

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: 2005/06 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT  PERIOD 01/04/05 – 03/02/06 (PERIOD 11) MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
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### 1. Introduction

1.1 This report compares actual expenditure 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 at Period 11 shows an underspend of £217,313 or 5% of the budget to date and the projected outturn indicates an underspend of £297,700 (2%) of the annual estimates which has increased significantly compared to the previously reported projected underspend of £43,700. This movement is mainly attributable to a management review and re-assessment of the External Funding requirements for the remainder of this financial year.

### 3. Explanation of Major Outturn Variances

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3.1 Employee Costs 17,000 Overspend

The pension costs relating to both ex-DLO and ex-CDC employees have not reduced as quickly as originally anticipated. Additionally, National Insurance costs on the current level of members' allowances paid are in excess of the budget provision.

3.2 Payments to Other Bodies 10,000 Overspend

The main factor contributing to this overspend is the increase in uptake of Christmas payments to pensioners.

3.3 Contingencies / Training Costs 18,500 Underspend

This projection relates to the Members' training programme, which is currently underspent, however there are ongoing proposals that may alter this forecast position.

3.4 External Funding Provision 250,000 Underspend

The level of grant applications received to date and a spending review undertaken by senior management of the programme requirements have resulted in a lower than anticipated draw on the Fund.

3.5 Quick Win Efficiency Savings

64,200 Underspend

This underspend is the result of the review undertaken for the supply of water coolers and coffee machines to all council departments. The review findings, reported to Sub Committee on 3 March 2005, highlighted that savings will be generated as a result of rationalising both equipment rental and supplies.

4. Summary

4.1 The favourable year end projection is mainly as a result of the savings within the External Funding Provision, Members Training programme and the generation of efficiency savings identified in the provision of water coolers, all of which offset the higher than anticipated Pension costs and Payments to Other Bodies as stated above.

5. Recommendation

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



**Director of Finance**

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT**

**1 APRIL 2005 To 3 FEBRUARY 2006 (Period 11)**

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

**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	£ 625,362	£ 627,578	£ (2,216)	Overspend	(0)	£ 748,862	£ 765,862	£ (17,000)	Overspend	(2)
2.	TRANSPORT & PLANT	98,720	92,317	6,403	Underspend	6	123,849	122,849	1,000	Underspend	1
3.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1,136,475	1,148,539	(12,064)	Overspend	(1)	1,346,852	1,355,852	(9,000)	Overspend	(1)
4.	GROUP LIFE ASSURANCE	169,080	169,080	0		0	202,900	202,900	0		0
5.	PAYMENTS TO OTHER BODIES	742,291	747,967	(5,676)	Overspend	(1)	759,786	769,786	(10,000)	Overspend	(1)
6.	OTHER EXPENDITURE	(30,489)	20,640	(51,129)	Overspend	168	(35,849)	(35,849)	0		0
7.	APPORTIONED EXPENSES	394,736	394,736	0		0	5,001,693	5,001,693	0		0
8.	CONTINGENCIES	29,672	13,152	16,520	Underspend	56	50,000	31,500	18,500	Underspend	37
9.	EXTERNAL FUNDING PROVISION	552,478	335,945	216,533	Underspend	39	1,050,000	800,000	250,000	Underspend	24
10.	EXTERNAL AUDIT FEE	164,600	164,600	0		0	373,000	373,000	0		0
11.	BEST VALUE REPORTING	0	0	0		0	140,000	140,000	0		0
12.	CAPITAL CHARGES	27,601	27,601	0		0	37,681	37,681	0		0
13.	PRUDENTIAL CODE FUNDING	0	0	0		0	2,500,000	2,500,000	0		0
14.	QUICK WIN EFFICIENCIES	48,942	0	48,942	Underspend	100	64,200	0	64,200	Underspend	100
15.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,959,468	3,742,155	217,313	Underspend	5	12,362,974	12,065,274	297,700	Underspend	2
16.	INCOME	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
17.	NET EXPENDITURE	3,959,468	3,742,155	217,313	Underspend	5	12,362,974	12,065,274	297,700	Underspend	2