

Worcestershire Regulatory Services Board

16th November 2017

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICE BUDGETS 2018/19 – 2020/21

Recommendation

It is recommended that the WRS Board:

- 1.1 Approve the gross expenditure budget of £3,378k as shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Approve the income budget of £353k as shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Approve the revenue budget allocations for 2018/19 – 2020/21.

Bromsgrove	£439k
Malvern	£386k
Redditch	£529k
Worcester City	£507k
Wychavon	£701k
Wyre Forest	£463k
Total	£3,025k

- 1.4 Recommend to partner councils the approved level of budget allocations.

Contribution to Priorities

The production of a robust budget position enables partners and the service to manage the financial position of the organisation.

Introduction/Summary

This report presents the revenue budget for 2018/19 – 2020/21 in relation to Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

Background

Officers from Partner Councils have considered the proposed budget for 2018/19 – 2020/21 and would recommend its approval to Members.

Report

The following reports are included for WRS Boards Attention:

- WRS Budget Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21 – Appendix 1
- WRS Income Budget Breakdown 2018/19 – Appendix 2

WRS Budgets 2018/19

Appendix 1 shows the 2018-19 – 2020/21 budget breakdown for a district partnership.

A significant amount of work has been undertaken to assess the budget requirement to enable the services to be undertaken and it officers have looked to continue to deliver efficiencies to meet budget pressures.

As detailed below there is an assumed increase in pay for all staff of around 2% which will result in an additional pressure of £26k in 2018/19 arising to £163k by 2020/21. Within the budget projections included at Appendix 1, officers have estimated that additional income or savings need to be made to meet these additional costs rather than request further funding from partners.

The following assumptions have been made in relation to the projections:

- 2% pay award across all staff for 2018/19 – 2020/21. This will be subject to the National Pay Negotiations that are ongoing and therefore the final position will reflect any formally agreed increases, the budget also includes any employee entitled to an incremental increase. This will increase the gap in funding of £163k by 2020/21.
- Income projections as included at Appendix 2.
- No inflationary increases in supplies and services, premises or transport.
- Pension back-funding deficit has been paid in advance by all partners.

By 2020/21 should the additional income not be met there would be a potential increase to partner funding of:-

Bromsgrove	£24k
Malvern	£21k
Redditch	£28k
Worcester City	£27k
Wychavon	£38k
Wyre Forest	£25k
Total	£163k

Financial Implications

None other than those stated in the report

Sustainability

None as a direct result of this paper

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Background Papers

Detailed financial business case