

WRS Board
5th October 2017

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – JUNE 2017

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board :

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – June 2017

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 2017.

Background

The financial monitoring reports are presented to this meeting on a quarterly basis.

Report

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

- Revenue Monitoring April – June 17 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown – April – June 17 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn underspend of £9k, it is appreciated this is an estimation to the year end based on current level of expenditure. The following assumptions have been made:-

- There are a number of vacant posts within the service and these together with savings resulting from maternity leave, long term sick etc., result in a projected underspend in salaries. This is offset by the costs associated with additional agency staff being used to cover the vacancies, sick and to support the additional income generation. Officers will ensure the reliance on agency cover is as minimal as possible.
- Based on the spend from April – June 2017 in relation



to pest control, there will be an estimated overspend of £11k. Appendix 1 shows this cost recovered from partner councils and officers will continue to monitor and analyse the impact on each council. The individual cost allocation will be advised to partner councils once the information is analysed. It is proposed that partner councils are advised of their share of the actual cost to date at quarter 2 for inclusion in council reporting.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – June 17. £73k worth of income was received in quarter 1 against a full year budget of £284k. It is difficult this early in the year to give a clear picture of income outturn figures however, if the same income trend continues for the rest of the year the full year income target of £284k will be achieved. If the predicted potential level of income is achieved, this figure will be exceeded. Last year's income included sums from the County Council which makes it difficult to identify any seasonal variations or similar potential changes that might impact on the volume of income achieved on a quarterly basis. Therefore there will be some uncertainty as this stage on predicted outturn figures. WRS Team Managers will continue to closely monitor income and expenditure and a clearer picture will be available by quarter 2.
- Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.
- All Partners have agreed to cover pension back-funding costs by making an advance payment to cover the next 3 years from 2017/18.

The District partner percentages for all other costs incurred or refunds for 2017/18 will be:-

- Bromsgrove 14.52%
- Redditch 17.49%
- Wyre Forest 15.30%
- Wychavon 23.16%
- Malvern 12.77%
- Worcs City 16.76%

This reflects the agreement excluding the County Council.

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