

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by the Chief Executive
Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee : 24 March 2010

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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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