

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

29 NOVEMBER 2010

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 2010 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 £119.080 million and actual spend to October, including commitments, is £63.627 million compared to a projected budget of £65.121 million. An overall favourable variance of £1.494 million is predominantly due to a number of vacant posts and a zero pay award resulting in salary savings across the Authority.

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2010/2011 is £8.247 million. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of October 2010 is shown as £1.53 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 2010
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO OCTOBER 2010

	LATEST BUDGET 2010/2011 £000	PROFILED BUDGET £000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
OPERATIONS	4,530	2,761	2,639	(122)
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	2,162	1,252	1,225	(27)
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT	408	241	233	(8)
CORPORATE SERVICES	6,085	3,665	3,602	(63)
HUMAN RESOURCES	5,980	3,148	2,973	(175)
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	7,563	4,310	4,123	(187)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	2,605	1,428	1,346	(82)
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
CORPORATE SERVICES	2,722	1,906	1,904	(2)
HUMAN RESOURCES	61,875	35,603	35,133	(470)
TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	(117)	(69)	(132)	(63)
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	24,599	10,492	10,240	(252)
OPERATIONS	668	384	341	(43)
GRAND TOTAL	119,080	65,121	63,627	(1,494)

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2010/2011 PROJECTION			ACTUAL POSITION AS AT OCTOBER 2010		
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1 st April 2010	1449	367	1816	1449	367	1816
New Members During Year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	1	0	1
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal Retirements/Deferred/Leavers	-96	-24	-120	-63	-4	-67
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	0	-2	0	0	0
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 st October 2010				1387	363	1750

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2010/11

Scheme	Year	Latest Budget £000s	Actuals to October 2010 £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>					
Asbestos Removal	9 of 9	14	42	55	+41
Drill Tower/Training Facility Upgrades	7 of 7	250	30	250	-
Training Centre Refurbishment	3 of 3	21	0	21	-
Solihull refurbishment	2 of 3	1,687	232	1,376	-311
Walsall refurbishment	2 of 3	1,722	161	1,531	-191
Boiler replacement programme	2 of 4	342	114	342	-
Lighting/Electrical Upgrades	2 of 2	70	65	70	-
Retentions/Completed Schemes	On going	186	10	186	-
<u>VEHICLES</u>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	On going	3,200	652	2,006	-1,194
<u>ICT & EQUIPMENT</u>					
Thermal Image Cameras	3 of 3	201	0	176	-25
RPE Replacement Project	3 of 3	184	124	184	-
Other Equipment	1 of 1	8	8	8	-
E-Business Project	7 of 7	314	73	150	-164
Oracle Licensing	4 of 4	26	0	26	-
Fire Control Voice Recording System	3 of 3	12	9	12	-
ICT Upgrades/Replacements	1 of 1	10	10	10	-
Grand Total		8,247	1,530	6,403	-1,844
<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>		£000s		£000s	£000s
Supported Capital Expenditure		8,990		6,403	-2,587
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	0
Capital Grants/Contributions		1,599		0	-1,599
Capital Receipts to be Applied		1,082		0	-1,082
Direct Revenue Financing		3,409		0	-3,409
TOTAL		15,080		6,403	-8,677
SURPLUS(+)/DEFICIT(-)		6,833		0	