

Service savings progress

**Appendix 3 - Budget savings progress**

Savings proposals by Directorate	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance	% Met	
	£000	£000	£000		
Social Care, Health & Safeguarding	(2,950)	(2,589)	361	87.8%	
Learning, Skills and Economy	(745)	(745)	0	100.0%	
Infrastructure	(5,679)	(5,254)	425	92.5%	
Place & Community Wellbeing	(606)	(606)	0	100.0%	
People, Performance and Partnerships	(165)	(104)	61	63.0%	
Legal & Governance	(1)	(1)	0	100.0%	
Resources	(555)	(555)	0	100.0%	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(10,701)</b>	<b>(9,854)</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	

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Ref	Social Care & Health	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance		Comment
		£000	£000	£000		
SCH S2	Community Meals - cost neutral or cease	(15)	(15)	0		
SCH S3	Adults Practice Change	(250)	0	250		Too early in year to ascertain full saving being delivered
SCH S4	Fees and Charges	(336)	(336)	0		
SCH S5	Public protection Workforce reduction	(100)	(100)	0		
SCH S6	Wedding fees (registrars)	(30)	(30)	0		
SCH S7	Childens Practice Change	(1,887)	(1,887)	0		
SCH S10	Adults workforce review	(125)	(125)	0		
C&P S20	Savings driven from the reduction of B&B usage and full year effect of Severn View	(207)	(96)	111		Saving assumed Severn View would be open from 1st April, but due to building delays tenants did not move in fully until early August - this meant we had to incur 4 months of additional of B&B costs that were not budgeted.
<b>Total</b>		<b>(2,950)</b>	<b>(2,589)</b>	<b>361</b>		

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Ref	Learning, Skills and Economy	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance		Comment
		£000	£000	£000		
CYP S1	Reduce 0.6 FTE Most (Monmouthshire Specialist Teachers) team	(40)	(40)	0		
CYP S3	Grant funding increase to meet costs of EWS post	(51)	(51)	0		EWS has not been reduced by 1 FTE, a grant funding increase was able to meet the costs of the EWS post
CYP S4	Bring ALN MCC pupils from OOC back to MCC	(100)	(100)	0		
CYP S5	KH8 Maintenance costs	(40)	(40)	0		
C&P S21	Youth Service - Passport more core service costs to grant funding.	(45)	(45)	0		
C&P S14	Reduction in utility costs for education estate	(429)	(429)	0		
ML S4	Reduction in Youth Service Provision (delete 1 FTE post)	(40)	(40)	0		
<b>Total</b>		<b>(745)</b>	<b>(745)</b>	<b>0</b>		

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		£000	£000	£000		
C&P S4	Passenger Transport Commissioning - We revert to the statutory distances of 2 miles for primary and 3 miles for secondary - Subject to political approval - will commence from 01/09/2025	(447)	(182)	265		Pupil figures have changed since original projections were prepared and some routes have been deemed unsafe meaning transport still has to be provided. From September, early forecasts suggest savings of only £26k per month on contracts. The service is actively exploring mitigation options, but accurate figures will not be available until pupil numbers and contracts are confirmed in September. An update will be provided at M6.
C&P S7	Savings in C&P senior Mgt costs as a result of SLT restructure	(170)	(170)	0		Achieved - restructure completed - posts deleted.
C&P S8	Grass routes - Introduce an annual £10 membership charge for users	(3)	(3)	0		Achieved
C&P S9	Reduce gritter fleet by extending the working hours of each vehicle	(20)	(20)	0		Fleet reduced - achieved
C&P S10	Reduction in utility prices for the corporate estate	(136)	(136)	0		Early year projections are indicating that this saving will be achieved.

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C&P S11	Undertake energy audit of invoices to identify discrepancies and potential savings	(20)	(20)	0		Currently in process of appointing firm to undertake audit - assume achievable.
C&P S22	PTU Increase the cost of concessionary season tickets by 10%	(6)	(6)	0		Fees have been uplifted - saving will be achieved.
C&P S23	Increase in Highways fee income to external clients to reflect recovery of pay award and inflation.	(52)	(52)	0		Fees have been uplifted - saving will be achieved.
C&P S24	Indicative EPR funding	(4,825)	(4,665)	160		Final award was confirmed to be £160k under original figure - this has been managed by other savings within the service.
<b>Total</b>		<b>(5,679)</b>	<b>(5,254)</b>	<b>425</b>		

Ref	Place & Community Wellbeing	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance		Comment
		£000	£000	£000		
ML S1	Borough Theatre - Reduced production days (3 days a week)	(50)	(50)	0		
ML S5	Increase Income across the four Leisure Centres	(150)	(150)	0		
ML S7	Lease Old Station Tintern	(30)	(30)	0		
ML S9	Externalise Markets Waste Collection	(20)	(20)	0		
ML S13	S106 - Increase office time recharge	(24)	(24)	0		
ML S14	Rights of way - Charge officer time to capital	(20)	(20)	0		
C&P S2	Request to WG to increase statutory planning application fees by 25% - Consultation Autumn - potential uplift for 1st April or 1st October	(100)	(100)	0		
C&P S3	Increase car park fees by 10%	(180)	(180)	0		Carparking fees have been increased and delivering the saving the income pressure declared
C&P S15	Increase Building Control Fees	(32)	(32)	0		Fees have been uplifted.
<b>Total</b>		<b>(606)</b>	<b>(606)</b>	<b>0</b>		

Ref	People, Performance and Partnerships	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance		Comment
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CEO S2	Welsh Language translation	(82)	(82)	0	Set to enter into new SLA with Torfaen in October - early forecasts project that this saving will be achieved.
CEO S4	New staffing model in Systems and Payroll	(22)	(22)	0	Achieved
CEO S5	Implement Apprentice First approach	(8)	0	8	Currently no progress on this initiative - further update to be provided at Update 2
CEO S8	End membership of New Local from June 2025	(15)	0	15	Not achieved - decision made by senior leadership to continue with membership.
ML S12	Phase 2 - Restructure	(38)	0	38	Not Achievable
<b>Total</b>		<b>(165)</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>61</b>	

Ref	Legal & Governance	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance		Comment
		£000	£000	£000		
LG S1	Cancellation of LLG Training	(1)	(1)	0		Achieved
<b>Total</b>		<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>		

Ref	Resources	Budgeted Saving	Update 1 Forecast	Variance		Comment
		£000	£000	£000		
RES S1	Cease our Cyber Security Insurance provision	(98)	(98)	0		Achieved - insurance cover has ceased.
C&P S13	Building Cleaning - Release of recurrent service saving	(20)	(20)	0		Achieved
RES S3	Freeze/Remove Head of Digital, Design & Innovation Post (Net of cover/honoraria arrangements)	(64)	(64)	0		Achieved - Post deleted
RES S5	Finance - HB penalty will reduce as Severn view comes online and temporary accommodation reduces	(250)	(250)	0		Reduction in B&B usage down to 5 has had a beneficial impact on reducing the HB subsidy penalty - M4 forecasts project that this saving will be made in full.
RES S6	Finance - HB penalty reduction as a result of a further reduction in the remaining B&B portfolio.	(100)	(100)	0		

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RES S7	Reduction in Chief officer admin Support (0.6 FTE)	(23)	(23)	0		Achieved - Post deleted
<b>Total</b>		<b>(555)</b>	<b>(555)</b>	<b>0</b>		