

WRS Board 4th October 2018

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – JUNE 2018

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – June 2018
- 1.2 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2018-19 in relation to Bereavements
- 1.3

Council	Apr – June 18 Actual for Bereavements £000
Redditch	5
Malvern	3
Worcs City	6
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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 – June 2018.

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 – June 18 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown – April – June 18 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn overspend of £16k, this is due to the recruitment of a technical officer on a 2 year contract (started 2nd July 18) to support delivery of additional income generation via Primary Authority work. It was agreed by Officer members of the board that this cost would be funded by the partner councils. Taking the additional cost of £20k into consideration, this would show a projected outturn saving of £4k. We have yet to include this funding from partners in the income calculation but this will be amended for quarter 2.

Members will also note that service managers have made an investment of £9,000 in kit to support the monitoring of nuisances related to dust, smoke and similar particulate matter. This has been particularly helpful this summer as the good weather has created some significant issues with building sites close to existing housing development. Given the level of development envisaged across Worcestershire in the coming years, managers are confident this will be a very useful addition and it will provide a potential income generation opportunity by offering this service to our neighbouring authorities.

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.
- If April to June 18 spending on pest control continues on the same trend for the rest of year, there will be no overspend on this service this year. WRS officers will continue to monitor and analyse this spend and advise of any changes in quarter 2.
- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – June 18 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

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outturn figure:-

Worcs City	£6k
Redditch	£5k
Malvern	£3k

This income is included in the £321k income projected outturn.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – June 18.
- 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

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Background Papers

Detailed financial business case