

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**17 FEBRUARY 2020**

## **1. MONITORING OF FINANCES**

Report of the 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**

3.1.1 The Authority's 2019/2020 Council Tax requirement is £43.215 million and the revenue budget is £98.131 million. As part of the Authority's 2020/2021 budget setting process, the current year's budget has been reviewed and continues to reflect an estimated transfer from general balances of £1.100 million.

3.1.2 Appendix A compares the revenue budgeted to the end of January 2020 with the actuals to that date. Devolved budgets are managed by the Section responsible for incurring the expenditure as opposed to corporate budgets, which are managed by the named Section on behalf of the Brigade as a whole.

3.1.3 Actual spend to January 2020, including commitments, was £80.353 million compared to a projected budget of £80.400 million, an overall favourable variance of £0.047 million.

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

## 3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

3.2.1 The Authority's approved capital programme for 2019/2020 is £9.209 million. A scheme analysis is shown on Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of January 2020 is shown as £4.133 million.

3.2.2 The main forecast variance within the capital programme relates to:

- Vehicle Replacement Programme – delayed purchase of the command support vehicle pending the outcome of a review, awaiting the decision of Government funding for the Detection, Identification and Monitoring vehicle and slippage of 5 PRL's to 2020/21.
- Aston Fire Station where there has been a delay to the completion of the refurbishment phase of the current station which has slipped to quarter 1 of 2020/21.
- Coventry Fire House refurbishment needs to be retendered and has therefore slipped into 2020/21.
- Replacement of windows and doors at Dudley, Handsworth and Sheldon Fire Stations have been re-phased to 2020/21.

## 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 2019  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO JANUARY 2020</b>
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	LATEST BUDGET 2019/2020 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT -MENTS £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<b><u>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</u></b>				
Corporate Management	3,028	2,516	2,486	-30
Corporate Charges	-5,257	-5,288	-5,286	2
People Support Services	6,468	5,372	5,360	-12
Intelligence and Innovation	2,600	2,120	2,111	-9
Finance & Resources	5,287	4,323	4,299	-24
ICT	5,078	4,342	4,343	1
Operations	10,491	8,353	8,345	-8
<b><u>CORPORATE BUDGETS</u></b>				
People Support Services	2,389	2,001	2,015	14
Intelligence and Innovation	80	67	69	2
Finance and Resources	20,617	17,126	17,145	19
ICT	142	105	98	-7
Response	45,856	37,959	37,981	22
Protection	-99	-19	-37	-18
<b>Other Income &amp; Expenditure</b>				
	1,451	1,423	1,424	1
<b>Appropriation to Reserves</b>				
<b>TOTAL (NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>98,131</b>	<b>80,400</b>	<b>80,353</b>	<b>-47</b>
Core Funding	-54,916	-46,678	-46,678	-
<b>TOTAL (COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>43,215</b>	<b>33,722</b>	<b>33,675</b>	<b>-47</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2019/20 PROJECTION				ACTUAL POSITION AS AT JANUARY 2020			
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	212	8	1,022	1,242	212	8	1,022	1,242
New Members	-	-	80	80	-	1	56	57
Opt-In (including net auto-enrolment)	-	-	-	-	-	1	36	37
Transitional Members during year	-32	-1	33	-	-14	-2	16	-
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-3	-3	-	-	-	-
Retirements	-55	-2	-	-57	-53	-	-5	-58
Opt-Out	-	-	-13	-13	-	-2	-20	-22
Leavers	-3	-	-14	-17	-3	-	-11	-14
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	-	-1	-3	-	-	-	-
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020					142	6	1,094	1,242

**CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2019/20**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year 2019/20</b>	<b>Latest Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actuals January 2020 £'000</b>	<b>Forecast £'000</b>	<b>Variance £'000</b>
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Boiler Replacement Programme	Ongoing	119	16	119	-
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	160	125	148	-12
Windows/Door Replacement	Ongoing	276	22	39	-237
Rewires	Ongoing	426	151	426	-
Coventry Fire Station	5 of 5	171	80	171	-
Drill Towers / Training Facilities	2 of 2	318	61	68	-250
Security Works	1 of 1	100	0	100	-
HQ Alterations	3 of 3	42	54	54	+12
Occupational Health Relocation	1 of 1	200	0	180	-20
Aston Fire Station	5 of 5	3,205	1,877	2,695	-510
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	3,570	1,458	1,767	-1,803
<b><u>ICT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)	1 of 2	180	40	180	-
C&C Upgrade Vision 4 / ESMCP	4 of 4	417	249	426	+9
Oracle Licensing	9 of 9	25	0	25	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9,209</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>6,398</b>	<b>-2,811</b>
<b><u>Funded By</u></b>					
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants / Contributions		157		157	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		0		0	-
Revenue Financing / Earmarked Reserves		9,052		6,241	-2,811
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,209</b>		<b>6,398</b>	<b>-2,811</b>
<b>SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)</b>					