

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CORPORATE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 FEBRUARY 2002

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT POLICY AND RESOURCES (CORPORATE RESOURCES)

Joint Report by Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Resources

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 services within the remit of Policy and Resources (Corporate Resources).

2 OVERALL POSITION

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

2.2 Projected Out-turn

There is a £36,000 anticipated favourable variance projected to 31 March 2002 for Corporate Resources Department. The projected out-turn figures represent the views of the service director and are based on all currently available information.

2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

	Budget Expend to 16-Dec-01 Period 9	Actual Expend to 16-Dec-01 Period 9	Variance Expend to 16-Dec-01 Period 9	Revised Annual Estimate 2001/2002	Projected Actual 2001/2002	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Central Management Support	96,978	94,901	(2,077)	137,532	137,532	-
Chief Executive	283,056	248,590	(34,466)	398,795	374,795	(24,000)
Corporate Development & Communication	382,983	356,512	(26,471)	543,713	528,713	(15,000)
Personnel	697,591	651,833	(45,758)	990,728	978,728	(12,000)
Legal & Administration	1,109,762	1,023,434	(86,328)	1,557,829	1,502,829	(55,000)
Information Technology	1,767,977	1,712,916	(55,061)	2,471,053	2,541,053	70,000
Other	53,280	50,286	(2,994)	30,830	30,830	-
Social Inclusion Partnership	1,162,525	1,143,403	(19,122)	0	0	
Recharges outwith General Fund	0	0	0	(1,018,810)	(1,018,810)	-
NET EXPENDITURE	5,554,152	5,281,875	(272,277)	5,111,670	5,075,670	(36,000)

2.5 Summary of Subjective Codes

	Budget Expend to 16-Dec-01 Period 9	Actual Expend to 16-Dec-01 Period 9	Variance Expend to 16-Dec-01 Period 9	Revised Annual Estimate 2001/2002	Projected Actual 2001/2002	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Costs	3,279,115	3,110,533	(168,582)	4,611,977	4,510,477	(101,500)
Property Costs	0	0	0	0	0	-
Transport Costs	48,225	36,295	(11,930)	83,360	83,360	-
Supplies & Services	1,070,267	1,005,868	(64,399)	1,512,228	1,582,228	70,000
Administration Costs	107,078	93,745	(13,333)	149,265	144,765	(4,500)
Payments to Other Bodies	1,307,067	1,283,381	(23,686)	203,590	203,590	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,811,752	5,529,822	(281,930)	6,560,420	6,524,420	(36,000)
Total Income	(257,600)	(247,947)	9,653	(429,940)	(429,940)	-
NET EXPENDITURE	5,554,152	5,281,875	(272,277)	6,130,480	6,094,480	(36,000)
Recharges outwith General Fund	0	0	0	(1,018,810)	(1,018,810)	-
TOTAL	5,554,152	5,281,875	(272,277)	5,111,670	5,075,670	(36,000)

3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Central Management Support

There are no material variances to report.

3.2 Chief Executive's Office

A favourable variance of £24,000 is anticipated to 31 March 2002 due to the time taken to fill vacancies within Internal Audit.

3.3 Corporate Development and Communication

A favourable variance of £15,000 is anticipated to 31 March 2002 due to the time taken to fill vacancies within the section.

3.4 Personnel

A favourable variance of £12,000 is anticipated to 31 March 2002 mainly due to the time taken to fill vacancies within the section.

3.5 Legal and Administration Services

A favourable variance of £55,000 is anticipated to 31 March 2002 mainly due to the time taken to fill vacancies within the sections.

3.6 Information Technology

It is anticipated that there will be an adverse variance of £70,000 in respect of I.T. Services due to the essential purchase of equipment in respect of the I.T. infrastructure. The purchase however will reduce leasing costs in future years.

In respect of the Modernising Local Government Fund Project, the Policy and Resources Committee on 22 February 2001 welcomed an award from the Scottish Executive of £592,000 for the East Ayrshire Council led bid for the Closing The Digital Divide Project. To date £115,238 has been spent and no variance is anticipated at 31 March 2002.

3.7 Other

There are no material variances to report.

3.8 Social Inclusion Partnership

There are no material variances projected at the year-end and it is anticipated that all SIP projects will spend their allocation by the year-end.

In respect of the Better Neighbourhood Fund, East Ayrshire Council has been allocated £6.75m additional resources over the next three years to improve and extend services to those living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. For 2001/2002 £0.593m has been allocated and proposals are being considered about how best to utilise these funds.

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