

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -31 JANUARY 2001

### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9)

#### Joint Report by Director of Finance and Director of Community Services

## 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 Community Services Department for the period ended 15 December 2000 (Period 9).

## 2 OVERALL POSITION

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

### 2.2 Budget Performance to Period 9

The net expenditure to date amounts to £21,696,104 compared to a budget of £21,892,006 resulting in the actual expenditure being lower than the budget by £196,502. The budget to 15 December 2001 is based on standard phasing for each period, except where the service department has indicated otherwise. Period variances are mainly attributable to phasing which should level out over the year, however if this is not the case reasons for the anticipated variances are highlighted at item 3.

### 2.3 Projected Out-turn

Based on all available information it is currently projected that the Community Services department will out-turn £40,522 below the annual estimated figure at 31 March 2001.

### 2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

	Budget Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Actual Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Variance Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Annual Estimate 2000-01	Projected Actual 2000-01	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Central Management Support	271,808	245,387	(26,421)	401,220	395,220	(6,000)	(1)
Leisure Service	6,643,489	6,683,159	39,670	9,203,025	9,246,190	43,165	0
Cleansing & Waste Management	4,870,044	4,725,562	(144,482)	7,036,733	6,988,573	(48,160)	(1)
Trading Standards	282,590	268,615	(13,975)	393,811	397,811	4,000	1
Chemist & Analyst	88,344	87,716	(628)	133,046	131,319	(1,727)	(1)
Licensing	132,833	90,448	(42,385)	192,043	163,543	(28,500)	(15)
Emergency Plan	47,735	39,462	(8,273)	68,197	64,897	(3,300)	(5)
Joint Boards	9,555,763	9,555,755	(8)	19,719,000	19,719,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,892,606</b>	<b>21,696,104</b>	<b>(196,502)</b>	<b>37,147,075</b>	<b>37,106,553</b>	<b>(40,522)</b>	<b>(0)</b>

### 2.5 Summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 14-Dec-00 Period 9	Actual Expend to 14-Dec-00 Period 9	Variance Expend to 14-Dec-00 Period 9	Annual Estimate 2000-01	Projected Actual 2000-01	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	4,155,734	4,135,242	(20,492)	5,857,884	5,864,931	7,047	0
Property Costs	660,812	587,831	(72,981)	884,577	862,167	(22,410)	(3)
Transport Costs	486,841	457,297	(29,544)	547,061	517,870	(29,191)	(5)
Supplies & Services	878,145	809,848	(68,297)	1,348,409	1,358,648	10,239	1
Administration Costs	117,058	114,957	(2,101)	171,129	193,233	22,104	13
Payments to Other Bodies	17,409,639	17,413,004	3,365	30,969,008	30,942,218	(26,790)	(0)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>23,708,229</b>	<b>23,518,179</b>	<b>(190,050)</b>	<b>39,778,068</b>	<b>39,739,067</b>	<b>(39,001)</b>	<b>(0)</b>
Income	(1,815,623)	(1,822,075)	(6,452)	(2,630,993)	(2,632,514)	(1,521)	0
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>21,892,606</b>	<b>21,696,104</b>	<b>(196,502)</b>	<b>37,147,075</b>	<b>37,106,553</b>	<b>(40,522)</b>	<b>(0)</b>

### 3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

#### 3.1 Employee Costs

The favourable variance at Period 9 of £20,492 is mainly due to seasonal variations within the department. It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £7,047 will occur at the year end due to a combination of potential under achievement of turnover savings and only partial achievement of the approved 2000/01 savings within Public Conveniences.

#### 3.2 Property Costs

There is a net favourable variance of £72,981 as at Period 9, which relates mainly to timing variances within Leisure Services which is offset by a £12,000 adverse variance within Western Road Depot Non Domestic Rates expenditure. It is projected that there will be small favourable variances across a number of headings within property costs that will result in a favourable variance at the year- end.

#### 3.3 Transport Costs

The projected year-end favourable variance of £29,191 relates to projected underspends within Cleansing and Waste Mgt offset by projected overspends identified in car allowances within Recreational Development and Museums.

#### 3.4 Supplies and Services

There is a favourable variance to date of £68,297 within supplies and services. The department attributes the majority of the variance to timing and anticipates that a small year end adverse variance will result relating to the essential purchase of contaminated land hardware/software survey equipment within Cleansing and Waste Mgt.

#### 3.5 Administration Cost

The projected £22,104 adverse variance at the year-end relates to a number of small projected variances within stationary costs, postages, and advertising etc, throughout the whole department.

### **3.6 Payments to Other Bodies**

The adverse variance of £3,365 at period 9 is attributable to timing. It is projected that favourable variances will result at the year-end within Waste Management landfill tax payments and landfill contract payments.

A year-end adverse variance of £35,000 is projected relating to security costs at Western Road Depot. This is offset by the favourable variances identified above.

### **3.7 Income**

The current favourable variance of £6,452 to date at period 9 is mainly attributable to timing. Given current information and trends it is projected that income within trade waste will show a favourable variance of £42,000 and £19,000 within cardboard/glass collections at 31 March 2001, offset by an adverse variance within Waste Management sale of scrap.

It is also projected by the department, based on past information and recent trends, that a year end adverse variance will occur in relation to general ticket sales and other fees & charges of £60,000 and £15,000 within Parks and DCCP respectively. This is offset to some extent by a favourable year end variances identified in hall lets within Recreational Development.

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

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**AGENDA**