

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 November 2008

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Corporate Services

Office Accommodation £37,620 Adv
This adverse variance is caused mainly from the higher than inflationary increases in the costs of heating oil and electricity.

District Court £33,450 Fav
This favourable variance has arisen mainly due to the level of fine income currently being collected and retained.

Licensing £43,770 Fav
Additional income has been generated due to the introduction of a new statutory fees.

Finance £37,140 Adv
This adverse variance is mainly due to issues surrounding staffing turnover and higher than anticipated postages due to functions recently taken on by corporate debtors rather than by departments.

Cost of Collection of Rates £45,300 Adv
This adverse variance is mainly due to a reduction in statutory additions being collected.

Cost of Collection of Council Tax £42,620 Adv
This adverse variance is mainly due to a reduction in statutory additions being collected.

Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit £37,680 Fav
This favourable variance is mainly due to vacancies.

Rent Rebates and allowances £130,540 Fav
This favourable variance is due to allowances being less than anticipated, offset partially by government income on a proportionate basis.

Personnel £31,650 Adv
This adverse variance is mainly due to issues surrounding staffing turnover.

Educational Services

Central Admin £29,030 Adv

This is mainly attributable to less than anticipated income .

Schools - Primary £36,820 Adv

This adverse variance is attributable to the rising cost of heating oil over the level of inflation, partially offset by underspends on other Property Costs.

Schools - Secondary £203,720 Adv

This adverse is attributable to a reduction in miscellaneous income and grants together with an overspend on heating oil due to higher than inflationary price increases

Schools - Special £221,770 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 £53,080 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies

Psychological Services £30,960 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies

Educational – other establishments £32,550 Fav

This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies and other smaller efficiency savings

Libraries £35,950 Adv

This adverse variance has arisen due to higher than inflationary increase in cost of gas and electricity.

Social Work and Health Improvement Services

Operations and Servicing £121,200 Adv

This adverse variance is due to employee costs overspend through low levels of staff turnover , partially offset by unanticipated income for staff secondment.

Residential Accommodation - Young people £165,920 Adv

This overspend has two main factors, namely staff turnover savings not being achieved to date and the need for payments to Foster carers having increased .

Residential Schools

£144,710 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 .

Intermediate Treatment

£32,640 Adv

This adverse variance is due to lower than anticipated income

Other Services – Young People

£33,420 Adv

Payments to other bodies is overspent due to increases in assessed needs for Children with Special Needs. This is partially offset by a favourable variance in grant income .

Residential Accommodation - Elderly

£157,250 Fav

Employee costs savings caused by a reduction in the anticipated level of agency staff and also a brought forward provision for grading dispute not being required resulting in one – off gain in 2008/09. In addition to this, payment to other bodies has an underspend as the number of people placed in care homes is lower than anticipated .

Residential Accommodation - Learning Disability

£69,660 Fav

This favourable variance is due to ongoing assessments of need and ongoing negotiations with service providers around contract costs.

Residential Accommodation - Physical Disability

£109,120 Adv

This adverse variance has arisen due to increased uptake of Direct Payments and significant pressure on the supplementation budget driven by increased client needs and additional clients requiring care packages.

Day Centres - Learning Disability

£68,060 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to staff turnover savings not being achieved.

Home Help Service

£135,440 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 .

Addiction Service

£72,610 Adv

This adverse variance is due to income from Health Board being less than anticipated

Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services

Directorate and Administration

£38,620 Fav

This underspend is mainly due to staffing vacancies

Catering £66,590 fav
This favourable variance has resulted from income due for the scheme Hungry for Success exceeding expenditure.

Outdoor Recreation £43,760 Adv
This adverse variance is primarily due to less income being achieved than anticipated.

Architectural and Related Services £39,120 Fav
This underspend is mainly due to staffing vacancies

Leisure Services Client £99,760 Fav
This favourable variance is mainly due to additional income from increased usage of the swimming pools and the cosmopolitan club.

Homeless Persons £56,920 Fav
Increased income from the occupancy rates being higher than anticipated (partially offset by some increased costs) has created this favourable variance.

Private Sector Housing £31,180 Fav
This favourable variance is mainly due to a reduction in salary allocations following revision of staffing allocations.

Community Wardens £202,640 Fav
This favourable variance is caused mainly by staffing vacancies and payments to other bodies being lower than anticipated.

Planning £117,400 Adv
Income from a downturn in planning application fees and building warrants is the main factor in this adverse variance.

Commercial Development Areas £109,690 Adv
This variance is mainly attributable to lower than budgeted rental income due to the level of vacant properties .

Estates Administration £195,220 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 £117,410 Adv
This variance is mainly attributable to lower than budgeted rental income due to the level of vacant properties within the Centre.

Refuse Collection

£65,540 Adv

This variance is mainly due to less than anticipated commercial charges (income) due to competition in the market place.

Skillseekers

£48,280 Fav

This favourable variance is due to increased number of placements successfully achieving targets

Miscellaneous Services

Sundry Services

£33,190 Fav

This variance is mainly due to a favourable position within both Statutory Trading Operations.