

**WRS Board**  
**24th June 2021**

**WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL –  
MARCH 2021 & ANNUAL RETURN**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – March 2021
- 1.2 Approve transfers to WRS Reserves of £30k to purchase dog warden van, £15k for DBS Checks & £25k for Food Inspections
- 1.3 Approve the 2020/21 refund of £78k to the participating Councils.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Refund from 2020/21 £'000</b>
Bromsgrove District Council	11
Malvern Hills District Council	10
Redditch Borough Council	14
Worcester City Council	13
Wychavon District Council	18
Wyre Forest District Council	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

## **Contribution to Priorities**

The robust financial management arrangements ensure the priorities of the service can be delivered effectively.

## **Introduction/Summary**

This report presents the final financial position for Worcestershire Regulatory Services for the period April – March 2021. In addition a number of financial statements are appended to this report.

## **Background**

During the financial year quarterly financial reports are presented for consideration by the Partners and the Board.

## **Report**

The following reports are included for Board's Attention:

- Revenue Monitoring Statement 2020/21 - Appendix 1
- Annual Statement 2020/21 - Appendix 2
- Annual Statement Analysis 2020/21 – Appendix 3
- WRS Income Analysis 2020/21 – Appendix 4
- Reserve Statement – Appendix 5

### Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a final outturn refund of £148k, this represents 4.6% of the actual budget and is mainly due to:-

- A significant underspend on the stray dog contracts due to the service dealing with fewer straying incidents. Likely to be related to people working from home due to the covid pandemic
  - A number of aspects of planned expenditure also fell foul of the pandemic eg purchase of replacement vans.
  - The deferment of some expenditure in licensing to help the trade manage financially during the pandemic.
  - Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.
  - As requested by this Board Appendix 1 details explanations relating to the variances.
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- It is proposed that the £148k is allocated as follows:-
  - i. To transfer to WRS Reserves:-
    - £30k to purchase a stray dog van
    - £15k for DBS Checks
    - £25k for Food Inspections
  - ii. The remaining £78k, is proposed to be refunded back to partners as per below:-

Bromsgrove District Council	£11,323
Malvern Hills District Council	£9,950
Redditch Borough Council	£13,636
Worcs City Council	£12,868
Wychavon District Council	£18,075
Wyre Forest District Council	£11,758

The refund to partners takes into account the adjustment for the overspend on Pest Control and all other charges to partners.

All partners have been advised of all recharges and refunds for completion of their statement of accounts.

**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