

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 30 September 2010

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Chief Executives

Corporate Communications £33,350 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies which have been held to date and savings within the Council newspaper budget.

Internal Audit £48,730 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Corporate Services

Cultural Services £25,260 Fav

This favourable variance is due to the spending freeze.

Legal and Administration £29,200 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Environmental Health £36,480 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held, together with savings anticipated on payments to other bodies (through dog kennelling & public analyst, which are both demand led budgets).

Finance £70,670 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit £32,360 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Rent Rebates and Allowances £62,360 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an increase in the number of cases being dealt with. Spend is not fully recovered but partially funded from the Council's General Services budget.

Cost of Collection of Council Tax £113,420 Adv

This adverse variance is due to the reduction in statutory additions anticipated, offset elsewhere by a better than forecast council tax collection rate and a smaller top-up for bad debt provisions likely at the year end.

Human Resources & Organisational Development £32,430 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Educational Services

Schools - Primary £120,570 Adv

This adverse variance is due to non teachers employee increment costs being greater than budgeted together with higher cover costs for teachers and less than anticipated income from school meals.

Schools – Secondary £341,050 Fav

The main variances in Secondary Schools are due to lower than anticipated costs in relation to a number of expenditure lines, such as catering recharges anticipated, rates (increased costs anticipated from the revaluations of schools for 2011/12 was less than anticipated), energy costs (prices stabilised during 2011/12 to date at less than originally anticipated)

These are partially offset by higher than anticipated costs in relation to janitation recharges and pupil transport.

Schools – Special £110,120 Adv

There are two main contributing factors to the overspend in Special Schools. The requirement for residential educational places outwith WDC are higher than anticipated and the income expected from other local authorities for placements within WDC is lower than budgeted.

Community Learning & Development £57,030 Fav

There are several small variances making up this favourable variance namely staffing vacancies savings and additional grant income.

Pre-Five Centres £107,910 Adv

This adverse variance is due to lower than anticipated number of users within nurseries and out of school care over the holiday period resulting in income being lower than budgeted.

PPP £48,490 Adv

This adverse variance is due to janitorial costs outwith the contract.

Social Work and Health Improvement Services

Operations and Servicing £220,230 Fav
This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies held but assumed filled during the budget process.

Residential Accommodation for Young People £56,860 Adv
This adverse variance is due to additional costs associated with the increased and complex needs of a particular client.

Residential Schools £110,760 Fav
This underspend is due to no requirement to place clients in secure accommodation.

Other Services-Young People £69,940 Fav
This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies held but assumed filled during the budget process, along with an underspend in payments to other bodies and lower supplementation costs for children with special needs.

Residential Accommodation - Elderly £153,470 Fav
This favourable variance is due to an underspend in external care payments and income due to sale of clients houses being more than originally anticipated, partially offset by sickness cover in employee costs being higher than anticipated.

Sheltered Housing £37,110 Adv
This adverse variance is mainly due to housing benefits being higher than anticipated .

Residential Accommodation – Learning Disability £276,760 Adv
This adverse variance is due increased client needs due to demand and the non-achievement of staff turnover savings.

Supplementation – Mental Health £78,300 Adv
This adverse variance is due to income levels being lower than anticipated.

Home Care £36,910 Fav
This favourable variance is due to less than anticipated costs of free personal care .

Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services

Catering Services £87,460 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to income levels being lowered than anticipated.

Building Cleaning PPP £45,210 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to employee costs being less than anticipated.

Outdoor Recreation £25,440 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income levels being lowered than anticipated.

Architectural and Related Services £68,160 Fav

This favourable variance is due to an underspend on employee costs as a result of retirements and staff vacancies.

Leisure Services £28,680 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an overspend on employee costs partially offset by an underspend in rates and greater than expected levels of income (due to the ACES programme – ‘Active Children Eating Smartly’)

Homeless Persons £113,780 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction in the number of units let and the subsequent fall in income partially offset by an underspend in supplies, services and administration costs in connection with this.

Anti Social Behaviour £76,290 Fav

This is mainly due to an underspend on employee costs as a consequence of the departmental restructure.

Planning £116,170 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to an underspend on employee costs as a consequence of the departmental restructure and greater than expected levels of income.

Estates Admin £38,250 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to an underspend on employee costs as a consequence of the departmental restructure.

Clyde Regional Centre £113,090 Fav

This favourable variance is due to a partial upturn in rental income received.

Crematorium £40,390 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income levels being lower than anticipated.

Refuse Collection £46,340 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income levels being lower than anticipated from commercial charges as a result of competition in the marketplace.

Refuse Disposal £84,080 Fav

This favourable variance is due primarily to a reduction in tonnage levels as a result of the current economic downturn and improved recycling performance .

Skillseekers £31,610 Fav

This favourable variance is due to additional income streams that were not previously budgeted for.

SWIP £47,860 Fav

This favourable variance is due to staffing vacancies currently held.

Statutory Trading Operations £162,040 Fav

This favourable variance is due to additional income being generated from a change in the mix and profitability of jobs being done. There are also savings resulting from the review of overhead allocations within the department.

Miscellaneous Services

Fairer Scotland £497,360 Fav

This variance is due to spend being less than anticipated at this stage in projects.