



WRS Board
26th June 2025

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES REVENUE MONITORING APRIL – MARCH 2025 & ANNUAL RETURN

Recommendation	<p>It is recommended that the Board:</p> <p>1.1 Note the final financial position for the period April – March 2025</p> <p>1.2 Approve that the 2024/5 surplus of £54,227 be added to the WRS reserve, to assist with addressing any upcoming cost pressures. If not approved the surplus balance will be refunded to partners.</p>
Contribution to Priorities	<p>The robust financial management arrangements ensure the priorities of the service can be delivered effectively.</p>
Introduction/Summary	<p>This report presents the final financial position for Worcestershire Regulatory Services for the period April – March 2025. In addition, a number of financial statements are appended to this report.</p>
Background	<p>During the financial year, quarterly financial reports are presented for consideration by the Partners and the Joint Board.</p>

Report

The following reports are included for Board's Attention:

- Revenue Monitoring Statement 2024/25 - Appendix 1
- Annual Statement 2024/25 - Appendix 2
- Annual Statement Analysis 2024/25 – Appendix 3
- WRS Income Analysis 2024/25 – Appendix 4
- Reserve Statement – Appendix 5

Revenue Monitoring

The detailed revenue report is attached at Appendix 1. This shows a final outturn surplus of £54k, this represents 1.3% of the actual budget and is due to:-

- Agency staff costs 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.
- WRS had another successful year and has over achieved the budgeted income by £512k, a breakdown of all income is shown in Appendix 4
- As requested by the Board Appendix 1 details explanations relating to the variances.
- The pest control 2024/25 outturn figure to be funded by partners is £24,110, as per below:

Redditch Borough Council	£10,267
Wychavon District Council	£13,843

This income is included in the income outturn figure.

- The bereavements 2024/25 outturn figure to be funded by partners is £24,624 as per below:

Bromsgrove District Council	£4,961
Malvern Hills District Council	£9,582
Redditch Borough Council	£6,999
Worcester City Council	£800
Wychavon District Council	£2,282

This income is included in the income outturn figure.

- The Technical Officers to be funded by partners for 2024/25 is shown below:-

Technical Officer for Animal Activity	
Bromsgrove District Council	£8,949

Malvern Hills District Council	£6,960
Redditch Borough Council	£1,989
Worcester City Council	£3,181
Wychavon District Council	£15,511
Wyre Forest District Council	£9,148

Technical Officer for Gull Control
Worcester City Council £34,700

This income is included in the income
outturn figure.

- It is requested that the final outturn surplus amount of £54,227 be added to the WRS reserves, to assist with any upcoming cost pressures. If this request is rejected the surplus will be refunded to partners.
- Any grant funded expenditure is shown separate to the core service costs as this is not funded by the participating Councils.

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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