

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 DECEMBER 2004

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION PERFORMANCE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Abstract: This report apprises Members of the level of collection of Council Tax in the current financial year to the end of September 2004 and compares this with previous year's performance. Performance to the end of September is better than the comparable position last year.

1 RECOMMENDATION

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

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Council Tax is an important source of finance for the council and it is crucial that sums are collected expeditiously. Reports are made from time to time to keep Members informed of progress.

3 COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The following table sets out the performance figures as at the end of September 2004 for financial years 1996/97 and on, and compares these with the corresponding figures as at the end of September 2003.

Financial Year	September 2004 Proportion of Total Collected %	September 2003 Proportion of Total Collected %
1996/97	98.35	98.24
1997/98	98.53	98.42
1998/99	98.44	98.33
1999/00	98.23	98.08
2000/01	97.97	97.90
2001/02	97.68	97.56
2002/03	97.12	96.49
2003/04	96.68	61.34
2004/05	62.45	N/a

- 3.2 It can be seen that at the end of September 2004 the collection level of 62.45% for 2004/5 compares favourably with the September 2003 collection level of 61.34% for 2003/4.

- 3.3 The Statutory Performance Indicators 2002/3 and 2003/4 were 94.7% and 95.00% respectively and the rate of 62.45% to September augurs well for an equally good in-year rate for 2004/5.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no particular financial implications arising from this report.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Human Rights Implications arising directly from this report.

6 CONSULTATION

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

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The level of collection of Council Tax to the end of October is comparable with previous years and in fact shows a slight improvement.

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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