

WRS Board
28th November 2019

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICE BUDGETS 2020/21 – 2022/23

Recommendation

The following recommendations are caveated due to the current position in Wyre Forest where they are considering some potential savings for 2020/21. This may necessitate re-visiting the budget position at the February Board meeting. 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 2020/21 gross expenditure budget of £3,547k as shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Approve the 2020/21 income budget of £530k as shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Approve the revenue budget allocations for 2020/21 – 2022/23.

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

1.4 Approve the partner percentage allocations for 2020/21 onwards:-

	%
Bromsgrove District Council	14.55
Malvern Hills District Council	12.79
Redditch Borough Council	17.53
Worcester City Council	16.54
Wychavon District Council	23.24
Wyre Forest District Council	15.35

1.5 Approve the additional partner liabilities for 2020/21 in relation to unavoidable salary pressure and increase in WRS pension forward funding rate.

Bromsgrove District Council	£13k
Malvern Hills District Council	£11k
Redditch Borough Council	£16k
Worcester City Council	£15k
Wychavon District Council	£21k
Wyre Forest District Council	£14k
Total	£90k

1.6 Approved the additional partner liabilities for 2020/21 in relation to three additional Technical Officers.

Council	Tech Officer Primary Authority – 3 Months £000	Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Tech Officer Gull Control £000
Bromsgrove District Council	1	6	
Malvern Hills District Council	1	9	
Redditch Borough Council	1	1	
Worcester City Council	1	4	30
Wychavon District	2	9	

Council			
Wyre Forest District Council	1	4	
Total	7	33	30

1.7 Recommend to partner councils the approved level of budget allocations.

Introduction/Summary

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

This report presents the revenue budget for 2020/21 – 2022/23 in relation to Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

Officers from Partner Councils have considered the proposed budget for 2020/21 – 2022/23 and would recommend its approval to Members.

Report

The following elements are included in this report for WRS Board Member's Attention:

- WRS Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2022/23 – Appendix 1
- WRS Partner Contributions Breakdown 2020/21 – 2022/23 – Appendix 2
- WRS Income Budget Breakdown 2020/21 – Appendix 3

WRS Budgets 2020/21

Appendix 1 shows the 2020-21 – 2022/23 budget breakdown for the district councils' partnership.

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

- 2% pay award across all staff for 2020/21 and a 1% pay award for 2021/22 and 2022/23. 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.
- The pension forward funding rate for WRS has increased from 15.7% to 16.9%
- 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 back-funding will be paid by all partners.

The unavoidable salary pressures and the increase in the WRS pension forward rate from 15.7% to 16.9% for future years are not able to be met currently by WRS making additional income, therefore an increase to partner funding will be required of:-

Council	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£'000	- Cumulative £'000	- Cumulative £'000
Bromsgrove District Council	13	20	26
Malvern Hills District Council	11	17	22
Redditch Borough Council	16	24	31
Worcester City Council	15	23	30
Wychavon District Council	21	31	41
Wyre Forest District Council	14	21	28
Total	90	136	178

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