

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	From : DIRECTOR OF FINANCE Ask for Mr J Milne Ext 2200
Your Ref. My Ref. JM/JQ	Date 20th November 1996
Copied to	Subject FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

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 13 October 1996 (i.e. 54% of the financial year).
- 1.2 The report contains only that expenditure which is within the Department's 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 committee.

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 District's costs, and as such may not have been specifically based on the needs of North Lanarkshire. With this in mind, the Committee is asked to note that the 1996/97 budgets continue to be re-aligned as part of the process of ongoing refinement.

3. Financial Performance

- 3.1 The total underspend (page 2) for the year to date is £12,234 (or 1% of the budget to date). The major variances can be summarised as follows :-
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| i) Employee Costs :Department-wide staff vacancies  | £17,626 Underspend |
| iv)Transport & Plant - Excess travel costs paid to staff due to local government reorganisation | £ 5,392 Overspend  |

4. Summary

- 4.1 There is a substantial timing difference 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, which may be subject to further budget realignment.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The committee note the contents of this report..



Director of Finance

## FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

1 April 1996 To 13 October 1996

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

TOTAL BUDGET (1)	LIN NO (2)	DESCRIPTION (3)	BUDGET TO DATE (4)	ACTUAL TO DATE (5)	VARIANCES			
					TOTAL (6)	TIMING (7)	ACTUAL (8)	% (9)
			£	£		£	£	
426,990	1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	212,003	194,377	17,626	0	17,626	8%
37,000	2.	PROPERTY COSTS	37,000	37,778	(778)	(778)	0	0%
2,750	3.	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	2,314	4,004	(1,690)	(1,690)	0	0%
17,930	4.	TRANSPORT & PLANT	7,749	13,141	(5,392)	0	(5,392)	-70%
169,955	5.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	107,355	96,628	10,727	10,727	0	0%
1,277,270	6.	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	563,189	374,405	188,784	188,784	0	0%
0	7.	OTHER EXPENDITURE	0	0	0	0	0	
1,931,895	8.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	929,610	720,333	209,277	197,043	12,234	1%
156,450	9.	INCOME	34,145	31,966	(2,179)	(2,179)	0	0%
1,775,445	10.	NET EXPENDITURE	895,465	688,367	207,098	194,864	12,234	1%

## 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.