

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
MONTH 11 2014/15 FINANCIAL REPORT****21 April 2015****SUMMARY:**

This report is to inform the Police & Crime Panel of the OPCC's financial performance at Month 11 (February) 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 11 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 11 for the Financial Year 2014/15.

EQUALITIES & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

None arising.

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1. Introduction

In terms of budgetary performance up to the end of February (Month 11), 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 at Annex 1 to this report. As you can see there are no great areas of concern arising from the figures shown in this annex and all budget variations are being managed within the total envelope of the Commissioners budget.

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

- a) Victim Services & Restorative Justice budget has spent 94% of the budget to-date, an excellent performance given the relatively short time scales that the government allowed for these services to be transferred to police and crime commissioners.
- b) The Assistant Police & Crime Commissioners budget has exceeded the total budget that I set in January 2014, but the additional expenditure reflects the increases in payments that have been made in respect of 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.
- c) Under the PCC Roles budget heading, the Community Safety Fund budget has spent 70% of the budget by the end of February, 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.
- d) Audit Costs will exceed the total approved budget this year, as a result of the OPCC having had to pay a share of the special external audit carried out in connection with the decision to not to proceed with the Enterprise computer system.