

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13 NOVEMBER 2002

### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (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 22 September 2002 (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 £15,125,790 compared to a budget of £15,408,416 resulting in the actual expenditure being lower than the budget by £282,626. The budget to 22 September 2002 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 £22,080 below budget at 31 March 2003.

#### **2.4 Summary of Objective Costs**

	Budget Expend to 22-Sep-02 Period 6	Actual Expend to 22-Sep-02 Period 6	Variance Expend to 22-Sep-02 Period 6	Annual Estimate 2002-03	Projected Actual 2002-03	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Central Management Support	181,523	154,565	(26,958)	424,239	401,721	(22,518)	(5)
Leisure Service	4,174,007	4,091,963	(82,044)	9,647,634	9,675,959	28,325	0
Cleansing & Waste Management	3,527,955	3,386,459	(141,496)	7,883,119	7,883,269	150	0
Trading Standards	195,392	188,045	(7,347)	431,488	440,488	9,000	2
Chemist & Analyst	79,513	77,693	(1,820)	159,026	154,955	(4,071)	(3)
Licensing	91,143	76,625	(14,518)	212,146	187,146	(25,000)	(12)
Emergency Plan	31,414	22,971	(8,443)	66,518	58,552	(7,966)	(12)
Joint Boards	7,127,469	7,127,469	-	23,196,940	23,196,940	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,408,416</b>	<b>15,125,790</b>	<b>(282,626)</b>	<b>42,021,110</b>	<b>41,999,030</b>	<b>(22,080)</b>	<b>(0)</b>

## 2.5 Summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 22-Sep-02 Period 6	Actual Expend to 22-Sep-02 Period 6	Variance Expend to 22-Sep-02 Period 6	Annual Estimate 2002-03	Projected Actual 2002-03	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	2,963,920	2,989,691	25,771	6,257,691	6,321,137	63,446	1
Premises Costs	227,879	187,298	(40,581)	1,090,499	1,122,623	32,124	3
Transport Related Costs	334,752	325,570	(9,182)	526,524	507,042	(19,482)	(4)
Supplies & Services	762,646	810,899	48,253	1,879,222	2,132,665	253,443	13
Third Party Payments	11,912,496	11,869,424	(43,072)	34,160,988	34,170,204	9,216	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>16,201,693</b>	<b>16,182,882</b>	<b>(18,811)</b>	<b>43,914,924</b>	<b>44,253,671</b>	<b>338,747</b>	<b>1</b>
Income	(793,277)	(1,057,092)	(263,815)	(1,893,814)	(2,254,641)	(360,827)	19
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>15,408,416</b>	<b>15,125,790</b>	<b>(282,626)</b>	<b>42,021,110</b>	<b>41,999,030</b>	<b>(22,080)</b>	<b>(0)</b>

## 3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Employee Costs

It is projected by the department that an adverse variance of approximately £63,446 will occur at the year-end, which is mainly related to two Countryside Access officers within Dean Castle Country Park. The additional cost of these posts is offset by grant funding detailed in income below.

### 3.2 Premises Costs

The department projects a net adverse year-end variance of £32,124. The majority of which relates to general repairs and energy cost within the Palace Theatre and to increased water and sewerage charges within Public Conveniences.

### **3.3 Transport Related Costs**

The year to date favourable variance of £9,182 relates to underspends within Cleansing and Waste Mgt operating lease costs and excess travel cost. It is anticipated that this will continue to the year-end.

### **3.4 Supplies & Services**

The adverse variance to date of £48,253 relates to the timing of expenditure, however a significant year-end adverse variance is anticipated within Cleansing and Licensing. The adverse variance within Cleansing is as a result of additional expenditure in relation to recent legislation on the safe removal and disposal of fridge/freezers. The variance within Licensing and Community safety relates to additional expenditure on Community safety projects and initiatives. It is anticipated that Scottish Executive grant funding will offset both of these initiatives.

### **3.5 Third Party Payments**

The majority of the £43,072 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. This is offset by adverse variances within Dean Castle Country Park (DCCP) payments to contractors resulting in a net adverse variance at 31 March 2003. The adverse variance within DCCP is offset by additional grant income.

### **3.6 Income**

The net current favourable variance of £263,815 at period 6 is attributable to Scottish Executive grant contributions relating to the removal of fridge/freezers within Cleansing & Waste Mgt and Community Safety initiatives within Licensing. Additional revenue grant contributions from a variety of external agencies also account for a proportion of the favourable year to date variance within, Libraries, Museums, Dean Castle Country Park and CCTV. Further favourable variances relate to increased fees & charges within Museums and Recreational Development.

It is anticipated that the combination of external grant funding and increased fees and charges will result in a significant year-end favourable variance within income at 31 March 2003.

## **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**