

## ANGUS COUNCIL

FINANCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - 1 May 2001  
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ITEM No 6

REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2000/2001  
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 2000/2001.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

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

**2. BACKGROUND**

At the Special meeting of Angus Council on 9 March 2000 the Council approved the revenue budget estimates for the 2000/2001 financial year. Details of the individual departmental revenue budgets are contained in the Final Revenue And Capital Budgets Volume 2000/2001 issued to members in April 2000.

**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**

Members may recall Report 136/00 to the Finance and Information Technology Committee of 1 February 2000 which set out proposals for virement flexibility between financial years 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. This virement flexibility permitted each General Fund department to carry forward 50% of any underspend in 1999/2000 to the 2000/2001 financial year.

The Departmental budgets shown in the attached Statement have been amended to reflect sums available under the 50% carry forward scheme.

Virement has been made from the General Fund balances to Law & Administration of £38.3k. This relates to legal costs of the assisted area dispute in Arbroath and was approved by Committee report 861/2000.

Virement has also been made from General Fund balances to Policy Led Budgeting for £289k. This is a result of expenditure on Phases 1 and 2 projects now materialising and generating a funding shortfall in 2000/2001. This was approved by Committee Report 966/2000.

Attention is drawn to the following matters:-

**4.1 ROADS**

It was previously reported that additional gross expenditure incurred on Winter Maintenance arising from widespread significant snowfalls was some £380k. At the time of reporting it was hoped that £80k savings would arise on roads maintenance requiring only a net £300k of roads maintenance expenditure to be transferred to the Roads Repairs and Renewals Fund. It is now clear, however, that the extreme weather has had an adverse impact on other Roads activities, particularly on drainage and patching and it is unlikely that the £80k savings will materialise. Moreover, partly as a result of continuing bad weather over and above that anticipated when the £380k was determined, a further £115k of gross costs have now been identified. In line with the method of dealing with the net £300k

and accepted practice for dealing with above-average expenditure on Winter Maintenance, it is proposed to transfer a total of £495k of Repairs and Maintenance works to the Roads Repairs and Renewals fund, to allow sufficient virement from Roads Maintenance to Winter Maintenance to cover the total cost of £495k. The use of the Repairs and Renewals fund in this way can be accommodated within sums available. In terms of this outturn report, the foregoing means that Roads are expected to stay within their cash-limited revenue budget.

In light of this exceptional call upon the Repairs and Renewals Fund, sympathetic consideration will require to be given in future contributions in the financial year 2001/2002 to the Roads Repairs and Renewals Fund to reflect the need to maintain the priority which the Council has attached to the Roads repair and maintenance works.

#### 4.2 PLANNING

Income from Planning Applications is set to exceed budget by some £70k. This is reported as a favourable variance at the present time.

#### 4.3 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Environmental and Consumer Protection are estimated to underspend by £150k due to the closure of the DERL Plant in Dundee (£450k) which has been offset by an overspend on Landfill Tax (£225k) and an additional payment of £75k to Contract Services to cover their overspend on fuel.

#### 4.4 TRAINING

Training is underspent by £60k due to stringent budgetary control, coupled with excellent income generation from sponsoring bodies.

#### 4.5 CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Central Support Services are underspent by £120k which is made up by Members' Services which are underspent by £20k due to general underspends throughout the service, Information Technology underspent by £100k due to £35k staff slippage, £75k additional income generated from SLA and other income, offset by a £10k overspend in transport costs.

### 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

It will be noted that an overall underspend of £400k is currently projected.

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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.

DSS/GW/NS  
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## 2000/01 Projections Statement

(Excluding capital financing costs, specific and other grants and central support services recharges)

Department	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
	Please Refer to Notes in Appendix	Budget 2000/01 £'000	Projected Outturn Based on 28-Feb-01 Ledgers £'000	Adverse £'000	Favourable £'000	Total Variance £'000
Education		58,741	58,741	0	0	0
Social Work		23,851	23,851	0	0	0
Roads		5,297	5,297	0	0	0
Cultural Services		2,094	2,094	0	0	0
Environmental and Consumer Protection		5,833	5,683	0	150	(150)
Planning & Transport		2,067	1,997	0	70	(70)
Economic Development		578	578	0	0	0
Recreation Services		5,321	5,321	0	0	0
Central Support Services		8,335	8,215	0	120	(120)
Training		202	142	0	60	(60)
Finance Revenues		1,351	1,351	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Other Services		1,062	1,062	0	0	0
Other Housing		1,267	1,267	0	0	0
Other Expenditure		282	282	0	0	0
Policy Led Budgeting		615	615	0	0	0
<b>Sub - Total Angus Council Departments</b>		<b>116,896</b>	<b>116,496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>(400)</b>
Police Joint Board Allocation to Angus Council		7,277	7,277	0	0	0
Fire Joint Board Allocation to Angus Council		3,518	3,518	0	0	0
Valuation Joint Board Allocation to Angus Council		627	627	0	0	0
<b>Total Joint Board Allocations</b>		<b>11,422</b>	<b>11,422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Angus Contracts		(420)	(420)	0	0	0
Tayside Contracts		(210)	(210)	0	0	0
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>		<b>127,688</b>	<b>127,288</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>(400)</b>

