

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

28 NOVEMBER 2011

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 2011 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 2011/2012 revenue budget is £111.502 million. Actual spend to October 2011, including commitments, is £60.020 million compared to a projected budget of £61.000 million. The overall favourable variance of £0.980 million is predominantly due to a combination of staff vacancies and savings in supplies and services expenditure.

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2011/2012 is £8.735 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of October 2011 is shown as £2.083 million.

A variance of (£3.504 million) is forecast against the approved budget. This is mainly because the vehicle replacement programme is awaiting decisions about the future make-up of operational fleet as part of the Building upon Success considerations.

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 2011
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO OCTOBER 2011

	LATEST BUDGET 2011/2012 £000	PROFILED BUDGET £000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
OPERATIONS	4,967	2,512	2,219	-293
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	2,293	1,337	1,284	-53
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	549	349	372	23
CORPORATE SERVICES	6,070	3,638	3,587	-51
HUMAN RESOURCES	5,574	2,851	2,710	-141
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	12,054	6,807	6,379	-428
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	2,361	1,267	1,262	-5
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
CORPORATE SERVICES	2,305	2,073	2,075	2
HUMAN RESOURCES	54,167	31,920	31,899	-21
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	-155	-75	-109	-34
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	20,768	8,045	8,031	-14
OPERATIONS	549	276	311	35
GRAND TOTAL	111,502	61,000	60,020	-980

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2011/2012 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT OCTOBER 2011		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 st April 2011	1370	361	1731	1370	361	1731
New Members During Year	0	0	0	0	1	1
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	0	-2	-2	0	0	0
Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers	-56	0	-56	-39	-5	-44
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	0	-2	0	0	0
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 st October 2011				1331	357	1688

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2011/12

Scheme	Year	Latest Budget £000s	Actuals to October 2011 £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>					
Asbestos Removal	ongoing	73	3	73	-
Drill Tower/Training Facility Upgrades	8 of 8	281	46	61	-220
Windows/Door Replacement	2 of 2	41	0	20	-21
The Academy Refurbishment	3 of 3	109	94	109	-
Solihull refurbishment	3 of 3	551	478	539	-12
Walsall refurbishment	3 of 3	773	693	763	-10
Boiler replacement programme	4 of 4	717	105	676	-41
Solar Panels	1 of 1	837	0	837	-
Retentions/Completed Schemes	Ongoing	48	17	48	-
<u>VEHICLES</u>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	5,053	620	2,053	-3,000
<u>ICT & EQUIPMENT</u>					
Thermal Image Cameras	4 of 4	201	0	0	-201
RPE Replacement Project	4 of 4	7	8	8	1
Oracle Licensing	5 of 5	25	0	25	-
ICT Upgrades/Replacements	1 of 1	19	19	19	-
Grand Total		8,735	2,083	5,231	-3,504
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>					
Supported Capital Expenditure		-		-	-
Prudential Borrowing		-		-	-
Capital Grants/Contributions		-2,945		-2,945	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		-		-	-
Direct Revenue Financing		-5,790		-2,286	-3,504
TOTAL		-8,735		-5,231	-3,504
SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)		-		-	