

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER MONTH 8 2017/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

5th February 2018

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Police & Crime Panel of the OPCC's financial performance at Month 8 for the 2017/18 financial year. The report compares the expenditure and income, incurred and received by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner up to the 30th November 2017, against the financial budget approved by the PCC in February 2017.

1. Commentary

In terms of budgetary performance up to the end of November (Month 8), spending is generally what would be expected at this stage of the financial year, with certain agreed grants such as funding for the Police Cadet Service and various Community Safety Fund grants being paid early in the year. The Victim Services & Restorative Justice budgets also incur a lot of expenditure in the early part of the financial year, although this will all be funded by the Ministry of Justice, the grant payments having so far having accounted for half the agreed funding amount, the rest will be received before the year-end. The Memberships budget is also nearly all spent by the end of November, as the APCC, APACE and PACCTS annual subscriptions all fall due at the beginning of the financial year.

I should like to mention that Sgt Graham Kerslake, Volunteer Cadet Coordinator for Surrey Police, whose post I decided to fund from this year's OPCC budget has reported on the excellent progress that cadets have made and also the successful expansion of the scheme. It has drawn numerous comments from parents about the positive effect that being a cadet is having on not only the cadet as an individual, but also their family as well. Surrey Police Officers and Staff give up their own time to become Unit Leaders and I am pleased to have been able to financially support such a worthwhile scheme.

2. Individual Significant Budget Variances

The Audit Cost budget is overspent at the end of October primarily because of the need to commission a financial governance review to examine the processes in place for providing accurate financial forecasting following amalgamation of the Surrey and Sussex finance teams. A copy of that review was given to Panel Members at the

December meeting and an action plan is currently being drawn up to ensure that the issues highlighted in the report are quickly resolved.

3. Conclusion

It is expected that the OPCC expenditure at the year-end will be within budget, the current year-end forecast suggesting that a saving of circa £140,000 will be achieved.

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 8 for the Financial Year 2017/18.

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EQUALITIES & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

None arising.

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