Report to: Police, Fire and Crime Panel 14 October 2024



Group Revenue Budget

Underspend £543k (0.13%)

Reduced Expenditure -£385k (0.21%),

Increased Income -£158k (0.09%)

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Capital Budget

Budget / Forecast £7,370K / £7,290k

Expenditure at Qtr1 is £245k

Profiling to future years £0k

Budget changes requiring PFCC approval (£80k)

Net Budget changes to note (£80k)

PFCC Revenue Budget

Underspend £378k (1.57%)

Reduced Expenditure -£260k (1.58%),

Increased Income -£118k (0.07%)

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Treasury Management

Investment balance 30/06/24 £10.981m.

(Up 114% from £5.126m at 31/03/24).

Investment Interest Forecast £1.194m

Constabulary Revenue Budget

Underspend £165k (0.11%)

Reduced Expenditure -£125k (0.08%),

Increased Income -£40k (0.61%)

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PFCC Revenue budget 2024/25 as at Quarter 1 to 30th June 2024

Description	Revised Budget 2024/25 £'000s	Forecast Expenditure / (Income 2024/25 £'000s	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend 2024/25 £'000s	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend 2024/25 %
Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	1,273	1,103	(170)	(13.35%)
Other PFCC Budgets	(22,145)	(22,353)	(208)	0.94%
Movements To / (From) Reserves	(3,166)	(3,166)	0	0.00%
Total PFCC Budgets	(24,038)	(24,416)	(378)	1.57%
Funding Provided to the Constabulary	156,807	156,642	(165)	(0.11%)
Net Expenditure	132,769	132,226	(543)	(0.41%)
External Funding	(132,769)	(132,769)	0	0.00%
Total	0	(543)	(543)	

The balance on the police property act fund as at 30 June 2024 was £21k. Details of the awards made from this fund are detailed in press releases.

Expenditure & Income Variances

Office of the PFCC -£170k the underspend is largely as a result of decreased staff costs (£185k).

Other PFCC Budgets -£208k in relation to the other PFCC budgets, of the underspend, (£118k) relates to increased interest / investment income, (£92k) relates to estates costs.

Funding Provided to the Constabulary -£165k In relation to the Constabulary forecast underspend, this has mainly been due to a forecast underspend on police officer pay of (£26k) partly due to increased maternity / paternity leave, reductions due to changes in hours, reductions due to sickness which are partially offset by increased pension injury allowance, increases due to starters / leavers at a different scale point from forecast, increases due to Op. Equate (West Cumbria Coal Mine), work force plan changes, estimated shortfall of increased pay award. Forecasted underspend on staff and PCSO pay of (£567k) due to increased vacancies partly offset by estimated shortfall from increased pay award. These underspends have been partly offset by third party related expenses in relation to increased Home Office National Charges of (£240k) and (£125k) relating to refunds of scheme sanction charges and other minor variances totalling (£63k).

Details of the Constabulary budget position are included on the following page.

Constabulary – Revenue Budget 2024/25

Description	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend	Change in Forecast MAY-24 to
	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	@ MAY-24	30th June 2024
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	%	£'000s	£'000s
Constabulary Funding						
Police Officers	109,096	109,070	(26)	(0.02%)	(774)	748
Police Community Support Officers	1,921	1,534	(387)	(20.15%)	(270)	(117)
Police Staff	29,616	29,436	(180)	(0.61%)	(359)	179
Other Employee Budgets	2,382	2,374	(8)	(0.34%)	(3)	(5)
Transport Related Expenditure	2,692	2,817	125	4.64%	90) 35
Supplies & Services	13,025	13,136	111	0.85%	46	65
Third Party Related Expenses	4,643	4,883	240	5.17%	215	5 25
Fotal Constabulary Funding	163,375	163,250	(125)	(0.08%)	(1,055)	930
Income	(6,568)	(6,608)	(40)	0.61%	(13)	(27)
Total Constabulary Funding Net of Incom	156,807	156,642	(165)	(0.11%)	(1,068)	903

Risks

 The current forecast includes police uplift ringfenced grant of £3.6m, this is however contingent on achieving a 1,385 headcount by 30/09/24 and 31/03/25, and additional 'target 2' grant of £384k contingent on achieving 1,393 headcount by both dates. If the Constabulary does not meet this target £40k is withheld per officer for each date, if we are 1.5% below our target of 1,393 all funding will be withheld.

Key Themes:

- PCSO pay (-£387k) mainly due to the number of vacancies forecast over the year and no further planned intakes.
- Third party related expenses (+£240k) in relation to increased Home Office National Charges.