

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30 NOVEMBER 2000

BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 20 OCTOBER 2000 (PERIOD 7)

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 for the period ended 20 October 2000 (Period 7).

2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The budgetary position summarised at Period 7 is shown below, with a more detailed analysis in Appendix 1. The budget to 20 October 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 20 Oct 00 Period 7	Actual Expend to 20 Oct 00 Period 7	Variance Expend to 20 Oct 00 Period 7	Annual Estimate 2000/01	Projected Actual 2000/01
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Total Departmental Expenditure	82.631	80.162	(2.469)	164.763	165.681
Accelerated Rental Income	-	-	-	-	(2.750)
Balances Brought Forward	-	-	-	0.600	1.526
Revenue Arrears	-	-	-	(1.000)	-
Total Expenditure	82.631	80.162	(2.469)	164.363	164.457
Total Income				164.363	164.363
(Surplus)/Deficit Carried Forward				-	0.094

- 2.2 The Annual Estimate for 2000/2001 reflects the Council restructure which took place on 1 July 2000.

- 2.3 The projected out-turn figures reflect the views of service directors, and are based on all currently available information.

3 SPECIFIC ISSUES

3.1 Pay Awards

In setting the 2000/2001 General Fund Revenue Estimates the Council made provision of 2.5% in respect of all categories of staff. It should be noted that the Teachers' Pay Award has been settled at 2.5% but final agreement for Non-Teaching staff has not yet been achieved nationally.

Following a recommendation from CoSLA, all Scottish councils have agreed to implement the final offer made to trade unions from the earliest possible date. This will cost £0.281m more than has been budgeted. In order to accommodate these costs, all departments should be required to make management savings without cutting across existing Council policies.

The net cost to the Council of implementation of the McCrone report is unclear at this stage. CoSLA is urging the Scottish Executive that the McCrone report be fully funded and that there be no additional costs to Councils.

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

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AGENDA