

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

24TH SEPTEMBER 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 August with the actuals to that date. Devolved budgets 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 £112.150 million and actual spend to August, including commitments, is £43.640 million. The most significant variances arising are a £520K saving on corporate human resources predominantly as a result of staff vacancies and a lower than anticipated pay award for uniformed officers and £740K on corporate finance and procurement reflecting savings from pension related matters, in particular, lower levels of employer pension contributions and ill health retirements than predicted at this stage of the year.

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2007/2008 is £16.921 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix B. Expenditure to the end of August is shown as £4.574 million.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report, an initial Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken which did not raise issues which required a full Equality Impact Assessment to be completed.

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 2007
Authority's Monitoring of Finances Report – June 2007
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO AUGUST 2007
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	LATEST BUDGET 2006/2007 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
OPERATIONS	3,993	1,437	1,418	(19)
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	1,515	601	593	(8)
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	283	117	113	(4)
CORPORATE PLANNING AND SUPPORT	3,039	1,281	1,256	(25)
HUMAN RESOURCES	2,703	1,040	974	(66)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	6,270	3,062	3,038	(24)
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	3,877	1,142	1,080	(62)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	10,701	1,159	1,111	(48)
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	1,678	1,382	1,385	3
HUMAN RESOURCES	62,562	25,680	25,160	(520)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	1,833	858	855	(3)
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	83	38	5	(33)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	13,613	7,392	6,652	(740)
GRAND TOTAL	112,150	45,189	43,640	(1,549)

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2007/08

Scheme	Year	Approved Budget 12 Feb 2007 £000s	Adjust- ments £000s	Total £000s	Actuals to August 2007 £000s	Fore- cast £000s	Variance £000s
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>							
HQ Relocation	2 of 3	10,100	688	10,788	2,555	10,794	+6
Stourbridge Refurbishment	3 of 3	40	0	40	30	40	
Deep Lift Well Alterations	3 of 5	110	0	110	3	110	
BA Servicing Rooms – Upgrade							
Equality and Diversity Works							
Drill Tower/Facility Upgrades	4 of 3	0	50	50	0	53	+3
Asbestos Removal	6 of 6	0	216	216	5	216	
HCFS Fire Experience Facility							
Northfield Refurbishment							
Appliance Relocation (IRMP)							
Retentions (completed schemes)	Ongoing	42	0	42	0	42	
Bickenhill - USAR	1 of 2	900	0	900	0	880	-20
<u>ICT</u>							
Integrated Computer System	4 of 4	1,216	258	1,474	7	840	-634
Oracle Licensing	1 of 3	0	86	86	0	86	
Pensions Server Replacement	1 of 1	0	25	25	0	25	
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>							
Home Fire Safety Checks	4 of 4	620	14	634	419	634	
Rescue Equipment	2 of 2	230	154	384	190	384	
<u>VEHICLES</u>							
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	1,881	291	2,172	1,365	2,172	
Grand Total		15,139	1,782	16,921	4,574	16,276	-645
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>							
Supported Capital Expenditure		3,732	0	3,732		3,732	
Prudential Borrowing		7,000	0	7,000		7,000	
Capital Grants/Contributions		1,520	100	1,620		1,600	-20
Capital Receipts		750	0	750		750	
Earmarked Reserves/Direct Revenue		2,024	1,795	3,819		3,194	-625
Financing							
TOTAL		15,026	1,895	16,921		16,276	-645
SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)		(113)	113	0		0	0