

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 MARCH 2006

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION

#### Report by the Executive Head of Finance

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the position of the Council with regard to billing and collection of local taxes as at 5 March 2006 (Period 12).

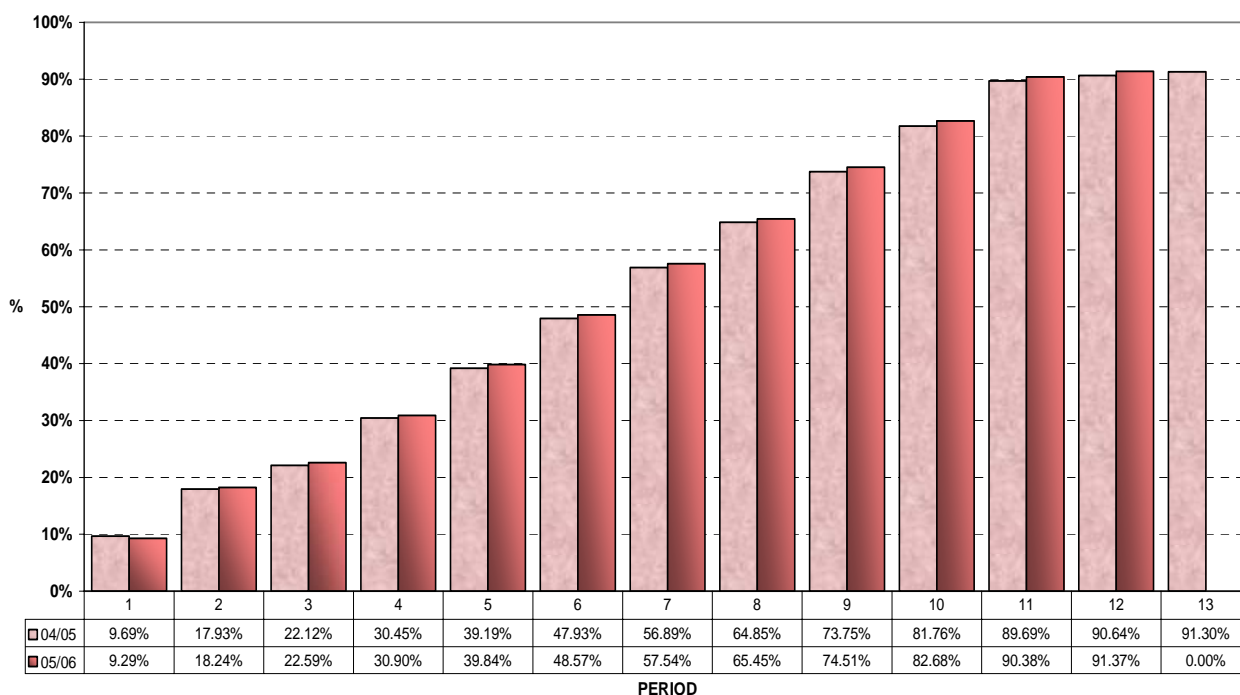
## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Executive Head of Finance is responsible for the billing and collection of the current year Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates and for the collection of arrears of these, and arrears of Community Charge (Poll Tax) which were outstanding at 31 March 1996, in respect of properties within East Ayrshire.

## 3 GENERAL

- 3.1 Annual Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates bills for 2005/2006 were issued in March and April 2005.

2005/06 COUNCIL TAX - % COLLECTION



#### **4 COUNCIL TAX**

- 4.1** The graph on the previous page shows that 91.37% of the council tax billed for 2005/06 was collected by 5 March 2006. This is an improvement of 0.07% on the collection rate achieved for the full financial year 2004/05 of 91.3% and 0.73% higher than at the same period last year.
- 4.2** Previous years' outstanding balances have been reduced by £2.932m since 1 April 2005 as a result of recovery action taken during this period. The total balance outstanding at 1 April 2005 for previous years was £22.213m. Recovery action is continuing to reduce this debt.

#### **5 NON-DOMESTIC RATES**

- 5.1** As at 5 March 2006, 94.02% has been collected compared to 92.73% collected at the same period last year.

#### **6 COMMUNITY CHARGE ARREARS**

- 6.1** Community Charge arrears collected during 2005/06 up to 8 January 2006 total £0.106m. These debts are now between 12 and 16 years old and although becoming more difficult to collect they continue to be pursued.

#### **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

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