

Report

4

Report to: Community Resources Committee

Date of Meeting: 31 March 2009

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Information

Technology Resources)

Executive Director (Community Resources)

Subject: Community Resources - Revenue Budget Monitoring

2008/2009

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- provide information on the actual expenditure measured against the revenue budget for the period 1 April 2008 to 20 February 2009 for Community Resources; and
- provide a forecast for the year to 31 March 2009.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):
 - that the overspend on Community Resources' revenue budget of £0.127 million (0.2%), as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted:
 - that, following the probable outturn exercise, the forecast to 31 March 2009 of an overspend of £0.132 million which will be offset by an anticipated increased surplus from the Community Resources' Trading Operations, be noted; and
 - (3) that the proposed budget virements be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. This is the fourth revenue budget monitoring report presented to the Community Resources Committee for the financial year 2008/2009.
- 3.2. The report details the financial position for Community Resources on Appendix A, and then details the individual services, along with variance explanations, in Appendices B to G.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

5.1. As at 20 February 2009, the variance from phased budget to date is an overspend of £0.127 million (0.2%).

- 5.2. Following the probable outturn exercise, the financial forecast for the revenue budget to 31 March 2009 is an overspend of £0.132 million. This will be offset by an anticipated increased surplus from the Community Resources' Trading Operations.
- 5.3. Virements are also proposed to realign budgets across the services and with other Resources. These movements have been detailed in the appendices to this report.

6. Other Implications

6.1. None

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

Linda Hardie

Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

Norrie Anderson Executive Director (Community Resources)

2 March 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives

♦ Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

♦ Community Resources Committee, 3 February 2009

List of Background Papers

♦ Financial Ledger and budget monitoring results to 20 February 2009

Contact for Further Information

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

Lorraine O'Hagan, Accounting and Budgeting Manager

Ext: 4617 (Tel: 01698 454617)

E-mail: lorraine.o'hagan@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Community Resources Summary

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	29,859	29,664	195	26,656	26,588	68	under	0.3%	
Property Costs	15,134	15,344	(210)	13,065	13,141	(76)	over	(0.6%)	
Supplies & Services	2,521	2,617	(96)	2,089	2,271	(182)	over	(8.7%)	
Transport & Plant	4,801	5,139	(338)	4,378	4,733	(355)	over	(8.1%)	
Administration Costs	8,641	8,748	(107)	7,639	7,629	10	under	0.1%	
Payments to Other Bodies	942	915	27	657	659	(2)	over	(0.3%)	
Payments to Contractors	20,820	20,556	264	19,930	19,647	283	under	1.4%	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	584	591	(7)	535	555	(20)	over	(3.7%)	
									-
Total Controllable Exp.	83,302	83,574	(272)	74,949	75,223	(274)	over	(0.4%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(23,210)	(23,350)	140	(20,939)	(21,086)	147	over recovered	0.7%	_
Net Controllable Exp.	60,092	60,224	(132)	54,010	54,137	(127)	over	(0.2%)	

Variance Explanations

Variance explanations are shown in Appendices B to G.

Budget Virements

A Budget Virement is shown in Appendix B.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Environmental and Strategic Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	3,916	3,992	(76)	3,494	3,521	(27)	over	(0.8%)	1a
Property Costs	111	142	(31)	103	117	(14)	over	(13.6%)	а
Supplies & Services	165	201	(36)	104	155	(51)	over	(49.0%)	2a
Transport & Plant	24	27	(3)	21	24	(3)	over	(14.3%)	
Administration Costs	1,128	1,165	(37)	973	979	(6)	over	(0.6%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	333	299	34	210	195	15	under	7.1%	а
Payments to Contractors	189	173	16	171	179	(8)	over	(4.7%)	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	44	48	(4)	44	46	(2)	over	(4.5%)	
									-
Total Controllable Exp.	5,910	6,047	(137)	5,120	5,216	(96)	over	(1.9%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(404)	(518)	114	(361)	(472)	111	over recovered	30.7%	3a
Net Controllable Exp.	5,506	5,529	(23)	4,759	4,744	15	under	0.3%	

Variance Explanations

1. Employee Costs

The overspend is mainly due to backdated payments in respect of car allowances.

2. Supplies & Services

The overspend is in the main due to greater than anticipated charges for IT equipment, drainage works and charges for the Crucial Crew project.

3. Income

The over recovery relates to income from Food Safety, Environmental Protection, Consumer, Trading Standards and Home Safety.

Budget Virements

a. Transfer of Close Circuit Television to Housing and Technical Resources (£308k): Employee Costs (£306k), Property Costs (£40k), Supplies & services (£37k), Payment to Other Bodies (£33k) and Income £108k.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Facilities and Cultural Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	11,806	11,812	(6)	10,528	10,575	(47)	over	(0.4%)	1
Property Costs	4,379	4,589	(210)	3,478	3,553	(75)	over	(2.2%)	2
Supplies & Services	1,794	1,830	(36)	1,505	1,605	(100)	over	(6.6%)	3
Transport & Plant	134	127	7	115	108	7	under	6.1%	
Administration Costs	4,501	4,534	(33)	4,076	4,047	29	under	0.7%	
Payments to Other Bodies	513	502	11	383	386	(3)	over	(0.8%)	
Payments to Contractors	2	14	(12)	2	72	(70)	over	(3500.0%)	4
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	238	256	(18)	207	224	(17)	over	(8.2%)	
Total Controllable Exp.	23,367	23,664	(297)	20,294	20,570	(276)	over	(1.4%)	-
Total Controllable Inc.	(10,273)	(10,572)	299	(9,151)	(9,421)	270	over recovered	3.0%	5
Net Controllable Exp.	13,094	13,092	2	11,143	11,149	(6)	over	(0.1%)	

Variance Explanations

1. Employee Costs

This overspend relates mainly to additional spend within Rutherglen Town Hall and also overtime within Halls, Countryside and Heritage Services and is offset by an over-recovery of income. This relates to the provision of shows, events and functions across a number of venues.

2. Property Costs

The overspend mainly relates to the additional costs of repairs and maintenance within Halls.

3. Supplies and Service

The overspend is mainly due to food costs within Commercial Catering, Countryside and Heritage Services and Rutherglen Town Hall. These are partially offset by an over-recovery of income. In addition, within Halls and Operations Management there are overspends due to greater than anticipated expenditure on computer equipment, IT maintenance and office furniture.

4 Payment to Contractors

The overspend relates to the hiring of agency staff for catering at events and shows across Cultural Services.

5. Income

This over-recovery is mainly due to additional income in relation to ticket sales, food and hospitality, Commercial Catering and insurance works. There is also greater than anticipated income in relation to Council Officers for additional service provisions. This offsets additional expenditure incurred (see 1,3 and 4 above).

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Land Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	11,062	10,880	182	9,886	9,832	54	under	0.5%	1
Property Costs	10,303	10,271	32	9,144	9,131	13	under	0.1%	
Supplies & Services	447	489	(42)	414	431	(17)	over	(4.1%)	
Transport & Plant	4,498	4,831	(333)	4,120	4,462	(342)	over	(8.3%)	2
Administration Costs	2,575	2,560	15	2,356	2,357	(1)	over	(0.0%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	11	14	(3)	10	14	(4)	over	(40.0%)	
Payments to Contractors	10,140	9,965	175	9,439	9,082	357	under	3.8%	3
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	262	251	11	251	251	0	-	0.0%	
									-
Total Controllable Exp.	39,298	39,261	37	35,620	35,560	60	under	0.2%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(4,868)	(4,761)	(107)	(4,364)	(4,220)	(144)	under recovered	(3.3%)	4
Net Controllable Exp.	34,430	34,500	(70)	31,256	31,340	(84)	over	(0.3%)	

Variance Explanations

Employee Costs
The net underspend is due to vacancies within Operations Management and Amenity Services, partially offset by overspends in Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing due to additional service requests and staff turnover being less than anticipated.

Transport and Plant

The overspend is due to greater than anticipated leased and hired vehicles, fuel costs and external repairs and maintenance.

Payment to Contractors 3.

The under spend is mainly attributable to a reduction in green waste, bulky uplifts and residual waste.

The under recovery is due to the demand for Bereavement Services and Refuse Services being less than anticipated.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Leisure

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	4	4	0	4	4	0	-	0.0%	
Property Costs	69	66	3	69	66	3	under	4.3%	
Supplies & Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transport & Plant	16	16	0	16	17	(1)	over	(6.3%)	
Administration Costs	0	2	(2)	0	1	(1)	over	n/a	
Payments to Other Bodies	60	68	(8)	47	53	(6)	over	(12.8%)	
Payments to Contractors	10,349	10,314	35	10,289	10,254	35	under	0.3%	1
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
									-
Total Controllable Exp.	10,498	10,470	28	10,425	10,395	30	under	0.3%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(525)	(525)	0	(525)	(525)	0	-	0.0%	
Net Controllable Exp.	9,973	9,945	28	9,900	9,870	30	under	0.3%	•

Variance Explanations

Payment to Contractors
An underspend is reported on Fairhill Integrated facility. The facility opened in June 2008 and has therefore only incurred part year operating costs.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Projects

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	731	689	42	651	624	27	under	4.1%	1
Property Costs	17	21	(4)	16	18	(2)	over	(12.5%)	
Supplies & Services	36	18	18	20	29	(9)	over	(45.0%)	
Transport & Plant	69	78	(9)	46	61	(15)	over	(32.6%)	
Administration Costs	9	10	(1)	3	3	0	-	(0.0%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	19	26	(7)	6	6	0	-	0.0%	
Payments to Contractors	140	90	50	29	60	(31)	over	(106.9%)	2
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	1	2	(1)	1	1	0	-	0.0%	
									-
Total Controllable Exp.	1,022	934	88	772	802	(30)	over	(3.9%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(495)	(338)	(157)	(399)	(324)	(75)	under recovered	(18.8%)	3
Net Controllable Exp.	527	596	(69)	373	478	(105)	over	(28.2%)	

Variance Explanations

1. Employee Costs

The underspend is due to less than anticipated numbers being employed to date, offset by an under recovery of grant income (see 3 below).

2. Payment to Contractors

This overspend is due to the repayment of European Task Force / Social Inclusion Partnership funding to the Scottish Government.

3. Income

The grant income directly reflects the level expenditure incurred. The under recovery reflects the underspend in employee costs.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Community Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No.12)

Support Services

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 20/02/09	Actual 20/02/09	Variance 20/02/09		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
Budget Category									
Employee Costs	2,340	2,287	53	2,093	2,032	61	under	2.9%	1
Property Costs	255	255	0	255	256	(1)	over	(0.4%)	
Supplies & Services	79	79	0	46	51	(5)	over	(10.9%)	
Transport & Plant	60	60	0	60	61	(1)	over	(1.7%)	
Administration Costs	428	477	(49)	231	242	(11)	over	(4.8%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	6	6	0	1	5	(4)	over	(400.0%)	
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	39	34	5	32	33	(1)	over	(3.1%)	
Total Controllable Exp.	3,207	3,198	9	2,718	2,680	38	under	1.4%	
Total Controllable Inc.	(6,645)	(6,636)	(9)	(6,139)	(6,124)	(15)	under recovered	(0.2%)	
Net Controllable Exp.	(3,438)	(3,438)	0	(3,421)	(3,444)	23	under	0.7%	

Variance Explanations

Employee CostsThe underspend is mainly due to vacancies across Support Services.