

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Adults, Health and Well-being Department</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b><u>Adults Services</u></b>						
Older People's Services						
Residential and Nursing - Homes	24,394	23,520	(874)		(874)	(720)
Domiciliary Care	10,163	11,384	1,221		1,221	1,228
Physical Disabilities Services	3,471	2,492	(979)		(979)	(1,065)
Others	3,774	4,685	911		911	458
	41,802	42,081	279	0	279	(99)
Learning Disabilities Services	30,091	30,455	364		364	1,955
Mental Health Services	5,217	5,073	(144)		(144)	350
Department Management	589	466	(123)		(123)	(89)
<b><u>Adults Services Total</u></b>	<b>77,699</b>	<b>78,075</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>2,117</b>
<b><u>Provider Services (shows net budget)</u></b>						
Residential Care	0	211	211		211	270
Day Care	(9)	5	14		14	(113)
Community Care	139	1,761	1,622		1,622	1,780
Others	0	10	10		10	19
<b><u>Provider Services Total</u></b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>1,956</b>

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<b><u>Other Services</u></b>						
Departmental Central Services (including Department savings)	959	1,399	440		440	38
Closure of 2023/24 Accounts Adaptation			0		0	(3,806)
<b><u>Other Services Total</u></b>	<b>959</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>(3,768)</b>
<b><u>Adults, Health and Well-being Total</u></b>	<b>78,788</b>	<b>81,461</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>305</b>

## **Adults, Health and Well-being**

**Older People** - in residential and nursing, higher fee costs by private providers continues, but the implementation of legal arrangements relating to due deferred payments for residents is more effective. A permanent additional budget of £600k was given to this field for 2024/25 and therefore, an underspend is anticipated by the end of the year. An increase in the pressures on the domiciliary care budget when moving to the new provider model and therefore an overspend of £1.2 million. In the physical disabilities field, the trend is that there is less demand for domiciliary care but continued increasing pressure on direct payments. In 'Others', an overspend of £1.3 million on direct payments but this is reduced by an underspend on day services.

**Learning Disability** - following an overspend of £2m in this field in 2023/24, the service received an additional budget allocation of £1.68 million on a permanent basis for 2024/25 onwards, nevertheless it is estimated that there will be an overspend of £364k this year. Pressures continue in supported accommodation and field worker posts above the organisation contribute to the overspending.

**Mental Health** - the service received a permanent additional budget allocation of £419k for 2024/25, which has transformed the financial projection of the overspend position reported last year. It is anticipated that residential and nursing and field workers will underspend.

**Department Management** - an underspend on salaries, travelling and legal budget.

**Provider Services** - overspend on staff in residential care, which includes the use of agency staff. Despite an additional budget of £0.5 million being permanently invested in domiciliary care in 2024/25, higher staffing costs, with sickness levels and high non-contact hour rates continue to account for £1.6 million of the overspend. The day care provision has reduced over recent years, however there are residual running costs for some of the buildings.

**Departmental Central Services** - posts above the structure and failing to realise savings responsible for the £440k overspend.

**Savings** - in terms of the situation of realising savings for the department, savings to the value of £356k from previous years (after deleting savings to the value of £1.5 million in 2023/24), as well as £1.44 million in new savings for 2024/25, therefore a total of £1.8 million. The latest projections show that it will not be possible for 85%, namely £1.5m of these savings, to be realised this year.

In light of the exceptional overspend by the Adults, Health and Well-being Department in 2023/24, the Chief Executive commissioned work earlier on in the year to explain the complex detail in Adults care, in order to gain a better understanding of the issues and a clear agenda to respond. The work is being addressed and is being led by the Statutory Director of Social Services, with the intention to report on the findings soon.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Children and Families Department</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Service Management	688	645	(43)		(43)	(79)
Operational	2,638	2,957	319		319	555
Placements						
Out-of-County Placements	5,832	7,653	1,821		1,821	1,497
Small Group Homes	0	0	0		0	0
Fostering through an Agency	1,917	1,648	(269)		(269)	(228)
Fostering - Internal	3,057	2,838	(219)		(219)	(268)
Support Services and Others	2,099	2,484	385		385	196
	12,905	14,623	1,718	0	1,718	1,197
Post-16	1,710	1,712	2		2	122
Derwen Service	2,631	3,770	1,139		1,139	825
Youth Justice	288	247	(41)		(41)	(31)
Early Years	169	133	(36)		(36)	(83)
Workforce Development Unit	162	162	0		0	0
Others	2,282	2,429	147		147	105
Closure of 2023/24 Accounts Adaptation			0		0	(2,511)
<b><u>Children and Families Total</u></b>	<b>23,473</b>	<b>26,678</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>100</b>

## Children and Families

**Service Management** - grant receipts to fund the core expenditure.

**Operational** - the overspending trend continues as a result of substantial pressure on support schemes support, as well as staffing above the budget for field workers.

**Placements** - a further increase was seen in the average number of out-of-county placements again this year to 34.1 (32.5 in 2023/24, 25.7 for 2022/23), and therefore an increase in the overspend since the 2023/24 position, with the overspend projections of £1.8 million for the year. Although £240k is the average cost of the placements, there are six exceptional placements this year, which cost between £472k and £800k each. An increase was seen in the costs due to the complexities of packages and recent increased use of unregistered placements, which are more costly.

Average numbers of Agency Fostering and Internal Fostering consistent with 2023/24 numbers but as there are several asylum seekers without parents or guardians receiving a service, the income receipt from the Home Office for them has resulted in an underspend. In the support service and others, there are increasing pressures on the budget of the placements team and support workers.

**Small Group Homes** - are in the process of being established in Gwynedd, which are an in-house provision which will mean that children can be placed in-house, instead of with external out-of-county providers, which in turn will reduce the existing overspending on placements.

**Derwen** - the overspend trend continues, and has intensified, with the costs of support plan workers and specialist support now overspending by £1 million. There was a change in the emphasis in terms of how the service is provided, with increased pressure on direct payments which is responsible for £192k of the overspend. Transport and property maintenance costs contribute to an overspend of £49k in the Short Breaks Unit.

**Youth Justice** - staff turnover and a reduction in the Council's contribution towards the partnership's running costs this year.

**Early Years** - grants available to fund core spending, leading to a projected underspend.

**Others** - combination of factors including overspending on staffing, specialist service fees and on the contributions of joint services.

As a result of the exceptional overspending by the Children and Families Department, the Chief Executive has commissioned work to explain the details in the Children care picture, in order to obtain a better understanding of the issues and a clear programme of response. The work will be led by the Statutory Director of Social Services.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Business and Care Commissioning Service</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Support and Commissioning	1,627	1,476	(151)		(151)	(172)
Income and Finance	784	714	(70)		(70)	(26)
Preventive Services	230	354	124		124	(7)
<b><u>Business and Care Commissioning Service Total</u></b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>(205)</b>

### **Business and Care Commissioning Service**

The Business and Care Commissioning Service has been moved from the Adults, Health and Well-being Department during the year to be accountable to the Statutory Director of Social Service, since their work field includes the care of both adults and children.

**Support and Commissioning** - underspend on a number of budget headings including staff costs, travelling, printing and services and supplies.

**Income and Finance** - many budget headings are underspending, including travelling and training and a saving which has been delivered in advance.

**Preventative Services** - the telecare plan is overspending by £83k because of a deficit in the contributions compared with the target, as well as spending above the equipment budget. Grant receipt of £48k within the figures which contributes to the costs of a post, therefore reducing the overspending reported. An overspend of £41k on preventative services following recent changes to the provision.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Education Department</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Devolved Schools	96,629	96,629	0		0	0
Schools Quality Services	(1,514)	(1,527)	(13)		(13)	(281)
Infrastructure and Support Services						
Transportation	8,536	8,536	0		0	1,509
Ancillary Services	957	929	(28)		(28)	(399)
Others	4,321	4,298	(23)		(23)	(16)
	13,814	13,763	(51)	0	(51)	1,094
Leadership and Management	2,667	2,643	(24)		(24)	(192)
Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion	5,294	5,342	48		48	(527)
Youth Service	1,010	990	(20)		(20)	1
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund			0		0	(95)
Use of Other Departmental Funds			0		0	0
<b>Education Total</b>	<b>117,900</b>	<b>117,840</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>0</b>

## Education

**Schools Quality Service** - combination of income receipts and use of grant funding to fund core spending.

**Transport** - following an overspend of £1.5 million during the 2023/24 financial year, the field received an additional budget allocation this year of £896k on a permanent basis, and a further £896k for one-year only to address the pressures on the school bus and taxi field, following the re-tendering of contracts. Therefore, at present, it is anticipated that the financial position will be balanced.

The transport field has been the subject of a strategic review to try to control the increase in expenditure, so that it is possible to reduce overspending and take advantage of opportunities for efficiencies.

**Infrastructure and Support Services - Ancillary Services** - higher income for catering following a grant receipt for the unit price of primary schools' free school meals. Overspending on staff costs are school cleaning and caretaking issues. The care element of the breakfast clubs continues to overspend, with a projected overspend of £100k as a result of higher staff costs and lack of income.

**Infrastructure and Support Services - Others** - underspend on many various budgets.

**Leadership and Management** - saving derived from a system change.

**Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion service** - mixed picture which is a combination of staff turnover and grant receipt, however, pressure on several other various headings. The circumstances relating to one specific centre continues and is responsible for an overspend of £101k.

**Youth Service** - realising the 2025/26 savings scheme relating to staffing in advance.

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<b>Economy and Community Department</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	436	436	0		0	10
Community Regeneration and Support Programmes	474	464	(10)		(10)	(1)
Maritime and Country Parks	(153)	(25)	128		128	(10)
Byw'n Iach and Other Leisure Contracts	2,236	2,295	59		59	88
Economic Development Programmes	(72)	(147)	(75)		(75)	(99)
Marketing and Events	299	259	(40)		(40)	0
Gwynedd Libraries	1,832	1,772	(60)		(60)	(25)
Gwynedd Museums, Arts and Archives	1,010	1,188	178		178	124
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund	53	0	(53)		(53)	(87)
<b>Economy and Community Total</b>	<b>6,115</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0</b>

## **Economy and Community**

**Community Regeneration and Support Programmes** - grant money is funding core spending.

**Maritime and Country Parks** - impact of poor weather over the summer disrupted income levels, which has led to a lack of income at beaches and has contributed to a reduction in the income of Hafan, Pwllheli. Spending above the budget during the year are issues at Hafan, Pwllheli and Doc Fictoria, Caernarfon. Better projections with the Country Parks with an underspend of (£69k) as a result of a one-off income receipt from Netflix at Parc Padarn and a combination of grant receipts and higher income at Glynllifon.

**Byw'n Iach and Other Leisure Contracts** - the leisure provision was transferred to the Byw'n Iach Company in April 2019, but responsibility for the running costs of properties remained with the Council. Over the past years, the income levels of Byw'n Iach have been disrupted by Covid, the company has received annual financial support from the Council which was £550k in 2022/23 and £308k in 2023/24, which was above the contractual payment of the delivery contract, to enable them to maintain their services. The financial support continues this year, and the required amount has reduced to £101k.

Furthermore, there is an overspend of £59k on the running costs of Byw'n Iach properties.

**Economic Development Programmes** - success to attract grants which releases the Council's core budget.

**Marketing and Events** - job saving in advance which is a part of the 2025/26 savings schemes.

**Gwynedd Libraries** - vacant posts a part of the 2025/26 savings schemes, as well as less spending on many budget headings.

**Gwynedd Museums, Arts and Archives** - overspending mainly because of a lack of income is an issue at Neuadd Dwyfor £127k, Storiel £31k and Lloyd George Museum £16k.

In order to reduce the overspend reported, the department will use its departmental underspend fund in full, which is £53k this year.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Highways, Engineering and YGC Department (including Trunk roads)</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Services:</b>						
Highways (including Trunk roads)	12,183	12,411	228		228	337
Engineering	509	506	(3)		(3)	76
Municipal	5,734	6,125	391		391	335
Gwynedd Consultancy	266	299	33		33	(61)
Closure of 2023/24 Accounts Adaptation			0		0	(587)
<b>Highways, Engineering and YGC Total</b>	<b>18,692</b>	<b>19,341</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>100</b>

### **Highways, Engineering and YGC (including Trunk roads)**

**Highways Services** - less work being commissioned by external agencies and, therefore, having a negative impact on the projected income, as well as increasing pressure on the lighting budget. Underspend on staff costs reducing the overspend reported.

**Engineering Services** - underspend on various headings.

**Municipal Services** - a mixed picture, which is a combination of factors, additional pressure on the budgets of street cleaning and cleaning public toilets. Income losses are issues for land maintenance and public toilets. Higher income projections by the bereavement services, and the staffing underspend in several fields is assisting the financial position.

**Gwynedd Consultancy** - projected lack of income by external organisations such as other Councils and Welsh Government on road building and roads and engineering services.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Environment Department</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Department Management	733	952	219		219	0
Planning and Building Control Service	631	866	235		235	116
Street Care and Transport Services						
Network Management (Transportation)	329	(210)	(539)		(539)	(169)
Parking and Parking Enforcement	(2,286)	(1,591)	695		695	541
Integrated Transport	2,586	2,639	53		53	42
	629	838	209	0	209	414
Countryside and Access	714	680	(34)		(34)	19
Public Protection	2,079	1,869	(210)		(210)	(263)
Waste	14,131	14,795	664		664	1,226
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund			0		0	(275)
Closure of 2023/24 Accounts Adaptation			0		0	(1,137)
Parc Adfer Refinance Gain Share	(1,779)	(1,779)	0		0	0
<b>Environment Total</b>	<b>17,138</b>	<b>18,221</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,237</b>

## Environment

**Department Management** - a delay in realising savings schemes to the value of £200k as well as an overspend on staff and travelling costs.

**Planning and Building Control Service** - lack of income is an issue in Building Control, Development Control and Land Charges, but is reduced by an underspend on staffing costs.

### **Street Care and Transport Services**

**Network Management (Transportation)** - exceeding the streetworks fees income, as well as vacant posts and underspend on many of the budget's headings.

**Parking and Parking Enforcement** - projected deficit in the parking income has increased to £824k, but its impact is reduced by an underspend on other budgets.

**Integrated Transport** - an additional one-off budget of £400k was allocated for 2024/25 following the additional pressures following the re-tendering of public bus contracts. Grant receipt from Transport for Wales is also helping to ease the situation. It is suggested that the review into the transport provision should continue.

**Public Protection** - vacant posts and less expenditure on several of the budget headings, including food and water samples, services and supplies. Projected income is down for the areas of licensing, markets, taxi licensing and food and water safety, but is more promising for trading standards.

**Waste** - the work of introducing changes to the field continues, and therefore there is a reduction in the overspend projections from the 2023/24 levels, with £664k projected by the end of the financial year. Number of matters responsible for the overspend, but mainly waste collection and recycling. Overspend also obvious in the running costs of recycling centres. Employment costs and sickness and overtime levels are problematic; however, the matter is being addressed and therefore seems to be reducing. Additional fleet costs, in terms of vehicle hire, is another matter. Several slipping savings schemes are also a part of the picture.

**Parc Adfer Refinance Gain Share** - one-off saving to all councils from the returns of refinancing Parc Adfer. The contribution has been placed in a fund, with the first call from it to be used to fund the overspending in the waste field.

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<b>Housing and Property Department</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	544	492	(52)		(52)	(72)
Housing Services						
Homelessness	6,475	6,702	227		227	1,996
Private Sector Housing	414	376	(38)		(38)	(15)
Others	364	326	(38)		(38)	10
	7,253	7,404	151	0	151	1,991
Property Services						
Property	5,381	5,395	14		14	(153)
Caretaking, Catering and Cleaning	(3)	10	13		13	64
	5,378	5,405	27	0	27	(89)
One-off Corporate Covid Provision			0		0	(1,400)
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund			0		0	(175)
Closure of 2023/24 Accounts Adaptation			0		0	(155)
<b><u>Housing and Property Total</u></b>	<b>13,175</b>	<b>13,301</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100</b>

## Housing and Property

**Management** - underspend on staffing costs and on services and supplies.

**Homelessness** - the trend of significant pressure on the emergency accommodation service continues, with projections that spending in this field will be £6.4 million this year, compared with £6.8 million last year. The overspend of £227k reported comes after considering the additional budget of £3m which has been allocated from the council tax premium as well as a one-off additional budget of £1.2 million allocated as a part of the bids procedure for 2024/25 to assist with the extra pressures.

**Private Sector Housing** - staff turnover and an underspend on supplies and services but a deficit in the disabled facilities grant income.

**Housing Services, Others** - grant receipts and underspend on staffing costs is reduced by a deficit in the contributions from housing associations.

**Property Services** - pressures on the services and supplies budget in Property and on vehicle costs in Pest Control, a one-off income receipt reduces the overspend.

**Caretaking, Catering and Cleaning** - overspend staffing costs is reduced by an income receipt which is higher than the target.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Central Departments</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Field:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Management Team and Legal	2,786	2,723	(63)		(63)	(11)
Finance (and Information Technology)	8,474	8,456	(18)		(18)	(7)
Corporate Support	8,112	8,089	(23)		(23)	(10)
<b>Central Departments Total</b>	<b>19,372</b>	<b>19,268</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>(28)</b>

### **Central Departments**

**Corporate Management Team and Legal** - vacant posts in various fields as well as projected income above target (£38k) by the legal service. Additional pressures of £17k on the Gwynedd element of the Coroner's budget, reduces the underspend reported.

**Finance (and Information Technology)** - staff turnover, which is reduced by higher software costs in Information Technology and the Taxation, Benefits, Income and Payments Units. It is not anticipated that income targets will be met in several fields across the department by the end of the financial year.

**Corporate Support** - combination of reasons responsible for the situation, including vacant posts and staff turnover. The latest income projections of the Print-room suggest that the income target will be met, however, a deficit is projected in Customer Contact. A permanent bid was allocated for 2024/25 to address the added pressures on the counselling and physiotherapy budget, and therefore this has cancelled out the associated overspend.

<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW</b>						
<b>Corporate (Reflects variances only)</b>	2024/25 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Estimated Position	<b>Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	<b>Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2024/25</b>	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2023/24
<b>Maes:-</b>	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Council Tax	*	*	(1,250)	1,250	0	0
Council Tax Reductions	*	*	(219)	219	0	0
Interest	*	*	363	(363)	0	0
Savings Provision	*	*	0	0	0	0
Budgets / Bids Returned	*	*	(1)	1	0	0
Others	*	*	(761)	761	0	0
<b>Corporate Total</b>	*	*	<b>(1,868)</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Corporate

**Council Tax** - additional council tax returns because of prudent projections when setting the 2024/25 budget. Nevertheless, a reduction of 239 in the numbers of premium second homes was seen in 2023/24; there has been an increase of 157 in the numbers to date this year. Furthermore, we saw 118 properties transferring from non-domestic rates to Council Tax up to the end of August (381 in 2023/24). However, on the other hand, the Valuer's Office permitted 83 properties to transfer from Council Tax to non-domestic rates, which is lower than in previous years (193 in 2023/24, 452 in 2022/23, 469 in 2021/22 and 506 in 2020/21). In 2024/25, £6m of Council Tax Premium has been earmarked for the Housing Strategy and a further £3m for the field of Homelessness.

**Council Tax Reductions** - a combination of setting prudent projections and a further reduction in the numbers who claim the reduction in Gwynedd compared with previous years. A campaign is in progress to target various groups to increase the number of applications.

**Interest** - balance levels in the bank to invest are lower than expected as we set the budget and therefore means that the interest receipts are underachieving.

**Budgets / Bids Returned** - the pressures on some budgets not as much as provided for.

**Others** - the demand on the provision was not as high as what was projected when setting the budget.

**It is recommended** that £1.868 million is transferred to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve, so that it is available to assist to fund the financial deficit.