

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**19 FEBRUARY 2018**

## **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 January 2018 with the actuals to that date. Devolved budgets are managed by the Section responsible for incurring the expenditure as opposed to corporate budgets, which are managed by the named Section 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 £95.569 million. As part of the Authority's 2018/2019 budget setting process the current year's budget has been revised and reflects an estimated transfer to earmarked balances of £0.300 million. Actual spend to January 2018, including commitments, was £80.229 million compared to a projected budget of £80.247 million, an overall favourable variance of £0.018 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 £13.823 million. A scheme analysis is shown on Appendix C. Expenditure to the end of January 2018 is shown as £2.711 million.

The main forecast variances within the capital programme relate to:

Coventry Fire Station – demolition time extended 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 September 2017 and approval was given on 15 January 2018.

Vehicle Replacement Programme – completion of the Pump Rescue Ladder appliances now anticipated in the second quarter of 2018/19 and slippage on a number of ancillary vehicles.

## 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 JANUARY 2018</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	2,401	1,948	1,939	-9
Corporate Charges	614	601	599	-2
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	6,013	4,832	4,834	2
Business Development	227	191	192	1
Intelligence and Innovation	1,628	1,363	1,368	5
Finance & Resources	4,827	3,948	3,938	-10
ICT	4,422	3,989	3,979	-10
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Operations	51,368	42,452	42,430	-22
<b>CORPORATE BUDGETS</b>				
<b>Service Support</b>				
People Support Services	2,825	2,238	2,211	-27
Business Development	-500	-300	-227	73
Intelligence and Innovation	15	59	49	-10
Finance and Resources	14,339	13,050	13,036	-14
ICT	170	140	157	17
<b>Service Delivery</b>				
Response	5,200	4,271	4,260	-11
Prevention	-2	0	0	0
Protection	-64	-68	-78	-10
<b>Other Income &amp; Expenditure</b>	1,786	1,533	1,542	9
<b>Appropriation to Reserves</b>	300	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL (NET BUDGET REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>95,569</b>	<b>80,247</b>	<b>80,229</b>	<b>-18</b>
Grant Funding	- 56,192	-48,026	-48,026	0
<b>TOTAL (COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>32,221</b>	<b>32,203</b>	<b>-18</b>

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEMES**

NON-FINANCIAL INFORMATION	2017/18 PROJECTION				ACTUAL POSITION AS AT JANUARY 2018			
	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	-	-	48	48
Opt-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Members during year	-34	-2	36	-	-29	-2	31	-
Transfers from Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Pension Schemes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirements	-45	-	-	-45	-24	-	-	-24
Opt-Out	-	-	-	-	-1	-1	-19	-21
Leavers	-	-	-12	-12	-	-	-20	-20
Ill-Health Retirements	-2	-	-1	-3	-	-	-	-
Members of the Fire Pension Schemes as at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018					307	10	952	1,269

**CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2017/18**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Year 2017/18</b>	<b>Latest Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actuals January 2018 £'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	100	-164
Roof Replacements	Ongoing	66	0	83	+17
Windows/Door Replacement	Ongoing	553	102	553	-
Rewires	Ongoing	332	229	272	-60
Coventry Fire Station	3 of 5	4,954	896	1,964	-2,990
Primary Control Primary	1 of 2	50	26	50	-
Aston Fire Station	3 of 5	3,910	120	200	-3,710
Secondary Control Room Relocation	2 of 2	42	40	42	-
<b><u>VEHICLES</u></b>					
Vehicle Replacement Programme	Ongoing	3,130	811	1,035	-2,095
<b><u>ICT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>					
MDT Upgrade/Replacements	4 of 4	46	23	46	-
Oracle Licensing	9 of 9	25	0	0	-25
Fire Control C+C Upgrade	5 of 5	98	98	98	-
Other Equipment	1 of 1	36	35	36	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>13,823</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>4,805</b>	<b>-9,018</b>
<b><u>Funded By</u></b>					
Prudential Borrowing		0		0	0
Capital Grants / Contributions		129		129	0
Capital Receipts to be Applied		0		0	0
Revenue Financing / Earmarked Reserves		13,694		4,676	-9,018
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,823</b>		<b>4,805</b>	<b>-9,018</b>
<b>SURPLUS(-)/DEFICIT(+)</b>					