

Budget Monitoring 2019/20

Forecast as at 30 September 2019 to Police & Crime Panel 11 February 2020

PCC Budget Summary at September 2019

The current forecast of net expenditure amounts to £104.109m compared to a revised budget of £103.742m. The variance amounts to a forecast overspend of £372k (0.35%).

Description	Revised Budget 2019/20 £'000s	Forecast Expenditure / (Income) 2019/20 £'000s	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend 2019/20 £'000s	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend 2019/20 %	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend @ JUN-19 £'000s	Change in Forecast JUN-19 to SEP-19 £'000s
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	757	733	(24)	(3.17%)	(21)	(3)
Other PCC Budgets	(13,548)	(13,445)	103	(0.76%)	91	12
Movements To / (From) Reserves	(5,486)	(5,486)	0	0.00%	0	0
Total OPCC Budgets	(18,277)	(18,198)	79	(0.43%)	70	9
Funding Provided to the Constabulary	122,019	122,849	830	0.68%	(15)	845
Op Uplift Funding Assumptions	0	(542)	(542)	0.00%	0	(542)
Net Expenditure	103,742	104,109	367	0.35%	55	312
External Funding	(103,742)	(103,737)	5	(0.00%)	0	5
Total	0	372	372		55	317

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 (£24k).

In respect of other budgets managed by the Commissioner, the forecast overspend arises as a result of a combination of a slight overspend on premises costs, a change in how capital expenditure is financed and lower than budgeted investment income.

Constabulary Budgets

The forecast Constabulary net overspend after taking into account assumed funding is £288k as at the end of September. The forecast constabulary overspend is principally as a result of the additional expenditure resulting from the Constabulary's response to the Government's pledge to recruit an additional 20,000 officers nationally, known as Operation Uplift. Forces have been requested to commence the recruitment of officers as quickly as possible to ensure that the Government's target of recruiting the additional officers by the end of 2022/23 is achieved.

This report includes £989k of expenditure currently expected to be incurred in 2019/20 to service Operation Uplift and includes the direct costs of the additional officers in relation to pay, uniform and equipment, recruitment costs and enabling police staff posts such as trainers. The Home Office has given Cumbria a target of recruiting an additional 51 officers by March 2021, which is expected to be substantially achieved by March 2020.

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Whilst funding for Operation Uplift has been promised and included in the Chancellor's spending round, details of the level and timing of funding at a force level has still to be announced. The report assumes that funding of £542k will be received based on re-imburement of officer salary costs on a pro-rata basis in proportion to the Government's target number of officers and that all indirect costs, except accommodation, will be met in accordance with the Home Office funding model.

Forecast underspends on PCSO and staff pay offset some of these additional costs.

External Funding – the variance in relation to external funding represents a contribution to district councils in relation to care leavers discount, which is a discount on council tax provided to young people when they leave care and start to live independently.

Police Property Act

At 30 September 2019 the balance on the Police Property Act fund was £70k. In September 2019, awards totalling £7k 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/>