

ANGUS COUNCIL

FINANCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – 28 January, 2003
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 4 February, 2003

REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2002/2003

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to give members an indication of the likely revenue outturn for the financial year 2002/2003.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report for its interest.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Special meeting of Angus Council on 14 February, 2002 the Council approved the revenue budget estimates for the 2002/2003 financial year. Details of the individual departmental revenue budgets are contained in the Final Revenue And Capital Budgets Volume 2002/2003 issued to members in April 2002.

3. INTRODUCTION

As part of the Council's procedures for monitoring revenue expenditure and income, year end projections of net expenditure are prepared on a regular basis (taking account of actual figures to date). Any significant variances between the projected outturn and the original budget are investigated and where necessary, budget virements effected.

4. CURRENT POSITION

The budgets set out in the [Appendix](#) have been amended by carry forwards. Report 525/01 to the Finance and Information Technology Committee of 1 May, 2001 set out proposals for virement flexibility between financial years. This virement flexibility permits each General Fund department to carry forward 50% of any underspend in 2001/2002 to the 2002/2003 financial year, subject to a maximum ceiling. The departmental budgets shown in the attached statement have been amended for the amounts set out in Report 1049/02 although it should be noted that the carry forward in respect of Contract Services (£78k) has been allocated to Recreation Services for application as a contract variation to Contract Services. It should also be noted that the Education carry forward has been revised to £100k from £84k.

As a result of previous years' underspends on Policy Led Budgeting initiatives, a virement of £180k has been made from General Fund balances into the relevant departmental budgets.

The Appendix indicates the following variations :-

Education – The projected outturn shows an underspend of £120k as reported to the previous committee meeting. The Director of Education is taking steps to ensure that the final outturn is in line with the department's agreed revenue budget.

Social Work – In line with a joint report from Social Work and Finance as a separate item on the Agenda, it is proposed that an element of new earmarked monies be transferred to the Capital Fund. The anticipated amount is in the order of £997k and the budget for 2002/3 has been adjusted to reflect this.

Planning & Transport – An underspend of £310k is shown under Planning. £91k of this relates to Access to Countryside monies which will be carried forward under carry forward rules. The Director of Planning and Transport will be submitting proposals in due course in respect of the balance of the underspend.

Other Housing – The £11k overspend is made up of a lower level of grant support on Housing Benefit (£35k), which is offset by premature loan repayments (£24k) although it should be noted capital financing charges will increase accordingly.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this Report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and Director of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. CONCLUSION

This report reflects ongoing monitoring of budget versus actual. There are no particular issues of concern at present.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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