

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2004/05

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

<p>Abstract: The purpose of this report is to give members an indication of the likely revenue outturn for the financial year 2004/2005.</p>

1 RECOMMENDATION

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

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Special meeting of Angus Council on 12 February 2004 the Council approved the revenue budget estimates for the 2004/2005 financial year. Details of the individual departmental revenue budgets are contained in the Final Revenue And Capital Budgets Volume 2004/2005 issued to members in April 2004.

3 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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, subject to a maximum ceiling. The Departmental budgets shown in the attached Statement have yet to be amended for sums available under the 50% carry forward scheme.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 [Appendix A](#) sets out the latest assessment of spend versus budget and the following particular comments are made:-

It has been drawn to the Committee's attention in previous reports that income in the current financial year from Planning Applications and Building Warrants has been ahead of profiled budget. It is estimated now that in view of this there could be an outturn underspend against the Planning and Transportation budget of about £230k. This is shown in Appendix A.

A report to this Committee (Item 18) in relation to Education revenue budget sets out that an estimated underspend of £585k is envisaged for the year, and that it is proposed to accelerate IT and capital projects involving transfers to the R&R fund (£150k) and the Capital fund (£200k). Once these transfers are made the Education revenue budget surplus will be reduced by £350k. It will be noted that £130k of the remainder of the proposed underspend is ringfenced by the Scottish Executive and will be carried forward on an earmarked basis with £105k being regarded as contingency at present. These two latter sums (£235k) are thus shown as a favourable balance in Appendix A.

Trading Services Waste Management Operations is currently anticipated to overspend by approximately £50k, mainly due to a 13% increase in fuel prices since April. The Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection is currently addressing how this shortfall can be met and a further update will be included in the next outturn report.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this Report.

6 CONSULTATION

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

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 This report reflects ongoing monitoring of budget versus actual.

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 the above Report.

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