WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council – 27 April 2011

Subject : General Services Revenue Budgetary Control Report : Period 11 (2010/11)

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 28 February 2011.

2. Background

2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 28 January 2010, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2010/11. A total net budget of £249.179m was approved.

2.2 At the Council meeting on 21 December 2010, the draft budget book 2011/12 was presented to Members, highlighting likely spend by the year end of £246.540m (indicating a forecast in-year surplus of £2.639m).

2.3 As per normal practice, the contingency fund forms part of the overall probable outturn review and is now held within the forecast surplus of £2.639m (noted in 2.2).

2.4 This report covers service expenditure and loan charges, which are projected at £217.107m. The balance of the budget comprises of requisitions, which are outwith the Council's control.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The summary report brings out a favourable variance (underspend) of £0.775m (0.39% of the phased probable).

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 Although the report indicates that expenditure is favourable in comparison to 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, the 31 March and post year-end accounting entries which could affect the year end results.

3.4 The Council has been advised that it is due to receive an additional £0.166m during the current year due to the severe weather conditions. The money has been allocated for roads maintenance/repairs. This income and any related spend have now been included.

4 People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5 Financial implications

5.1 At 28 February 2011, the Council's revenue budget was showing a £0.775m underspend against probable (i.e. in addition to the forecast underspend of £2.639m as noted in 2.2 above).

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 The report identifies a favourable variance against probable of £0.775m, in addition to the forecast probable underspend of £2.639m.

8.2 This report is submitted for consideration and comment.

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Appendix: Budgetary Control Report Period 11
Variance Analysis

Background papers: Ledger Output
Revenue Estimates 2010/11

Wards affected: All