

WRS Board 10th February 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING April – December 2021

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – December 2021
- 1.2 Approve £20k transfer to WRS reserves towards purchase of dog warden van
- 1.3 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2021-22 in relation to Bereavements

Council	Apr–Dec 21 Actual for Bereavements £000
Bromsgrove District Council	2
Malvern Hills District Council	10
Redditch Borough Council	2
Worcester City Council	4
Wychavon District Council	1
Total	19

- 1.4 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2021-22 in relation to Pest Control

Council	Estimated Projected Outturn 2021/22 Pest Control £000
Bromsgrove District Council	1
Redditch Borough Council	7



Wychavon District Council	8
Total	16

1.5 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2021-22 in relation to three additional Technical Officers

Council	Estimated Projected Outturn 2021/22 Tech Officer Income Generation £000	Estimated Projected Outturn 2021/22 Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Estimated Projected Outturn 2021/22 Gull Control £000
Bromsgrove District Council	4	7	
Malvern Hills District Council	3	5	
Redditch Borough Council	4	1	
Worcester City Council	4	2	68
Wychavon District Council	6	10	
Wyre Forest District Council	4	6	
Total	25	31	68

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 – December 2021.

Background

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

Report

The following reports are included for Joint Board's Attention:

- Revenue Monitoring - April – Dec 21 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown - April – Dec 21 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn 2021/22 of £141k refund to partners. It is appreciated this is an estimation to the year-end based on following assumptions:

- A number of employees are working on grant funded Covid related work and a small amount of work in other grant related areas. Agency staff costs are being incurred to backfilling of these employees, however due to the national shortage of suitable qualified staff, which creates difficulties in recruiting agency replacements, this is resulting in a significant saving within salaries.
- Officer Members of the Board have agreed to reserve a further £20k to the purchase of stray dog vans in 2022/23. This is due to further delays in the supply chain due to the international shortage of micro-chip components. Each partner authority contribution is:

Bromsgrove District Council	£3k
Malvern Hills District Council	£3k
Redditch Borough Council	£3k
Worcester City Council	£3k
Wychavon District Council	£5k
Wyre Forest District Council	£3k

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Dec 21 to be funded by partners. These costs are charged on an as and when basis. Due to the nature of the nature of the activity, it is not possible to project a final outturn figure:

Bromsgrove District Council	£2k
Malvern Hills District Council	£10k
Redditch Borough Council	£2k
Worcester City Council	£4k
Wychavon District Council	£1k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- If April to Dec 21 spend on pest control continues on the same trend for the rest of year, there will be an overspend on this service of £16k. WRS officers will continue to monitor and analyse this spend and advise of final recharges for 2021/22 as soon as possible. The projected outturn figure to be funded by partners is:

Bromsgrove District Council	£1k
Redditch Borough Council	£7k
Wychavon District Council	£8k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Dec 21



- 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