

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

19 SEPTEMBER 2016

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 2016 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 2016/2017 Council Tax requirement is £37.874 million and the revenue budget is £97.413 million. Actual spend to August 2016, including commitments, was £41.600 million compared to a projected budget of £41.710 million, an overall favourable variance of £0.110 million. This mainly relates to savings arising from staff vacancies across Support Services and additional income, offset by an overspend in expenditure on Operational staffing.

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

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2016/2017 is £7.933 million. A scheme analysis is shown on Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of August 2016 is shown as £0.828 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 2016
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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PHIL LOACH
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

MIKE GRIFFITHS
TREASURER

REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO AUGUST 2016
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	LATEST BUDGET 2016/2017 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT -MENTS £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
DEVOLVED BUDGETS				
Corporate Management	3,319	2,017	1,975	-42
Service Support				
People Support Services	5,549	2,308	2,238	-70
Business Development	94	44	47	3
Operational Preparedness	1,199	527	482	-45
Operational Assurance	407	177	188	11
Finance & Resources	4,473	1,724	1,676	-48
ICT	4,042	1,500	1,432	-68
Service Delivery				
Operations	50,659	21,061	21,225	164
CORPORATE BUDGETS				
Service Support				
People Support Services	2,645	1,036	1,032	-4
Operational Preparedness	0	55	64	9
Finance and Resources	19,996	9,188	9,170	-18
Service Delivery				
Response	5,065	2,106	2,123	17
Prevention	-14	0	0	0
Protection	-21	-33	-52	-19
TOTAL (NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT)	97,413	41,710	41,600	-110
Grant Funding	- 59,539	-29,658	-29,658	0
TOTAL (COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT)	37,874	12,052	11,942	-110

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**NON-FINANCIAL
INFORMATION**

	2016/17 PROJECTION				ACTUAL POSITION AS AT AUGUST 2016*			
	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL	1992 FPS	2006 FPS	2015 FPS	TOTAL
Members of FPS at 1st April 2016	470	16	887	1,373	470	16	887	1,373
New Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opt-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Members during year	-33	-5	38	-	-9	-4	13	-
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-5	-5	-	-	-	-
Retirements	-66	-1	-	-67	-20	-	-	-20
Opt-Out	-	-	-4	-4	-	-	-8	-8
Leavers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7	-7
Ill-Health Retirements	-3	-	-	-3	-	-	-	-
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31st August 2016					441	12	885	1,338

* Note: Excludes any Auto-Re-Enrolments in August 2016

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2016/17

Scheme	Year 2016/17	Latest Budget £'000	Actuals August 2016 £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000
<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>					
Coventry Fire Station	2 of 3	2,412	87	2,412	-
Aston Fire Station	2 of 4	191	9	179	-12
Training at Height Facilities	11 of 11	363	3	363	-
Boiler Replacement Programme	Ongoing	306	3	306	-
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	132	0	132	-
Windows/Door Replacement	Ongoing	131	0	131	-
Rewires	Ongoing	210	0	210	-
Bilston Modification Works	1 of 1	90	32	88	-2
X-Plan	1 of 1	299	0	299	-
Haden Cross Fire Station	4 of 4	49	1	50	+1
Dignity at Work	3 of 3	4	4	4	-
Secondary Control Room Relocation	1 of 1	350	7	350	-
<u>VEHICLES</u>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	3,007	630	3,001	-6
<u>ICT & EQUIPMENT</u>					
MDT Upgrade / Replacements	1 of 1	310	0	300	-10
Oracle Licensing	8 of 8	25	0	25	-
PBX Upgrade	2 of 2	54	52	54	-
Grand Total		7,933	828	7,904	-29
<u>Funded By</u>					
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	-
Capital Grants / Contributions		2,485		2,485	-
Capital Receipts to be Applied		1,105		1,105	-
Revenue Financing / Earmarked Reserves		4,343		4,314	-29
TOTAL		7,933		7,904	-29
SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)					