

WRS Board
29th February 2023

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING April – Dec 2023

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

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

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

Council	Apr–Dec 23 Actual for Bereavements £000
Bromsgrove District Council	4
Malvern Hills District Council	1
Redditch Borough Council	17
Worcester City Council	10
Total	32

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	7
Wychavon District Council	8
Total	15



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
Bromsgrove District Council	5	9	
Malvern Hills District Council	5	7	
Redditch Borough Council	6	2	
Worcester City Council	6	3	65
Wychavon District Council	8	14	
Wyre Forest District Council	5	8	
Total	35	43	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 – Dec 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 – Dec 23 – Appendix 1
- Income Breakdown - April – Dec 23 – Appendix 2

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a projected outturn 2023/24 surplus of £3k. It is appreciated this is an estimation to the year-end based on following assumptions:

- The pay award has now been agreed and included in the revenue monitoring statement. We reserved £120k from last year surplus to accommodate the 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 Dec 23 spend on pest control continues on the same trend for the rest of year, there will be a overspend on this service of £15k. 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	£7k
Wychavon District Council	£8k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

- The following is the actual bereavements costs Apr – Dec 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	£4k
Malvern Hills District Council	£1k
Redditch Borough Council	£17k
Worcester City Council	£10k

This income is included in the income projected outturn.

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