

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE –24 OCTOBER 2000**

#### **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 25 AUGUST 2000 (PERIOD 5)**

##### **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 25 August 2000 (Period 5).

## **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 5**

The total expenditure to date amounts to £3,755,802 compared to a budget of £3,887,733, resulting in the actual expenditure, being less than the budget by £131,931. The budget to 25 August 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 in line with the annual estimate of £9,546,959.

## **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 favourable variance at period 5 of £8,841 results from savings from current vacancies within Economic Development, which offset additional costs relating to Roads Service overtime. The projected out-turn indicates additional costs of £27,000 arising from this overtime which is necessary to generate income to achieve the budget target.

### **3.2 Supplies and Services**

The current favourable variance of £22,019 is attributable to current underspends on office equipment, consultancy and publicity within Economic Development. These costs are expected to out-turn in line with the estimate.

### **3.3 Payments to Other Bodies**

The current favourable variance at Period 5 of £100,312 is due to phasing relating to charges from Roads DLO and a favourable variance re concessionary fares. The projected out-turn saving of £72,000 results from savings in Passenger Transport costs.

### **3.4 Income**

In addition to a previously reported shortfall in income from car parking, possible shortfalls in recovery of income have been identified for: Trunk Road Fees resulting from reduced volumes of work; and Bus Shelter Advertising due to slow implementation by our new contractor. The level of these underrecoveries cannot be predicted confidently at this stage.

## **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**