

## General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 November 2009

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

#### Corporate Services

Legal and Administration £41,440 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to staffing vacancies.

Licensing – Licensing Board £43,820 Fav

This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated income

Housing Benefit/Council Tax benefit £165,040 Fav

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

Rent Rebates & Allowances £171,640 Fav

This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated recovery of rent rebates and allowances by grant.

Cost of Collection of Rates £29,640 Adv

Due to increased collection rates, statutory additions are lower than budgeted.

#### Educational Services

Schools - Primary £94,330 Adv

This adverse variance is due to higher than anticipated utility and staffing costs.

Schools - Secondary £30,820 Adv

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

Schools - Special £249,730 Adv

This overspend is mainly due to the number of residential 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 is being closely monitored throughout the year and action taken to minimise the corporate adverse position.

Libraries £34,710 Adv

Staff costs higher than anticipated.

## **Social Work and Health**

Operations and Servicing £80,650 Fav

This favourable variance is due to the successful implementation of the policy of freezing vacant posts.

Residential Accommodation - Young People £126,650 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 £97,410 Adv

This overspend is mainly due to the number of placements being greater than that anticipated in the budget (also affects Education).

Other Services – Young People £109,390 Adv

This adverse variance is the result of higher supplementation costs resulting from increased client need and new clients.

Residential Accommodation - Elderly £184,610 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 budgeted.

Day Centres – Elderly £37,160 Fav

This favourable variance has two main factors. Employee Costs are favourable due to the non filling of vacant posts, while transport costs have been reduced as a result of transport recharges being lower than originally budgeted.

Residential Accommodation - Learning Disability £315,850 Adv

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 £43,290 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 £106,610 Fav

This favourable variance is due to savings being achieved from the temporary closure of the Auchentoshan Day Centre.

Other Services – Disability £41,380 Fav

This favourable variance is due to the receipt of additional income not originally anticipated.

Home Care £195,580 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 £64,140 Adv

The reason for this adverse variance is due to higher than anticipated rent charges.

Addiction Services £42,300 Adv

This adverse variance is the result of increased supplementation costs due to increased client need.

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

Directorate and Administration £56,990 Adv

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

Catering Services £59,860 Fav

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

Street Lighting £54,030 Fav

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

Traffic Management £27,530 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a delay in the implementation of savings options and trawl process.

Outdoor Recreation £29,710 Adv

This adverse variance is due income being less than budgeted.

Leisure Services Client £169,110 Adv

This adverse variance is due to insufficient budget allocation for single status and higher than anticipated gas costs.

Homeless Persons £73,540 Adv

This adverse variance is due to increased demand on removals and redecoration costs.

Planning £36,310 Adv

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

Business Development £60,430 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated staffing vacancies.

Estates Administration £74,310Adv  
This adverse variance is due to an increase in the number of vacant commercial properties which impacts on rental income received and also higher than anticipated utility costs.

Clyde Regional Centre £96,680 Adv  
This adverse variance is due to an increase in the number of vacant commercial properties impacting on rental income received.

Halls £35,320 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to staff vacancies and an increase in hall lets.

Crematorium £27,840 Adv  
This adverse variance is due to additional staff costs being incurred due to sickness cover and also increased utility costs.

Refuse Disposal £34,900 Fav  
This favourable variance is a result of less tonnage being disposed of due to the commercial downturn.

Skillseekers £49,080 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to a re-profiling of training programmes.

SWIP £79,450 Fav  
This favourable variance is due to staff vacancies.

### **Miscellaneous Services**

Miscellaneous £130,570 Adv  
This adverse variance is mainly due to higher than anticipated insurance and severance/ pension costs (contra to favourable variances elsewhere on staffing)