

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 23 OCTOBER 2001**

#### **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 29 July 2001 (PERIOD 4)**

##### **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 29 July 2001 (Period 4).

## **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 4**

The total expenditure to date amounts to £3,468,096 compared to a budget of £3,413,804, resulting in the actual expenditure being greater than the budget by £54,292. The budget to 29 July 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 £9,279,780 being a deficit of £47,400.

## **2.4 Summary of Objective Costs**

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

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### **3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES**

#### **3.1 Employee Costs**

The current unfavourable variance of £6,981 results from additional costs within the Roads Division however a departmental favourable out-turn variance of £14,000 is projected for the financial year.

#### **3.2 Property Costs**

An unfavourable variance of £25,700 is projected for Property Costs. This relates to backdated charges in respect of rates for bus shelters and a car park together with an additional new lease cost for the Marks & Spencer car park.

#### **3.3 Supplies and Services**

Although there is a current underspend on Supplies and Services of £18,048, the sum of £42,400 has been projected as an overspend due to potential legal and professional fees for Planning issues. The estimated cost of judicial reviews re Glenammer Engineering Ltd. is £20,000. Additional Scottish Executive Reporter costs will have to be met for major public enquiries, estimated at £8,000 for the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan and £14,400 for the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

#### **3.4 Payments to Other Bodies**

An underspend of £45,000 is projected for the year in relation to public transport charges.

#### **3.5 Income**

there is a current underrecovery of £54,192 in income, mainly due to a reduction in Planning Application and building Warrant Fees of £32,091 together with a reduction in Property Rents of £14,791. 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**

**NIL**

**AGENDA**