

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 2 OCTOBER 2003

BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT GENERAL FUND SERVICES

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

REVENUE

- 2.1 The budgetary position summarised at Period 4 is shown in [Appendix 1](#). The budgeted outturn position at 31 March 2004 is a break-even position. The currently projected outturn is a deficit of £0.402m.
- 2.3 Members will recall that the 2002/03 uncommitted balance brought forward is £1.524m. It should be noted that this figure may be subject to amendment during the remainder of the audit process.
- 2.4 The Council's insurance portfolio is due for renewal from 1 October 2003 for the next year. The recent fire at Grange Academy will affect our claims experience and as a result could impact on the renewal terms offered by the insurance company. At this time no indication has been given of the renewal terms and discussions will continue to take place with the insurers to limit any impact.

3 SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES

3.1 Education

Extensive work has been done by Education to align budgets with spending plans. An overspend of £0.538m is projected in the area of Special Education Outplacements however. The requirement to spend on this is demand led and the Director of Educational and Social Services recognises the need to live within the overall resource allocation and has confirmed that he will make every effort to identify opportunities to offset this adverse variance in other areas of the budget without cutting across existing priorities or service levels.

3.2 Homes and Technical Services

The projected favourable variance of £0.055m is mainly due to the timing of filling vacancies within Contracting and Technical Services.

3.3 Building and Works

Building and Works is anticipated to outturn £0.147m better than budget.

4 CAPITAL

The 2003/04 programme has been updated to incorporate a number of additional capital consents and grants following confirmation being received from the Scottish Executive. As the table below shows the current level of over commitment is £0.447m. No significant variances have been identified at this stage of the financial year, however these will continue to be closely reviewed and it is anticipated that the over committed balance will be brought into line with estimate through a combination of slippage and rephasing expenditure.

SERVICE	Revised Budget 2003/04	Actual Expenditure to Date	Projected Expenditure 2003/04	Variance Actual / Revised Budget
	£	£	£	£
Education	3,723,000	62,357	3,723,000	0
Social Services	1,580,000	2,318	1,580,000	0
Community Services	1,151,000	9,227	1,151,000	0
Development Services	3,805,000	84,040	3,805,000	0
Office Accommodation	90,000	50	90,000	0
Policy & Resources	2,130,000	125,582	2,130,000	0
Homes & Technical Services	550,000	89,366	550,000	0
Total Capital Expenditure	13,029,000	372,940	13,029,000	0
Funded By				
Section 94 Capital Consents	8,535,000	0	8,535,000	0
2002/03 Overspend	398,000	340,599	398,000	0
Specific Capital Grants	1,387,000	0	1,387,000	0
Useable Capital Receipts	1,300,000	32,341	1,300,000	0
Anticipation/Accruals	962,000	0	962,000	0
Total Funding	12,582,000	372,940	12,582,000	0
Over/ (Under) Section 94 Limit	447,000	0	447,000	0

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL

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