

WRS Board

15th February 2018

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – DECEMBER 2017

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board :

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – December 2017
- 1.2 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2017-18 in relation to Pest Control and Bereavements
- 1.3

Council	2017-18 Projected Outturn for Pest Control £000	Apr – Dec 17 Actual for Bereavements £000
Redditch	2	2
Wyre Forest	4	
Wychavon	3	
Worcs City		5
Bromsgrove		2
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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 financial position for Worcestershire Regulatory Services for the period April – December 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 – December 17 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown – April – December 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 £21k, 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. Due to the continued sickness issue we will be retaining the services of several contractors to the end of the financial year to deal with food inspection backlogs and to provide additional support for air quality activities. Officers will ensure the reliance on agency cover is as minimal as possible.
- If April to Dec 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 £336k income projected outturn.

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

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Dec 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	£5k
Redditch	£2k
Bromsgrove	£2k

Again this income is included in the £336k income projected outturn.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Dec 17. At £247k, the income achieved puts the service on target to slightly exceed the level required to meet the budget for the year. This projected over achievement of income is as a

result of the hard work the team have undertaken to generate further revenue.

- 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