

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 29 NOVEMBER 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 21 October 2001 (Period 7).

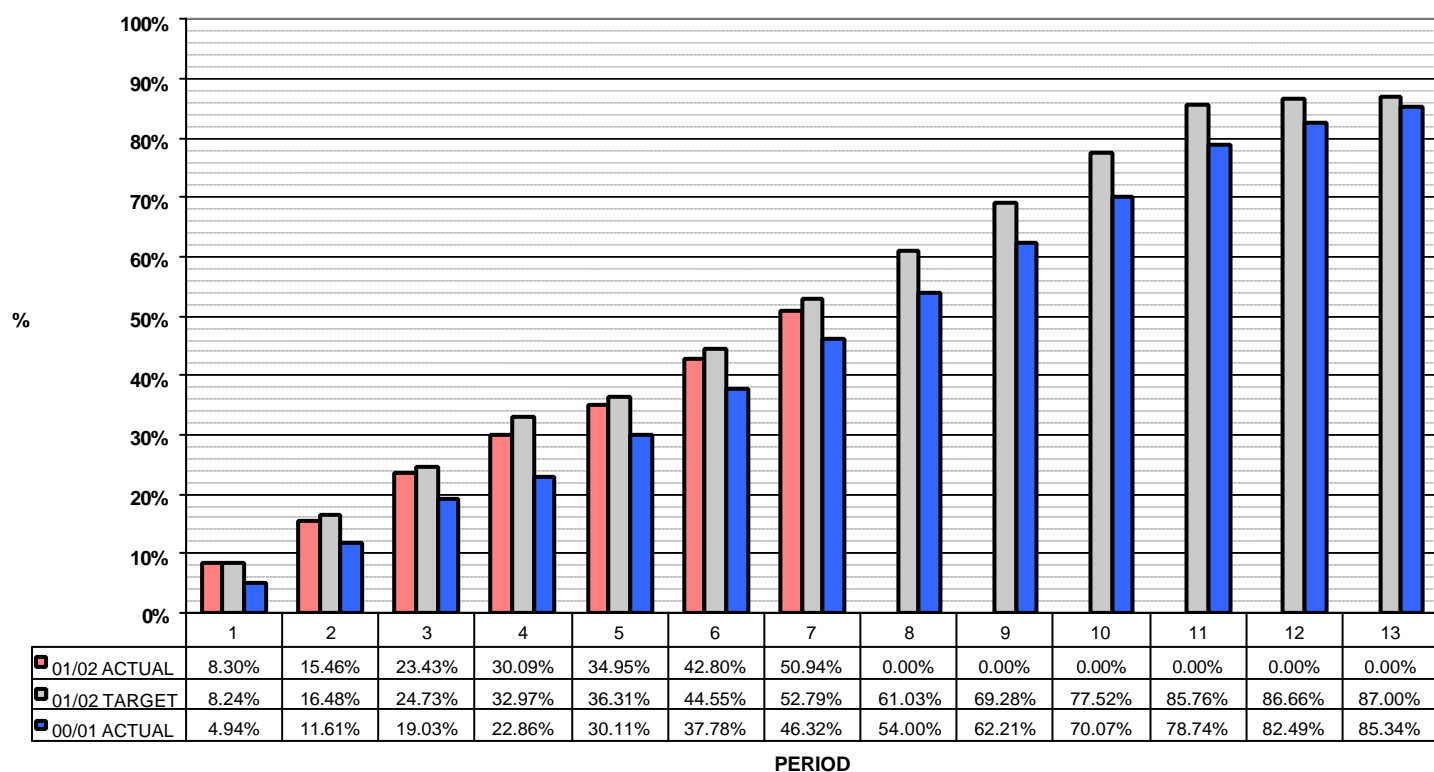
2 BACKGROUND

- 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 indicates the target and actual collections for each financial period in 2001/2002. A target of 87% has been set for 2001/2002 compared to actual collection of 85.34% in 2000/2001. At the end of Period 7 50.94% had been collected against a target of 52.79%. The monthly targets have been set at a fairly ambitious level however and at this point it is considered that the target for the year may still be achieved.
- 4.2** Previous years' outstanding balances have been reduced by £2.199m 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** A target in-year collection rate of 90% has been set for 2001/2002. As at 21 October 2001 56.61% has been collected compared to 51.09% at the same time last year and a target of 53.89% for current year.

6 COMMUNITY CHARGE ARREARS

- 6.1** Community Charge arrears collected during 2001/02 to Period 7 total £0.109m. The debt relates to the period from 1988 to 1993 and continues 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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