

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 26 MARCH 2003

HATS – TECHNICAL SERVICES – TO 9 FEBRUARY 2003 (PERIOD 11)

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 – Technical Services for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11).

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 surplus to date amounts to £0.330m compared to a budgeted surplus of £0.193m which is an increase in the surplus of £0.137m. The budget to 9 February 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 Subjective Costs

	Budgeted Expenditure to 9/2/03 Period 11 £	Actual Expenditure to 9/2/03 Period 11 £	Variance To Date (Favourable)/ Adverse to 9/2/03 Period 11 £	Annual Estimate 2002/03 £	Projected Outturn 2002/03 £	Outturn Variance (Favourable)/ Adverse 2002/03 £
Employee Costs	1,617,071	1,451,409	(165,662)	1,879,910	1,708,230	(171,680)
Premises Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport Related Costs	61,970	61,897	(73)	73,230	73,230	-
Supplies and Services	80,499	75,105	(5,394)	123,970	123,970	-
Third Party Payments	16,924	48,110	31,186	20,000	65,000	45,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,776,464	1,636,521	(139,943)	2,097,110	1,970,430	(126,680)
Income	(1,970,067)	(1,967,466)	2,601	(2,328,260)	(2,361,000)	(32,740)
Income recovered from Council	-	-	-	-	-	-
Budgets outwith General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET EXPENDITURE	(193,603)	(330,945)	(137,342)	(231,150)	(390,570)	(159,420)

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Employee Costs

Employee Costs are projected to out-turn £0.172m under budget, as a result of staff vacancies.

3.2 Third Party Payments

Third Party payments are anticipated to out-turn £0.045m over budget due to external assistance required as a result of long term staff sickness within the Department. These costs are in addition to normal consultancy work.

3.3 Income

It is anticipated at present that Fee Income will out-turn £0.033m above estimate. Technical Services Fee income is largely dependent upon both the workload available from the Capital Programmes and the completion of that work within the financial year and therefore fees may be higher or less than currently projected.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

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