

WRS Board
16th November 2023

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING April – Sept 2023

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – Sept 2023

1.2 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2023-24 in relation to Bereavements

Council	Apr–Sept 23 Actual for Bereavements £000
Bromsgrove District Council	3
Redditch Borough Council	14
Worcester City Council	5
Total	22

1.3 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2023-24 in relation to Pest Control

Council	Projected Outturn for Pest Control £000
Redditch Borough Council	6
Worcester City Council	8
Total	14



1.4 That partner councils are informed of their liabilities for 2023-24 in relation to three additional Technical Officers

Council	Estimated Projected Outturn 2023/24 Tech Officer Income Generation £000	Estimated Projected Outturn 2023/24 Tech Officer Animal Activity £000	Estimated Projected Outturn 2023/24 Gull Control £000
Redditch Borough Council	6	2	
Malvern Hills District Council	4	7	
Worcester City Council	6	2	65
Bromsgrove District Council	5	9	
Wychavon District Council	8	14	
Wyre Forest District Council	5	8	
Total	34	42	65

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 2023.

Background

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

Report

The following reports are included for Board's Attention:

- Revenue Monitoring - April – Sept 23 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown - April – Sept 23 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn 2023/24 surplus of £24k. It is appreciated this is an estimation to the year-end based on following assumptions:

- A 2% pay award has been added to the projected outturn figures, as per the original budget. We have reserved



£120k from last year surplus to accommodate an enhanced pay award in 23-24.

- Agency staff costs are being incurred due to backfilling of staff working on other contractual work eg food recovery programme, contaminated land & work for other local authorities, these costs are covered by vacant posts & income generation.
- If April to Sept 23 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 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	£8k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Sept 23 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	£3k
Redditch Borough Council	£14k
Worcester City Council	£5k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- Appendix 2 shows the detail of the income achieved by WRS April – Sept 23
- 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

