

Worcestershire Regulatory Services

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Joint Committee 26th September 2013

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES BUDGET MONITORING APRIL – JUNE 2013

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- 1.1 Consider and note the financial position for the period April – June 2013
- 1.2 Approve the drawdown of the £21k severance costs from the partner councils as identified in Appendix 3 and allocated on the original partner shares.

Contribution to Priorities

The robust financial management arrangements ensure the priorities of the service can be delivered effectively.

Introduction/Summary

This report presents the financial position for Worcestershire Regulatory Services for the period April – June 2013.

Background

Quarterly financial reports are presented for consideration by the Management Board. It is appropriate, due to timing that the report for April – June is presented to this meeting.

Report

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. There is a projected underspend for the year of £27k. Due to staff vacancies, long term sick and maternity there is a projected underspend within salaries of £305k, this is offset by an anticipated overspend on agency staffing of £292k.

The additional agency costs will impact on 2013/14 only as there has been an increase for the service together with supporting the implementation of the new ICT system.

Information Management System

Appendix 2 details the anticipated expenditure for the costs associated with the implementation of the new management information project. As previously reported there is a saving of £282k from the costs originally included in the business case which will not be drawn down from partner authorities.

It is anticipated that the implementation costs will be spent during 2013/14 as shown in appendix 2.

In addition to the implementation costs there will be annual revenue costs resulting from the software, licence charges and service maintenance with the new system. These costs are currently estimated at £79k per annum and are included in Appendix 2.

It is anticipated that funding for these costs will only be required from participating councils for two years only.

Severance Costs

Appendix 3 details the cost of redundancy / pension strain to be drawn from partners to date and the balance remaining as per the original business case.

Financial Implications

None other than those stated in the report

Sustainability

None as a direct result of this report

Contact Points

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Background Papers

Detailed financial business case
