

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2001

BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ACCOUNT

Report by Director of Finance

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the current budgetary control position of the General Services Revenue Account.

2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The budgetary position summarised at Period 9 is shown below, with a more detailed analysis in Appendix 1. 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 are expected to level out over the year.

	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
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Total Departmental Expenditure	106.929	103.761	(3.168)	166.174	165.915
Net Balances Brought Forward	-	-	-	(0.400)	(1.224)
Total Expenditure	106.929	103.761	(3.168)	165.192	164.691
Total Income	107.370	107.370	-	165.192	165.192
(Surplus)/Deficit Carried Forward	(0.441)	(3.609)	(3.168)	-	(0.501)

- 2.2 The projected out-turn figures reflect the views of Service Directors, and are based on all currently available information.
- 2.3 The projection is based on the assumption that directors curtail all unnecessary expenditure without cutting across Council policies as directed by the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.4 The projected year-end surplus of £0.5m has been taken into account in the preparation of the 2001/02 Revenue Estimates.

3 SPECIFIC ISSUES

3.1 Pay Awards

Pay dispute savings arising from the series of one day strikes amount to £0.180m.

3.2 Debt Charges

There is an anticipated underspend of £0.173m on debt charges due to continued savings largely arising from the debt restructure which allowed the Council to take advantage of relatively low fixed rates of interest as compared to those budgeted in addition to short term cash flow benefits.

3.3 Snow Emergency

Additional expenditure, provisionally estimated at £0.140m, has been incurred within Development Services due to the extreme weather conditions experienced during the Christmas period.

3.4 Central Support Costs

Central Support Cost underspends of £0.133m are projected for central support departments including Finance, Legal, Administration, Information Technology and Personnel.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members: -

- 4.1** instruct directors to continue to take all necessary management action to control expenditure within budget, without cutting across existing Council policies; and
- 4.2** otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

Members wishing further information should contact Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager, Tel: (01563) 576307.

AGENDA