

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee: 23 November 2011

Subject: Corporate Services Budgetary Control Report: Period 6 2011/12

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the performance of the Corporate Services budget for the period to 30 September 2011.

2. Background

- 2.1 At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 9 February 2011, Members agreed the revenue estimates for 2011/2012. A total net budget of £12.804m was approved for the Corporate Services Department.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Since period 4 report, there has been a transfer of budget from Corporate Services to the contingency fund of £0.145m in respect of underlying underspends identified by the CMT during a review of the 2010/11 year end and 2011/12 budgets

- 3.2 The summary report (appendix 1) identifies a favourable variance to date (underspend) of £0.039m (1%).

- 3.3 There are two main variances highlighted in the report:

(a) ICT - £35,752 Adverse

This adverse variance is due to the unbudgeted cost of displaced employees following the recent restructure implementation, together with a reduction in income in respect of specific rechargeable work no longer being required. With reference to the displaced employees these employees have now either been redeployed to other posts in the Council or have agreed to leave the Council through the voluntary severance/early retirement trawl.

(b) Human Resources and Organisational Development - £28,851 Favourable

This favourable variance is due to the recent restructure of the service and some staffing vacancies currently held.

- 3.4 Appendix 2 details the period 6 position on cultural activities of the Council.

4. People Implications

- 4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The present variance should be viewed in the knowledge that there are a number of variable factors which could arise between now and 31 March and which could affect the year end results.

7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 There are no equalities issues linked to this report.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The report is for noting and, therefore, does not directly affect any of the strategic priorities.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 There is a favourable variance of £0.039m in the Corporate Services departmental budget to date.

9.2 This report is submitted for Committee's consideration and comment.



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Appendix: 1: Corporate Services Department - Budgetary Control Report
Period 6
2: Cultural summary

Background Papers: General Services Revenue Estimates and Council Tax –
Report to Council 28 January 2011
Budget Book 2011/12
Ledger prints – Period 6

Wards Affected: All Wards