Commissioner's Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/20 Forecast as at 30 June 2019 to Public Accountability Conference 25 July 2019

Commissioner's Budget Summary at June 2019

The current forecast of net expenditure amounts to £103.797m compared to a revised budget of £103.742m. The variance amounts to a forecast overspend of £55k (0.05%) and is made up of a forecast underspend of £15k (0.01%) in respect of Constabulary budget and a forecast overspend of £70k (0.40%) on budgets managed by the Commissioner.

Description	Revised Budget 2019/20 £'000s	Forecast Expenditure / (Income 2019/20 £'000s	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend 2019/20 £'000s	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend 2019/20 %
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	758	737	(21)	(2.77%)
Other PCC Budgets	(13,741)	(13,650)	91	(0.66%)
Movements To / (From) Reserves	(4,533)	(4,533)	0	0.00%
Total OPCC Budgets	(17,516)	(17,446)	70	(0.40%)
Funding Provided to the Constabulary	121,258	121,243	(15)	(0.01%)
Net Expenditure	103,742	103,797	55	0.05%
External Funding	(103,742)	(103,742)	0	0.00%
Total	0	55	55	

OPCC Budgets

The forecast underspend on the Commissioner's own office budget arises principally as a result of underspends on staff in the office of the PCC (£21k).

In respect of other budgets managed by the Commissioner, the forecast overspend arises as a result of an overspend on premises costs (£41k) concerning repair and maintenance and an adjustment to grant income received (£24k). There is also a forecast reduction to investment income of £35k, as planned changes to the investment strategy are deferred until the outcome of Brexit and any associated financial implications are more fully understood. These extra costs are partially offset by reduced transport insurance as a result of a low claims rebate received in respect of the previous year (£10k).

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Constabulary Budgets

The principal reasons for the forecast Constabulary underspend are underspends on police staff pay and allowances (£123k). This has arisen as a result of changes to assumptions made with regard to when vacant posts are expected to be filled. In addition, the Constabulary is forecasting to increase income by £112k. This increase is predominately due to income from other forces including secondments and mutual aid.

These underspends are offset by additional spend on police pay and PCSO pay due to changes to the respective workforce plans, additional spend on ICT costs, custody and contributions to national and regional partnerships and collaborations.

Police Property Act

At 30 June 2019 the balance on the Police Property Act fund was £71k. In June 2019, awards totalling £20k were made from the fund. Full details of the awards made are available on the PCC website at https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding/successful-applicantsgrant-agreements/