

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services
Council – 29 October 2008

Subject : General Services Revenue Budgetary Control Report : Period 5 (2008/09)

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 September 2008.

2. Background

2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 14 February 2008, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2008/09. A total net budget of £236.365m was approved.

2.2 This report covers service expenditure and loan charges, which are budgeted at £202.316m. 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 an adverse variance (overspend) of £0.151m (0.19% 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 Members are advised that recent increases in energy costs are likely to become particularly apparent in the latter part of the year. Potential additional single status costs over those anticipated in the budget have not been taken into account in preparing this report.

3.5 It should also be noted that the Corporate Management Team has set an efficiency target for each department as highlighted in the appendix to minimise other burdens which are being identified.

4 Personnel Implications

4.1 There are no personnel implications.

5 Financial implications

5.1 At 15 September 2008, the Council's revenue budget was showing a £0.151m overspend 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 Conclusion

7.1 The report identifies an adverse variance against budget of £0.151m. The position will be kept under review by the Corporate Management Team and, if required, appropriate action will be introduced.

8. Recommendation

8.1 **This report is submitted for consideration and comment.**

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Wards affected: All

**Appendix: Budgetary Control Report Period 5
Variance Analysis**

**Background papers: Ledger Output
Revenue Estimates 2008/09**

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