

WRS Board
11th February 2021

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING April – Dec 2020

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – Dec 2020
- 1.2 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2020-21 in relation to Bereavements

Council	Apr–Dec 20 Actual for Bereavements £000
Redditch Borough Council	9
Malvern Hills District Council	6
Worcester City Council	10
Bromsgrove District Council	5
Total	30

- 1.3 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2020-21 in relation to Pest Control

Council	Estimated Projected Outturn Recharge in Relation to Pest Control 2020/21 £000
Redditch Borough Council	7
Wychavon District Council	6
Bromsgrove District Council	1

1.4 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2020-21 in relation to three additional Technical Officers

Council	Estimated Projected Outturn 2020/21 Tech Officer Income Generation £000	Estimated Projected Outturn 2020/21 Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Estimated Projected Outturn 2020/21 Gull Control £000
Redditch Borough Council	2	2	
Malvern Hills District Council	1	8	
Worcester City Council	2	3	35
Bromsgrove District Council	1	5	
Wychavon District Council	2	7	
Wyre Forest District Council	1	4	
Total	9	29	35

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 2020.

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 – Dec 20 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown - April – Dec 20 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. The revised budget 2020/21 excludes the increase in ICT & Rent at Wyre Forest as discussed in the previous budget agenda. This shows a projected outturn 2020/21 of £44k surplus . It is appreciated this is an estimation to the year end based on following assumptions:-

- There are two vacant posts within the service, we have assumed no recruitment to either the Business & Relationship Manager and the Regulatory Apprentice for the current year.
- If April to Dec 20 spend on pest control continues on the same trend for the rest of year, there will be an overspend on this service of £14k. WRS officers will continue to monitor and analyse this spend and advise of final recharges for 2020/21 as soon as possible. The projected outturn figure to be funded by partners is:-

Redditch Borough Council	£7k
Wychavon District Council	£6k
Bromsgrove District Council	£1k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Dec 20 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 Borough Council	£9k
Malvern Hills District Council	£6k
Worcester City Council	£10k
Bromsgrove District Council	£5k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- The current forecast out-run reflects a number of factors created by the pandemic that have meant some areas of expenditure have been more limited this year, particularly in the dog contracts and the spend on DBS checks in licensing. As has been explained in the Service Plan, the Food Standards Agency's suspension of the food inspection programme has led to a large backlog of inspection visits, which we are expecting to have to catch-up with at some

point. The partners will need to give some consideration of this in the future and how these activities could be funded. Creating a special reserve for this may be an option for officer members of the board to consider.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Dec 20
- 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
