

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Social Justice Committee: 8 November 2006

**Subject: Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account Budgetary Control
Statement 2006/2007 to 15 September 2006 (Period 5)**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the financial performance of the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account to the period ended 15 September 2006. Budgetary control statements for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account are also presented to the full Council to allow the Council to monitor performance.

2. Background

- 2.1** Attached, at appendix 1, is the budgetary control summary statement for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account. It should be noted that this report compares the actual expenditure to 15 September 2006 to the phased budget as at that date.
- 2.2** Attached at appendix 2 is the detailed budgetary control statements for each of the budgets within the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The overall net position on the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account, measuring the actual against phased budget to 15 September 2006 is an adverse variance of £114,870.

- 3.2** An explanation of the key variances is given below:-

- i) Housing Benefit/Council Tax Administration – £57,430 (Favourable)

This favourable variance is attributable to staffing vacancies and the receipt of more grants than had been anticipated in the preparation of the estimates.

- ii) Homeless Persons - £152,180 (Adverse)

This adverse variance is mainly due to an under-recovery on homeless rents as a result of the occupancy levels, at period 5, being less than anticipated in the phased budget. However it is expected the occupancy levels will increase as the year progresses.

iii) Community Wardens

No variance is shown against this budget heading as this expenditure is funded from a redetermination of the Council's Revenue Support Grant (RSG), and any favourable variance will be offset by a reduction in grant in the current year. Any underspend can, however, be carried forward. As at period 5 the underspend amounts to £343,950.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The financial implication of this report is that the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account, measuring the actual against phased budget to 15 September 2006 is showing an adverse variance of £114,870.

6. Recommendation

6.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

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Wards Affected:	All
Appendix:	Housing Non-HRA Budgetary Control Report
Background Papers:	None
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