

**General Services Budgetary Control Report**

**Period to 15 February 2010**

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

**Chief Executive**

Corporate Communications £37,122 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 budget.

**Corporate Services**

Environmental Health £37,540 Fav  
This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process, together with police public analyst costs being less than anticipated.

Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Benefit £58,112 Fav  
This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process.

Human Resources and Organisational Development £29,133 Fav  
This variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies still held but assumed filled during the budget process.

**Education**

Primary Schools £27,004 Fav  
The main variance is due to additional income

Secondary Schools £229,624 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 £25,432 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 £52,941 Fav

Both supplies and services and payments to other bodies are showing favourable variances due to general reduction in spending (spending freeze management actions).

## **Social Work**

Operations & Servicing £55,127 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 £46,031 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 Accommodation – Elderly £84,903 Fav

This variance is mainly due to a lower number of placements in external Care Homes than at time of calculation of Probable Outturn, together with income from client contributions being higher than expected.

Residential Accommodation – Learning Disability £38,584 Adv

This adverse variance is due to increased levels of client need.

Mental Health £36,262 Fav

This favourable variance is due to vacancies being held, assumed to be filled when the probable outturn was agreed

Home Care £58,982 Fav

It is anticipated that payments to other bodies will now be less than originally projected

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

Catering Services £70,310 Fav

This favourable variance is due to staffing savings from ongoing review following the opening of PPP schools, together with some supplies budgets in connection with this.

Design & Maintenance £143,710 Adv

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

Traffic Management £34,800 Adv

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

Central Repairs & Maintenance £44,550 Adv

This adverse variance is due to additional spend on materials relating to toilet upgrades.

Homeless Persons £95,810 Adv

This adverse variance is the result of ongoing demand for storage and removals.

Community Wardens £36,450 Fav

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

Planning £64,030 Adv

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

Business Development £32,250 Fav

This favourable variance is due to vacancies being held, assumed to be filled when the probable outturn was agreed

Clyde Regional Centre £100,380 Fav

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

Refuse Disposal £34,230 Fav

This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated income received and also a saving on employee costs.

SWIP £52,030 Fav

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

### **Miscellaneous Services**

Sundry Services £40,810 Fav

This favourable variance is due to increased surpluses now anticipated through the Trading Accounts

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