

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 21 FEBRUARY 2002

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION

#### Report by the Director of Finance

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the position of the Council with regard to billing and collection of local taxes as at 13 January 2002 (Period 10).

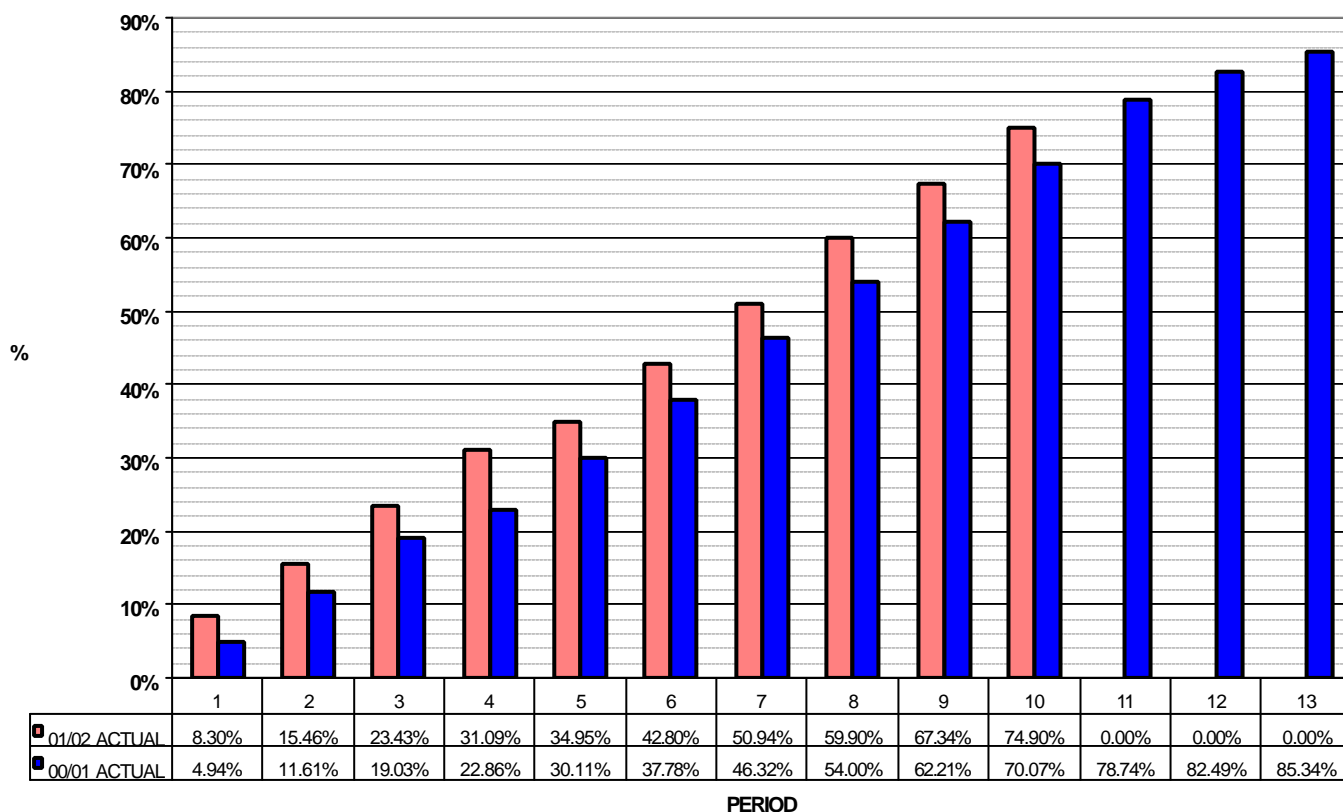
## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Director of Finance is responsible for the billing and collection of the current year Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates and for the collection of arrears of these, and arrears of Community Charge (Poll Tax) which were outstanding at 31 March 1996, in respect of properties within East Ayrshire.

## 3 GENERAL

- 3.1 Annual Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates bills for 2001/2002 were issued in March and April 2001.

**2001/02 COUNCIL TAX - % COLLECTION**



PERIOD

#### **4 COUNCIL TAX**

- 4.1** The graph on the previous page shows that 74.90% of the council tax billed for 2001/02 was collected by 13 January 2002. This compares to 70.07% at the same point last year. This is mainly due to the payment date being brought forward to 1 April from 1 May. A target of 87% has been set for 2001/2002 compared to actual collection of 85.34% in 2000/2001. It is anticipated that this target will be achieved.
- 4.2** Previous years' outstanding balances have been reduced by £2.566m since 1 April 2001 as a result of recovery action taken during this period. The total balance outstanding at 31 March 2001 for previous years was £18.231m. Recovery action is continuing to reduce this debt.

#### **5 NON-DOMESTIC RATES**

- 5.1** A target in-year collection rate of 90% has been set for 2001/2002. As at 13 January 2002, 74.06% has been collected compared to 72.67% at the same time last year.

#### **6 COMMUNITY CHARGE ARREARS**

- 6.1** Community Charge arrears collected during 2001/02 to Period 11 total £0.123m. The debt relates to the period from 1988 to 1993 and continues to be pursued.

#### **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1** It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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6 February 2002

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL**

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**AGENDA**