

Meeting of:	Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 06 July 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Healthy Living and Social Care
Report Title:	Revenue and Capital Monitoring for the Period 1st April to 31st May 2021
Purpose of Report:	To advise Scrutiny Committee of the progress relating to revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1st April to 31st May 2021
Report Owner:	Report of the Director of Social Services
Responsible Officer:	Carys Lord Head of Finance/ Section 151 officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Each Scrutiny Committee will receive a monitoring report on their respective areas. This report does not require Ward Member consultation
Policy Framework:	This report is for executive decision by the Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revenue position for 2021/22 will be challenging with the continuing pressure for the service both operationally and financially as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. This will impact both as a result of incurring additional expenditure but also from a loss of income. Funding has been provided by Welsh Government to cover some of the issues. • A savings target for the year has been set at £79k. • The currently approved capital budget has been set at £4.235m. 	

Recommendation

1. That Scrutiny Committee consider the position with regard to the 2021/22 revenue and capital budgets.

Reason for Recommendation

2. That Members are aware of the projected revenue outturn for 2021/22.

1. Background

- 1.1 Council on 10th March 2021 approved the revenue budget for 2021/22 (minute no C472).

2. Key Issues for Consideration

Revenue

- 2.1 It is early in the financial year however it is anticipated that Social Services could require a potential unplanned transfer from reserves at year end of £650k.

	2021/22	2021/22	Variance
Directorate/Service	Original Budget	Projected	(+)Favourable (-) Adverse
	£000	£000	£000
Children and Young People	17,700	18,350	-650
Adult Services	52,742	52,742	0
Resource Management & Safeguarding	292	292	0
Unplanned use of reserves to fund overspend	0	(650)	+650
Leisure Services	678	678	0
Total	71,412	71,412	0

- 2.2 Children and Young People Services – It is anticipated that the outturn at year end could be an adverse variance of around £650k. There still remains pressure on the children's placements budget given the complexities of the children currently being supported and the high cost placements some of these children require to meet their needs. This is further impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the significantly higher demand for placements. However, work continues to ensure that children are placed in the most appropriate and cost effective

placements and it is anticipated that the placement budget could overspend by £400k at year end. The outturn position will fluctuate if the number of children looked after and/or complexity of needs change, particularly with the potential high cost of each placement. Legal costs are being incurred as a result of increasing and complex Court cases that require Counsel's involvement with a potential projected overspend of £210k. In addition this year there will again be greater costs incurred in relation to children being placed for adoption outside the Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Collaborative area which could result in an adverse variance of £200k. In recent months there has been growing pressure on the Division due to an increased demand for the service, partly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and it will therefore be necessary to try to increase staff capacity to manage this demand. It has been agreed that these new posts will be funded from Social Services reserves. There are potentially favourable variances across the Division, most particularly in the current foster payments budget, that could total around £160k. It should be noted however that the foster payments budget remains subject to spend and the favourable variance may not continue and could change during the year. Any overspend at year end will be funded from Social Service reserves.

2.3 Adult Services - It is very early in the financial year and at present a breakeven position is being projected. There is continuing pressures on the Community Care Packages budget which is extremely volatile and therefore work is being undertaken to assess a realistic year end position. WG has agreed to continue to provide funding via the Hardship grant up to 30th September 2021 for domiciliary care, residential and supported accommodation providers. Health still continues to provide a large quantity of PPE for both the Council and external care providers which is being distributed by the Council.

2.4 Leisure Services - The Parks element of the revenue budget can no longer be reported separately, as operationally it is an integrated part of the new Neighbourhood Services. It is therefore only possible to report the Leisure and Play element under this heading. As Parks capital schemes are separately identifiable, they will continue to be reported to this Committee. Currently the Leisure Services heading is shown as breakeven however depending on how the pandemic progresses and the potential grant funding available from Welsh Government there could be an adverse outturn on this budget relating to the leisure centre contract with the external operator.

2021/22 Efficiency Targets

2.5 As part of the Final Revenue Budget Proposals for 2021/22, an efficiency target of £79k was set for the Committee. Attached at Appendix 1 is a statement detailing all efficiency targets for 2021/22 and it is anticipated that this will be achieved in full by year end.

Capital

- 2.6** Appendix 2 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 31st May 2021. Members should be aware that Appendix 2 includes requests for unspent committed expenditure to be slipped from the 2020/21 Capital Programme into 2021/22 as approved by emergency powers. The following changes have been made to the Capital Programme since the last report to Committee.
- 2.7** Flying Start Capital Grants - The Council has been awarded funding of £150k in relation to Flying Start Capital 2021/22. The Funding relates to the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Purpose of the Funding is to enable the Council to build, develop and/or refurbish suitable premises from which Flying Start services will be delivered. The projects relating to this grant award are listed below and emergency powers have been used to increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme accordingly.

Projects(s)	Award of Funding 2021/22
FSC-VOG-01 – Flying Start Family Centre – Removal of and installation of new heating system	£45,000
FSC-VOG-02 – Ladybirds FA and Butterflies FS – Develop outdoor play spaces	£40,000
FSC-VOG-03 – Skomer Road FS Offices – New heating system, internal redecoration and relay car park.	£65,000
Total	£150,000

- 2.8** Flying Start - Skomer Road Boiler Upgrade - This scheme is internally funded however the Council has now received a grant award to carry out the works. It is therefore requested to vire this £40k budget to a new scheme for security shutters at the Skomer Road building.
- 2.9** Windmill Lane Play Area - Delegated authority has been used to increase the Capital Programme by £68k (£5k in 2020/21 and £63k in 2021/22) using S106 Public Open Space monies received from the development at Plasnewydd Farm, Llantwit Major, to improve the play area at Windmill Lane.
- 2.10** Penarth High Level Glazing - The structural engineers report has been reviewed and a phase 2 of works will be required for high priority works to the side elevation facing the field. Phase 2 is estimated to cost £120k. The Leisure Centre works scheme budget is currently unallocated and it has been requested to vire £120k of this budget to the Penarth High Level Glazing scheme budget to be able to carry out phase 2 of the works.

- 2.11** North Penarth Open Space - The Council received £675,451.82 to improve Public Open Spaces in the vicinity of Penarth Heights from s106 funding. Improvements have been undertaken to Paget Road, Plassey Square and the Dingle. At 31st March 2021, £102k was remaining, which has been allocated to the upgrade of Belle Vue play area. Delegated authority has been used to increase this budget to £102k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The revenue budget has been set in order to support services in the delivery of the Council's Well-being objectives. It is therefore important for expenditure to be monitored to ensure that these objectives are being delivered.
- 3.2** The revenue budget has been set and is monitored to reflect the 5 ways of working.
- 3.3** **Looking to the long term** - The setting of the revenue budget requires planning for the future and takes a strategic approach to ensure services are sustainable and that future need and demand for services is understood.
- 3.4** **Taking an integrated approach** - The revenue budgets include services which work with partners to deliver services e.g. Health via ICF.
- 3.5** **Involving the population in decisions** – As part of the revenue budget setting process there has been engagement with residents, customers and partners.
- 3.6** **Working in a collaborative way** – The revenue budgets include services which operate on a collaborative basis e.g. Shared Regulatory Service, Vale Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Service.
- 3.7** **Understanding the root cause of issues and preventing them** – Monitoring the revenue budget is a proactive way of understanding the financial position of services in order to tackle issue at the source as soon as they arise.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** As detailed in the body of the report

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.2** There are no legal implications.

5. Background Papers

None

APPROVED EFFICIENCY TARGETS - 2021/22**APPENDIX 1****Service****2021/22****SOCIAL SERVICES**

Corporate Recovery and Efficiency Savings 21/22

76

Pensions Adjustment

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TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES**79**

PROFILE TO DATE	ACTUAL SPEND 2021/22		APPROVED PROGRAMME 2021/22	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2021/22	VARIANCE AT OUTTURN 2021/22	PROJECT SPONSOR	COMMENTS
£000	£000		£000	£000	£000		
		Directorate of Social Services					
0	0	Social Services Asset Renewal	31	31	0	L Carver	To be allocated
		Adult Services					
0	0	Cartref Porthceri External Repairs Phase 2	15	15	0	A Phillips	Investigation works being carried out
0	0	Rondell House Day Centre Electrical Upgrade	30	30	0	A Phillips	Works to be programmed.
		Slippage					
0	0	Radon	10	10	0	A Phillips	Continuation of previous years scheme.
0	0	Ty Dewi Sant -Electrical Upgrade	15	15	0	A Phillips	Continuation of previous years scheme.
0	0	WCCIS Implementation	10	10	0	A Phillips	Carried forward from 2020/21.
0	0	IT Developments in Homes	98	98	0	A Phillips	Communications improvements to be implemented in care homes.
		ICF					
0	0	ICF - Southway Community Facility	5	5	0	A Phillips	Minor snagging remaining.
0	0	ICF Ty Dewi Sant	49	49	0	A Phillips	Account to be finalised.
0	0	ICF -Transition Smart House (6A Castle Ave)	130	130	0	S Clifton	Scheme nearing completion.
22	22	ICF - Dementia friendly passenger lifts at Cartref and Southway residential homes	145	145	0	A Phillips	Anticipated that works will commence in September. There are long lead times for the lifts.
0	0	ICF - Sluice room upgrade	175	175	0	A Phillips	Scheme progressing, anticipated to complete by the end of July.
40	40	ICF - Ty Dyfan and Cartref Dementia Improvements	514	514	0	A Phillips	Scheme progressing.
62	62		1,227	1,227	0		
		Children's Services					
0	0	Flying Start - Skomer Road Boiler Upgrade	40	0	40	R Evans	Viring this budget to a new scheme called 'Flying Start - Security Shutters at Skomer Road
0	0	Flying Start - Family Centre Heating System	45	45	0	R Evans	Works will be carried out in the Autumn.
0	0	Flying Start - Ladybirds and Butterflies outdoor play areas	40	40	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Play equipment has been ordered.
0	0	Flying Start - Skomer Road new heating system, redecoration and car park	65	65	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works to be programmed.
0	0	Gibbonsdown, Skomer Road FS: Extension	32	32	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works on site.
0	0		222	182	40		
		Leisure & Tourism					
0	0	Barry Leisure Centre Boiler Renewal	175	175	0	D Knevet	Scheme anticipated to start later in the year, budget is split over two years.
0	0	Penarth Leisure Centre Water Heaters Renewal	75	75	0	D Knevet	Works to be programmed.
0	0	Penarth Leisure Centre, High Level Glazing	60	180	-120	D Knevet	Requested to vire £120k from the Leisure Centre Works scheme.
0	0	Barry Leisure Centre Flume	30	30	0	D Knevet	Removal of Barry Leisure Centre Flume.
		Slippage					
0	0	Barry Leisure Centre Hall Floor	20	20	0	D Knevet	Main hall complete, carry forward of £20k is for further works. Tenders have been returned and cost reduction exercise complete. Currently there is a lead time of 21 weeks for the roof tiles however alternatives are currently being considered.
0	0	Cowbridge Leisure Centre Roofing	354	354	0	D Knevet	
12	12	Barry Leisure Centre Dry Changing Rooms	42	42	0	D Knevet	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Barry and Penarth LC Upgrade Changing Rooms	70	70	0	D Knevet	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Sports Wales Grant	42	42	0	D Knevet	Grant approved to be carried forward for continuation of schemes.
0	0	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre - Rebuild brickwork	75	75	0	D Knevet	Works to be programmed, scheme to be re-tendered.
0	0	Leisure Centres Works	227	107	120	D Knevet	Requested to vire £120k to the Penarth Leisure Centre High Level Glazing scheme.
49	49	Penarth Leisure Centre, Boiler Renewal	93	93	0	D Knevet	Works on site, scheme nearing completion.
0	0	Penarth Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal	47	47	0	D Knevet	Orders have been placed, long delivery times, anticipated to start on site in September.
0	0	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal	47	47	0	D Knevet	Orders have been placed, long delivery times, anticipated to start on site in September.
0	0	Electrical Renewal Barry & Penarth Leisure Centres	63	63	0	D Knevet	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Cowbridge Leisure Centre Replacement water heaters/replacement flue	4	4	0	D Knevet	Finalising scheme.
61	61		1,424	1,424	0		

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£000	£000		£000	£000	£000		
		Parks and Grounds Maintenance					
0	0	Gladstone Park Interpretation Scheme	23	23	0	A Sargent	Internal discussions taking place.
		Parks and Grounds Maintenance Slippage		0	0		
		Neighbourhood Services Asset Renewal including					
0	0	toilets, signage and benches	7	0	7	C Smith	Request to vire £7k to the Coastal Infrastructure budget as part of this report.
0	0	Jenner Park Stadium Lighting	22	22	0	D Knevett	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Romily Tennis Courts	149	149	0	D Knevett	Internal discussions taking place, works to be programmed.
7	7	All Wales Play Opportunity Grant	15	15	0	D Knevett	Porthkerry swing and Romilly Park path works.
0	0	Green Recovery Grant	49	49	0	E Reed	Scheme complete, account to be settled.
0	0	Playground Refurbishment - Treoes Play Area	2	2	0	A Sargent	Scheme complete.
7	7		267	260	7		
		S106 Funding					
		Ogmore Community Facility and associated play					
0	0	area	3	3	0	M Goldworthy	Scheme progressing.
0	0	Wick Multi Use Games Area	2	2	0	M Goldworthy	Scheme complete.
0	0	The Knap Gardens – water and biodiversity project	102	102	0	M Goldworthy	Out to tender, due back end of June, estimated on site in September 2021 for 6 weeks.
0	0	Central Park – play area improvements	98	98	0	M Goldworthy	Scheme is in design stage, ordered goal ends, tender documents are being prepared, anticipated on site autumn/winter.
0	0	North Penarth Open Space Improvements	102	102	0	A Sargent	Scheme anticipated to start on site in September.
0	0	Belle Vue Pavilion in Penarth	662	662	0	M Goldworthy	Scheme is in detailed design stage, anticipated to go out to tender August.
0	0	Windmill Lane Play Area	67	67	0	M Goldworthy	Consultation to be carried out later this year.
0	0	Clos Tyniad Glo/Clos Peiriant Play Area	59	59	0	M Goldworthy	Scheme out to tender, due back mid July. Anticipated to start on site in the Autumn. Delegated authority detailed as part of this report.
0	0		1,095	1,095	0		
130	130	COMMITTEE TOTAL	4,235	4,188	47		