

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2005

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 £410,000 anticipated to 31 March 2006 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 Exp. To 24/07/05	Actual Exp. To P4 as % of Annual Estimate	Service Division	Annual Estimate 2005/06	Projected Actual to 31/3/06	Variance (Favourable) / Adverse
139,327	29.9%	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE	466,220	466,220	0
56,586	30.3%	CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	186,830	206,830	20,000
197,953	31.0%	CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATION	637,820	597,820	(40,000)
360,275	29.6%	PERSONNEL	1,217,830	1,217,830	0
571,195	31.2%	LEGAL & ADMINISTRATION	1,828,810	1,828,810	0
967,506	34.9%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,770,560	2,770,560	0
1,205,094	30.5%	FINANCE	3,948,250	3,558,250	(390,000)
29,541	95.8%	OTHER	30,830	30,830	0
-	-	INCOME RECOVERED FROM OUTWITH GENERAL FUND	(2,180,600)	(2,180,600)	0
3,527,477	39.6%	TOTAL	8,906,550	8,496,550	(410,000)

2.4 Summary of Subjective Codes

Actual Exp. To 24/07/05	Actual Exp. To P4 as % of Annual Estimate	Detail	Annual Estimate 2005/06	Projected Actual to 31/3/06	Variance (Favourable) / Adverse
3,176,174	28.6%	EMPLOYEE COSTS	11,097,424	10,737,424	(360,000)
3,825	18.7%	PREMISES COSTS	20,410	20,410	0
14,786	16.8%	TRANSPORT COSTS	87,790	87,790	0
740,015	30.0%	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	2,462,981	2,442,981	(20,000)
17,556	17.4%	THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS	100,610	100,610	0
3,952,356	28.7%	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,769,215	13,389,215	(380,000)
(424,879)	15.8%	INCOME	(2,682,065)	(2,712,065)	(30,000)
3,527,477	31.8%	TOTAL	11,087,150	10,677,150	(410,000)
-	-	INCOME RECOVERED FROM OUTWITH GENERAL FUND	(2,180,600)	(2,180,600)	0
3,527,477	39.6%	NET EXPENDITURE	8,906,550	8,496,550	(410,000)

3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Chief Executive's Office

There are no material variances to report at this time.

3.2 Central Management Support

There is an adverse variance of £20,000 anticipated to 31 March 2006 due to the redeployment of staff resources which will be offset by underspends elsewhere in the Department.

3.3 Corporate Development and Communication

Employee Costs are anticipated to be £40,000 underspent at 31 March 2006 due to a delay in implementation and utilisation of resources set aside in the Local Government Finance settlement identified for Best Value implications, although progress has been made towards recruitment.

3.4 Personnel

There are no anticipated material variances to report at this time.

3.5 Legal and Administration Services

It is anticipated there will be a favourable variance of £40,000 on Employee Costs at 31 March 2006 which is principally due to the timing of filling of vacancies. There is a £20,000 favourable variance anticipated on Supplies and Services arising from general management efficiencies. These savings are offset by a projected adverse variance of £60,000 on Property Enquiry income as a result of competition from the private sector following on from the Freedom of Information requests.

3.6 Information Technology

There are no material variances to report at this time.

3.7 Finance

There is an anticipated favourable variance of £390,000 at 31 March 2006 arising from the timing of filling of vacancies pending the Best Value Review of the service and also additional income in respect of agency fees received from Scottish Water for improved collection rates and incentive income from the Department of Work and Pensions for housing benefit fraud prosecutions .

3.8 Other

There are no anticipated material variances to report.

3.9 Community Regeneration Fund (CRF)

The budget for 2005-06 is £4,033,000. There are no material variances projected at the year-end and it is anticipated that all CRF projects will spend their allocation by the year-end.

Following approval at the last Committee, the £65,000, previously set aside for North Social Inclusion Initiative is added to the Community Regeneration Fund for allocation.

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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