

## Base Budget plus Committed Change

### Report of the Treasurer

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#### 1 Purpose of Report

This report shows the latest position on the base budget plus committed change, following budget reviews by heads of department.

#### 2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report, for inclusion in the budget summary shown in report 6

#### 3 Background

As the first step in the budget setting process, finance staff and heads of department have reviewed all current budgets. This review has taken into account both changes that have been made to date to the 2008/09 revenue budget, and anticipated changes for 2009/10 and future years.

Work on the base budget review is ongoing, and adjustments will be made throughout the budget setting process, and reported to members.

## 4 Revised Position following Review

	2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
<b>a) 2008/09 Budget</b>	20,058	20,058	20,058
<b>b) Committed Changes</b>			
Firefighters' Pensions	(55)	23	143
Leasing	(36)	(36)	(36)
Debt Charges:			
2008/09 Capital Programme (less charges for cancelled schemes, approved 2008/09)	46	46	46
MRP	(13)	(16)	(20)
Retained Review	91	91	91
Efficiencies 2007/08 –			
Ill Health redeployment	19	19	19
Recruit training	17	17	17
One off growth items 2008/09	(157)	(157)	(157)
Increase in growth items	61	66	66
Vehicle Repairs	0	(5)	(5)
Internal Audit	(4)	(4)	(4)
Firefighters Actuarial Valuation	0	50	50
<b>c) Other</b>			
<b>Contract car charges</b> – increase necessary in 2008/09, also affecting future years	8	8	8
<b>Conferences</b> – increased attendance for information gathering and development	5	5	5
<b>Hospitality</b> – correction to base budget, following previous in year adjustments	3	3	3
<b>Pay &amp; prices</b> – savings identified in 2008/09 which are ongoing	(60)	(60)	(60)
<b>Bounty payments</b> – payments to retained firefighters are to be phased out by 2010/11	(20)	(30)	(50)
<b>CPD payments</b> – retained duty system, likely to increase over future years	0	10	20
<b>Occupational Health services</b> – higher demand for consultations and medicals	5	5	5
<b>Fitness test equipment</b> – increased costs of preferred fitness testing for recruits	7	7	7
<b>Reduced income streams</b> – budgets reflected previous high levels of income generation	6	6	6
<b>Road Safety strategy</b> – reduction in costs following unexpected income generation	(8)	(8)	(8)
<b>Fire crimes reduction</b> – publicity material to encourage further reductions	4	4	4
<b>Information Management</b> – additional running costs required for data replication	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,980</b>	<b>20,105</b>	<b>20,211</b>
<b>Total movement in base budget</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>153</b>

## 5 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications other than those mentioned in the report.

## 6 Legal Comment

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## 7 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.

## 8 Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.

## 9 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	*