

## REPORT

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Financial Monitoring Report attached sets out the position of the Department's spending level against the approved budget for the period 1 April 1996 to 15 September 1996.
- 1.2 The report contains only that expenditure which is within their direct control, and therefore excludes items such as loan charges, central administration recharges and the central repairs account, each of which will be reported by the appropriate charging department.

2. Background

- 2.1 The 1996/97 Revenue Budget was prepared at a time of major change within Local Government and in many cases without the benefit of comparative prior year information. Many expenditure heads were simply a proportionate share of the former Strathclyde Region's budget and an amalgamation of the Districts' costs, and as such may not have been specifically based on the past needs of North Lanarkshire. With this in mind the Committee is asked to note that the 1996/97 budgets continue to be re-aligned to reflect accurate provision, thereby entering the process of ongoing refinement.

3. Financial Performance

- 3.1 The total underspend (page 3 ) for the year to date is £19,588 (or 3% of the Budget to date). The major variances can be summarised as follows:-
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| i) Employee Costs : Department staff vacancies | £ 25225 | Underspend |
| ii) Transport & Plant : Excess Travel Costs    | £ 5637  | Overspend  |

4. Summary

- 4.1 There is a substantial timing variance at present, largely due to the uneven flow of creditors invoices, debtors and inter-departmental accounts. The department is closely monitoring the current position to ensure that the expenditure for 1996/97 is contained within the approved estimates.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Committee notes the contents of this report.



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## FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

1 April 1996 To 15 September 1996

COMMITTEE : **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**DIVISION : **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY**

TOTAL BUDGET (1)	LIN NO. (2)	DESCRIPTION (3)	BUDGET TO DATE (4)	ACTUAL TO DATE (5)	VARIANCES			% (9)
					TOTAL (6)	TIMING (7)	ACTUAL (8)	
£			£	£	£	£		
426,990	1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	196,163	170,938	25,225	0	25,225	13%
37,000	2.	PROPERTY COSTS	37,000	37,778	(778)	(778)	0	0%
1,460	3.	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	2,343	4,004	(1,661)	(1,661)	0	0%
17,930	4.	TRANSPORT & PLANT	6,642	12,279	(5,637)	0	(5,637)	-85%
169,955	5.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	85,265	85,127	138	138	0	0%
1,223,770	6.	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	500,502	320,609	179,893	179,893	0	0%
0	7.	OTHER EXPENDITURE	0	0	0	0	0	
1,877,105	8.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	827,915	630,735	197,180	177,592	19,588	2%
403,510	9.	INCOME	78,426	27,606	(50,820)	(50,820)	0	0%
1,473,595	10.	NET EXPENDITURE	749,489	603,129	146,360	126,772	19,588	3%

## ANALYSIS OF MAJOR VARIANCES

1. Employee costs - Unfilled vacancies offset against partly unfunded pay award
2. Transport & Plant - Excess travel costs

General Comments - Timing Variance

1. Payments to Agencies & Other Bodies - Delay in setting up procedures for various schemes.