

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2002

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 16 DECEMBER 2001 (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 16 December 2001 (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 £7,447,696 compared to a budget of £7,419,260, resulting in the actual expenditure being greater than the budget by £28,436. The budget to 16 December 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 £9,248,080 in line with the annual budget.

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 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Economic Development	1,261,094	1,165,089	(96,005)	1,918,728	1,776,228	(142,500)	(7)
Planning & Building Control	509,020	631,132	122,112	682,720	809,220	126,500	19
Property	(787,154)	(771,103)	16,051	(1,011,193)	(993,893)	17,300	(2)
Roads & Transportation	6,436,300	6,422,578	(13,722)	7,657,825	7,656,525	(1,300)	(0)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,419,260	7,447,696	28,436	9,248,080	9,248,080	0	0

2.5 Development Services - Summary of Subjective 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 2001-02	Projected Actual 2001-02	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	3,048,517	3,034,068	(14,449)	4,254,746	4,254,746	0	0
Property Costs	253,943	272,031	18,088	259,210	284,910	25,700	10
Transport Costs	226,731	246,340	19,609	362,106	362,106	0	0
Supplies & Services	396,088	384,825	(11,263)	877,631	916,131	38,500	4
Administration Costs	78,796	98,363	19,567	113,156	132,356	19,200	17
Payments to Other Bodies	5,433,373	5,380,516	(52,857)	7,223,177	7,210,677	(12,500)	(0)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,437,448	9,416,143	(21,305)	13,090,026	13,160,926	70,900	1
Income	(2,018,188)	(1,968,447)	49,741	(3,841,946)	(3,912,846)	(70,900)	2
NET EXPENDITURE	7,419,260	7,447,696	28,436	9,248,080	9,248,080	0	0

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Employee Costs

The current favourable variance of £14,449 results from current vacancies within the Department, 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 £11,263, 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 expenditure of £19,567 is projected to out-turn at an overspend of £19,200, being the provision for bad debts in relation to the services provided by Development Services.

3.5 Payments to Other Bodies

An underspend of £12,500 is projected for the year. There will be Economic Development savings in relation to payments for partnerships, projects and grants. Within the Roads Service additional costs of £68,100 will have to be met for SPT Concessionary Fares. It is anticipated that these costs, which are outwith the control of the department, can be offset by a reduction in winter maintenance costs unless there is a period of severe weather, in which case alternative savings will be made on business grants. Additional Roads Service costs of £90,000 have been incurred which have been fully offset by additional income (see para 3.6)

3.6 Income

There is a current underrecovery of £49,741 in income, mainly due to a reduction in Planning and Building Warrant Fees.

Net additional income of £70,900 is projected for the financial year derived from additional income of £100,000 for fees and charges generated through the Roads Division (the costs of which are reported in para 3.5 above), less shortfall in income for Planning and Building Control Fees and other items.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

AGENDA