

## NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

<b>: COMMITTEE:</b>	NORTH WALES FIRE AUTHORITY
<b>: DATE:</b>	15 MARCH 2004
<b>: REPORT OF:</b>	TREASURER
<b>: SUBJECT:</b>	PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2003-2004

The attached schedule contains the estimated provisional outturn for the financial year 2003-2004 indicating that there will be an overspend of £231,585, slightly higher than the overspend of £216,658 reported to the Fire Authority in December. The overspend is due mainly to the effects of the Pay and Conditions Agreement. As previously reported the overspend is to be funded from the previous year's underspend.

Under Supplies and Services it is estimated that the costs for Computers will be underspent by £88,500. Budgetary provision of £100,000 for a new human resources management system was contained within Computer Costs for 2003-2004. The purchase of this system has been delayed partly due to the national changes as part of the modernisation of the fire service including the Integrated Personal Development System (IPDS). Tenders will be invited early in the new financial year. To enable the Authority to purchase the system in 2004-2005 the outturn statement shows a transfer of £100,000 to a Provision for Computers.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that**

- (i) The overspend for 2003-2004 be funded from the previous year's underspend.**
- (ii) £100,000 is transferred to a Provision for Computers to fund the purchase of the human resources management system in 2004-2005.**

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25 February 2004