

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<b>To</b>	<b>PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>2006/2007 Budget Monitoring Planning and Environment Department For the period ending 2 February, 2007</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>23 February 2007</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>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 Department's aim is to fund it's activities within the overall resources allocated each year, with unavoidable overspends such as increased utility costs financed from savings identified elsewhere in the department.

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 funding for job evaluation, and 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 £170,204 as a result of employee vacancy savings. The current out-turn projection is for an overall underspend of £75,300.

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>
	£	£	£	£
Planning & Development	1,279,673	1,237,932	41,741 Underspend	(12,644) Overspend
Transportation	13,443,481	13,337,703	105,778 Underspend	102,561 Underspend
Protective Services	4,628,407	4,549,321	79,086 Underspend	93,717 Underspend
Policy & Economic Development	1,918,632	1,802,716	115,916 Underspend	81,161 Underspend
NLC and Externally Funded Projects	163,674	163,674	0	0 NIL
Support Services	9,677,120	9,849,437	(172,316) Overspend	(189,495) Overspend
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31,116,986</b>	<b>30,946,782</b>	<b>170,204 Underspend</b>	<b>75,300 Underspend</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 -- £12,644 Overspend**

- (a) Projected savings of £152,322 on employee costs are anticipated due to vacancies within the service.
- (b) There is a projected overspend on supplies & services of £42,579, which will be largely funded through contributions from Scottish National Heritage and WWF Scotland.
- (c) Administration costs are anticipated to overspend by £168,000 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.
- (d) The current projection indicates that planning and building standards fees and other income will exceed budgeted levels by £53,963.

#### **3.2 Transportation -- £102,561 Underspend**

- a) Projected savings of £383,000 on employee costs are anticipated due to vacancies within the service.
- b) Property costs are projected to overspend by £43,000 as a result of higher than anticipated ground maintenance charges.
- c) Lighting electricity costs are projected to overspend by £128,000 due to an increase in tariffs resulting from energy price inflation.
- d) Administration costs are anticipated to overspend by £45,000, mainly due to the volume of road traffic newspaper adverts.
- e) Roads & Transportation income is expected to under-recover by £59,805.

#### **3.3 Protective Services -- £93,717 Underspend**

- a) Employee costs are projected to underspend by £137,161 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 primarily due to higher than budgeted payments in relation to public analyst charges (£17,500), pest control contractor costs (£14,000) and CABX and Financial Inclusion funding (£25,962).
- d) Total income is projected to over-recover by £53,162 mainly due to additional recharges to capital and Financial Inclusion Funding in respect of the CABX payments noted above.

#### **3.4 Policy & Economic Development --- £81,161 Underspend**

- a) Employee costs are anticipated to underspend by £86,161, 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 --- £189,495 Overspend**

- a) Employee costs are anticipated to overspend by £25,839 largely 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 (£45,000).
- c) Administration Costs are anticipated to overspend by £102,000 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 partially 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 shows a projected under-spend of £75,300 primarily as a result of vacancy savings partially offset by projected overspends on lighting electricity, re-organisation costs, OS licences and recruitment advertising.

Management will continue to monitor the budget position during the remainder of the financial year.

## **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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**Director of Planning and Environment**  
**20 February 2007**

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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	14,298,672	13,644,001	654,671	Underspend	4.58%	17,270,407	16,537,602	732,805	Underspend	4.24%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	432,382	459,937	(27,555)	Overspend	-6.37%	629,359	642,359	(13,000)	Overspend	-2.07%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	1,211,440	1,397,653	(186,213)	Overspend	-15.37%	1,793,075	2,002,288	(209,213)	Overspend	-11.67%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	8,490,470	8,490,470	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	1,686,476	1,724,903	(38,427)	Overspend	-2.28%	2,176,086	2,246,586	(70,500)	Overspend	-3.24%
7	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	2,196,873	2,475,617	(278,744)	Overspend	-12.69%	21,112,364	21,462,864	(350,500)	Overspend	-1.66%
8	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	1,146,103	1,146,103	0		0.00%	2,566,561	2,566,561	0		0.00%
9	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	4,526,614	4,600,970	(74,356)	Overspend	-1.64%	6,443,901	6,512,857	(68,956)	Overspend	-1.07%
10	TRANSFER PAYMENTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
11	CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	5,397,047	5,397,047	0		0.00%	12,380,796	12,380,796	0		0.00%
12	OTHER EXPENDITURE	436,071	436,071	0		0.00%	1,838,602	1,838,602	0		0.00%
13	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	39,822,148	39,772,772	49,376	Underspend	0.12%	79,110,561	79,101,925	8,636	Underspend	0.01%
14	INCOME	8,711,162	8,831,990	120,828	Over-Recovery	1.39%	34,016,757	34,083,421	66,664	Over-Recovery	0.20%
15	NET EXPENDITURE	31,110,986	30,940,782	170,204	Underspend	0.55%	45,093,804	45,018,504	75,300	Underspend	0.17%

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**Planning and Development**

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	3,431,607	3,292,330	139,277	Underspend	4.36%	4,090,849	3,938,527	152,322	Underspend	3.18%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	16,584	16,584	0		0.00%	50,000	20,000	30,000	Underspend	0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	8,468	30,855	(22,387)	Overspend	0.01%	11,650	54,229	(42,579)	Overspend	-543.84%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
5	TRANSPORT & PLANT	94,039	101,777	(7,738)	Overspend	-27.15%	111,127	138,627	(27,500)	Overspend	-28.96%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	123,000	264,417	(141,417)	Overspend	-149.51%	2,851,572	3,019,572	(168,000)	Overspend	-6.82%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
8	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	140,127	155,188	(15,061)	Overspend	-15.75%	167,343	178,193	(10,850)	Overspend	-52.29%
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	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,813,825	3,861,151	(47,325)	Overspend	-2.56%	7,282,541	7,349,148	(66,607)	Overspend	-3.42%
13	INCOME	2,534,152	2,623,219	89,067	Over-Recovery	-2.74%	3,294,356	3,348,319	53,963	Over-Recovery	3.34%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	1,279,673	1,237,932	41,741	Underspend	-6.52%	3,988,185	4,000,829	(12,644)	Overspend	-3.35%

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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		#REF! #REF!
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	3,840,509	3,544,083	296,426	Underspend	7.72%	4,598,804	4,215,804	383,000	Underspend	8.33%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	293,392	320,948	(27,556)	Overspend	-9.39%	399,543	442,543	(43,000)	Overspend	-10.76%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	867,874	977,412	(109,538)	Overspend	-12.62%	1,331,367	1,452,001	(120,634)	Overspend	-9.06%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	8,490,470	8,490,470	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	1,386,695	1,386,695	0		0.00%	1,796,480	1,796,480	0		0.00%
7	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	51,571	82,125	(30,554)	Overspend	-59.25%	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	135,847	135,847	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	15,066,358	14,937,580	128,778	Underspend	0.85%	35,741,239	35,578,873	162,366	Underspend	0.45%
14	INCOME	1,622,877	1,599,877	(23,000)	Under-Recovery	-1.42%	3,897,803	3,837,998	(59,805)	Under-Recovery	-1.53%
15	NET EXPENDITURE	13,443,481	13,337,703	105,778	Underspend	0.79%	31,843,436	31,740,875	102,561	Underspend	0.32%

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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		#REF! #REF!
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	£ 1,629,944	£ 1,511,156	£ 118,788	Underspend	7.29%	1,978,984	1,892,823	86,161	Underspend	4.35%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	1,952	1,952	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	24,065	26,937	(2,872)	Overspend	-11.93%	31,566	36,566	(5,000)	Overspend	-15.84%
7	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	71,404	71,404	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	1,340,921	1,340,921	0		0.00%	1,965,977	1,965,977	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	186,412	186,412	0		0.00%	1,453,193	1,453,193	0		0.00%
13	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,254,698	3,138,782	115,916	Underspend	3.56%	6,006,989	5,925,828	81,161	Underspend	1.35%
14	INCOME	1,336,066	1,336,066	0		0.00%	3,043,696	3,043,696	0		0.00%
15	NET EXPENDITURE	1,918,632	1,802,716	115,916	Underspend	6.04%	2,963,293	2,882,132	81,161	Underspend	2.82%

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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		#REF! #REF!
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	3,681,259	3,559,991	121,268	Underspend	3.29%	4,383,467	4,246,306	137,161	Underspend	3.13%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	87,472	87,472	0		0.00%	117,779	117,779	0		0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	119,801	119,801	0		0.00%	201,507	176,507	25,000	Underspend	12.41%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
5	TRANSPORT & PLANT	164,499	186,397	(21,898)	Overspend	-13.31%	200,807	228,807	(28,000)	Overspend	-13.94%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	113,289	129,039	(15,750)	Overspend	-13.90%	1,082,928	1,118,428	(35,500)	Overspend	-3.28%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	11,027	11,027	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
8	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	1,000,956	1,060,251	(59,295)	Overspend	-5.92%	1,142,243	1,200,349	(58,106)	Overspend	-5.09%
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	46,256	46,256	0		0.00%	54,164	54,164	0		0.00%
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,224,559	5,200,234	24,325	Underspend	0.47%	7,182,895	7,142,340	40,555	Underspend	0.56%
13	INCOME	596,152	650,913	54,761	Over-Recovery	9.19%	861,966	915,128	53,162	Over-Recovery	6.17%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	4,628,407	4,549,321	79,086	Underspend	1.71%	6,320,929	6,227,212	93,717	Underspend	1.50%



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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		#REF! #REF!
		£	£	£							
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	1,340,449	1,361,537	(21,088)	Overspend	-1.57%	1,571,802	1,597,641	(25,839)	Overspend	-1.64%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	20,825	20,825	0		0.00%	24,910	24,910	0		0.00%
3	SUPPLIES & SERVICES	213,344	267,632	(54,288)	Overspend	-25.45%	241,381	312,381	(71,000)	Overspend	-29.41%
4	PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS	0	0	0		0.00%	0	0	0		0.00%
5	TRANSPORT & PLANT	6,740	12,658	(5,918)	Overspend	-87.80%	13,595	23,595	(10,000)	Overspend	-73.56%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1,563,639	1,654,661	(91,022)	Overspend	-5.82%	1,597,599	1,699,599	(102,000)	Overspend	-6.38%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	1,135,076	1,135,076	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	5,397,047	5,397,047	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	9,677,120	9,849,436	(172,316)	Overspend	-1.78%	18,396,644	18,605,483	(208,839)	Overspend	-1.14%
13	INCOME	0	0	0		0.00%	18,418,683	18,438,027	19,344	Over-Recovery	0.11%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	9,677,120	9,849,436	(172,316)	Overspend	-1.78%	(22,039)	167,456	(189,495)	Overspend	-113.16%

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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	#REF! #REF!
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	£ 374,904	£ 374,904	£ 0	0.00%	646,501	646,501	0	0.00%
2	PROPERTY COSTS	14,109	14,109	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	10,439	10,439	0	0.00%	22,511	22,511	0	0.00%
6	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	273,971	273,971	0	0.00%	551,812	551,812	0	0.00%
7	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
8	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	1,908,763	1,908,763	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	203,403	203,403	0	0.00%	331,245	331,245	0	0.00%
12	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,785,589	2,785,589	0	0.00%	4,500,253	4,500,253	0	0.00%
13	INCOME	2,621,915	2,621,915	0	0.00%	4,500,253	4,500,253	0	0.00%
14	NET EXPENDITURE	163,674	163,674	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%