

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 21 OCTOBER 2003

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 27 JULY 2003 (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 27 July 2003 (Period 4).

2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The following report relates to service costs and income directly controlled by the department and excludes rechargable costs for central services charges and capital charges.

2.2 Budget Performance to Period 4

The total expenditure to date amounts to £5,054,306 compared to a budget of £4,987,258, resulting in the actual expenditure being more than the budget by £67,048. The budget to 27 July 2003 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 projected out-turn for the year is £13,578,250, which is in line with the annual budget.

2.4 Summary of Objective Costs

	Budget Expend to 27-Jul-03 Period 4	Actual Expend to 27-Jul-03 Period 4	Variance Expend to 27-Jul-03 Period 4	Annual Estimate 2003-04	Projected Actual 2003-04	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Economic Development	707,384	701,441	(5,943)	1,854,224	1,854,224	0	0
Planning & Building Control	203,680	183,635	(20,045)	869,255	869,255	0	0
Property	(377,537)	(371,482)	6,055	(834,810)	(834,810)	0	0
Roads & Transportation	4,453,731	4,540,712	86,981	11,689,581	11,689,581	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,987,258	5,054,306	67,048	13,578,250	13,578,250	0	0

2.5 Development Services - Summary of Subjective Costs

	Budget Expend to 27-Jul-03 Period 4	Actual Expend to 27-Jul-03 Period 4	Variance Expend to 27-Jul-03 Period 4	Annual Estimate 2003-04	Projected Actual 2003-04	Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Employee Costs	1,501,256	1,514,534	13,278	4,704,303	4,704,303	0	0
Premises Costs	183,328	191,722	8,394	285,886	285,886	0	0
Transport Related Costs	152,352	157,071	4,719	365,373	365,373	0	0
Supplies & Services	286,436	284,348	(2,088)	1,126,302	1,126,302	0	0
Third Party Payments	3,932,733	3,938,029	5,296	10,948,803	10,948,803	0	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,056,105	6,085,704	29,599	17,430,667	17,430,667	0	0
Income	(1,068,847)	(1,031,398)	37,449	(3,852,417)	(3,852,417)	0	0
NET EXPENDITURE	4,987,258	5,054,306	67,048	13,578,250	13,578,250	0	0

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Employee Costs

The current unfavourable variance of £13,278 on employee costs relates to additional overtime required to carry out supervision at the A76 Crossroads junction. However, as the additional costs incurred are recoverable from the Scottish Executive, it is anticipated that employee costs will out-turn in line with estimate.

3.2 Premises Related Expenditure

The current unfavourable variance of £8,394 relates to emergency repairs costs of £3,650 in relation to Bridge Street, Muirkirk, and an increase in rates payable due to vacant properties. However, with current underspends on cleaning costs

to date, it is anticipated that the expenditure will be contained within the budget for the year.

3.3 Transport Related Costs

The current unfavourable variance on Transport Related Costs of £4,719 relates to the prepayment of leased vehicle costs for the year. Overall, Transport Costs are expected to out-turn within budget.

3.4 Supplies and Services

The favourable variance on Supplies and Services of £2,088 relates to a year end stock-taking adjustment. This is offset by overspends in professional fees and higher than anticipated marketing costs in respect of the councils vacant properties. It is anticipated that the expenditure will be contained within the budget for the year.

3.5 Third Party Payments

The current unfavourable variance of £5,296 relates to higher than anticipated volume of work undertaken by the DLO to date as a result of good weather over the summer. Overall, Third Party Payments are expected to out-turn within budget.

3.6 Income

The current adverse variance on income of £37,449 is primarily due to timing differences on income recoveries for rechargeable works undertaken by Roads, and seasonal fluctuations in car park charges. Once the timing differences have been resolved, it is anticipated that income will out-turn on budget.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL