

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by Chief Executive**

**Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee: 30 January 2008**

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**Subject: Chief Executive and Corporate Services Budgetary Control Reports :  
Period 8 (2007/08)**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the performance of the Chief Executive and Corporate Services Departments budgets for the period to 15 January 2008.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 8 February 2007, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2007/2008. A total net budget of £9.849m was approved for the Chief Executive's Department.
- 2.2** Subsequent to this, adjustments were made for departmental restructuring and also between these budgets and the contingency fund which increased the budget for Chief Executive and Corporate Services to £11.447m.
- 2.3** Following the compilation of projections of expenditure for 2007/08 which were prepared during the 2008/09 budget setting process, Members are asked to note that this report compares actual expenditure to the probable outturn of £11.101m – a reduction on original budget of £0.346m (see 2.2).

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The summary report brings out a favourable variance to date (underspend) of £0.021m (0.2%). This is in addition to the reduction in budget noted within 2.3 of £0.346m.
- 3.2** There are 2 main variances identified at this stage:
- 3.2.1** Housing benefit/council tax benefit identifies a favourable variance of £0.017m to date relating to a number of vacancies held within the service
- 3.2.2** Rent rebates and allowances show an adverse variance of £0.017m to date, mainly due to rent allowance expenditure being higher than anticipated

### **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. Conclusions**

**7.1** There is a favourable variance of £0.021m in the Chief Executive and Corporate Services departmental budgets to date.

## **8. Recommendation**

**8.1** This report is submitted for Committee's consideration and comment.

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**Appendix:** Chief Executive and Corporate Services Departments -  
Budgetary Control Report Period 8

**Background Papers:** General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax  
– Report to Council 8 February 2007  
Draft Budget Book 2008/09  
Ledger prints – Period 8

**Wards Affected:** All Wards