

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education & Lifelong Learning Committee: 9 February 2011

Subject: 2010-11 Revenue Estimates – Budgetary Control Report for the Period 9 (1 April 2010 to 31 December 2010)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report provides Members with the latest information on expenditure and income to date within the Educational Services approved probable outturn for 2010-11.

2. Background

- 2.1** The 2010-11 budgetary control reporting timetable requires that a budgetary control report for Educational Services be presented to this meeting. Reports submitted to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee reflect the latest financial period for which information is available. This report covers the period from 1st April to 31st December 2010.
- 2.2** This budget monitoring report compares probable outturn with actual income and expenditure to date.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** There is an overall favourable variance of £163,823, which equates to 0.22% of the probable outturn to date.
- 3.2** The attached appendices provide the following information for the period 9 from 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2010:
- (a) Total expenditure and income against budget, by type of expenditure (e.g. Employee Costs) and service area (e.g. Schools – Primary) are shown in **Appendices A, B and C**;
 - (b) Explanatory comments on variances in excess of £25,000 are provided in **Appendix D**.
- 3.3** The most significant variances by **service area** are as follows:

Primary Schools - £51,068 Favourable

Cover in schools is demand led and can vary month on month. The current expenditure on teacher salaries is less than anticipated at probable outturn.

Secondary Schools - £170,182 Favourable

Cover in schools is demand led and can vary month on month. The current expenditure on teacher salaries is less than anticipated at probable outturn.

Special Schools - £111,892 Favourable

The placement for children in day care and residential care is demand led. There are currently fewer children in placements than were previously anticipated. There are also no children currently in secure accommodation.

Sports Development - £34,220 Adverse

The adverse variance is due in part to the recent spell of bad weather which has resulted in reduced income; also, the income anticipated at probable is lower than will now be achieved due to lower than expected demand.

Outdoor Education - £81,601 Adverse

The Loch Lomond Outdoor Centre is in the first year of existence. There are various factors contributing to this overspend. Income was anticipated in relation to corporate events; there have been fewer of these than was initially expected. The recent spell of bad weather has reduced the income anticipated and on top of this the income anticipated at probable through the letting of the property for other events is lower than anticipated. It is intended to address these issues through additional marketing of the Centre. Payment to other bodies is currently overspent; this is because the current catering costs are higher than anticipated due to the limited availability of caterers willing to deliver to the Centre. There are other overspends on supplies and services and transport costs which are partially offset by an underspend on staffing.

Pre 5 - £101,057 Adverse

The main factor is that budgeted income is not being achieved due to a lower than anticipated number of users within nurseries and out of school care following the increase in charges in 2010. This is partially offset by an underspend in staffing due to less demand for cover than anticipated.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The overall favourable variance as reported, suggests that net expenditure is going to be contained within probable outturn.

5.2 Management action where possible will continue to be taken to ensure spend remains in line with the approved probable outturn.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The process of monitoring the revenue budget allows potential adverse variances to be identified at the earliest possible stage and management action taken. This minimises any financial risk.

7. Equalities Impact

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 The report has compared year to date expenditure and income with the approved probable outturn to date, for Educational Services.

8.2 As stated at 3.1, there is an overall favourable variance of £163,823 or 0.22% of the probable outturn to date.

8.3 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Appendices: **Appendix A** Total expenditure and income against probable outturn, by type of expenditure

Appendix B Total expenditure and income against probable outturn, by service area

Appendix C Breakdown of expenditure and income against probable outturn, by service area

Appendix D Explanatory comments on variances in excess of £25,000

Background papers: None

Wards affected: All Wards