

Worcestershire Regulatory Services

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Joint Committee 21st November 2013

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES BUDGET MONITORING APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2013

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- 1.1 Consider and note the financial position for the period April – September 2013

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 – September 2013.

Background

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

Report

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. It is not anticipated that there will be a variance on the budget for this financial year.

There are significant underspends across the service due to staff vacancies, long term sick and maternity levels which will generate savings of around £426k in 2013/14. However, this is offset by an anticipated overspend on agency staffing of £438k due to additional costs impacting on 2013/14 as there has been an increase for the service together with supporting the implementation of the new ICT system. This will only be a cost in this financial year and will not impact on future years savings realisation.

A report has recently been considered by Management

Board in relation to the number of calls and enquiries on behalf of WRS. It is evident that a significantly higher number are being answered than previously anticipated. Therefore it has been agreed that further funding for two I staff from 1st November 2013 to 31st March 2013 be made available from WRS to assist with these additional costs.

Capital / New systems

Appendix 2 details the anticipated expenditure for the one off costs associated with the implementation of the project. As previously reported there is a saving of £282k from the costs originally included in the business case.

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

In addition to the one off 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.

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
