

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

**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 October with the actuals to that date. Devolved budgets directly relating to station/section level activities (such as non-uniformed employee related costs, premise costs and localised publicity) 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 £108.879 million and actual spend to October, including commitments, is £58.971 million. The most significant variances arising are £592k saving on Personnel, Performance and Planning, predominantly as a result of staff vacancies and a lower than anticipated pay award for uniformed officers and £746k on Corporate Finance reflecting savings from pension related matters, in particular, lower levels of ill-health retirements than predicted at this stage of the year, together with lower employer pension contributions.

### 3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2006/2007 is £10.464 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix B. Expenditure to the end of October is shown as £2.095 million.

### 4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out as the matters contained in this report will not lead to and 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 2006  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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# REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO OCTOBER 2006

	<b>LATEST BUDGET 2006/2007 £'000</b>	<b>PROFILED BUDGET £'000</b>	<b>ACTUALS + COMMIT. £'000</b>	<b>VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000</b>
<b><u>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</u></b>				
GROUP COMMANDS	2,616	1,343	1,386	43
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	1,446	806	818	12
COMMUNITY PROTECTION	4,637	2,234	2,111	(123)
PERSONNEL, PERFORMANCE & PLANNING	1,479	841	862	21
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	1,468	694	648	(46)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	5,869	3,643	3,637	(6)
ADMINISTRATION	2,608	1,532	1,505	(27)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	6,837	1,666	1,604	(62)
<b><u>CORPORATE BUDGETS</u></b>				
COMMUNITY PROTECTION	78	37	(30)	(67)
PERSONNEL, PERFORMANCE & PLANNING	61,115	35,135	34,543	(592)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	1,794	991	992	1
ADMINISTRATION	1,620	1,392	1,401	9
FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT	17,312	10,240	9,494	(746)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>108,879</b>	<b>60,554</b>	<b>58,971</b>	<b>(1,583)</b>

# CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2006/07

Scheme	Year	Approved Budget 13 Feb 2006 £000s	Adjust- ments £000s	Total £000s	Actuals to October 2006 £000s	Fore- cast £000s	Variance £000s
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>							
HQ Relocation	1 of 3	9,600	(3,900)	5,700	130	5,700	--
Control Room Resilience	1 of 1	500	(500)	0	0	0	--
Stourbridge							
Refurbishment	2 of 3	1,118	32	1,150	841	1,150	--
Deep Lift Well Alterations	2 of 5	124	0	124	0	124	--
Security Measures	3 of 2	40	(29)	11	1	17	+6
BA Servicing Rooms –							
Upgrade	3 of 3	14	(11)	3	9	9	+6
Equality and Diversity	3 of 3	120	(74)	46	38	38	-8
Works							
Drill Tower/Facility	3 of 3	15	172	187	2	187	--
Upgrades							
Asbestos Removal	6 of 5	0	49	49	58	86	+37
HCFS Fire Experience	5 of 1	17	0	17	0	0	-17
Facility							
Northfield Refurbishment	6 of 3	25	0	25	0	0	-25
Appliance Relocation	1 of 1	50	0	50	27	50	--
(IRMP)							
Erdington Visitors Centre	1 of 1	0	45	45	0	53	+8
Retentions (completed	Ongoing	0	11	11	19	19	+8
schemes)							
<b><u>ICT</u></b>							
Integrated Computer	3 of 4	600	(200)	400	96	400	--
System							
MDT Hardware	4 of 2	0	94	94	108	108	+14
Replacement/AVL							
Amira Software Licenses	1 of 1	0	0	0	64	64	+64
<b><u>EQUIPMENT</u></b>							
Home Fire Safety Checks	3 of 4	310	197	507	236	507	--
Rescue Equipment	1 of 4	50	0	50	0	50	--
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>							
Vehicle Replacement	Ongoing	1,483	512	1,995	466	1,995	--
Programme							
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14,066</b>	<b>(3,602)</b>	<b>10,464</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>10,557</b>	<b>+93</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES</u></b>							
<b><u>AVAILABLE</u></b>							
Supported Capital		3,732	0	3,732		3,732	
Expenditure							
Prudential Borrowing		6,000	(5,280)	720		720	
Capital Grants/		310	35	345		345	
Contributions							
Capital Receipts		250	850	1,100		1,100	
Earmarked Reserves/							
Direct Revenue Financing		3,778	813	4,591		4,660	<b>+69</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,070</b>	<b>(3,382)</b>	<b>10,488</b>		<b>10,557</b>	<b>+69</b>
<b>SURPLUS(+)/ DEFICIT(-)</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>(24)</b>

