

NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

COMMITTEE:	NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE:	19 SEPTEMBER 2005
REPORT OF:	TREASURER
SUBJECT:	PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2005-2006

1. The attached schedule contains the estimated provisional outturn for the financial year 2005-2006 indicating that there will be an underspend of £360,492.
2. The main area of underspend is on pay due to activity levels being less than estimated, currently £283,067. However, the estimated underspend has been calculated on current activity levels and may change substantially within the next seven months given unpredictable factors such as the weather.
3. Premises expenditure is showing an underspend of £3,173. The original budget had estimated a full year's rental for the New Headquarters, Flintshire district offices and Wrexham district offices, as the buildings will not be occupied for a full year it is estimated that the savings on rent will be £35,000. However, these savings are offset by the increase in Non Domestic Rates due to the revaluation of the Fire and Rescue Authority buildings by the Valuation Office, current estimates show an overspend of £35,000.
4. The cost to the consolidated revenue account of financing the Capital Programme has increased by £30,667 over the original budget this is due to the Capital Expenditure for 2004-2005 being higher than anticipated because of the rollover of expenditure from previous years.
5. The cost of Insurance is £29,800 less than the original budget this is due to the increases being less than anticipated.
6. Overall the outturn estimate for income is higher than anticipated by £95,000 which is due to a number of factors; higher than anticipated interest income because of the high level of balances being held by the Authority; secondment of Fire and Rescue Service personnel at the Fire Service College; and additional income for Special Service Calls.

7. RECOMMENDATION

The outturn estimate is based on current levels of activity and as mentioned in the report this could change. It is therefore recommended that the underspend be noted and consideration of how to deal with the underspend be given at the next meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority when an updated outturn figure will be available.

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Treasurer
6 September 2005