

Performance and Resources Committee Meeting

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Action	For Information			

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.