

TO	POLICY and RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	2000/2001 OUTTURN REPORT MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
FROM	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		For the Financial year 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001
DATE	15th August 2001	Ref. : BB	

1. Introduction

I enclose the final outturn Budget Monitoring Report for the financial year 1st April 2000 to 31st March 2001. The report provides a comparison of actual expenditure and income against estimated amounts and provides explanations of the more significant variances.

The report also includes other areas of expenditure which have been previously reported by exception in the Council's overall summary. For the purposes of completeness these items have now been consolidated into the Miscellaneous Services outturn report.

The underspend, excluding those items outwith the control of this Service such as Apportioned Expenses, Departmental Recharges and Exceptional Costs is £137,514 which is broadly in line with previous reports to Committee.

2. Explanations of Major Variances :

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a) Employee Costs 44,690 Underspend
Savings totalling £44,690 due to lower than anticipated National Insurance contributions for Members and reduced costs in unfunded pensions for ex-CDC employees.

b) Payments to Other Bodies 47,970 Underspend
The main factor contributing to this underspend is the reduction in the uptake of Christmas payments to Pensioners, resulting in an underspend of £41,928. Other savings arose from the reductions in the levels of Grants and Donations awarded which were partly offset by the Council's increased annual contribution to COSLA.

c) Miscellaneous / Other Costs 49,141 Underspend
This budget includes the transactions of the Council which cannot readily be attributed to any specific department. The material items can be summarised as follows:

		£
Overspends	Professional Fees for winding up Council Companies	32,561
	Insurance Fund - shortfall for 1998/99 storm damage claims	118,137
	NLC Elections - residual and unbudgeted costs	23,879
	South Lan. Council - contribution to Valuation Board IT funding	25,000
	Miscellaneous fees, costs and transfers	97,286
Underspends	Outstanding unrepresented cheques	(100,000)
	Group Life Assurance- refunds for previous years premiums	(268,674)

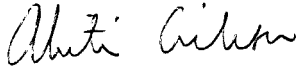
d) Contingency for Training 9,410 Overspend
Of the £50,000 allocated for both Members and IT training, savings in relation to Members have been offset by IT Services overspend on training provision for other Departments.

3. **Summary**

The favourable outturn position is the net result of a series of under and overspends within this service. Pressures in some areas of the service such as the Strain on the Fund costs have been offset by the underspends within Payments to Other Bodies and Miscellaneous / Other costs.

4. **Recommendation**

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



Director of Finance

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Revenue Expenditure for the Year 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

TOTAL

LINE NO. (1)	DESCRIPTION (2)	ANNUAL BUDGET (3)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE (4)	TOTAL VARIANCE (5)	OUTWITH DEPARTMENTS CONTROL (6)	DEPARTMENT VARIANCE (7)	VARIANCE (8)	% (9)
		£	£	£	£	£		
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	480,602	521,147	(40,545)	(85,235)	44,690	Underspend	9%
2.	PROPERTY COSTS	-	-	-	-	-		
3.	TRANSPORT & PLANT	95,849	92,577	3,272	-	3,272	Underspend	3%
4.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1,073,679	1,072,717	962	-	962	Underspend	0%
5.	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	1,826,445	1,350,711	475,734	475,734	-		
6.	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	778,000	730,030	47,970	-	47,970	Underspend	6%
7.	OTHER COSTS	16,000	67,859	(51,859)	(101,000)	49,141	Underspend	>100%
8.	BAD DEBT PROVISION	-	-	-	-	-		
9.	CONTINGENCY	50,000	59,410	(9,410)	-	(9,410)	Overspend	-19%
10.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,320,575	3,894,451	426,124	289,499	136,625	Underspend	3.16%
11.	DEPARTMENTAL RECHARGE	1,309,507	1,408,048	98,541	98,541	-		
12.	FEES AND CHARGES	-	-	-	-	-		
13.	OTHER	-	889	889	-	889	Over-recovered	
14.	TOTAL INCOME	1,309,507	1,408,937	99,430	98,541	889	Over-recovered	0.07%
15.	NET EXPENDITURE	3,011,068	2,485,514	525,554	388,040	137,514	Underspend	