

COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 8 June 2012

TITLE OF REPORT: Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Joint Police Board on the financial position of the Force for the period ended 30 April 2012. With the Board meeting early in June, the May out-turn figures were not available when producing the Report.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 To consider and note the contents of the report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The monitoring statement provides a breakdown of the Force's annual budgeted revenue expenditure and associated funding. It outlines the overall budget for the financial year, actual spend to 30 April 2011, and the projected out-turn up to 31 March 2012. At this very early stage in the financial year no variances from the approved budget are being projected.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 The three major themes underlying the Force's service delivery in 2012-13 are business as usual, creating a strong policing legacy in the North East of Scotland and ensuring a smooth transition to the Single Force. Good, proactive budgetary control throughout the year will support those aims.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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6. REPORT

Revenue Budget 2012-13

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- 6.1 The budget monitoring statement for the Force, for the period to 30 April 2012 is shown at Appendix A. This outlines the overall budget, the actual spend to 30 April 2012 and the projected outturn for the financial year 2012-13.
- 6.2 The Joint Police Board approved the revenue budget for 2012-13 on 20 January 2012. The Board approved an overspend of £1.5m, to be met from revenue reserves. This reflected, in the main, a revenue contribution to capital of £1.3m in respect of the new custody project in Aberdeen. The current budget includes any adjustments to expected Police Officer numbers and the devolved budgets as allocated to Divisions.
- 6.3 As preparations for the new Police Service progress, the Scottish Government's intention for the future of Boards' reserves is becoming clearer, i.e. the new Service will not be able to hold reserves. Following an agreement between the Scottish Government and COSLA, all uncommitted reserves at 31 March 2012 will be returned to Government and the Local Authorities, based on the 51:49 funding formula.
- 6.4 The budget was framed on the assumption that 2012-13 would see a net increase of around 35 Police Officers. The Police Officer pay budget will be monitored very carefully throughout the year so that any deviation from the estimated profile of starters and leavers and therefore the outturn can be identified early.
- 6.5 The Police Staff pay budget contains provision for a further Voluntary Redundancy Scheme potentially required in the latter part of 2012. Current indications are that any resultant costs may now be met by the Scottish Government as part of the Police Reform budget. Finance staff and Divisional Business Managers will also be monitoring staff pay budgets closely to identify any potential savings from staff turnover. Any potential savings may be able to be directed at other priorities or budget pressures.
- 6.7 At this early stage in the financial year other costs and income remain broadly in line with the approved budgets.

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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