

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2005

#### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES)

##### Report by Executive Head of Finance

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of Policy and Resources (Central Services).

## 2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The figures in the following report exclude rechargeable costs for central services charges and debt charges.

### 2.2 Projected Out-turn

There is a favourable variance of £914,540 anticipated to 31 March 2005. The projected out-turn figures reflect the views of service directors and are based on all currently available information.

### 2.3 Summary of Objective Costs

Actual Expend to 06-Mar-04 Period 12 £	Actual as % of Ann Est %		Annual Estimate 2004/05 £	Projected Actual 2004/05 £	Variance £
675,485	85.5%	Democratic Process	790,430	790,430	0
47,679	11.2%	Housing & Council Tax Benefit Subsidy	424,540	(153,000)	(577,540)
4,022,963	65.2%	Miscellaneous Services	6,171,610	5,834,610	(337,000)
-	0.0%	Recharges outw ith General Fund	(576,080)	(576,080)	0
<b>4,746,127</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>6,810,500</b>	<b>5,895,960</b>	<b>(914,540)</b>

## 2.4 Summary of Subjective Costs

Actual Expend to 06-Mar-04 Period 12 £	Actual as % of Ann Est %		Annual Estimate 2004/05 £	Projected Actual 2004/05 £	Variance £
1,265,487	76.7%	Employee Costs	1,650,510	1,450,510	(200,000)
16,126	69.5%	Transport Related Costs	23,210	23,210	0
1,556,512	82.2%	Supplies & Services	1,894,300	1,894,300	0
1,923,740	55.6%	Third Party Payments	3,461,470	3,324,470	(137,000)
47,679	11.2%	Housing Benefit Subsidy	424,540	(153,000)	(577,540)
<b>4,809,544</b>	<b>64.5%</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>7,454,030</b>	<b>6,539,490</b>	<b>(914,540)</b>
(63,417)	94.0%	Total Income	(67,450)	(67,450)	0
<b>4,746,127</b>	<b>64.3%</b>	<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>7,386,580</b>	<b>6,472,040</b>	<b>(914,540)</b>
0	0.0%	Recharges outw ith General Fund	(576,080)	(576,080)	0
<b>4,746,127</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,810,500</b>	<b>5,895,960</b>	<b>(914,540)</b>

## 3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Democratic Process

There are no material variances to report at this time.

### 3.2 Housing and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy

There is a favourable projected variance of £577,540 within Housing Benefit Subsidy. This is due to anticipated additional income including incentives receivable from the Department for Work and Pensions in respect of successful fraud work including prosecutions and for previous years claims.

### 3.3 Miscellaneous Services

There is a favourable variance of £337,000 anticipated to 31 March 2005 due to less than anticipated payments in respect of the Strathclyde Pension Fund and also additional income has been secured following the successful conclusion of negotiations between the Finance Service and Land Securities to recover previous years VAT liabilities.

## 4 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL**

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