REPORT

SUBJECT	REVENUE & CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16 MONTH 6 OUTTURN FORECAST STATEMENT
DIRECTORATE	Chief Executive's Unit
MEETING	Economic & development Select
DATE	26th November 2015
DIVISIONS/ WARD AFFECTED	All Authority

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Select Committee Members with information on the forecast revenue outturn position of the Authority at the end of reporting period 2 which represents month 6 financial information for the 2015/16 financial year.
- 1.2 This report will also be considered by Select Committees as part of their responsibility to,
 - assess whether effective budget monitoring is taking place,
 - monitor the extent to which budgets are spent in accordance with agreed budget and policy framework,
 - · challenge the reasonableness of projected over or underspends, and
 - monitor the achievement of predicted efficiency gains or progress in relation to savings proposals.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED TO CABINET

2.1 That Members consider the position concerning the second period of revenue monitoring in 2015/16 (£1.066 million deficit) and seek a further report back to the next Cabinet outlining the Recovery Plans to be put in place to address the overspends in service areas

- 2.2 That Members note the forecast use of earmarked reserves and, in order to ensure adequacy of reserves for the MTFP, approve the following change in practice:
 - Increase workforce planning and redeployment to reduce the need for reserves to cover redundancies
 - Any request for reserve funding must first explore whether existing budgets, or external funding sources can be used for the proposal accepting this may require a change in priorities if existing budget are used
 - Use of reserves to implement budget savings must use the saving first to repay the reserve
 - IT investment bids will need to be considered in the core capital programme when the IT investment reserve is extinguished, this may necessitate displacing some of the core capital programme allocations depending on the priorities agreed
- 2.3 Members consider the position concerning period 2 Capital Monitoring with a revised budget of £60.496 million for the 2015/16 financial year.

3. MONITORING ANALYSIS

3.1 **Revenue Position**

3.1.1 Revenue budget monitoring information for each directorate's directly managed budgets is provided together with information on corporate areas.

3.1.2 Responsible Financial Officer's Summary of Overall Position Period 2

Table 1: Council Fund 2015/16 Outturn Forecast Summary Statement at Period 2 (Month 6)	Annual Forecast @ Month 6 £'000	Revised Annual Budget @ Month 6 £'000	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend @ Month 6 £'000	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend @ Month 2 £'000	Forecast Variance Month 2 to Month 6 £'000
Social Care & Health	39,237	38,136	1,101	519	582
Children & Young People	51,427	51,230	197	274	(77)
Enterprise	9,900	9,299	601	338	263
Operations	16,723	16,384	339	634	(295)
Chief Executives Unit	6,825	6,856	(31)	(120)	89

Corporate Costs & Levies	18,190	18,251	(61)	63	(124)
Net Cost of Services	142,302	140,156	2,146	1,708	438
Attributable Costs – Fixed Asset Disposal	182	233	(51)	0	(51)
Interest & Investment Income	(84)	(51)	(33)	(30)	(3)
Interest Payable & Similar Charges	3,279	3,661	(382)	(202)	(180)
Charges Required Under Regulation	5,752	5,722	30	74	(44)
Contributions to Reserves	90	90	0	0	0
Contributions from Reserves	(1,287)	(1,395)	108	(90)	198
Amounts to be met from Government Grants and Local Taxation	150,234	148,416	1,818	1,460	358
General Government Grants	(67,642)	(67,642)	0	0	0
Non-Domestic Rates	(26,737)	(26,737)	0	0	0
Council Tax	(60,694)	(60,094)	(600)	(500)	(100)
Council Tax Benefits Support	5,945	6,097	(152)	(93)	(59)
Net Council Fund (Surplus) / Deficit	1,106	40	1,066	867	199
Budgeted contribution from Council Fund	0	(40)	0	0	0
	1,106	0	1,066	867	199

- 3.1.3 The bottom line situation, a £1,066,000 potential overspend, has continued to be mitigated significantly by anticipated net Council Tax receipts and favourable treasury considerations. The net cost of services pressure is £2,146,000, with the main overspending areas being:
 - Children's social services (£1.1 million overspend),
 - Enterprise Directorate (£601K overspend), relating to markets, community education, community hubs, IT, Leisure and Museums
 - Operations Directorate (£339k overspend) relating to Home to School transport, and Property services
 - CYP Directorate (£196k overspend) relating to the Youth Service
- 3.1.5 As part of the outturn report presentation to Cabinet and Selects it was explained that a review would be done of adhoc savings made during the year in more detail to assess those that could be of a permanent or long term nature that could be considered by members as replacing the mandated savings not made in 2014-15 totalling £571,000. This work is still on going.
- 3.1.10 Given the financial challenges that will continue to face the Authority for the foreseeable future, Chief Officers continue to be tasked with ensuring that services live within the budgets and savings targets set for the current financial year. Monitoring reports will seek to contain the information on what is being done to manage the over spends identified and the positive action that is required to ensure that the budget is not breached.
- 3.1.11 A summary of main pressures and under spends within the Net Cost of Services Directorates are presented here:

Directorate / Service area	Forecast Outturn Position exclusive of savings not yet achieved £'000	Targeted 2015-16 Savings not yet realised £'000	Forecast Outturn Position <u>net</u> of savings not achieved £'000	Movement since Period 2 Red= Adverse (Green) = Favourable	Headline Comment
Social Care & Health (SCH)					
ADULT SERVICES					
Severn View DC & My Day DC	(24)	0	(24)	(9)	Underspend due to low Superannuation take up and manager temporarily reduced to a 3 day week.

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MardyPark Rehabilitation Unit	(12)	0	(12)	17	Section 33 income is running ahead of budget but has reduced
MardyPark	48	0	48	(47)	Due to low level of income as a result of falling long term clients. A recently approved transformation model will look to readdress this position.
Severn View Residential	61	0	61	(12)	Combination of mandate savings not being achieved plus lower income charges from less full paying clients.
Direct Care	(80)	0	8	(88)	Reflects increased income from client referrals and Management vacancy
Transition Co- operative	(24)	0	(24)	8	Relates to income from staff seconded to an external agency.
Adult Services Man/Support	(99)	0	(99)	(40)	Current Disabilities team manager vacancy plus ICF grant meeting costs of the Direct Care team manager.
CHILDREN SERVICES Fostering Allowances and Payments For Skills	156	0	168	(12)	We are paying for an additional 7 children in foster placements with the age mix of children altering leading to increased payments. Skills payments to foster carers has also risen with the numbers of SGO's supported through this budget increasing by 7 this year.
Younger People's Accommodation	(96)	0	(99)	3	A vast amount of work has been undertaken in this budget over the past two years to deliver, at present, an under spend. This budget is prone to volatility and we will continue to monitor over the year before deciding on viring budget to a different cost centre.
Ty'r Enfys	(52)	0	(52)	(8)	This facility with now remain closed for the entire year.
Counsel Costs	18	0	18	(55)	This service has received extra budget provision during the period of reporting

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Therapeutic Service	(28)	0	(26)	(2)	Under spend due to vacant Play Therapist post being filled on a part time basis from 07/09/15
External Placements - LAC	920	0	920	508	Current activity is 64 placements and we are seeing a full year effect of placements that only entered the system in the latter part of last year.
External Placement - Non-LAC	(97)	0	(97)	(21)	This cost centre is generally used to fund the over spend within S026.
GWICES (Gwent Wide Integrated Community Equip Services	(26)	0	(26)	(1)	Forecast based on GWICES report for August 2015 received from the host Torfaen CBC
Other Children's Services –appendix 6	(2)	0	(2)	32	
SCYP - Placement & Support Team	128	0	128	43	Over spend due to use of agency staff, contact and assessment costs and home to school transport. More recently this budget has funded building work to create in house contact centres.
Children Services Safeguarding Unit	(21)		(21)	(8)	A vacant part time Independent Reviewing Officer post not expected to be filled until 01/01/16.
SCYP - Supporting Children & Young People Team	198	0	198	130	Overspend relates to the employment of 5 agency workers to cover staff sickness and capacity issues and a 77% increase in transport costs since last year.
Disabled Children	88	0	88	22	Large part of overspend relates to the continued use of agency staff to cover sickness and the employment of a Student Placement Social Worker.
FRS – Family Support Team	27	0	27	119	This budget is currently employing the services of 12 social workers to cover for various staff absences.

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Bus Cases / Temp Funding - Cabinet 06/05/15	83	0	83	(129)	£68,000 relates to the employment of permanent staff
COMMUNITY CARE					
Aids for Daily Living	(31)	0	(99)	67	Forecast based on GWICES report for August 2015 received from the host Torfaen CBC
Adult Transformation	(57)	0	(57)	(56)	Delay reserve funding by £57K into 2015/16. Head of Service to make formal reserve slippage request.
Other Social Care	32	n/a	32	98	See appendix 6
COMMISSIONING	(7)	0	(3)	(4)	See appendix 6
RESOURCES	(1)	0	(1)	27	See appendix 6
Total SCH at Month 6	1,101	0	1,101	582	Total SCH Outturn at Month 6

Children & Young People (CYP)					
ISB	28	0	28	28	Additional costs of protection at schools and additional teacher
Management	36	n/a	36	(8)	Efficiency savings for the directorate still to be identified
Support Services	37	n/a	37	20	Legal costs incurred by the Authority
Additional Learning needs	(102)	n/a	(102)	(134)	Recoupment income is anticipated to be £102k more than budgeted.
Primary Breakfast	55	n/a	55	(6)	Take up continues to increase and therefore resulting in

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Initiative Grant					additional staffing requirements.
Community Education Youth General	0	137	137	23	Progression made towards mandate saving. Additional funding avenues being explored in order to reduce current forecasted overspend.
Other CYP	5	n/a	5	0	See Appendix 7
Total CYP at Month 6	59	137	196	(77)	Total CYP Outturn at Month 6

Enterprise (ENT)					
Sustainability	50	33	83	21	Sections' inability to achieve the expected income targets.
Strategic Property Management	(57)	0	(57)	(47)	Under spend relates partly to a staff vacancy, and a reduction in budgeted professional fee's
Cemeteries	(42)	n/a	(42)	(2)	Increase in budgeted income along with lower than anticipated expenditure,
County Farms Unit	9	n/a	9	39	Lower than anticipated maintenance costs
Markets	38	70	108	(2)	Overspend on employee costs due to delayed implementation of restructure along with unbudgeted overtime. The section is also forecasting an inability to meet the increase income target (Mandate £50k Markets Income)
Community Education	90	0	90	90	£50,262 relates to one off redundancy costs which the section requests reserve funding. The remaining £40,000 due to the reduction in franchise income

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Community Hubs	190	125	315	263	Increase staffing costs are due to the delayed implementation of the Community Hubs restructure and the mandated savings of £250k relating to a full year of savings. The community Hubs are likely to achieve savings of six months from September 2015.
Homelessness	(49)	0	(49)	(49)	Funding of the Financial Inclusion Officer coming from the Implementing the Housing Act Grant £28,000 and a reduction in expenditure against B&B accommodation.
Lodgings Scheme	(45)	0	(45)	(45)	Occupancy levels being forecast at a fairly high level therefore increasing the amount of rental income and HB benefit.
Whole Place	(42)	n/a	(42)	(16)	Staff vacancies - Delayed appointment
ICT General Overheads	0	110	110	10	The 100k savings that were to be achieved through in-house software development and the sale of products will not occur. Other options to look for alternative savings are being actively sought.
Development Plans	(150)	0	(150)	(150)	LDP savings as scheme unlikely to be implemented in 2015-16
Leisure Services	60	35	95	95	20k over spend from Children's Services. 30k relates to a Learning Co-ordinator post that is not grant funded anymore, 20k 3G pitch income issues with the lighting and electricity supply
Museums,Shirehall, Caldicot Castle & Country Parks	105	45	150	70	Budget does not reflect the cost to run the service. Historic budget assumptions along with 24k savings from 13-14 carried forward will not be made. Income on target for 15-16 but spend to achieve this income will be over budget.
Other Enterprise	26	0	26	(13)	See Appendix 6
Total ENT at Month 6	183	418	601	263	Total ENT Outturn at Month 6

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Operations (OPS)					
Public Transport Subsidy Grant	(48)	0	(48)	(48)	Administering the Bus Services Support Grant is claimable against the grant £50,000, this has been off set by small over spends on vehicle costs of £2,000.
Home To School Transport	234	101	335	35	The over spend against budget is due to similar issues to that in 2014-15, in particular the assumed ALN transport savings have proven unachievable, budgeted increased income levels were not made whilst at the same time corporate budget decisions regarding reductions in overtime costs were imposed. A mandate has been put forward to highlight the fact that the service cannot operate within its existing budget and has requested further funding via the MTFP in 2016-17.
Building Cleaning	(70)	90	20	(30)	Overspend due to delayed implementation of the mandate saving - transferring public conveniences to town councils.
Schools Catering	35	n/a	35	(20)	the section is continuously improving meal numbers and so overspend reduced from M2
Procurement	0	n/a	0	72	Now forecasting a balanced position
Resources	103	n/a	103	(197)	variance from month 2 is partly due to an increase in fee's chargeable to the 21st century schemes in this year's programme A virement from procurement of £79k improved position
Accommodation	(150)	n/a	(150)	(25)	Underspend due to a continued reduction in premises and supplies and services costs on all accommodation
Highways	(65)	50	(15)	(15)	Advertising income will not be fully achieved as Cabinet approval was only granted in May. increased income relating to Fixed Penalty notices on Street works,
Refuse & Cleansing	(66)	86	20	(106)	pressures of the budget mandates are still real, however have been mitigated by a reduction in fuel costs (£60k benefit from

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Operations					budget) and a reduction in Superannuation as about 20 staff have opted out of the Council provided pension (£96k). Managers are to engage with staff to ensure that their decision to opt out of the pension is what they want to do, so this may not be a recurring saving.
RAG Training	46	0	46	46	Has seen demand fall due to both increasing competition from other training providers and Council's facing major budget pressures only undertaking mandatory training.
Other Operations	(7)	0	(7)	(7)	See Appendix 9
Total OPS at Month 6	(2)	341	339	295	Total OPS Outturn at Month 6

Chief Executive's Office (CEO)					
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Customer Relations	12	0	12	12	Professional fees incurred during a complaint investigation.
Benefits	(30)	n/a	(30)	90	Increases in the bad debt provision and a net increase in Housing Benefit expenditure.
Council Tax & NNDR	65	0	65	65	Forecast shortfall in income from court fees, includes potential

Total CEO at Month 6	(31)	0	(31)	89	Total CEO Outturn at Month 6	
Other CEO	(45)	0	(45)	(45)	See Appendix 10	
Policy and Partnership Management	(29)	0	(29)	(29)	Mainly £23,000 of one off LSB grant attributable to a post which is currently vacant	
Communications	30	0	30	30	due to an under recovery of costs for the post of Digital Media Designer	
Financial Systems Support and VAT	(7)	0	(7)	(7)	additional income from Schools following the renegotiation of contract costs	
Revenues Systems Administration	(43)	0	(43)	(43)	Vacant post, reduced petrol costs due to long term sickness a reduced system costs as proportion now charged to Housing Benefits	
Cashiers	16	0	16	16	Overspend is largely attributable to estimated annual card fees made to Global Payments	
Administration					redundancy costs for Officer	

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Corporate (COL)					
Audit Commission Fees (Certification Grant Claims)	(22)	n/a	(22)	4	Forecasted saving in relation to the auditing of grant claims
Coroner Fees	16	0	16	6	Original budget insufficient for service costs
HMRC Rate Reimbursements	(36)	0	(36)	(19)	VAT rebates exercise
Early Retirement Pension Costs	150	n/a	150	16	Additional cost of redundancies notified in latter part of 2014/15& during 2015/16

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Insurance Premium Payment(Direct)	(60)	n/a	(60)	(18)	Based on reduction in premium costs as a result of the tender completed in September 2015.
Indirect Revenue Gains Reserve	(114)	0	(114)	(104)	Rate rebates from MCC Properties
Other Corporate	6	0	6	(5)	See appendix 11
Total COL at Month 6	(60)	0	(60)	(124)	Total COL Outturn at Month 6

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Appropriations (APP)					
Attributable Costs - Fixed Asset Disposal	(51)	0	(51)	(51)	Some schemes have underspent as sold without incurring costs; but virements will be made to other schemes now being planned. Underspends on those schemes will be slipped to 16/17 (£102k) to complete schemes
Interest and Investment Income	(33)	0	(33)	(4)	Increased cash income due to increased cash balances - in turn due to temporary borrowing taken out when rates were advantageous to prevent concentrated borrowing at difficult times.
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	(382)	n/a	(382)	(180)	Movement from Month 2 mainly due to long term borrowing now no longer being forecast in year (£9m at month 2); Temporary

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Charges Required Under Regulation	30	n/a	30	(44)	borrowing has not increased due to slippage on 21C schools programme. MRP reduction due to 14/15 slippage (-£137k) removed as incorrect - Offset by reduction in MRP relating to annuity funding of 21C schools program - delayed to 18/19 expected date of school opening
Earmarked Contributions From Reserves (Revenue)	108	n/a	108	198	
Other Appropriations Total APP at Month 6	0 (328)	0 0	0 (328)	0 (81)	App Outturn at Month 6

Financing (FIN)					
Council Tax	(600)	n/a	(600)	(100)	Surplus due to projected better Council Tax Collection rates.
Benefit Support	(152)	n/a	(152)	(59)	The forecast reflects the current commitments within the system. Caseloads continue to reduce, a trend that is expected to continue through to year end.
Total Financing	(752)	0	(752)	(159)	
Grand Total @ Month 6	173	906	1,079	212	

3.1.12 More detailed monitoring information together with a narrative of more significant variance over £25,000 is provided in the Select Appendices 2 to 5.

3.2 SCHOOLS

3.2.1 Each of the Authority's Schools is directly governed by a Board of Governors, which is responsible for managing the school's finances. However, the Authority also holds a key responsibility for monitoring the overall financial performance of schools. Below is a table showing the outturn forecast Schools' balances position based on month 6 projections.

Draft Council Fund Outturn 2015/16– Schools Summary outturn position at Month 6 (Period2)	(A) Opening Reserves (Surplus) / Deficit Position 2015/16 £'000	(B) Budgeted Draw on School Balances 2015-16 £'000	(C) Variance on Budgeted Reserve Draw £'000	(D) Draw Forecasted on School Balances @ Month 6 £'000	Forecasted Reserve Balances at 2015-16 Outturn (A+D) £'000	Draw Forecasted on School Balances @ Month 2 £'000	Variance Month 2 To Month 6 £'000
Clusters	~ 000	~ 000	~ 000	~ 000	~ 000	2000	2 000
Abergavenny	(412)	124	(24)	(19)	(431)	(312)	(119)
Caldicot	(426)	275	(23)	153	(273)	(174)	(99)
Chepstow	98	36	9	63	161	143	18
Monmouth	(424)	166	27	154	(270)	(231)	(39)
Special	24	(18)	(10)	105	129	(4)	133
	(1,140)	583	(21)	456	(683)	(578)	105

- 3.2.2 School balances at the beginning of the financial year amount to £1,140,000. The Schools budgeted draw upon balances is forecasted to be £456,000 for 2015/16, therefore leaving £683,000 as forecasted closing reserve balances.
- 3.2.3 Within these summary figures, of particular note, is the deficit reserve position forecasted for the Chepstow Cluster, Chepstow Comprehensive school have a recovery plan in place, the latest forecast indicates an increase in the deficit for the school. This is due to the contribution to redundancy costs that the school has incurred. The recovery plan is currently being reviewed and given the number of pupils on roll this deficit will still be met over the duration of the plan.
- 3.2.4 5 schools exhibited a deficit position at the start of 2015/16; Llanvihangel Crocorney (£15,039), Castle Park (£39,730), Chepstow Comprehensive (£388,687) Llandogo (£12,347) and Mounton House Special School (£25,955). Of these five schools the following two have seen an increase in their deficit balance at month 6, Llanvihangel Crocorney (£33,714), this is due to the pupil numbers in the school increasing and therefore an additional teacher needed to be employed and Mounton House Special School (£136,144), due to

significant staffing changes and a delay in grant funding through the ESF project. One more school, Overmonnow is now reporting a deficit, (£8,239), this is again due to an increase in pupil numbers resulting in an additional teacher being employed. Overmonnow are in the process of developing a recovery plan.

3.2.5 Schools balances are exhibiting a fluctuating trend with some schools showing a continuing reduction in schools balances which is of concern and others a more balanced trend.

Financial Year-end	Net level of School Balances
2011-12	(965)
2012-13	(1,240)
2013-14	(988)
2014-15	(1,140)
2015-16 (Forecast)	(683)

- 3.2.6 There has been a significant reliance on reserve balances to supplement school spending plans in the last 4 years across individual schools with a certain amount of replenishment. As a rough guide, prior to 2010, Welsh Government advocated that school balance levels equated to no more than £50,000 for a primary school and £100,000 for a secondary school. Members may wish to seek a comfort that balances aren't being used to subsidise and sustain core costs such as staffing.
- 3.2.7 Further information on Schools is provided in Children & Young People Select Appendix 5.

3.3 2015/16 Savings Progress

3.3.1 This section monitors the specific savings initiatives and the progress made in delivering them in full by the end of 2015/16 financial year as part of the MTFP budgeting process.

In summary they are as follows:

2015/16 Mandated Budgeted Savings Progress at Month 6

DIRECTORATE	Specific Savings Initiatives 2015/16 £'s	Savings Identified @ Month 6 £'s	Percentage Progress In Savings Achieved %	Delayed Savings to 2016/17 £'s	Savings Unachievable in 2015/16 £'s
Children & Young People	1,514,000	1,377,000	91%	137,000	0
Social Care & Health	274,000	274,000	100%	0	0
Enterprise	1,392,983	974,983	70%	125,000	293,000
Operations	1,513,000	1,258,000	83%	50,000	205,000
Chief Executives Office	85,000	85,000	100%	0	0
Total Budgeted Savings	4,779,983	3,969,983	83%	312,000	498,000

- 3.3.2 Forecasted mandated savings are currently running at 83%, with £498,000 being deemed unachievable at the end of month 6, and a further £312,000 unlikely to crystallise in 2015-16.
- 3.3.3 The emphasis of reporting savings has changed from previously where savings were reported when they were manifest, however the judgement is now whether saving is forecast to be achieved.
- 3.3.4 The savings appendix also has a traffic light system to indicate whether savings are likely to be achieved or have reasons explaining the mandates delayed implementation. The following savings mandates are still reported to be high or medium risk.

Operations (OPS)

- Home to School Policy Changes of £29,000 have been deemed to be unachievable due to other budget pressures within the Transport Section, although £72,000 of the total has been achieved.
- The £50,000 saving for the Transfer of Public Conveniences to Town Councils has not been achieved and £40,000 of additional external income has not been achieved within the Waste section.
- Highways advertising income forecasting a £50,000 shortfall due to implementation of the scheme due to planning issues.
- Route Optimisation has £86,000 of unachievable costs due to unattainable savings in regard to leasing costs and delay in restructuring

Enterprise (ENT)

- Museums, Shirehall & Castles and Tourism £15,000 shortfall due extra staffing requirements at Chepstow TIC and unattainable green screen savings (£10,000) and conservation income (£20,000).
- Utility supply issues at the Caldicot 3G sports pitch has resulted in reduced income (£20,000) and £15,000 for caretaker charges at Abergavenny Leisure Centre.
- The delayed implementation of the Community Hubs project has led to a £125,000 savings shortfall.
- Sustainable Energy Initiatives is reporting £33,000 of unachievable income targets
- In House development of ICT systems and associated income generation estimated at £110,000 will not occur with additional savings of £20,000 still be found from software contracts.
- MCC Markets are indicating that the extra income of £70,000 from the Markets and associated activities is unachievable due to budget pressures relating to the Borough theatre.

Children and Young People (CYP)

• The Youth Service are forecasting to achieve £63,000 of the mandated savings (£200,000) and are trying to identify the shortfall which has been reported as an over spend at month 6.

Social Care & Health (SCH)

• The Mandates for Adult Social Care Service re-design and the transfer of SCH Transition project staff to Bright New Futures are forecast to be fully achieved.

Chief Executive's Office

• All current financial year savings have been identified within the Chief Executive's section of responsibility.

3.4 Capital Position

3.4.1 The summary Capital position as at month 6 is as follows

MCC CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 AT MONTH 6 by SELECT COMMITTEE									
CAPITAL BUDGET SELECT PORTFOLIO		Slippage Brought Forward	Total Approved Budget 2015/16	Provisional Capital Slippage to 2016/17	Revised Capital Budget 2015/16	Forecasted Capital Expenditure Variance			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000			
Children & Young	13,727	7,267	51,311	(34,566)	16,745	(18)			
People	- ,	, -	- ,-	(- , ,	-, -	(- /			
Adult	353	35	353	0	353	0			
Economic &	642	531	706	(70)	636	6			
Development									
Strong Communities	7,588	2,940	8,127	(578)	7,549	40			
Capital Schemes	25,310	10,773	60,496	(35,214)	25,282	28			
Total									

MCC CAPITAL BUDGET M	MCC CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 AT MONTH 6 By SCHEME CATEGORY										
CAPITAL BUDGET SCHEME	Annual Forecast	Slippage Brought Forward	Total Approved Budget 2015/16	Provisional Capital Slippage to 2016/17	Revised Capital Budget 2015/16	Forecasted Capital Expenditure Variance					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000					
Asset Management Schemes	3,371	889	3,354	0	3,354	18					
Future Schools	15,136	6,699	49,702	(34,566)	15,136	0					
Other School development Schemes	251	219	269	0	269	(18)					
Infrastructure & Transport	3,174	670	3,242	(68)	3,174	0					
Regeneration Schemes	972	947	1,208	(247)	960	12					
Sustainability Schemes	81	81	81	0	81	0					
County Farm Schemes	347	152	352	0	352	0					
Inclusion Schemes	1,354	348	1,354	0	1,354	0					
ICT Schemes	304	188	288	0	288	16					
Other Schemes	318	581	646	(333)	313	0					
Capital Schemes Total	25,310	10,773	60,496	(35,214)	25,282	28					

3.5 Proposed Slippage to 2016-17

3.5.1 The only major proposed slippage apparent at month 6 relates to 21c schools initiative, and reflects the latest cashflow profile provided by CYP colleagues.

3.6 Capital Outturn

3.6.1 After allowing for the slippage volunteered by services, the capital programme for 2015-16 is forecasting to be £28,000 over spent at Month 6.

3.6.2 This prediction is unlikely to be the reality, because the levels of actual capital expenditure incurred by the end of month 6 doesn't provide a sufficiently robust measure on which to base a greater accuracy of forecast.

3.7 Capital Financing and Receipts

3.7.1 Given the anticipated capital spending profile reported in para 3.4.1, the following financing mechanisms are expected to be utilised.

CATEGORY						
CAPITAL FINANCING SCHEME	Annual Forecast Financing £'000	Slippage Brought Forward £'000	Total Approved Financing Budget 2015/16 £'000	Provisional Budget Slippage to 2016/17 £'000	Revised Financing Budget 2015/16 £'000	Forecasted 2015/16 Capital Financing £'000
Supported Borrowing	2,420	0	2,420	0	2,420	0
General Capital Grant	1,462	0	1,462	0	1,462	0
Grants and	13,839	3,953	21,246	(7,406)	13,839	0
Contributions						
S106 Contributions	704	690	946	(247)	698	6
Unsupported borrowing	2,236	1,274	17,091	(14,856)	2,236	0
Earmarked reserve & Revenue Funding	998	409	1,248	(250)	998	0
Capital Receipts	3,421	4,414	15,894	(12,455)	3,439	(18)
Low cost home ownership receipts	189	33	189	0	189	0
Unfinanced	40	0	0	0	0	40
Capital Financing Total	25,310	10,773	60,496	(35,214)	25,282	28

MCC CAPITAL FINANCING BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 AT MONTH 6 By FINANCING

3.8 Useable Capital Receipts Available

3.8.1 In the table below, the effect of the changes to the forecast capital receipts on the useable capital receipts balances available to meet future capital commitments is shown. This is also compared to the balances forecast within the 2015/19 MTFP capital budget proposals.

TOTAL RECEIPTS	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance b/f 1 st April	17,440	19,592	19,802	11,100
Receipts forecast to be received in year as 2015/19 MTFP	10,235	25,220	2,150	0
Increase / (decrease) in forecast receipts forecast at month 6	(5,009)	(1,320)	6,050	2,000
Deferred Capital Receipts	4	4	4	4
Less: Set aside Capital Receipts	0	(10,452)	0	0
Less: Receipts to be applied - General	(3,077)	(140)	(509)	(509)
Less : Receipts to be applied - 21C Schools	0	(13,103)	(16,397)	0
TOTAL Actual / Estimated balance c/f 31 st March	19,592	19,802	11,100	12,595
TOTAL Estimated balance reported in 2015/19 MTFP Capital Budget proposals	11,660	21,104	11,542	10,388
Increase / (Decrease) compared to MTFP Capital Receipts Forecast	7,932	(1,303)	(443)	2,207

Movement in Available Useable Capital Receipts Forecast

Points to note:

• The reduction in the capital receipts forecast in 2015/16 and increase in 2017/18 is due to the delay in 2 LDP receipts from 2015/16 to 2016/17 (£5.6m) and 2016/17 to 2017/18 (£6.2m).

- The increase in the Capital receipts balance of £7.9m compared to the MTFP at 31/3/2016 is mainly due to forecast slippage of receipts funded budgets (21C schools) to 2016/17 (£12.3m), offset by the reduction in forecast receipts in 2015/16 (£5m). By the end of the MTFP window these slippage effects are largely reversed.
- 3.8.2 The Council has agreed to the inclusion of 21c schools initiative within the Capital Program and this relies on utilising £29.7 million of capital receipts during this next 4 year MTFP period. Consequently the balance of capital receipts available for other schemes during this MTFP window has considerably reduced.
- 3.8.3 Despite changes in the timing of individual receipts, which remains a risk to the Council to ensure it has sufficient receipts to fund its expenditure aspirations in the years necessary and to avoid temporary borrowing costs, the balance of capital receipts available to fund capital expenditure, at the end of this next MTFP window has been revised to circa £10.3 million, as a consequence of additional receipts predominantly LDP related.

3.9 Reserve Usage

3.9.1 Revenue and capital monitoring reflects an approved use of reserves. Building upon the inclusion of a reserve summary provided as part of 2014-15 the following table indicates the anticipated position both at the end of 2015-16 but also the predicted position for 2016-17 based on decisions already made.

Earmarked Reserves	2014-15	Revenue		Capital	2015-16	Revenue		Capital	2016-17
		Approved	Usage	Usage		Approve	d Usage	Usage	
	b/fwd	Replenishment	Draw on			Replenishment	Draw on		c/fwd
		of Reserves	Reserves			of Reserves	Reserves		
Invest to Redesign	(1,483,521)	(60,228)	797,362	402,095	(344,292)	(114,827)	270,737		(188,382)
IT Transformation	(639,840)		323,200	103,091	(213,549)				(213,549)
Insurance & Risk Management	(2,250,388)				(2,250,388)				(2,250,388)
Capital Receipt Regeneration	(460,342)		153,845	79,512	(226,985)			135,191	(91,794)
Treasury Equalisation	(990,024)				(990,024)				(990,024)
Redundancy & Pensions	(599,936)		325,434		(274,502)		192,126		(82,376)

Capital Investment	(1,620,945)	(15,500)		528,611	(1,107,834)			518,541	(589,293)
Priority Investment	(1,973,294)		759,050	648,877	(565,367)		169,000		(396,367)
Museums Acquisitions	(59,798)				(59,798)				(59,798)
Elections	(83,183)	(25,000)			(108,183)	(25,000)	100,000		(33,183)
Grass Routes Buses	(160,615)	(5,000)	25,913		(139,702)	(5,000)			(144,702)
Sub Total	(10,321,886)	(105,728)	2,384,804	1,762,186	(6,280,624)	(144,827)	731,863	653,732	(5,039,856)
Restricted Use Reserves									
Chairman's	(36,754)				(36,754)				(36,754)
Youth Offending Team	(382,226)				(382,226)				(382,226)
Building Control Trading	(490)				(490)				(490)
Outdoor Education Centres	(190,280)				(190,280)				(190,280)
I Learn Wales	(48,674)				(48,674)				(48,674)
Total Earmarked Reserves	(10,980,310)	(105,728)	2,384,804	1,762,186	(6,939,048)	(144,827)	731,863	653,732	(5,698,280)

- 3.9.2 This indicates that by the end of 2016-17 the Council is likely to utilise over 48% of the useable earmarked reserves brought forward from 2014-15, based on approvals to use reserves so far. Further reserve usage is anticipated before the end of the year, in particular this report refers to redundancy costs in relation to Community Hubs which will need approval (£305k) and is likely to extinguish the Redundancy and Pensions reserve.
- 3.9.3 Given the forecast use of earmarked reserves, it is proposed that in order to ensure adequacy of reserves for the MTFP, the following change in practice is approved:
 - Increase workforce planning and redeployment to reduce the need for reserves to cover redundancies
 - Any request for reserve funding must first explore whether existing budgets, or external funding sources can be used for the proposal accepting this may require a change in priorities if existing budget are used
 - Use of reserves to implement budget savings must use the saving first to repay the reserve
 - IT investment bids will need to be considered in the core capital programme when the IT investment reserve is extinguished, this may necessitate displacing some of the core capital programme allocations depending on the priorities agreed

- 3.9.4 A revaluation of the insurance reserve requirement is to be commissioned in the third quarter, and the work undertaken in the 4th quarter so that the figures will be current and available for 2015/16 closure. This may give scope to re-designate some of this reserve but this is subject to the outcome of the work outlined.
- 3.9.5 If action is not taken to slow down the use of ear marked reserves through the above mechanisms, consideration would need to be given to budgeting to replenish reserves or including in the base budget, requests that would normally have been funded by reserves, both of which will increase the resource gap in the MTFP.

4 REASONS

4.1 To improve budget monitoring and forecasting information being provided to Senior Officers and Members.

5 **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The forecast overspend and use of earmarked reserves, requires action to be taken to ensure that the budget is kept on track and earmarked reserves are maintained at an adequate level for the MTFP.

6 WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The decisions highlighted in this report have no future generations and sustainability implications.

7 CONSULTEES

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8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Month 6 monitoring reports, as per the hyperlinks provided in the Appendices

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Economy & Development Select Committee Portfolio Position Statement Month 6 (2015-16)

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTARY

The current position of an over spend of 601k is reduced by the effects of reserves to cover redundancies, CMC2 and the LDP which reduces the overspend to 329k. This reflects continued pressures on income targets. In areas such as markets, leisure, museums and culture, we are generating more income than ever - but it is insufficient to meet annually uplifted targets. This reflects some of the issues we're experiencing whereby the current service formats, mean we have saturated the markets available to us and without considerable capital investment - it is not feasible to charge premium rates. This position which will not change as things currently stand, is part of the reason behind now having to explore alternative delivery vehicles which provide different freedoms and flexibilities & access to new investment.

Reflecting on the other huge changes in the section, Community Learning has undergone a large-scale restructure following the franchise changes, Community Hubs are going live and Housing is undergoing further transformation with the introduction of significant legislation and Planning changes are also in the melting pot.

Despite this - many areas are showing signs of strength and potential. The job of work for the next six months is to mitigate pressures through holding vacant posts open, freezing non-essential spend, closing winter season TIC and continuing work to optimise income potential in the few areas where we believe some potential still exists.

1. Revenue Outturn Forecast

E&D Service Area	Budget @ Month 2 £000's	Budget Revision Virements £000's	Budget @ Month 6 £000's	Forecast Outturn £000's	Variance @ Month 6 £000's	Variance @ Month 2 £000's	Forecast Movement Months 2 to 6 £000's
Community led Delivery	1,922	(109)	1,813	2,153	340	138	202
Commercial and People Development	3,866	(192)	3,674	3,801	127	100	27
Enterprise Management	397	0	397	407	10	0	10
Development Planning	930	(19)	911	761	(150)	0	(150)
Tourism, life and Culture	2,492	12	2,504	2,778	274	100	174
ENT Select	9,607	(308)	9,299	9,900	601	338	263

1.1 The combined budget and outturn forecast for this portfolio is

1.2 The most significant over and underspends are:

E&D Service Area	Overspend Predicted	Underspend Predicted	Forecast Movement Mth's 2 to 6 (Positive) / Negative	Commentary on forecasted outturn
	£000's	£000's	£000's	
Markets	108		(2)	Delayed implementation of restructure, increased overtime demands and inability to meet budget mandate savings of increasing income by 50k

Sustainability	83		21	Inability to meet income targets form PV schemes etc.
Cemeteries		42	(2)	Increase in income
County Farms	9		39	Lower than anticipated maintenance costs
Asset Management		57	(47)	Savings through holding vacancies and reduced professional fees to mitigate overspend in other areas
Industrial Units	7		(13)	Higher than anticipated maintenance costs
Community Education	90		90	Redundancy costs of 50k to be reserve funded and a reduction in franchise income from September 15
Community Hubs	315		263	Redundancy costs of 305k to be funded from reserves
Housing		130	(130)	Reduction in bed and breakfast accommodation of 20k, increased occupancy levels 45k and one off 66k
Whole Place		43	(16)	Staff Vacancies – further delays in appointment process
ICT Technology	110		10	
CMC2	17		17	
Enterprise Management	10		10	Inability to find vacancy factor and full year impact of 15/16 pay award
Development Plans		150	(150)	Additional income, reduced call on reserves £100k
Museums and Cultural services	30		20	Green screen savings will not occur and the additional budget mandate for savings of 20k from conservation income will not occur.
Leisure Services	95		95	Overspend due to unfunded posts of 40k, 20k budget vired to children's service but could not be found, caretaking costs of 15k and loss of income on 3G pitch of 20k
Caldicot Castle	90		10	Historic budget underfunding and savings from previous year not achieved
Tourism	53		42	Overspend due to staff costs of 32k. Efforts are being made to reduce this further by use of volunteers. Budget included additional income from the Town Council of 15k but only 5k secured
Old Station	15		15	Additional management costs as now have manager at one

Tintern				site rather than across two
Countryside and Rights of Way		9	(9)	Savings from staff vacancies
TOTAL	1,032	431	276	Net Total 601

1.2 Further analysis of Economic and Development Select Expenditure can be found in Appendix 8

2015-16 Savings Progress

The savings required by the 2015-16 have not yet been secured.

Enterprise budgeted savings were £1,392,983 and at month 6, £974,983 have been identified. Of the remaining savings £125,000 are delayed and currently £293,000 are deemed to be unachievable.

Man. No.	Mandate Description	Target Savings	Forecast Savings Identified	Delayed Till 2016/17	Unachievable	Forecasted Savings Variance Since Month 2
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
	ECONOMY & DEVELOPEMNT					
1	Dev of Leisure & Outdoor services	420,983	385,983	0	35,000	0
2	Collaboration of Housing services	55,000	55,000	0	0	0
5	Sustainable Energy Initiatives	33,000	0	0	33,000	0
6	Museums, Shirehall, Castles & Tourism	190,000	145,000	0	45,000	0
26	Property Review	100,000	100,000	0	0	0
28	Community Hubs & Contact Centre	250,000	125,000	125,000	0	0
31	ICT Savings	250,000	140,000	0	110,000	0

40	Planning income	24,000	24,000	0	0	0
41a	Market Income	70,000	0	0	70,000	0
	TOTAL ENTERPRISE	1,392,983	974,983	125,000	293,000	0

1.3 Further detailed analysis of Savings mandates are contained with Appendix SM

2. Capital Outturn Forecast

There was no original budget for capital schemes within this portfolio however capital slippage from 2014/15 of £530,735 has been allowed into 2015/16. The budget is separated under the following headings

Economy & Development	Annual Forecast £000's	Original Budget £000's	Slippage from 2014/15 £000's	Budget Virement or Revision £000's	Total Approved Budget @ Month 6 £000's	Forecast Over / (Under) Outturn @ Month 6 £000's	Variance Since Month 2 £000's
Development Schemes Over £250k	527	0	527	0	0	0	0
Section 106	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Grand Total E&D	531	0	531	0	0	0	0

Further details of all the schemes are contained in the appendices. Currently no variation has been reported and so the budgets are presented here for information only.

APPENDIX (Links to HuB)

Appendix 3C M6 Capital Monitoring Economic and Development Select 2015-16 M6 Enterprise Revenue Budget Monitoring 2015-16 Appendix 8 M6 Savings Mandates Appendix SM 2015-16

ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT SELECT Budget Mandates

Progress and Next Steps at Month 6

Mandate RAG	Progress for month one and two	Next Steps	Туре	Year end target	Forecasted to achieve	Variance	Owner
Mandate 1 Leisure. Current status Trend since last report	Leisure centre staffing remodelled £115k, admin and clerical review £66k, support services review £20k, reduction caretaking Abergavenny £15k, outdoor education reduction £25k, leisure supplies and service £25k, increased income through fitness and sport offer £155k. Restructure process complete. All departments have individual service plans. All plans tracked and monitored by the individual service area. Full ownership of delivery by individual teams. 15k Caretaker savings will not be achieved as the school failed to invoice until 15-16. Consequently the full years charge in this year. 20k 3G pitch income will not be achieved due inability to light both pitches which is affecting to ability to generate income in both pitches.	Continue to review the 3 G pitch project and review its income generation targets. Continue to review all business plans. Work with finance on e- payments. 3G income - red (being supported by other income areas)	Income Savings Total	155,000 265,983 420,983	135,000 250,983 385,983	20,000 15,000 35.000	Ian Sanders

Mandate 2 Housing Current status Current status	Commercialisation of the care line service. One housing solutions service with TCBC, expansion of shared housing scheme, B&B reduction and a restructure. Detailed plans in place for all projects to ensure they remain on track. The long term average trend continues to be reversed up to month 6 and the trend is definitely positive and if maintained would result in us hitting our target of 800 clients. Projections indicate the service will generate the income necessary to meet the budget. All non-financial benefits - Green	Continue to drive marketing plan and further develop the website and on line payment options. Continue to work with Social Care teams to raise awareness of care line's benefits and functionality. Continue to develop the cultures of both teams to develop a one team ethos.	Income Savings Total	25,000 30,000 55,000	25,000 30,000 55,000	0 0 0	lan Bakewell
Mandate 5 * Sustainable Energy Initiatives Current status report report Current status report Current status report Current status Current status Curent status Current status Current status Current status C	2014/15 & 2015/16 – savings* Investing in biomass boilers, solar farms and reduction in Carbon Commitment. Expected income targets not achieved.	Review target for 15/16. Cabinet report out for consultation currently to create a solar farm. Cabinet report approved. Savings will commence in 15/16.	Income Savings Total	0 33,000 33,000	0 0 0	0 33,000 33,000	Ben Winstanley

Mandate 6							
	Fully integrate cultural services, tourism	Museums - 30,000 of	Income	81,000	51,000	30,000	lan
Museums &	services and attractions within tourism,	savings will not be					Saunders
Castles	leisure and culture section. Maximise	achieved. Green Screen	Savings	109,000	94,000	15,000	
	synergies & achieve a sustainable long	income of 10,000 and					
Trend since last	term business footing.	20,000 conservation	Total	190,000	145,000	45,000	
Current status report		income. The Green					
		Screens have yet to be					
		utilised. The conservation					
	Income generation target for 15/16 10K	income in the mandate					
	shortfall.	was higher than agreed					
	Weddings – Amber	the total income from					
	Countryside savings – Green Savings from Volunteers – Red	conservation was initially					
	Income made by fundraiser – Green.	agreed as 30,000 not 50,000, the museums are					
	Fundraiser in place.	looking at other ways to					
\bigcirc	Income from learning – Green.	raise this income but the					
	Savings from shared service model at	additional 20,000 will not					
	Chepstow TIC – Red,	be achieved this year.					
	Income from green screen – Red	Castle - Achieving in year					
	Income from rental of Abergavenny Red	savings of 9k but reporting					
	Square window - Green	total overspend of 90k as					
	TIC at Chepstow has had considerable lone	reported at M2 due to					
	•	historic budget					
	working pressure which is why the budget is	assumptions and savings					
	overspent.	from 14-15 of 20,000.					
		Tourism - 15,000 savings					
		not achievable. The use of					
		volunteers is not available					
		at the moment. The current					
		staffing budget only runs					
		until the end of October but					
		as a decision has not been					
		made on the future of the					
		TIC this is again having an					
		impact on the budget.					
		5,000 has been secured					
		from the Town Council.					

Mandate 26 Property		These savings are predicted on the need to reduce our operational portfolio and maximise revenue streams from our investment holdings. Revenue savings	Continue to review the property rationalisation delivery plan.	Income	20,000	20,000	0	Ben Winstanley
rationalisatio	on and since last	are largely accrued through the reduction in utilities costs, rates, repairs and	Permissions for any disposal will continue through the	Savings	80,000	80,000	0	
Current status repo		maintenance. The Accommodation Working Group is charged with reviewing all property usage with the aim of minimising the costs and releasing any property that can be made surplus.	usual council process. Work alongside agile working policy owner to explore further opportunities for greater agile working.	Total	100,000	100,000	0	
		Rental of buildings – Green Rates Savings on vacant buildings - Green Rental Grant reductions – Dedicated member of staff now responsible for this.						

Mandate 28 Community Hubs Trend since last report	It's about delivering services in a different way and aligning them with the Whole Place philosophy. This will introduce major changes to how the library and one stop shop services are delivered. We will create a hub in each town where face to face services will be delivered. The contact centre will sustain a reliable and informed first point of contact for people contacting us other than face to face. "Forecast overspend of £100,000 is mainly due to higher than anticipated employee costs, this has been partly off set by a reduction in supplies and services expenditure. Increase staffing costs are due to the delayed implementation of the of the Community Hubs restructure the mandate savings of £250k related to a full year saving where as it is only possible to achieve 6 months of reduced costs. The community Hubs are likely to achieve savings from September 2015." This outturn includes £113k of mitigating underspends including keeping a post vacant until April 2016 to help offsets the delayed mandate saving.	Project plan requires continuous monitoring, updating and adjusting to reflect the project developments. Review training plan for both operations (ensure training fits the needs of the new services) Continue to review the reporting lines of both new services to ensure consistency and synergy between the two. Continue to support the staff to ensure open 2 way communication. Ensure HR are available to offer consistent advice and guidance and support to staff where and when appropriate in order to support the project timelines.	Income Savings Total	0 250,000 250,000	0 125,000 125,000	0 125,000 125,000	Deborah Hill- Howells
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Mandate 31 ICT Savings (SRS & custom built software solutions) Current status Current status Cur	The mandate's aim was to :- Drive cost efficiencies and income generation opportunities within the Shared Resource Service (SRS). This will subsequently result in MCC benefiting from reduced budget without any significant impact to service. And generate ongoing savings and user benefit from custom built software solutions being generated, then productised and sold commercially.	Continue to work with SRS to identify and deliver alternative savings where possible. Continue to develop options for alternative savings. SRS have made 130k of their proposed 150k saving - still 20k saving to be found on software contracts however further savings of 20k have been found from vacancies. The 100k savings that were to be achieved through in- house software development and the sale of products will not occur. Other options to look for alternative savings are being actively sought.	Income Savings Total	0 250,000 250,000	0 150,00 150,00	0 100,000 100,000	Peter Davies
Mandate 40a Democracy	This mandate purpose was to reduce the budget requirement in a number of areas through a range of actions including :- Management restructure – Green. Increased income generation – Green Removal of a vacant post – Green Reduction in mileage budget – Green All action plans delivered in order to achieve the savings.	In relation to budget delivery no next steps Non budget Service improvements.	Income Savings Total	24,000 85,000 109,000	24,000 85,000 109,000	0 0 0	Tracy Harry

Mandate 4	41a	The objective was to run additional	Critically review current structures and operation and	Incomo	70,000	0	70,000	Ben Winstanley
Abergave Markets	nny	market stalls on existing market days in Neville street and St Johns Square,	business model.	Income				
	Trend since last	Abergavenny. Expansion of flea markets and boot sales and to hold special	Re-structure under way.	Savings	0	0	0	
Current status	report	markets/events in Cross Street Abergavenny.		Total	70,000	0	70,000	
	$\overline{1}$	The service has been unable to generate the						
		additional income. This mainly due to operational, resource and PR challenges.						
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Mandate Summary	RAG Month 10	RAG Month 2	RAG Month 6
1 Leisure			
2 Housing			
5 Sustainable Energy Initiatives			
6 Museums & Castles			
26 Property Rationalisation			
28 Community Hubs			
31 ICT savings			
40a Democracy			
41a Abergavenny Markets			