

PCC Revenue Budget Monitoring 2018/19

Forecast as at 31 December 2018 to Public Accountability Conference 20 February 2019

PCC Budget Summary at December 2018

The current forecast of net expenditure amounts to £99.250m compared to a revised budget of £98.627m. The variance amounts to a forecast overspend of £623k (0.63%) and is made up of a forecast overspend of £646k (0.55%) in respect of Constabulary budget and a forecast underspend of £23k (0.12%) on budgets managed by the Commissioner.

Description	Revised Budget 2018/19 £'000s	Forecast Expenditure / (Income) 2018/19 £'000s	Provisional (Under)/ Overspend 2018/19 £'000s	Provisional (Under)/ Overspend 2018/19 %	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend @ SEP-18 £'000s	Change in Forecast SEP-18 to DEC-18 £'000s
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	723	674	(49)	-6.78%	(45)	(4)
Other PCC Budgets	(15,680)	(15,654)	26	-0.17%	87	(61)
Movements To / (From) Reserves	(3,843)	(3,843)	0	0.00%	0	0
Total OPCC Budgets	(18,800)	(18,823)	(23)	0.12%	42	(65)
Funding Provided to the Constabulary	117,427	118,073	646	0.55%	749	(103)
Net Expenditure	98,627	99,250	623	0.63%	791	(168)
External Funding	(98,627)	(98,627)	0	0.00%	0	0
Total	0	623	623		791	(168)

OPCC Budgets

The forecast underspend on the Commissioner's own budget arises principally as a result of underspends on staff in the office of the PCC (£38k), office supplies & services (£4k) and internal and external audit costs (£6k).

In respect of other budgets managed by the Commissioner the forecast overspend arises as a result of an increase to provide for future legal costs (£41k), increased premises costs (£17k), employee insurance premiums (£17k) and Grants (£9k) which are being offset by forecast, additional interest income from investments (£60k).

Constabulary Budgets

The forecast constabulary overspend is largely as a result of a forecast overspend on police officer pay and allowances of £1.034m. This overspend has arisen as a result of changes to the proposed HR Workforce Plan (WFP) to facilitate earlier recruitment of the additional 25 police officers as pledged by the Commissioner in relation to the increase in council tax precept in 2018. In addition, the decision to operate approximately 20 police officers over establishment for the remainder of the financial year to counterbalance the reduction in actual PCSO numbers (who have left to join as regular PCs) and to safeguard against potential difficulty in recruiting as a result of the forthcoming changes in relation to the Police Education Qualification Framework (PEQF), has further contributed to the overspend.

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Other areas of the budget where overspends are forecast include police staff budgets £202k (reduced vacancies), other employee budgets £86k (recruitment and training) and transport related budgets £96k (fuel and repairs and maintenance). These overspends are being partially offset by under-spending in relation to PCSOs £279k, supplies and services £75k and additional income of £416k, from charges for special policing services and mutual aid.

The Constabulary budget monitoring report elsewhere on this agenda provides a more detailed explanation of the variances.

Police Property Act

At 31 December 2018 the balance on the Police Property Act fund was £37k. In December 2018, awards totalling £10k 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/>