

Meeting of:	Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 11 January 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Healthy Living and Social Care
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 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 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 £135k. • The currently approved capital budget has been set at £5.726m. 	

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 could require a potential unplanned transfer from reserves at year end of £1.101m.

	2021/22	2021/22	Variance
Directorate/Service	Amended Budget	Projected	(+)Favourable (-) Adverse
	£000	£000	£000
Children and Young People	16,909	17,527	-618
Adult Services	46,885	47,385	-500
Resource Management & Safeguarding	6,986	6,986	0
Unplanned use of reserves to fund overspend	0	-1,118	+1,118
Leisure Services	650	650	0
Total	71,430	71,430	0

2.2 Children and Young People Services – It is anticipated that the outturn at year end could be an adverse variance of around £618k. 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 £1.044m 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 £251k. 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 £38k. Financial support for Special Guardianship and Residence Orders are projecting an overspend of £91k. Costs incurred in supporting care leavers and those in When I’m Ready placements are forecasting an overspend of £117k. 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 £64k. There are potentially favourable variances across the Division, particularly in the current foster payments budget, that could total around £170k. It should be noted however that the foster payments budget remains subject to change and the favourable variance may not continue as the year progresses. 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 Childrens Services and this will therefore mitigate the pressures already detailed. The November Hardship grant claim to WG was £70k 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 claim has not yet been accepted by WG but if approved, will again mitigate the position above. Any overspend at year end will be funded from Social Service reserves.

2.3 Adult Services - At present a £500k overspend 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. 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 a 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. Any overspend at year end will be funded from Social Service reserves.

- 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.

2021/22 Efficiency Targets

- 2.5** 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 but the position will be reviewed as the year progresses. It is anticipated that the Leisure saving will not be made in full this year.

Capital

- 2.6** 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.
- 2.7** Gibbonsdown, Skomer Road Flying Start Extension - The Council has received an additional £12k of grant funding from Welsh Government relating to Flying Start Capital 2021/22. The funding is for the Skomer Road Flying Start Extension scheme, as a result of additional costs which have arisen because of the current economic climate. Emergency powers have been used to increase this scheme budget by £12k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- 2.8** Romilly Tennis Courts - The works are anticipated to start in March 2022 for 10 weeks and will therefore not be completed by the end of the financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £119k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

- 2.9 Play Area in Stanwell - This scheme is currently out to consultation. It is anticipated the works will go out to tender in March/April 2022 and start on site in June. It has therefore been requested to carry forward £110k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.10 Gladstone Park Interpretation Scheme - It has been requested to carry forward the £23k budget for this scheme into the 2022/23 Capital Programme. Due to workload pressures the team have been unable to progress this scheme this financial year.
- 2.11 Barry Leisure Centre Hall Floor - This scheme is complete and there is £14k budget remaining. It has been requested to vire £14k to the Leisure Centre Works scheme (contingency budget) in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- 2.12 Windmill Lane Play Area - This scheme will be out to tender imminently and is anticipated to start on site in May 2022 and complete in July. It has therefore been requested to carry forward £57k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- 2.13 All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2021/22 - The Council has received an award of funding of £223,000 (Capital) in relation to the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2021/22. The purpose of the capital funding is to provide better play opportunities for children and communities and to realise the benefits this brings in terms of child development and activity levels. It must support actions within the Council's 2021/2022 Play Sufficiency Action Plan. The capital funding can also be used to complement play work provision. Anticipated areas of spend include the following, which fall within the remit set by Welsh Government for this funding stream; purchase of a play van and wrapping of play trailer, portable floodlights, equipment and wet weather gear to support outdoor play, shipping containers to store equipment and fixed play equipment. Emergency powers have been used to include this scheme within the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

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		
		Directorate of Social Services					
0	0	Social Services Asset Renewal	20	20	0	L Carver	To be allocated.
		Adult Services					
0	0	Cartref Porthceri External Repairs Phase 2	15	15	0	A Phillips	Survey had been carried out and awaiting report.
0	0	Rondell House Day Centre Electrical Upgrade	30	30	0	A Phillips	Anticipated out to tender January/February, survey to be carried out.
0	0	Ty Dewi Sant - Hairdressing room and Office Refurbishment	20	20	0	A Phillips	Scheme anticipated to commence in January.
		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 January.
		ICF					
1	1	ICF - Southway Community Facility	5	5	0	A Phillips	Fire doors
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.
48	48	ICF - Dementia friendly passenger lifts at Cartref and Southway residential homes	145	145	0	A Phillips	Works on Southway lift are anticipated to commence in January, then the works at Cartref will follow.
50	15	ICF - Sluice room upgrade	175	175	0	A Phillips	Works in Cartref, Southway and Ty Dyfan are complete, works at Ty Dewi are progressing.
316	316	ICF - Ty Dyfan and Cartref Dementia Improvements	494	494	0	A Phillips	Works at Ty Dyfan are complete. Five bedrooms at Cartref are complete, works to the remaining bedrooms will be carried out in the new year.
3	3	ICF - 4 Carys Close Refurbishment Project	275	275	0	A Phillips	Scheme anticipated to go out to tender in December, with estimated start date in February.
563	515		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, anticipated to complete during February half term.
0	0	Flying Start - Skomer Road new heating system, redecoration and car park	65	65	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works anticipated to commence in January.
0	0	Flying Start - Pili Pala Works	15	15	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. The work is anticipated to start January.
20	0	Flying Start - Skomer Road Creshe	85	85	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Works have commenced and are progressing well.
44	0	Gibbonsdown, Skomer Road FS: Extension	44	44	0	R Evans	Welsh Government grant. Scheme complete, account to be finalised. Emergency powers detailed as part of this report.
101	37		305	305	0		
		Leisure & Tourism					
0	0	Barry Leisure Centre Boiler Renewal	175	175	0	D Knevett	Scheme anticipated to got out to tender in December.
1	1	Penarth Leisure Centre Water Heaters Renewal	75	75	0	D Knevett	Order has been placed, awaiting materials to be delivered.
3	3	Penarth Leisure Centre, High Level Glazing	180	180	0	D Knevett	Works not yet started, cost report is being drawn up.
40	40	Barry Leisure Centre Flume	47	47	0	D Knevett	Scheme complete.
12	12	Allotment Support Grant 2021/22	33	33	0	D Knevett	Scheme progressing.
20	1	Neighbourhood Services buildings for compliance issues and community centres	88	88	0	D Knevett	Works to include Millwood Bowling Club fence, St Athan Community Centre heating, Buttrills Community Centre roof works and Barry Island Community Centre roof works.
0	0	Parks	48	48	0	E Reed	Works will include Aberthaw play around, discussions are being carried out to allocate the remainder of the budget.
		Slippage					
6	6	Barry Leisure Centre Hall Floor	20	6	14	D Knevett	Main hall complete. Request to vire £14k to the Leisure Centre Works scheme as part of this report.
34	34	Cowbridge Leisure Centre Roofing	451	451	0	D Knevett	Works are on site, completion date is delayed.
19	19	Barry Leisure Centre Dry Changing Rooms	42	42	0	D Knevett	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Barry and Penarth LC Upgrade Changing Rooms	70	70	0	D Knevett	Finalising scheme.
14	14	Sports Wales Grant	87	87	0	D Knevett	Works to Barry Leisure Centre outdoor area anticipated to continue in February.
0	0	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre - Rebuild brickwork	75	75	0	D Knevett	Anticipating scheme to go out to tender in January.
0	0	Leisure Centres Works	62	76	-14	D Knevett	Leisure centre contingency pot. Request to vire £14k from the Barry Leisure Centre Hall Floor scheme as part of this report.
75	75	Penarth Leisure Centre, Boiler Renewal	93	93	0	D Knevett	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
26	26	Penarth Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal	63	63	0	D Knevett	Orders have been placed, long delivery times. Works anticipated to commence after in the new year.

PROFILE TO DATE £000	ACTUAL SPEND 2021/22 £000		APPROVED PROGRAMME 2021/22 £000	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2021/22 £000	VARIANCE AT OUTTURN 2021/22 £000	PROJECT SPONSOR	COMMENTS
31	31	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal	47	47	0	D Knevett	Works are progressing on site.
7	7	Electrical Renewal Barry & Penarth Leisure Centres	63	63	0	D Knevett	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Cowbridge Leisure Centre Replacement water heaters/replacement flue	4	4	0	D Knevett	Finalising scheme.
288	269		1,723	1,723	0		
		Parks and Grounds Maintenance					
0	0	Gladstone Park Interpretation Scheme	23	0	23	A Sargent	Request to carry forward £23k as part of this report.
0	0	Play Area in Stanwell	120	10	110	A Sargent	Request to carry forward £110k as part of this report.
0	2	All Wales Play Opportunity Grant 2021/22	223	223	0	D Knevett	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 Knevett	Finalising scheme.
0	0	Romilly Tennis Courts	149	30	119	D Knevett	Request to carry forward £119k as part of this report.
7	7	All Wales Play Opportunity Grant	15	15	0	D Knevett	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.
73	57		618	366	252		
		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 anticipated to start on site in January for 7 weeks.
17	17	Central Park – play area improvements	98	98	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme anticipated to start on site late January/ early February.
41	41	North Penarth Open Space Improvements	102	102	0	A Sargent	Works on site and are nearing completion.
3	3	Belle Vue Pavilion in Penarth	1,125	100	1,025	M Goldsworthy	Request to carry forward £1.025m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report. Scheme will be out to tender imminently, anticipated to start on site in May and complete in July. Request to carry forward £57k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme as part of this report.
0	0	Windmill Lane Play Area	67	10	57	M Goldsworthy	Order has been placed, works anticipated to start in January.
6	6	Clos Tyniad Glo/Clos Peiriant Play Area	59	59	0	M Goldsworthy	Anticipated to go out to tender late December. Scheme anticipated to complete by the end of the financial year.
0	0	Public Open Space Tree Planting	31	31	0	M Goldsworthy	
79	76		1,589	507	1,082		
1,104	954	COMMITTEE TOTAL	5,726	4,394	1,332		