

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

25TH SEPTEMBER 2006

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 August 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 £108.880 million and actual spend to August, including commitments, is £43.160 million. The most significant variances arising are £459k saving on Corporate Human Resources predominantly as a result of staff vacancies and a lower than anticipated pay award for uniformed officers and £751k on Corporate Finance reflecting savings from pension related matters, in particular, lower levels of ill-health retirements than predicted at this stage of the year.

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2006/2007 is £11.894 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix B. Expenditure to the end of August is shown as £1.072 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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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO AUGUST 2006

	LATEST BUDGET 2006/2007 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<u>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</u>				
GROUP COMMANDS	4,141	1,605	1,695	90
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	1,378	570	567	(3)
PERFORMANCE AND PLANNING	205	83	79	(4)
COMMUNITY PROTECTION	4,645	1,501	1,426	(75)
HUMAN RESOURCES	2,737	987	975	(12)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	6,451	2,977	2,944	(33)
ADMINISTRATION	2,608	1,117	1,088	(29)
FINANCE	6,274	1,004	975	(29)
<u>CORPORATE BUDGETS</u>				
COMMUNITY PROTECTION	78	34	(3)	(37)
HUMAN RESOURCES	59,627	24,527	24,068	(459)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	3,968	2,047	2,152	105
ADMINISTRATION	1,620	1,400	1,396	(4)
FINANCE	15,148	6,549	5,798	(751)
GRAND TOTAL	108,880	44,401	43,160	(1,241)

APPENDIX B

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2006/07

Scheme Ref	Scheme	Year	Approved Budget 13 Feb 2006 £000s	Adjust- ments £000s	Total £000s	Actuals to August 2006 £000s	Fore- cast £000s	Variance £000s
	<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>							
FS0036	HQ Relocation	1 of 3	9,600	(3,900)	5,700	30	5,700	--
FS0047	Control Room Relocation	1 of 1	500	250	750	9	750	--
FS0037	Stourbridge Refurbishment	2 of 3	1,118	32	1,150	563	1,150	--
FS0030	Deep Lift Well Alterations	2 of 5	124	0	124	0	124	--
FS0028	Security Measures	3 of 2	40	(29)	11	0	11	--
FS0029	BA Servicing Rooms – Upgrade	3 of 3	14	(11)	3	9	9	+6
FS0013	Equality and Diversity Works	3 of 3	120	(74)	46	38	46	--
FS0032	Drill Tower/Facility Upgrades	3 of 3	15	172	187	2	187	--
FS0006	Asbestos Removal	6 of 5	0	49	49	41	86	+37
FS0009	HCFS Fire Experience Facility	5 of 1	17	0	17	0	0	-17
FS0007	Northfield Refurbishment	6 of 3	25	0	25	0	0	-25
FS0046	Appliance Relocation (IRMP)	1 of 1	50	0	50	26	50	--
	Erdington Visitors Centre Retentions (completed schemes)	1 of 1 Ongoing	0 0	25 11	25 11	0 15	25 15	-- +4
FS0035	<u>ICT</u>							
FS0004	Integrated Computer System	3 of 4	600	500	1,100	72	1,100	--
	MDT Hardware Replacement/AVL	4 of 2	0	94	94	76	94	--
FS0039	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>							
FS0048	Home Fire Safety Checks	3 of 4	310	197	507	166	507	--
	Rescue Equipment	1 of 4	50	0	50	0	50	--
FS0020	<u>VEHICLES</u>							
	Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	1,483	512	1,995	25	1,995	--
	Grand Total		14,066	(2,172)	11,894	1,072	11,899	+5
	<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>							
	Supported Capital Expenditure		3,732	0	3,732		3,732	
	Prudential Borrowing		6,000	(3,750)	2,250		2,250	
	Capital Grants/Contributions		310	25	335		335	
	Capital Receipts		250	850	1,100		1,100	
	Earmarked Reserves/Direct Revenue Financing		3,778	703	4,481		4,481	
	TOTAL		14,070	(2,172)	11,898		11,898	+0
	SURPLUS(+) / DEFICIT(-)		4	0	4		(1)	(5)