

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25 NOVEMBER 2004

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT POLICY AND RESOURCES (CORPORATE SUPPORT)

Joint Report by Executive Head of Finance and Executive Director of Corporate Support

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 (Corporate Support).

2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The following report relates to services and income directly controlled by the department and excludes rechargeable costs for central services charges and debt charges.

2.2 Projected Out-turn

There is a favourable variance of £340,000 anticipated to 31 March 2005 for the Department of Corporate Support. The projected out-turn figures represent the views of the service director and are based on all currently available information.

2.3 Summary of Objective Costs

Actual Expend to 19-Sep-04 Period 6	Actual as % of Ann Est		Annual Estimate 2004/2005	Projected Actual 2004/2005	Variance
£	%		£	£	£
189,983	40.9%	Chief Executive	464,380	444,380	(20,000)
34,221	21.8%	Central Management Support	157,270	117,270	(40,000)
258,137	37.6%	Corporate Development & Communication	687,250	627,250	(60,000)
426,543	37.4%	Personnel	1,141,640	1,141,640	-
822,472	45.4%	Legal & Administration	1,810,300	1,760,300	(50,000)
1,250,518	44.8%	Information Technology	2,792,720	2,792,720	-
725,937	18.0%	Finance	4,030,960	3,860,960	(170,000)
13,014	42.2%	Other	30,830	30,830	-
-	0.0%	Recharges outwith General Fund	(2,117,090)	(2,117,090)	-
3,720,826	41.4%	NET EXPENDITURE	8,998,260	8,658,260	(340,000)

Summary of Subjective Codes

Actual			Revised	Projected	
Expend to	Actual		Annual	Actual	
19-Sep-04	as % of		Estimate	2004/2005	Variance
Period 6	Ann Est		2004/2005	2004/2005	
£	%		£	£	£
4,442,841	41.3%	Employee Costs	10,747,886	10,407,886	(340,000)
2,962	14.6%	Premises Costs	20,320	20,320	-
25,916	27.8%	Transport Costs	93,072	93,072	-
898,360	34.2%	Supplies & Services	2,630,382	2,630,382	-
19,902	19.8%	Third Party Payments	100,610	100,610	-
-	0.0%	Transfer Payments	0	0	-
5,389,981	39.7%	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,592,270	13,252,270	(340,000)
(1,669,154)	67.4%	Total Income	(2,476,920)	(2,476,920)	-
3,720,826	33.5%	NET EXPENDITURE	11,115,350	10,775,350	(340,000)
0	0.0%	Recharges outwith General Fund	(2,117,090)	(2,117,090)	-
3,720,826	41.4%	TOTAL	8,998,260	8,658,260	(340,000)

3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Chief Executive's Office

There is a favourable variance of £20,000 anticipated to 31 March 2005 due to the timing of the filling of the post of Chief Executive.

3.2 Central Management Support

There is a favourable variance of £40,000 anticipated to 31 March 2005 due to the timing of the filling of the post of Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, as well as clerical support within the section.

3.3 Corporate Development and Communication

There is a favourable variance of £60,000 anticipated to 31 March 2005 due to a delay in implementation and utilisation of resources set aside in the Local Government Finance Settlement identified for Best Value implications.

3.4 Personnel

There are no anticipated material variances to report.

3.5 Legal and Administration Services

It is anticipated there will be a favourable variance of £50,000 at 31 March 2005 which is principally due to the timing of filling of vacancies.

3.6 Information Technology

There are no anticipated material variances to report.

3.7 Finance

To date 18% of the annual estimate for the Finance Service has been incurred which is due to the Benefits grant covering 04-05 which was received in the first quarter.

There is an anticipated favourable variance of £170,000 at 31 March 2005 arising from the timing of filling of vacancies. A Service Review is scheduled for completion by 31 March 2005.

3.8 Other

There are no anticipated material variances to report.

3.9 Social Inclusion Partnership

The budget for 2004-05 is £2,343,123. There are no material variances projected at the year-end and it is anticipated that all SIP projects will spend their allocation by the year-end.

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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