

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

26TH JUNE 2006

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 May 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.

Briefly the areas of expenditure covered are:-

Devolved Budgets

These cover budgets directly relating to station/section level activities such as non-uniformed employee related costs, premise costs and localised publicity.

Group Commands – these consist of the nine Borough Commands, one for each Borough except Birmingham, which is split between North, Central and South.

Corporate Management – covers the costs of Principal Officers, their support and Democratic Representation, i.e. Members, etc.

Performance and Planning – includes the costs of Performance Management.

Community Protection – consists of Fire Control, Fire Safety Centres, Community Risk Management, Prevention and Intervention.

Human Resources – covers Personnel Services, Training and Equality and Diversity.

Technical Services – includes Fleet and Estates Management, ICT and Procurement.

Administration – includes Security, Cleaning, Catering, Word Processing, Business Processes and Corporate Services.

Finance – includes Capital and Insurance charges.

Corporate Budgets

Community Protection – purchase and maintenance of hydrants. Petroleum and Explosive Licences.

Human Resources – predominantly uniformed pay and related expenditure.

Technical Services – consists of Estate Management and Brigade purchases managed by the Procurement Section.

Administration – business rates and management of external services.

Finance – predominantly costs relating to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.

3.2 **Capital Expenditure**

The Authority's approved capital programme for 2006/2007 is £14.066 million. The provisional 2005/2006 capital outturn has identified a number of adjustments which need to be brought into the 2006/2007 Capital Programme with the resulting increased expenditure being matched by an equivalent level of funding established during the Authority's 2005/2006 closedown of accounts process. A scheme analysis is shown in Appendix B. Expenditure to the end of May is shown as £0.198 million.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report, an initial Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken which did not raise issues which required a full Equality Impact Assessment to be completed.

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 2006
Finance Office Budget Monitoring Files

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REVENUE MONITORING SUMMARY TO MAY 2006

	LATEST BUDGET 2006/2007 £'000	PROFILED BUDGET £'000	ACTUALS + COMMIT. £'000	VARIANCE TO PROFILED BUDGET £'000
<u>DEVOLVED BUDGETS</u>				
GROUP COMMANDS	3,132	564	553	(11)
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	1,179	224	213	(11)
PERFORMANCE AND PLANNING	206	34	39	5
COMMUNITY PROTECTION	4,627	388	392	4
HUMAN RESOURCES	2,721	369	358	(11)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	7,477	1,806	1,825	19
ADMINISTRATION	2,604	472	483	11
FINANCE	6,274	526	500	(26)
<u>CORPORATE BUDGETS</u>				
COMMUNITY PROTECTION	83	15	(8)	(23)
HUMAN RESOURCES	59,717	9,461	9,371	(90)
TECHNICAL SERVICES	3,964	1,497	1,500	3
ADMINISTRATION	1,620	1,408	1,401	(7)
FINANCE	15,274	2,678	2,660	(18)
GRAND TOTAL	108,878	19,442	19,287	(155)

CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2006/07

Scheme Ref	Scheme	Year	Approved Budget 13 Feb 2006 £000s	Adjust- ments £000s	Total £000s	Actuals to May 2006 £000s	Fore- cast £000s	Variance £000s
	<u>LAND & BUILDINGS</u>							
FS0036	HQ Relocation	1 of 3	9,600	0	9,600	1	9,600	
FS0047	Control Room Relocation	1 of 1	500	250	750	0	750	
FS0037	Stourbridge Refurbishment	2 of 3	1,118	32	1,150	68	1,150	
FS0030	Deep Lift Well Alterations	2 of 5	124	0	124	0	124	
FS0028	Security Measures	3 of 2	40	-29	11	0	11	
FS0029	BA Servicing Rooms – Upgrade	3 of 3	14	-11	3	0	3	
FS0013	Equality and Diversity Works	3 of 3	120	-74	46	2	46	
FS0032	Drill Tower/Facility Upgrades	3 of 3	15	172	187	2	187	
FS0006	Asbestos Removal	6 of 5	0	49	49	11	49	
FS0009	HCFS Fire Experience Facility	5 of 1	17	0	17	0	17	
FS0007	Northfield Refurbishment	6 of 3	25	0	25	0	25	
FS0046	Appliance Relocation (IRMP)	1 of 1	50	0	50	0	50	
	Retentions (completed schemes)	Ongoing	0	11	11	0	11	
FS0035								
	<u>ICT</u>							
FS0004	Integrated Computer System	3 of 4	600	500	1,100	27	1,100	
	MDT Hardware Replacement/AVL	4 of 2	0	94	94	45	94	
FS0039								
FS0048	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>							
	Home Fire Safety Checks	3 of 4	310	197	507	41	507	
	Rescue Equipment	1 of 4	50	0	50	0	50	
FS0020								
	<u>VEHICLES</u>							
	Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	1,483	512	1,995	1	1,995	
	Grand Total		14,066	1,703	15,769	198	15,769	+0
	<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>							
	Supported Capital Expenditure		3,732	0	3,732		3,732	
	Prudential Borrowing		6,000	1,000	7,000		7,000	
	Capital Grants/Contributions		310	0	310		310	
	Capital Receipts		250	0	250		250	
	Earmarked Reserves/Direct Revenue Financing		3,778	703	4,481		4,481	
	TOTAL		14,070	1,703	15,773		15,773	+0
	SURPLUS(+) / DEFICIT(-)		4	0	4		4	+0

