

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**17 SEPTEMBER 2018**

## **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**

The Authority's 2018/2019 Council Tax requirement is £41.305 million and the revenue budget is £95.477 million. As part of the Authority's 2018/2019 budget setting process the current year's budget reflects an estimated transfer from general balances of £1.500 million.

Appendix A compares the revenue budgeted to the end of August 2018 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.

Actual spend to August 2018, including commitments, was £42.405 million compared to a projected budget of £42.437 million, an overall favourable variance of £0.032 million. The most significant variances relate to the Corporate Business Development Budget (adverse variance £292k) and the Corporate Finance and Resources Budget (favourable variance £178k, arising from a rates rebate for the HQ/Safeside buildings).

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

### **3.2 Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2018/2019 is £14.365 million. A scheme analysis is shown on Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of August 2018 is shown as £4.175 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 2018  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO AUGUST 2018</b>
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	LATEST BUDGET 2018/2019 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT -MENTS £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<b>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</b>				
Corporate Management	2,624	1,111	1,104	-7
Corporate Charges	492	485	484	-1
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	6,093	2,800	2,759	-41
Business Development	132	77	79	2
Intelligence and Innovation	1,639	784	833	49
Finance & Resources	5,113	2,093	2,059	-34
ICT	4,684	2,525	2,527	2
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Operations	50,592	20,928	20,916	-12
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	2,689	1,319	1,289	-30
Business Development	-1,000	-417	-125	292
Intelligence and Innovation	15	11	6	-5
Finance and Resources	15,426	7,848	7,670	-178
ICT	233	133	118	-15
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Response	5,176	2,166	2,128	-38
Prevention	-2	0	0	-
Protection	-47	-43	-52	-9
<b>Other Income &amp; Expenditure</b>	1,618	617	610	-7
<b>Appropriation to Reserves</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL (NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>95,477</b>	<b>42,437</b>	<b>42,405</b>	<b>-32</b>
Core Funding	- 54,172	-26,887	-26,887	-
<b>TOTAL (COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>41,305</b>	<b>15,550</b>	<b>15,518</b>	<b>-32</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES****NON-FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION**

	2018/19 PROJECTION				ACTUAL POSITION AS AT AUGUST 2018			
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL
<b>Members of FPS at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018</b>	303	11	977	1,291	303	11	977	1,291
<b>New Members</b>	-	-	53	53	-	-	46	46
<b>Opt-In</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transitional Members during year</b>	-28	-1	29	-	-6	-	6	-
<b>Transfers from Other Pension Schemes</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers to Other Pension Schemes</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retirements</b>	-38	-2	-	-40	-21	-1	-	-22
<b>Opt-Out</b>	-	-	-10	-10	-	-	-15	-15
<b>Leavers</b>	-	-	-12	-12	-2	-	-6	-8
<b>Ill-Health Retirements</b>	-2	-	-1	-3	-	-	-	-
<b>Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018</b>					274	10	1,008	1,292

**CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2018/19**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year 2018/19</b>	<b>Latest Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actuals August 2018 £'000</b>	<b>Forecast £'000</b>	<b>Variance £'000</b>
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Boiler Replacement Programme	Ongoing	206	95	206	-
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	355	0	378	+23
Windows/Door Replacement	Ongoing	514	212	494	-20
Rewires	Ongoing	130	0	130	-
Coventry Fire Station	4 of 5	4,112	2,747	4,112	-
HQ Alterations	2 of 2	609	10	609	-
Aston Fire Station	4 of 5	4,488	29	4,448	-40
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	3,705	1,082	3,705	-
<b><u>ICT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
C&C Upgrade Vision 4	1 of 1	221	0	221	-
Oracle Licensing	9 of 9	25	0	0	-25
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14,365</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>14,303</b>	<b>-62</b>
<b><u>Funded By</u></b>					
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants / Contributions		744		744	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		0		0	-
Revenue Financing / Earmarked Reserves		13,621		13,559	-62
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,365</b>		<b>14,303</b>	<b>-62</b>
<b>SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)</b>					