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Adults, Health and Well-being Department	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adults Services						
Management	649	542	(107)		(107)	(117)
Learning Disabilities Services	33,778	33,740	(38)		(38)	(414)
Mental Health Services	7,495	7,380	(115)		(115)	558
Older People's Services including Physical Disabilities						
Residential and Nursing - Homes	27,065	28,862	1,797		1,797	455
Domiciliary Care	13,434	13,692	258		258	(21)
Direct Payments	3,371	3,018	(353)		(353)	(334)
Others	3,846	3,939	93		93	224
	47,716	49,511	1,795	0	1,795	324
Adults Services Total	**89,638**	**91,173**	**1,535**	**0**	**1,535**	**351**
Provider Services (shows net budget)						
Residential Care	515	1,068	553		553	821
Community Care	1,191	1,395	204		204	211
Others	0	(19)	(19)		(19)	(2)
Provider Services Total	**1,706**	**2,444**	**738**	**0**	**738**	**1,030**
Closure of 2025/26 Accounts Adaption					0	(1,281)
Adults, Health and Well-being Total	**91,344**	**93,617**	**2,273**	**0**	**2,273**	**100**

Adults, Health and Well-being

Over £3.3 million in additional permanent funding was allocated to the Department for the 2026/27 budget onwards. Latest projections suggest that if there are no changes in the actions during the year, there will be a financial deficit of £2.27 million by the end of the financial year.

Department Management - underspend on staff costs as well as a grant receipt.

Learning Disability - the service received an additional budget allocation of £1.4 million in 2026/27. An underspend of (£38k) is reported, which includes a mixed situation within the services with increased pressure on the nursing home element, day services and support schemes but a decrease in pressure on direct payments. The work of reviewing care packages continues and is bearing fruit.

Mental Health - £1.2 million of additional funding was allocated to the field for 2026/27. There was less pressure on direct payments as a complex case came to an end earlier in the year and no increase was seen in residential and nursing numbers so far this year, which means that an underspend of (£115k) is forecast.

Older People - increasing demand on Residential and Nursing provision and therefore forecasts of a budget deficit of £1.8 million, with an increase in the number of cases during the year.

A £258k budget deficit on domiciliary care is forecast, with an increase in spending on private domiciliary care seen in the Porthmadog and Tywyn areas. In terms of direct payments, the numbers of cases vary between areas but ensuring the efficiency of the payments assists with the picture. In 'Others', a complex case in supported accommodation commenced during the year.

Provider Services - staff costs above budget levels are issues in residential and domiciliary care, with the use of agency staff seen in residential care.

Savings - following a review of the savings, £536k worth of unrealised problematic savings were erased, while several other savings schemes were recently realised by the department.

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Children and Families Department	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	812	794	(18)		(18)	0
Operational	3,356	3,500	144		144	478
Placements						
Out-of-County Placements	6,916	12,605	5,689		5,689	2,011
Small Group Homes	312	480	168		168	80
Fostering through an Agency	2,014	1,996	(18)		(18)	(138)
Fostering - Internal	3,215	3,271	56		56	95
Support Services and Others	2,390	2,409	19		19	241
	14,847	20,761	5,914	0	5,914	2,289
Post-16	1,895	2,267	372		372	437
Derwen Service	3,969	4,239	270		270	443
Youth Justice	283	281	(2)		(2)	(11)
Early Years	150	20	(130)		(130)	(186)
Workforce Development Unit	245	245	0		0	0
Others	2,682	2,631	(51)		(51)	(54)
Closure of 2025/26 Accounts Adaption	0	0	0		0	(3,296)
Children and Families Total	**28,239**	**34,738**	**6,499**	**0**	**6,499**	**100**

Children and Families

An additional £791k of permanent funding was allocated to the Department for the 2026/27 budget. The latest forecasts suggest that the department will have a budget deficit of £6.5 million by the end of the financial year.

Management - one-off additional staffing costs but which are counterbalanced by the use of grants towards establishing an information system.

Operational - an additional £212k of funding was allocated for support schemes in 2026/27 but pressure remains, staffing above budget levels is seen on field workers.

Placements - a further increase was seen in the average number of out-of-county placements again this year to 41 (37 in 2025/26, 34.3 in 2024/25, 32.5 in 2023/24, 25.7 in 2022/23), with the average cost of placements now increased to £317k. There are 8 exceptional cases that cost an average of £720k a year. One new permanent case has started since the beginning of the financial year.

In In-house Fostering, the contribution from the Home Office for the unaccompanied asylum seekers receiving a service is not sufficient given the costs.

Small Group Homes - the homes are currently being established in Gwynedd with two homes now operational, and the third becoming operational during 2026/27. This in-house provision means that children can be placed in-house instead of with out-of-county external providers. The Council received grants to establish the homes as well as a contribution towards the costs of running the homes this year, but it is anticipated that the employment costs will exceed the funding available.

Post-16 - additional pressure on the service after two exceptional cases were transferred from the out-of-county service. Pressure also on the over 18 year old asylum seekers element, as the Home Office contribution is not enough to meet the costs. Staffing above the social worker budget also contributes to the over-budget spending.

Derwen - over-budget pressures on the employee element in the Short Respite Unit, grants could be used towards the costs in previous years but the source of funding is not available this year.

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

Others - staff turnover and vacant posts in the edge of care team and on the administrative side, but over-budget legal costs reduce reported underspending.

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Business and Care Commissioning Service	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Support and Commissioning	1,271	1,145	(126)		(126)	(22)
Income and Finance	1,497	1,471	(26)		(26)	(57)
Preventative Services	299	350	51		51	(20)
Business and Care Commissioning Service Total	**3,067**	**2,966**	**(101)**	**0**	**(101)**	**(99)**

Business and Care Commissioning Service

Support and Commissioning - grant receipt towards the time of a number of staff associated with the significant work to implement care cases software across north Wales. It is anticipated that there will be less pressure on the budgets of supplies and services which is also contributing to the situation.

Income and Finance - a combination of underspend on staff costs in preparation for restructuring, as well as a grant receipt towards the time of staff associated with the work to implement care cases software across north Wales. For a period, two care information systems will run concurrently. The underspend is being reduced by unrealised savings schemes.

Preventative Service - additional investment in preventative equipment but the financial impact is reduced by the receipt of higher income fees for the service.

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Education Department	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Leadership and Management	2,453	2,109	(344)		(344)	53
Devolved Schools	108,440	108,440	0		0	0
Schools Quality Service	(2,128)	(2,318)	(190)		(190)	(55)
Infrastructure and Support Services						
Transportation	8,436	8,992	556		556	0
Ancillary Services	1,512	1,575	63		63	(253)
Others	4,322	4,313	(9)		(9)	109
	14,270	14,880	610	0	610	(144)
Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion	6,102	6,093	(9)		(9)	122
Youth Service	1,114	1,122	8		8	0
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund	75	0	(75)		(75)	0
Education Total	**130,326**	**130,326**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**(24)**

Education

Leadership and Management - one-off spend on implementing a new information management system for schools to be funded from a reserve budget plus a smaller contribution to a fund than what was budgeted.

Schools Quality Service - combination of attracting grants in the field of Early Years and the Welsh Language, success in attracting income from the Business Centre and expenditure within budget.

Transport - following substantial financial pressures on transport in recent years, a budget of £896k was allocated on a permanent basis to address the pressures on the school bus and taxi field, £939k was also received on a one-off basis in 2025/26; therefore, as the funding is not available in 2026/27, pressures are anticipated on the field and specifically in the field of additional learning needs, with an above-budget expenditure objective of £556k by the end of the year.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Ancillary Service - sickness in the field of cleaning, care and catering continues, while there is a reduction in financial pressure on the care element of the breakfast clubs following the receipt of a bid for 2026/27.

Infrastructure and Support Services - Others - mixed position on the various headings including one-off costs which are reduced by underspending on other budgets.

Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion - the joint additional learning needs and inclusion service between Gwynedd and Anglesey came to an end at the end of August 2026, therefore, the service is in a transitional period during 2026/27. One-off costs are funded within the financial position per year.

To remove the reported overspend, the department uses £75k from the departmental fund.

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Economy and Community Department	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	410	415	5		5	(11)
Community Regeneration and Support Programmes	666	658	(8)		(8)	(3)
Maritime and Country Parks	(170)	(143)	27		27	101
Byw'n Iach and Other Leisure Contracts	2,530	2,657	127	(115)	12	34
Economic Development Programmes	(79)	(79)	0		0	(4)
Marketing and Events	270	270	0		0	0
Gwynedd Libraries	1,888	1,814	(74)		(74)	(29)
Gwynedd Museums, Arts and Archives	1,120	1,213	93		93	9
Use of the Department's Underspend Fund	0	0	0		0	(49)
Use of the Department's Other Fund	0	0	0		0	(48)
Economy and Community Total	**6,635**	**6,805**	**170**	**(115)**	**55**	**0**

Economy and Community

Maritime and Country Parks - In Maritime, above-budget expenditure forecasts of £71k at Victoria Dock, Caernarfon, while the Beaches have a net income deficit of £37k, but more promising income forecasts for Hafan, Pwllheli (£54k) and Harbours of (£26k). A balanced situation in the country parks as it is intended to use any underspend on the field to fund capital schemes which are mainly funded by a grant.

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 few years the company has received annual financial support from the Council which was £550k in 2022/23, £308k in 2023/24, £281k in 2024/25 and £269k in 2025/26, which was above the contractual payment in the delivery contract, to enable them to maintain their services. It is projected that the financial support will continue this year and the required amount is £115k by the end of the year.

Furthermore, an overspend of £12k on the Economy and Community Department budget to run leisure facilities.

Gwynedd Libraries - underspend on staff coupled with the financial impact of the closure of two libraries for part of the year whilst significant refurbishment works take place at Caernarfon and Tywyn Libraries.

Museums, Arts and Gwynedd Archives - overspending mainly because electricity costs and lack of income account for an overspend of £52k at Neuadd Dwyfor, while above-budget staff costs coupled with a lack of income are issues at Storiel £36k and at the Lloyd George Museum £13k.

It is recommended that the Cabinet approves additional financial support for the Byw'n Iach Company at the end of the year if overspend continues, with the existing projections estimating support of £115k.

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Highways, Engineering and YGC Department (including Trunk roads	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Services:						
Highways (including Trunk roads)	12,595	12,750	155		155	318
Engineering	423	441	18		18	(76)
Municipal	6,480	6,631	151		151	180
Gwynedd Consultancy	56	61	5		5	(15)
Closure of 2025/26 Accounts Adaption	0	0	0		0	(307)
Highways, Engineering and YGC Total	**19,554**	**19,883**	**329**	**0**	**329**	**100**

Highways, Engineering and YGC (including Trunk roads)

Highways Services - forecast of reduced income in an agreement by an external agency while underspending is anticipated in the field of lighting and county road management.

Engineering Services - savings to be found in the field of sewage and water pipes and minor overspend on several headings on Pont yr Aber, Caernarfon.

Municipal Services - a mixed picture which is a combination of factors including pressures on the costs of cleaning supplies and on public toilet cleaning staff, and a failure to realise £117k savings in open lands. Income losses remain as issues for land maintenance and public toilets. Underspending on wages in street enforcement, street cleaning and tidy teams reduces reported overspending.

Gwynedd Consultancy - forecasts of exceeding income from external organisations such as other councils and the Welsh Government in the field of roads and engineering whilst a shortfall in income is anticipated in the Building Service.

Savings - it is anticipated that departmental savings of £117k will not be realised and therefore contribute to the financial position.

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Environment Department	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	854	953	99		99	172
Planning and Building Control Service	762	772	10		10	(225)
Street Care and Transport Services						
Network Management (Transportation)	308	(73)	(381)		(381)	(445)
Parking and Parking Enforcement	(2,745)	(2,243)	502		502	474
Integrated Transport	2,250	2,517	267		267	250
	(187)	201	388	0	388	279
Markets	8	14	6		6	5
Countryside and Access	887	891	4		4	18
Public Protection	2,020	1,980	(40)		(40)	(127)
Waste	14,953	15,959	1,006		1,006	1,256
Environment Total	**19,297**	**20,770**	**1,473**	**0**	**1,473**	**1,378**
Use of Parc Adfer Refinance Gain Share Reserve						**(786)**
Use of Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging Reserve				**(1,006)**	**(1,006)**	**(470)**
Closure of 2025/26 Accounts Adaption						**(22)**
Total	**19,297**	**20,770**	**1,473**	**(1,006)**	**467**	**100**

Environment

Department Management - a delay in realising savings schemes to the value of £100k as well as over-budget spending on vehicle costs.

Planning and Building Control Service - a mixed picture including lack of income remains as issues in Development Control, Building Control and Land Charges but staff turnover and vacant posts are assisting the financial situation.

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

Parking and Parking Enforcement - following the rise in parking fees in April 2025, parking income was expected to improve but an income deficit of £529k is forecast compared to £464k in 2025/26. Vacant posts and underspending on a works budget are helping to improve the reported situation.

Integrated Transport - there was an increase in contract costs over the years and the grants received do not cover all the costs associated with transport contracts. Underspend on staff costs and on other budgets reducing the reported overspend.

Public Protection - vacant posts and less expenditure on a number of the budget headings, including on vehicle costs. Trade standards and food safety income are forecast to exceed the target but there will be a shortfall in taxi licence income.

Waste - several matters are responsible for the projected over-budget expenditure of £1.006 million, including an income deficit of £374k on commercial waste collection and an over-budget spend of £445k on several budget headings by the Waste Collection and Recycling Service. It is anticipated that spending will be above the budget of £217k at the Caergylchu treatment plant, Caernarfon.

There has been a slippage in the restructuring and introduction of changes to the field with a number of steps involved in the process. The first steps have already been implemented with the next steps to follow and as a result there is a slippage in the associated savings schemes and therefore, it is not projected that £660k worth of waste savings schemes will be realised by the end of the year.

Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging materials - new income receipt for councils which derives from a levy on packaging for producers and retailers, to promote recycling. £1.006 million is to be used in 2026/27 to meet the deficit in the waste service, with the remainder being prioritised for the waste field.

Savings - savings to the value of £760k are not being realised and are therefore contributing to the above-budget expenditure position.

It is recommended that the above-budget expenditure of £1.006 million projected by the waste service is funded by using the Extended Producer Responsibility Fund for packaging materials.

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Housing and Property Department	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Management	735	716	(19)		(19)	(216)
Housing Services						
Homelessness	6,008	5,958	(50)		(50)	280
Private Sector Housing	486	507	21		21	17
Others	657	675	18		18	(124)
	7,151	7,140	(11)	0	(11)	173
Property Services						
Property	7,565	7,540	(25)		(25)	22
Caretaking, Catering and Cleaning	(11)	(5)	6		6	1
	7,554	7,535	(19)	0	(19)	23
Housing and Property Total	**15,440**	**15,391**	**(49)**	**0**	**(49)**	**(20)**

Housing and Property

Management -underspend on staffing costs as well as an underspend on services and supplies.

Homelessness - following years of significant pressure on the emergency accommodation service, following all deliberate interventions by the service, a reduction in expenditure is anticipated on the field, down to £5.4 million this year compared to £6.1 million in 2025/26 and 2024/25, with the current forecasts projecting an underspend of (£149k).

A permanent budget of £4.1 million has been allocated from council tax premium to emergency accommodation. Although the service received a one-off additional allocation of £800k for the additional pressures anticipated on emergency accommodation in 2026/27, it is no longer anticipated that this provision will be in demand during the year, with the funding therefore being returned on a corporate level.

Private Sector Housing - it is anticipated that there will be a shortfall in housing income fees with a number of residents, but that the financial impact will be reduced as there is staff turnover in the Enforcement field.

Housing Services, Others - one-off costs by the one-stop-shop result in forecasts of above-budget expenditure.

Property Services - staff turnover but its impact is reduced by pressures on the services and supplies budget.

Caretaking, Catering and Cleaning - additional costs on the costs of cleaners and on cleaning goods but exceeding income that assists the financial position.

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Central Departments	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Management Team and Legal	2,742	2,753	11		11	(39)
Finance	5,489	5,472	(17)		(17)	(38)
Corporate Services	13,593	13,523	(70)		(70)	(20)
Central Departments Total	**21,824**	**21,748**	**(76)**	**0**	**(76)**	**(97)**

Central Departments

Corporate Management Team and Legal - forecasts of the Coroner's service costs £19k above budget, but general underspending and a vacant post for part of the year in the Corporate Management Team means that the reported financial pressure is being reduced.

Finance - a combination of staff turnover and receipt of additional income and grants assists the department to deal with software price increases above inflation levels along with the additional costs of the department's financial systems.

Corporate Services - vacant posts and staff turnover in several fields including Information Technology, with Translation and the Democratic Service projected to exceed income whilst a reduction in income is projected by the Registration service and the Print-room.

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Corporate (Reflects variances only)	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Estimated Position	**Estimated Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Use of Other Sources or Other Adjustments Recommended	**Estimated Adjusted Over / (Under) Spend 2026/27**	Net Over / (Under) Spend Final Position 2025/26
Area:-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Council Tax and Council Tax Premium	*	*	5,277		5,277	0
Council Tax Reductions	*	*	(198)		(198)	0
Capital Costs	*	*	(289)		(289)	0
Savings Provision	*	*	(398)		(398)	0
Budgets / Bids Returned	*	*	(858)		(858)	0
Others	*	*	(3,126)		(3,126)	0
Corporate Total	*	*	**408**	**0**	**408**	**0**

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Council Tax and Council Tax Premium - the latest forecasts suggest that council tax yields and council tax premiums will be £5.3 million lower than the budget this year due to several factors, which include:
- the Valuer's Office allowed a significant number of properties to transfer from council tax to non-domestic rates to the end of August 2026, namely 361 properties, which is 35% higher than last year's figure (283 in 2025/26, 189 in 2024/25, 193 in 2023/24).
- there was a decrease of 246 in the number of premium second homes to the end of August 2026, (a decrease of 74 in 2025/26, an increase of 387 in 2024/25).
- there was a decrease in the number of properties transferring from non-domestic rates to council tax compared to previous years, namely 185 properties to the end of August 2026 (618 in 2025/26, 692 in 2024/25, 381 in 2023/24).
The loss has been intensified as the applications are backdated by a few years, therefore the impact of several years goes against this year's financial position.

In 2026/27, £14.5 million of council tax premium was earmarked, of which £8.1 million is for the Housing Strategy, a further £4.7 million for the Homelessness field along with £1.7 million for other commitments.

Council Tax Reductions - following a campaign to target different groups to increase the number of applications, an increase was seen in the number who claim the reduction in Gwynedd compared with the trend in previous years, but it is anticipated that it will be within the budget position.

Capital Costs - reduction in capital costs as there was no need for external borrowing, therefore avoiding the associated costs.

Savings Provision - corporate provision has been established following the inability of some departments to realise savings in certain fields. A recent review saw £926k worth of problematic savings erased, namely £536k in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department, £190k in the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department and £200k in the Environment Department.

Budgets / Bids Returned - bids that had not been used in full this year were returned by the departments, including £800k from the emergency accommodation field.

Others - a combination of reasons including the favourable impact of historic loan repayment, exceeding income and grant receipt, including the additional element of teacher inflation from September 2026 onwards as it is expected to be funded by the Government. Furthermore, the demand on the provision is not anticipated to be as high as what was projected when setting the budget.