

WRS Board
27th June 2024

**WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL –
MARCH 2024 & ANNUAL RETURN**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – March 2024
- 1.2 Approve the 2023/24 deficit of £1,198 to be funded from the WRS general reserve.
- 1.3 Approve the additional spend of £3,325 on dog vans to be funded from the WRS general reserve.

**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 2024. 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 Board's Attention:

- Revenue Monitoring Statement 2023/24 - Appendix 1
- Annual Statement 2023/24 - Appendix 2
- Annual Statement Analysis 2023/24 – Appendix 3
- WRS Income Analysis 2023/24 – Appendix 4
- Reserve Statement – Appendix 5



Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a final outturn deficit of £1.2k, this represents 0.03% of the actual budget and is mainly due to the slight extension of Agency staff for food law enforcement work following engagement with the Food Standards Agency. This was agreed between the Head of Service and relevant Officer Members of the Board.

Other items for members to note are:

- Agency staff costs were incurred due to backfilling of staff working on other contractual work e.g., food recovery programme, contaminated land & work for other local authorities, these costs are covered by vacant posts & income generation.
- The pest control 2023/24 outturn figure to be funded by partners is £14,795, as per below:

Redditch Borough Council	£7,215
Wychavon District Council	£7,580

This income is included in the income outturn figure.

- The bereavements 2023/24 outturn figure to be funded by partners is £44,685 as per below:

Bromsgrove District Council	£10,187
Malvern Hills District Council	£3,007
Redditch Borough Council	£17,203
Worcester City Council	£13,794
Wychavon District Council	£495

This income is included in the income outturn figure.

- The three additional Technical Officers to be funded by partners for 2023/24 is shown below:-

Technical Officer for Income Generation	
Bromsgrove District Council	£5,208
Malvern Hills District Council	£4,662
Redditch Borough Council	£6,273
Worcester City Council	£5,997
Wychavon District Council	£8,317
Wyre Forest District Council	£5,409



Technical Officer for Animal Activity	
Bromsgrove District Council	£8,864
Malvern Hills District Council	£6,745
Redditch Borough Council	£1,927
Worcester City Council	£2,891
Wychavon District Council	£14,453
Wyre Forest District Council	£8,286

Technical Officer for Gull Control	
Worcester City Council	£65,300

This income is included in the income outturn figure.

- Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.
- It is requested that the final outturn deficit amount of £1,198 be funded from the WRS general reserve.
- As requested by the Board Appendix 1 details explanations relating to the variances.

All partners have been advised of all recharges and refunds for completion of their statement of accounts.

After several years of waiting for delivery of the 3 replacement Dog Warden vans ordered using the relevant Government Procurement framework, and incurring some hire costs whilst waiting, in the absence of this system functioning, the service went directly to a local supplier and succeeded in purchasing the three vans. This cost is reflected in the out-run for 2023/24. For several years, the board agreed to reserve a portion of the service's underspend to enable the service to purchase these vans, however due to the time elapsed and the fact that the purchase was made directly, there is a small shortfall on this reserve of £3,325 still to be funded. It is requested that this shortfall is funded from the WRS general reserve.

Financial Implications

None other than those stated in the report

Sustainability

None as a direct result of this report

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