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Report to:	Housing and Technical Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	1 April 2009
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

Subject:	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/2009 - Housing and Technical Resources (HRA)
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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 Housing and Technical Resources (HRA)
- ♦ 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):-

- (1) that the break even position on Housing and Technical Resources' (HRA) revenue budget, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted.
- (2) that following the probable outturn exercise the forecast to 31 March 2009 of breakeven be noted.
- (3) that the proposed budget virements be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. This is the fourth revenue budget monitoring report presented to the Housing and Technical Resources Committee for the financial year 2008/2009.
- 3.2. The report details the financial position for Housing and Technical Resources (HRA) on Appendix A, along with variance explanations.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. As at 20 February 2009 there is a break even position against the phased budget.
- 5.2. Following the probable outturn exercise the forecast to 31 March 2009 on the Housing Revenue Account is a break even position. This reflects a revised level of revenue contributions to the Housing Capital Programme as a result of the reduced council house and land sales. This is funded by a higher than anticipated use of reserves.

- 5.3. Virements are also proposed to realign budgets across the Service. These movements have been detailed in Appendix A 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 is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.

Linda Hardie

Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

2 March 2009

Link(s) to Council Values and Objectives

- ◆ Value: Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

- ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee, 4 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:-

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Housing and Technical Resources Committee: Period Ended 20 February 2009 (No 12)

HRA

Budget Category	Annual Budget £000	Forecast for Year £000	Annual Forecast Variance £000	Budget Proportion 20/02/09 £000	Actual 20/02/09 £000	Variance 20/02/09 £000		% Variance 20/02/09	Note
Employee Costs	11,054	10,996	58	9,759	9,277	482	under	4.9%	1
Property Costs	34,037	37,088	(3,051)	31,113	32,677	(1,564)	over	(5.0%)	2
Supplies & Services	972	918	54	788	712	76	under	9.6%	
Transport & Plant	20	20	0	18	11	7	under	38.9%	
Administration Costs	791	795	(4)	678	616	62	under	9.1%	
Payments to Other Bodies	7,901	8,063	(162)	225	207	18	under	8.0%	
Payments to Contractors	0	0	0	0	49	(49)	over	n/a	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	12,359	19,023	(6,664)	241	2,581	(2,340)	over	(971.0%)	3
Total Controllable Exp.	67,134	76,903	(9,769)	42,822	46,130	(3,308)	over	(7.7%)	
Total Controllable Inc.	(79,229)	(81,030)	1,801	(67,748)	(69,412)	1,664	over	(2.5%)	4
Transfer to/(from) B/Sheet	(2,426)	(10,030)	7,604	0	(1,644)	1,644	over	n/a	5
Net Controllable Exp.	(14,521)	(14,157)	(364)	(24,926)	(24,926)	0	-	0.0%	
Add:- Non Controllable Budgets									
Central Support Costs	3,216	3,216	0	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Finance Charges	11,305	10,941	364	0	0	0	-	n/a	
Total Budget	0	0	0	(24,926)	(24,926)	0	-	0.0%	

Variance Explanations

- Employee Costs**
The underspend reflects current vacancies within the Service.
- Property Costs**
The overspend reflects the current increase in demand for repairs.
- Financing Charges**
This reflects additional Capital Financed from Current Revenue (CFCR) required as a net result of the reduction in house sales, partially offset by an over recovery of house rent income.
- Income**
This over recovery is partially due to rent collected as a result of a reduction in the predicted level of house sales.
- Transfer to/(from) Balance Sheet**
This reflects the utilisation of funding brought forward from previous years.