

## Worcestershire Regulatory Services Board

16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2017

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – September 2017
- 1.2 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2017-18 in relation to Pest Control and Bereavements

Council	2017-18 Projected Outturn for Pest Control £000	Apr – Sept 17 Actual for Bereavements £000
Redditch	2	2
Wyre Forest	4	
Wychavon	3	
Worcs City		4
Bromsgrove		2
	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>

#### 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 2017.

#### Background

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

## Report

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

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

### Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn savings of which will be refunded to partners of £14k, 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 savings in salaries. This is offset by the costs associated with additional agency staff being used to cover the vacancies, sick and to support the service where staff is working on additional income generation projects. Officers will ensure the reliance on agency cover is as minimal as possible. However two FTE's are working within the Community Environmental Health team to help tackle the backlog of nuisance issues and address some of the issues raised by the Food Standards Agency. One FTE is being used in Technical Services to cover the high level of sickness reported at the previous meeting.
- If April to Sept 17 spend on pest control continues on the same trend for the rest of year, there will be a projected overspend on this service of £9k. WRS officers have continued to analyse the overspend and the following is the projected full year overspend to be funded from each partner, this income has been included in the £335k income projected outturn.

Redditch	£2k
Wychavon	£3k
Wyre Forest	£4k

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Sept 17 to be funded by partners. These costs are charged on an as and when basis. Due to the nature of the charges it is not possible to project a final outturn figure:-

Worcs City	£4k
Redditch	£2k
Bromsgrove	£2k

Again this income is included in the £335k income projected outturn.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Sept 17. £158k worth of income was achieved in the first half of the year against a full year budget of £284k. This is a slight improvement on the picture from quarter1 and the service is now predicting a slightly reduced outturn of £335k due to the likelihood of achieving slightly less on Primary Authority activity.
- Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.

**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

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