

Appendix 2 - Service Variance Narrative

Service	Variance Last Month £000	Variance This Month £000	Change £000	Description
Communities and Customers	-51	-52	-1	Underspend due to a vacancy savings.
Education and Children's Service	540	146	-394	This pressure relates to high cost residential and independent fostering placements. The majority of the reduction from last month's figure reported to Cabinet relates to additional Welsh Government grant funding of £386k.
Business Improvement and Modernisation	-64	-41	23	Underspend due to a vacancy savings, further increased this month. 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	-51	-84	-33	Previous underspend due to a vacancy savings. The additional underspend relates to the planned use of Registrars computer system which will now not be completed until early in 21/22, along with Registrars income recovering well.
Finance and Property	0	-255	-255	The underspend relates to the delay in 3 project areas relating to the demolition of the school building in Llandrillo, works relating to the sale of the farm at Greengates and repairs and maintenance works on industrial units. All these are now programmed to take place in the new financial year.
Highways, Facilities and Environmental Services	789	477	-312	The majority of the movement relates to the application of the additional £211k revenue waste grant from Welsh Government which was received in March. Although there may be a number of changes before year end as there are a number of complex contractual arrangements within the Waste Service.
Planning and Public Protection	394	219	-175	The movement from last month relates to the release of an underspend carried forward of £86k and an improved and recovering position with regard to licensing, parking, planning and building control income (£89k).
Community Support Services	0	0	0	While the overall position remains break even, it is hoped that the additional grant monies received since Christmas will be able to be placed into the Social Care reserve. This formed part of the agreed financial strategy that underpinned the calculation of the 22/23 budget pressure for the service.
Leisure - ADM	-5	-4	1	The movement relates to minor variances.
Corporate & Miscellaneous	0	-792	-792	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 fulfil the investment target in Highways agreed by Council. It can now be confirmed that due to capital receipts received in year that £900k additional investment in Highways has been allocated.
Council Services & Corporate Budget	1,552	-386	-1,938	