

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate Cultural Sub Committee: 15 March 2011

Subject: Budgetary Monitoring Report : Period 10 (2010/11)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Sub Committee of the performance of the Corporate Cultural budgets for the period to 31 January 2011.

2. Background

- 2.1** At a meeting of the Sub Committee on 4 August 2008, Members agreed the budgets thought to be relevant for the Sub Committee.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The budgets being monitored, both capital and revenue, are held in various departments and are also subject to monitoring by various Committees, as well as Council.
- 3.2** At the Special Council meeting on 14 October 2010, a number of savings were agreed for the 2011/12 budget, some of which have an impact on the 2010/11 budget. This report takes account of these savings.
- 2.4** A revised budget for Corporate Cultural Services (probable outturn) of £0.56m was reported to Members on 21 December 2010. This indicated an underspend from revised budget of £0.059m within Corporate Cultural Services.
- 3.3** The Appendix notes the annual probable outturn and a comparison of the phased outturn against the actual spend to date on the departmental budgets.
- 3.2** At present, the allocated revenue budgets being monitored per appendix A indicate a net favourable position of £0.016m.
- 3.3** The Halls and Events budget includes project based spend, but is rolled up within the larger halls and events budget and, as such, does not have individual formal budget allocations. The spend on the Halls and Events cultural projects to date is £0.086m, as indicated in appendix A.
- 3.4** The Educational Services culture budget includes project based spend with various ring fenced monies also being allocated within it. The spend on the Educational Services cultural projects to date is £0.259m, as indicated in appendix A.

- 3.5 Both project based spend levels – as noted in 3.3 and 3.4 above - are currently within expected budget levels.
- 3.6 The spending restrictions the Council currently has in place should be noted by Members. The CMT is scrutinising all spend to ensure that only essential items are ordered. It is important that the Council remains consistent in its approach to such matters.
- 4. People Implications**
- 4.1 There are no people implications.
- 5. Financial Implications**
- 5.1 There is a favourable variance against probable of £0.016m within the Corporate Cultural budgets which is in addition to the identified £ 0.059m in the probable outturn .
- 6. Risk Analysis**
- 6.1 The present position 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 Assessment**
- 7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.
- 8. Conclusions and Recommendation**
- 8.1 For those net revenue budgets being monitored, there is an overall favourable variance of £0.016m which is in addition to the identified £0.059m in the probable outturn .
- 8.2 This report is submitted for the Sub-Committee's consideration and comment.

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Appendix: Corporate Cultural budgets - Budgetary Control
Report Period 10

Background Papers: Budget Book 2010/11
Ledger prints – Period 10

Wards Affected: All Wards