

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 OCTOBER 2000**

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT  
POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES)  
TO 25 AUGUST 2000 (PERIOD 5)**

**Report by Director of Finance**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To advise Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of Policy and Resources (Central Services) for the period ended 25 August 2000 (Period 5).

**2 OVERALL POSITION**

- 2.1** The following report relates to services and income directly controlled by the department and excludes rechargeable costs for central services charges and debt charges.

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

**2.2 Projected Out-turn**

A projected variance of £62,500 over budget is anticipated at 31 March 2001. The projected outturn figures reflect the views of Service Directors and are based on all currently available information.

**2.3 Budget Performance to Period 5**

The net expenditure to date amounts to £4,212,947 compared to a budget of £4,066,062, resulting in the actual expenditure being greater than the budget by £146,885. The budget to 25 August 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 should level out over the year, but if this is not the case reasons for the anticipated variances are highlighted at Item 3.

## 2.4 Summary of Objective Codes

	Budget Expend to 25-Aug-00 Period 5	Actual Expend to 25-Aug-00 Period 5	Variance Expend to 25-Aug-00 Period 5	Annual Estimate 2000/01	Projected Actual 2000/01	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Finance	1,581,121	1,502,461	(78,660)	4,005,709	4,005,709	0
Democratic Process	274,191	252,446	(21,745)	614,494	614,494	0
Miscellaneous Services	969,819	987,084	17,265	2,919,950	2,946,450	26,500
Housing Benefits Subsidy	822,775	1,052,406	229,631	1,791,671	1,791,671	0
Corporate Office Accomodation	418,156	418,550	394	1,421,458	1,457,458	36,000
Income outwith General Fund	0	0	0	(1,104,377)	(1,104,377)	0
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,066,062</b>	<b>4,212,947</b>	<b>146,885</b>	<b>9,648,905</b>	<b>9,711,405</b>	<b>62,500</b>

## 2.5 Summary of Subjective Codes

	Budget Expend to 25-Aug-00 Period 5	Actual Expend to 25-Aug-00 Period 5	Variance Expend to 25-Aug-00 Period 5	Annual Estimate 2000/01	Projected Actual 2000/01	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Costs	1,648,587	1,607,153	(41,434)	4,206,253	4,208,253	2,000
Property Costs	382,165	381,813	(352)	1,201,408	1,228,408	27,000
Transport Costs	21,785	17,998	(3,787)	62,539	62,539	0
Supplies & Services	913,900	900,704	(13,196)	2,711,676	2,735,676	24,000
Administration Costs	355,111	319,073	(36,038)	985,870	972,870	(13,000)
Payments to Other Bodies	221,800	244,300	22,500	584,713	607,213	22,500
Benefit & Related Payments	10,219,470	15,888,701	5,669,231	24,546,675	24,546,675	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>13,762,818</b>	<b>19,359,742</b>	<b>5,596,924</b>	<b>34,299,134</b>	<b>34,361,634</b>	<b>62,500</b>
Total Income	(9,696,756)	(15,146,795)	(5,450,039)	(23,545,852)	(23,545,852)	0
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,066,062</b>	<b>4,212,947</b>	<b>146,885</b>	<b>10,753,282</b>	<b>10,815,782</b>	<b>62,500</b>
Income outwith General Fund	0	0	0	(1,104,377)	(1,104,377)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,066,062</b>	<b>4,212,947</b>	<b>146,885</b>	<b>9,648,905</b>	<b>9,711,405</b>	<b>62,500</b>

## 3 ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

### 3.1 Finance

There are no material variances to report.

### 3.2 Democratic Process

There are no material variances to report.

### **3.3 Miscellaneous Services**

The adverse variance projected to 31 March 2001 of £26,500 is due to the late notification of an invoice from South Ayrshire Council for costs incurred in 1999/2000 in respect of the Council Elections in the south of the area which were administered by them. Due to the late notification, this charge for £22,500 was not accrued into the 1999/2000 accounts. In addition to this the recent By-Election costs of £4,000 were not budgeted for.

### **3.4 Housing Benefits Subsidy**

The variance to Period 5 is due to the receipt in arrears of the grant income. It is anticipated at this stage that this item will out-turn on budget.

### **3.5 Corporate Office Accomodation**

There is an adverse variance projected to 31 March 2001 of £36,000. This is due to additional Property Costs of £27,000 in respect of increases in rates and water charges which were set by WoSWA as well as increased service costs levied by Land Securities in respect of 2 The Cross, Kilmarnock. These are being partially offset by anticipated savings in Energy Costs. In addition to this there is a projected adverse variance of £22,000 on Supplies and Services arising from increased security costs for the Lugar Offices and additional costs for other supplies.

These adverse variances are partially offset by a £13,000 projected favourable variance in Administration Costs in respect of telephone costs.

## **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL**

**AGENDA**