

THAMES VALLEY FIRE CONTROL SERVICE



SUBJECT	TVFCS BUDGET OUTTURN 2022/23
PRESENTED TO:	JOINT COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	17 JULY 2023
LEAD OFFICER	RYAN MASLEN, DEPUTY HEAD OF FINANCE & PROCUREMENT, RBFRS
EXEMPT INFORMATION	NONE
ACTION	NOTE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide Joint Committee with the 2022/23 revenue budget outturn position for TVFCS.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Joint Committee **NOTE** the budget outturn position for 2022/23 as detailed in **Appendix A**.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The budget provision for TVFCS for 2022/23 agreed at the Joint Committee meeting in December 2021 was £2,512,725 with a contingency allocation of £150,000 available if required. The outturn for the year was £2,525,365, a variance of 0.50%.
- 3.2 **Appendix A** provides an in-depth review of the in-year performance across all areas.
- 3.3 The budget agreed made provision for an anticipated pay award for staff of 2%, effective from 1 July 2022. The final pay award agreed earlier this year was 7%, back-dated to July.

- 3.4 The higher than anticipated costs in relation to salaries and associated payments was mitigated to a large degree during the year, as a result of the unexpectedly high turnover experienced in the TVFCS staff group. This created periods where there were establishment vacancies whilst recruitment processes were undertaken. New members of staff enter the service on development rates of pay, which often delivers a further in year saving if they have replaced a member of staff on competent rates of pay.
- 3.5 Outside of staffing costs, there was an unexpected requirement in year to replace a number of touchscreens connected to the DS3000 ICS, which led to a small overspend against this budget allocation.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE TVFCS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This report complies with our statutory duty to collaborate.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The collaboration continues to deliver significant savings per annum for all three partners.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with Schedule 7, clause 12.1 of the legal agreement, costs are shared between partners in accordance with the cost apportionment model.
- 6.2 The 2022/23 budget set and subsequent in year performance complies with statutory regulations.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial performance is scrutinised on a monthly basis by the Head of TVFCS and quarterly through the service planning processes at Joint Coordinating Group. It is then subsequently reported to the Joint Committee as part of the wider quarterly performance reports to ensure strict controls are in place to maintain and monitor performance and value for money for all partners.

9. CONTRIBUTION TO SERVICE AIMS

- 9.1 The Committee provides oversight on behalf of the three Authorities of the performance of TVFCS fulfilling their statutory duty to make arrangements for

dealing with calls for help and summoning personnel (Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004).

10. PRINCIPAL CONSULTATION

- 10.1 Simon Harris, TVFCS Group Manager
- 10.2 Conor Byrne, Head of Finance and Procurement, RBFRS
- 10.3 Jim Powell, Area Manager Collaboration and Policy, RBFRS
- 10.4 Lead Finance contact at each respective partner as part of year-end closure of accounts process

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 TVFCS budget setting paper 2022/23, Joint Committee, 16 December 2021

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix A: Outturn Statement 2022/23

13. CONTACT DETAILS

- 13.1 Ryan Maslen, Deputy Head of Finance and Procurement, RBFRS