

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 September 2009

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Corporate Services

Legal and Administration £30,260 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies.

Housing Benefit/Council Tax benefit £122,120 Fav

This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated administration subsidy together with staffing vacancies .

Educational Services

Schools - Primary £58,250 Adv

This adverse variance is due to arrears from previous year for electricity being paid in the current financial year .

Schools - Special £113,110 Adv

This overspend is mainly due to the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget (also affects Social Work). We have budgeted for an average of 1.5 placements and currently have 4. The length of these placements can vary. This will be closely monitored throughout the year and action taken to minimise the corporate adverse position.

Community Learning and Development £34,130 Fav

This favourable variance is attributable to staff vacancies.

Miscellaneous £48,020 Adv

This adverse variance is due to grant income being less than anticipated .

Social Work and Health Improvement Services

Operations and Servicing £61,120 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly caused by low levels of staff turnover to date and utility costs being higher than anticipated by this time of year.

Residential Accommodation - Young People £104,410 Adv

This overspend is mainly due to the increased costs of fostering placements, which are a result of foster parents switching from the council's employment to that of foster agencies.

Residential Schools £75,140 Adv
This overspend is mainly due to the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget (also affects Education). This will be closely monitored throughout the year and action taken to minimise the corporate adverse position.

Other Services – Young People £32,130Adv
This adverse variance is the result of higher supplementation costs resulting from increased client need and new clients.

Residential Accommodation - Elderly £37,630 Fav
This favourable variance has two main factors. There has been a reduction in care element transfer costs due to reduced numbers of clients placed in external care homes and income has been higher than originally budget.

Residential Accommodation - Learning Disability £128,280Adv
This overspend is mainly due to increased supplementation costs due to increased client need and new clients. In addition, the level of income received is lower than originally budgeted due to a reduction in income from the NHS.

Residential Accommodation -Physical Disability £27,480 Adv
The reason for this adverse variance is an increase in payments to other bodies due to increased client need and new clients.

Day Centres - Learning Disability £39,760 Fav
This favourable variance is due to small savings being achieved from the temporary closure of the Auchentoshan Day Centre.

Supplementation – Mental Health £34,310 Adv
This adverse variance is the result of increased supplementation costs due to increased client need and new clients. However, this overspend is offset some what, by savings being achieved via staff vacancies.

Home Care £59,760 Fav
This underspend has two main factors , namely savings in staffing costs and payments to other bodies due to the level of demand being managed in a more cost effective way.

Other Specific Services £25,800 Adv
The reason for this adverse variance is due to higher than anticipated rent charges.

Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services

Directorate and Administration £28,890 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a number of factors including unanticipated staffing costs (group life) and the re-allocation of indirect costs being higher than anticipated.

Catering Services £48,290 Fav

This favourable variance is due primarily to savings in salary costs .

Design & Maintenance £40,650 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction of income received from permits and construction consents as a result of the downturn in external construction work.

Street Lighting £41,300 Fav

This favourable variance is due to a reduction in the rates applied on the temporary un-metered lighting contract.

Leisure Services Client £140,340 Adv

This adverse variance is due to higher than anticipated gas costs.

Planning £33,740 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a reduction on income received from building warrant applications.

Business Development £55,120 Fav

This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated staffing vacancies.

Estates Administration £103,040 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an increase in the number of vacant commercial properties which impacts on rental income received and also un-budgeted utility costs.

Clyde Regional Centre £75,930 Adv

This adverse variance is due to an increase in the number of vacant commercial properties impacting on rental income received.

Crematorium £34,560 Adv

This adverse variance is due to additional staff costs being incurred due to sickness cover and also increased utility costs.

Refuse Disposal £115,620 Fav

This favourable variance is a result of less tonnage being disposed of due to the commercial downturn

Skillseekers

£53,410 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies and a re-profiling of training programmes.

Miscellaneous

£116,780 Adv

This adverse variance is due to higher than anticipated Insurance costs together with lower than expected surplus from Trading Operations.