

Appendix 2 - Service Variance Narrative

Service	Variance Last Month £000	Variance This Month £000	Change £000	Description
Communities and Customers	0	0	0	No Variances to report at this stage.
Education and Children's Service	708	526	-182	This Pressure all relates to high cost residential and Independent Fostering placements. The reduction from last month relates to increased income towards placements from Health of £50K and a reduced cost for one of the existing placements going forward of £150K. Minor variances account for the remaining change.
Business Improvement and Modernisation	0	-84	-84	Underspend due to a vacancy savings. It is anticipated that the underspend will be placed in the new reserve set up to help fund future improvements to the heritage offer at Ruthin Gaol.
Legal, HR and Democratic Services	0	-26	-26	Th eunderspend relates the net effect of the detailed monitoring (eg vacancies). There are no signifcatt areas of pressures or underspends to report at this stage.
Finance and Property	0	0	0	There are ongoing pressures within this service relating to the ongoing reduction in the Housing Benefit Administration Grant - currently we are hoping to identify one-off funding to once again mitigate this pressure.
Highways, Facilities and Environmental Services	0	314	314	The reported overspend relates to ongoing pressures in Waste Service relating to increases in costs and decreases in income received for recyclable waste. The figure reported assumes that we will continue to be able to claim for Covid related costs.
Planning and Public Protection	0	0	0	Although currently showing a break even position there are risks in the service concerning School Transport and Heritage. The position with school transport will not be clear until the contracts for September school re-opening are finalised. The insurance claim with regard to the flooding at Ruthin Gaol is ongoing and should be regarded as a risk until that is finalised.
Community Support Services	0	22	22	Although an additional pressure of £2.4m was included in the budget for 2021/22 Homelessness in particular remains an area of pressure. There is an SLT working group which is tasked with identifying and providing in-house provision which will improve the level of service and reduce costs in the future. A report detailing this work was presented to Cabinet Briefing on 10th May.
Leisure - ADM	0	-4	-4	The movement relates to minor variances.
Corporate & Miscellaneous	0	0	0	See body of report for details
Precepts & Levies	0	0	0	There are no risks in this area
Capital Financing	0	0	0	The position on capital financing is very much related to progress on capital projects and variances do not crystallise until the final outturn is known. Any spare capacity this year is likely to be required to fulfill the investment target in Highways agreed by Council.
Council Services & Corporate Budget	708	748	40	