

General Services Budgetary Control Report

Period to 15 January 2008

Notes on Variances greater than £25,000

Educational Services

Schools – Primary

£75,354 Adv

This adverse variance is mainly due to the cost of teachers cover being higher than expected due to assumptions made based on the current cover levels at the time of the probable outturn calculation.

Schools – Secondary

£39,799 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to higher than anticipated salary recharges for staff seconded outwith the authority

Schools - Special

£90,705 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to the cost of staff cover being lower than expected due to assumptions made based on the current cover levels at the time of the probable outturn calculation. This is partially offset by lower than anticipated income due to reduction in number of children placed by other local authorities in West Dunbartonshire schools.

Sports Development

£45,749 Fav

This variance is due to income from charges exceeding expectations as a result of increased number of courses being run.

Outdoor Education

£46,004 Adv

This overspend is due mainly to the proportion of courses run for external providers being lower than anticipated resulting in a shortfall in income.

Social Work and Health Improvement

Home Help Service

£51,092 Fav

This variance is due to the rationalisation of home care provision causing lower than anticipated staff costs and payments to other bodies. Income is also higher than budgeted due to changes in guidance regarding people in receipt of supporting people services.

Housing, Environment and Economic Development

Regeneration

£104,250 Fav

This favourable variance has been generated by income from planning applications and building warrants being higher than expected due to assumptions made based on the current income levels at the time of the probable outturn calculation

Refuse Collection

£45,470 Adv

This adverse variance is due to a continuing fall in the level of commercial charges income caused by competition in the market place and a fall in sale/demand of wheelie bins through the issue of pre-owned free bins.

Miscellaneous

Sundry Services

£48,568 Fav

This favourable variance is mainly due to HMTO and Catering trading operation surpluses being higher than expected due to additional income being generated from jobbing repairs in HMTO and the free school meals pilot in Catering . This is partially offset by higher than anticipated staff costs of the pay modernisation team.