

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Corporate Services Committee: 31 January 2007

Subject : Chief Executive Budgetary Control Report : Period 8 (2006/07)

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the performance of the Chief Executive Department's budget for the period to 15 December 2006.

2. Background

2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 February 2006, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2006/2007. A total net budget of £9.864m was approved for the Chief Executive's Department.

2.2 There have been adjustments made between departmental budgets and the Contingency Fund, therefore, the budget now being monitored totals £9.817m.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The summary report brings out an adverse variance to date (overspend) of £0.046m (0.64%).

3.2 There are 5 main variances identified at this stage:

3.2.1 Public Relations are currently showing an adverse variance of £0.033m which is due to the employment of temporary staffing to cover for long term sickness absence.

3.2.2 Legal and Administrative Services are currently showing an adverse variance of £0.055m, mainly caused by annual professional fees paid but not anticipated within the budget, together with staff turnover savings not yet achieved and additional sickness/maternity cover costs.

3.2.3 Finance Services are currently showing a favourable variance of £0.031m mainly due to staffing vacancies and secondments held throughout the year, off set by overspends on postages and bank charges.

3.2.4 Cost of collection of rates is currently £0.031m favourable due to additional income received from statutory additions.

3.2.5 Cost of collection of council tax is currently £0.052m adverse caused by less income from statutory additions being received to date due to an improved performance in the collection of council tax.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Conclusions

6.1 There is an adverse variance of £0.046m in this service budget to date.

7. Recommendation

7.1 **This report is submitted for Committee's consideration and comment.**

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Date: 19 January 2007

Wards Affected: All wards

Appendix: Chief Executive Department - Budgetary Control Report Period 8

Background Papers: General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax – Report to Council 9 February 2006.
Ledger prints – Period 8

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