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Report to:	Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum
Date of Meeting:	30 September 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

Subject:	Information Requested from Resources
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present information received from Resources in response to issues raised at the last meeting of the Forum held on 2 September 2010.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the responses received from Resources be considered.

3. Background

3.1. At the meeting of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum held on 2 September 2010, variances across Resources and the explanation for those variances were considered. Information in relation to the issues highlighted was to be provided to this meeting of the Forum

4. Information Requested from Resources

4.1. **Community Resources – Overtime on Refuse Collection**

- 4.1.1. In relation to Community Resources, a query was raised with regards to the budget line, Overtime.
- 4.1.2. Details were requested seeking clarification on the reasons behind the overspend of £0.055m on overtime payments to carry out refuse collection services, within Land Services.

4.2. **Education Resources – Unitary charge for PPP Schools**

- 4.2.1. In relation to Education Resources, a query was raised with regards to the budget line, Other Property Costs, following a memo received from Education Resources by the Forum in response to a previous query on this budget line.
- 4.2.2. Details were requested seeking an estimate of the level of unitary charge that the Council is likely to pay in 2010/11 in respect of the PPP schools programme.

4.3. **Enterprise Resources – SPT : Ferry Operators**

- 4.3.1. In relation to Enterprise Resources, a query was raised with regards to the budget line, SPT : Ferry Operators.

4.3.2. Details were requested giving background information on the allocation of monies to SPTE from South Lanarkshire Council in respect of Ferry Operators.

4.4. Payments to Other Bodies

4.4.1. A query was raised in respect of who the Council was paying significant sums of money to through the Payment to Other Bodies line.

4.4.2. The response to this query is the subject of a paper to be issued separately.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None.

7. Other Implications

7.1. None.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There is no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment or consultation in respect of the content of this report.

Linda Hardie

Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

14 September 2010

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

- ◆ Efficient and effective use of resources
- ◆ Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

Minutes of 2 September 2010

List of Background Papers

None

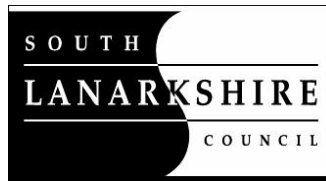
Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Community Resources
Executive Director **Norrie Anderson**
Support Services

Memo

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From:	Alistair McKinnon Head of Support Services (Community Resources)	Date:	

Subject: Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum Query – Overtime on Refuse Collection

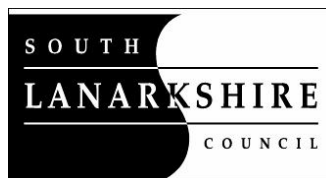
At the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum meeting of 2 September 2010, an agenda item looked at the variances across Resources and the explanation for those variances. In relation to Community Resources, a query was raised with regards to overtime incurred within Land Services.

The overtime has been incurred due to an increase in service requests. During the period 1 April 2010 to 3 September 2010 there have been 139,941 requests for bulky uplifts and 82,795 for garden waste. The uplifts for the same period last year were 128,376 and 76,237 respectively.

The service has seen a continual increase in the level of requests but the degree of movement on a period to period basis can be anything from 4% to 40% and therefore to minimise costs the service covers these additional requests through overtime.

If you require any further information, please contact Mohammed Zahir on extension 5045.





Education Resources
Executive Director **Larry Forde**
Finance Services

Memo

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Subject: Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum Query – Unitary Charge for PPP Schools

Thank you for your memo of 7 September in which you state that the Chair of the Forum requested information be provided to the next Forum (30 September 2010) as to an estimate of the level of unitary charge that the Council is likely to pay in 2010/11 in respect of the PPP schools programme.

I am therefore writing to advise you that the estimate of the level of unitary charge that the Council is likely to pay in 2010/11 is £26.9m.

As you'll be aware, budget was transferred into this spend line from Education Resources identified funding and also centrally from the Council to cover estimated inflation levels.

Should you wish further information, please feel free to contact me.





Finance and Information Technology Resources
Executive Director **Linda Hardie**
Finance Services

Memo

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Subject: Financial Services Scrutiny Forum Query – SPT : Ferry Operators

I refer to your memo dated 7 July 2010 regarding the above and would reply as follows:

South Lanarkshire Council pays a quarterly requisition payment of £5.587million to cover the Council's share SPT loan charges and general activities. The requisition payment does not contain a detailed breakdown of the Council's share of each of the activities covered by the payment, instead the Council receives a copy of the total SPT revenue budget.

For the purposes of Government returns the Council is required to allocate the expenditure on passenger transport over a number of different service areas, including buses, ferries, underground and loan charges. In order to arrive at this split, the Council takes the % used by SPT to calculate the requisition payment and applies this percentage to each individual element of the total SPT revenue budget.

The result is that the Council then has budget and actual against ferries and underground which we do not have in our geographical area. The view taken in terms of the information is that we are contributing to the total cost of the SPT services. The Council makes a single quarterly payment and the allocation is an arbitrary one used only for the purposes of Government returns.

There is no variance against budget as the SPT requisition is fully funded each year as part of the revenue budget process.

