

Worcestershire Regulatory Services

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Joint Committee 18th February 2016

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – DECEMBER 2015

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – December 2015

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 2015/16.

Background

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

Report

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

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

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn underspend of £143k, this underspend is an estimation to the year end based on current level of expenditure. The underspend is mainly due to:-

- Head of WRS post was vacant from April to September 15 this has generated a projected outturn saving of £93k, part of this saving is offset by an interim HOS costing £10k
- Other vacant posts, maternity leave, long term sick etc within the service however most of these savings have been offset by the costs associated with additional agency staff being used to cover these vacancies

If spend Apr – Dec continues the same for Jan – March 16 there will be a projected overspend on Pest Control of £33k. The repayment of this from partners has been included in the income projections and in a separate table in Appendix 1.

Income includes £54k worth of Disturbance Allowance, 50% to be recharged to County and the other 50% to be split equally between the Districts. Contracts on Nuisance Work, Air Quality, Contaminated Land and Stray Dogs generating £101k and Feed Grant received from CEnTSA £45k

Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.

Should the underspend of £143k be realised this will be used to offset the cost of the pension deficit for 2015-16

ICT System Projected Costs

Appendix 2 details the expenditure for the one off costs associated with the implementation of the project for 2015/16. Capital expenditure to Dec 15 is £70k which is the costs associated with the ICT transfer to Wyre Forest.

It is anticipated a further capital spend of around £10k will be spent on remote and mobile working, releasing a further £20k from the capital budget. There will be no requirement for a capital budget in 2016-17, however it is anticipated a capital refresh budget will be needed to refresh specialist equipment such as noise monitors etc in future years.

Financial Implications

None other than those stated in the report

Sustainability

None as a direct result of this report

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Background Papers

Detailed financial business case