

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services)

Social Justice Committee: 17 January 2007

Subject: Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account Budgetary Control Statement 2006/2007 to 15 November 2006 (Period 7)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the financial performance of the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account to the period ended 15 November 2006. Budgetary control statements for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account are also presented to the full Council to allow the Council to monitor performance.

2. Background

- 2.1** Attached, at appendix 1, is the budgetary control summary statement for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account. It should be noted that this report compares the actual expenditure to 15 November 2006 to the phased budget as at that date.
- 2.2** Attached at appendix 2 is the detailed budgetary control statements for each of the budgets within the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The overall net position on the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account, measuring the actual against phased budget to 15 November 2006 is a favourable variance of £7,420.

- 3.2** An explanation of the key variances is given below:-

- i) Housing Benefit/Council Tax Administration – £122,030 (Favourable)

This favourable variance is attributable to staffing vacancies and the receipt of more grants than had been anticipated in the preparation of the estimates.

ii) Homeless Persons - £165,870 (Adverse)

This adverse variance is mainly due to an under-recovery on homeless rents as a result of the occupancy levels being less than anticipated in the phased budget. However, it is expected that occupancy levels will increase as the year progresses.

iii) Private Sector Housing - £32,370 (Favourable)

This favourable variance is due to a lower salary allocation from the Housing Revenue Account.

iv) Community Wardens

No variance is shown against this budget heading as this expenditure is funded from a redetermination of the Council's Revenue Support Grant (RSG), and any favourable variance will be offset by a reduction in grant in the current year. Any underspend can, however, be carried forward. As at period 7 the underspend amounts to £427,670.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The financial implication of this report is that the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account, measuring the actual against phased budget to 15 November 2006, is showing a small favourable variance of £7,420.

6. Recommendation

6.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

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Wards Affected: All

Appendix: Housing Non-HRA Budgetary Control Report

Background Papers: None

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