

ANGUS COUNCIL

**RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**11 MARCH 2004
16 MARCH 2004**

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2003/2004

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 2003/2004.</p>

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee –

- (i). note the contents of this report for its interest;
- (ii). note that approval has already been given for the virement of £520k to the Capital Fund (or such other sum as may be determined as the year progresses) in respect of Social Work underspend and has resolved accordingly to make such contribution; and
- (iii). approves virement of £500k to the Capital Fund (or such other sum as may be determined as the year progresses) in respect of Planning & Transport underspend and resolves accordingly to make such contribution.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At the Special meeting of Angus Council on 13 February 2003 the Council approved the revenue budget estimates for the 2003/2004 financial year. Details of the individual departmental revenue budgets are contained in the Final Revenue And Capital Budgets Volume 2003/2004 issued to members in April 2003.

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.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 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 been amended for sums available under the 50% carry forward scheme as set out in Report 993/03.

- 4.2 Planning and Transport - At the present time, Planning and Transport is likely to be underspent by £500k due to a saving on concessionary travel and increased planning application/building warrant income. It is proposed that the underspend be transferred to the Capital Fund to facilitate progression of the council's accommodation strategy particularly as regards the relocation of the Transport section.
- 4.3 Education - The position will continue to be carefully monitored and assuming the overall projected underspend (£105k) is broadly consistent, the Director of Education will arrange for school devolved budgets to be augmented prior to the end of the financial year.
- 4.4 Environmental and Consumer Protection – Environmental and Consumer Protection is experiencing significant loss of custom and therefore income on tipping charges and commercial waste. These and related issues are presenting a considerable challenge and the position will be kept under careful review in order to maintain a cash limited budget.
- 4.5 Social Work – It was noted at the last meeting that Social Work continues to be an extraordinary complex area including difficult Supporting People issues. As noted at the last meeting a sum of £520k is expected to be available to transfer to the Capital Fund. £20k of this sum specifically relates to a provision of a store for Occupational Therapy whilst the £500k relates to Supporting People. It should be noted that it is not possible to be precise and the figure available for this purpose may vary as the year progresses.

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. There are no particular issues of concern at present.

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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