

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 OCTOBER 2000

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ACCOUNT 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 of the General Services Revenue Account for the period ended 25 August 2000 (Period 5).

2 OVERALL POSITION

- 2.1 The budgetary position summarised at Period 5 is shown below, with a more detailed analysis in Appendix 1. 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.

| | 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 |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | £M | £M | £M | £M | £M |
| Total Departmental Expenditure | 57.298 | 54.795 | (2.503) | 165.145 | 165.807 |
| Balances Brought Forward | - | - | - | 0.600 | (1.224) |
| Revenue Arrears | - | - | - | (1.000) | - |
| Total Expenditure | 57.298 | 54.795 | (2.503) | 164.745 | 164.583 |
| Total Income | 61.155 | 61.155 | - | 164.745 | 164.745 |
| (Surplus)/Deficit Carried Forward | (3.857) | (6.360) | (2.503) | - | (0.162) |

- 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 reflects 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 staff categories. It should be noted that the Teachers' Pay Award has been settled at 2.5% but the Non-Teaching staff settlement has not yet been finalised.

In the event that the final settlement in respect of Non-Teaching staff exceeds 2.5% the full year effect of each additional 1% increase above 2.5% is estimated to be £0.445m.

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 by the Scottish Executive and there be no additional costs to Councils.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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AGENDA