

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by the Chief Executive**

**Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee : 24 March 2010**

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**Subject: Chief Executive Budgetary Control Report : Period 10 2009/10**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the performance of the Chief Executive budget for the period to 15 February 2010.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 12 February 2009, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2009/2010. A total net budget of £1.625m was approved for the Chief Executive's Department. This budget was subsequently reduced due to the imposed spending restrictions.
- 2.2** A revised budget (probable outturn) was reported to Members on 27 January 2010 (£1.608m). This indicated an underspend from original budget of £0.017m within the Chief Executive's Department.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The Appendix notes the annual probable outturn and a comparison of the phased probable outturn against the actual spend to date on the departmental budgets.
- 3.2** The summary report brings out a favourable variance to date (underspend) of £0.031m (2.31% of the phased probable outturn).
- 3.3** There is one main variance highlighted in the report:
- 3.3.1** Corporate Communications - This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the recent budget process, together with further savings now anticipated from the Council newspaper budget.

### **4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** There are no financial implications.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** The present variance should be viewed in the knowledge that there are a number of variable factors which could arise between now and 31 March and which could affect the year end results.

## **7. Equalities Impact**

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

## **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1** There is a favourable variance against probable of £0.031m in the Chief Executive Department, which is in addition to the £0.017m identified in the probable outturn.
- 8.2** This report is submitted for Committee's consideration and comment.

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**Date: 9 March 2010**

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**Appendix:** Chief Executive Department - Budgetary Control Report Period 10

**Background Papers:** General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax –  
Report to Council 12 February 2009  
Budget Book 2009/10  
Ledger prints – Period 10

**Wards Affected:** All Wards