

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Council : 28 February 2007

Subject : General Services Budgetary Control Report : Period 9 (2006/07)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the performance of the general services budget for the period to 15 January 2007.

2. Background

- 2.1** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 February 2006, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2006/07. A total net budget of £203.514m was approved.
- 2.2** Following the compilation of projections of expenditure for 2006/07 which were prepared during the 2007/08 budget setting process, Members are asked to note that this report compares actual expenditure to the probable outturns.
- 2.3** This report covers service expenditure and loan charges which were projected at £172.563m during the budget setting process. Primarily, due to the revision to the 2006/07 budget for the implementation of a single status agreement, this probable outturn indicated an overall adverse variance against budget of £1.209m. As a result of this forecast, the Corporate Management Team introduced a number of spending restrictions with effect from 16 November 2006.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The summary report brings out a favourable variance (underspend) of £0.632m (0.37%).
- 3.2** Notes on 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** The report indicates that actions introduced by the Corporate Management Team are being successful in addressing the position outlined in paragraph 2.3 and that the overall budgetary position at 31 March 2007 is anticipated to be in line with that forecast during the setting of the 2007/08 budget.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial implications

5.1 At 15 January 2007, the Council's revenue budget was showing a £0.632m underspend against probable outturn.

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. Conclusion

7.1 The report identifies a favourable variance against probable outturn of £0.632m.

8. Recommendation

8.1 This report is submitted for consideration and comment.

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Appendix: Budgetary Control Detail Period 9 2006/07
Variance Analysis

Background papers: Ledger Output
Revenue Estimates 2006/07

Wards affected: All