

Meeting of:	Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 08 March 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Healthy Living and Social Care
Report Title:	Revenue and Capital Monitoring for the Period 1st April 2021 to 31st January 2022
Purpose of Report:	To advise Scrutiny Committee of the progress relating to revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st January 2022
Report Owner:	Report of the Director of Social Services
Responsible Officer:	Carolyn Michael Interim 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 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 (WG) to cover some of the issues and an additional grant of £1.852m has recently been received to address Social Care pressures. • A savings target for the year has been set at £135k. • The currently approved capital budget has been set at £4.445m. 	

Recommendations

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

Reasons for Recommendations

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

1. Background

- 1.1 Cabinet on 22nd November 2021 approved the revised budget for 2021/22.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

Revenue

- 2.1 It is anticipated that Social Services will breakeven in 2021/22 after a transfer into reserves of £1.654m, which takes account of an additional grant recently advised by WG of £1.852m to address Social Care pressures. It is projected that this will offset the current Children's Services overspend and the allocation over and above this sum that cannot be utilised in year will be transferred into Social Services reserves. The table below does not take account of the £100k underspend in the Youth Offending Service which is under the remit of another scrutiny committee.

	2021/22	2021/22	Variance
Directorate/Service	Amended Budget	Projected	(+)Favourable (-) Adverse
	£000	£000	£000
Children and Young People	16,909	17,720	-811
Adult Services	46,885	46,449	+436
Resource Management & Safeguarding	6,986	6,909	+77
Additional WG Social Services Grant	0	-1,852	+1,852
Transfer to Reserves	0	1,654	-1,654
Leisure Services	650	650	0
Total	71,430	71,530	-100

2.2 Children and Young People Services – It is anticipated that the outturn at year end could be an adverse variance of around £811k. There still remains considerable 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 and the scarcity of options available. However, work continues to ensure that children are placed in the most appropriate and cost effective placements. It is anticipated that the placement budget could overspend by £1.100m 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 £271k. 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 but will reduce the number of children looked after when these children become subject of Adoption Orders. Increased costs within the Intake and Family Support Team to support children subject to care and support plans or looked after is likely to result in an adverse variance of £90k. Financial support for Special Guardianship and Residence Orders are projecting an overspend of £120k. Costs incurred in supporting care leavers and those in When I’m Ready placements are forecasting an overspend of £113k. This overspend is linked to accommodation and support costs. The Placements Team have increased costs relating to the significant increase in the numbers of connected persons and fostering assessments which have required independent assessors and are expected to overspend by £70k. The Child Health and Disability Team have increased costs relating to transport and accommodation payments. The transport costs are linked to maintaining children looked after in school and some high travel costs for a child placed at a distance and the accommodation costs are linked to supporting children to remain at home through the use of agency support staff. The team are expected to overspend by £70k.

2.3 There are potentially favourable variances across the Division, most particularly in the current foster payments budget, that could total around £150k. It should be noted however that the foster payments budget remains subject to fluctuations. WG are providing additional funding via the Social Care Recovery Fund and proposals for its use have been submitted to WG. £947k has been allocated to Children and Young People Services and this will therefore mitigate the pressures already detailed. Funding continues to be claimed via the WG Hardship grant and December's claim was £126k which related to the additional costs for external placements and agency Social Workers as a result of the increased pressure due to COVID-19. This grant will help mitigate the adverse position.

- 2.4** Adult Services and Resource Management and Safeguarding - It is anticipated that these services will outturn at a £513k surplus in 2021/22. At present a breakeven position is being projected relating to the Community Care Packages budget. There is continuing pressures on this budget which is extremely volatile and therefore work continues to assess a realistic year end position. The wider Adult Services budget projects overall a £436k favourable variance and Resource Management and Safeguarding is projecting a £77k surplus. This position takes into account additional funding received from WG via the Social Care Recovery Fund. For Adults Services this will be £1.435m however part of this grant will be used to make additional payments to care home and domiciliary providers to build up capacity to support increased need over the winter period. WG has agreed to continue to provide funding via the Hardship grant up to 31st March 2022 for void beds, domiciliary care and residential and supported accommodation providers however the level of funding will be tapered off in the last 6 months of the year. 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.
- 2.5** 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.

2021/22 Efficiency Targets

- 2.6** As part of the Final Revenue Budget Proposals for 2021/22, an efficiency target of £135k was set for the Committee. Attached at Appendix 1 is a statement showing the efficiency target for 2021/22. Work is being undertaken to identify appropriate savings and it is anticipated that the Social Services saving could be achieved by year end. It is anticipated that the Leisure saving will not be made in full this year.

Capital

- 2.7** Appendix 2 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 31st January 2022. The following changes have been made to the Capital Programme since the last report to Committee.
- 2.8** Flying Start - Skomer Road Crèche - The Council has been awarded a variation to the Flying Start Capital Grant 2021/22. The award is for £30k to complete the additional work required at Grasshopper Creche (formally Skomer Road Creche). This additional funding must be claimed in full by 31 March 2022. This scheme is currently progressing and is anticipated to be complete by the end of March

2022. Emergency powers have been used to increase this budget by £30k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from Welsh Government grant.

- 2.9** Flying Start - Skomer Road Crèche - It has been requested to change the name of this scheme to Crèche and Community Enterprise Centre building works. This scheme is funded from £75k Flying Start grant and £40k internal monies. The crèche works are anticipated to be able to be funded from the grant element however additional works are required to the Community Enterprise Centre building and the remainder of the internal monies will be used for these works.
- 2.10** All Wales Play Opportunity Grant 2021/22 - Two new outdoor structures are being installed at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant. The school is keen to enhance provision for outdoor learning and extended play, providing opportunities for pupils to learn and explore in their outdoor spaces. Having both structures implemented on the school site will greatly increase the school's provision for outdoor education. It is anticipated that the structures will enhance the outdoor spaces available to the school and will provide a rich and nurturing environment. They will also help promote creativity. The outdoor classrooms will be the school's first steps in their longer-term plan to develop a garden and forest school area.

The outdoor classrooms will mainly be used by pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant. It will also be used to develop community links with pupils from Cylch Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr who will be sharing the school site at the end of January 2022. The school also intends to strengthen links with the local secondary school and primary schools where the classrooms can be used to facilitate different shared activities. The scheme is anticipated to cost £26,300. This is being funded from a £15,300 contribution from the All Wales Play Opportunities grant which is already approved in the Capital Programme, the remaining £11k is being funded by a contribution from the school budget. Emergency powers have been used to increase the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2021/22 scheme budget by £11k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

- 2.11** Penarth Leisure Centre, High Level Glazing - This scheme has required further analysis on the cost and the scope of the work, and this is still on-going, therefore these works will not be carried out this financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £170k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.12** Barry Leisure Centre Boiler Renewal - This scheme is anticipated to go out to tender in February, therefore works will not commence this financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £155k into the 2022/23 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

PROGRESS ON APPROVED EFFICIENCIES 2021/22

Service	Total Efficiency £000	Projected Efficiency £000	RAG Status	Update Comments, Issues & Actions	Relevant Scrutiny Committee	Project Manager
Corporate Recovery and Efficiency Savings 21/22	76	76	Green	It is anticipated that savings can be achieved but this will need to be reviewed as the year progresses	Health Living & Social Care	Suzanne Clifton
Pensions Adjustment	3	3	Green		Health Living & Social Care	Suzanne Clifton
Leisure Services	56	36	Red	A saving has been made at Holm View Leisure Centre	Health Living & Social Care	Emma Reed
COMMITTEE TOTAL	135	115	85%	Amber		

Green = on target to achieve in full
 Amber = forecast within 20% of target
 Red = forecast less than 80% of target

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		
0	0	Social Services Asset Renewal	20	20	0	L Carver	To be allocated.
		Adult Services					
3	3	Cartref Porthceri External Repairs Phase 2	15	15	0	A Phillips	Survey report has been received, works identified, start date to be arranged.
0	0	Rondell House Day Centre Electrical Upgrade	30	30	0	A Phillips	Works anticipated to be carried out before the end of the financial year.
0	0	Ty Dewi Sant - Hairdressing room and Office Refurbishment	20	20	0	A Phillips	Works on site.
		Slippage					
0	0	Radon	10	10	0	A Phillips	Scheme on-going.
15	0	Ty Dewi Sant -Electrical Upgrade	15	15	0	A Phillips	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
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	IT developments in residential homes. Works anticipated to commence in February.
		ICF					
1	1	ICF - Southway Community Facility	5	5	0	A Phillips	Fire doors progressing.
0	0	ICF Ty Dewi Sant	49	49	0	A Phillips	Account to be finalised.
130	132	ICF -Transition Smart House (6A Castle Ave)	130	132	-2	S Clifton	Scheme complete, overspend to be funded from revenue.
75	75	ICF - Dementia friendly passenger lifts at Cartref and Southway residential homes	145	145	0	A Phillips	Works on Southway are progressing, works at Cartref will follow.
100	27	ICF - Sluice room upgrade	175	175	0	A Phillips	Nearing completion, account to be finalised.
343	343	ICF - Ty Dyfan and Cartref Dementia Improvements	494	494	0	A Phillips	Main works are progressing in Cartref Porthceri bedrooms.
3	3	ICF - 4 Carys Close Refurbishment Project	275	275	0	A Phillips	Works are due to start on site in March.
670	584		1,491	1,493	-2		
		Children's Services					
4	4	Flying Start - Family Centre Heating System	56	56	0	R Evans	Works anticipated to be carried out during February Half Term.
33	33	Flying Start - Ladybirds and Butterflies outdoor play areas	40	40	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Work has been completed at Ladybirds childcare setting, works part completed at Butterflies, delay with materials.
0	0	Flying Start - Skomer Road new heating system, redecoration and car park	65	65	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works anticipated to be carried out in quarter 4.
0	0	Flying Start - Pili Pala Works	15	15	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works have commenced and are anticipated to complete early February.
40	0	Flying Start - Skomer Road Crèche	115	115	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works have commenced and are progressing well, anticipated to complete early March. Emergency powers detailed as part of this report.
44	44	Gibbonsdown, Skomer Road FS: Extension	44	44	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Scheme complete.
121	81		335	335	0		
		Leisure & Tourism					
0	0	Barry Leisure Centre Boiler Renewal	175	20	155	D Knevet	Request to carry forward £155k as part of this report.
1	1	Penarth Leisure Centre Water Heaters Renewal	75	75	0	D Knevet	Order has been placed, awaiting materials to be delivered.
4	4	Penarth Leisure Centre, High Level Glazing	180	10	170	D Knevet	Request to carry forward £170k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report.
41	41	Barry Leisure Centre Flume	47	47	0	D Knevet	Scheme complete.
18	18	Allotment Support Grant 2021/22	33	33	0	D Knevet	Scheme progressing.
40	1	Neighbourhood Services buildings for compliance issues and community centres	88	88	0	D Knevet	Works to include Millwood Bowling Club fence, St Athan Community Centre heating (nearing completion), Buttrills Community Centre roof works (complete) and Barry Island Community Centre roof works.
10	10	Parks	48	48	0	E Reed	Works complete at Aberthaw playground. Works to Barry Castle are anticipated to commence during quarter 4.

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£000	£000		£000	£000	£000		
		Slippage					
6		Barry Leisure Centre Hall Floor	6	6	0	D Knevet	Scheme complete.
224	224	Cowbridge Leisure Centre Roofing	451	451	0	D Knevet	Works are on site, completion date is delayed.
19	19	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.
14	14	Sports Wales Grant	87	87	0	D Knevet	Works to Barry Leisure Centre outdoor area anticipated to continue in February.
0	0	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre - Rebuild brickwork	75	75	0	D Knevet	Scheme out to tender in February. Anticipated that works can be carried out before the end of the financial year.
0	0	Leisure Centres Works	76	76	0	D Knevet	Leisure centre contingency pot.
75	75	Penarth Leisure Centre, Boiler Renewal	93	93	0	D Knevet	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
28	28	Penarth Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal	63	63	0	D Knevet	Lift project complete, official handover 14th Feb,
31	31	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal	47	47	0	D Knevet	Lift project complete, official handover 14th Feb,
7	7	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.
518	479		1,723	1,398	325		
		Parks and Grounds Maintenance					
1	1	Play Area in Stanwell	10	10	0	A Sargent	The scheme is out to consultation which ends in January, anticipated to go out to tender in March/April.
70	67	All Wales Play Opportunity Grant 2021/22	234	234	0	D Knevet	Scheme progressing. Emergency Powers detailed as part of this report.
		Parks and Grounds Maintenance Slippage		0	0		
0	0	Jenner Park Stadium Lighting	22	22	0	D Knevet	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Romilly Tennis Courts	30	30	0	D Knevet	Works anticipated to start on site in March.
7	7	All Wales Play Opportunity Grant	15	15	0	D Knevet	Porthkerry swing and Romilly Park path works.
49	33	Green Recovery Grant	49	49	0	E Reed	Scheme complete, account to be settled.
2	0	Playground Refurbishment - Treoes Play Area	2	2	0	A Sargent	Scheme complete.
15	15	Cary Cymru Grant - Keep Wales Tidy	15	15	0	A Sargent	Scheme complete.
144	123		377	377	0		
		S106 Funding					
3	0	Ogmore Community Facility and associated play area	3	3	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete.
2	2	Wick Multi Use Games Area	2	2	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete.
7	7	The Knap Gardens – water and biodiversity project	102	102	0	M Goldsworthy	Works on site, anticipated to complete by the end of February.
18	18	Central Park – play area improvements	98	98	0	M Goldsworthy	Works are starting on site end of January for five weeks.
80	80	North Penarth Open Space Improvements	102	102	0	A Sargent	Works complete.
21	21	Belle Vue Pavilion in Penarth	100	100	0	M Goldsworthy	Tenders have been returned and are being evaluated.
2	2	Windmill Lane Play Area	10	10	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme is out to tender, anticipated to start on site in May and complete in July.
6	6	Clos Tyniad Glo/Clos Peiriant Play Area	59	59	0	M Goldsworthy	Works on site, anticipated to complete end of February.
1	1	Public Open Space Tree Planting	31	31	0	M Goldsworthy	Tenders to be returned 26th January, anticipated to complete by beginning of March.
1	1	Murch Community Sports Facilities	12	12	0	M Goldsworthy	Delegated authority detailed as part of this report.
141	138		519	519	0		
1,594	1,405	COMMITTEE TOTAL	4,445	4,122	323		