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Report of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

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BUDGETARY MONITORING OUTTURN 2020/21 – CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY AND THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 For the purposes of transparency this report provides the Police and Crime Panel (the “Panel”) with an overview of the financial outturn for Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the “Constabulary”) and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for the financial year 2020/21.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Panel is recommended to note the contents of this report.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 Item 6 – To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Police and Crime Commissioner in connection with the discharge of the Commissioner’s functions.

Item 8 – To support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the “Act”) sets out the statutory duties, role and responsibilities of Commissioners. The Act sets out the holding to account responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (the “Commissioner”) in respect of effectiveness, efficiency and value for money.
- 4.2 The Policing Protocol Order 2011 (the “Protocol”) sets out the way in which various bodies involved in policing governance will exercise their functions in relation to each other. This includes Commissioners, Chief Constables and Police and Crime Panels. The Protocol is clear that an effective and constructive working relationship between these bodies is likely to be achieved where communication and clarity of understanding are at their highest, one which will enhance policing.

5. OUTTURN REPORT 2020/21

- 5.1 The outturn report for 2020/21 is provided at Appendix A (as reported on at the May 2021 Business Co-ordination Board (BCB)) and the revised outturn position as reported on at the July 2021 BCB is provided at Appendix B for both the Constabulary and the OPCC.
- 5.2 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy including the budget was approved on 25 February 2020. As a Corporation Sole, it is for the Chief Constable to manage the Constabulary's budget. The Chief Constable has a statutory duty under S35 of the Act "to secure that good value for money is obtained." The Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account for this.
- 5.3 The Commissioner has received monthly revenue and capital budget reports that demonstrate how the Chief Constable is managing the budget and these are reviewed at each BCB.
- 5.4 External Audit undertake checks to ensure compliance with applicable laws and Codes of Practice and to provide an objective independent examination of the financial statements albeit that the report for 2020/21 is not expected until later in the year with the Statement of Accounts. For 2019/20 External Audit stated "*the Chief Constable had proper arrangements to ensure it took properly informed decisions and deployed resources to achieve planned and sustainable outcomes for taxpayers and local people.*"
- 5.5 Internal Audit for 2020/21 have scheduled areas of financial management for 'Budgetary Control' and 'Capital Accounting & Fixed Assets'. The reports of which will be considered by the Joint Audit Committee, minutes of which are published on the Commissioner's website.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents>

The Policing Protocol Order 2011

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/2744/made>

Business Co-ordination Reports

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7. APPENDICES

Appendix A – 'Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 Month 12', Agenda Item 9.0, Business Co-ordination Board, 26th May 2021

Appendix B - 'Revised Outturn Report 2020/21', Agenda Item 7.1, Business Co-ordination Board, 13th July 2021