

Joint Committee
19th February 2015

**WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES BUDGET MONITORING APRIL –
DECEMBER 2014**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:-

- 1.1 Consider and note the financial position for the period April – December 2014

**Contribution to
Priorities**

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

Introduction/Summary

To report to the Joint Committee the Financial Position of the Regulatory Services Function for the period April – Dec 2014/15.

Background

Quarterly financial reports are presented for consideration by the Management Board.

Reports

The following reports are included for Joint Committee's Attention:

- Revenue Monitoring April – Dec 14 – Appendix 1
- ICT System projected financial position 2014/15 – 2015/16 - Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn underspend of £138k, however with the £114k pension deficit for 14-15 offset this leaves a final outturn underspend of £24k. This underspend is mainly due to :

- A number of vacant posts, this underspend is offset by the costs associated with additional agency staff being used to cover the vacancies and to assist with the data cleanse of the new system. It was agreed

that the agency staff recruited to data cleanse the new system would be funded by the partner councils as part of the transformation costs. However it is estimated that all associated agency costs will be met from other savings within the service and not require further funding from partners. In addition the savings realised from the HOS post have been factored into the financial position, offset slightly by the costs of the interim management arrangements

- .During 2014-15 WRS has been successful in securing the following income streams:-
 - Animal Feed Grant - £46k
 - Secondments - £36k
 - Contaminated Land Work Glous City Council - £14k
 - Dog Warden Tewkesbury & Cheltenham - £15k
 - Nuisance Work for Tewkesbury - £27k
 - Sewer Baiting Grant - £12k
 - FSA Inter Authority Audit - £11k
- Costs associated with additional work for partners, eg bereavement charges and works in default is offset by additional income received.
- Both additional forward funding costs (£69k) and deficit funding costs (£114k) have been met from savings realised across the service.
- The budget for domestic pest treatment for the four partners who offer this service (Bromsgrove, Redditch, Wychavon & Wyre Forest) has a total projected overspend of £35k. It is expected that partners will find the overspend at the end of the financial year and therefore the overall projected underspend will increase.

ICT System Projected Costs

Appendix 2 details the expenditure for the one off costs associated with the implementation of the project for 2014/15. There is a possibility that the budget could be reduced by a further £50k, but with the uncertainty over the cost of the mobile working and the costs associated with the move to Wyre Forest it is proposed that a decision on the reduction should be made at the end of the financial year.

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