

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decision

Title and Reference –

Group Revenue Monitoring Qtr. I – as at 30 June 2021

(PCC/448/2021)

Summary

The Group forecast outturn as at 30 June 2021 (Qtr. I) is as follows:

	Approved Budget 2021/22 £m	Forecast Outturn 2021/22 £m	Variance £m
Group Position			
Chief Constable	305.927	305.927	-
Police & Crime Commissioner	2.264	2.264	-
Capital Financing	12.052	12.052	-
Group Position Total	320.243	320.243	-
Central Government Grant	(263.460)	(263.460)	-
Council Tax Precept	(56.783)	(56.783)	-
Government Grant and Precept Total	(320.243)	(320.243)	-
Appropriations (To)/From Reserves	-	-	-

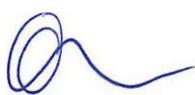
Recommendation

To note the Group forecast outturn of £320.243m which is based on payments processed to date and current projections, against a 2021/22 budget of £320.243m which reflects a break even position.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 05/08/2021

OPCC Business Meeting	5 August 2021
Group Revenue Monitoring Qtr. 1 – as at 30 June 2021	
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Group revenue monitoring position for the period ending 30 June 2021, Quarter 1.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner is requested to note:

- a. The Group forecast outturn of £320.243m which is based on payments processed to date and current projections, against a 2021/22 budget of £320.243m which reflects a break even position.

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3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The overall Group revenue budget for 2021/22 was agreed at £320.243m, this being the first monitoring report of the Group position for 2021/22.
- 3.2 Within the approved 2021/22 budget the following was provided for:
- £305.927m to fund the cost of Policing in the Force area by the Chief Constable.
 - £2.264m to meet the costs of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
 - £12.052mm to cover the costs of capital financing.

4. KEY OUTCOMES- GROUP QUARTER I REVENUE POSITION

Chief Constable Revenue

- 4.1 Notwithstanding there being some variances against specific budget areas and some known budgetary pressures, based on Q1 spend and a review of future spends, the projected year-end position is currently forecast as break even.
- 4.2 Workforce budgets continue to be a focus of forecasting and profiling given they form the bulk of the overall force budget. Officer numbers are slightly over profile at Q1 reflecting a lower than predicted number of leavers and the continuation of planned recruitment to deliver against meeting national Uplift targets for Office numbers. Officer pay budget is also reflecting a pressure arising from increased temporary arrangements to facilitate both the transformation programme and current design of operational policing services. Staff numbers are slightly under against profiled investment in new posts which continues to reflect a longer timeline of recruitment in the Covid/post-Covid era. Both the above factors are fully reflected in the overall break even position. budget.
- 4.3 Core Police Officer and Staff overtime positions are currently reflecting a break even position. In addition the force has received additional Witness Care Funding which is offsetting overtime costs incurred in managing an elevated backlog of Court cases.
- 4.4 The forecast position includes estimated cost of resource supplied to the national hosting of G7 Conference and also reflects that all such costs will be fully reimbursed. It is anticipated that a similar position will apply to the forthcoming national hosting of COP26.
- 4.5 Other issues of note are set out below:-
- Fleet costs are currently running over profile; there is currently a full review being undertaken of all aspects of Fleet business with primary focus on the most approach to in-house service delivery and contracted out work.
 - There will be financial support to all forces for the additional costs of Officer Pension administration, with the full detail regarding use of these funds to be confirmed.
 - There continue to be variations to both Apprenticeship Levy Fees and also additional income through the Apprenticeship Incentivisation scheme.

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- 4.6 The projected year-end budget position inclusive of core revenue and capital financing costs is currently break even and there are no issues to report at this time.
- 4.7 In addition to core budgets there are a range of approved funding streams within 2021/22 including VRU, Grip and Operation Adder. It is anticipated there will be further CADA and DRIVE funding made available in year; all funding will be fully spent by 31 March 22.

Conclusion

- 4.8 The overall group position is forecast break even and no actions are recommended at this time.

5. CONSIDERATIONS

Report Exemption	Non-exempt
Consultation	Yes - Information prepared by Finance, where variations have been found to the 2021/22 budget relevant responsible officers have been consulted with to understand the reasoning.
Resources	Yes - As outlined within the body of the report
Code of Ethics	
Equality	No
Legal	No
Risk	Yes - As outlined within the body of the report
Communication	No
Evaluation	No