

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 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 31 March 2002.

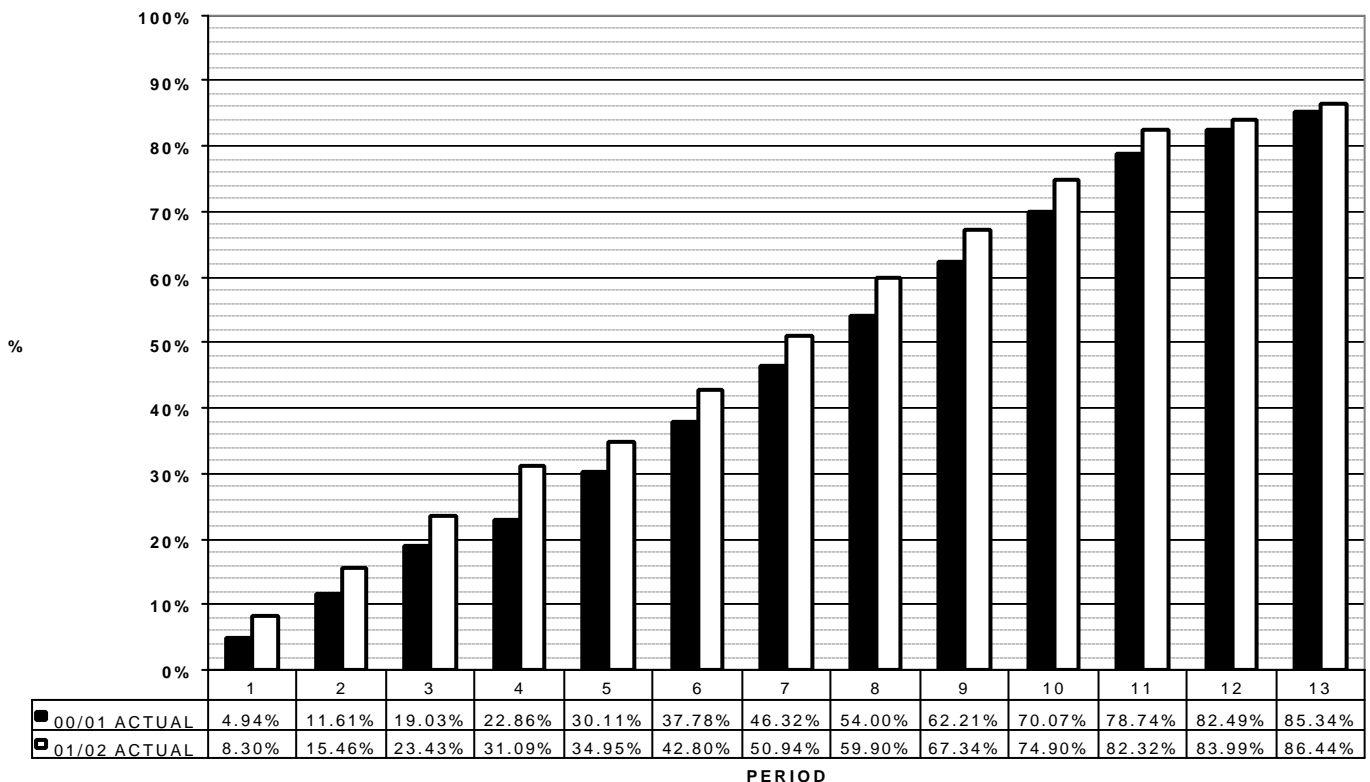
2 BACKGROUND

- 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



4 COUNCIL TAX

- 4.1** The graph on the previous page shows that 86.44% of the council tax billed for 2001/02 was collected by 31 March 2002. This represents a 1.1% increase over the last year's collection rate of 85.34%
- 4.2** Previous years' outstanding balances have been reduced by £3.161m 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** As at 31 March 2002, 88.35% has been collected compared to 88.28% at the same time last year.

6 COMMUNITY CHARGE ARREARS

- 6.1** Community Charge arrears collected during 2001/02 total £0.181m. These debts are now between 9 and 13 years old and although becoming more difficult to collect they continue to be pursued..

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

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AGENDA