

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

11TH FEBRUARY 2008

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 £112.151 million and actual spend to December, including commitments, is £76.939 million. The most significant variance arising is £910K 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. Appendix B provides statistical data relating to the Firefighters' Pension Schemes.

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2007/2008 is £18.064 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of December is shown as £10.200 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 – December 2007
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO DECEMBER 2007
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	LATEST BUDGET 2007/2008 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
OPERATIONS	3,728	2,038	2,008	(30)
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	1,572	1,138	1,134	(4)
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	288	207	197	(10)
CORPORATE PLANNING AND SUPPORT	3,057	2,281	2,240	(41)
HUMAN RESOURCES	2,746	1,829	1,786	(43)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	6,321	4,982	4,841	(141)
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	4,212	3,111	3,030	(81)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	10,297	2,241	2,178	(63)
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	1,624	1,401	1,411	10
HUMAN RESOURCES	61,736	45,869	45,790	(79)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	1,885	1,429	1,405	(24)
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	69	38	(21)	(59)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	14,616	11,850	10,940	(910)
GRAND TOTAL	112,151	78,414	76,939	(1,475)

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2007/2008 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 2007		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of 1992 FPS at 1 st April 2007	1,733	165	1,898	1,703	199	1,902
New Members During Year	0	41	41	0	87	87
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	0	39	39	4	0	4
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-1	0	-1	-3	0	-3
Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers	-59	0	-59	-51	-9	-60
Ill-Health Retirements	-20	0	-20	0	0	0

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2007/2008

Scheme	Year	Approved Budget 12 Feb 2007 £000s	Adjust- ments £000s	Total £000s	Actuals to December 2007 £000s	Fore- cast £000s	Variance £000s
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>							
HQ Relocation	2 of 3	10,100	1,071	11,171	6,955	11,177	+6
Stourbridge Refurbishment	3 of 3	40	30	70	30	78	+8
Deep Lift Well Alterations	3 of 5	110	0	110	64	110	
BA Servicing Rooms – Upgrade							
Equality and Diversity Works							
Drill Tower/Facility Upgrades	4 of 3	0	50	50	48	53	+3
Asbestos Removal	6 of 6	0	216	216	80	216	
HCFS Fire Experience Facility							
Northfield Refurbishment							
Appliance Relocation (IRMP)							
Retentions (completed schemes)	Ongoing	42	(30)	12	6	6	-6
Bickenhill – USAR	1 of 2	900	0	900	286	880	-20
Bilston Modifications	1 of 1	0	300	300	0	300	-
<u>ICT</u>							
Integrated Computer System	4 of 4	1,216	197	1,413	70	840	-573
Oracle Licensing	1 of 3	0	86	86	60	86	
Pensions Server Replacement	1 of 1	0	25	25	0	25	
Command and Control System	1 of 2	0	200	200	3	200	
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>							
Home Fire Safety Checks	4 of 4	620	335	955	778	955	
Rescue Equipment	2 of 2	230	154	384	381	394	+10
<u>VEHICLES</u>							
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	1,881	291	2,172	1,439	2,172	
Grand Total		15,139	2,925	18,064	10,200	17,492	-572
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>							
Supported Capital Expenditure		3,732	0	3,732		3,732	
Prudential Borrowing		7,000	-7,000	0		0	
Capital Grants/Contributions		1,520	140	1,660		1,640	-20
Capital Receipts		750	7,383	8,133		8,233	+100
Earmarked Reserves/Direct Revenue		2,024	2,515	4,539		3887	-652
Financing							
TOTAL		15,026	3,038	18,064		17,492	-572
SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)		(113)	113	0		0	0