

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

22 SEPTEMBER 2014

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 2014 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 2014/2015 Council Tax requirement is £34.710 million and the revenue budget is £103.017 million. Actual spend to August 2014, including commitments, is £41.858 million compared to a projected budget of £42.543 million. An overall favourable variance of £0.685 million, mainly as a result of staff vacancies and income from the Fire Control project.

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2014/2015 is £5.232 million. Profiling of expenditure has been updated to reflect current forecast for the year. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of August 2014 is shown as £2.412 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 2014
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO AUGUST 2014

	LATEST BUDGET 2014/2015 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT -MENTS £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
OPERATIONS	7,225	2,762	2,639	-123
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	3,328	1,856	1,765	-91
HUMAN RESOURCES	3,232	1,403	1,305	-98
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT	6,258	2,625	2,563	-62
RESOURCES	8,768	3,325	3,300	-25
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
HUMAN RESOURCES	2,541	1,050	1,013	-37
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT	86	30	-23	-53
RESOURCES	23,360	9,428	9,183	-245
OPERATIONS	48,219	20,064	20,113	49
TOTAL	103,017	42,543	41,858	-685
GRANT FUNDING	-68,307	-39,267	-39,267	0
GRAND TOTAL	34,710	3,276	2,591	-685

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2014/2015 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT AUGUST 2014		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 st April 2014	1,156	380	1,536	1,156	380	1,536
New Members During Year	-	36	36	-	36	36
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-	(2)	(2)	-	-	-
Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers	(69)	(3)	(72)	(22)	(5)	(27)
Ill-Health Retirements	(3)	-	(3)	-	-	-
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 st August 2014				1,134	411	1,545

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2014/15

Scheme	Year 2014/2015	Latest Budget £'000	Actuals to Aug 2014 £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>					
Asbestos Removal	Ongoing	43	9	43	-
Drill Tower/Training Facility Upgrades	10 of 10	220	0	270	50
Windows and Door Replacements	Ongoing	185	0	185	-
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	144	0	44	-100
Boiler Replacement Programme	Ongoing	330	7	330	-
Rewires	Ongoing	65	0	65	-
Haden Cross Fire Station	2 of 2	1,758	1,657	1,758	-
High Rise Training Facility - Oldbury	2 of 2	3	3	3	-
HQ Building Modifications	1 of 1	72	64	64	-8
Dignity at Work	1 of 1	500	4	480	-20
<u>VEHICLES</u>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	953	486	953	-
Hazmats/Environmental Units	1 of 1	80	0	80	-
Command Support Vehicle Conversion	1 of 1	60	0	60	-
<u>ICT & EQUIPMENT</u>					
Thermal Image Cameras	7 of 7	123	8	123	-
Solar Panelling – Phase 2	1 of 1	136	115	136	-
Other Equipment	1 of 1	80	25	80	-
Remote Aerial Unit	1 of 1	72	25	50	-22
Oracle Licensing	7 of 7	25	0	25	-
Fire Control C&C Upgrade	2 of 2	15	1	15	-
Pensions System Replacement	1 of 1	50	0	50	-
MBT Upgrade/Replacements	1 of 1	318	8	318	-
Grand Total		5,232	2,412	5,132	-100
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>					£000s
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants/Contributions		4,597		4,597	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		0		0	-
Direct Revenue Financing/Earmarked Reserves		635		535	-100
TOTAL		5,232		5,132	-100
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