

# The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria

## Financial Summary 2021/22 as at 31 March 2022

Police and Crime Panel 19 July 2022



### Group Revenue Budget

**Group Underspend £578k (0.51%) ↑**

Constabulary Underspend £373k (0.28%),

PCC Underspend £205k (1.06%)

(see page 2)



### Constabulary Revenue Budget

**Underspend £373k (0.28%) ↑**

Increased Expenditure £716k (0.51%),

Increased Income £1,089k (17.59%)

(see page 3)



### Capital Budget

The effects of the global pandemic continue to be felt in all departments and as a result several schemes have been re-profiled into 2022/23. Most of the planned vehicle replacements are ordered, but production and delivery for some vehicles have been delayed. In relation to ICT, schemes have progressed well in the year with some delivery delays.



### Op Lectern - Covid 19

The combined spend on the constabulary COVID 19 response (Op Lectern) was £439k

(see page 3 for more details)



### Operation Uplift

The spend on operation uplift was £5.115m



### Treasury Management

**Investment balance 31/03/22 £13.17m ↑**

(Up 35% from £9.76m at 31/03/21).

The investment income outturn for the year was £9k reflecting the relatively low interest rates currently being received whilst prioritising the security of the principal funds.

## PCC Revenue Budget 2021/22 as at 31 March 2022

Description	Base Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast Expenditure / (Income)	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend	Forecast (Under)/ Overspend	Forecast Expenditure / (Income) @ DEC-21	Change in Forecast DEC-21 to Mar-22
	2021/22 £'000s	2021/22 £'000s	2021/22 £'000s	2021/22 £'000s	2021/22 %		
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	847	977	937	(40)	-4.09%	(29)	(11)
Other PCC Budgets	(22,113)	(20,406)	(20,571)	(165)	0.81%	(61)	(104)
<b>Total PCC</b>	<b>(21,266)</b>	<b>(19,429)</b>	<b>(19,634)</b>	<b>(205)</b>	<b>1.06%</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>(115)</b>
Funding Provided to the Constabulary	136,981	133,606	133,233	(373)	-0.28%	(11)	(362)
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>115,715</b>	<b>114,177</b>	<b>113,599</b>	<b>(578)</b>	<b>-0.51%</b>	<b>(101)</b>	<b>(477)</b>
Movements To / (From) Reserves	(603)	934	1,513	578	61.88%	0	578
External Funding	(115,112)	(115,112)	(115,112)	0	0.00%	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>(101)</b>	<b>101</b>

The balance on the police property act fund as at 31 March 2022 was £49k. Details of the awards made from this fund to community bodies can be found on the Commissioners website. [Successful Applicants/Grant Agreements - Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner \(cumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

### Expenditure & Income Variances

**Office of the PCC -£40k** The underspend is largely as a result of reductions in staffing and other office running costs (£42k), transport costs (£3k) and additional income £10k, offset by increases in training & conferences (£15k)

#### Other PCC Budgets -£165k

Reduced expenditure on premises (£153k) mostly due to reduced repair & maintenance (£157k), utilities (£110k) and other premises costs (£13k), offset by increases in rent & rates (£75k) and cleaning (£51k) largely as a result of enhanced cleaning regimes during the covid-19 pandemic. Reduced expenditure on capital financing (£246k) as a result of funding provided in relation to Operation Uplift vehicles and equipment that was not required in the year. A reduction in the bad debt provision of (£4k). A reduction in LGPS past service charges of (£9k). An increase in grants and contributions received in the year of (£253k), this includes additional Home Office grants for Safer Streets (£75k), Uplift (£112k), Covid (£20k) and an underspend in relation to apprenticeship levy grants reflecting the amounts drawn down from the levy to fund training (£56k).

These reductions are offset to a degree by increased expenditure on insurances (£52k) as a result of increased premiums at renewal and an increase in provisions for legal and insurance liabilities (£447k).

**Funding Provided to the Constabulary -£373k** The underspend at the year-end is largely as a result of reduced expenditure on police staff pay budgets of £796k and non-staff budgets such as supplies and services (£1.2m), Other employee costs (£166k), transport costs (£92k) and increased income of £1,089k. These underspends were partially offset by additional expenditure on police pay £2,514k as a result of the deliberate decision to recruit the Constabulary share of the operation uplift officers ahead of target and pressure on overtime budgets, PCSOs £35k and third part related costs of £380k. The Constabulary recruitment plan in relation to Operation Uplift continues to proceed well. Pages 3 provides a high level analysis of the Constabulary revenue budget position.

Details of the constabulary budget position are included on the following pages.

# Constabulary – Revenue Budget 2021/22

## Constabulary Provisional Outturn By Command/Directorate 2021/22

Command / Directorate	Revised Budget £'000s	Provisional Outturn £'000s	(Under) / Overspend £'000s	(Under) / Overspend %	DEC-21 Variance £'000s	Change in Variance £'000s
<b>Staff Pay</b>						
Core Police Pay	84,218	85,391	1,173	1.39%	899	274
Core PCSO Pay	1,887	1,919	32	1.69%	23	9
<b>CORE</b>						
Chief Officer Group	1,191	879	(312)	-26.19%	(76)	(236)
Crime & Safeguarding Command	10,602	10,957	355	3.35%	59	296
Operations & Neighbourhood Policing Command	7,476	7,618	142	1.91%	(32)	174
Insight & Performance Command	2,048	2,055	7	0.32%	23	(16)
Corporate Support Directorate	8,794	8,013	(781)	-8.88%	(379)	(402)
Digital Data & Tech Command	9,868	9,000	(868)	-8.79%	(509)	(359)
Legal Services Directorate	235	246	11	4.67%	0	11
Marketing & Communications	614	588	(26)	-4.25%	(32)	6
<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-26.71%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>EARMARKED</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>(235)</b>	<b>-20.59%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(237)</b>
<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>5,552</b>	<b>5,675</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2.21%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133,606</b>	<b>133,233</b>	<b>(373)</b>	<b>-0.28%</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(362)</b>

## Operation Lectern (Covid-19 Response)

The net impact of covid on the Constabulary was broadly neutral with an overall increased cost of £49k. This is further broken down by:

- Direct costs (enforcement activities, enhanced cleaning regimes and provision of PPE) totalling £439k.
- The above costs were offset by Government reimbursement of costs totalling £489m.
- Indirect costs as a result of increased costs on core budgets as an indirect result of the pandemic reducing normal levels of activity of £99k.

## Highlights for 2021/22

- Operational budgets were generally overspent with savings on support functions.
- Police pay was overspent by £2.5m through a combination of restructures to ranks, workforce plan changes and overtime (Appleby Fair, COP26, Covid and PEQF).
- Offset by savings on police staff and non-staff budgets.
- A number of non-recurrent budgets were provided in 2021/22 e.g. covid recovery, innovation initiatives and management of change. Due to the prolonged nature of the pandemic these were largely unused and have been c/fwd to 2022/23.
- The provisions for insurance and legal liabilities were increased by £0.4m following an actuarial review.

## Changes in Revenue Budget Position Quarter 3 to year End

**December to March** – The principal changes in the last quarter relate to increases in expenditure on police officer pay and overtime, offset by increased income and by budgets set aside for innovation initiatives, covid recovery and capital financing not being utilised in the year.

## Operation Uplift

The provisional outturn on Operation Uplift reflects having recruited its target of an additional 49 FTE officers as part of phase 2 of the Governments scheme to increase police officer numbers nationally by 20,000 by March 2023.

This was largely planned and budgeted through the workforce plan. However, a conscious decision to progress recruitment slightly ahead of schedule was made, which has contributed to the overspend on police pay shown above.

The graph below shows the actual police officer numbers compared to budgeted establishment, illustrating that the uplift target was achieved in the year.

