

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: POLICY and RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: 2002/03 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT  PERIOD 01/04/02- 13/09/02  MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
Date: 3 October 2002	Ref. BB	

1. **Introduction**

1.1 This report compares actual expenditure and income on Miscellaneous Services against estimates for the year-to-date. The report also presents a projected outturn for the year and provides explanations of the most significant variances.

2. **Summary of Budget Variances**

2.1 The net expenditure for the period shows an overspend of £12,651 on the budget to date and the projected outturn indicates an overspend of £100,000 or 1% of the annual estimate which has remained the same as the previously reported projected overspend.

2.2 The main reason for this projected overspend is the recently announced increase in premium payments in respect of the Council's Group Life Assurance Scheme due to increases in staff numbers in both Education and Social Work following the implementation of new initiatives to enhance services within these Departments.

3. **Explanation of Major Outturn Variances.**

3.1 Administration Costs £100,000 Overspend

The overspend is largely attributable to the movements in the Group Life Assurance Scheme premium payments. The number of Council employees, particularly in Education and Social Work Departments has increased significantly due to the impact of national and local initiatives such as, Teaching Support from the McCrone settlement, the expansion of Pre-School Nursery provision and the implementation of Care Packages for Social Work clients resultant from the Transitional Housing Benefit and Community Care agendas.

3.2 This has resulted in a £70,000 increase in the premium payments for the Group Life Assurance Scheme in the current financial year. However, as part of the 2003/2004 Budget exercise, the increase in Group Life Assurance costs will be reflected within those Departments where the expansion of services is most prevalent.

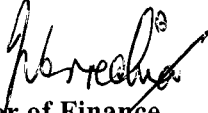
3.3 As a result of the nationally agreed increases to both Basic and Special Responsibility allowances for Members, this expenditure is anticipated to exceed the current budgetary provision and an overspend of £30,000 at the year-end is projected.

4. **Summary**

4.1 The projected adverse variance in Administration Costs will be closely monitored during the financial year and every attempt will be made to contain this expenditure within the overall current budgetary provision.

5. **Recommendation**

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report.

  
W Director of Finance

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**FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT**

**1 APRIL 2002 To 13 SEPTEMBER 2002**

**COMMITTEE : POLICY and RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE**

**SERVICE : MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

LINE NO. (1)	DESCRIPTION (2)	BUDGET TO DATE (3)	ACTUAL TO DATE (4)	YEAR-TO-DATE VARIANCES (5)		(6)	ANNUAL BUDGET (7)	PROJECTED OUTTURN (8)	PROJECTED OUT-TURN VARIANCES (9)		(10)
		£	£	£		%	£	£	£		%
1.	EMPLOYEE COSTS	221,359	214,666	6,693	Underspend	3	681,862	681,862	0		0
2.	PROPERTY COSTS	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
3.	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
4.	TRANSPORT AND PLANT	40,465	38,377	2,088	Underspend	5	95,849	95,849	0		0
5.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	574,339	627,078	(52,739)	Overspend	(9)	1,326,977	1,426,977	(100,000)	Overspend	(8)
6.	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	205,836	192,798	13,038	Underspend	6	780,422	780,422	0		0
7.	OTHER EXPENDITURE	11,667	10,452	1,215	Underspend	10	28,000	28,000	0		0
8.	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	135,766	135,766	0		0	4,812,250	4,812,250	0		0
9.	CONTINGENCIES	20,834	3,780	17,054	Underspend	82	50,000	50,000	0		0
10.	EXTERNAL FUNDING PROVISION	25,000	25,000	0		0	478,000	478,000	0		0
11.	JUBILEE FUNDING PROVISION	0	0	0		0	24,624	24,624	0		0
12.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,235,266	1,247,917	(12,651)	Overspend	(1)	8,277,984	8,377,984	(100,000)	Overspend	(1)
13.	INCOME	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
14.	NET EXPENDITURE	1,235,266	1,247,917	(12,651)	Overspend	(1)	8,277,984	8,377,984	(100,000)	Overspend	(1)