

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 15 AUGUST 2017

WATER ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the end of year status of the water consumption and water and drainage expenditure for the Council non-housing properties for 2016/17. Compared to the 2015/16 outcome it shows a 13,368 cubic meter increase in water consumption and an increase of £32,184 on the water and drainage expenditure for 2016/17.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Corporate Services committee at its meeting of 28 April 2011 approved Report No: 312/11, UPDATE OF MARKET PROCUREMENT OF WATER SERVICES. This introduced new contractual and corporate management arrangements for the provision of water and drainage services.
- 2.2 Service Directorates have provision within their budgets for water and drainage costs. However responsibility for the overall management of these budgets and the provision of budget monitoring information rests with the Head of Technical and Property Services.
- 2.3 Technical and Property Services currently manages the water and drainage contract for all non-housing properties within Angus Council and maintains an overview, in conjunction with Corporate Finance, of the rate of expenditure on the associated budgets.

3. CURRENT POSITION**Water Consumption**

- 3.1 The water consumption status, as at 31 March 2017 is detailed in Table 1 and **Appendix 1**, these figures reflect only the consumption made against presented invoices.

Table 1	Budget Consumption m ³	Metered Consumption m ³	Difference m ³	Percentage Consumption to Budget
2014/15	218,447	173,554	-44,893	79%
2015/16	216,657	175,375	-41,282	81%
2016/17	210,785	188,743	-22,042	90%
Increase between years		13,368	8%	

See **Appendix 1** for the directorate breakdown of Table 1

- 3.2 Table 1 shows an increase of 13,368 cubic meters of water between the two financial years. This increase can be attributed to a major water leak at the South Links Holiday Park, new properties being added to the portfolio and some minor increases in water consumption that are being investigated.
- 3.3 The performance by individual directorates, as detailed in **Appendix 1**, notes have been added where there are significant differences between the budgeted and the metered consumption.

Expenditure on Water and Drainage

- 3.4 The expenditure status, as at 31 March 2017 is detailed in Table 2 and **Appendix 2**; these figures reflect only the payments made against presented invoices.

Table 2	Budget Volume	Total Spend	Difference £	Percentage Spend to Budget
2014/15	£948,000	£699,980	£248,020	74%
2015/16	£803,000	£716,261	£86,739	89%
2016/17	£797,000	£748,445	£48,555	94%
Increase between years		£32,184	4.49%	

See **Appendix 2** for a directorate breakdown of Table 2.

- 3.5 Table 2 shows a £32,184 increase in expenditure for the 2016/17 compared with the previous financial year. This was due to a major water leak at South Links Holiday Park new properties being added to the portfolio and some minor increases in water consumption.
- 3.6 The performance by individual directorates, is detailed in **Appendix 2**, notes have been added where there are significant differences between the budget volume and total spend figures.
- 3.7 A graph showing the overall progress made towards achieving the Council's water consumption target is detailed in **Appendix 3**. The graph shows that the water consumption has increased over the past two years however the bulk of the increase in 2016/17 was due to a water leak which has now been repaired.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Table 2 and **Appendix 2** shows an underspend of £48,555 for 2016/17 and an increase in water expenditure of £23,184 compared to the previous financial year. This underspend has been progressed on a managed basis and absorbed within the cash limited budgets available to Council directorates.

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Appendix 1 2016/17 Water Consumption Status

	Budget Consumption m ³	Metered Consumption m ³	Percentage Consumption to Budget	
People Directorate	118,961	100,940	85%	
Chief Executive	2,127	1,049	49%	a
Resources Directorate	4,744	2,502	53%	b
Communities Directorate	74,490	69,734	94%	
Other Services	15	5	33%	
Sub Totals	200,337	174,230	87%	
Common Good	6	3	50%	
Communities Directorate	10,442	14,510	139%	c
Sub Totals	10,448	14,513	94%	
Totals	210,785	188,743	90%	

Notes:

Compared to the previous financial year there has been a slight increase in the water consumption which can in the main be attributed additional water consumption within the Councils sheltered Housing complexes.

- a The lower than expected water consumption was due to the transfer of staff out of the offices in the Cross.
- b This reduction is partly due to the closure of Invertay House and the partial decant of Angus House for the agile works.
- c The increased consumption is due to the major water leak at South Links Holiday Park and the addition of Andrew Smythe Gardens into the metered portfolio.

Appendix 2 2016/17 Water Expenditure Status

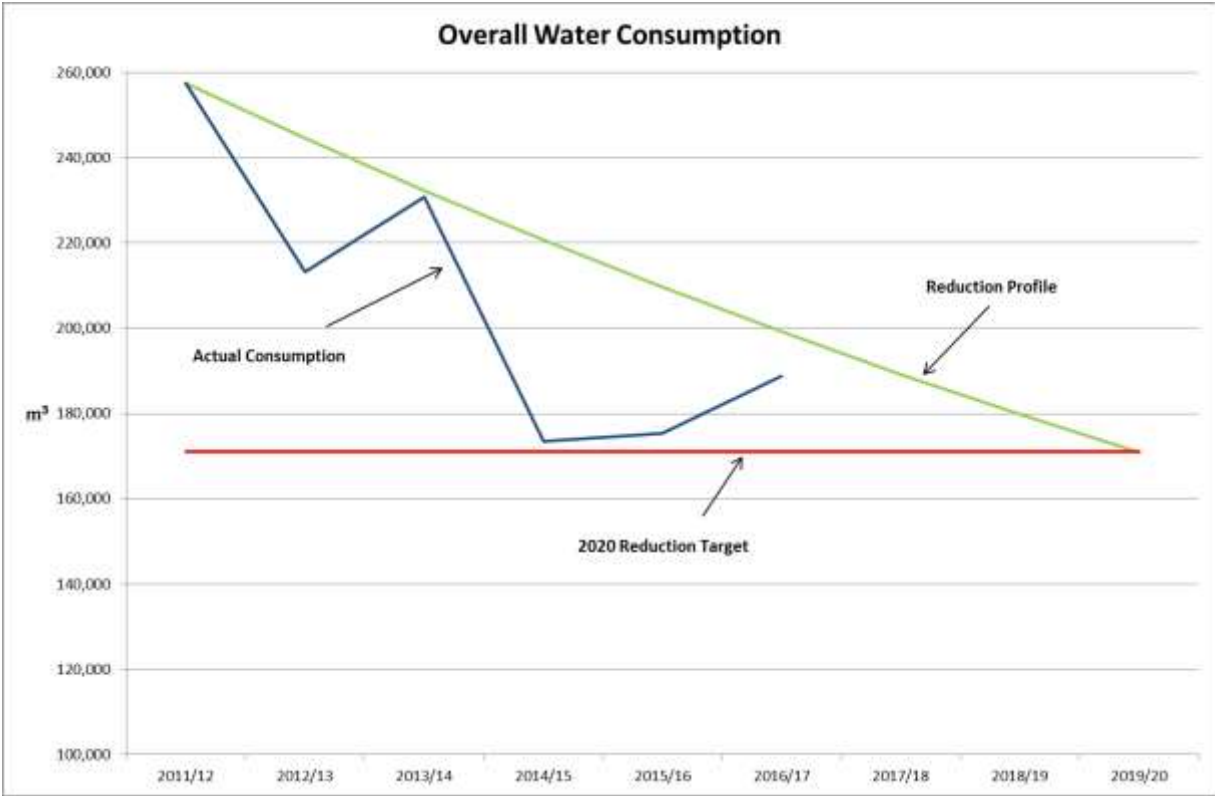
	Budget Volume (£)	Total Spend (£)	Percentage Spend to Budget
People Directorate	452,000	448,310	99%
Chief Executive	12,000	12,153	101%
Resources Directorate	31,000	17,772	57%
Communities Directorate	262,000	232,471	89%
Other Services	0	0	-
Sub Totals	757,000	710,705	94%
Communities Directorate	40,000	37,4418	94%
Common Good	0	298	-
Sub Totals	40,000	37,739	94%
Totals	797,000	748,444	94%

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Notes:

- a The slight increase in expenditure is due to the number of unmetered supplies in Economic Development.

Appendix 3 Overall Water Consumption Graph



The graph shows that the water consumption has increased over the past two years however the about half of the increase in 2016/17 was due to a water leak which has now been repaired.