

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**15 FEBRUARY 2010**

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 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 £116.985m and actual spend to December, including commitments, is £84,435m compared to a profile budget of £84,719m. The most significant variance is a £0.132m favourable variance on Technical and Operational Support (predominantly arising from salary savings within Fire Control).

Appendix B provides statistical data relating to the Firefighters' Pension Schemes.

### 3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2009/2010 is £9.501m. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of December is shown as £4.165m.

The capital monitoring statement shows a surplus resource of £4.060m which will contribute towards the funding required for the issues approved within the 2008/09 Annual Service Plan.

### 4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report, an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out because the matters contained in this report 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 2009  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO DECEMBER 2009</b>
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	<b>LATEST BUDGET 2009/2010 £000</b>	<b>PROFILED BUDGET £000</b>	<b>ACTUALS + COMMIT. £000</b>	<b>VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £000</b>
<b>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</b>				
OPERATIONS	4,990	3,320	3,275	-45
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	2,309	1,766	1,751	-15
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	347	255	234	-21
CORPORATE PLANNING AND SUPPORT	5,991	4,635	4,647	12
HUMAN RESOURCES	3,808	2,748	2,767	19
TECHNICAL & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	6,782	5,387	5,255	-132
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	2,586	1,855	1,830	-25
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	2,143	1,947	1,940	-7
HUMAN RESOURCES	63,779	47,718	47,730	12
TECHNICAL & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	55	-4	-28	-24
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	22,934	14,054	13,983	-71
OPERATIONS	1,261	1,038	1,051	13
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>116,985</b>	<b>84,719</b>	<b>84,435</b>	<b>-284</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2009/2010 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 2009		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	1,547	326	1,873	1,547	326	1,873
New Members During Year	1	52	53	1	36	37
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	2	3	5	1	1	2
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-2	0	-2	-2	0	-2
Retirements/Deferred/Leavers/Other	-85	-9	-94	-69	-9	-78
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	0	-2	0	0	0
Member of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2009	1,478	354	1,832	1,478	354	1,832

## CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2009/2010

Scheme	Year	Latest Budget £000s	Actuals to December 2009 £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Drill tower/training facility upgrades	6 of 7	612	301	566	-46
Asbestos removal	8 of 7	0	2	10	+10
IRM works	1 of 1	34	25	25	-9
Solihull refurbishment	1 of 3	600	6	50	-550
Walsall refurbishment	1 of 3	600	3	50	-550
Training Centre refurbishment	2 of 2	136	48	137	+1
Boiler replacement programme	1 of 3	799	339	799	-
Chelmsley Wood Fire Station	1 of 3	0	3	3	+3
Retentions/completed schemes	On going	564	541	564	-
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	On going	4,396	1,750	3,696	-700
<b><u>ICT AND EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
Thermal Image Cameras	2 of 2	12	13	13	+1
RPE Replacement Project	2 of 2	967	761	967	-
Other Equipment	1 of 1	66	33	66	-
E-Business Project	6 of 6	409	76	409	-
Oracle Licensing	3 of 3	86	60	86	-
Command & Control System	2 of 2	205	204	204	-1
Fire Control Voice Recording System	2 of 2	15	0	15	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9,501</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>7,660</b>	<b>-1,841</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u></b>		£000s		£000s	£000s
Supported Capital Expenditure		4,431		4,431	-
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants/Contributions		1,086		1,086	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		2,691		0	-2,691
Direct Revenue Financing		5,353		2,143	-3,210
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,561</b>		<b>7,660</b>	<b>-5,901</b>
<b>SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)</b>		<b>4,060</b>		<b>0</b>	