

**WRS Board**  
**17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING April – Sept 2022**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board:

1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – Sept 2022

1.2 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2022-23 in relation to Pest Control

<b>Council</b>	<b>Projected Outturn for Pest Control £000</b>
Redditch Borough Council	6
Wychavon District Council	7
Worcester City Council	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

1.3 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2022-23 in relation to Bereavements

<b>Council</b>	<b>Apr–Sept 22 Actual for Bereavements £000</b>
Bromsgrove District Council	8
Malvern Hills District Council	4
Redditch Borough Council	2

Worcester City Council	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

1.4 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2022-23 in relation to three additional Technical Officers

<b>Council</b>	<b>Estimated Projected Outturn 2022/23 Tech Officer Income Generation £000</b>	<b>Estimated Projected Outturn 2022/23 Tech Officer Animal Activity £000</b>	<b>Estimated Projected Outturn 2022/23 Gull Control £000</b>
Redditch Borough Council	6	2	
Malvern Hills District Council	4	7	
Worcester City Council	5	2	70
Bromsgrove District Council	5	8	
Wychavon District Council	8	13	
Wyre Forest District Council	5	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>70</b>

1.5 Approve the additional partner liabilities for 2022/23 in relation to the additional increase in pay award and recommend the increase to individual partner councils:-

<b>Council</b>	<b>£000</b>
Bromsgrove District Council	17
Malvern Hills District Council	15
Redditch Borough Council	20
Worcester City Council	19
Wychavon District Council	27



Wyre Forest District Council	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>

1.6 Approve additional partner liabilities for 2022/23 in relation to the additional increase in hosting cost in Wyre Forest and Bromsgrove relating to ICT, accommodation and support staffing costs and recommend the increase to individual partner councils:-

<b>Council</b>	<b>2022/23 Increase in Rent £000</b>	<b>2022/23 Increase in ICT Hosting £000</b>	<b>2022/23 Increase in Support Hosting £000</b>
Bromsgrove District Council	0.8	0.4	0.7
Malvern Hills District Council	0.7	0.4	0.6
Redditch Borough Council	1.0	0.5	0.9
Worcester City Council	0.9	0.5	0.8
Wychavon District Council	1.3	0.7	1.2
Wyre Forest District Council	.8	0.5	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.0</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 financial position for Worcestershire Regulatory Services for the period April – Sept 2022.

## **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 – Sept 22 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown - April – Sept 22 – Appendix 2

### Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1.. This shows a projected outturn 2022/23 of £1k refund to partners. It is appreciated this is an estimation to the year end based on following assumptions:-

- A 2% pay award has been added to the April to Sept Actual & projected outturn figures.
- Agency staff costs are being incurred due to backfilling of staff working on grant funded work & other contractual work eg food recovery programme, contaminated land.
- If April to Sept 22 spend on pest control continues on the same trend for the rest of year, there will be a overspend on this service of £14k. WRS officers will continue to monitor and analyse this spend and advise of any changes in the projected outturn figure at quarter 3. The projected outturn figure to be funded by partners is:-

Redditch Borough Council	£6k
Wychavon District Council	£7k
Worcester City Council	£1k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Sept 22 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:-

Bromsgrove District Council	£8k
Malvern Hills District Council	£4k
Redditch Borough Council	£2k
Worcester City Council	£6k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.



- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Sept 22
- Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.
- WRS budgeted for a 2% pay award in 2022-23. The current proposed pay award of £1,925 per annum on all pay points (pro rata for part time work) as now been accepted by employers and unions, the additional pressure on WRS salaries will be £115,757. WRS are unable to cover this increase, therefore an increase to partner funding will be required of:-

<b>Council</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
	<b>£</b>
Bromsgrove District Council	16,843
Malvern Hills District Council	15,083
Redditch Borough Council	20,292
Worcester City Council	19,146
Wychavon District Council	26,902
Wyre Forest District Council	17,491
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,757</b>

- When hosting charges was set in November 2021 it was impossible to anticipate the level of cost increases faced by local authorities in terms of pay award, utility costs and the wider impact of high inflation. In order to avoid placing a significant burden on hosting authorities in year, members are asked to agree to the following increases in hosting charges below:-

<b>Council</b>	<b>2022/23 Increase in Rent £</b>	<b>2022/23 Increase in ICT Hosting £</b>	<b>2022/23 Increase in Support Hosting £</b>
Bromsgrove District Council	811	434	728
Malvern Hills District Council	725	388	651
Redditch Borough Council	977	522	877
Worcester City Council	921	493	827
Wychavon District Council	1,294	692	1,162
Wyre Forest District Council	842	450	756
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>5,000</b>

Because the quarter 2 revenue monitoring information required to complete the QRO's has been sent to partner councils, we are unable to amend the April – Sept reports. If agreed these changes will reflect in quarter 3 revenue monitoring reports.

### **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