

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The budget proposals for the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Specific Grants, Financial Provisions and Transfers from Reserves have been developed by the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer. The summary budget is set out in the table below:

Proposed Office of Police & Crime Commissioner Budget 2015-16

	Gross £000	Grants £000	Income £000	Total £000
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	1,184	0	0	1,184
Community Safety	1,635	0	0	1,635
Victim support and Restorative Justice services	1,498	(1,498)	0	0
Financial Provisions	2,798	0	(500)	2,298
Transfers from Earmarked Reserves	0	0	(1,441)	(1,441)
Proposed Net Base Budget 2015-16	7,115	(1,498)	(1,941)	3,676

2.0 Office of Police & Crime Commissioner

- 2.1 The budget for the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) encompasses the costs of a small team to cover statutory functions including; community engagement, financial management, legal services and complaints handling.
- 2.2 The demands placed upon the OPCC may change over the term of the Commissioner's office. The Commissioner will have particular regard to obtaining value for money in the use of the resources at her disposal, whilst meeting the objectives set out in the Police & Crime Plan to reduce crime, increase public confidence and ensure victims and witnesses are treated with respect and consideration.
- 2.3 The budget for running the OPCC in 2015-16 is £1.2m, which is unchanged from the 2014-15 allocation. Any unavoidable increases in pay and running costs have been absorbed by the PCC through efficiencies and savings elsewhere in this budget.
- 2.4 The budget for the OPCC is managed by the Chief Executive Officer and monitored by the Chief Finance Officer.

3.0 Community Safety and Victim Support services and Restorative Justice

- 3.1 A budget for community safety of £1.6m will be available in 2015-16. This has been maintained at the 2014-15 level to provide continuity of funding to Community Safety Partnerships as well as the award of Safer in Sussex grants.
- 3.2 The specific grant to deliver Victim Support and Restorative Justice services continues in 2015-16. The total indicative amount for 2015-16 is £1.498m, with notification of the final award expected imminently.

- 3.3 This grant announcement will provide notional amounts for each element but these are not ring-fenced. Current estimates are shown in the table below:

Victim Support	2014-15	2015-16
	£000	£000
Victim support services	659	1,319
Restorative Justice	179	179
Total	838	1,498

4.0 Financial Provisions

- 4.1 Financial provisions include income and expenditure budgets to support the overall police budget but do not relate to specific operational or OPCC functions. A breakdown of the financial provisions is set out below:

Financial Provision	Gross £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Investment Income	0	(500)	(500)
Capital Financing	2,448	0	2,448
Pay and Price Contingency	350	0	350
Total Net budget	2,798	(500)	2,298

Investment Income

- 4.2 Investment interest is generated from reserves and cash flow opportunities during the year. Investments are placed in accordance with the annually approved Treasury Management Strategy and provide income from returns on investment. The budget is based on an average investment return of 0.4%.

Capital Financing

- 4.3 This includes the costs of servicing a £4.5m loan with the Public Works & Loans Board (PWLB) and a sum of £2.0m to support financing the police capital programme.

Pay and Price Contingency

- 4.4 The Chief Finance Officer holds a small contingency to cover additional costs arising from unforeseen increases in the costs of pay and non pay expenditure. This is available in the event that expenditure cannot be met from within the total police fund budget.

5.0 Transfers to/from Reserves

- 5.1 As set out in the overall Police Fund budget the revenue budget includes net transfers from earmarked reserves to fund specific commitments of £1.4m.
- 5.2 This planned contribution from reserves is in accordance with the PCC Reserves Policy and is detailed in the table below:

Summary of Transfers to/from Reserves 2015-16

Narrative	Reserve	To Reserves £000	From Reserves £000	Total £000
Excess Council tax Collection fund surplus	General	109		109
Operational Investments agreed as part of the 2014-15 budget	Delegated Budget Holder	0	(850)	(850)
Microsoft enterprise licence payment	Delegated Budget Holder	0	(450)	(450)
Contribution to increased police staff pay award	Delegated Budget Holder	0	(250)	(250)
Net Transfer from Reserves		109	(1,550)	(1,441)

- 5.3 The level of transfers to/from reserves may change during the year subject to approval by the PCC. For example, to carry forward any surplus revenue budget from 2014-15.

6.0 Chief Finance Officer's Statement

- 6.1 Taking into account the factors set out above, the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer are satisfied with the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of the PCC budget.

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APPENDIX A

Proposed Office of the Police & Crime Commissioners Budget 2015-16

	2014-15	2015-16
Office of the PCC	£000	£000
Employee and related pay Costs	761	810
Premises	81	76
Transport, travel and conferences	30	26
IT, website, telephones and other communications	24	24
Internal Audit	78	78
External Audit	80	37
Treasury Management	9	9
Legal	19	15
Bank Charges	20	20
Subscriptions to national bodies	52	52
Other*	30	37
Office of the PCC: Expenditure	1,184	1,184

* Other includes statutory advertising, printing and stationery

Commissioned Services		
Community Safety Grants	1,634	1,634
Victim Support Services and Restorative Justice	0.838	1.498
Grant Income	(0.838)	(1.498)
Net Commissioned Expenditure	1,634	1,634

Financial Provisions		
Contingencies - Pay & Prices	350	350
Capital Financing - Revenue Contribution	2,025	2,025
Capital Financing - MRP and PFI and Leases	213	169
Capital Financing - Debt Charges	254	254
Financial Provisions: Expenditure	2,842	2,798
Interest Receipts	(498)	(500)
Net Financial Provisions	2,344	2,298

Transfer to/from reserves		
Transfers to Reserves	0	109
Transfers From Reserves	(800)	(1,550)
Net Transfers	(800)	(1,441)