

WRS Board 15th November 2018

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICE BUDGETS 2019/20 – 2021/22

Recommendation

The following recommendations are caveated due to the current position in Wyre Forest where they are considering some potential savings for 2019/20. This may necessitate re-visiting the budget position at February Joint Board. However the legal agreement requires members to approve the budget at the November meeting. This vote must be unanimous by all partners. It is recommended that the WRS Board:

- 1.1 Approve the gross expenditure budget of £3,506k as shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Approve the income budget of £489k as shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Approve the revenue budget allocations for 2019/20 – 2021/22.

Bromsgrove	£439k
Malvern	£386k
Redditch	£529k
Worcester City	£499k
Wychavon	£701k
Wyre Forest	£463k
Total	£3,017k

- 1.4 Approve the revised partner percentage allocations for 2019/20 onwards:-

	%
Bromsgrove	14.55
Malvern	12.79
Redditch	17.53
Worcester City	16.54
Wychavon	23.24
Wyre Forest	15.35

1.5 Approved the additional partner liabilities in relation to three additional Technical Officers.

Council	Tech Officer Primary Authority £000	Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Tech Officer Gull Control £000
Redditch	5	2	
Malvern	4	10	
Worcs City	5	4	14
Bromsgrove	4	6	
Wychavon	7	9	
Wyre Forest	5	5	
Total	30	36	14

1.6 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 2019/20 – 2021/22 in relation to Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

Background

Officers from Partner Councils have considered the proposed budget for 2019/20 – 2021/22 and would recommend its approval to Members.

Report

The following reports are included for WRS Boards Attention:

- WRS Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2021/22 – Appendix 1
- WRS Partner Contributions Breakdown 2019/20 – 2021/22 – Appendix 2
- WRS Income Budget Breakdown 2019/20 – Appendix 3

WRS Budgets 2019/20

Appendix 1 shows the 2019-20 – 2021/22 budget breakdown for a district partnership .

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

- 2% pay award across all staff for 2019/20 and a 1% pay award for 2020/21 and 2021/22. 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.

- Total partner contribution as included in Appendix 2
- Income projections as included at Appendix 3.
- No inflationary increases in supplies and services, premises or transport.
- Pension backfunding deficit has been paid in advance by all partners.

From April 19 Worcester City are changing their procedures for carrying out taxi tests. The price of the taxi test will be deducted from the price of the taxi licence and the fee for the taxi test will be paid direct to the garage. Therefore WRS will need to refund Worcester City £8k, which is the budget at WRS for these tests. This will result in a slight change in the partner percentages as per below:-

	Current %	Revised %
Bromsgrove	14.51	14.55
Malvern	12.76	12.79
Redditch	17.49	17.53
Worcester City	16.76	16.54
Wychavon	23.17	23.24
Wyre Forest	15.31	15.35

By 2020/21 and 2021/22 should the additional income for unavoidable salary pressures not be met there would be a potential increase to partner funding of:-

Council	2020/21	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Bromsgrove	6	12
Malvern	5	10
Redditch	7	14
Worcester City	7	13
Wychavon	10	19
Wyre Forest	6	12
Total	41	80

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

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