

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Budget

Introduction

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

Proposed Office of Police and Crime Commissioner Budget 2014-15

	Gross £000	Income £000	Total £000
Office of PCC Budget	1,184	0	1,184
Community Safety	1,634	0	1,634
Victim support and Restorative Justice services	838	(838)	0
Financial Provisions	2,842	(498)	2,344
Transfers from Earmarked Reserves	0	(800)	(800)
Proposed Net Base Budget 2014-15	6,498	(2,136)	4,362

Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

- 1.2 The budget for the running of the Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (OSPCC) covers the costs of the small team and an office to cover the statutory functions around community engagement, financial management, legal services and complaints handling.
- 1.3 The demands upon the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner may change over the term of office and the Commissioner will have particular regard to obtaining value for money in the use of the resources at her disposal, whilst meeting her objectives as defined in the Police and Crime Plan to reduce crime, increase public confidence and ensure victims and witnesses are treated with respect and consideration.
- 1.4 The budget for the OSPCC is managed by the Chief Executive Officer and monitored by the Chief Finance Officer.
- 1.5 The budget for running the Office of the PCC for 2014-15 is £1.2m and is the same amount as 2013-14. Any increases in running costs within this budget have been absorbed by the PCC.

Community Safety Grants

- 2.1 The Community Safety Grant has been rolled into core Police grant and is no longer identified separately. A PCC budget for community safety of £1.6m will be available for 2014-15. This has been maintained at the 2013-14 level to provide continuity of funding to Community Safety Partnerships.
- 2.2 The grant stream announced in 2013-14 to deliver Victim support services and Restorative Justice services, continues in 2014-15. The total 2014-15 grant of £0.8m includes an element for building local restorative justice

capacity. The grant includes indicative amounts for each element but these are non-ringfenced.

	2013-14	2014-15
	£000	£000
victim support services	486	659
Restorative Justice	110	179
Total	596	838

Financial Provisions

- 3.1 Financial provisions include income and expenditure budgets which support the overall Police Fund budget but do not relate to specific operational or office of PCC functions. A breakdown of the Financial Provisions is set out below:

Financial Provision	Gross £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Investment Income	0	(498)	(498)
Capital Financing	2,492	0	2,492
Pay and Price Contingency	350	0	350
Total Net budget	2,842	(498)	2,344

3.2 Investment income

Investment interest is generated from reserves and cash flow opportunities during the year. Investments are placed in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy and provide income based on risk and return on investment. The budget has been reduced by £0.12m due to continuing low interest rates.

3.3 Capital Financing

This includes the costs of servicing the £4.5m loan with the PWLB and a sum of £2.0m to support the financing of the capital programme.

3.4 Pay and price contingency

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 that are unable to be funded from within the total police fund budget. The budget has been reduced from the 2013-14 level, following an assessment of risk and usage. The recruitment costs of the Chief Constable will be met from this budget in 2014-15 in accordance with the existing policy.

Transfers to/from Reserves

- 4.1 As set out in the overall Police Fund budget the revenue budget includes transfers to earmarked reserves to fund specific commitments.
- 4.2 This comprises a planned contribution from reserves in accordance with the PCC Reserves Policy, to fund the 2014-15 costs of funding the renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise software licence.

4.3 The level of transfers to/from reserves may change during the year subject to approval by the PCC e.g. carry forward of revenue budget from 2013-14.

Chief Finance Officer's Statement

5.1 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 2014-15

	2013-14	2014-15
Office of the PCC	£000	£000
Employee and related pay Costs	739	761
Premises	89	81
Transport, travel and conferences	50	30
IT, website, telephones and other communications	21	24
Internal Audit	78	78
External Audit	94	80
Treasury Management	0	9
Legal	19	19
Bank Charges	20	20
Subscriptions to national bodies	41	52
Other*	33	30
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	596	0.838
Grant Income	(1,821)	(0.838)
Net Commissioned Expenditure	409	1,634

Financial Provisions		
Contingencies - Pay & Prices	585	350
Contribution to Capital Financing	1,644	2,025
MRP and PFI	318	213
Debt Charges	254	254
Financial Provisions: Expenditure	2,801	2,842

Interest Receipts	(618)	(498)
Council Tax Freeze Grants (now in core funding)	(3,055)	0
Total Specific Grants and Interest Receipts	(3,673)	(498)

Net Financial Provisions	(872)	2,344
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Transfer to/from reserves		
Transfers To Reserves	2,244	0
Transfers From Reserves	(2,113)	(800)
Net Transfers	131	(800)