

# Leicestershire Partnership Revenues & Benefits

Final Outturn 2021/22

**Joint Committee** 

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform the Joint Committee of the financial performance of the Partnership for the year to 31 March 2022.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note financial performance of the Partnership for the year to 31 March 2022, and
- 2.2 To approve the transfers to earmarked reserves

### 3. INFORMATION

# **Budget Position**

- 3.1. The outturn position of the Partnership has been outlined in **Appendix 1** to this report. The key headlines have been detailed below for information.
- 3.2. As at 31 March 2022, the Partnership had a net underspend on the budget of £94,355.

| Table 2                 | Budget 31<br>March 2022 | Actual to 31<br>March 2022 | Variance to<br>Date | Timing<br>Differences | Variance<br>after Timing<br>Differences |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| INCOME                  | (£3,750,216)            | (£3,876,787)               | (£126,571)          | £0                    | (£126,571)                              |
| EXPENDITURE             | £3,750,216              | £3,782,433                 | £32,217             | £0                    | £32,217                                 |
| Over / (Under)<br>Spend | £0                      | (£94,355)                  | (£94,355)           | £0                    | (£94,355)                               |

- 3.3 The key variances to 31 March 2022 to bring to the attention of the Joint Committee are:
  - Refund of Court Costs £162,000, which have been already refunded to partners.
  - Underspends of:
    - > £18,000 for postage
    - ➤ £13,000 for printing and stationary
    - ➤ £79,000 on ICT software and equipment upgrade (Covered by reserve)
    - > £45,000 for FERIS
    - ➤ £20,000 liability expenses
  - Overspends:
    - > Payroll £13,000
    - Audit work on fraud checks for grants paid £25,000(net)
- 3.4 There is a direct link between partner contributions and expenditure incurred and therefore partner contributions have been adjusted by £183,000 to reflect the actual expenditure to date.

# 4 Reserves Position

| Table 2: Reserves                               | General  | Earmarked | Total    |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|
| Balance bfwd from 2020/21                       | £244,082 | £154,942  | £399,024 |
| Transfers from Reserves to reduce contributions | -£79,292 |           | -£79,292 |
| Set aside COVID post payment review work        |          |           | £0       |
| Use of COVID Review Reserve                     |          | -£50,000  | -£50,000 |
| Review on Automation                            | -£25,000 | £25,000   | £0       |
| Agency Cost/ Back Fill                          | -£40,000 | £40,000   | £0       |
| Transfers from Earmarked Reserves (IT costs)    |          | -£82,350  | -£82,350 |
| Carry forwards used in 2021/22                  | -£50,146 |           | -£50,146 |
| Transfers to Reserves                           | £94,355  |           | £94,355  |
| Transfer to FERIS Reserve                       | -£44,626 | £44,626   | £0       |
| Expenditure Carry forwards to 2022/23           | £0       |           | £0       |
| Closing Balance 2021/22                         | £99,372  | £132,218  | £231,590 |

- 4.2 The General fund position includes the £50,000 agreed minimum balance, which leaves a balance of £49,372 not yet allocated.
- 4.3 It is recommended that this £49,372 is placed in an earmarked reserve and used to cover project management costs relating mainly to the single employer project and expansion of the partnership.
- 4.4 The remaining earmarked reserves are given in the table below. Note there is £40,000 in the Agency Cost / Back fill reserve to be used to cover the need to have additional support for recovery and the pressure of government schemes, such as Energy Rebate and CARF applications. If this is not enough a request may be made for some of the new burdens funding provided for this purpose later in the year.

| Review on Automation          | £25,000  |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Agency Cost / Back Fill       | £40,000  |
| Transfer to FERIS Reserve     | £44,626  |
| ICT Reserve - ICT equipment & | £22,592  |
| Server                        |          |
| Total                         | £132,218 |

# Appendix 1: Leicestershire Revenues & Benefits Partnership Monitoring Report to 31st March 2022

| Expenditure / Income Type                        | 2020/21 Latest<br>Budget to Date | Actual to Date | Variance after<br>Timing<br>Differences | 2021/22 Total<br>Estimate<br>(Original) | 2021/22 Total<br>Estimate<br>(Revised) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|
|  | £                                | £              | £                                       | £                                       | £                                      |
| Employees  | 2,698,460                        | 2,716,380      | -17,920                                 | 2,698,460                               | 2,698,460                              |
| Premises Related Expenditure                     | 97,220                           | 95,965         | 1,255                                   | 97,220                                  | 97,220                                 |
| Transport Related Expenditure                    | 20,000                           | 6,733          | 13,267                                  | 20,000                                  | 20,000                                 |
| Supplies & Services                              | 858,710                          | 932,741        | -74,031                                 | 853,190                                 | 858,710                                |
| Central & Administrative Exp                     | 31,200                           | 30,615         | 585                                     | 31,200                                  | 31,200                                 |
| Revenue Income                                   | -3,620,778                       | -3,618,349     | -2,429                                  | -3,700,070                              | -3,620,778                             |
| Approved Cfwds                                   | -50,146                          | -50,146        | 0                                       | 0                                       | -50,146                                |
| Transfer from Reserves                           | -79,292                          | -79,292        | 0                                       | 0                                       | -79,292                                |
| Transfer from Reserves Covid Grant review        | 0                                | -50,000        | 50,000                                  |   | 0                                      |
| Transfer from reserves to cover ICT Server Costs | 0                                | -33,000        | 33,000                                  |   |  |
| Transfer from reserves to cover cost of ICT Kit  | 0                                | -46,000        | 46,000                                  |   |  |
| Other Expenditure - FERIS                        | 44,626                           | 0              | 44,626                                  | 0                                       | 44,626                                 |
| Other Income - FERIS                             | 0                                | 0              | 0                                       | 0                                       | 0                                      |
|  |                                  |                | 0                                       | 0                                       | 0                                      |
| Sum:   | 0                                | -94,355        | 94,355                                  | 0                                       | 0                                      |

## **Explanations**

|   | Variance at<br>31/03/22(Over) /<br>Under Spend<br>£ | Explanation £5k+  |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Salaries  | -15,000   | Over spend due to agreed pay award (1.75%) that was not budgeted for  |  |
| Training  | -3,000  | Variance > £5k  |  |
| Premises Related Expensiture                    | 1,000   | Variance > £5k  |  |
| Car Allowances                                  | 13,000  | Travelling expenses lower than anticipated due to reduced travel  |  |
| Computer Software Maintenance & Upgrade         | 19,000  | ICT Costs lower than anticipated  |  |
| Computer Software Maintenance & Upgrade -       | -65,000   | Additional Cost of ICT Kit  |  |
| Computer Software Maintenance & Upgrade         | -33,000   | ICT Capital Costs as agreed to be funded from reserves  |  |
| Computer Consumables                            | 5,000   | Variance > £5k  |  |
| Flexible working                                | 4,000   | Variance > £5k  |  |
| Printing & Stationery                           | 13,000  | Printng costs lower than anticipated  |  |
| Postages  | 18,000  | Postage costs lower than anticipated due to lower volumes and posting unit costs have not increased as much as anticipated  |  |
| Audit Fees (Additional Fees)                    | -75,000   | Additional Audit Fees incurred relating to Grant verifications  |  |
| Liability Expenses                              | 20,000  | The Courts have reduced the summons cost fee per case   |  |
| Remote Access                                   | 10,000  | No new Key Fobs required in 2022/23   |  |
| Subscription                                    | 4,000   | Variance > £5k  |  |
| Minor Variances                                 | 6,000   | Other Minor Variances   |  |
| Central & Administrative Exp                    | 1,000   | Variance > £5k  |  |
| Additional Income received from Courts          | 162,000   | Refund of over charged Court fees   |  |
| Other Income                                    | 18,000  | Income received to cover additional cost included above   |  |
| Contributions                                   | -183,000  | There is a direct link between partner contributions and expenditure incurred and therefore partner contributions have been adjusted to reflect the actual expenditure to date. |  |
| Transfer from Reserves Covid Grant review       | 50,000  | Transfer from Reserves to cover additional audit costs associated grant verification as a result of COVID   |  |
| Transfer from Reserves for ICT Costs            | 33,000  | Transfer from Reserves to cover ICT Server costs  |  |
| Transfer from Reserves to cover cost of ICT Kit | 46,000  | Transfer from Reserves to cover cost of ICT Kit - Laptops etc   |  |
| Net Other Expenditure & Income - FERIS          | 45,000  | Fraud and Error Reduction Incentive Scheme (FERIS) A budget of £45k has been bfwd from 2020/21 - Monies to be placed in   |  |
|   | 94,000  |   |  |