

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 4 OCTOBER 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 4 is shown below, with a more detailed analysis in [Appendix 1](#). The budget to 29 July 2001 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 29 Jul 01 Period 4	Actual Expend to 29 Jul 01 Period 4	Variance Expend to 29 Jul 01 Period 4	Annual Estimate 2001/02	Projected Actual 2001/02
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Total Expenditure	49.445	48.556	(0.889)	173.621	173.917
Total Income	24.037	24.037	-	173.121	173.121
(Surplus)/Deficit For Year	25.408	24.519	(0.889)	0.500	0.796
2000/2001 Balance Brought Forward	-	-	-	(0.500)	(1.003)
CUMULATIVE (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	25.408	24.519	(0.889)	-	(0.207)

- 2.2 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

Following agreement on pay awards and their timing for the next 2 years, a budget gap of £0.112m is estimated. This will require to be met within departments by general management efficiencies which do not impinge on front line services.

3.2 McCrone Report

The Director of Educational and Social Services is currently undertaking an exercise to detail the cost of implementing the McCrone Report. It is only when this exercise is completed that the final budget position will be known. This will be reported to future meetings.

3.3 Care Home Fees

An independent review group has been set up to consider issues affecting care homes including the level of fees which should be paid to the independent and private sector. The Scottish Executive has announced £17.500m extra investment over the next two years in respect of this issue. The impact on East Ayrshire Council is being assessed and negotiations are continuing.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 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