

WRS Board 14th February 2019

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – DECEMBER 2018

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

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

Council	Apr–Dec 18 Actual for Bereavements £000	Estimated 2018/19 for Pest Control £000
Redditch	6	5
Malvern	4	
Worcs City	9	
Bromsgrove	1	
Wychavon		2
Wyre Forest		1
Total	20	8

- 1.3 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2018-19 in relation to three additional Technical Officers

Council	Estimated 2018/19 Tech Officer Primary Authority £000	Estimated 2018/19 Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Estimated 2018/19 Tech Officer Gull Control £000
Redditch	3	1	
Malvern	3	2	
Worcs City	3	1	3
Bromsgrove	3	1	
Wychavon	4	2	
Wyre Forest	3	1	
Total	19	7	3

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 – Dec 2018.

Background

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

Report

The following reports are included for Board's attention:

- Revenue Monitoring April – Dec 18 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown – April – Dec 18 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn 2018/19 surplus of £2k. It is appreciated this is an estimation to the year end based on current level of expenditure and income. 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 vacancies, sickness and to support the service where staff are working on additional income generation projects.
 - Included in the salary figure is the cost of three Technical Officer's.
 - A Technical Officer recruited July 18 (2 year fixed term contract) to support delivery of additional income generation via Primary Authority. It has been agreed this officer will be funded by partner councils on the current partner percentage basis.
 - A Technical Officer to work on the new licensing laws for animal activities, projected recruitment mid Jan 19. This officer will be funded by partner councils based on the number of animal licences within each council, the income for animal activity licensing will be realised in Councils general licensing income.
 - Technical Officer to carry out additional work on Gull Control for Worcester City, projected recruitment mid Feb 19 (2 year fixed term contract) this officer will be recharged to Worcester City only.
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These figures have been included in the projected outturn income figure.

- It is anticipated there will be a projected overspend on pest control 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.

Redditch	£5k
Wychavon	£2k
Wyre Forest	£1k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Dec 18 to be funded by partners. These costs are charged on an as and when basis. Due to the nature of the charge it is not possible to project a final outturn figure:-

Redditch	£6k
Malvern	£4k
Worcs City	£9k
Bromsgrove	£1k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Dec 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

Contact Points

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Background Papers

Detailed financial business case