

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Education Officer

Educational Services Committee: 4 December 2019

Subject: Educational Services Budgetary Control Report to 31 October 2019 (Period 7).

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide Committee with an update on the financial performance of Educational Services to 31 October 2019 (Period 7).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Committee is asked to:

- (a) note that the revenue account currently shows a projected annual adverse revenue variance of £0.073m (less than 0.1%); and
- (b) note that the capital account shows a projected annual adverse variance of £0.293m (5.8% of the budget), relating to an in-year overspend primarily at Kilpatrick.

3. Background

Revenue

- 3.1** At the meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 27 March 2019, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2019/2020, including a total net Educational Services Committee budget of £92.477m. Since then the following budget adjustments have taken place revising the budget to £96.524m.

Budget Agreed by Council 27 March 2019	£92.477m
Pay Award	£2.624m
Pension Costs	£1.132m
Holiday Hunger	£0.100m
Year of Young Person	£0.500m
Contribution to ERS	(£0.010m)
Recurring Variances	(£0.189m)
Procurement Savings	(£0.022m)
Non-Domestic Rates	(£0.088m)
Revised Budget	£96.524m

Capital

- 3.2** At the meeting of Council on 27 March 2019, Members also agreed the updated 10 year General Services Capital Plan for 2019/20 to 2028/29. The three years from 2019/20 to 2021/22 have been approved in detail with the remaining seven years from 2022/23 to 2028/29 being indicative at this stage. After adjusting for anticipated slippage from 2018/19 into 2019/20, the budget agreed for 2019/20 was £5.193m
- 3.3** Since then, budget adjustments have taken place (through further 2018/19 capital slippage), revising the 2019/20 annual budget to £5.236m, as follows :

	£m
Base Budget 2019/20	1.204
Anticipated Slippage from 2018/19 – March 2019	3.989
Anticipated budget 2019/20 (Council – March 2019)	5.193
Additional slippage from 2018/19 – following year end	0.043
Revised Base Budget 2019/20 – following year end	5.236

4. Main Issues

Revenue Budget

- 4.1** The current departmental budgetary position is summarised in Appendix 1, with detailed analysis by service in Appendix 2.
- 4.2** The overall projected full year variance is £0.73m adverse. Information and all individual variances of over £50,000 are detailed in Appendix 3.
- 4.3** Agreed savings and management adjustments for 2019/20 are monitored and of the total being monitored (£0.180m), it is anticipated that all will be achieved (see Appendix 4).

Capital

- 4.4** Appendices 5 and 6 highlights three projects as showing in-year overspends. The overall Educational Services programme summary report at Appendix 5 shows that the expected overspend on the project life is anticipated to be £920k over the original budget for the three projects. Appendix 7 highlights all projects at green status, of which none have an in-year adverse variance of over £50k.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no direct people implications.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 Other than the financial position noted above and within the appendices, there are no financial or procurement implications of the budgetary control 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. Finance staff are in regular discussion with budget holders to ensure potential issues are identified as early as possible in order to mitigate this risk.

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 and they have advised there are neither any issues nor concerns with the proposal. 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 5 strategic priorities of the Council's Strategic Plan. This report forms part of the financial governance of the Council.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Revenue Budgetary Control 2019/2020
- Summary Report

Appendix 2 - Revenue Budgetary Control 2019/2020
- Service Reports
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Appendix 3 - Analysis of Revenue Variances over
£50,000

Appendix 4 - Monitoring of Management Adjustments &
Savings 2018/19

Appendix 5 - Capital Programme summary

Appendix 6 - Capital Projects at Red Status

Appendix 7 - Capital Projects at Green Status

Background Papers: Ledger output – period 7

General Services Revenue Estimates 2019/20

Wards Affected: All