

**REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SOUTH WALES POLICE**

**TITLE: Finance Update**

**DATE: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**PURPOSE: For Noting**

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b></p> <p>That the Police and Crime Panel notes the following salient issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The annual statutory accounting &amp; audit compliance requirements for 2020/21, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Audit Wales Confirmation</li><li>➢ Annual Governance Statement</li><li>➢ Annual Report of the Joint Audit Committee</li></ul></li><li>• Current (2021/22 in-year) Financial issues, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ In-Year monitoring</li><li>➢ Additional PCSOs</li><li>➢ Police Uplift Programme</li><li>➢ Apprenticeship Levy</li><li>➢ Response to Covid-19</li><li>➢ Council Tax Receipts</li><li>➢ Pensions</li></ul></li><li>• Comprehensive Spending Review 2021</li><li>• Police Funding Formula</li><li>• Capital City Funding</li></ul>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION &amp; BACKGROUND</u></b></p> <p>The Police &amp; Crime Panel receives regular updates on financial matters. This report explains the outcome of the 2020/21 accounts process, including Audit Wales' confirmation letter.</p> <p>Also, pertinent issues relating to the current (2021/22) year are explained. Leading on, the Comprehensive Spending Review is due later in the year, and so this report explains the work currently being undertaken to articulate to the Home Office the efficiencies SWP are pursuing, plus future cost estimates, particularly salary increases, pertinent as the three Uplift cohorts will have been recruited by 2023.</p> <p>The report also explains that the Police Funding Formula may at last be reviewed, and reference is also made to the Capita City funding issue.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>NEXT STEPS</u></b></p>

	<p>An in-year financial monitoring report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel in December 2021, along with a forecast ouuturn for the year.</p> <p>Also, a presentation will be made on the demands and cost pressures faced by South Wales Police.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b></p> <p>The financial implications are fully articulated within the attached report.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></b></p> <p>This proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been 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>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b><u>RISKS</u></b></p> <p>Various financial risk scenarios are regularly reported to the Joint Audt Committee, whose Annual Report for 2020/21 is appended to the main report.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>This report will be placed on the website of both the Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></b></p> <p>Peter Curran, Chief Finance Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>ANNEXES</u></b></p> <p>Audit Wales Completion Letter</p> <p>Annual Governance Statement 2020/21</p> <p>Annual Report of the Joint Audit Committee for 2020/21</p>