

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by Chief Executive**

**Corporate Services Committee: 28 March 2007**

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**Subject : Chief Executive Budgetary Control Report : Period 10 (2006/07)**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the performance of the Chief Executive Department's budget for the period to 15 February 2007.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 February 2006, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2006/2007. A total net budget of £9.864m was approved for the Chief Executive's Department.
- 2.2** Following the compilation of projections of expenditure for 2006/2007 which were prepared during the 2007/2008 budget setting process, the Committee is asked to note that this report compares actual expenditure to the probable outturn.
- 2.3** The departmental probable outturn, totalling £10.004m, indicates an adverse position against the original budget (noted in 2.1). On 16 November 2006 the Corporate Management Team introduced a number of spending restrictions to minimise this variance.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The summary report brings out a favourable variance to date (underspend) of £0.118m (1.35%) against probable outturns.
- 3.2** There are two main variances identified at this stage:-
- 3.2.1** Cultural Services is showing a year to date favourable variance against probable outturn of £0.062m. This variance is due to the non-essential spending restrictions in place currently.
- 3.2.2** Cost of collection of Council Tax is showing a year to date favourable variance against probable of £0.042m. This variance is due to additional income received from Scottish Water in respect of collection of water charges.
- 3.3** Actions taken by the Chief Executive's Management Team to bring the budget back on track appear to be having the required results.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

**4.1** There are no personnel issues.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

**5.1** There are no financial implications.

#### **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. Conclusions**

**7.1** The report identifies a favourable variance against probable outturn of £0.118m.

#### **8. Recommendation**

**8.1** This report is submitted for Committee's consideration and comment.

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**Date: 14 March 2007**

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<b>Appendix:</b>	Chief Executive Department - Budgetary Control Report Period 10
<b>Background Papers:</b>	General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax – Report to Council 8 February 2007. Ledger prints – Period 10
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All wards