

NORTHUMBRIA PCC MINUTES

Title

Special Joint Business Meeting

Date

06 July 2026

Location

Teams/MEL

Duration

2:00pm-2:15pm

Present:

Susan Dungworth – Police and Crime Commissioner
Clare Penny Evans – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Vanessa Jardine – Chief Constable
Jayne Meir – Deputy Chief Constable
Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff of the OPCC
Joscelin Lawson – Assistant Chief Officer (ACO)
Nicola Seymour – Superintendent Chief of Staff
Tanya Reade – Corporate Governance Manager (NP)
Amy Bradshaw – Minute Taker (OPCC)

Apologies:

Andrew Hill – Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)
Gail Thompson – Joint Chief Finance Officer

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1. Capital Outturn Position 2025/26

ACO Corporate Services highlighted the main points from the statement.

The statement covered the background of the Capital Outturn position, the capital programme of £64.585m was approved on 27 March 2025 as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Capital Strategy 2025/26 to 2028/29.

At Quarter 1 the budget was adjusted to account for slippage from the 2024/25 capital programme, and a full review of planned 2025/26 expenditure, bringing the revised capital programme 2025/26 to a total of £55.610m which was approved on 14 August 2025.

At Quarter 3 the budget has been further revised to take account of the latest estimates and spend profile, with the slippage being re-profiled into the new MTFS 2026/27 to 2029/30 capital programme. The revised capital budget which was approved is £27.289m.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was requested to; note the capital outturn position as of 31 March 2026 and approve the required capital programme slippage into 2026/27.



The Police and Crime Commissioner noted the capital outturn position and approved the required capital slippage.

2. Final Revenue Outturn Position and Movement in Reserves 2025/26

ACO Corporate Services highlighted the main points from the statement.

The Group revenue budget for 2025/26 was agreed at £405.444m, this was revised at quarter 1 to £400.780m, an overall budget reduction of £4.664m.

The revised 2025/26 Group revenue budget provided for; budget reductions identified after the original budget was approved, additional budget pressures approved investment, capital expenditure moved to revenue and additional income and the impact of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee (NPG) delivery profile.

The Group revenue outturn position is an underspend of £4.432m, this reflects an increase in underspend of £2.224m since the position reported at the end of Quarter 3.

The revenue outturn position is an underspend of £4.432m. The impact on reserves is; the underspends against the Chief Constable's budget of £2.255m and the Capital Financing budget of £1.713m are transferred to the Investment Reserve, a total increase of £3.969m resulting in a balance of £26.996m as of 31 March 2026. The underspend against the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget of £0.052m has been transferred to the General Reserve. The underspend against the OPCC Supporting Services budget is £0.412m, of which £0.118m is transferred to the OPCC Innovation Reserve for committed use in 2026/27. The balance of £0.294m is transferred to the General reserve.

In addition to the budget outturn position there is movement on estimated costs of the Riot Compensation Act of £0.013m net reduction, resulting in a transfer to the General Reserve.

General Reserve balance of £12.719m reflects a total increase of £0.359m and represents just over 2.9% of the revenue budget 2026/27.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was requested to; note the Group revenue outturn position, as of 31 March 2026 and approve the transfers to/from reserves for the year.

The Police and Crime Commissioner noted the Group revenue outturn position and approved the transfers to/from reserves for the year.

3. Any Other Business

No further business discussed.

4. Date, time and venue of next Joint Business Meeting

The next Joint Business Meeting would be held on 13 August 2026, 2pm-4pm at OPCC Training Room, Victory House/TEAMS meeting.