

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 29 February 2012

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Chief Executive

Welfare Rights/ CPP Investment £25,390 Fav

This favourable variance is due to employee costs being lower than anticipated due to an employee on maternity leave.

Community Learning & Development £114,790 Fav

This favourable variance is due to sessional staff and repair costs being lower than anticipated.

Skillseekers £35,320 Fav

This favourable variance is a result to income being greater than anticipated due to incentive funds and additional milestone payments.

Corporate Services

Environmental Health £68,130 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to late filling of two maternity leave vacancies and one staff member leaving earlier than anticipated.

Revenues, Benefits and Exchequer £43,400 Fav

The favourable variance relates to staff vacancies.

Human Resources & Organisational Development £64,800 Fav

The favourable variance is due to an underspend in salary costs arising from a combination of vacancies, secondment and maternity leave.

Educational Services

Schools – Primary £39,350 Fav

This favourable variance is due to Income from school meals being greater than anticipated and also the cover costs for teachers being lower than anticipated.

Schools – Secondary £32,310 Fav

This favourable variance is due to income from school meals being greater than anticipated.

Appendix 2

Schools – Special

£37,010 Fav

The main reason for this favourable variance is a decrease in the number of children placed in residential care. This is partly offset by an increase in the number of children attending day care and in the number of children placed by West Dunbartonshire with other local authorities.

Psychological Services

£35,730 Fav

The main reason for the favourable variance is an underspend on staff costs due to an Assistant Psychologist post not being filled and one employee leaving the Pension Scheme during the year.

Community Health and Care Partnership

Operations & Servicing

£29,120 Fav

The favourable variance is mainly due to payments to other bodies being less than anticipated as a result of fewer training requirements.

Residential Accommodation – Young People

£34,740 Adv

Employee costs are higher than anticipated due to re-grading costs for a number of posts. Supplementation costs are also higher than anticipated due to increased client needs.

Other Services – Young People

£60,160 Fav

The favourable variance is mainly due to late filling of vacancies which are expected to remain vacant for the remainder of the financial year and also reduced client need within payments to other bodies, which is demand led.

Residential Accommodation – Older People

£32,870 Adv

The cost of re-graded unit managers and care costs were higher than anticipated. Income is less than expected as fewer clients have been assessed as able to contribute towards care costs.

Residential Accommodation – Learning Disability

£43,800 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to payments to other bodies being less than anticipated. Income is also higher than expected due to assessed client contributions exceeding anticipated levels.

Home Help Service

£117,070 Fav

Staff costs show a favourable variance due to a reduction in the amount of premium rate overtime costs. Fewer payments to other bodies have been made due to lower client need and income is less than anticipated as a result of fewer clients receiving services.

Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services

Catering Services £89,800 Adv

There has been a decline in catering income following a downturn in the uptake of school meals in addition to the cessation of free school meals for primaries 1 to 3, which had not been fully recognised when the probable outturn was calculated, and continuing declines in income from hospitality. Much work is being done to promote an increased uptake of meals. However, the probable outturn for income has been overstated.

Building Cleaning PPP £95,170 Fav

The service is presently carrying a number of vacancies. Although efforts are being made to fill vacancies it is unlikely that this will be achieved before year end.

Roads Operations £39,980 Adv

This adverse variance is due to increased costs incurred in dealing with the recent storm and the associated damages resulting from it including increased plant hire, fuel and overtime costs.

Architectural & Related Services £32,640 Fav

This favourable variance is due to lower than anticipated staffing costs following the wider HEED restructure.

Central Repairs & Maintenance £161,880 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income being lower than anticipated as a result of reduced client spend.

Planning £58,800 Fav

This favourable variance is due to lower than anticipated staffing costs following the wider HEED restructure.

Estates Administration £38,890 Adv

This adverse variance is largely due to continuing challenges in meeting income targets and higher than anticipated expenditure on repairs and maintenance to the commercial units. Efforts are continuing to let currently vacant properties.

Halls £33,870 Fav

Employee costs have been less than anticipated following a wider Leisure & Community facilities restructure.

Events £31,670 Adv

This adverse variance is due to higher than anticipated spend on Christmas Lights and other general events.

Appendix 2

Community Education Centres £83,020 Fav

This favourable variance is largely due to the impact of the wider Leisure & Community Facilities staffing restructure.

Refuse Disposal £325,230 Fav

Tonnage expected to be 2,400 tonnes less than anticipated and considerable savings have been made on the dry recyclate processing contract due to improving market conditions on the value of recyclate.

Statutory Trading Account Surplus 80,750 Fav

The Housing Maintenance Trading Account incurred a favourable variance of £254,119 due to increased jobbing income and contract revenue work. The Grounds Maintenance Trading Account incurred an adverse variance of £168,477 in relation to the retention of seasonal staff and salary preservation costs.