

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2001

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES)

Report by Director of Finance

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 services within the remit of Policy and Resources (Central Services).

2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The following report relates to services and income directly controlled by the department and excludes rechargeable costs for central services charges and debt charges.

2.2 Projected Out-turn

A projected variance of £87,000 under budget is anticipated at 31 March 2001. The projected out-turn figures reflect the views of service directors and are based on all currently available information.

2.3 Budget Performance

The net expenditure to period 9 amounted to £6,891,903 compared to a budget of £7,116,898, resulting in the actual expenditure being less than the budget by £224,995. The budget to 15 December 2000 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 at Item 3.

2.4 Summary of Objective Codes

	Budget Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Actual Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Variance Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Annual Estimate 2000/01	Projected Actual 2000/01	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance	2,723,715	2,678,938	(44,777)	4,035,709	4,010,709	(25,000)
Democratic Process	443,699	438,762	(4,937)	614,494	614,494	0
Miscellaneous Services	1,947,651	1,772,916	(174,735)	2,969,950	2,817,950	(152,000)
Housing Benefits Subsidy	941,040	883,846	(57,194)	1,359,280	1,359,280	0
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,060,793	1,117,441	56,648	1,421,458	1,511,458	90,000
Income outwith General Fund	0	0	0	(1,104,377)	(1,104,377)	0
NET EXPENDITURE	7,116,898	6,891,903	(224,995)	9,296,514	9,209,514	(87,000)

2.5 Summary of Subjective Codes

	Budget Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Actual Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Variance Expend to 15-Dec-00 Period 9	Annual Estimate 2000/01	Projected Actual 2000/01	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Costs	2,886,580	2,686,597	(199,983)	4,236,253	4,033,253	(203,000)
Property Costs	960,504	1,002,964	42,460	1,201,408	1,282,408	81,000
Transport Costs	43,515	39,720	(3,795)	62,539	62,539	0
Supplies & Services	1,814,211	1,818,228	4,017	2,712,426	2,760,426	48,000
Administration Costs	594,309	589,424	(4,885)	985,120	972,120	(13,000)
Payments to Other Bodies	399,240	399,330	90	584,713	584,713	0
Housing Benefit Subsidy	941,040	883,846	(57,194)	1,359,280	1,359,280	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,639,399	7,420,109	(219,290)	11,141,739	11,054,739	(87,000)
Total Income	(522,501)	(528,206)	(5,705)	(790,848)	(790,848)	0
NET EXPENDITURE	7,116,898	6,891,903	(224,995)	10,350,891	10,263,891	(87,000)
Income outwith General Fund	0	0	0	(1,104,377)	(1,104,377)	0
TOTAL	7,116,898	6,891,903	(224,995)	9,246,514	9,159,514	(87,000)

3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

3.1 Finance

It is anticipated that there will be a £25,000 favourable variance at 31 March 2001.

3.2 Democratic Process

There are no material variances to report.

3.3 Miscellaneous Services

It is anticipated that there will be a £152,000 favourable variance at 31 March 2001.

This arises mainly from a £180,000 favourable variance as a result of the 3 days of industrial action and is partly offset by additional costs of elections reported previously and a restructure of the Skills Training Unit.

3.4 Housing Benefits Subsidy

There are no material variances to report.

3.5 Corporate Office Accommodation

An adverse variance of £90,000 at 31 March 2001 is projected. As previously reported, this arises from additional property costs for rates and water charges set by WoSWA and increased service and security costs from external suppliers. These are partially offset by savings in energy and telephone costs.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
NIL**

Members wishing further information should contact Julie Jamieson, Financial Services Manager, Tel: (01563) 576336.

AGENDA