

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Officer - Resources

Housing and Communities Committee: 2 February 2022

Subject: Housing Revenue Account Budgetary Control Report to 31 December 2021 (Period 9)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide members with an update on the financial performance to 31 December 2021 (Period 9) of the HRA revenue and capital budgets for 2021/22.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to:

- i) note the revenue analysis shows a projected annual favourable variance of £0.008m; and
- ii) note the net projected annual position in relation to the capital plan is highlighting an in-year variance of £10.812m which is made up of slippage of £11.076m (22.92%) and overspend of £0.264m (0.55%) as detailed in Appendix 4.

3. Background

Revenue

- 3.1** At the meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 3 March 2021, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2021/2022 and a total budget of £46.147m.

Capital

- 3.2** At the meeting of Council on 3 March 2021, Members also agreed the updated Capital Plan for 2021/22 which has been augmented by slippage from 2020/21 to produce a total planned spend for 2021/22 of £48.328m.

4. Main Issues

Revenue

- 4.1** The budgetary position for HRA Revenue is provided in Appendix 1 with information on projected variances valued at more than £0.050m being provided as Appendix 2, and shows a projected favourable variance of £0.008m.

Capital

4.2 The HRA capital summary position is shown in Appendix 3. Information on projects that are highlighted as being within the Red category is provided in Appendix 4. Appendix 5 provides information on the project at Amber and Appendix 6 lists all the remaining projects which are categorised as being within the Green category. A summary of anticipated resources is shown in Appendix 6. The analysis shows that there is currently a projected in-year favourable variance of £10.812m which relates to anticipated slippage of £11.076m and overspend £0.264m.

4.3 From the analysis within the appendices it can be seen that there are four projects with forecast material slippage, as listed as follows:

Project Name	Slippage (£m)
Affordable Housing Supply Programme	7.048
Doors/ Window component renewals	1.831
Building external component renewals, roofs/chimneys/flashings/gutters	1.088
Buy backs	0.798

Reasons for slippage are explained in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no people implications.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 Other than the financial position noted above, there are no financial implications of the budgetary control report. There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 The main financial risks to the ongoing financial position relate to unforeseen cost being identified between now and the end of the financial year. This can affect all service areas.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 The report is for noting and therefore no Equalities Impact Assessment was completed for this report.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** The views of both Housing management and Legal services have been requested on this report and both have advised there are neither any issues nor concerns with the proposal.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** Proper budgetary control and sound financial practice are cornerstones of good governance and support Council and officers to pursue the five strategic priorities of the Council's Strategic Plan. This report forms part of the financial governance of the Council. This report is for noting and, therefore, does not directly affect any of the strategic priorities.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Budgetary Position (Revenue)
Appendix 2 - Variance analysis (Revenue)
Appendix 3 - Budgetary Position (Capital)
Appendix 4 - Variance analysis Red Projects (Capital)
Appendix 5 - Variance analysis Amber Projects (Capital)
Appendix 6 - Variance analysis Green Projects (Capital)
Appendix 7 - Resources (Capital)
Appendix 8 - Analysis of Affordable Housing Supply Programme (Capital)

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All