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REPORT TITLE: Financial Outturn for the year ended 31st March 2022

REPORT FOR: Information and Decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide Cabinet with the revenue budget outturn for the 2021/22 financial year. This includes information on the additional funding streams received from Welsh Government and how this impacted on the outturn position and explain the use of the underspend arising from the outturn position.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council has completed its outturn processes to deliver its year end outturn report that compliments the statutory accounts that are in the process of being finalised.
- 2.2. Throughout the financial year the Councils budget was closely monitored and controlled with quarterly reports presented to Cabinet. The final outturn produced a net underspend, after contributions to specific reserves, of £7.408 million against the £202.619 million budget a 3.7% variance (excluding Schools and the Housing Revenue Account).
- 2.3. The Council's financial position has improved against the quarter 3 underspend forecast of £0.579 million, supported by additional funding provided by Welsh Government, both in terms of additional service grants and Hardship funding to once again fund a substantial element of Covid related expenditure. Although the Council is now fully functioning as part of its recovery from the pandemic, the restrictions imposed during the year did impact on the delivery of services across the Council, which resulted in additional costs and loss of income. Funding claimed and received through the Welsh Government Hardship Fund during 2021/22 is £11.747 million.

3. Revenue Outturn

- 3.1. Table 1 below summarises the outturn position across Council services, a £7.408 million underspend (excluding HRA and delegated schools) after agreed specific reserve movements have been completed.
- 3.2. Schools planned to utilise £0.558m of reserve but actually put into reserve £5.731million an overall movement of £6.289 million

Table 1 – Revenue Outturn 2021/2

Service Area	£'000	Working Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Over) / Under Spend	Variance (Over) / Under Spend %
Adult Services		67,434	67,353	81	0.1
Childrens Services		26,620	26,502	118	0.4
Commissioning		2,775	2,201	574	20.7
Workforce & OD		2,049	1,817	232	11.3
Education		15,654	15,536	118	0.8
Highways Transport & Recycling		28,314	27,669	645	2.3
Property, Planning & Public Protection		4,919	4,549	370	7.5
Housing & Community Development		5,344	5,250	94	1.8
Economy and Digital Services		4,423	4,793	(370)	(8.4)
Transformation & Communications		1,388	1,189	199	14.3
Legal & Democratic Services		3,134	3,052	82	2.6
Finance		6,137	5,794	343	5.6
Corporate Activities		34,428	29,506	4,922	14.3
Total		202,619	195,211	7,408	3.7
Use of Surplus					
- Capital funding instead of borrowing				(5,100)	
- Pension Reserve				(900)	
- 2022-23 Pay Award Reserve				(1,200)	
- Other agreed movements to reserve				(208)	
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)		0	(2,167)	2,167	
Schools Delegated		77,188	70,899	6,289	8.1

- 3.3. Additional grants totalling £13.574 million have been received to support council services, some of this funding must be carried forward and utilised next year, whilst other funding is now offsetting expenditure in 2021/22 that the Council expected to support. These grants have significantly improved the Council's financial position and allowed the funding of the transformation costs £2.8 million from revenue rather than capital receipts.
- 3.4. Council considered this non-recurring improvement and approved the use of part of the forecast underspend to support its budget setting for 2022/23. £5.1 million of the underspend has been used to fund capital spend in year, and this reduces the call on the borrowing requirement and eases the pressure on the revenue budget in 2022/23 by £207,000. Transfers to the pension reserve of £0.9 million and a provision for next year's pay award £1.2 million account for the other main movements.
- 3.5. Further detail about the outturn position for each service area is provided in Appendix A, with Heads of Service setting out their narrative that explains the financial position and activities being undertaken.

4. Welsh Government Support

- 4.1. The Welsh Government Local Authority Hardship Fund continues to support additional costs incurred by the Council and its stakeholders due to the Covid

Pandemic. It supports the additional cost associated with Social Care, Homelessness, Visitor Economy, PPE, Free School Meals and general additional expenses. The Hardship Fund support included reimbursement of £6.8 million for support given to the public and businesses for self-isolation payments, statutory sick pay, winter fuel payments and Care Homes in terms of covering voids costs, fee increases and lateral flow testing.

- 4.2. The fund also provides support for the loss on income to the Council.
- 4.3. In addition, Welsh Government has provided unhyponthecated funding to support the Council Tax collection all of which is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 – Welsh Government Support to Council and Public

Welsh Government Support	£'000
Hardship Fund-Cost	11,120
Hardship Fund-Income	627
Track and Trace	4,549
Council Tax Collection	573
Bus Emergency Scheme	1,283
Misc	488
	18,640

- 4.4. The Council has also worked with wider public sector partners across Wales and Welsh Government to provide significant one-off support through numerous funds for support to local businesses, the voluntary sector and a one off £735 payment to carers. The Council acted as an agent for the Welsh Government in reviewing, collating, agreeing, and processing these payments across the schemes, as summarised in Table 3.

Table 3 – Welsh Government Support to Businesses and Carers

Welsh Government Support	£'000	Numbers
Business Grants	3,194	1,092
Business Rate Relief	10,413	1,469
Care Payments £735 External	934	899
Care Payments £735 PCC	2,754	3,353
	17,295	6,813

5. Cost reductions

- 5.1. In February 2021, the Council approved cost reduction proposals of £11.829 million. In addition, undelivered cost reductions in 2020/21 of £1.568 million have been rolled forward for delivery in the current year. This increases the value of cost reductions required to £13.397 million for 2021/22.
- 5.2. The summary at Table 4 shows that 70% or £9.397 million has been delivered in year, £4 million, 30% is unachieved. This figure has deteriorated since quarter 3 due to Childrens services not able to deliver their assured expectations of £0.922 million. Their projects for achieving greater income, changing service delivery and reducing agency costs were placed on hold due to the need to focus on increased demand.
- 5.3. The budget approved by Council in February 2022 for 2022-23 removed £1.377 million of the unachieved savings from service budgets as they are now considered to be unachievable, thus ensuring a robust and deliverable budget for next year.
- 5.4. £2.683 million has been rolled forward to be delivered in 2022/23.

Table 4 – Cost Reductions Summary

£'000	To Be Achieved	Actually Achieved	Un-achieved	% Achieved
Adult Services	5,091	4,991	100	98%
Childrens Services	3,184	2,262	922	71%
Economy and Digital Services	1,167	92	1,075	8%
Education	381	381	-	100%
Schools Delegated	39	39	-	100%
Finance	324	324	-	100%
Central Activities	(175)	(175)	-	100%
Highways Transport & Recycling	1,745	337	1,407	19%
Housing & Community Development	310	310	-	100%
Legal & Democratic Services	298	142	156	48%
Transformation and Communications	57	57	-	100%
Property, Planning & Public Protection	818	600	218	73%
Workforce & OD	160	37	123	23%
Total	13,397	9,397	4,000	70%

6. Reserves

- 6.1 The reserves position at Table 5 sets out the reserve movements and balances at year end. Year-end movements resulted in an increase to reserve of £11.525 million, and the closing balance now stands at £63.783 million, with the general reserve £9.333 million, representing 4.6% of total net revenue budget. (Excluding Schools and the HRA).

Table 5 – Reserves Table

Summary	£'000	Opening Balance (1st April 2021) Surplus / (Deficit)	Reserve Movements	Balance (31st March 2022) Surplus/ (Deficit)
General Fund		13,634	(4,301)	9,333
Budget Management Reserve		3,584	0	3,584
Specific Reserves		16,397	12,770	29,167
Transport & Equipment Funding		11,282	(2,438)	8,844
Usable Reserves		44,897	6,031	50,928
Schools Delegated Reserves		3,251	5,724	8,975
School Loans & Other Items		(371)	7	(364)
Housing Revenue Account		4,481	(237)	4,244
Total Reserves		52,258	11,525	63,783

- 6.2 The key movements are:
- 6.3 Council agreed a virement request on the 15th July 2021 to set up three specific reserves utilising the 2020/21 outturn underspend held within the general reserve, totalling £4.241 million, maintaining the General Fund reserve at its previous level.
- £1 million is set aside to assist council services with Covid recovery. Services will draw upon this support through the submission and approval of a business case clearly demonstrating need and the benefits to our residents.

- The council is also able to draw support from other sources of recovery funding, including Levelling up Funding, match funding of a £1 million reserve as leverage to draw upon this funding.
- £2.241 million transferred into a specific Capital Financing Reserve to support the Council Capital Programme, reducing the Councils borrowing requirements and easing the pressure on the revenue budget.

6.4 The main specific reserve movements include:

- 6.4.1 Actuarial Pension Review - £0.9 million of over collected pension contributions are transferred into the specific reserve in readiness for the actuarial pension review.
- 6.4.2 2022-23 Pay award. The base budget includes a pay award assumption of 3%, but with the current inflation level at 9% it is likely we will be asked to fund a higher figure percentage, an additional 1%, £1.2 million has been set aside.
- 6.4.3 Some grants received, late in year, have not been utilised and rolled forward for use in 2022-23 these total £2.374 million and are held in the grants unapplied reserve.
- 6.4.4 Approval to set up a number of specific reserves was given by the Chief Executive who has been given delegated authority to action any approvals in consultation with the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and retrospectively reported to Cabinet. They will be used to support identified service pressures next year and the Section 151 Officer will release these reserves as appropriate spend is evidenced, further detail is explained at Appendix B

6.5 The Housing Revenue Account business plan originally planned to utilise £2.181 million of reserves, but this was greatly reduced to £0.237 million. This was due to reduced borrowing costs because of the change in the Council's MRP policy approved by Council in March 2021.

6.6 The breakdown of the school's balances and the transfer to reserve is set out below at Table 6.

Table 6 – School Reserves

School Sector	Opening Balance 1 April 2021 £'000	Actual Transfer to / (from) in reserves 2021-22 £'000	Closed School Balances £'000	Closing Balance 31 March 2022 £'000
Primary	4,995	2,955	16	7,966
Special	311	695	0	1,006
Secondary	(2,422)	1,554	22	(846)
All-age	344	521	0	865
School Balances Sub-Total	3,228	5,725	38	8,991
Other	(348)	7	(38)	(379)
Total	2,880	5,732	0	8,612

6.7 The year end position for schools has moved significantly since the last forecast, this is due to the allocation of over £5.936 million grant to support schools core costs. Schools planned to utilise £0.557m of reserve but actually put into reserve £5.732m, an overall movement of £6.289m.

7. **Transformation**

- 7.1 Transformation of the councils' services is critical in providing an appropriate level of service to our residents at a much lower cost ensuring that the councils budget is maintained on a sustainable footing for the future. Transformation activities totalling £2.814 million were funded through revenue rather than using Capital Receipts as previously planned. This will allow us to maintain a greater level of receipts to be used to support the capital programme in future years.
- 7.2 Table 7 below summarises the transformation costs against the budget plan.

Table 7 Transformation

Transformation Costs 2021-22 £'000	Outturn	Budget	Variance
Transformation Projects	2,400	3,013	613
Organisational Transformation	414	1,000	586
	2,814	4,013	1,199

- 7.3 A final report summarising the savings and benefits achieved from utilisation of the transformation funding will be presented to the July Transformation Board as part of their governance role.

8. **Virement and Grants**

- 8.1 Two virement requests have been made:
- 8.1.1 Transport fund - The Fleet Management Services has reported an underspend against depreciation charges of £1,054,400 (due to delayed replacement of the waste and recycling vehicles and keeping existing vehicles longer). The service have asked to utilise this underspend with an additional contribution to the vehicle replacement reserve to assist in managing the increasing pressure on the transport fund arising from significant inflation on purchase costs and where possible this funding will be used to purchase "green" vehicles .
- 8.1.2 During the year Fleet Management Services generated £226,086 of income from the sale of vehicles/equipment and it is requested that this be transferred to the vehicle replacement reserve to be used to fund the purchase of future vehicles and/or equipment, where possible this funding will be used to purchase "green" vehicles.
- 8.2 There have been additional grants totalling £10.362 million received this quarter from Welsh Government (unless otherwise specified) as set out in Appendix C and these are included in the financial outturn, some of this funding must be carried forward and utilised next year, whilst other funding is now offsetting expenditure in 2021/22 that the Council expected to support.
- 8.3 In addition two grants identified in the quarter 3 report were allocated in the last quarter and accounted for in the outturn changes:
- £545,173, Additional Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant – To strengthen delivery of Foundation Phase, support Wales collaborative for Learning Design, deliver additional professional learning, deliver the national pedagogy project and Centre determined grades.

- £2,667,190, LA Education Grant (variation 3) – To deliver the Winter of Wellbeing programme, provide high quality support for children and young people with ALN to deal with the impacts of COVID-19, fund online solutions for Individual Development Plans (IDP) as part of the ALN transformation programme, prepare for the phased commencement and full implementation of the ALN Act, training for trauma informed approach, enhancing attendance support, additional Recruit Recover Raise standards funding, extending PDG Access to Years 2,4 and 6 for uniforms, sports kit and IT equipment and funding for preparation for changes to Free School Meals.

9. Impact of Capital

- 9.1 Capital investment and the financing of capital activities have a significant impact on the authority's revenue position. In 2021/22 £72.60 million was spent (including HRA) on capital investments representing 77% of the revised budget.
- 9.2 The majority of the underspend can be attributed to delays in the delivery of the capital programme. The budgets associated with these projects will, where necessary, be rolled forward into 2022/23.
- 9.3 The revenue budget supports the cost of borrowing for capital purposes and recognises the future need to borrow through the minimum revenue provision budget. The revenue budgets were approved to support the original capital programme of £101 million. The actual capital spend was 28% less. Grants were maximised to reduce the call on borrowing, with a number received from Welsh Government in the last three months of the year. The actual net cost of borrowing was £12.4 million of which £8.8 million was chargeable to the general fund, this resulted in a £2.8 million underspend on the borrowing budgets, and this has been used to replace future years borrowing and reduces the impact on the revenue account.

10. Key Financial Risks

- 10.1 Rising inflation and in particular fuel and energy costs are now beginning to impact on the Council, with some contractors approaching the Council to raise their concerns and start discussions. Further impact is now expected arising from the situation in Ukraine. With CPI inflation 9% (April) we must ensure that we take every opportunity to set aside funding to limit this impact.
- 10.2 This further highlights the risk in our ability to deliver a balanced budget over the medium and longer term. The updated Medium Term Financial Strategy approved by Council continues to show a significant budget gap across the 4 years of the strategy to 2026/27 and we continue to plan in a challenging and uncertain time and will update our projections as more information becomes available.
- 10.3 Treasury Management, maintaining the Councils cash flow to meet liabilities, continues to be monitored daily. We must ensure that the Council has sufficient liquidity to meet its immediate costs such as salaries and wages, HMRC taxation, and maintaining payment to suppliers and precepting authorities. The current position is positive due to the additional funding we have received. We continue to monitor the position and explore investment opportunities alongside our need to borrow over the medium and longer term.

11. Resource Implications

The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) has provided the following comment:

- 11.1 The financial support provided by Welsh Government has been significant and has been instrumental in improving the Council's financial position for the current year. The additional funding received is welcomed but it is important to note that this is not recurring funding and will be utilised to support one off costs that will aid our recovery, meet short term additional demand but also improve our longer term financial resilience.
- 11.2 Using revenue funds to support transformation costs this year will release capital receipts back for use in the Capital Programme and this together with the proposed Capital Financing Reserve will reduce the need to borrow and improving our financial sustainability whilst enabling the Council to deliver its objectives. Addressing existing remedial issues across the Councils assets will also ensure our buildings are effectively maintained removing pressure on the Capital Programme in future years. Setting aside funding to meet specific one off costs will ensure that the Councils General Fund is maintained at an appropriate level.
- 11.3 Our Medium Term Financial Strategy continues to be extremely challenging with a significant budget gap of £15 million over the next 4 years. The financial plans will be subject to ongoing review, funding assumptions will be revisited as more information becomes available, revised budget gaps calculated and clear plans of how we can bridge the gaps will be developed. The Council must continue to take every opportunity to reduce costs and limit the financial impact on its budget, reducing the financial pressure on future years and ensure the financial sustainability of the Council.

12 Legal implications

- 12.1 The Monitoring Officer has no specific concerns with this report.

13. Comment from local member(s)

- 13.1 This report relates to all service areas across the whole County.

14. Integrated Impact Assessment

- 14.1 No impact assessment required.

15. Recommendations

- 15.1 That Cabinet note the budget position and the full year position to the end of March 2022.
- 15.2 That Cabinet ratifies the approval given by the Chief Executive for the virement request to specific reserve as set out in 6.4.4 and at Appendix B. To comply with the treatment of year end balances as set out in the Financial Regulations, which confirms Cabinet may agree the carry forward of departmental underspends of up to, and including, £500,000.
- 15.3 The virement request set out in section 8.1.2 is approved and the virement at 8.1.1 is recommended to Council for approval as this complies with the Councils' virement rules being in excess of £500,000. Funding will be released where it can be

demonstrated that the purchase of vehicles supports the move to a greener fleet where operationally viable.

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Appendix A – Service Narrative to Explain the Change from Quarter 3 to Quarter 4 and Outturn

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
(49)	Adult Services	67,434	67,353	81
<p>The balanced budget with a small underspend is an excellent achievement for Adult Social Care, with £5m of savings achieved during the second pandemic year. The additional Welsh Government grants provided because of the pandemic have supported the service and have contributed to the ability to remain within budget for another year.</p>				

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
(1,788)	Children's Services	26,620	26,502	118
<p>Savings of over £2m during the second year of the pandemic were achieved at a time of increasing service pressures and workforce challenges. The outturn at the end of year has been supported by the additional grants provided by the Welsh Government.</p>				

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
165	Commissioning	2,775	2,201	574
<p>The Commissioning Service was able to manage significant staffing vacancies within the team during the year while it benefitted from additional Welsh Government non-recurring funding late in the financial year.</p>				

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
(123)	Education	15,654	15,536	118
<p>Education worked well to achieve a 0.8% variance in 2021-22 budget, ending the year in an underspend position, whilst also achieving 100% of savings identified for 2021-22.</p> <p>The outturn at the end of year were supported by the additional grants provided by the Welsh Government, with the year-end position for schools has moving significantly since last month's forecast. This is due to the allocation of over £5.936 million grant to support schools core costs. Schools planned to utilise £0.5m of reserve but actually put into reserve £5.73m, an overall movement of £6.289m.</p>				

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
(49)	Highways Transport & Recycling + Director	28,314	27,669	645

Highways, Transport & Recycling finished in a favourable position year end of £632,000. Highway operations were overspent due to maintenance on county roads such as patching works and gully emptying from flooding events. This was offset by an underspend on the Highways Technical element whereby income through street works exceeded its income target of £752k, giving a net Highways surplus of £95,000.

Transport showed a net deficit of £21,000 from a working budget of £10 million, and the main factors are attributed to unachieved savings, fuel increases and in year contract changes for home to school transport.

Recycling has also shown a positive year end surplus of £657,000. Recycling operations showed a net deficit of £344,000, through an unachieved of income on commercial waste. However, Waste strategy showed a net surplus of £1 million with recycling income exceeding its target and further underspends on residual waste.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
448	Property, Planning & Public Protection	4,919	4,549	370

The service area underspend has come mainly because of staffing vacancies and staffing costs being transferred to the Test, Trace and Protect service.

The Planning Service were overspent by £170K because of a reduction in the level of planning fees generated. The reduction is a result of the councils toughening stance on intensive agricultural units and the impact of the current phosphates situation on the submission planning applications. This trend is likely to continue, and the mitigation implemented to date is unlikely to address the significant income shortfall predicted in 2022/23.

Strategic Property were overspent principally because of increased maintenance, statutory testing, remedial and cleaning costs. The cost of funding statutory compliance remedial work and the corporate landlord function continues to be a budgetary pressure that requires mitigation.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
17	Housing & Community Development	5,344	5,250	94

Housing & Community Development achieved a 1.8% underspend in the 2021-22 budget, equating to £94,000. The service also delivered 100% of the savings identified for the financial year.

The Catering Service was overspent by £128,000 because of reduced income. Covid-19 has significantly affected this service, with WG Hardship Funding of £700,000 received to contribute towards the lost income. The Hardship Fund has also supported homelessness to the sum of £313,000.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
(372)	Economy and Digital Services	4,423	4,793	(370)

The digital programme had identified potential savings across the organisation from investment in digital solutions. Not all the identified savings were realised, and the saving is held within the service budget. Some further savings where customers signed up for paperless council tax billing account for the reduction in variance between February and March. To offset the impact of un-realised savings all vacant positions and purchases were delayed for 3 months to support a more balanced budget for year end.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
41	Transformation & Communication	1,388	1,189	199

The under spend is mainly because of overachieved income, £120k of additional income has been generated from maximising service grants and carrying out work externally, the remainder of the under spend is general office costs, training and travel. £51k of the true underspend has been taken as a saving in 2022/23.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
84	Workforce & OD	2,049	1,817	232

The underspend in the service arose because of, staffing vacancies, an over achievement of income, an underspend on travel, general expenses and training costs, and an underspend on

the health surveillance budget. As part of this, the service absorbed £32k of job evaluation costs which historically had previously been funded by a reserve.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
6	Legal & Democratic Services	3,134	3,052	82

The underspend in the service arose as a result of staffing vacancies, an over achievement of income from Land Charges, an underspend on member travel and general expenses.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
(252)	Finance & Insurance	6,137	5,794	343

The swing in the financial position is partially due to the removal of a provision for insurance claims and an underspend in staffing due to some staff costs being funded by grants as part of the Covid business support work.

December Variance	£'000	2021/22 Base Budget	Outturn	March Variance
2,463	Corporate Activities (Borrowing, Risk Budget, Benefits etc)	34,428	29,506	4,922

Welsh Government provided additional funding - £2.6m revenue support grant and £0.57m Council Tax support grant, of which part will be utilised in the next financial year. They also provided a capital grant of £3.6m which reduced the requirement on borrowing resulting in an £2.8m underspend on borrowing.

The outturn includes the funding of the Transformation Programme from revenue, £2.8m (including redundancies), rather than use of capital receipts which can be held to support the capital programme in future years.

Appendix B –Service Roll Forward Request

Service	Explanation to Support Request	£
Education	Secondary strategy underspend due to additional funding being received from the closedown of ERW. Request to roll forward to use for one-off targeted interventions of bespoke support packages for schools causing significant concern	£261,174
Education	Unable to appoint to Welsh in education post and have utilised grant through use of existing staff but request roll forward base to complete the strategic element of the role in 2022-23.	£54,359
Education	Adult Community Learning: Maintenance, Net Carbon Zero and Digital Grant - due to the lateness of the notification of the grant (early March 2022) the service offset existing costs to utilise a portion of the additional funding, this enabled the service to have an underspend against base funding which will be rolled forward to support adult community learning in Powys. To note the other half of the grant was spent as per the terms and conditions of the grant.	£46,539
Education	Adult Community Learning: Maintenance, Net Carbon Zero and Digital Grant - due to the lateness of the notification of the grant (early March 2022) the service offset existing costs to utilise a portion of the additional funding, this enabled the service to have an underspend against base funding which we requested to roll forward to support adult community learning in Powys. To note the other half of the grant was spent as per the terms and conditions of the grant.	£91,090
Highways, Transport & Recycling Services	Waste collection - Request to roll forward revenue budget to fund the delayed repair works to the Bailer at Brecon Transfer Station which was originally considered in the February Forecast.	£28,170
Highways, Transport & Recycling Services	Waste Collection - Request to make revenue contribution to capital to fund the purchase of 2 x mist & odour repression systems for Rhayader and Abermule, required to satisfy the regulators	£46,040
Highways, Transport & Recycling Services	Highways Technical Services - Request for revenue contribution to capital to establish a budget to carry out resurfacing on the remaining Church Street car park in Welshpool which is not covered by the adjacent grant funded interchange works. 1/3rd of the car par was resurfaced utilising grant funds in 21/22 and the service request to complete the remaining 2/3rds of the car park to rectify defects on the remaining car park surface.	£75,000
Highways, Transport & Recycling Services	Highways Operations - purchase of grounds equipment - To adhere with our Hand Arm Vibration policy and following a HSE improvement notice we are required to replace our hand held grounds maintenance equipment on a regular basis and incorporate more battery powered equipment to assist the Authority in reducing its Environmental targets.	£100,000
HOWPS Transition Costs	Reserve to fund the corporate element of the HOWPS transition costs that will be incurred as part of the exit process	£200,000

Regeneration	Going forward Powys have secured fantastic opportunities for the economic growth of Powys and Mid Wales, from UK and Welsh Governments, from Levelling-up fund bids (£22m) and a Growth Deal (£110m) to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (£50m.) These all need appropriately resourcing to ensure Powys projects are identified, developed and delivered. These key Strategic Economic Development Projects will benefit not only the economy but our environment helping to ensure we become Carbon net zero by 2030. The same opportunities arise from the UK Community Renewal Fund (circa £7m) for the current year and Shared Prosperity Fund for future years. There are also initiatives for developing work placements, Town Centre regeneration, community initiatives and events, including Army Liaison, which are all important ongoing aspects of developing strong and resilient communities. The ability to be flexible with specific reserves for Economic Development will ensure the necessary positions to support economic growth for Powys with a strengthened Economic Development team	£85,000
H,C & D	In year under spend on Y Gaer and the Policy unit carried forward in a reserve to complete the building works required to finish the project	£145,000
T & C	Funding to cover the costs of posts that do not have baseline funding and therefore reduces the risk to the organisation for 12 months.	£35,000
Adult Social Care	Roll forward into a specific reserve the underspend due to one off income raised from back dated fees. This reserve will specifically fund a managed service 'Zyla' to reduce the number of outstanding reviews, in part due to the pandemic and due to the increased presentations due to lack of Health Care provision	£497,000
Adult Social Care	Roll forward monies that were returned funding from providers due to services on hold to fund additional running costs of Older Day Centres and restricted numbers of service users, which is currently and unknown unit cost	£100,000
Adult Social Care	Roll forward to cover the additional cost of the Agency Domiciliary Care during period of recruitment and on boarding new council staff, following the return of hours from the external providers. Due to the lateness of a grant received to promote the independence of people with care and support needs or in an early intervention and prevention context to maintain people in their own homes, the service offset existing costs to utilise a portion of the additional funding, this enabled the service to have an underspend against base funding which we request to roll forward.	£385,000
Adult Social Care	Roll forward reserve due to returned funding from providers due to services on hold to fund additional placements costs. It will support the financial stability of commissioned providers, particularly the care home sector following the cessation of the Welsh Government Covid 19 Hardship and capacity following the pandemic. This will enable swift transfer of clients.	£234,000
Adult Social Care	Roll over into a specific reserve due to the one off over achievement of 'Direct Payment' refunds, as clients have been unable to utilise fully due to the pandemic the additional capacity within the Occupation Therapist teams to meet the increased number of outstanding assessments due to increase in referrals during the pandemic, in part due the reduction in hospital surgery and increase in falls and trips and due to 'lock down' the lack of mobility.	£220,000
Adult Social Care	Use of the RSG grant allocated for Electric Vehicles in domiciliary care and Driving Lessons for home care staff. Business case in progress to explain how the funding would be used as requested by Welsh Government	£400,000

Childrens	A specific reserve to continue to provide a service to children young people and families and manage the demand for children services we are extending the Care and Wellbeing Agency Team (Parachute Team). This team is currently holding 120 cases within Children's Services but was due to end at the end of August. By extending up to the end of December this will enable the Service to meet the current demand. Utilising a last minute WG Covid Recovery grant to fund the additional cost of agency social workers, to release base budget. The team is required to reduce caseloads and unallocated cases, due to sickness, staff leaving and recruitment issues.	£499,000
Corporate	Specific reserve for the CJC, grant funding received in 2021-22 utilised to fund base budgeted staff - roll forward base saved as a result of receiving the grant	£96,270
Housing	Specific reserve to fund the additional costs of homelessness when Welsh Government funding ceases in 2022-23	£100,000
Digital	Specific reserve to fund Digital Transformation requirements in 2022-23	£225,000

Appendix C – Grants Received in Quarter 4

Funder	What For	Amount £	Detail	Service
Welsh Government	<u>New Grant:</u> Parenting Support for COVID Recovery	47,399	To increase the skills, knowledge and resources of the parenting and wider workforce through identified training; To support innovative community (if Covid restrictions allow) and/or virtual parenting based provision, such as parenting groups; peer support groups and individual parenting support delivery; To develop innovative parenting support packages and training tools for parenting practitioners to either be delivered face-to-face and/or virtually building on the innovative adaptation of parenting programmes by LA's during the pandemic; To support development and evaluation of the online parenting offer so that parenting support is offered either face-to-face or virtually to increase flexibility and accessibility for some parents and to support to reach a greater number of parents than might otherwise be possible.	Childrens
Welsh Government	Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant	561,144	Adoption UK Membership (£1214) - to support adopted learners in education Learning in Renew & Reform and the curriculum & Assessment reform programme (£281,569) - to support schools to understand and respond to the needs of learners to progress and their well-being and embed approaches in learning. Modern Foreign Languages (£6,250) - To support schools in planning for International Languages provision and the new curriculum. Support for Learners in Exam Years (£259,799) - For schools to buy additional resources and support learners taking GCSE English, Welsh and Maths. Scoping/Engagement Work (£7,263) - Support the delivery of a proposal to provide every school in Wales with the potential to significantly raise the standards of teaching and learning for disadvantaged and vulnerable learners. Camau Assessment Toolkit Project (£5,049) - Lead by CAMAU a series of workshops will be held with practitioners to deepen understandings of assessment within Curriculum for Wales	Education
Welsh Government	Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management	95,000	Additional grant in respect of drainage investigations, surveys and improvements to drainage infrastructure. Scheme: Tollgate Cottage, Newtown - Make safe existing inlet/securing screen and wall fixing arrangements - £15k Scheme: Depot Lane Culvert, Talgarth - Remove tree roots and cleanse culvert system - £5k Scheme: Crickhowell Culvert and surface water drainage investigations - CCTV survey & mapping - £25k Scheme: Cwmphil Road - CCTV survey/jetting/trail holes and mapping - £7.5k Scheme Cwmbelen - improvements to river outlet structure and fitting of flap valve - £3k Scheme Coed Lane - drainage investigations/CCTV - £4.5k Scheme Gurnos drainage Ystrad - Continuation of drainage/culvert survey investigations - £35k	HTR
Welsh Government	Road Safety Revenue	30,325	The extra £30k has been awarded to assist with the exceptions map work and the 20mph rollout scheme.	HTR

Welsh Government	Social Care Pressures	2,053,544	The Purpose of the Funding is to support local authorities with social care pressures from overspends and winter pressures	ASC
Welsh Government	LA Education grant variation 4	1,909,224	£62k - NQT Induction Placement Scheme – Extension to March 2022 - to deliver the extension of the induction placement scheme between January – 24th April 2022. £1,807k - Revenue Maintenance Grant - to cover school revenue maintenance costs in 2021-22. Eligible expenditure for this grant will cover costs borne in relation to revenue repairs and maintenance £40k - Virtual School Wales - to plan and prepare to implement a Virtual Schools model	Education
Welsh Government	POJW006 - Household Support Fund	15,269	Award of Funding in relation to Household Support Fund: revenue funding for tackling food poverty	HCD
Welsh Government	Recovery activities associated with February 2020 floods - costs incurred between 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022	1,100,827	75% of grant to be paid on receipt of signed award letter, remainder to be paid on receipt of year end outturn report (will be requests May 2022).	HTR
Welsh Government	Additional funding - Road Safety Revenue	60,265	Undertake an inventory of road signs and lines for restricted roads that are impacted by the proposed 20mph default speed limit in 2023.	HTR
Welsh Government	SWMG - Additional funding for Waste & Recycling services	390,479	Recognising the challenges the COVID pandemic has brought and helping Local Authorities to meet more of its costs this year.	HTR
Welsh Government	Adult Community Learning Fund 2021-22	20,454	The Purpose of the Funding is to support collaborative, regional led, strategic and sustainable approaches to mental health for staff and learners and/or for support of professional learning for staff in the sector. It will help to build an evidence base on 'what works' and a bank of approaches and resources to benefit the whole sector	Education

WLGA	ASC care and support needs or in an early intervention and prevention	410,709	To promote the independence of people with care and support needs or in an early intervention and prevention context to maintain people in their own homes, such as increased use of equipment, small/medium adaptations or most effective way to support people within their own homes.	ASC
Welsh Government	Loss of Council tax collection	573,488	Funding for the shortfall of council tax collection in 2021-22	Corporate
Welsh Government	Substance Misuse Action Fund Revenue, Complex Needs and Naloxone – Powys Area Planning Board 2021-2022	24,685	Additional funding for Naloxone and Residential Rehabilitation (Tier 4) placements, as per information submitted to the Welsh Government on 8 February and 24 February respectively.	ASC
Welsh Government	Powys RPB received Winter Funding (£433k) for 21/22 as part of a wider Winter Funding Package to support health and social care system until March 22	133,000	To increase capacity of the Powys Integrated Community Equipment and Technology Enabled Care Service to enable hospital discharge by increasing our stock on shelf to minimise any late deliveries of equipment due to product shortage, build stocks so we have a buffer against supply shortages we have experienced due to a number of factors related to the pandemic, raw material shortage and global shippage disruptions. We will be able to meet an increase in demand for priority deliveries (next day and three day). We will expand the service to include weekend working.	ASC
Welsh Government	Transforming towns investment plans	76,000	Transforming Towns Revenue programme for 'Consultancy, Planning and Development work across Powys Towns TT-M-REV-POW-006 (linked to £100k matching from PCC Reserves - total £176k)	Regeneration

Welsh Government	Cyber Resilience	10,000	The purposes of this grant award are for the improvement of PCC cyber resilience	Digital
WLGA	Regional Skills Partnership MW - Young Persons Guarantee	25,000	The Programme for Government (PfG) sets out an ambitious commitment to deliver the Young Persons Guarantee, giving everyone under 25 the offer of support into work, education, training, or self-employment.	Education
Welsh Government	LA Education grant variation 5	207,460	The purpose of the funding will be to reimburse special schools and specialist SEN units for increased costs incurred in 2021-22 (due to the impacts of the pandemic) to provide high quality support for children and young people with ALN.	Education
Welsh Government	Revenue Support Grant	2,617,504	Revenue Support Grant uplift for 1 year only includes funding for electric vehicles and driving lessons to support home care	Corporate
Total		£10,361,776		