

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 July 2006

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Education and Cultural Services

Schools – Primary £49,200 Adv.

This variance is due to energy and school transport costs being higher than anticipated . The transport cost overspend is offset by an underspend in secondary school transport costs. The allocation of the transport budget between primary and secondary is currently being reviewed .

Schools – Special £39,150 Fav.

There is an underspend due to teaching staff cover requirements being less than anticipated at this stage in the financial year.

Pre-Five Service £66,960 Adv.

There is an overspend on employee costs due to staff increments being higher than anticipated . There is also higher than anticipated expenditure on payments to commissioned providers of nursery places .

Social Work

Operations and Servicing £37,790 Adv.

This overspend is a result of a time delay in achieving employee costs savings anticipated in the budget .

Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Directorate and Administration £26,010 Adv

Unallocated savings are held within this budget but the actual savings will be made across various service areas as the year progresses . This results in an adverse variance within Directorate and Administration but will be offset by savings in other areas.

Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Administration £47,280 Fav.

This favourable variance is attributable to staffing vacancies and the receipt of more administration grants than had been budgeted.

Homelessness

£118,310 Adv.

This adverse variance is attributable to reduced rental income due to occupancy rates being less than budgeted for. It is anticipated that the occupancy rate will increase as the year progresses.

Rent Rebates and Allowances

£46,660 Adv.

This adverse variance is due to recoveries of overpayments from rent accounts being lower than budgeted.

Miscellaneous Services

Sundry Services

£182,950 Fav

This favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated surpluses within a number of trading accounts .