

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**28TH JUNE 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 May 2010 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 £119.080 million and actual spend to May, including commitments, is £20.708 million compared to a projected budget of £20.905 million.

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2010/2011 is £8.204 million. The provisional 2009/2010 capital outturn identified a number of adjustments which need to be brought into the 2010/2011 Capital Programme with the resulting increased

expenditure being matched by an equivalent level of funding established during the Authority's 2009/2010 closedown of accounts process. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of May 2010 is shown as £0.4 million.

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 2010  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO MAY 2010</b>
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	LATEST BUDGET 2010/2011 £000	PROFILED BUDGET £000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £000
<b>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</b>				
OPERATIONS	4,556	791	778	(13)
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	2,161	386	397	11
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	418	73	64	(9)
CORPORATE SERVICES	5,924	1,584	1,577	(7)
HUMAN RESOURCES	6,012	904	874	(30)
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	7,262	1,277	1,228	(49)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	2,474	390	392	2
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
CORPORATE SERVICES	2,722	1,900	1,902	2
HUMAN RESOURCES	61,832	10,199	10,129	(70)
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	61	2	0	(2)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	24,990	3,324	3,307	(17)
OPERATIONS	668	75	60	(15)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>119,080</b>	<b>20,905</b>	<b>20,708</b>	<b>(197)</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2010/2011 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT MAY 2010		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	1449	367	1816	1449	367	1816
New Members During Year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers	-96	-24	-120	-15	-2	-17
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	0	-2	0	0	0
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2010	1434	365	1799	1434	365	1799

## CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2010/11

Scheme	Year	Latest Budget £000s	Actuals to May 2010 £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Asbestos Removal	9 of 9	14	11	14	-
Drill Tower/Training Facility Upgrades	7 of 7	250	0	250	-
Training Centre Refurbishment	3 of 3	21	0	21	-
Solihull refurbishment	2 of 3	1,687	51	1,687	-
Walsall refurbishment	2 of 3	1,722	13	1,722	-
Boiler replacement programme	2 of 4	300	0	300	-
Lighting/Electrical Upgrades	2 of 2	112	0	112	-
Retentions/Completed Schemes	On going	186	10	186	-
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	On going	3,340	187	3,340	-
<b><u>ICT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
Thermal Image Cameras	3 of 3	15	0	15	-
RPE Replacement Project	3 of 3	187	79	187	-
Other Equipment	1 of 1	8	0	8	-
E-Business Project	7 of 7	314	40	314	-
Oracle Licencing	4 of 4	26	0	26	-
Fire Control Voice Recording System	3 of 3	12	9	12	-
ICT Upgrades/Replacements	1 of 1	10	0	10	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8,204</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>8,204</b>	<b>--</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u></b>					
Supported Capital Expenditure		8,990		8,204	-786
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants/Contributions		1,599		0	-1,599
Capital Receipts to be Applied		1,054		0	-1,054
Direct Revenue Financing		3,366		0	-3,366
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,009</b>		<b>8,204</b>	<b>-6,805</b>
<b>SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)</b>		<b>6,805</b>		<b>0</b>	