

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Educational Services

Educational Services Committee: 20 February 2012

Subject: Educational Services Budgetary Position 2012/13 as at Period 9 year to 31 December 2012

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the financial performance of the departmental revenue and capital budgets for the period to 31 December 2012.

2. Recommendations

2.1 There is an overall favourable variance within revenue shown at period 9 of £156,825

2.2 There is an overall adverse variance within capital shown at period 9 of £40,257.

2.3 Members are asked to consider and note the contents of this report.

3. Background

3.1 The original budget approved has now been superseded by the probable outturn as noted in the draft budget book dated 17 December 2012.

3.2 Since that date, there have been no adjustments which have affected the probable outturn.

3.3 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 20 June 2012, Members agreed the capital estimates for 2012/2013. This budget has now been superseded by the probable outturn.

4. Main Issues

Revenue Budget

4.1 The current departmental budgetary position is summarised in Appendix 1, with a more detailed analysis by service in Appendix 2.

4.2 The overall variance for the service to period 9 is £156,825 favourable. The main variances are noted below.

4.3 Primary Schools are highlighting a favourable variance of £41,823. This variance is mainly due to teachers' cover. There is a currently a national issue

with obtaining supply teachers. The underspend is anticipated due to this issue.

- 4.4 Special Schools currently have a favourable variance of £50,577. This is mainly due to a reduction in children attending day and residential schools outwith WDC. One of these pupils was in a secure placement which involves a high cost to the Authority. There is also an underspend anticipated in staffing costs due to the requirement for cover being lower than anticipated.

Capital Budget

- 4.7 The current departmental budgetary position is noted within Appendix 3.
- 4.8 The overall variance for the service to period 9 is £40,257 adverse. The main variances are noted below.
- 4.9 There were additional costs incurred in relation to works carried out at Braehead primary school. This work related to the removal of a tree and wall and replacing with a fence. There are other projects which may underspend to offset this overspend.
- 4.10 An acceleration of work for Clydebank Museum was undertaken which is causing an adverse variance to be shown at period 9. The adverse variance will result in the slippage that has been carried forward from 2012/13 into 2013/14 being reduced after the year end; therefore, overall the project will not overspend.

5. People Implications

- 5.1 There are no people implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Other than the financial position noted above, there are no financial implications of the budgetary control report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 The main financial risks to the ongoing financial position relate to unforeseen costs 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 Finance and Legal services have been requested on this report. As the report is for noting, no further consultation is envisaged.

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 forms part of the financial governance of the Council.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Summary Budgetary Position (Revenue)
Appendix 2 - Detailed Budgetary Position (Revenue)
Appendix 3 – Summary Budgetary Position (Capital)

Background Papers: General Ledger prints (period 9)

Wards Affected: All