

ANGUS COUNCIL

FINANCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – 15 April, 2003
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REVENUE BUDGET OUTFURN 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.

It should also be noted the figures in the attached statement include the additional monies received from the Scottish Executive for Quality of Life projects. This was detailed in committee report 861/02.

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 £97k. This is additional to the underspend previously reported and vired to various D.S.M.headings and affords a measure of contingency as the actual figures for the year are determined during the final accounts process.

Social Work – It was agreed at the last meeting that a projected underspend be transferred to the Capital Fund. As indicated, due to the demand-led nature of the service, the underspend figure is likely to vary and the amount vired from Social Work budget to provide for the Contribution to the Capital Fund for the purpose of this report is £929k.

Roads – An overspend of £168k is shown under Roads. This is due to the recent purchase of the car park in Kirriemuir. The 2002/03 budget included £80k income in respect of car parks, (this being a repayment to general fund balances for the prior year trading deficit). However the actual purchase of £88k was delayed until the current financial year, thus producing a technical overspend of £168k.

Planning & Transport – An underspend of £260k is shown under Planning. £75k of this arises on the new concessionary travel scheme (after the agreed transfer of £100k to the Capital Fund in respect of the Arbroath Harbour infrastructure development) and will be carried forward on an earmarked basis. A further £94k arises from increased planning applications/building warrants income and other miscellaneous underspends as netted by agreed additional expenditure on computers (£96k), microfilming (£10k) A £91k underspend has also occurred on the ringfenced Access to the Countryside budget which will be carried forward in full to financial year 2003/04.

Training – And underspend of £10k is shown against training and is a result of savings in trainee costs.

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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