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COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 6th July 2012

TITLE OF REPORT: Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

REPORT NUMBER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Joint Police Board on the financial position of the Force for the period ended 31 May 2012. With the Board meeting early in July, the end of June 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 31 May 2012, and the projected out-turn up to 31 March 2013. At this early stage in the financial year the outturn is being projected at £0.162m under the budget.

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

- 6.1 The budget monitoring statement for the Force, for the period to 31 May 2012 is shown at Appendix A. This outlines the overall budget, the actual spend to 31 May 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 in respect of the new custody project in Aberdeen. The Force is currently projecting a total overspend of £1.338m, which represents a saving of £0.162m against the approved budget.
- 6.3 The projected Police Officer pay costs show a small anticipated saving of £0.046m against the budget of £78.9m. Although fewer officers have left in the first two months than estimated, due to several high ranking officers retiring within the same period, there is broadly a neutral cost/saving effect.
- 6.4 The main part of the projected underspend relates to initial estimates of Police Staff pay savings (based on vacancies as at 31 May 2012), of £0.116m. This figure may increase as more detailed analysis of these budgets is carried out by Finance Staff along with Business Managers over the next few weeks.
- 6.5 At this early stage in the financial year other costs and income remain broadly in line with the approved budgets.
- 6.6 The table below shows the estimated position with the Force's revenue reserves;

	£m
Revenue reserves at 31 March 2011	3.891
Add: budget underspend in 2011-12	2.996
	6.887
Add: effect of prior year adjustment	1.470
Revenue reserves at 31 March 2012	8.357
Add: estimated budget underspend to date in 2012-13	0.162
Less: committed to capital programme, custody etc. in 2012-13	(1.800)
Estimated revenue reserves at 31 March 2013	6.719
Less: committed to capital programme, custody etc. in 2013-14	(5.399)
Estimated revenue reserves at 31 March 2014	1.320

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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