

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2000 (PERIOD 4)

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 outturn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 28 July 2000 (Period 4).

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 4

The net expenditure to date amounts to £9,121,258 compared to a budget of £9,184,893 resulting in the actual expenditure being lower than the budget by £63,635. The budget to 28 July 2000 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 £13,652 over the annual estimated figure at 31 March 2001. The department will attempt to minimise this overspend through management action as the year progresses in order to out-turn on budget.

2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

	Budget Expend to 28-Jul-00 Period 4	Actual Expend to 28-Jul-00 Period 4	Variance Expend to 28-Jul-00 Period 4	Annual Estimate 2000-01	Projected Actual 2000-01	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Central Management Support	119,417	109,319	(10,098)	401,226	402,626	1,400	0
Leisure Service	2,569,796	2,511,552	(58,244)	8,599,746	8,642,179	42,433	0
Cleansing & Waste Management	2,012,862	2,022,483	9,621	7,036,733	7,028,502	(8,231)	(0)
Trading Standards	125,701	123,342	(2,359)	393,811	392,711	(1,100)	(0)
Chemist & Analyst	33,129	33,216	87	133,046	131,346	(1,700)	(1)
Licensing	58,970	60,030	1,060	192,043	175,493	(16,550)	(9)
Emergency Plan	20,790	17,091	(3,699)	68,197	65,597	(2,600)	(4)
Joint Boards	4,244,228	4,244,225	(3)	19,719,000	19,719,000	-	-
TOTAL	9,184,893	9,121,258	(63,635)	36,543,802	36,557,454	13,652	0

2.5 summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 28-Jul-00 Period 4	Actual Expend to 28-Jul-00 Period 4	Variance Expend to 28-Jul-00 Period 4	Annual Estimate 2000-01	Projected Actual 2000-01	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	1,617,617	1,603,110	(14,507)	5,130,700	5,198,027	67,327	1
Property Costs	194,539	181,192	(13,347)	968,958	956,870	(12,088)	(1)
Transport Costs	245,729	227,911	(17,818)	536,561	520,030	(16,531)	(3)
Supplies & Services	449,559	389,848	(59,711)	1,336,918	1,314,887	(22,031)	(2)
Administration Costs	49,026	49,960	934	163,868	167,642	3,774	2
Payments to Other Bodies	7,449,743	7,453,179	3,436	30,957,018	30,958,133	1,115	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	10,006,213	9,905,200	(101,013)	39,094,023	39,115,589	21,566	0
Income	(821,320)	(780,942)	40,378	(2,550,221)	(2,558,135)	(7,914)	0
NET EXPENDITURE	9,184,893	9,124,258	(60,635)	36,543,802	36,557,454	13,652	0

3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Employee Costs

The favourable variance at Period 4 of £14,057 is mainly due to delays in filling non-essential vacancies within the department. It is projected by the department, that an adverse variance of approximately £67,327 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 £13,347 as at Period 4, which relates mainly to timing variances within Leisure Services. 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 £16,531 relates to projected underspends within Environmental Health offset by projected overspends identified in car allowances within Recreational Development.

3.4 Supplies and Services

There is a favourable variance to date of £59,711 within supplies and services, £42,000 of which relates to the purchase of library books within Leisure services. The department attributes the majority of the variance to timing and anticipates that the expenditure on books will out-turn on budget subject to availability of books and publication dates.

By reducing expenditure on non essential items year-end favourable variances of approximately £22,000 are projected by the department relating to purchases of tools & equipment and purchases of materials across a number of divisions within both Leisure and Protective Services.

3.5 Payments to Other Bodies

The adverse variance of £3,436 at period 4 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 to some extent the favourable variances identified above.

3.6 Income

The current adverse variance of £40,378 to date at period 4 is mainly attributable to timing variances within skip hire and trade waste income within Cleansing and Waste Management. Given current information and trends it is projected that income within trade waste and skip hire will show a favourable variance of £75,000 at 31 March 2001, offset by an adverse variance of £35,000 within Waste Management sale of scrap.

It is 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 £40,000 and £17,000 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