

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 6 FEBRUARY 2002

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 18 NOVEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 8)

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 18 November 2001 (Period 8).

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 8

The net expenditure to date amounts to £19,459,697 compared to a budget of £19,770,346 resulting in the actual expenditure being lower than the budget by £310,649. The budget to 18 November 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 on budget at 31 March 2002.

2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

	Budget Expend to 18-Nov-01 Period 8	Actual Expend to 18-Nov-01 Period 8	Variance Expend to 18-Nov-01 Period 8	Annual Estimate 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Central Management Support	239,547	232,122	(7,425)	433,310	446,010	12,700	3
Leisure Service	5,494,585	5,444,491	(50,094)	8,619,178	8,719,128	99,950	1
Cleansing & Waste Management	4,510,791	4,304,669	(206,122)	7,319,853	7,215,651	(104,202)	(1)
Trading Standards	256,553	257,183	630	419,900	427,500	7,600	2
Chemist & Analyst	76,713	73,753	(2,960)	132,036	126,088	(5,948)	(5)
Licensing	131,674	92,431	(39,243)	207,836	197,736	(10,100)	(5)
Emergency Plan	43,076	37,641	(5,435)	69,997	69,997	-	-
Joint Boards	9,017,407	9,017,407	-	20,767,380	20,767,380	-	-
TOTAL	19,770,346	19,459,697	(310,649)	37,969,490	37,969,490	-	-

2.5 Summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 18-Nov-01 Period 8	Actual Expend to 18-Nov-01 Period 8	Variance Expend to 18-Nov-01 Period 8	Annual Estimate 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	3,745,503	3,750,441	4,938	5,926,655	6,009,947	83,292	1
Property Costs	511,422	476,335	(35,087)	790,521	800,651	10,130	1
Transport Costs	411,076	407,736	(3,340)	512,257	492,458	(19,799)	(4)
Supplies & Services	797,030	755,807	(41,223)	1,296,643	1,318,136	21,493	2
Administration Costs	100,064	117,954	17,890	174,649	228,826	54,177	31
Payments to Other Bodies	15,181,006	15,124,191	(56,815)	31,142,048	31,110,852	(31,196)	(0)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20,746,101	20,632,464	(113,637)	39,842,773	39,960,870	118,097	0
Income	(975,755)	(1,172,767)	(197,012)	(1,873,283)	(1,991,380)	(118,097)	6
NET EXPENDITURE	19,770,346	19,459,697	(310,649)	37,969,490	37,969,490	-	-

3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Employee Costs

It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £83,292 will occur at the year end due to a combination of increased temporary staff cover within Local Offices and to increased monitoring activity within Cumnock CCTV monitoring station. The later of which is offset by a revenue grant contribution detailed in income below. Further adverse variances are anticipated within Dean Castle Country Park and Recreational Development offset by additional income relating to fees and charges and grant contributions.

3.2 Property Costs

A net adverse year end variance of £10,130 is projected by the department. The majority of which relates to increasing CCTV maintenance costs resulting from the growth in the number of systems in operation throughout the area. This again is offset by revenue grant contributions detailed in income below.

3.3 Transport Costs

The year to date favourable variance of £3,340 relates to underspends within Cleansing and Waste Mgt operating lease costs and repair & maintenance cost. It is anticipated that this will continue to the year-end.

3.4 Supplies & Services

The favourable variance to date of £41,223 relates to the timing of expenditure however a year end adverse variance is anticipated as a result of additional spending within the mobile library service which is offset by additional revenue grant funding detailed in income below.

3.5 Administration Costs

It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £54,177 will occur at the year end. The department attributes this variance to a provision for bad debts, which has been created in line with recent changes in council practice on bad debt provisions and to increased communication costs within the Dean Castle Country Park and Museums. Additional adverse variances are anticipated within postages, stationary and advertising across a number of divisions within the department, the majority of which is offset by favourable variances elsewhere.

3.6 Payments to Other Bodies

The majority of the £56,815 favourable variance to date at period 8 is attributable to timing however it is projected that favourable variances will result at the year-end within Waste Management landfill tax payments and landfill contract payments.

3.7 Income

The net current favourable variance of £197,012 at period 8 is attributable to a combination of revenue grant contributions relating to Libraries, Museums, Dean Castle Country Park, and CCTV, and to increased fees & charges within Palace Theatre and Recreational Development. This is offset by adverse variances within Dean Castle Country Park fees & charges due to lost income resulting from the recent Foot and Mouth crisis.

Further favourable variances are identified within cardboard/glass collections and trade waste income. Given current information and trends it is projected by the department that income within trade waste and cardboard/glass collections will show favourable variances of £48,000 and £13,000 respectively at 31 March 2002, offset by an adverse variance within Waste Management sale of scrap.

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