

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SOUTH WALES POLICE

TITLE: Update on Financial Matters

DATE: 15th September 2020

PURPOSE: To update Panel members on current and pertinent financial matters relevant to South Wales Police

1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> That the Police and Crime Panel notes the salient and current strategic finance issues facing South Wales Police.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u> The Panel has previously requested periodic updates on the in-year financial position of South Wales Police. Accordingly, this report provides an update of actual against budgeted expenditure for the first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year. The report also provides an update on the provisional outturn position and audit work currently being undertaken on the 2019/20 accounts. Finally, given the Government's impending Comprehensive Spending Review, the paper also outlines the key strategic financial issues and risks facing South Wales Police, which have been articulated to the Home Office prior to their Spending Review submission to the Treasury, due by the end of September. A brief presentation and discussion with the Panel on the key strategic financial issues and risks is scheduled on the agenda after consideration of the attached report.
4.	<u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u> The financial implications are fully articulated within the attached report.
5.	<u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u> None specifically. South Wales Police's People and Organisational Development Strategy was included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy received by the Panel in January 2020.
6.	<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u> The Panel within each Force area is empowered to maintain a regular check and balance on the performance of the Commissioner in that context of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
7.	<u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u> This proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been

	<p>assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.</p> <p>In preparing this report, consideration has been given to the requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998.</p>
8.	<p><u>RISK</u></p> <p>Various financial risk scenarios are included and explained in the attached documentation.</p>
9.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></p> <p>This report will be placed on the website of both the Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel.</p>
10.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></p> <p>Peter Curran, Chief Finance Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.</p>
11.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u></p> <p>Report on Salient Financial Issues</p>