

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2004

SUPPORTING PEOPLE GRANT – 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 HATS – Supporting People Grant 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 rechargeable costs for central services charges and debt charges.
- 2.2 The net expenditure at Period 8 amounts to an overspend of £0.056m, and a projected outturn breakeven position for the financial year 2003/2004 is anticipated. 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 variance are highlighted below.

2.3 Summary of Subjective 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Premises Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	3,913,650	3,913,650	0	5,870,473	5,870,473	0
Third Party Payments	452,982	452,982	0	679,473	679,473	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,366,632	4,366,632	0	6,549,946	6,549,946	0
Income	(4,332,463)	(4,310,947)	21,516	(6,549,946)	(6,549,946)	0
NET EXPENDITURE	34,169	55,685	21,516	0	0	0

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 General

Transitional Housing Benefit ceased on 31 March 2003 and was replaced by Supporting People Grant from that date. Most of the grant is funded directly by the Scottish Executive who made an initial grant offer on 10 June 2003. The Scottish Executive has now confirmed the final Supporting People Grant award to the Council for 2003/04 as £6,161,575.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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15th December 2003

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

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