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Report to:	Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum
Date of Meeting:	11 November 2010
Report by:	Archibald Strang, Chief Executive

Subject:	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2010-11
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update members of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum of progress on the Council's revenue budget for the period covering 1 April 2010 to 1 October 2010.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the 2010/2011 Financial Position as at period 7 (1 October 2010) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations is noted (as detailed in Appendix A);
- (2) that the position on the Enterprise Resources' Trading Operation, Financial and Operational Performance Review, as at period 7 2010/2011 (1 October 2010) be noted (as detailed in Appendix B).

3. Background

3.1. The Revenue reports attached provide detail on the most recent Executive Committee report dated 3 November 2010. The reports detail the position as at 1 October 2010 for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading operations. Also, Financial and Operational Performance Review papers have been included for the Roads Trading Operation as part of the rotating reporting cycle.

3.2. The papers have been split into separate Appendices as shown below:

- Appendix A – 2010/11 Financial Position as at Period 7 (1 October 2010) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations
- Appendix B – Enterprise Resources' Trading Operation – Financial and Operational Performance Review as at period 7 2010/2011 (1 October 2010).

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The financial position of the General Services Revenue Budget, Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading Operations are detailed in Appendices A and B attached.

- 5.2. The net underspend lies mainly within Corporate Resources and Finance and Information Technology Resources as a result of employee vacancies.
- 5.3. Following presentation of a paper to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2010, in relation to the International Children's Games, discussions have taken place between Finance and Information Technology Resources and Community Resources regarding the allocation of funds to Resource budgets.

This will require a sum of £0.060m to be added to Community Resources' budget from central funds and all expenditure in relation to the International Children's Games should be charged to Community Resources. This is reflected in the figures in Appendix 1. The Executive Committee was asked to approve the allocation of funds as detailed above.

- 5.4. Following the implementation of the Disabled Person's Parking Spaces (Scotland) Bill, additional duties are required of the Council who now have a duty to promote the proper use of parking spaces designated for use by disabled persons' vehicles. This will include signage for disabled bays, both on-street and off-street.

The budget requirement for 2010/11 is £0.220m. This will be met from central funds and added to Enterprise Resources (Roads) budget. This is reflected in the figures in Appendix 1. The Executive Committee was asked to approve the allocation of funds as detailed above.

- 5.5. Appendix A shows a net underspend of £0.252 million against the phased budget. The forecast for the General Fund Revenue Account to 31 March 2011 is a break even position.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. The main risk associated with the Resource's Revenue Budget is failure to manage the budget resulting in a significant overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed budget management applied across the Services of the Resources. The risk is managed through four weekly Budget Monitoring Meetings at which any variance is analysed. In addition, the probable outturn exercise ensured early warning for corrective action to be taken where appropriate.

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 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.

Archibald Strang
Chief Executive

25 October 2010

Link(s) to Council Values and Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Revenue Ledger prints to 1 October 2010

Contact for Further Information

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