

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
MONTH 7 2014/15 FINANCIAL REPORT****12 December 2014****SUMMARY:**

This report is to inform the Police & Crime Panel of the OPCC's financial performance at Month 7 for the 2014/15 financial year. This report compares the expenditure and income incurred and received by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, against the financial budget approved by the PCC in January 2014, as at Month 7 for the financial year 2014/15.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Police & Crime Panel is invited to note and comment on the financial performance of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Surrey as at Month 4 of the Financial Year 2014/15.

EQUALITIES & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

None arising.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Since I reported to the Panel at its September meeting, my budget of £2,538,222 has been increased by £477,310. This increase arises from an additional government grant being received from the Ministry of Justice to fund additional victim service and restorative justice activities which are now the responsibility of Police & Crime Commissioners.
- 1.2. In terms of budgetary performance up to the end of October (Month 7), I am pleased to report that spending is well within budget and I am confident that I will be able to manage the resources of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner within my budget throughout the remainder of the year.

2. Individual Significant Budget Variances

The detail of spending against individual budgets is shown in Appendix A of this report. As you can see, there are no great areas of concern arising from the figures shown in this appendix and all budget variations are being managed within the total envelope of the Commissioner's budget.

However, the report does highlight a few individual variances from the budget and these are:-

- 1). Victim Services & Restorative Justice budget has spent 64% of the budget to-date, but I am confident that by the year end this budget will not be exceeded and may indeed result in a small underspend.
- 2). In terms of overspending, the Assistant Police & Crime Commissioners budget had spent 80% of its total by the end of October but the additional expenditure reflects the increases in payment arrangements to reflect the extra hours that I require to be worked in this area in line with the arrangements that I reported to the Panel earlier in the year.
- 3). Under the PCC Roles budget heading, the Community Safety Fund budget had only spent 24% of the budget total by the end of October but the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner is confident that this budget will be fully spent by the year-end. In addition, the Communications and Consultation budgets will be under-spent by the year-end reflecting the move to greater use of social media and use of modern internet communications, replacing previous expensive paper based systems.