



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

police and communities together

NOTE FROM THE JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2016 IN ROOM BO6 COUNTY HALL PRESTON

Present:

C Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner
S Finnigan, Chief Constable

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

S Freeman, Chief Finance Officer
I Dickinson, Standards and Governance Officer

Lancashire Constabulary

I Cosh, Director of Resources
Superintendent N Ashton
A Brown, Finance Manager

Apologies

Apologies were presented on behalf of the Director, A Harrison.

Part I – Public Items

Notes of the last meeting

The note of the last meeting on the 11 August 2016 was accepted.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2016/17

The Board received a report providing information on the treasury management activity that had been undertaken in the current financial year and on the overall performance against the agreed strategy and prudential indicators.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable noted the economic position in the year to date and future outlook had been significantly influenced by the vote to leave the EU in the referendum on 23rd June 2016. As a result the period had seen some change in inflation as well as a fall in the value of sterling which along with the near doubling in the price of oil in 2016 had combined to drive inflation expectations higher.

The Board also noted that no new borrowing had been taken in the year while in September a maturing debt of £0.5m was repaid. Therefore the debt at 30 September 2106 was £18.154m.

The Board was advised that the current Capital Programme assumed that £7.6m of expenditure would be financed from borrowing in 2016/17. However the PCC had surplus cash balances and this had been used rather than taking new borrowing.

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Board received a report setting out the forecast position for the end of the year for the revenue budget. The report also advised the Board upon the capital programme, and the forecast impact on reserves.

The Board noted that based on the monitoring position at the end of September 2016, an underspend of £4.095m was currently forecast in 2016/17.

The recalled that the 2016/17 capital programme was set at £34.888m. However, a total of £10.246m of slippage had been identified as a result of the phasing of contract payments and the prioritisation of schemes based on the current capacity of departments to deliver the schemes.

Whilst three additional schemes had also been identified to add to the capital programme in 2016/17 the Board was asked to approve a revised capital programme for 2016/17 at £24.595m.

The Director of Resources advised the Board of a recent 3 day regional workshop to which he attended on the Project and he felt that it was increasingly likely that the project would be delayed.

Accordingly,

- (i) the Board noted the forecast revenue budget underspend of £4.095m and the forecast year-end position for revenue reserves.
- (ii) The police and Crime Commissioner approved the
 - increase to the capital programme of £1.730m in respect of the following projects:
 - £0.039m - Online recruitment system
 - £1.503m - Average Speed Camera Installation
 - £0.188m - Digital Speed Camera Upgrade
 - revised capital programme for 2016/17, reflecting the additions and the slippage and underspending as set out in the report, of £24.595m

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

The Board received a revised Procurement Strategy for approval.

It was noted that the Procurement Strategy had recently been reviewed, and the revised version now included reference to the following amendments:

- Spend and compliance data in line with Key Performance Indicators for 2015/16.
- Reference to the Constabulary's Valuing Difference Strategy (in line with Stonewall recommendations).
- Reference to the Public Sector Equality Duty.
- Monitoring/feedback in relation to supplier diversity.
- Updated links for the publication of tendering opportunities.

Accordingly, the Board approved the revised Procurement Strategy.

STREET PASTOR FUNDING 16/17

The Board received a report in relation to the allocation of the Community Safety and Partnership Fund.

The Commissioner recalled that he had allocated £20,000 to support the work of street pastors, street angels and similar organisations from the Community Safety and Partnership Fund and had launched a grant opportunity for street pastors, street angels and similar organisations which was published on the Commissioner's website with a deadline for applications to be submitted by Monday 31st October, 2016.

It was reported that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received three applications totalling £24,000. After reviewing all the applications received and agreeing all three submissions meet the grant criteria and the Commissioner's priorities it was decided that to remain within the allocated £20,000 and to maximise the impact of the fund.

Accordingly, the Commissioner approved the use of the Community Safety and Partnership Fund as follows:

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| • Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors | £10,000 |
| • Chorley Street Pastors | £5,000 |
| • Blackpool and Fylde Street Angels | £5,000 |

SPONSORSHIP, GIFTS AND LOANS 2015/16

The Board received a report on Sponsorships, Gifts and Loans for 2015/16.

The Board that the total value of gifts, loans and sponsorship during the 2015/16 financial year was £49,352.

The Police and Crime Commissioner appreciated that public confidence in the Police was crucial in a system that was built on the principle of policing by consent and

would not support accepting any donations or offers of sponsorship that would impact on integrity or ethics or which would be misconstrued as potential preferential treatment by suppliers. However, he was mindful the Constabulary could accept gifts, loans and sponsorship up to a value of 1% of the Force budget annually (£2.6M in 2015/16), and questioned whether this was an opportunity missed and asked if further work could be undertaken by officers to explore opportunities to attract appropriate gifts, loans and sponsorship.

Accordingly, the board noted the report.

OUTWARD COMMUNICATION

No outward communication was identified.

URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was discussed.

A Harrison

Director