

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 14 NOVEMBER 2001

### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6)

#### 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 23 September 2001 (Period 6).

## 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 6

The net expenditure to date amounts to £14,694,204 compared to a budget of £14,859,111 resulting in the actual expenditure being lower than the budget by £164,907. The budget to 23 September 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	Actual	Variance	Annual	Projected	Variance	
	Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Estimate 2001-02	Actual 2001-02	£	%
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Central Management Support	198,420	174,159	(24,261)	433,310	443,310	10,000	2
Leisure Service	4,016,589	4,045,721	29,132	8,619,178	8,694,682	75,504	1
Cleansing & Waste Management	3,501,799	3,360,934	(140,865)	7,319,853	7,248,718	(71,135)	(1)
Trading Standards	195,157	191,309	(3,848)	419,900	426,800	6,900	2
Chemist & Analyst	54,795	52,819	(1,976)	132,036	126,088	(5,948)	(5)
Licensing	97,982	78,834	(19,148)	207,836	192,515	(15,321)	(7)
Emergency Plan	33,312	29,371	(3,941)	69,997	69,997	-	-
Joint Boards	6,761,057	6,761,057	-	20,767,380	20,767,380	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,859,111</b>	<b>14,694,204</b>	<b>(164,907)</b>	<b>37,969,490</b>	<b>37,969,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 2.5 Summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Actual Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Variance Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Annual Estimate 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	2,823,129	2,832,570	9,441	5,926,655	5,996,112	69,457	1
Property Costs	209,565	165,682	(43,883)	792,521	815,256	22,735	3
Transport Costs	329,927	317,369	(12,558)	510,257	480,936	(29,321)	(6)
Supplies & Services	582,740	571,979	(10,761)	1,296,643	1,291,207	(5,436)	(0)
Administration Costs	76,465	87,206	10,741	174,649	214,330	39,681	23
Payments to Other Bodies	11,548,387	11,504,868	(43,519)	31,167,048	31,130,035	(37,013)	(0)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>15,570,213</b>	<b>15,479,674</b>	<b>(90,539)</b>	<b>39,867,773</b>	<b>39,927,876</b>	<b>60,103</b>	<b>0</b>
Income	(711,102)	(785,470)	(74,368)	(1,898,283)	(1,958,386)	(60,103)	3
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>14,859,111</b>	<b>14,694,204</b>	<b>(164,907)</b>	<b>37,969,490</b>	<b>37,969,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Employee Costs

It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £69,457 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. This additional monitoring cost will be offset by a revenue grant contribution detailed in income below.

### 3.2 Property Costs

A net adverse year end variance of £22,735 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 Strathclyde Police revenue grant contribution detailed in income below.

### 3.3 Transport Costs

The year to date favourable variance of £12,558 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 Administration Costs

It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £39,681 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 DCCP and Museums. Additional adverse variances are anticipated within postage's, stationary and advertising across a number of divisions within the department, the majority of which is offset by favourable variance elsewhere.

### **3.5 Payments to Other Bodies**

The majority of the £43,519 favourable variance to date at period 6 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.

### **3.6 Income**

The net current favourable variance of £74,368 at period 6 is attributable to a recently received Strathclyde Police CCTV revenue grant contribution, as highlighted in employee costs and property costs above, which is offset by adverse variances within Dean Castle Country Park fees & charges. This adverse variance within the DCCP is 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 £30,000 and £10,000 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**