

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**20 NOVEMBER 2017**

## **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 2017 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 2017/2018 Council Tax requirement is £39.377 million and the revenue budget is £94.848 million. Actual spend to October 2017, including commitments, was £57.244 million compared to a projected budget of £57.504 million, an overall favourable variance of £0.260 million.

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

### 3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2017/2018 is £14.223 million. A scheme analysis is shown on Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of October 2017 is shown as £1.515 million.

The main forecast variances within the capital programme relate to:

- Coventry Fire Station – demolition time extended primarily due to asbestos related issues. The development phase of the project started in October 2017.
- Aston Fire Station – the listed status of the site has required extensive consultation. The planning application was submitted on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and approval is anticipated by the end of November 2017.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme – Completion of the 5 Pump Rescue Ladder appliances now anticipated in the first quarter of 2018/19.

### 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 2017  
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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<b>REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO OCTOBER 2017</b>
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	LATEST BUDGET 2017/2018 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT- MENTS £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<b>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</b>				
Corporate Management	2,386	1,428	1,332	-96
Corporate Charges	660	597	597	0
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	5,794	3,518	3,442	-76
Business Development	214	134	136	2
Operational Preparedness	1,179	711	696	-15
Operational Assurance	380	222	255	33
Finance & Resources	4,884	2,776	2,679	-97
ICT	4,334	2,615	2,636	21
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Operations	50,945	29,759	29,571	-188
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	2,844	1,705	1,667	-38
Business Development	-1,000	-450	-173	277
Operational Preparedness	-20	74	68	-6
Finance and Resources	15,080	10,508	10,481	-27
ICT	151	124	129	5
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Response	5,182	3,017	2,970	-47
Prevention	-4	0	0	0
Protection	-47	-47	-48	-1
<b>Other Income &amp; Expenditure</b>	1,886	813	806	-7
<b>TOTAL (NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>94,848</b>	<b>57,504</b>	<b>57,244</b>	<b>-260</b>
Grant Funding	- 55,471	-35,978	-35,978	0
<b>TOTAL (COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>21,526</b>	<b>21,266</b>	<b>-260</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2017/18 PROJECTION				ACTUAL POSITION AS AT OCTOBER 2017			
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	361	13	912	1,286	361	13	912	1,286
New Members	-	-	60	60	-	-	28	28
Opt-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Members during year	-34	-2	36	-	-14	-2	16	-
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirements	-45	-	-	-45	-14	-	-	-14
Opt-Out	-	-	-	-	-1	-1	-15	-17
Leavers	-	-	-12	-12	-	-	-20	-20
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	-	-1	-3	-	-	-	-
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017					332	10	921	1,263

**CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2017/18**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year 2017/18</b>	<b>Latest Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actuals October 2017 £'000</b>	<b>Forecast £'000</b>	<b>Variance £'000</b>
<b><u>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</u></b>					
Training at Height Facilities	11 of 11	317	326	326	+9
Boiler Replacement Programme	Ongoing	264	5	105	-159
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	66	0	66	-
Windows/Door Replacement	Ongoing	505	102	550	+45
Rewires	Ongoing	332	70	272	-60
Coventry Fire Station	3 of 5	4,954	135	2,500	-2,454
Primary Control Primary	1 of 2	600	6	600	-
Aston Fire Station	3 of 5	3,910	69	250	-3,660
Secondary Control Room Relocation	2 of 2	74	38	74	-
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	3,130	748	2,380	-750
<b><u>ICT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
MDT Upgrade/Replacements	4 of 4	46	16	46	-
Oracle Licensing	9 of 9	25	0	0	-25
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14,223</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>7,169</b>	<b>-7,054</b>
<b><u>Funded By</u></b>					
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	0
Capital Grants / Contributions		613		613	0
Capital Receipts to be Applied		0		0	0
Revenue Financing / Earmarked Reserves		13,610		6,556	-7,054
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,223</b>		<b>7,169</b>	<b>-7,054</b>
<b>SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)</b>					