

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

29 JUNE 2015

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 2015 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 2015/2016 Council Tax requirement is £36.211 million and the revenue budget is £98.538 million. Actual spend to May 2015, including commitments, is £20.202 million compared to a projected budget of £20.228 million. An overall favourable variance of £0.26 million.

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2015/2016 is £5.402 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of May 2015 is shown as £0.252 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 2015
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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| REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO MAY 2015 |
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| | LATEST BUDGET 2015/2016 £'000 | PROFILED BUDGET £'000 | ACTUALS + COMMIT -MENTS £'000 | VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000 |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
| DEVOLVED BUDGETS | | | | |
| Corporate Management | 3,115 | 1,445 | 1,451 | 6 |
| Service Support | | | | |
| People Support Services | 2,469 | 428 | 428 | 0 |
| Operational Training | 3,756 | 567 | 549 | -18 |
| Emergency Response | 2,682 | 511 | 482 | -29 |
| Finance and Resources | 4,133 | 700 | 699 | -1 |
| ICT | 3,683 | 999 | 995 | -4 |
| Service Delivery | | | | |
| Operations | 7,227 | 1,091 | 1,075 | -16 |
| CORPORATE BUDGETS | | | | |
| Corporate Management | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Service Support | | | | |
| Operational Training | 150 | 13 | 17 | 4 |
| Emergency Response | -57 | 32 | 35 | 3 |
| Finance and Resources | 21,168 | 6,007 | 6,002 | -5 |
| People Support Services | 2,728 | 478 | 488 | 10 |
| Service Delivery | | | | |
| People and Performance | 47,111 | 7,913 | 7,938 | 25 |
| Response and Resource Management | 365 | 42 | 44 | 2 |
| Operations – Other | -35 | 2 | -1 | -3 |
| Appropriations/Earmarked | | | | |
| Total | 98,538 | 20,228 | 20,202 | -26 |
| Grant Funding | 62,327 | -17,991 | -17,991 | 0 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 36,211 | 2,237 | 2,211 | -26 |

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES

| NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION | 2015/2016 PROJECTION | | | | | ACTUAL POSITION AS AT MAY 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| | 1992 FPS | 2006 FPS | 2006 Mod | 2015 FPS | TOTAL | 1992 FPS | 2006 FPS | 2006 Mod | 2015 FPS | TOTAL |
| Members of FPS at 1 st April 2015 | 593 | 21 | 3 | 879 | 1,496 | 593 | 21 | 3 | 879 | 1,496 |
| New Members During Year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transitional Members during year | -38 | -1 | | 39 | 0 | -7 | - | - | 7 | - |
| Transfers from Other Pension Schemes | - | - | - | 7 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers to Other Pension Schemes | - | -2 | - | - | -2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers | -76 | - | - | - | -76 | -12 | - | - | - | -12 |
| Ill-Health Retirements | -3 | - | - | - | -3 | -1 | - | - | - | -1 |
| Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 st May 2015 | | | | | | 573 | 21 | 3 | 886 | 1,483 |

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2015/16

| Scheme | Year 2015/16 | Latest Budget | Actuals to May 2015 | Forecast | Variance |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| | | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| <u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u> | | | | | |
| Haden Cross Fire Station | 3 or 3 | 126 | 77 | 126 | - |
| Training at Height Facilities | 10 of 10 | 363 | 0 | 363 | - |
| Boiler Replacement Programme | Ongoing | 229 | 0 | 229 | - |
| Roof Replacements | Ongoing | 108 | 0 | 108 | - |
| Windows/Door Replacement | Ongoing | 269 | 0 | 269 | - |
| Rewires | Ongoing | 120 | 0 | 120 | - |
| Dignity at Work | 2 of 2 | 407 | 79 | 407 | - |
| Asbestos Removal | Ongoing | 27 | 9 | 27 | - |
| <u>VEHICLES</u> | | | | | |
| Vehicle Replacement Programme | Ongoing | 3,108 | 82 | 3,108 | - |
| <u>ICT & EQUIPMENT</u> | | | | | |
| MDT Upgrades/Replacements | 2 of 2 | 310 | 0 | 310 | - |
| Fire Control C&C Upgrade | 3 of 3 | 144 | 0 | 144 | - |
| Other Equipment | 2 of 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | - |
| Thermal Image Cameras | 8 of 8 | 138 | 0 | 138 | - |
| Oracle Licensing | 8 of 8 | 25 | 0 | 25 | - |
| Pension System Replacement | 2 of 2 | 23 | 0 | 23 | - |
| Grand Total | | 5,402 | 252 | 5,402 | - |
| <u>Funded By</u> | | | | | |
| Prudential Borrowing | | 0 | | 0 | - |
| Capital Grants/Contributions | | 4,877 | | 4,877 | - |
| Capital Receipts to be Applied | | 0 | | 0 | - |
| Direct Revenue Financing/Earmarked Reserves | | 525 | | 525 | - |
| TOTAL | | 5,402 | | 5,402 | - |
| SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+) | | | | | |