

## General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 September 2008

### Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

#### Corporate Services

Risk Management £26,116 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies.

Office Accommodation £33,572 Adv

This adverse variance is caused mainly by higher than inflationary rises in fuel costs.

Licensing £39,935 Fav

Additional income has been generated due to the introduction of a new statutory fees.

Procurement £25,512 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies.

#### Educational Services

Schools - Primary £26,151 Adv

This is mainly attributable to an overspend in staffing due to higher than anticipated demand for cover together with an overspend due to the rising cost of heating oil over the level of inflation.

Schools - Secondary £47,527 Adv

This is also mainly attributable to an overspend in staffing due to higher than anticipated demand for cover together with an overspend due to the rising cost of heating oil over the level of inflation. A further overspend is seen within transport for children awarded bus passes in place of train passes.

Schools – Special £83,937 Adv

This overspend has two main factors, namely increases in residential schools much higher than inflation (also a burden within Social work) and the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget.

Schools – other £33,726 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies.

Outdoor Education £25,331 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies.

Psychological Services £26,872 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies.

## **Social Work and Health Improvement Services**

### Residential Schools

£100,523 Adv

This overspend has two main factors, namely increases in residential schools much higher than inflation (also a burden within Education) and the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget.

## **Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services**

### Catering Services

£50,242 Fav

This favourable variance has resulted from income due for the scheme Hungry for Success exceeding expenditure.

### Outdoor Recreation

£33,777 Adv

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

### Architectural & Related Services

£28,245 Fav

This underspend is mainly due to staffing vacancies.

### Leisure Services Client

£79,639 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to additional income from increased usage of the swimming pools and the cosmopolitan club.

### Homeless Persons

£50,355 Fav

Increased income from the occupancy rates being higher than anticipated (partially offset by some increased costs) has created this favourable variance.

### Community Wardens

£91,792 Fav

This favourable variance is attributable to brought forward grant from previous years.

### Planning

£63,160 Adv

Income from a downturn in planning application fees and building warrants is the main factor in this adverse variance.

### Estates Administration

£63,880 Adv

This adverse variance has a number of contributing factors. Income from rent is down, whilst rates due on unlet properties is higher than budgeted. Costs associated with the review of the commercial properties portfolio increases this overspend.

### Clydebank Regional Centre

£43,360 Adv

This variance is mainly attributable to lower than budgeted rental income due to the level of vacant properties within the Centre.

Refuse Collection

£76,500 Adv

This variance is caused by pressures on staffing costs against the costs budgeted, together with the less than anticipated commercial charges (income) due to competition in the market place.

Skillseekers

£35,490 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly caused by the increased number of placements successfully achieving targets.

**Miscellaneous Services**

Sundry Services

£78,762 Adv

This variance is mainly due to the inclusion of early retirement costs partially offset by contra savings within departmental budgets. In addition statutory trading operations are showing a favourable position.