

Meeting of:	Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 18 January 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Environment and Regeneration
Report Title:	Revenue and Capital Monitoring for the Period 1st April to 30th November 2021
Purpose of Report:	To advise Scrutiny Committee of the progress relating to revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1st April to 30th November 2021
Report Owner:	Report of the Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Carolyn Michael Interim Head of Finance/S151 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. • An efficiency target for the year has been set at £162k. • The capital budget has been set at £24.79m this financial year. 	

Recommendation

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

Reason for Recommendation

1. That Members are aware of the projected revenue and capital 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 Neighbourhood Services & Transport is currently projected to have an adverse variance of £1.5m against the 2021/22 budget. Funding for budget pressures of £642k was provided as part of the 2021/22 budget setting process, however, there remains considerable pressure on the budget. Efficiency savings of £146k were also set as part of the 2021/22 budget which the service is currently trying to identify however due to the current budget position this is proving difficult.

Directorate/Service	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	Variance
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Projected	(+)Favourable (-) Adverse
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Neighbourhood & Transport Services	24,113	24,129	25,629	-1,500
Unplanned use of reserves to fund overspend	0	0	-1,500	+1,500
Building/Cleaning Services	0	0	0	0
Regeneration	1,905	1,919	1,919	0
Development Management	1,110	1,116	1,116	0
Total	27,128	27,164	27,164	0

- 2.2 Waste Management – As previously reported the budgets within Waste Management are under severe pressure due to increasing costs over the last few years and is the main contributing factor for the large projected overspend within Neighbourhood Services. To combat this upward trend in costs the recycling collection service has been changed to a source separated method of collection. This collection method is considerably more labour intensive than the

previous co-mingled collection however it has helped the Council to reduce the amount being paid for treatment of co-mingled recycling as most source separated materials can be sold to the market, rather than paying for expensive treatment. Until Penarth and Dinas Powys are also introduced onto the scheme there will remain an element of this costly co-mingled recycling. There also remains pressure on employee and transport budgets due to downtime involved in travelling to Cardiff to dispose of residual, food and green waste and travelling to Cowbridge to offload source separated recycling. Overall vehicle costs and downtime should reduce once the waste transfer station is operational which is currently due to take place during 2022/23. It is proposed that the projected overspend of £1.5m for this financial year is funded from the Neighbourhood Services reserve.

- 2.3** Building Services - The Building Maintenance service is currently projected to breakeven, however as was experienced last financial year the service will be affected by any further lockdown arrangements if introduced during the course of the remainder of the financial year. Therefore, the account will be monitored closely to ensure any adverse variance is highlighted as soon as possible.
- 2.4** Regeneration - Countryside income remains adversely affected by the pandemic as school trips and other larger gathering events are slow to recover as Covid restrictions have eased. It is however anticipated that these losses can once again be recovered from WG to the end of this financial year. The corporate events programme has also been reviewed considering the pandemic and though many regular events have not been possible to proceed, other events such as the Vale of Glamorgan Festival of Flowers and the Big Beach Build were supported.
- 2.5** Development Management - The Development Control team remain busy working through a high number of planning applications. There is currently a high turnover of staff within the division and the extensions of temporary student planners are assisting with continuity. Preparation work is also underway for the next Local Development Plan (LDP). As such there is currently no variance to budget to report.

2021/22 Efficiency Targets

- 2.6** As part of the Final Revenue Budget Proposals for 2021/22, an efficiency target of £162k was set for the Committee. Attached at Appendix 1 is a statement detailing all efficiency targets for 2021/22. Each savings target has been given a RAG status. Green indicates that it is anticipated that the target will be achieved in full within the year, amber indicates that it is considered that the saving in the year will be within 20% of the target and red indicates that the saving to be achieved in year will be less than 80% of the target.
- 2.7** It is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Services targets will not be met this year.

- 2.8** There still remains some issues within the Waste Management services regarding achieving historic savings and the financial impact has been outlined in the relevant section.

Capital

- 2.9** Appendix 2 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 30th November 2021. The following changes have been made to the Capital Programme since the last report to Committee.
- 2.10** Dinas Powys Flood Resilience Project - The Council has been awarded a capital grant from Welsh Government of £140,500 in relation to the Dinas Powys Property Flood Resilience project. The funding relates to the period 16/11/2021 to 16/03/2022. The purpose of the funding is to enable the Council to undertake a Business Justification Case to consider a Property Flood Resilience project for up to 244 properties within the village of Dinas Powys. Emergency powers have been used to include a new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- 2.11** Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements - Emergency powers have been used to request to increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £340k to be funded by a revenue contribution from the Policy budget. The Highways Resurfacing budget has overspent this financial year by £340k due to emerging resurfacing requirements in year. Further details can be found in the emergency powers form.
- 2.12** Resource Recovery Facility/ Waste Transfer Station - Construction of the Waste transfer Station is progressing however the build will not be complete by the end of the financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £3.615m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.13** Circular Economy Sorting Equipment and Baler - This scheme is to purchase mechanical sorting equipment within the proposed Resource Recovery Facility that will prepare for resale and reuse domestic kerbside recycling as part of the Council's commitment to the recycling and waste changes. The contractor appointed and the Council are in the process of agreeing specification. The majority of this budget will not be spent until the Waste Transfer Station build had significantly progressed as this is where the equipment will be housed. It has been requested to carry forward £370k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.14** New Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) - The Council is currently in negotiations regarding the purchase of land; therefore, the full budget will not be spent this financial year and it has been requested to carry forward £1.605m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.15** Rhose Sustainable Transport - This scheme is anticipated to be over budget and options for sources of funding are currently being looked into, with spend this

financial year estimated to be £80k. It has been requested to carry forward £409k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

- 2.16** Eastern Shelter Resurface Roof - The remaining budget is insufficient for the repairs required. A capital bid has been submitted and internal discussion are being carried out regarding this scheme. It has been requested to carry forward £73k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.17** Road Safety Audits Stage 4 & 5 for Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys and Floodgate Roundabout - The Council has received a £3k award of funding in relation to this scheme. It has been requested to include this scheme into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- 2.18** Barry Wayfinding Project - Delegated authority has been used to repurpose the £133k unallocated Tackling Poverty - Holton Road Grant Programme budget to be used for the Barry Wayfinding Project. The proposal is to be split into two stages. Stage 1 requires consultancy services to provide a wayfinding scoping report for Barry. With an emphasis on the Town Centre and its immediate vicinity, the report will contain an analysis of the current provision and make recommendations for a new wayfinding system to improve footfall and ensure residents and visitors become fully aware of all that is on offer in Barry. Stage 2 of the project will focus on delivering a phased programme of new infrastructure to supplement the Stage 1 approach.
- 2.19** Five Mile Lane - Completion of a culvert was to be carried out 2021/22 financial year but is behind programme and awaiting completion of the design. It has been requested to carry forward £1m 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

APPENDIX 1

Service	Total Efficiency £000	Projected Efficiency £000	RAG Status	Update Comments, Issues & Actions	Relevant Scrutiny Committee	Project Manager
ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING						
Neighbourhood Services and Transport						
Corporate Recovery and Efficiency Savings 21/22	133	65	Red	Savings have been made by increasing the income received from concessions and vacant posts within the service.	Environment & Regeneration	Emma Reed
Pensions Adjustment	3	3	Green		Environment & Regeneration	Emma Reed
Traffic Surveys	10	5	Red	There is still a high demand for traffic surveys however it is hoped some savings can be made	Environment & Regeneration	Emma Reed
Total Neighbourhood Services and Transport	146	73	50%	Red		
Regeneration and Development Management						
Corporate Recovery and Efficiency Savings 21/22	16	16	Green		Environment & Regeneration	Marcus Goldsworthy
Total Regeneration and Development Management	16	16	100%	Green		
COMMITTEE TOTAL	162	89	55%	Red		

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		
		Neighbourhood and Transport Services					
		Asset Renewal					
30	11	Ogmore by Sea Car Park Refurbishment	100	100	0	E Reed	Planning permission has been received, anticipated to start on site in January.
0	0	Coastal Infrastructure	35	35	0	E Reed	Budget will used towards Penarth Pier boardwalk. Spend will be in quarter 3 and 4.
0	0	Barry Island Public Convenience Improvements	14	14	0	E Reed	Scheme progressing.
937	937	Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements	937	937	0	M Clogg	Scheme complete. Emergency powers detailed as part of this report.
755	146	WG Highway Refurbishment Fund	755	755	0	M Clogg	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
23	23	Flood Risk Management	128	128	0	M Clogg	Works have been identified to commit this budget.
60	0	Coast Protection and Land Drainage	220	220	0	M Clogg	Scheme progressing, to include works at Peterston Super Ely, Dyffryn and Ogmore.
152	152	Small Scale Works Grant	280	280	0	M Clogg	Works to include Claude Road Culvert stabilisation works and Sully Property Flood Resilience scheme. The Claude Road scheme is complete. The Sully Property Flood Resilience scheme is on-going.
0	0	Penarth Marina Land Slip Works	15	15	0	M Clogg	Contract has been let. Scheme anticipated to commence shortly.
0	0	Dinas Powys Flood Resilience Project	141	141	0	M Clogg	Emergency powers detailed as part of this report.
		2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Bids					
0	0	Car Park Refurbishments	70	70	0	E Reed	Works to address issues at Court Road car park.
303	233	Penarth Esplanade Highway Infrastructure Improvements	303	303	0	M Clogg	Scheme complete. Account to be finalised.
		Slippage					
686	567	Street Lighting Energy Reduction Strategy (Salix)	686	686	0	M Clogg	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
1	1	Murchfield Access Bridge	5	5	0	M Clogg	Contract anticipated to be awarded by year end, works to be carried out next financial year.
0	0	Dimming of Street Lighting/Fitting of LED lanterns	50	50	0	M Clogg	Main works anticipated to start April next year.
65	65	Car Park Pay & Display Machines	186	186	0	E Reed	All pay and display machines are installed, account to be finalised.
0	0	Highway Structures	44	44	0	M Clogg	Awaiting outturn costs for Library and School bridge project to determine budget remaining before allocating.
65	65	Dinas Powys Library Bridge	79	79	0	M Clogg	Bridge anticipated to be open mid December, with temporary parapet arrangements in place.
0	0	Cross Common Road Bridge	10	10	0	M Clogg	Works to be completed before the end of the financial year.
0	0	Esplanade Reinforcement at Barry Island	11	11	0	E Reed	Review of bollard requirements to take place following implementation of new TRO in Q3
5	5	Provision of dropped Kerbs	6	6	0	M Clogg	Scheme carried forward from 2020/21.
1	1	Boverton Flooding	41	41	0	M Clogg	Discussion taking place to resolve issues with Welsh Water pipe.
76	76	Llanmaes Flood Management	162	162	0	E Reed	A planning application has been submitted for the construction phase and land owner negotiation are continuing. A capital bid is anticipated to be submitted to Welsh Government in the Winter for the construction phase, and procurement of the principal contractor has commenced. The Council has ringfenced the match funding required for the grant award.
3	2	Road Safety - East Aberthaw to Gileston	86	86	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Programmed for construction in quarter 4.
5	3	Road Safety - Ffonmon	93	93	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Programmed for construction in quarter 4.
92	46	SRIC - Fairfield Primary Community Street Design Project	611	611	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Public consultation complete and final scheme design agreed
163	163	Core Active Travel Fund allocation	635	635	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. All schemes within this funding progressing well. Various active travel schemes including dropped kerb/tactiles works throughout the AT designated localities, Nextbike docking stations in Dinas Powys, town/village cycle parking, cycle stands and design works, for various locations including Llanmes Rd, Cardiff Rd, Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport, Sully to Cosmeston and Eglwys Brewis linking St Athan to Llantwit.
453	156	SRIC - St Athan Active Travel Route Design	1,062	1,062	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Nearly 50% of scheme completed. Tarmac of first section due w/c 13 December. Scheme will be completed by 31 March 2022.
137	137	LTF - Bus Stop Improvements	374	374	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Scheme includes upgrades of bus shelters and installation of digital boards and raised kerbs. Scheme continues to progress.
0	0	Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation Fund	50	50	0	M Clogg	Welsh Government grant. Appointed consultant to devise policy and suggest an area for a pilot.
5	5	Llantwit Major and St Athan Active Travel	120	120	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Projects agreed and started.
5	5	Rural Vale Active Travel	220	220	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Consultants appointed for 4 Active Travel scheme designs. Cycle counters installed.
84	84	Penarth to Cardiff Active Travel enhancements	200	200	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Consultant appointed for 2 Active Travel scheme designs. Nextbike station (x2) locations agreed and install programmed in before end of March 2022.
1	1	Travel routes in the Vale of Glamorgan	250	250	0	E Reed	Welsh Government grant. Toucan crossing near Walston Castle is being designed. Other schemes to enhancements and improve active travel routes in the Vale are progressing.
0	2	Local Sustainable Transport Response	0	2	-2	E Reed	Overspend to be picked up from revenue.
34	34	Road Safety 20mph pilot St Brides Major	34	34	0	E Reed	Scheme complete.
102	102	LTF- Barry Docks Interchange	327	327	0	E Reed	Scheme progressing.
116	116	Aberthin and Peterston-Super- Ely 20mph scheme	120	120	0	E Reed	Scheme nearing completion.
41	0	Residential Parking Schemes	75	75	0	E Reed	Barry Island, Cosmeston and Ogmore by sea completed, Llandough to be agreed, meetings have been held with local member, surveys to be undertaken.
4,400	3,138		8,535	8,537	-2		

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		S106 Schemes					
2	2	Rhose Sustainable Transport	489	80	409	K Phillips	Request to carry forward £409k as part of this report.
204	204	Dinas Powys Sustainable Transport	396	396	0	K Phillips	Works to be undertaken on Murch Road following the demobilisation of the developer on site - anticipated to commence in January.
1	1	Wick Sustainable Transport	52	52	0	K Phillips	Works on site.
56	21	Bus shelter improvements Llantwit Major	102	102	0	K Phillips	Scheme is progressing.
73	7	Highway Works at Weycock Cross	73	73	0	E Reed	Roundabout works complete, account to be finalised.
0	0	Llandough Bus Shelter	11	11	0	K Phillips	New shelter ordered.
16	14	Improvement works to the footpath infrastructure on Old Port Road, Wenvoe	16	16	0	K Phillips	Scheme complete
352	249		1,139	730	409		
		Waste Recycling and Coastal Management					
0	0	New Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)	1,955	350	1,605	C Smith	The Council is in negotiations regarding the purchase of land. Request to carry forward £1.605m as part of this report.
0	0	Resource Recovery Facility -WTS	3,755	140	3,615	C Smith	Phase 1 has been commissioned and construction is underway. It is requested to carry forward £3.615m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
0	0	Waste grant WG 18/19	2	2	0	C Smith	Phase 1 has been commissioned and construction is underway.
1,026	1,026	Waste grant WG 1920 -WTS	2,254	2,254	0	C Smith	Phase 1 has been commissioned and construction is underway.
33	33	Eastern Shelter Resurface Roof	106	33	73	M Clogg	Request to carry forward £73k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report.
165	165	Circular Economy - Recycling Bins for Flat and Apartments	250	250	0	C Smith	The bins have been delivered. The new vehicles are anticipated to be delivered in December after which a roll out programme will commence.
159	159	Circular Economy - Reuse Shop	310	310	0	C Smith	The reuse shop has been delivered, civil works are on-going and construction is anticipated to last around 12-weeks. The reuse shop is anticipated to be operational in April.
0	0	Circular Economy - Sorting equipment and Baler	500	130	370	C Smith	Request to carry forward £370k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report.
1,383	1,383		9,132	3,469	5,663		
		Fleet Management					
142	142	Vehicles Renewal Fund	1,414	1,414	0	K Phillips	Vehicle replacement programme. Awaiting delivery of vehicles.
142	142		1,414	1,414	0		
		Regeneration & Planning					
21	21	Barry Regeneration Partnership Project Fund	297	297	0	M Goldsworthy	Internal discussions taking place. The demolition of the former Canteen/Office block on Broad Street is complete.
51	51	Local Nature Partnership Cymru Grant	155	155	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme progressing.
0	0	Penarth Pier Pavilion	172	172	0	M Goldsworthy	Works have commenced.
31	31	Access Improvement Grant	62	62	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme progressing.
22	22	Coastal Access Grant	160	160	0	M Goldsworthy	Improvement schemes are on-going.
0	0	Barry Island Station Marketing	20	20	0	M Goldsworthy	In discussions with WG regarding the marketing brief.
0	0	Goodshed Repayment to Welsh Government	100	100	0	M Goldsworthy	Spend will be in quarter 4.
0	0	Barry Wayfinding Project	133	133	0	P Chappell	Delegated authority being prepared to accept tender. Delegated authority detailed as part of this report.
		2020/21 Capital Bids					
16	16	BSC2	629	40	589	M Goldsworthy	Request to carry forward £589k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report.
		2021/22 Capital Bids					
0	0	Cosmeston Works Programme	120	120	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme is out to tender, tenders to be returned early January.
0	0	Cosmeston Gateway - Brilliant Basics Grant	167	167	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme is out to tender.
		Slippage					
186	186	Five Mile Lane	1,500	500	1,000	M Punter	Request to carry forward £1m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report.
21	21	Barry Making Waves Grant	21	21	0	P Chappell	Scheme complete.
1	1	Cowbridge Livestock Market Regeneration Budget	26	26	0	M Goldsworthy	remainder of the budget is to improve the surface of the former livestock market/address potholes.
61	37	Green Infrastructure Grant	61	61	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
0	0	Jsub Repairs	24	24	0	P Chappell	Ecologist has been on site, report is imminent. Works anticipated in quarter 4.
38	38	Economic Stimulus within Local Authorities Grant	83	83	0	M Goldsworthy	Porthkerry golf hut scheme - anticipated to start in January.
29	29	Vale Enterprise Centre Compliance Works	69	69	0	P Chappell	Compliance works.
5	5	Cosmeston Play Area	18	18	0	M Goldsworthy	Park is open. Slippage is to cover the remainder of final outstanding items.
4	1	All-weather parking spaces at Porthkerry Country Park	4	4	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete.
1	0	All-weather parking spaces at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park	1	1	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete.

**CAPITAL MONITORING
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2021**

APPENDIX 2

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21	21	TRI Surveys, Feasibility and Design	21	21	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete.
36	37	TRI Penarth Town Centre	36	37	(1)	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete. Overspend to be met from underspend below.
37	37	TRI Barry Town Centre (Holton Road)	38	37	1	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete.
4	6	TRI Barry Town Centre (High Street/Broad Street)	4	6	(2)	M Goldsworthy	Scheme complete. Overspend to be funded from revenue.
33	33	TRI Cowbridge Town Centre	94	94	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme Progressing
48	48	TRI Llantwit Major Town Centre	72	72	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme Progressing
		S106 Funding					
36	36	Penarth Heights Public Art	483	483	0	M Goldsworthy	The works are Arcot Street are complete. The historic shelter works have been tendered and contractor appointed. Awaiting final designs for the Dingle Park scheme. The scheme at Paget Road is due to be implemented imminently. The creatorspace scheme is progressing.
702	677		4,570	2,983	1,587		
6,979	5,589	COMMITTEE TOTAL	24,790	17,133	7,657		