

Performance and Resources Committee Meeting

| Date of Meeting | Wednesday 2 October 2019 | | | |
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| Paper Title | GCRB Running Costs 2018-19 | | | |
| Agenda Item | 7.b | | | |
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| Responsible Officer | Jim Godfrey, Finance and Resources Director | | | |
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1. Report Purpose

1.1. To update the Committee on the GCRB running costs for 2018-19.

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to **note** the running costs for 2018-19.

3. Report

3.1. The table below provides a summary of income and expenditure for 2018-19. The table compares expenditure for the financial year alongside the original budget (agreed in June 2018).

| | Period ending 31 July 2019 | | Original Budget 2018-19 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Allocated from Regional Grant 2018-19 | 445 | | 430 | |
| Total | | 445 | | 430 |
| | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Staffing | 321 | | 270 | |
| Board Costs | 71 | | 72 | |
| Audit | 29 | | 28 | |
| Consultancy | 19 | | 45 | |
| Other | 11 | | 15 | |
| Total | | 451 | | 430 |
| | | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | (6) | | 0 |

3.2. The income for 2018-19 consists of an amount set aside from the regional grant allocation (circa £89m).

- **3.3.** The following explanations are provided in respect of the key variances:
 - The budgeted staff costs of GCRB are based upon the staffing structure being implemented from 1 August 2018. The actual costs reflect the virement from consultancy to staff costs as a result of the Board decision on recruitment.
 - The actual cost includes the recruitment of a temporary Executive Assistant from May 2019. These additional costs (were not included within the original budget) and relate to the period of absence of the permanent post-holder.
 - The actual figures are based upon the draft financial statements at the end of July 2019. The figures include the year end accruals, including some non-cash adjustments e.g. holiday pay accrual.

4. Risk Analysis

4.1. There are no risks associated with this report.

5. Equalities Implications

5.1. There are no equalities implications as a direct result of this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1. There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

7. Resource Implications

7.1. The financial implications associated with the 2018-19 budget are set out in the report.

8. Strategic Plan Implications

8.1. GCRB running costs fund appropriate staffing and operational capacity to enable a range of activity related directly to the achievement of regional strategic goals, including delivery of a regional governance system, the effective management of regional finances and resources, and the coordination of a coherent and high quality regional curriculum which meets economic and social needs.