

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services**  
**Council – 28 September 2011**

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**Subject : General Services Revenue Budgetary Control Report : Period 4 (2011/12)**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the performance of the General Services revenue budget for the period to 31 July 2011.

**2. Background**

2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 February 2011, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2011/12. A total net budget of £239.517m was approved.

2.2 This report covers service expenditure and loan charges, which are budgeted at £212.930m. The balance of the budget comprises of requisitions, which are outwith the Council's control.

**3. Main Issues**

3.1 The summary report shows a favourable variance (underspend) of £0.178m (0.25% of the phased budget).

3.2 Notes on service variances in excess of £25,000 are attached. The report collates a large amount of information and if any Member wishes further details on any of the variances, it would be appreciated if contact could be made with the undernoted officer prior to the Council meeting.

3.3 Although the report indicates that expenditure is broadly in line with that anticipated during the budget exercise, 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.

**4. People Implications**

4.1 There are no people implications.

**5 Financial implications**

5.1 As at 31 July 2011, the Council's General Services revenue budget identified a £0.178m underspend against budget.

## **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, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 7.1** No issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

## **8. Strategic Assessment**

- 8.1** The report is for noting and, therefore, does not directly affect any of the strategic priorities.

## **9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 9.1** This report identifies a favourable variance against budget of £0.178m and is submitted for consideration and comment.

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**Date: 5 September 2011**

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**Appendix:** Budgetary Control Report Period 4  
Variance Analysis

**Background papers:** Ledger Output  
Revenue Estimates 2011/12

**Wards affected:** All