

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

12TH FEBRUARY 2007

1. MONITORING OF FINANCES

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the report be noted.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 This report deals with the monitoring of the finances of the Authority in the current financial year and covers revenue expenditure and the Capital Programme.

2.2 Expenditure is compared with a profile of the Authority's budget.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Revenue Expenditure

Appendix A compares the revenue budgeted to the end of December with the actuals to that date. Devolved budgets directly relating to station/section level activities (such as non-uniformed employee related costs, premise costs and localised publicity) are managed by the Department responsible for incurring the expenditure as opposed to corporate budgets, which are managed by the named Department on behalf of the Brigade as a whole.

The Authority's revenue budget is £108.877 million and actual spend to January, including commitments, is £83,620 million. The most significant variances arising are £172k saving on Corporate Human Resources, predominately as a result of staff vacancies and £346k on Corporate Finance and Procurement reflecting savings from pension related matters, in particular, lower levels of ill health retirements than predicted as this stage of the year, together with lower employer contributions.

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2006/2007 is £10.454 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix B. Expenditure to the end of January is shown as £3.596 million.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out as the matters contained in this report will not lead to and do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

These are contained in the body of the report and the attached Appendices.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Authority's Budget and Precept Report – February 2006
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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APPENDIX A

REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO JANUARY 2007

	LATEST BUDGET 2006/2007 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<u>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</u>				
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	1,089	914	895	(19)
CORPORATE SUPPORT	443	314	312	(2)
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	261	214	206	(8)
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	2,833	2,167	2,071	(96)
HUMAN RESOURCES	2,563	1,947	1,929	(18)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	5,908	4,999	5,001	2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	3,423	2,506	2,398	(108)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	8,433	2,673	2,647	(26)
OPERATIONS	3,807	2,965	2,900	(65)
<u>CORPORATE BUDGETS</u>				
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	1,588	1,361	1,327	(34)
HUMAN RESOURCES	59,917	49,779	49,607	(172)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	1,809	1,502	1,515	13
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	71	53	(38)	(91)
FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT	16,732	13,196	12,850	(346)
GRAND TOTAL	108,877	84,590	83,620	(970)

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2006/07

Scheme	Year	Approved Budget 13 Feb 2006 £000s	Adjust- ments £000s	Total £000s	Actuals to January 2007 £000s	Fore- cast £000s	Variance £000s
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>							
HQ Relocation	1 of 3	9,600	(5,500)	4,100	547	4,100	--
Control Room Resilience Stourbridge	1 of 1	500	250	750	0	0	(750)
Refurbishment	2 of 3	1,118	32	1,150	1,209	1,210	60
Deep Lift Well Alterations	2 of 5	124	0	124	1	5	(119)
Security Measures	3 of 2	40	(29)	11	1	17	6
BA Servicing Rooms – Upgrade	3 of 3	14	(11)	3	9	9	6
Equality and Diversity Works	3 of 3	120	(74)	46	38	38	(8)
Drill Tower/Facility Upgrades	3 of 3	15	172	187	10	204	17
Asbestos Removal	6 of 5	0	49	49	98	98	49
HCFS Fire Experience Facility	5 of 1	17	0	17	0	0	(17)
Northfield Refurbishment	6 of 3	25	0	25	0	0	(25)
Appliance Relocation (IRMP)	1 of 1	50	0	50	43	51	1
Erdington Visitors Centre Retentions (completed schemes)	1 of 1 Ongoing	0 0	50 11	50 11	54 20	62 20	12 9
Sutton Ambulance Housing	1 of 1	0	0	0	4	4	4
USAR Bickenhill		0	9	9	0	9	--
<u>ICT</u>							
Integrated Computer System	3 of 4	600	580	1,180	120	200	(980)
MDT Hardware Replacement/AVL	4 of 2	0	94	94	108	108	14
Amira Software Licenses	1 of 1	0	46	46	64	64	18
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>							
Home Fire Safety Checks	3 of 4	310	197	507	429	507	--
Rescue Equipment	1 of 4	50	0	50	10	10	(40)
<u>VEHICLES</u>							
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	1,483	512	1,995	831	1,995	--
Grand Total		14,066	(3,612)	10,454	3,596	8,711	(1,743)
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>							
Supported Capital Expenditure		3,732	0	3,732		3,732	
Prudential Borrowing		6,000	(6,000)	0		0	
Capital Grants/ Contributions		310	44	354		354	
Capital Receipts		250	100	350		350	
Earmarked Reserves/ Direct Revenue Financing		3,778	2,864	6,642		4,275	(2,367)
TOTAL		14,070	(2,992)	11,078		8,711	(2,367)
SURPLUS(+) / DEFICIT(-)		4	620	624		0	(624)

