

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## CORPORATE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 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 £7,440 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 17-Nov-02 Period 8	Actual Expend to 17-Nov-02 Period 8	Variance Expend to 17-Nov-02 Period 8	Annual Estimate 2002/03	Projected Actual 2002/03	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance	2,648,848	2,675,204	26,356	4,437,670	4,437,670	0
Democratic Process	467,592	420,070	(47,522)	723,550	703,550	(20,000)
Miscellaneous Services	2,040,839	2,041,849	1,010	3,426,536	3,396,536	(30,000)
Housing Benefits Subsidy	1,663,160	1,678,637	15,477	2,363,160	2,363,160	0
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,100,740	1,098,179	(2,561)	1,701,440	1,744,000	42,560
Better Neighbourhood Svs Fund	1,185,000	1,185,000	0	1,185,000	1,185,000	0
Income outwith General Fund	(51,000)	(51,000)	0	(2,033,570)	(2,033,570)	0
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>9,055,179</b>	<b>9,047,939</b>	<b>(7,240)</b>	<b>11,803,786</b>	<b>11,796,346</b>	<b>(7,440)</b>

## 2.5 Summary of Subjective Codes

	Budget Expend to 17-Nov-02 Period 8	Actual Expend to 17-Nov-02 Period 8	Variance Expend to 17-Nov-02 Period 8	Annual Estimate 2002/03	Projected Actual 2002/03	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Costs	3,735,222	3,694,452	(40,770)	6,036,058	6,033,658	(2,400)
Property Costs	970,968	975,751	4,783	1,426,290	1,465,850	39,560
Transport Costs	42,598	27,619	(14,979)	72,792	72,792	0
Supplies & Services	1,603,673	1,643,002	39,329	2,713,406	2,701,656	(11,750)
Third Party Payments	1,591,688	1,587,093	(4,595)	1,938,790	1,938,790	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing Benefit Subsidy	1,663,160	1,678,637	15,477	2,363,160	2,363,160	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>9,607,309</b>	<b>9,606,554</b>	<b>(755)</b>	<b>14,550,496</b>	<b>14,575,906</b>	<b>25,410</b>
Total Income	(501,130)	(507,615)	(6,485)	(713,140)	(745,990)	(32,850)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>9,106,179</b>	<b>9,098,939</b>	<b>(7,240)</b>	<b>13,837,356</b>	<b>13,829,916</b>	<b>(7,440)</b>
Income outwith General Fund	(51,000)	(51,000)	0	(2,033,570)	(2,033,570)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,055,179</b>	<b>9,047,939</b>	<b>(7,240)</b>	<b>11,803,786</b>	<b>11,796,346</b>	<b>(7,440)</b>

## 3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Finance

It is anticipated that there will be an adverse variance in respect of Premises costs of £2,400 at 31 March 2003. This will be offset by direct management action elsewhere within the Department.

### 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.

### 3.3 Miscellaneous Services

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

### 3.4 Housing and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy

The amount of subsidy income received is dependent not only on value of benefits paid but also on other factors including overpayments. The information currently available suggests that there are no material variances to report.

The Transitional Housing Benefit scheme has been introduced as part of the Supporting People Initiative. The financial effect of the additional Benefit Subsidy cost is unquantifiable at present but could be significant.

### **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 £42,560 at 31 March 2003. This is mainly due to current rent reviews of the corporate offices at Holmquarry House and increased service charges for 2 The Cross, Kilmarnock, resulting in additional costs of £21,500. In addition to this Property Services have reported that a problem with metered water charges at the Lugar office which has been ongoing for some time and is still to be resolved. The potential cost is £20,000 and Property Services are in contact with Scottish Water who are attempting to identify the source of the extensive water use. The balance is made up of additional cleaning and security costs offset by additional income.

## **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**

Members wishing further information should contact Julie Jamieson, Financial Services Manager, Tel: (01563) 576336.