

Worcestershire Regulatory Services Board 22nd June 2016

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – MARCH 2016 & ANNUAL RETURN

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – March 2016
- 1.2 Approve the refund of the 2015/16 underspend of £149k to the participating Councils.

Council	Refund of Savings £'000
Bromsgrove	17
Malvern Hills	15
Redditch	20
City of Worcester	20
Wychavon	26
Wyre Forest	19
Worcestershire County Council	32
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Contribution to Priorities

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

Introduction/Summary

This report presents the final financial position for Worcestershire Regulatory Services for the period April – March 2016, The financial statements included in the appendices include:-

- Annual Revenue 2015/16 final position
- Annual Return
- Annual Position of ICT Information Management System.

Background

The financial accounts have been reported to the Joint Committee on a quarterly basis and the final account position has been shared with the partner finance teams to enable accounting arrangements to be completed.

Report

The following reports are included for the Board's attention:

- Revenue Monitoring April – March 16 – Appendix 1
- ICT System projected financial position 2015/16 - Appendix 2
- Redundancy / Pension Strain – Appendix 3
- WRS Annual Statement 2015-16 + Analysis – Appendix 4

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a final outturn underspend of £149k. Whilst a saving was anticipated at Quarter 3 the final position exceeds that expected. This is mainly due to:-

- Agency Staff required to cover vacant posts, maternity etc was lower than originally anticipated.
- There is a significant underspend on IT, due to uncertainty of the costs associated with the transfer of IT from Bromsgrove to Wyre Forest.
- There is a significant increase in income mainly due to:-
 - Bereavement (From partners) £16k
 - Primary Authority Work £6k
 - DWP Access to Work £5k
 - Court Income (Re-paid to OLA) £8k
 - Stray Dog Income (Re-paid to OLA) £13k
 - CEnTSA Feed Grant £10k
 - Trading Standards business advice £5k
 - Analyser at Wychbold (Wychavon) £10k
 - Stafford Planning Support Work £2k
 - Pest Control Overspend (From partners) £33k
- Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.

The 2015/16 underspend of £149k, is proposed to be refunded back to partners as below:-

Bromsgrove	£17,193
Malvern Hills	£14,524
Redditch	£20,354
Worcs City	£19,937
Wychavon	£26,408
Wyre Forest	£18,923
Worcs County	£31,777

This takes into account the adjustment for the overspend on Pest Control.

Pension Fund

The Redundancy / Pension Strain funding required from partners for 2015/16 is as follows:-

Bromsgrove	£49,266
Malvern Hills	£41,618
Redditch	£58,325
Worcs City	£57,128
Wychavon	£75,673
Wyre Forest	£54,223
Worcs County	£122,797

Specific Redundancy costs have been attributed to Partners where relevant and the remainder distributed on percentage share. Finance teams have been advised of the payments and refunds to be made.

ICT System Projected Costs

Appendix 2 details the expenditure for the one off costs associated with the implementation of the project for 2015/16.

The capital funding required from partners for 2015/16 is £78k allocated as:-

Bromsgrove	£9,040
Malvern Hills	£7,637
Redditch	£10,702
Worcs City	£10,483
Wychavon	£13,885
Wyre Forest	£9,949
Worcs County	£16,708

Revised savings from original business case of £1.5m is now £827k 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.

Annual Return

There is no longer a requirement for the accounts for Worcestershire Regulatory Services to be audited separately as they are included in the main audit for Bromsgrove District Council. For members information officers have continued to prepare the Annual Return as included at Appendix 4.

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