

# Meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

24 October 2024

## Recommendations / Information requested.

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<b>Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast</b>			
<b>Recommendations</b>			
1	In addition to the usual winter challenges, the Committee expressed concern regarding the potential impact on social services, arising from the disruption at Princess of Wales Hospital while essential maintenance takes place.  In particular, concern was expressed regarding pressures on the workforce including additional travelling time required and pressures relating to the decision making and payment of top up fees. The Committee therefore <b>recommended</b> that the situation needed to be carefully monitored and that a report be	Scrutiny actioned with relevant Officers and Scrutiny Chair in work planning meetings.	Accepted

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	provided, as appropriate, to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2.		
2	The Committee expressed concern regarding the risk that next year, many schools could have deficit budgets of over 5% which require a deficit recovery plan, as schools' budgets are being based on this year's figures and not taking account of further indicative budget reduction proposals for 2025-26. The Committee therefore <b>recommended</b> that future reports relating to the budget include projected deficit figures for schools accordingly.	<p>Future reports relating to the budget can include current projected balances for schools, as and when required.</p> <p>For 2025-2026, headteachers have been advised to include future budget cuts of 1% in their deficit recovery plans.</p>	Accepted
3	The Committee <b>recommended</b> that the next quarterly report include details of the actions taken by	This information has been provided as far as possible in verbal updates at subsequent meetings. A further analysis of the 5 point plan will be	

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	Cabinet and the Corporate Management Board, to find the full required savings in respect of non-essential recruitment and expenditure.	undertaken as part of the MTFS process and decisions will be made on whether to maintain or amend the actions.	
Additional Information			

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4	The Committee <b>requested</b> additional information on how the Council compared with other local authorities in Wales in the delivery of services, including temporary accommodation, for the homeless.	There is no comparative Data PIs submitted to WG therefore there is no comparison across local authorities. If the committee want a comparison on placements at the end of a financial year, this can be provided via Stats Wales.	

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5	The Committee <b>requested</b> additional information on how many individuals and households are being housed in temporary accommodation by the Council.	<p>Temporary accommodation (households) 2022-2024</p> <p>Temporary accommodation (individuals) 2022-2024</p>	
6	The Committee <b>requested</b> additional information on the funding arrangements with, and the steps being undertaken to ensure fair	A Member briefing will be arranged on this.	Accepted

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	contributions from, partner organisations, including the Health Board, for the provision of residential placements and the delivery of social care.		
<b>Forward Work Programme Update</b>			
<b>Recommendations</b>			
7	The Committee expressed concern regarding the significant projected overspend in learner support and additional learning needs and the costs of providing the related statutory home to school transport. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 request a report to	Scrutiny to action with relevant Officers and Scrutiny Chair in work planning meeting.	Accepted

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	explore whether alternative models of delivering these services could contribute to cost savings.		
8	The Committee <b>recommended</b> when considering the Housing and Homelessness Update report scheduled for 2 December 2024, Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 Members explore the models of support offered by other local authorities across Wales, consider whether Bridgend's level of homelessness and approach is comparable, and how more emphasis could be placed on the prevention of homelessness.	Scrutiny actioned in briefings to Scrutiny Chair and Committee.	Accepted