

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 January 2007

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Chief Executive

Cultural Services £52,690 Fav

This variance is due to lower than anticipated expenditure following the freeze on non-essential spending.

Education and Cultural Services

Schools – Secondary £169,870 Fav

This favourable variance is attributable to lower than anticipated staff costs mainly due to problems recruiting staff in specialist subjects and non – teaching posts.

Schools - Special £126,740 Fav

This underspend is due to vacancies and teaching staff cover requirements being less than anticipated.

Pre- Five Service £196,770 Fav

This underspend is due mainly to income from childcare and out of school charges being higher than anticipated. There are also underspends in supplies and staffing costs arising from the freeze on non -essential spending.

Libraries £77,130 Adv

This overspend is due to staff costs for unsociable hours not being fully reflected in the probable outturn

Social Work

Residential Accommodation – Elderly £65,950 Fav.

This underspend is due to a slightly lower than anticipated number of clients resulting in saving on costs for purchased places. There has also been higher than anticipated income from charges.

Home Help Service £41,540 Fav

This variance is due to a combination of staff vacancy savings and lower than projected levels of usage of external agencies both due to efficiency improvements to the in- house service provision.

Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Design and Maintenance £122,400 Fav

This favourable variance is due to the mild winter weather resulting in lower than anticipated supplies for winter maintenance, contractors and transport costs.

Street Lighting £41,680 Fav

This favourable variance is due to lower than anticipated contractor costs.

Traffic Management £30,340 Fav

This underspend is mainly due to higher than anticipated income recovery.

School Crossing Patrol £31,600 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly related to staff cost savings resulting from vacancies.

Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Administration £27,750 Fav

This favourable variance is attributable to a combination of staffing vacancies, reduced spending on administration and also a reassessment of salary allocations from HRA.

Homelessness £53,280 Adv

This adverse variance is the result of higher than anticipated expenditure on removal costs due to increased requirements and also increased payment for services provided by external bodies.

Rent Rebates and Allowances £32,340 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction in subsidy together with lower than anticipated recovery of overpayments.

Estates Administration £38,060 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to an under-recovery of rental income .

Clyde Regional Centre £51,250 Adv

This adverse variance is due to increased service charges. Negotiations are currently taking place to minimise these increases.

Refuse Collection £39,590 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to lower than anticipated income from commercial charges

Miscellaneous

Sundry Services £56,150 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly as a result of the trading operation surpluses being higher than anticipated