

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**26 JUNE 2017**

## **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 2017 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 2017/2018 Council Tax requirement is £39.377 million and the revenue budget is £94.848 million. Actual spend to May 2017, including commitments, was £20.547 million compared to a projected budget of £20.555 million, an overall favourable variance of £0.008 million.

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

### 3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2017/2018 is £14.270 million. A scheme analysis is shown on Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of May 2017 is shown as £0.681 million.

The main forecast variances within the capital programme relate to:

Coventry Fire Station – demolition time extended due to asbestos related issues. Planned works currently being reassessed prior to the commencement of the development phase.

Aston Fire Station – the listed status of the site has required extensive consultation to ensure the proposed redevelopment of the station will achieve planning permission, which is currently being progressed.

### 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 2017  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO MAY 2017</b>
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	LATEST BUDGET 2017/2018 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT -MENTS £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<b>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</b>				
Corporate Management	2,272	418	405	-13
Corporate Charges	660	613	613	0
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	5,617	1046	1,032	-14
Business Development	98	30	38	8
Operational Preparedness	1,215	279	285	6
Operational Assurance	299	55	64	9
Finance & Resources	4,864	802	794	-8
ICT	4,298	966	956	-10
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Operations	50,795	8,564	8,557	-7
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	2,844	532	520	-12
Business Development	-1,000	-100	-36	64
Operational Preparedness	-20	85	88	3
Finance and Resources	15,774	6,298	6,292	-6
ICT	122	80	81	1
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Response	5,175	854	835	-19
Prevention	-4	0	0	0
Protection	-47	0	-9	-9
<b>Other Income &amp; Expenditure</b>	1,886	33	32	-1
<b>TOTAL (NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>94,848</b>	<b>20,555</b>	<b>20,547</b>	<b>-8</b>
Grant Funding	- 55,471	-15,041	-15,041	0
<b>TOTAL (COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>5,514</b>	<b>5,506</b>	<b>-8</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2017/18 PROJECTION				ACTUAL POSITION AS AT MAY 2017			
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	361	13	912	1,286	361	13	912	1,286
New Members	-	-	60	60	-	-	-	-
Opt-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Members during year	-34	-2	36	-	-4	-1	5	-
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirements	-45	-	-	-45	-4	-	-	-4
Opt-Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leavers	-	-	-12	-12	-	-	-	-
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	-	-1	-3	-	-	-	-
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017					353	12	917	1,282

**CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2017/18**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year 2017/18</b>	<b>Latest Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actuals May 2017 £'000</b>	<b>Forecast £'000</b>	<b>Variance £'000</b>
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Training at Height Facilities	11 of 11	317	280	317	-
Boiler Replacement Programme	Ongoing	264	0	264	-
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	66	0	66	-
Windows/Door Replacement	Ongoing	505	0	505	-
Rewires	Ongoing	332	0	332	-
Coventry Fire Station	3 of 5	4,954	135	3,854	-1,100
Primary Control Primary	1 of 2	600	0	600	-
Aston Fire Station	3 of 5	3,910	16	110	-3,800
Secondary Control Room Relocation	2 of 2	74	35	74	-
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	3,177	199	3,177	-
<b><u>ICT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
MDT Upgrade/Replacements	4 of 4	46	16	46	-
Oracle Licensing	9 of 9	25	0	25	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14,270</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>9,370</b>	<b>-4,900</b>
<b><u>Funded By</u></b>					
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	0
Capital Grants / Contributions		613		613	0
Capital Receipts to be Applied		0		0	0
Revenue Financing / Earmarked Reserves		13,657		8,757	-4,900
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,270</b>		<b>9,370</b>	<b>-4,900</b>
<b>SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)</b>					