

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee: 20 April 2011

Subject: Chief Executive Budgetary Control Report : Period 11 2010/11

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 28 February 2011.

2. Background

- 2.1** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 28 January 2010, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2010/2011. At that time, a total net budget of £1.963m was approved for the Chief Executive's Department.
- 2.2** Between 28 January and 31 December there have been a number of restructures and budget reviews (e.g. targeted restructure savings, pay award, spending freeze) within the Council, which have been completed, quantified and budgets adjusted. Following these changes the annual departmental budget was revised to £1.839m.
- 2.3** 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. It was also agreed to transfer Welfare Rights and Community Work Services from Social Work and Health into the Chief Executive's Department. This report takes account of these changes.
- 2.4** A revised budget (probable outturn) of £3.225m was reported to Members on 21 December 2010 which consisted of £1.607m for existing Chief Executive services and £1.618m in respect of the Welfare Rights and Community Work agreed transfer. At this time, the probable outturn indicated an underspend from revised budget of £0.232m within Chief Executive Services
- 2.5** Due to interdepartmental virements, the probable outturn for Chief Executive's department now stands at £3.213m.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** 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** The summary report brings out a favourable variance to date (underspend) of £0.061m (2.13%).

3.3 There are two main variances highlighted in the report:

Chief Executive - £0.024m Favourable

This variance is mainly within supplies, services and administration and is a direct result of the non essential spending restrictions.

Welfare Rights - £0.021m Favourable

This variance is mainly due to additional income now anticipated, which were not identified during probable outturn.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

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, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

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 £0.061m in the Chief Executive's departmental budget, which is in addition to the £0.232m identified in the probable outturn.

8.2 This report is submitted for Committee's consideration and comment.

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Appendix 1: Chief Executive Services Department - Budgetary Control -
Period 11

Background Papers: General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax –
Report to Council 21 December 2010
Budget Book 2011/2
Ledger prints – Period 11

Wards Affected: All Wards