

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### CORPORATE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 8 APRIL 2003

#### BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES)

##### Report by Director of Finance

### 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 (Central Services).

### 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

A projected favourable variance of £182,510 is anticipated at 31 March 2003. The projected out-turn figures reflect the views of service directors and are based on all currently available information.

#### 2.4 Summary of Objective Codes

	Budget Expend to 09-Feb-03 Period 11	Actual Expend to 09-Feb-03 Period 11	Variance Expend to 09-Feb-03 Period 11	Annual Estimate 2002/03	Projected Actual 2002/03	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance	3,751,106	3,726,868	(24,238)	4,437,670	4,387,070	(50,600)
Democratic Process	620,034	556,979	(63,055)	723,550	703,550	(20,000)
Miscellaneous Services	2,591,770	2,532,155	(59,615)	3,426,536	3,396,536	(30,000)
Housing Benefits Subsidy	2,083,160	2,105,324	22,164	2,363,160	2,263,160	(100,000)
Corporate Office Accomodation	1,416,670	1,409,572	(7,098)	1,701,440	1,719,530	18,090
Better Neighbourhood Svs Fund	1,185,000	1,185,000	0	1,185,000	1,185,000	0
Community Budgeting	0	0	0	137,000	137,000	0
Income outwith General Fund	(51,000)	(51,000)	0	(2,033,570)	(2,033,570)	0
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>11,596,740</b>	<b>11,464,898</b>	<b>(131,842)</b>	<b>11,940,786</b>	<b>11,758,276</b>	<b>(182,510)</b>

## 2.5 Summary of Subjective Codes

	Budget Expend to 09-Feb-03 Period 11	Actual Expend to 09-Feb-03 Period 11	Variance Expend to 09-Feb-03 Period 11	Annual Estimate 2002/03	Projected Actual 2002/03	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Costs	5,073,933	5,002,307	(71,626)	6,036,058	6,016,058	(20,000)
Property Costs	1,223,310	1,222,370	(940)	1,426,290	1,448,355	22,065
Transport Costs	62,975	38,034	(24,941)	79,102	79,102	0
Supplies & Services	2,097,005	2,107,744	10,739	2,844,096	2,835,141	(8,955)
Third Party Payments	1,697,894	1,689,033	(8,861)	1,938,790	1,938,790	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing Benefit Subsidy	2,083,160	2,105,324	22,164	2,363,160	2,263,160	(100,000)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>12,238,277</b>	<b>12,164,812</b>	<b>(73,465)</b>	<b>14,687,496</b>	<b>14,580,606</b>	<b>(106,890)</b>
Total Income	(590,537)	(648,914)	(58,377)	(713,140)	(788,760)	(75,620)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>11,647,740</b>	<b>11,515,898</b>	<b>(131,842)</b>	<b>13,974,356</b>	<b>13,791,846</b>	<b>(182,510)</b>
Income outwith General Fund	(51,000)	(51,000)	0	(2,033,570)	(2,033,570)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,596,740</b>	<b>11,464,898</b>	<b>(131,842)</b>	<b>11,940,786</b>	<b>11,758,276</b>	<b>(182,510)</b>

## 3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Finance

It is anticipated that there will be a favourable variance of £50,600 at 31 March 2003. This is due to favourable variances in respect of Employee Costs (£20,000) and Income (£33,000) offset slightly by an adverse variance in Premises costs (£2,400).

### 3.2 Democratic Process

It is anticipated that there will be a favourable variance of £20,000 at 31 March 2003 due to printing and other associated administration expenses being less than budgeted.

### 3.3 Miscellaneous Services

It is anticipated that there will be a favourable variance of £30,000 due to additional grant income for administration costs for the East Ayrshire Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership.

### 3.4 Housing and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy

The net budget of £2m masks the fact that this is made up of expenditure of £35m and subsidy income of £33m. The amount of subsidy income received is dependent not only on value of benefits paid but also on other factors including overpayments and fraud. As previously reported, the Transitional Housing Benefit Scheme has been introduced as part of the Supporting People Initiative and the financial effects of this are very difficult to determine. Present indications are that a net underspend of £100,000 will arise.

**3.5 Better Neighbourhoods Services Fund**

There are no material variances to report.

**3.6 Corporate Office Accommodation**

The Director of Development Services anticipates an adverse variance of £18,090 at 31 March 2003. This is mainly due to additional unanticipated Property Costs and Supplies and Services, which are partially offset by additional income.

**3.5 Community Budgeting**

There are no material variances to report.

**4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS  
NIL**

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