

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 5 NOVEMBER 2003

SUPPORTING PEOPLE GRANT – TO 21 SEPTEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 6)

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 21 September 2003 (Period 6).

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 6 amounts to an underspend of £0.033m and a projected outturn breakeven position for the financial year 2003/2004. The budget to 21 September 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 21-Sep-03 £	Actual Expend. to 21-Sep-03 £	Variance Expend. to 21-Sep-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	2,935,237	2,935,237	0	5,870,473	5,870,473	0
Third Party Payments	339,737	306,279	(33,458)	679,473	679,473	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,274,973	3,241,516	(33,458)	6,549,946	6,549,946	0
Income	(3,274,973)	(3,274,973)	0	(6,549,946)	(6,549,946)	0
NET EXPENDITURE	0	(33,458)	(33,458)	0	0	0

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 General

Transitional Housing Beenfit ceased on 31st 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 10th June 2003. The final amount of grant is still to be confirmed to the Council and therefore the figures at this stage are not final. The lead officer for the Supporting People initiative is the Head of Homes and the grant has been allocated as detailed below.

External Providers	679,473
Homes & Technical Services Department	2,074,098
Social Work	<u>3,796,375</u>
Total	<u>6,549,946</u>

3.2 Third Party Payments

The variance to date is as a result of the timing of payments being different from the anticipated expenditure pattern. It is anticipated that all funding will be fully spent at the year end.

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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