

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 18 DECEMBER 2001**

### **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6)**

#### **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 23 September 2001 (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 capital charges.

### **2.2 Budget Performance to Period 6**

The total expenditure to date amounts to £4,661,237 compared to a budget of £4,610,557, resulting in the actual expenditure being greater than the budget by £50,680. The budget to 23 September 2001 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 £9,232,380 in line with the annual budget.

## **2.4 Summary of Objective Costs**

	Budget Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Actual Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Variance Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Revised Annual Estimate 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Economic Development	826,381	790,486	(35,895)	1,950,488	1,872,988	(77,500)	(4)
Planning & Building Control	345,775	409,263	63,488	635,260	708,760	73,500	12
Property	(443,602)	(434,969)	8,633	(1,011,193)	(983,293)	27,900	(3)
Roads & Transportation	3,882,003	3,896,457	14,454	7,657,825	7,633,925	(23,900)	(0)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,610,557</b>	<b>4,661,237</b>	<b>50,680</b>	<b>9,232,380</b>	<b>9,232,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## **2.5 Development Services - Summary of Subjective Costs**

	Budget Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Actual Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Variance Expend to 23-Sep-01 Period 6	Revised Annual Estimate 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	2,059,671	2,076,959	17,288	4,254,746	4,254,746	0	0
Property Costs	63,714	62,877	(837)	259,210	284,910	25,700	10
Transport Costs	167,219	157,127	(10,092)	362,106	362,106	0	0
Supplies & Services	242,910	240,567	(2,343)	875,631	914,131	38,500	4
Administration Costs	52,717	64,936	12,219	113,156	126,456	13,300	12
Payments to Other Bodies	3,170,863	3,170,590	(273)	7,223,177	7,125,677	(97,500)	(1)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,757,094</b>	<b>5,773,056</b>	<b>15,962</b>	<b>13,088,026</b>	<b>13,068,026</b>	<b>(20,000)</b>	<b>(0)</b>
Income	(1,146,537)	(1,111,819)	34,718	(3,855,646)	(3,835,646)	20,000	(1)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,610,557</b>	<b>4,661,237</b>	<b>50,680</b>	<b>9,232,380</b>	<b>9,232,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## **3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES**

### **3.1 Employee Costs**

The current unfavourable variance of £17,288 results from additional costs within the Roads Division however it is anticipated that employee costs will out-turn in line with estimate.

### **3.2 Property Costs**

An unfavourable variance of £25,700 is projected for Property Costs. This relates to backdated rates charges together with a new lease cost for a car park.

### **3.3 Supplies and Services**

Although there is a current underspend on Supplies and Services of £2,343, the sum of £38,500 has been projected as an overspend due to potential legal and professional fees for Planning issues, including judicial reviews, and additional Scottish Executive Reporter costs for major public enquiries for the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan and the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

### **3.4 Administration Costs**

The current additional spend of £11,510 is projected to out-turn at an overspend of £13,300, being the provision for bad debts in relation to the services provided by Development Services.

### **3.5 Payments to Other Bodies**

An underspend of £97,500 is projected for the year. There will be Economic Development savings in relation to payments for partnerships, projects and grants. Within the Roads Service there will be reduced expenditure of £60,000 on public transport charges and the lighting maintenance contract.

### **3.6 Income**

There is a current underrecovery of £34,718 in income, mainly due to a reduction in Planning Application and Building Warrant Fees and Property Rents.

A net underrecovery of £20,000 is projected for the financial year. Recoveries of European Social Fund income and grant repayments will partially offset projected shortfalls of £40,000 in Planning and Building Control income and £20,000 in Property Rents.

## **4 RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**AGENDA**

**NIL**