

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 8 FEBRUARY 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 £237,000 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 Codes

Actual			Annual	Projected	
Expend to	Actual		Estimate	Actual	Variance
12-Dec-04	as % of		2004/05	2004/05	
Period 9	Ann Est				
£	%		£	£	£
512,813	64.9%	Democratic Process	790,430	790,430	0
229,312	54.0%	Housing & Council Tax Benefit Subsidy	424,540	424,540	0
1,930,954	31.3%	Miscellaneous Services	6,171,610	5,934,610	(237,000)
-	0.0%	Recharges outwith General Fund	(576,080)	(576,080)	0
2,673,079	39.2%	NET EXPENDITURE	6,810,500	6,573,500	(237,000)

2.4 Summary of Subjective Codes

Actual			Annual	Projected	
Expend to	Actual		Estimate	Actual	Variance
12-Dec-04	as % of		2004/05	2004/05	
Period 9	Ann Est				
£	%		£	£	£
1,048,350	63.5%	Employee Costs	1,650,510	1,550,510	(100,000)
8,542	36.8%	Transport Related Costs	23,210	23,210	0
1,152,569	60.8%	Supplies & Services	1,894,300	1,894,300	0
283,158	8.2%	Third Party Payments	3,461,470	3,324,470	(137,000)
229,312	54.0%	Housing Benefit Subsidy	424,540	424,540	0
2,721,931	36.5%	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,454,030	7,217,030	(237,000)
(48,852)	72.4%	Total Income	(67,450)	(67,450)	0
2,673,079	36.2%	NET EXPENDITURE	7,386,580	7,149,580	(237,000)
0	0.0%	Recharges outwith General Fund	(576,080)	(576,080)	0
2,673,079	39.2%	TOTAL	6,810,500	6,573,500	(237,000)

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

The Department for Work and Pensions has made significant changes to the calculation of the Housing Benefit Subsidy from 2004/05 onwards. The effect of the change will not be known until later in the year and the projection is based on previous experience.

3.3 Miscellaneous Services

There is a favourable variance of £237,000 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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