

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 31 December 2010

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Corporate Services

Environmental Health £51,290 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held, together with savings anticipated on payments to other bodies (through dog kennelling & public analyst, which are both demand led budgets).

Finance £33,940 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Human Resources & Organisational Development £43,560 Fav

This favourable variance is due to staffing vacancies currently held together with reductions in spending on both training equipment / materials and star awards.

Educational Services

Schools - Primary £62,070 Fav

The main variances in Primary Schools are due to lower than anticipated staff cover costs.

Schools – Secondary £170,180 Fav

The main variances in Secondary Schools are due to lower than anticipated staff cover costs together with additional income received in relation to revision courses.

Schools – Special £111,890 Fav

The underspend in Special Schools is due to the requirement for List G residential and day care placements being lower than anticipated.

Sports Development £34,220 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income being lower than anticipated as a result of the recent poor weather.

Outdoor Education £81,600 Adv

There are several small variances making up this adverse variance namely overspends in transport costs, supplies and services and payments to other bodies. These are partially offset by vacancy savings .

Pre-Five Centres £101,060 Adv

The main factor is due to a lower than anticipated number of users within nurseries and out of school care.

Social Work and Health Improvement Services

Residential Accom for Young People £71,460 Fav

This underspend is due to less than anticipated spend on both fostering placements and supported lodgings.

Residential Accommodation - Elderly £163,450 Fav

This favourable variance is due to three factors. There is an underspend on employee costs due to improved management of cover requirements. There is also an underspend on payments to other bodies due to the current number of clients placed in external care homes being lower than anticipated. Property costs are also lower than anticipated due to a reduction in utility costs.

Sheltered Housing £38,250 Fav

This favourable variance is due to an underspend on employee costs resulting from a decreased use of overtime.

Residential Accom – Learning Disability £39,500 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an overspend on payments to other bodies partially offset by a small underspend on payments to clients.

Residential Accom – Physical Disability £29,750 Fav

This favourable variance is made up of a number of smaller variances with the largest being in payments to other bodies.

Home Help Service £111,760 Fav

This favourable variance is due to two factors. There is an underspend on employee costs due to improved management of cover requirements. There is also an underspend on payments to other bodies due to the current assessed need for Free Personal care being lower than previously assessed.

Other Specific Services £25,590 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction in income relating to Housing Benefits.

Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services

Directorate and Administration £88,110 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to income from reallocation of salaries being lower than anticipated. Services are identifying a favourable variance in line with this.

Building Cleaning PPP £91,670 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to an underpend on employee costs.

Roads Operations £138,740 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an increase in payroll costs and plant hire as a result of the extreme weather conditions.

Design & Maintenance £348,060 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an overspend on materials for winter maintenance as a result of the extreme weather conditions.

Leisure Services Client £39,880 Adv

This adverse variance is due to employee hours worked being higher than anticipated .

Homeless Persons £110,490 Fav

This favourable variance is due to three main factors :

- Electricity and gas costs lower than anticipated
- Reduction in the number of removals / storages required
- Increased income due to increased occupancy rates and average number of units

Estates Administration £27,940 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to rental income being higher than anticipated.

Clyde Regional Centre £45,840 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a provision being made for irrecoverable accounts and empty properties within the centre.

Refuse Collection £67,720 Adv

This adverse variance is due to employee costs being higher than anticipated together with income levels being lower as a result of competition in the marketplace.

Refuse Disposal £112,370 Fav

This favourable variance is due to an underspend on zero waste.

Statutory Trading Operations

£102,390 Fav

This favourable variance is the result of an underspend in supplies and services within grounds maintenance and additional income in HMTO.

Miscellaneous Services

Sundry Services

£136,170 Adv

This adverse variance is due to additional costs arising from the staff severance trawl. These costs will however result in lower costs in years to come.