

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services

Children's Services Committee: 16 August 2006

Subject: 2005- 06 Revenue Estimates – Budgetary Control Report for the Period 1 April to 15 July 2006

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report provides Members with the latest information on expenditure and income to date within the Education and Cultural Services approved budget for 2006-7.

2. Background

- 2.1** The 2006-7 Education & Cultural Services budget forms part of the total General Services budget approved at a Special Meeting of the Council on 9th February 2006. Periodic reports are prepared throughout the financial year, in order to assess the extent to which expenditure and income are in line with budget expectations. Reports submitted to the Children's Services Committee reflect the latest financial period for which information is available. This report covers the period from 1st April to 15th July 2006.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** There is an overall adverse variance of £82,780 or 0.40% of the budget to date.
- 3.2** The attached appendices provide the following information for the period 1 April to 15 July 2006:
- (a) Total expenditure and income against budget, by type of expenditure (e.g. Employee Costs) is shown in **Appendix A**,
 - (b) Total expenditure and income against budget across individual services (e.g. Primary) is shown in **Appendix B**,
 - (c) Expenditure and income against budget by type of expenditure for individual services is shown in **Appendix C**,
 - (d) Explanation of variances in excess of £25,000 by type of expenditure for individual services is shown in **Appendix D**.

3.3 The most significant variances by service area are as follows:

Primary Schools - £49,200 Adverse

The overspend is mainly within Property Costs and Transport and relates to overspends on Energy costs and in payments for school transport, the latter of which is more than offset at Secondary.

Special Schools - £39,150 Favourable

The underspend is mainly within staffing and relates to teaching cover requirements being less than anticipated at this stage in the financial year.

Pre-5 - £66,960 Adverse

There are overspends in staffing due to the budget omitting to provide for increments awarded to some staff from 1st April 2006, and in Payments to Other Bodies due to payments to commissioned providers of nursery places exceeding budget expectations.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The overall adverse variance as reported, provides only an indication of the final out-turn position. Updated reports shall be presented to subsequent Children's Services Committees throughout 2006-7.

6. Conclusions

6.1 The report has compared year to date expenditure and income with the approved budget to date, for Education and Cultural Services.

6.2 As stated at 3.1, there is an overall adverse variance of £82,780 or 0.40% of the budget to date.

7. Recommendation

7.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: Not applicable