

WRS Board
23rd June 2022

**WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL –
MARCH 2022 & ANNUAL RETURN**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April –
March 2022
- 1.2 Approve the 2021/22 refund of £397k to the
participating Councils.

Council	Refund from 2021/22 £'000
Bromsgrove District Council	58
Malvern Hills District Council	51
Redditch Borough Council	70
Worcester City Council	66
Wychavon District Council	92
Wyre Forest District Council	60
Total	397

**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 2022. 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 Joint Board.

Report

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

- Revenue Monitoring Statement 2021/22 - Appendix 1
- Annual Statement 2021/22 - Appendix 2
- Annual Statement Analysis 2021/22 – Appendix 3
- WRS Income Analysis 2021/22 – Appendix 4
- Reserve Statement – Appendix 5

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a final outturn refund of £397k, this represents 12.2% 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. Officers have noted an increase in stray dog numbers, so similar underspend should not be anticipated in 22-23.
 - The inability to recruit like for like numbers of employees to backfill capacity committed to pandemic response work.
 - Members should note that it was agreed at the Feb 22 Board that £20k could be reserved to supplement the existing reserve for new stray dog vans.
 - The outturn underspend is £160k greater than that forecasted at qtr 3. This is largely due to an additional £130k of income in relation to support for Covid Comf grant funded work.
 - 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 £397k is allocated as follows:-

Bromsgrove District Council	£57,961
Malvern Hills District Council	£50,930
Redditch Borough Council	£69,800
Worcs City Council	£65,867
Wychavon District Council	£92,523
Wyre Forest District Council	£60,186

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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