

**General Services Budgetary Control Report**

**Period to 15 March 2010**

**Notes on Variances greater than £25,000**

**Chief Executive**

Corporate Communications £48,820 Fav

This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process, together with further savings now anticipated from the Council newspaper and Westlife magazine budget allocations.

**Corporate Services**

Licensing – Licensing Board £27,730 Fav

This variance is mainly due to a greater level of income received than budgeted.

Environmental Health £77,020 Fav

This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process together with savings achieved on supplies and services due to the spending freeze and public analyst costs being less than anticipated. Income is also greater than anticipated.

Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Benefit £60,650 Fav

This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process.

Human Resources and Organisational Development £31,280 Fav

This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process.

**Education**

Primary Schools £80,150 Fav

The main variance is due to additional income from staffing secondments.

Secondary Schools £220,680 Fav

The main variance is due to reduced spending on day rate teachers and in service training (action due to spending freeze restrictions)

Special Schools £53,770 Adv  
The main adverse variance is due to a reduction in pupils placed by other local authorities in the WDC special school.

Community Learning & Development £74,480 Fav  
Both supplies and services and payments to other bodies are showing favourable variances due to general reduction in spending.

Outdoor Education £28,890 Adv  
This adverse variance is due to lower than anticipated levels of income.

Miscellaneous £224,880 Fav  
Both supplies and services and payments to other bodies are showing favourable variances due to general reduction in spending. There are also further savings as a result of direct actions taken by education management.

## **Social Work**

Operations & Servicing £65,550 Fav  
This favourable variance is mainly due to vacancies being held, assumed to be filled when the probable outturn was agreed

Residential Accommodation – Young People £50,920 Adv  
This variance is mainly due to increased costs of foster placements, which are a result of new clients not anticipated within the probable outturn.

Residential Schools £39,030 Adv  
This variance is due to secure placements being greater than anticipated.

Residential Accommodation – Elderly £98,340 Fav  
This variance is mainly due to a lower number of placements in external Care Homes than previously anticipated, together with income from client contributions being higher.

Residential Accommodation – Learning Disability £49,650 Adv  
This adverse variance is due to increased levels of client need.

Mental Health £95,490 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to vacancies being held, assumed to be filled when the probable outturn was agreed and also supplementation costs being lower due to reduced or changed client needs.

Home Care £47,400 Fav  
It is anticipated that payments to other bodies will now be less than originally projected

## **Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services**

Catering Services £218,920 Fav

This favourable variance is due to a reduction in staffing and supplies in services within the PPP schools offset by a reduction in income in education.

Roads Operations £39,880 Adv

This adverse variance is due to additional overtime costs incurred as a result of the severe winter weather.

Design & Maintenance £170,080 Adv

This adverse variance is due to additional winter gritting charges incurred as result of the severe winter weather.

Traffic Management £41,830 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction in income relating to bus shelter advertising.

Central Repairs & Maintenance £76,600 Adv

This adverse variance is due to greater than anticipated expenditure on materials.

Homeless Persons £196,700 Adv

This adverse variance is the result of ongoing demand for storage and removals and income from private parties being lower than expected. The occupancy level is averaging at 259 units compared to the 270 units anticipated in the probable outturn.

Community Wardens £35,360 Fav

This favourable variance is the result of a reduction in contributions towards graffiti removal.

Planning £38,830 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction in income received from planning applications.

Clyde Regional Centre £135,430 Fav

This favourable variance is due to an upturn in rental income received.

Halls £28,290 Fav

This favourable variance is due to employee costs being lower than budgeted and income being higher than budgeted.

Crematorium £94,820 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income being lower than anticipated.

Refuse Collection £38,240 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income from commercial charges being lower than budgeted.

Refuse Disposal £191,430 Fav

This favourable variance is due to tonnage costs being lower than anticipated.

SWIP £59,880 Fav

This favourable variance is due to a reduction in payments to other bodies.