

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

21st SEPTEMBER 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 August 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 revenue budget is £116.985m and actual spend to August, including commitments, is £48.374m compared to a profile budget of £48.627m. The most significant variances are a £0.143m favourable variance on corporate Finance and Procurement (arising from an anticipated increase in firefighter employer pension contributions which has not materialised at this stage combined with lower levels of ill health retirements than anticipated) and £0.123m favourable variance on Technical and Operational Support (predominantly arising from salary savings within Fire Control).

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 £9.677m. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of August is shown as £2.022m.

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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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO AUGUST 2009
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	LATEST BUDGET 2009/2010 £000	PROFILED BUDGET £000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
OPERATIONS	4,422	1,645	1,694	49
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	2,258	963	960	-3
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	269	118	100	-18
CORPORATE PLANNING AND SUPPORT	5,764	2,747	2,702	-45
HUMAN RESOURCES	3,626	1,494	1,464	-30
TECHNICAL & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	7,128	3,193	3,070	-123
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	2,556	1,113	1,072	-41
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
CORPORATE PLANNING & SUPPORT	2,196	1,911	1,924	13
HUMAN RESOURCES	63,998	26,575	26,648	73
TECHNICAL & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	803	316	310	-6
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	23,505	8,331	8,188	-143
OPERATIONS	460	221	242	21
GRAND TOTAL	116,985	48,627	48,374	-253

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2009/2010 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT AUGUST 2009		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 1 st April 2009	1,547	326	1,873	1,547	326	1,873
New Members During Year	0	70	70	1	20	21
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	2	8	10	1	1	2
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retirements/Deferred/Leavers/Other	-85	-6	-91	-47	-2	-49
Ill-Health Retirements	-6	0	-6	0	0	0
Member of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 st August 2009				1,502	345	1,847

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2009/2010

Scheme	Year	Latest Budget £000s	Actuals to August 2009 £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>					
	6 of 7	612	167	612	-
Drill tower/training facility upgrades	8 of 7	0	1	1	+1
Asbestos removal	1 of 1	34	23	34	-
IRM works	1 of 3	600	2	600	-
Solihull refurbishment	1 of 3	600	3	600	-
Walsall refurbishment	2 of 2	136	41	136	-
Training Centre refurbishment	1 of 3	799	12	799	-
Boiler replacement programme	On going	564	511	564	-
Retentions/completed schemes					
<u>VEHICLES</u>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	On going	4,396	540	3,661	-735
<u>ICT AND EQUIPMENT</u>					
Thermal Image Cameras					
RPE Replacement Project	2 of 2	12	13	13	+1
Other Equipment	2 of 2	968	362	968	-
E-Business Project	1 of 1	33	33	33	-
Oracle Licensing	6 of 6	617	50	409	-208
Command & Control System	3 of 3	86	60	86	-
Fire Control Voice Recording System	2 of 2	205	204	204	-1
	2 of 2	15	0	15	-
Grand Total		9,677	2,022	8,735	-942
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>		£000s		£000s	£000s
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		5,529		3,218	-2,311
TOTAL		13,737		8,735	-5,002
SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)		4,060		0	