

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<b>To</b>	<b>PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Subject</b> 2006/2007 Budget Monitoring Planning and Environment Department For the period ending 8 December, 2006
<b>From</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>21 December 2006</b>	
	<b>Ref. AL/1027</b>	

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide comparative information with regard to budget estimates and actual expenditure / income. Variances are reported for both year-to-date and projected outturn, with major variances being highlighted and explained.

The projected outturn for the year allows for cost overruns in respect of transport and plant costs, lighting electricity costs and planning public inquiry costs. The Department's aim is to fund the above overspends within its overall resources by the end of the financial year. To date, overspends have been offset by savings in employee costs coupled with an over-recovery of Planning and Development income.

An increase totalling £700,000 has been included in the Department's 2006/07 budget from the 'winter maintenance contingency' funding mechanism (£600,000) and roads maintenance summer works programme (£100,000). The Department's budget has also been adjusted to include additional externally funded grant income (and related expenditure) in respect of Noise Nuisance control (£315,000), Financial Inclusion Funding (£208,000) and the Registration of Private Landlords (£126,000).

**2. Summary of Budget Variances**

The variance to date shows a net underspend of £155,585 as a result of employee vacancy savings and an over-recovery of Planning and Development income. The current out-turn projection is for a break-even position.

It is assumed that the winter maintenance contingency budget will be fully utilised through expenditure on winter maintenance activities, or if it is unused, carried forward into the next financial year.

The table below provides an analysis of the variances to date and the projected outturn variance. The information is provided across the departmental services.

	<b>BUDGET TO DATE</b>	<b>ACTUAL TO DATE</b>	<b>VARIANCE TO DATE</b>	<b>PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCE</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Planning & Development	1,053,459	1,041,507	11,952 Underspend	(38,566) Overspend
Transportation	10,116,622	10,000,961	115,661 Underspend	89,366 Underspend
Protective Services	4,006,272	3,951,728	54,544 Underspend	43,200 Underspend
Policy & Economic Development	1,224,113	1,119,973	104,139 Underspend	55,000 Underspend
NLC and Externally Funded Projects	(208,657)	(208,657)	0	0 NIL
Support Services	7,577,529	7,708,240	(130,711) Overspend	(149,000) Overspend
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23,769,338</b>	<b>23,613,752</b>	<b>155,585 Underspend</b>	<b>0 Break-even</b>

### **3. Explanations of Major Outturn-Variances**

Highlighted below are the major variances within the service areas provided by the Planning and Environment Department.

#### **3.1 Planning & Development -- £38,566 Overspend**

- (a) Projected savings of £109,000 on employee costs are anticipated due to vacancies within the service.
- (b) There is a projected overspend on supplies & services of £37,579, which will be fully funded through contributions from Scottish National Heritage and WWF Scotland.
- (c) Transport and plant costs (mileage, vehicle hires etc.) are anticipated to overspend by approximately £27,500, based on the out turn for 2005/06.
- (d) Administration costs are anticipated to overspend by £217,000 mainly due to higher than budgeted payments in relation to public inquiries and associated matters. These costs are demand led and out with departmental control.
- (e) The current projection indicates that planning and building standards fees and other income will exceed budgeted levels by £139,363.

#### **3.2 Transportation -- £89,366 Underspend**

- a) Projected savings of £247,000 on employee costs are anticipated due to vacancies within the service.
- b) Lighting electricity costs are projected to overspend by £128,000 due to an increase in tariffs resulting from energy price inflation.
- c) Administration costs are anticipated to overspend by £45,000, mainly due to the volume of road traffic newspaper adverts.

#### **3.3 Protective Services -- £43,200 Underspend**

- a) Employee costs are projected to underspend by £101,000 due to vacancies within the service.
- b) There is a projected overspend of £35,500 within Administration costs, which will be fully funded by grant income.
- c) A projected overspend is anticipated within the Payments to Other Bodies budget line. This is due to higher than budgeted payments in relation to public analyst charges (£17,500), pest control contractor costs (£14,000) and CABX funding (£25,962).
- d) Total income is projected to over-recover by £63,162 due to additional recharges to capital and Financial Inclusion Funding in respect of the CABx payments noted above.

#### **3.4 Policy & Economic Development --- £55,000 Underspend**

- a) Employee costs are anticipated to underspend by £60,000, due to vacancy savings.
- b) Transport and plant costs (mileage, vehicle hires etc.) are anticipated to overspend by approximately £5,000, based on the out turn for 2005/06.

#### **3.5 North Lanarkshire Council and Externally Funded Projects --- NIL**

- a) There are currently no significant variances identified within this service area. However, this situation will continue to be monitored during the remainder of the financial year.

### **3.6 Support Services --- £149,000 Overspend**

- a) Employee costs are anticipated to overspend by £31, 000 due to increased overtime working to reflect additional workload.
- b) Supplies and Services are projected to overspend due to ongoing departmental re-organisation costs (£26,000) and IT related expenditure (£25,000).
- c) Administration Costs are anticipated to overspend by £99,000 based on expenditure in the year to date within the recruitment advertising, medical referrals, mobile phones and Ordnance Survey charge budget lines. The OS overspend, currently projected at £42,000, is recoverable from other authorities.
- d) At the financial year-end, the final total of Support Services costs is allocated to the main departmental services.

### **4. Management Summary**

The current out-turn position (nil variance) reflects the projected overspends on lighting electricity, re-organisation costs, OS licences and recruitment advertising, offset by employee vacancy savings and increased levels of planning and building standards fee income.

Management action will continue to be taken during the remainder of the financial year to maintain this balanced budget position.

### **5. Financial Concurrence**

The Director of Finance concurs with the financial information contained within this report and has been fully involved in its preparation.

### **6. Recommendation**

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



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**21 December 2006**

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**Planning & Environment - Summary**

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCES		% VARIANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCE		% VARIANCE
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	11,626,938	11,135,569	491,369	Underspend	4.23%	17,220,954	16,734,954	486,000	Underspend	2.82%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	337,590	339,477	(1,887)	Overspend	-0.56%	614,361	619,361	(5,000)	Overspend	-0.81%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	1,073,186	1,198,313	(125,127)	Overspend	-11.66%	1,793,075	1,989,288	(196,213)	Overspend	-10.94%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	6,170,715	6,170,715	0		0.00%	12,199,410	12,211,410	(12,000)	Overspend	-0.10%
5	WINTER CONT& SUMMER WORK	0	0	0		0.00%	700,000	700,000	0		0.00%
6	TRANSPORT & PLANT	1,368,834	1,420,561	(51,728)	Overspend	-3.78%	2,168,545	2,239,045	(70,500)	Overspend	-3.25%
7	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	2,025,346	2,279,703	(254,356)	Overspend	-12.56%	21,117,364	21,513,864	(396,500)	Overspend	-1.88%
8	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	947,365	947,365	0		0.00%	2,566,561	2,566,561	0		0.00%
9	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	3,663,791	3,719,782	(55,990)	Overspend	-1.53%	6,681,972	6,744,284	(62,312)	Overspend	-0.93%
10	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
11	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	3,777,932	3,777,932	0		0.00%	12,380,796	12,380,796	0		0.00%
12	OTHER EXPENDITURE	267,899	267,899	0		0.00%	1,601,856	1,601,856	0		0.00%
13	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,259,596	31,257,315	2,281	Underspend	0.01%	79,044,894	79,301,419	(256,525)	Overspend	-0.32%
14	INCOME	7,490,259	7,643,563	153,304	Over-Recovery	2.05%	34,021,757	34,278,282	256,525	Over-Recovery	0.75%
15	NET EXPENDITURE	23,769,338	23,613,752	155,585	Underspend	0.65%	45,023,137	45,023,137	0		0.00%

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**Transportation**

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCES		% VARIANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCES		% VARIANCE
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	3,132,079	2,924,964	207,115	Underspend	6.61%	4,593,621	4,346,621	247,000	Underspend	5.38%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	222,100	223,987	(1,888)	Overspend	-0.85%	384,545	389,545	(5,000)	Overspend	-1.30%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	773,473	845,673	(72,199)	Overspend	-9.33%	1,331,367	1,439,001	(107,634)	Overspend	-8.08%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	6,170,715	6,170,715	0		0.00%	12,199,410	12,211,410	(12,000)	Overspend	-0.10%
5	WINTER CONT& SUMMER WORK	0	0	0			700,000	700,000	0		0.00%
6	TRANSPORT & PLANT	1,120,919	1,120,919	0		0.00%	1,789,097	1,789,097	0		0.00%
7	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	41,748	73,043	(31,295)	Overspend	-74.96%	14,458,354	14,503,354	(45,000)	Overspend	-0.31%
8	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
9	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	129,346	129,346	0		0.00%	257,281	257,281	0		0.00%
10	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
11	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
12	OTHER EXPENDITURE	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
13	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,590,380	11,488,647	101,733	Underspend	0.88%	35,713,675	35,636,309	77,366	Underspend	0.22%
14	INCOME	1,473,758	1,487,686	13,928	Over-Recovery	0.95%	3,897,803	3,909,803	12,000	Over-Recovery	0.31%
15	NET EXPENDITURE	10,116,622	10,000,961	115,661	Underspend	1.14%	31,815,872	31,726,506	89,366	Underspend	0.28%

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**Economic Development**

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE		% VARIANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCE		% VARIANCE
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	1,342,668	1,237,428	105,239	Underspend	7.84%	1,960,214	1,900,214	60,000	Underspend	3.06%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	1,467	1,467	0		0.00%	7,170	7,170	0		0.00%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
5	WINTER CONT& SUMMER WORK	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
6	TRANSPORT & PLANT	22,143	23,242	(1,100)	Overspend	-4.97%	31,566	36,566	(5,000)	Overspend	-15.84%
7	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	29,621	29,621	0		0.00%	570,099	570,099	0		0.00%
8	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
9	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	989,272	989,272	0		0.00%	2,202,723	2,202,723	0		0.00%
10	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
11	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
12	OTHER EXPENDITURE	92,719	92,719	0		0.00%	1,216,447	1,216,447	0		0.00%
13	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,477,890	2,373,750	104,139	Underspend	4.20%	5,988,219	5,933,219	55,000	Underspend	0.92%
14	INCOME	1,253,777	1,253,777	0		0.00%	3,043,696	3,043,696	0		0.00%
15	NET EXPENDITURE	1,224,113	1,119,973	104,139	Underspend	8.51%	2,944,523	2,889,523	55,000	Underspend	1.90%

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**Protective Services**

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCES		% VARIANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCES		% VARIANCE
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	£ 2,995,186	£ 2,904,951	£ 90,236	Underspend	3.01%	4,363,479	4,262,479	101,000	Underspend	2.31%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	75,492	75,492	0		0.00%	117,779	117,779	0		0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	92,880	92,880	0		0.00%	201,507	201,507	0		0.00%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
5	TRANSPORT & PLANT	132,706	158,342	(25,636)	Overspend	-19.32%	200,649	228,649	(28,000)	Overspend	-13.95%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	94,928	111,382	(16,454)	Overspend	-17.33%	1,082,928	1,118,428	(35,500)	Overspend	-3.28%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
8	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	964,923	1,011,938	(47,015)	Overspend	-4.87%	1,143,568	1,201,030	(57,462)	Overspend	-5.02%
9	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
10	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
11	OTHER EXPENDITURE	47,810	47,810	0		0.00%	54,164	54,164	0		0.00%
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,403,925	4,402,794	1,131	Underspend	0.03%	7,164,074	7,184,036	(19,962)	Overspend	-0.28%
13	INCOME	397,653	451,066	53,413	Over-Recovery	13.43%	861,966	925,128	63,162	Over-Recovery	7.33%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	4,006,272	3,951,728	54,544	Underspend	1.36%	6,302,108	6,258,908	43,200	Underspend	0.69%

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**Support Services**

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCES		% VARIANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCE		% VARIANCE
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	1,094,780	1,108,484	(13,704)	Overspend	-1.25%	1,593,841	1,624,841	(31,000)	Overspend	-1.94%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	16,758	16,758	0		0.00%	24,910	24,910	0		0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	198,099	234,654	(36,555)	Overspend	-18.45%	241,381	292,381	(51,000)	Overspend	-21.13%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
5	TRANSPORT & PLANT	6,387	13,310	(6,923)	Overspend	-108.38%	13,595	23,595	(10,000)	Overspend	-73.56%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1,536,218	1,609,748	(73,529)	Overspend	-4.79%	1,597,599	1,696,599	(99,000)	Overspend	-6.20%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	947,365	947,365	0		0.00%	2,566,561	2,566,561	0		0.00%
8	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
9	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
10	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	3,777,932	3,777,932	0		0.00%	12,380,796	12,380,796	0		0.00%
11	OTHER EXPENDITURE	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,577,539	7,708,250	(130,711)	Overspend	-1.72%	18,418,683	18,609,683	(191,000)	Overspend	-1.04%
13	INCOME	10	10	0		0.00%	18,418,683	18,460,683	42,000	Over-Recovery	0.23%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	7,577,529	7,708,240	(130,711)	Overspend	-1.72%	0	149,000	(149,000)	Overspend	-100.00%



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**North Lanarkshire Council and Externally Funded Projects**

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE VARIANCES	% VARIANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OUTTURN VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	£ 280,144	£ 280,144	£ 0	0.00%	646,501	646,501	0	0.00%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	7,152	7,152	0	0.00%	37,127	37,127	0	0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
5	TRANSPORT & PLANT	9,743	9,743	0	0.00%	22,511	22,511	0	0.00%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	227,495	227,495	0	0.00%	556,812	556,812	0	0.00%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
8	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	1,472,787	1,472,787	0	0.00%	2,911,057	2,911,057	0	0.00%
9	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
10	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
11	OTHER EXPENDITURE	127,370	127,370	0	0.00%	331,245	331,245	0	0.00%
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,124,691	2,124,691	0	0.00%	4,505,253	4,505,253	0	0.00%
13	INCOME	2,333,348	2,333,348	0	0.00%	4,505,253	4,505,253	0	0.00%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	(208,657)	(208,657)	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%