

Revenue and Capital Monitoring to January 2007

Report of the Treasurer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report is part of the regular monitoring process undertaken throughout the year. It details the latest position on revenue and capital budgets, recommending action where necessary.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- a) Note progress on the revenue budget;
- b) Recommend that the Fire Authority approve the virements shown at paragraph 4; and
- c) Note progress on the Fire Authority's capital programme.

3 Background

As part of the regular monthly monitoring of the revenue budget, carried out by officers, net underspends were moved to balances following Fire Authority approval in October and December 2006, and February 2007.

This paper reports further movements as a result of monitoring to the end of January 2007.

Progress on the Fire Authority's capital programme for 2006/07 is also reported.



4 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Budget Variations following monitoring	£'000
Executive	
Investment income Budget has been increased several times, however Treasury projections remain higher than anticipated – this is a net underspend following allocation to reserves	(20)
Service Delivery	
Pay – Operations It is proposed that funding for temporary secondment is carried forward to 2007/08, when the secondment will be completed.	(16)
Pay – Prevention Payments for duties being undertaken by non-uniformed staff are likely to be overspent at the end of the year.	11
Pay – Prevention Staff savings have arisen following retirement and sickness.	(18)
Overtime – District Further savings are predicted on overtime.	(20)
Retained Duty System – Additional Hours An overspend has occurred on the miscellaneous aspect of this large budget in areas, such as vehicle movements, standbys, preparation for brigade visits, etc	16
Resources	
Uniforms An overspend is predicted here due to high levels of new recruits.	30
Laundry An overspend is likely, if spending continues at current levels.	10

The Net total is a £7,000 underspend. Other information, not yet costed, is that legal costs for the Retained Firefighters and Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations Employment Tribunal will be allocated to authorities under the agreed cost-sharing arrangements. It is hoped that this can be contained within the net underspend.



5 Capital Programme

Work is progressing on the schemes within the 2006/07 programme, with expenditure in January on Information Technology and building improvements.

An order has been placed for building improvements at Prees. Work has begun on procuring an Asset tracking system, and some refurbishment has been done on the Authority's training facilities.

6 Financial Implications

The financial implications are set out in this report.

7 Legal Comment

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

8 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

9 Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.

10 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.



Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*