Disability Services - new residential and nursing case and increased pressure on supported accommodation but reduced demand for home care.

Learning Disability Services - costly new cases in supported accommodation and increased pressure on direct payments which is being reduced by one-off funding this year.

Mental Health Services - increasing pressure on residential and nursing and support schemes.

Provider Services - staff costs are over budget and loss of income are issues in Community Care, whilst staff turnover has led to underspends in many older people's homes and the implications of Covid disrupting Day Care provision thus underspending.

Departmental Central Services - some savings plans remain unrealised but impact reduced by staff turnover and grant receipt.

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

Expenditure / Covid19 Grant - The impact of Covid has had a significant impact on the Department for Adults, Health and Well-being, again this year over £3 million already claimed by the Welsh Government towards the additional pressures up to the end of November.

Savings - A failure to achieve savings is a clear factor in the department's overspend with £855k remaining to be realised.

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Service Management	591	573	(18)	0	(18)	(13)
Operational	2,082	2,257	175	0	175	147
Placements						
Out-of-County Placements	4,701	4,568	(133)	0	(133)	(196)
Fostering through an Agency	1,633	1,517	(116)	0	(116)	(129)
Fostering – Internal	2,406	2,435	29	0	29	80
Support Services and Others	1,688	1,651	(37)	0	(37)	(52)
	10,428	10,171	(257)	0	(257)	(297)
Post-16	1,238	1,303	65	0	65	116
Specialist/Derwen	1,826	2,089	263	0	263	259
Youth Justice	252	215	(37)	0	(37)	(37)
Early Years	137	83	(54)	0	(54)	(35)
Youth	889	707	(182)	0	(182)	(150)
Others	1,861	1,793	(68)	0	(68)	(26)
Children and Families Total	19,304	19,191	(113)	0	(113)	(36)

Children and Families

Following the allocation of over £1.8m of additional funding to the department for 2021/22 together with the removal of £1.1 million worth of savings, this year's forecast is therefore much more promising with an underspend forecasted by the end of the year.

Operational - overspend on support schemes, but are below levels seen pre-Covid period, as well as overspend on staff costs.

Placements - bid allocation and removal of savings have had a significant impact on this area which has been overspending significantly over recent years. Although there have been 5 new out-of-county placement cases this year, the average number is down to 21.7 compared to 22 for 2020/21. Average numbers also down for agency fostering are 31.5 this year compared to 33.4 in 2020/21. In Internal Fostering, the Skills Payment and Staying On scheme are forecast to overspend.

Post 16 - this area has been the subject of a bid worth £100k this year, which has helped to reduce the budget pressures arising from the impact of a full year of cases.

Specialist / Derwen - the impact of an increase in demand for specialist support and support schemes over recent years is responsible for the overspend, as well as a shift in emphasis in how the service is provided, with increasing pressure on direct payments, now obvious.

Youth Justice - staff turnover means that this heading is underspending.

Early Years - the use of grants to fund core expenditure and receipt of grants in childcare field are the reasons for the underspend.

Youth - Higher grant receipt this year against core expenditure plus underspend following remodeling of service. Service activity effected by Covid and therefore reduced expenditure.

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Devolved Schools	82,309	82,309	0	0	0	0
Schools Quality Services	(813)	(1,122)	(309)	0	(309)	(313)
Infrastructure and Support Services						
Transport	5,518	5,619	101	0	101	262
Ancillary Services	461	839	378	0	378	177
Others	3,324	3,289	(35)	0	(35)	(51)
	9,303	9,747	444	0	444	388
Leadership and Management	2,240	2,088	(152)	0	(152)	(129)
Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion	5,009	4,972	(37)	0	(37)	(35)
Education Total	98,048	97,994	(54)	0	(54)	(89)

Education

School Quality Services - the underspend is due to a combination of grant receipts, staff turnover, reduced spending and reduced demand on some budgets.

Transport - although an additional £291k of funding has been allocated for this area for 2021/22, the latest estimates suggest a £164k overspend on Taxi Transport this year. Extra pressures on the budget came with the relocation of Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's educational courses to Llangefn, and an increase in the demand in taxis for pupils at Hafod Lon and Pendalar special schools. Grant receipt and one-off underspend on school buses this year reduces the reported overspend.

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

Infrastructure and Support Services - Ancillary Service - staff overspends, losses of school meals income and the care element of breakfast clubs. Covid-affiliated schools' additional cleaning requirements are also evident, with a proportion of the relevant income losses and additional expenditure being claimed by the Welsh Government.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Other - less demand on various budgets.

Leadership and Management - grant receipt and underspend on a number of various budget headings.

Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion - a mixed picture that is a combination of vacancies and underspends on a variety of headings, while circumstances relating to one particular centre remain and account for an overspend of £223k.

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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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	375	375	0	0	0	0
Community Regeneration and Support Programmes	374	432	58	0	58	12
Maritime and Country Parks	438	222	(216)	0	(216)	(251)
Leisure Contracts	1,078	1,099	21	0	21	25
Sports Programmes	32	32	0	0	0	0
Economic Development Programmes	(77)	(23)	54	0	54	0
Marketing and Events	288	302	14	0	14	0
Gwynedd Libraries	1,627	1,571	(56)	0	(56)	(33)
Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives	908	947	39	0	39	44
<u>Economy and Community Total</u>	5,043	4,957	(86)	0	(86)	(203)

Economy and Community

Community Regeneration and Support Programmes - one-off additional spend on regeneration programmes this year.

Maritime and Country Parks - a combination of reasons responsible for the forecast underspend including staff turnover, exceeding income at Hafan Pwllheli, due to the increasing number of tourists to the area and therefore the demand for moorings following the easing of Covid restrictions over the summer period. It was also seen that the beaches income exceeded the income targets following a busy tourist season for the area.

Leisure Contracts - the leisure provision was transferred to Cwmni Byw'n Iach on 1 April 2019, but responsibility for running the property remains with the Council, from the latest projections it is forecasted that there will be an overspend of £21k by the end of the year.

As Covid has impaired the ability of the leisure centers to open and the provision of a service, thus having an impact on 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 £1.4 million to the end of November 2021 (£2.7 million in 2020/21).

Economic Development Programs - additional expenditure on various schemes this year.

Gwynedd Libraries - underspend is mainly due to staff vacancies and staff turnover.

Gwynedd Museums, Arts and Archives - Covid has had a detrimental effect on income levels, there has been a slippage in Neuadd Dwyfor's opening schedule following the refurbishment, which in turn has led to a lack of income this year. Problems persist in Storiell with a deficit forecast of £42k 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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Highways Services (including Trunk roads)	9,990	9,842	(148)	0	(148)	(65)
Engineering Services	468	577	109	0	109	136
Municipal Services						
Waste	11,135	11,831	696	0	696	663
Others	4,078	4,283	205	0	205	248
Highways and Municipal Total	25,671	26,533	862	0	862	982

Highways and Municipal (including Trunk roads)

Highways Services - forecast underspend on various budget headings, together with increased income which helps offset the delay in realising savings plans.

Engineering Services - failure to realise savings plans including CCTV and Barmouth Bridge (Pont Abermaw) savings but negotiations are ongoing to seek a solution.

Waste - a number of matters are responsible for the overspend, but mainly on waste collection and recycling. Although the department has taken steps to change shifts and waste collection cycle arrangements, implementation has been delayed. The new arrangements are in place in Dwyfor and Arfon and have been operational in Meirionnydd since the beginning of the financial year, so transitional costs associated with staff and sickness are evident this year. There is also an increase in the tonnage of recyclable and recyclable waste collected, which is an increase of 6% and 9% since the 2019 levels. In addition, there is a projected overspend on the costs of handling recyclables, fleet costs and trouble to realise savings.

Other Municipal Services - a mixed picture which is a combination of factors with some of the main reasons including loss of grounds maintenance income, additional pressures on commercial waste budgets, public conveniences and street cleansing and savings remaining undiscovered.

The impact of Covid19 has had a significant impact on the department in terms of additional expenditure and loss of income, with over £1.3 million already claimed by the Welsh Government this year (£2.4m in 2020/21).

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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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Department Management	704	633	(71)	0	(71)	(82)
Planning and Building Control Service	391	393	2	0	2	145
Street Care and Transport Services						
Network Management (Transport)	391	112	(279)	0	(279)	(281)
Parking and Parking Enforcement	(1,845)	(1,707)	138	0	138	(89)
Integrated Transport	1,827	1,992	165	0	165	150
	373	397	24	0	24	(220)
Countryside and Access	625	636	11	0	11	10
Public Protection	1,598	1,454	(144)	0	(144)	(81)
<u>Environment Total</u>	3,691	3,513	(178)	0	(178)	(228)

Environment

Management - staff turnover and general underspend resulting in one-off savings on the Management heading.

Planning and Building Control Service - income forecasts have improved since the review at end of August following the submission of significant applications in recent months. Underspend 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 headings.

Parking and Parking Enforcement - lack of parking income which is reduced by underspends on various budgets including employment costs.

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

Public Protection - an increase in the number of vacancies and forecasted increase in income has led to a further underspend. Reduced expenditure on a number of budget headings this year including food and water samples 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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Roads and Engineering Services	(692)	(724)	(32)	0	(32)	(102)
Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Unit (SuDS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flood Risk Management Unit	584	584	0	0	0	29
Building Service	(22)	15	37	0	37	43
Consultancy Total	(130)	(125)	5	0	5	(30)

Consultancy

Roads and Engineering Services - an increasing number of staff vacancies have had a negative impact on the levels of income being recouped from schemes by external organisations such as other Councils and the Welsh Government.

Flood Risk Management Unit - improvement in forecasts with a balanced position now forecast by year end.

Construction Service - staff turnover which results in a lack of income generation.

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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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
Field:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	209	153	(56)	0	(56)	(33)
Housing Services						
Homelessness	1,105	1,072	(33)	0	(33)	53
Private Sector Housing	393	391	(2)	0	(2)	(5)
Others	398	363	(35)	0	(35)	(74)
	1,896	1,826	(70)	0	(70)	(26)
Property Services						
Property	3,479	3,338	(141)	0	(141)	(92)
Caretaking, Catering and Cleaning	(17)	(56)	(39)	0	(39)	(24)
	3,462	3,282	(180)	0	(180)	(116)
<u>Housing and Property Total</u>	5,567	5,261	(306)	0	(306)	(175)

Housing and Property

Management - underspend due to staff turnover and training costs account for the position.

Housing Services - again this year in Homelessness, significant pressure on the Temporary Accommodation service arising from the Covid crisis, in terms of moving the homeless off the street. It is expected that the Welsh Government will compensate the Council for a significant proportion of the related £2.3 million of additional expenditure. Another noticeable pressure this year is the cost of meeting the maintenance of the private Housing Leasing Scheme, with catching up to do with the maintenance work following the delay due to Covid. Concurrently, underspends on staff costs in Homelessness and in the Gypsy and Traveller field under 'Others'.

Property Services - vacancies and secondments are largely responsible for the forecast underspend on the Property side, with a combination of reduced expenditure on services and supplies and increased income in Caring, Catering and Cleaning.

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Central Departments	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	Estimated Over/(Under) Spend August Review 2021/22
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Corporate Management Team and Legal	2,073	1,986	(87)	0	(87)	(94)
Finance (and Information Technology)	6,567	6,511	(56)	0	(56)	(62)
Corporate Support	6,984	6,901	(83)	0	(83)	(92)
<u>Central Departments Total</u>	15,624	15,398	(226)	0	(226)	(248)

Central Departments

Corporate Management Team & Legal - staff turnover and vacancies account for the underspend with a proportion of the underspend arising from the Corporate Director vacancy.

Finance (and Information Technology) - the underspend is due to a combination of reasons, including a one-off underspend due to vacancies and receipt of income in a number of fields.

Corporate Support - staff turnover and a number of services exceeding their income, however, the impact of Covid has had a negative impact on the Printroom's internal income, with a projected shortfall of £70k by the end of the financial year. Underspend on supplies and services across the department also contributes towards the overall underspend position.

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Council Tax	*	*	(359)	359	0	0
Council Tax Reductions	*	*	(332)	332	0	0
Capital Costs	*	*	(20)	20	0	0
Interest Received	*	*	0		0	0
Corporate Provision	*	*	(545)	545	0	0
Budgets and Bids returned	*	*	(463)	463	0	0
Other	*	*	(147)	147	0	0
Corporate Total	*	*	(1,866)	1,866	0	0

Corporate

Council Tax - up to the end of November, the Valuation Office allowed 305 properties to transfer from Council Tax to Non-Domestic Rates (506 in 2020/21, 397 in 2019/20, 453 in 2018/19). Nevertheless, a favorable position of additional tax yield is anticipated due to prudent assumptions in setting the 2021/22 budget. £6.5m of Council Tax Premium is planned to be received during 2021/22 and to be earmarked for consideration for the Housing Strategy.

Council Tax Reductions - a reduction in the numbers who claim the discount in Gwynedd compared to 2020/21 together with setting prudent estimates.

Capital Costs - existing treasury management policy means that external borrowing can be avoided, which creates an underspend against the capital costs budget. It is suggested that the underspend be diverted to a fund to be used to assist with the financing of the capital programme.

Corporate Provision - due to circumstances the demand on the provision has not been as high as anticipated when setting the budget.

Budgets and Bids returned and Others - the pressure on many budgets is not as great as anticipated this year.

It is recommended that (£20k) relating to capital costs be allocated to the capital program funding, with the remaining net underspend on Corporate budgets of (£1,846k) going to the Financial Strategy Support Fund to assist in meeting the financial challenges facing the Council particularly as a result of the Covid crisis.