

# HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS FIRE BOARD

24 April 2009

## Revenue Monitoring Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Report by Chief Fire Officer

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### Background

This report sets out the current position of the revenue monitoring statement as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and the predicted year-end outturn.

### Current Situation

Total expenditure to date is £19,381,000 compared to a budget to date of £21,062,000. Members should note that £1,641,000 of this variance is principally attributable to the profiling of capital charges, budgeted for but not yet charged by Highland Council.

### Estimated Outturn

The estimated year-end outturn is £23,072,000, £474,000 less than the budget. This variance is primarily due to delays in the Firelink project which was to be funded from a £300,000 transfer from reserves. This funding will not now be required until 2009/10 and consequently the £300,000 will remain in reserves. The predicted under-spend, excluding the use of reserves, will therefore be £174,000. This prediction is consistent with previous estimates reported to the Board, and is less than one percent of the total revenue budget.

In line with Board policy, any revenue underspend will firstly be transferred to the revenue reserve fund – this will utilise approximately £110,000 of any underspend. In light of the future funding challenges on the Board's capital programme, permission is sought to utilise the remaining revenue underspend, currently estimated at £64,000, for capital purposes, i.e. Capital Funded from Current Revenue (CFCR), in 2008/09. This will free up more capital receipts to be carried forward into 2009/10 to fund capital works.

Members are also reminded that this is an emergency service and budgets can be affected by unpredictable variations in activity levels.

### Recommendation

1. That Members note the contents of this report
2. To approve the utilisation of CFCR for any remaining revenue underspend which cannot be transferred to revenue reserves (currently estimated at £64,000).

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**09 April 2009**

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### REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT

From 1st April 2008 to 28th February 2009

EXPENDITURE	Period to Date		Annual		Estimated Year End Variance £'000
	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Budget £'000	Est. Out-turn £'000	
WHOLETIME STATIONS (INC FIRE CONTROL)	6,452	6,165	6,901	6,777	(123)
COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNITS	742	748	815	774	(41)
RETAINED SERVICES	7,043	6,788	7,797	7,718	(79)
COMMUNICATIONS	444	517	739	570	(169)
SUPPORT SERVICES	2,021	2,072	2,351	2,283	(68)
FIRE FIGHTING AT SEA	88	147	96	96	0
MEMBERS	63	14	68	45	(23)
ADMINISTRATION	1,030	1,042	1,131	1,159	28
<b>GROSS OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>17,881</b>	<b>17,492</b>	<b>19,898</b>	<b>19,422</b>	<b>(476)</b>
CAPITAL CHARGES	1,641	-	1,970	1,970	0
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>19,523</b>	<b>17,492</b>	<b>21,868</b>	<b>21,392</b>	<b>(476)</b>
INCOME	(14)	(97)	(16)	(65)	(49)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE (EXCL. PENSIONS)</b>	<b>19,508</b>	<b>17,395</b>	<b>21,852</b>	<b>21,327</b>	<b>(525)</b>
NET PENSIONS	1,553	1,987	1,695	1,745	50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>21,062</b>	<b>19,381</b>	<b>23,546</b>	<b>23,072</b>	<b>(474)</b>

Proposed funding from Reserves		370	70	(300)
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE excluding funding from reserves		23,176	23,002	(174)
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#### Note

The 2008/09 budget included £300k for the Firelink project which was to be funded from reserves. Delays in this project mean that this expenditure will no longer be spent in 2008/09 and will therefore be rolled into the 2009/10 budget.