

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services
Council – 26 August 2009

Subject : General Services Revenue Budgetary Control Report : Period 3 (2009/10)

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the performance of the General Services revenue budget for the period to 15 July 2009.

2. Background

2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 12 February 2008, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2009/10. A total net budget of £243.941m was approved.

2.2 This report covers service expenditure and loan charges, which are budgeted at £208.913m. The balance of the budget comprises of requisitions, which are outwith the Council's control.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The summary report brings out a favourable variance (underspend) of £0.028m (0.05% of the phased budget).

3.2 Notes on variances in excess of £25,000 are attached. The report collates a large amount of information and if any Member wishes further details on any of the variances, it would be appreciated if contact could be made with the undernoted officer prior to the Council meeting.

3.3 Although the report indicates that expenditure is broadly in line with that anticipated during the budget exercise, 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.

3.4 Due to debt rescheduling which has taken place since the budget was set, loan charges have been reduced for the year and vired into the Contingency Fund.

4 Personnel Implications

4.1 There are no personnel implications.

5 Financial implications

- 5.1** At 15 July 2009, the Council's revenue budget was showing a £0.280m underspend against budget.

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 Officers' Conclusions and Recommendations

- 7.1** The report identifies a favourable variance against budget of £0.028m. The position will be kept under review by the Corporate Management Team and, if required, appropriate action will be introduced.
- 7.2** This report is submitted for consideration and comment.

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Appendix: Budgetary Control Report Period 3
Variance Analysis

Background papers: Ledger Output
Revenue Estimates 2009/10

Wards affected: All