

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 recommend that the contents of this report are included in the Fire Authority's future budget plans.

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 2009/10 revenue budget, and anticipated changes for 2010/11 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

	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
a) 2009/10 Budget	20,779	20,779	20,779	20,779	20,779
b) Committed Changes					
Firefighters' Pensions	40	160	200	200	200
Leasing	(80)	(80)	(88)	(151)	(159)
Debt Charges:					
2009/10 Capital Programme	88	88	88	88	88
Phase 2 HQ project	38	135	135	135	135
Minimum Revenue Provision	(12)	(26)	(34)	(42)	(50)
Capital Fund contributions	0	(7)	(57)	(80)	(114)
Interest on Investments	140	140	140	140	140
Pay award	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
LGPS* Valuation	0	40	40	40	80
Firefighters' Pension Revaluation	50	50	50	100	100
Professional Subscriptions	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
Bounty payments	(10)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)
CPD**	10	20	20	20	20
Total	20,818	21,054	21,028	20,984	20,974
Total movement in base budget	39	236	-26	-44	-10

* LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme

** CPD – Continuing Professional Development

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	*