

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Christine Marshall, ARP Treasurer
To: ARP Joint Committee, 11 June 2019
Author: [Christine Marshall, Executive Director, Commercialisation]
Subject: ARP Financial Out-turn 2018-19
Purpose: To update the Joint Committee on the financial out-turn position for 18-19

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That the report and appendix be noted.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The 2018-19 financial year has resulted in a below budget spend of £91k overall (1% of the net budget). Appendix A provides more details on the variances.

1.2 Joint Committee in December 2018 approved the distribution of the 2018-19 surplus back to partners in the approved shares and the table below details the year end savings by partner:

Partner	Saving Share
Breckland Council	£25k
East Cambridgeshire Council	£16k
Fenland Council	£6k
Forest Heath Council	£11k
St Edmundsbury Council	£21k
Suffolk Coastal Council	£11k
Waveney Council	£1k
	£91k

1.3 The appendix also provides details on the remaining transformation funding held for the ARP, £50k is allocated for specific projects already which are continuing into 2019-20 and £100k remains un-allocated and available for future investment projects.

1.4 Joint Committee in December 2018 also approved the use of a 'smoothing' reserve to cover ICT refresh costs and the balances held in this reserve are shown in the appendix.

1.5 The efficiency targets have been fully achieved and are shown on the final page of Appendix A for information purposes.

2.0 OPTIONS

2.1 That the report and appendix be noted.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 The partner authorities have been fully supportive of ARP and have been prepared to take risks in order to generate returns, therefore it is appropriate that they should benefit from the surplus generated.

4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 To provide savings directly to the partners.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Data Protection; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

5.1 **Constitution & Legal**

5.1.1 The surplus distribution is based on the agreed principles and sharing methodology in the Shareholder Agreement.

5.2 **Financial**

5.2.1 Financial information is included at Appendix A.

5.3 **Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales**

5.3.1 In preparing this report, the Head of ARP and the Accountants at each authority have been involved in the preparation of the out-turn.

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 N/A.

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 EDMS – Electronic Document Management System

Background papers:-

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to Mandatory Service and Discretionary Services

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A Financial performance report