

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2009**

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2009/2010 is £9.609 million. The provisional 2008/2009 capital outturn identified a number of adjustments which need to be brought into the 2009/2010 Capital Programme with the resulting increased expenditure being matched by an equivalent level of funding established during the Authority's 2008/2009 closedown of accounts process. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of May is shown as £1.075 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 2009  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO MAY 2009</b>
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	LATEST BUDGET 2009/2010 £000	PROFILED BUDGET £000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £000
<b>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</b>				
OPERATIONS	4,292	643	648	5
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	1,431	237	219	-18
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	257	42	47	5
CORPORATE PLANNING AND SUPPORT	3,106	537	545	8
HUMAN RESOURCES	3,433	603	616	13
TECHNICAL SERVICES	5,754	1,442	1,450	8
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	4,348	852	846	-6
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	7,637	594	598	4
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	2,196	1,883	1,882	-1
HUMAN RESOURCES	64,062	10,676	10,703	27
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	796	72	57	-15
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	19,187	3,945	3,942	-3
OPERATIONS	486	81	70	-11
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>116,985</b>	<b>21,607</b>	<b>21,623</b>	<b>16</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2009/2010 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT MAY 2009		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	1,547	326	1,873	1,526	346	1,872
New Members During Year	0	70	70	0	20	20
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	2	8	10	1	1	2
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers	-85	-6	-91	-22	-1	-23
Ill-Health Retirements	-6	0	-6	0	0	0

## CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2009/10

Scheme	Year	Latest Budget £000s	Actuals to May 09 £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Drill tower/training facility upgrades	6 of 7	611	3	611	-
Solihull refurbishment	1 of 3	600	0	600	-
Walsall refurbishment	1 of 3	600	0	600	-
Training Centre refurbishment	2 of 2	144	22	144	-
Boiler replacement programme	1 of 3	799	9	799	-
Retentions/completed schemes	On going	559	314	559	-
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	On going	4,386	103	4,386	-
<b><u>ICT AND EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
Thermal Image Cameras	2 of 2	10	10	10	-
RPE Replacement Project	2 of 2	977	331	977	-
E-Business Project	6 of 6	612	18	612	-
Oracle Licensing	3 of 3	86	60	86	-
Command & Control System	2 of 2	210	205	210	-
Fire Control Voice Recording System	2 of 2	15	0	15	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9,609</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>9,609</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u></b>					
Supported Capital Expenditure		4,431		4,431	-
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants/Contributions		1,086		1,086	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		2,691		0	-2,691
Direct Revenue Financing		5,456		4,092	-1,364
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,664</b>		<b>9,609</b>	<b>- 4,055</b>
<b>SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)</b>		<b>4,055</b>		<b>0</b>	