

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2004

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT GENERAL FUND HOUSING TO 16 NOVEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 8)

Joint Report by Director of Finance and Director of Homes and Technical 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 General Fund Housing for the period ended 16 November 2003 (Period 8).

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 debt charges.
- 2.2 The net surplus to date amounts to £0.307m compared to a budget of £0.156m resulting in actual net surplus being higher than budget by £0.151m. The budget to 16 November 2003 is based on standard phasing for each period of expenditure and income, except where the service department has indicated otherwise. Period variances are mainly attributable to phasing which should level out over the year, but if this is not the case reasons for the anticipated variances are highlighted below.

2.3 Summary of Objective Costs

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTIVE COSTS						
	Budget Expend. to 16-Nov-03 £	Actual Expend. to 16-Nov-03 £	Variance Expend. to 16-Nov-03 £	Annual Estimate £	Projected Actual 2003-04 £	Variance (Favourable)/ Adverse £
Employee Costs	360,110	330,273	(29,837)	575,350	575,350	0
Premises Costs	214,359	103,079	(111,280)	344,410	344,410	0
Transport Related Expenditure	38,801	31,477	(7,324)	63,020	63,020	0
Supplies & Services	556,537	513,544	(42,993)	1,141,393	1,141,393	0
Third Party Payments	452,982	411,595	(41,387)	679,473	679,473	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,622,789	1,389,968	(232,821)	2,803,646	2,803,646	0
Income	(1,779,093)	(1,697,680)	81,413	(2,744,506)	(2,744,506)	0
NET EXPENDITURE	(156,304)	(307,712)	(151,408)	59,140	59,140	0

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 General

As a result of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 a significant amount of new temporary furnished accommodation has been required to be provided by the Council in recent months. In addition to this, Supporting People expenditure relating to Housing namely: 1) The Tenancy Support Team 2) External Housing Support Service Providers and 3) Former HRA Expenditure is now accounted for in General Fund Housing.

3.2 Employee Costs

Employee costs are underspent £29,837 to date due to staff vacancies in the Tenancy Support Team.

3.3 Premises Costs

Premises Costs are underspent £111,280 to date as the Tenancy Support Team are still to move into their new premises

3.4 Supplies and Services

Supplies and Services are underspent £42,993 to date as the Tenancy Support Team are still to move into their new premises.

3.5 Third Party Payments

Third Party Payments are underspent £41,387 to date due to the timing of expenditure to external Housing Support Service Providers.

3.6 Income

Income from clients using temporary furnished accommodation is £72,142 under recovered to Period 8 although at present it is projected to out-turn on budget. There has been administrative delays in the processing of income but management action is being taken by the Department to bring the income up to date. Any under-recovery in income will be offset by reduced expenditure.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that Members:

- (i) note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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