

## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

### Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services)

Social Justice Committee: 14 March 2007

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**Subject: Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account Budgetary Control Statement 2006/2007 to 15 January 2007 (Period 9)**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the financial performance of the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account to the period ended 15 January 2007. Budgetary control statements for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account are also presented to the full Council to allow the Council to monitor performance.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Attached, at appendix 1, is the budgetary control summary statement for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account. It should be noted that this report compares the actual expenditure to 15 January 2007 to the phased probable outturn as at that date.
- 2.2** Attached at appendix 2 is the detailed budgetary control statements for each of the budgets within the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The overall net position on the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account, measuring the actual against phased probable outturn to 15 January 2007 is an adverse variance of £61,780.

- 3.2** An explanation of the key variances is given below:-

- i) Housing Benefit/Council Tax Administration – £27,750 (Favourable)

This favourable variance is attributable to a combination of staffing vacancies, reduced expenditure on administration and also a reassessment of salary allocations from the HRA.

- ii) Homeless Persons - £53,280 (Adverse)

This adverse variance is the result of higher than anticipated expenditure on removal costs due to increased requirements and also increased payment for services provided by external bodies.

iii) Rent Rebates and Allowances - £32,340 (Adverse)

This adverse variance is due to a reduction in subsidy together with lower than anticipated recovery of overpayments.

iv) Community Wardens

No variance is shown against this budget heading as this expenditure is funded from a redetermination of the Council's Revenue Support Grant (RSG), and any favourable variance will be offset by a reduction in grant in the current year. Any underspend can, however, be carried forward.

**4. Personnel Issues**

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

**5. Financial Implications**

5.1 The financial implication of this report is that the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account, measuring the actual against phased probable outturn to 15 January 2007, is showing an adverse variance of £61,780.

**6. Risk Analysis**

6.1 The risk to the Council is that the year end position is significantly worse than the period 9 figures are indicating. However there is nothing at the time of writing this report that would suggest that this is likely to happen.

**7. Recommendation**

7.1 **The Committee is asked to note the report.**

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**Wards Affected:** All

**Appendix:** Housing Non-HRA Budgetary Control Report

**Background Papers:** None

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