

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee : 22 December 2010

Subject: Chief Executive Budgetary Control Report : Period 7 2010/11

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the performance of the Chief Executive budget for the period to 31 October 2010.

2. Background

- 2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 28 January 2010, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2010/2011. At that time, a total net budget of £1.608m was approved for the Chief Executive's Department.
- 2.2 The reallocation of budgets within the Chief Executive's Department following the restructuring which took effect from 31 May 2010 has now been incorporated within the report. The revised budget being reported totals £1.839m
- 2.3 At the Special Council meeting on 14 October 2010, a number of savings were agreed for the 2011/12 budget, some of which have an impact on the 2010/11 budget. This report takes account of these savings.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The summary report brings out a favourable variance to date (underspend) of £0.143m (15%).
- 3.2 There are two main variances highlighted within the report:
- 3.3 Corporate Communications – £36,042 Favourable
This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies which have been held to date and savings within the Council newspaper budget.
- 3.4 Internal Audit - £56,237 Favourable
This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies held, partially tied up with staffing restructures.
- 3.5 There are a number of other favourable variances, mainly due to vacancies and restructures. Savings identified due to staffing restructures are often partially offset by additional costs which will be chargeable within the Sundry Services budget (e.g. Strain on the fund, pensions, trawl target).

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The present variance should be viewed in the knowledge that there are a number of variable factors which could arise between now and 31 March and which could affect the year end results.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 There is a favourable variance of £0.143m in the Chief Executive departmental budget to date.

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

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Appendix: Chief Executive - Budgetary Control Report Period 7

Background Papers: General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax –
Report to Council 28 January 2010
Budget Book 2010/11
Ledger prints – Period 7

Wards Affected: All Wards