

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 13 FEBRUARY 2001

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9)

Joint Report by Director of Finance and Director of Development 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 Development Services Department, for the period ended 15 December 2000 (Period 9).

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 capital charges.

2.2 Budget Performance to Period 9

The total expenditure to date amounts to £6,675,505 compared to a budget of £6,762,560, resulting in the actual expenditure being less than the budget by £ 87,055. The budget to 15 December 2000 is based on standard phasing for each period of expenditure and income, except where the Service Department has indicated otherwise. Period variances are highlighted at Item 3.

2.3 Projected Out-turn

The out-turn for the year is projected to be £9,843,749 being a deficit of £318,000.

2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

| | Budget Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9 | Actual Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9 | Variance Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9 | Revised Annual Estimate 2000-01 | Projected Actual 2000-01 | Variance | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | % |
| Economic Development | 1,506,911 | 1,324,401 | (182,510) | 1,931,583 | 1,791,583 | (140,000) | (7) |
| Planning & Building Control | 436,364 | 493,744 | 57,380 | 585,175 | 615,175 | 30,000 | 5 |
| Property | (1,263,883) | (1,223,341) | 40,542 | (1,149,753) | (1,225,753) | (76,000) | 7 |
| Roads & Transportation | 6,083,168 | 6,080,701 | (2,467) | 8,158,744 | 8,662,744 | 504,000 | 6 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 6,762,560 | 6,675,505 | (87,055) | 9,525,749 | 9,843,749 | 318,000 | 3 |

2.5 Development Services - Summary of Subjective Costs

| | Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9 | Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9 | Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9 | Annual Estimate 2000-01 | Projected Actual 2000-01 | Variance | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | % |
| Employee Costs | 2,906,265 | 2,861,819 | (44,446) | 4,083,182 | 4,073,182 | (10,000) | (0) |
| Property Costs | 245,234 | 276,913 | 31,679 | 269,110 | 308,110 | 39,000 | 14 |
| Transport Costs | 240,839 | 260,865 | 20,026 | 317,586 | 317,586 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplies & Services | 504,893 | 391,211 | (113,682) | 849,331 | 849,331 | 0 | 0 |
| Administration Costs | 87,672 | 73,294 | (14,378) | 125,856 | 125,856 | 0 | 0 |
| Payments to Other Bodies | 5,116,319 | 5,125,771 | 9,452 | 7,529,457 | 7,642,457 | 113,000 | 2 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 9,101,222 | 8,989,873 | (111,349) | 13,174,522 | 13,316,522 | 142,000 | 1 |
| Income | (2,338,662) | (2,314,368) | 24,294 | (3,648,773) | (3,472,773) | 176,000 | (5) |
| NET EXPENDITURE | 6,762,560 | 6,675,505 | (87,055) | 9,525,749 | 9,843,749 | 318,000 | 0 |

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Employee Costs

The favourable variance at period 9 of £44,446 results from savings from current vacancies within Economic Development. These offset additional costs relating to the Roads Service arising from the additional cost of the pay settlement.

A favourable out-turn variance of £10,000 is projected.

3.2 Property Costs

The current adverse variance of £31,679 has resulted from rates and water charges in excess of the budget for car parks and the Property portfolio. An out-turn deficit of £39,000 has been projected.

3.3 Supplies and Services

The current favourable variance of £113,682 is attributable to current underspends on Roads supplies and services. These costs are expected to out-turn in line with the estimate.

3.4 Payments to Other Bodies

The current overspend at Period 9 of £9,452 is due to expenditure on contractors, however an out-turn saving of £72,000 is projected as a result of savings in Passenger Transport costs. This is offset by additional emergency work costs of £45,000, mainly for expenditure following landslips at Lugar and Stair. Additional costs have been incurred due to the extreme weather conditions during the Christmas period. It has been calculated that the costs which were greater than normal for that period were £140,000.

3.5 Income

In addition to a previously reported shortfall in income from car parking amounting to £45,000, there is a projected deficit of £136,000 on Trunk Roads income due to a reduction in work awarded by the Scottish Executive as a result of the winding up of the current consortia and the impending construction of the new motorway. There is uncertainty regarding the receipt of the bus shelter income of £185,000 due to the failure of the contractor to implement the contract promptly. A shortfall of £170,000 has been anticipated as a result.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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AGENDA