

# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



<b>MEETING</b>	Executive Committee
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	29 July 2015
<b>OFFICER</b>	David Sutherland, Acting Director of Finance & Assets
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Councillor Andy Dransfield
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>Budget Monitoring Performance and Debt Management April 2014 – March 2015 (Provisional Outturn)</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>To present an update of the provisional revenue and capital outturn position and debt management performance to 31 March 2015.</p> <p>The report at Appendix A is a provisional position pending final audit recommendation and confirmation of accounting adjustments to go through before a final position is reached.</p> <p>The provisional outturn is consistent with the forecast reported at Quarter 3, to the Committee on 18 March 2015.</p> <p>In overall terms the total favourable variance for the year was £1,811k (Appendix A, Table 1 - Variance Pre Adjustments).</p> <p>However, following additional transfers to reserves (as detailed below in items [a] to [c]) and mandatory year-end provisions totalling £1,689k (Appendix A, Table 1 - Year-end Adjustments), there is a residual favourable variance for the year of £122k (Appendix A, Table 1 - Variance (Post Adjustments)).</p> <p>This year-end position has been reached as a result of proactive management action.</p> <p>The transfers to reserves are as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) £1,200k transfer to the continuing projects reserve to fund the business and systems integration project.</li> <li>(b) £128k transfer to the redundancy and early retirement reserve to cover potential ill-health retirements.</li> <li>(c) £94k transfer to the funding pressures reserve to fund a number of known revenue pressures against the 2015/16</li> </ul>

	<p>budget.</p> <p>Mandatory year-end provisions totalling £267k were made to cover expected liabilities.</p> <p>The following movements to reserves were included within the original budget (approved at the Fire Authority meeting in February 2014) and have been transferred as planned:-</p> <p>(d) £1,704k revenue contribution to capital reserve to fund the future capital programme.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information and decision.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the provisional outturn forecast for the Fire Authority as at 31 March 2015 be noted.</li> <li>2. That the transfers to reserves ([a] to [c] in the Executive Summary) are approved and that the residual balance of the underspend (£122k) is transferred to the vehicle reserve once the final outturn figures have been confirmed.</li> <li>3. That the slippage of £2,981k on the capital programme is approved to be carried forward into 2015/16.</li> <li>4. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance to authorise any late changes to the movements in reserves and capital slippage amounts resulting from accounting adjustments needing to be made during the year-end closedown process.</li> <li>5. That should any changes to the amounts referred to above be required, then the Chief Finance Officer will report these to Members at the next available meeting.</li> </ol>
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	Management of our financial resources is a key risk to the Authority and the performance reports to Committee inform Members of the main financial risks facing the authority in year.
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	As set out in the main body of the report.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	None.
<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION</b>	None Applicable.

<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	None.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	None.
<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	The paper sets out how work has been progressing for achieving greater financial ownership and accountability for resources attached to the delivery of specific aims and objectives of the Authority.
<b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/15 to 2017/18, CFA Meeting February 2014 <a href="http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/3814/0734/4977/ITEM8MediumTermFinancialPlan201415to201718.pdf">http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/3814/0734/4977/ITEM8MediumTermFinancialPlan201415to201718.pdf</a>  Budget Monitoring Performance and Debt Management April – December 2014 <a href="http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/4214/2564/3780/ITEM6Q314-15BudgetMonitoringPerformanceDebtManagementExec.pdf">http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/4214/2564/3780/ITEM6Q314-15BudgetMonitoringPerformanceDebtManagementExec.pdf</a>
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix A – Budget Monitoring Performance and Debt Management April – March 2015 (Provisional Outturn).
<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	15 minutes.
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