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COMMITTEE: **GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

DATE: **7 SEPTEMBER 2012**

TITLE OF REPORT: **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

1.   PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1   To update Members of the Grampian Joint Police Board on the financial position of the Force for the period ended 31 July 2012. With the Board meeting early in September, the end of August outturn figures were not available when producing the Report.

2.   RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1   Members are asked 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 July 2012, and the projected outturn up to 31 March 2013. At this point in the financial year the outturn is being projected at £0.532m under the agreed 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 July 2012 is shown at Appendix A. This outlines the overall budget, the actual spend to 31 July 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. At that time 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. At its meeting on 8th June 2012 the Joint Police Board approved a number of amendments to the capital programme that resulted in an increase in the use of reserves, to £1.8m. The Force is currently projecting an overspend of £1.268m, which represents a saving against the budget of £0.532m.

6.3 The projected Police Officer pay costs are broadly in line with budget, showing a small projected saving of £0.064m. In the first four months there have been nine less leavers than estimated, offset by four more officers retiring.

6.4 The continuing examination of the Police Staff pay budget, based on vacancies and movement to 31st July, indicates a projected underspend of £0.386m. This will be monitored closely throughout the coming months. To date both Police Officer and Police Staff overtime are projecting overspends.

6.5 There are a number of, in the main, small projected variances in property, transport and supplies and services costs.

6.6 Based on the first four months of the financial year, total income is projected to be around £0.079m ahead of budget. Income is estimated to be under budget in respect of secondee recoveries and rents, but more than matched by increases in recharges, disclosure recoveries and partnership income.

6.7 There is a projected shortfall of £0.027m in specific grant income from Scottish Government in respect of unfilled posts but this is offset by lower staff costs.

6.8 As part of the Reform Programme, Forces are expected to reduce their baseline by a total of £6.59m by the end of the financial year. Grampian Police's share of this is £0.647m.

6.9 This reduction in the baseline does not mean underspending but ensuring that the budget commitment going forward into 2013-14 is down by the required amount. This has already been achieved with reductions in Police Staff posts and other supplies and services, with some of the savings being made in the latter part of the year whilst some may have already been made and have been reallocated to meet the Board commitments e.g. additional repairs and maintenance and contribution to the Police Treatment Centre.

7. **REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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