

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 APRIL 2001

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 9 March 2001 (Period 12).

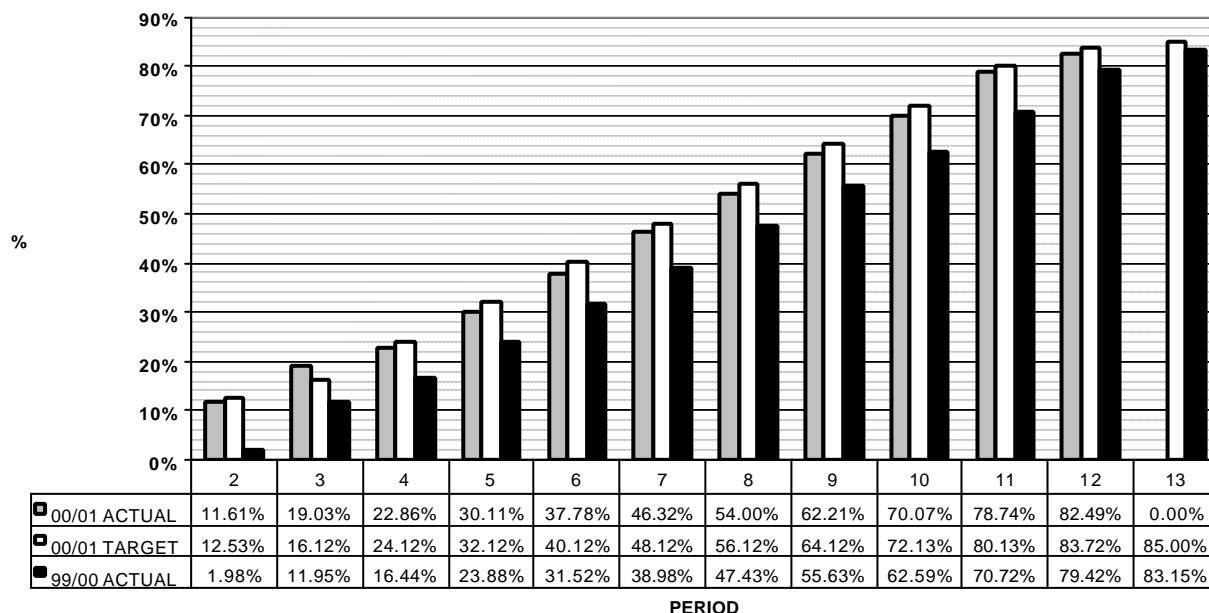
2 BACKGROUND

- 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 were issued in April 2000. Statutory Reminders and Final Notices have also been issued.

2000/01 COUNCIL TAX - % COLLECTION



4 COUNCIL TAX

4.1 The graph on the previous page indicates the target and actual collections for each financial period in 2000/2001. At 9 March 2001, 82.49% of the Council Tax due for the year had been collected. Collection levels are ahead of last year largely due to earlier payment dates which have allowed recovery action to be taken earlier. Performance is currently slightly below target but action continues to be taken to achieve the target of 85% by 31 March 2001.

4.2 Previous years' outstanding balances have been reduced by £1.986m since 1 April 2000 as a result of recovery action taken during this period. The balance outstanding at 9 March 2001 for previous years is £14.449m and recovery action is continuing to reduce this debt.

5 NON-DOMESTIC RATES

5.1 88.28% of the total amount due for the year has been collected at 9 March 2001. The target of 88% for the year will therefore be exceeded and recovery action will continue. All Non-Domestic Rates collected are paid over to the Scottish Executive.

6 COMMUNITY CHARGE ARREARS

6.1 Community Charge arrears collected during 2000/01 to Period 12 total £0.349m. The debt relates to the period from 1988 to 1993 and is becoming increasingly difficult to collect. At current recovery levels it is projected that £0.390m will be recovered in the full year.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Members are asked to note current Revenue Collection performance.

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20 March 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

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AGENDA