

COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 22 MARCH 2013

TITLE OF REPORT: CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Joint Police Board on the 2012-13 Capital Plan based on the financial position at 28 February 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

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

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Capital Plan sets out the Force's proposed investment in capital assets for the current financial year and also shows the schemes committed into 2013-14. This includes the amendments to the Capital Plan and related funding that were approved by the Board at its previous meetings this financial year. The total approved budget for 2012-13 amounts to £8.512m and is funded by a combination of capital grant, capital receipts and a contribution from the revenue budget (CFCR).
- 3.2 The Capital Plan is overseen by the Force's Programme Board, with any minor adjustments being reflected in a transfer from or to the Unallocated Capital Funds. All available funds have been allocated in 2012-13.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 It is important that the Force continues to invest in its infrastructure and systems in order that it can enhance operational capacity, generate efficiencies for front line policing and strengthen the policing legacy in the north east.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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6. REPORT

- 6.1 A copy of the Capital Plan for 2012-13 is attached at Appendix C. The total budget allocated within the Force's Capital Plan for 2012-13 is £8.512m. Actual expenditure to 28 February 2013 is £4.253m and the latest projected outturn is estimated at £6.585m.
- 6.2 The latest budget of £8.512m has increased from the last reported to the Joint Board (£8.482m) by £30,000. This relates to a Force approved bid of £30,000 in respect of Cell Call system for the existing custody suite within Queen Street, to be funded by CFCR.
- 6.3 The largest project in the programme is the new Custody Facility in Aberdeen. Due to some delays in the legal negotiations, the predicted completion date has slipped to February 2014, but still within the 2013-14 financial year. It is anticipated that the projected spend to 31 March 2013 for this will be £3.706m. In terms of funding, no capital grant will be used during 2012-13.
- 6.4 In addition to 6.3 above, five other capital projects have incurred time delays, notably Torry Police Station Extension, CCTV Equipment, Portlethen Firearms Range, Laurencekirk Police Station and Extension to Office at Tomintoul.
- 6.5 After discussion with the Scottish Government and confirmed at a recent CIPFA technical update, it has been decided that we should no longer make use of the capital grant during 2012-13, as it is still unclear as to how capital receipts will be treated within the single Force. We will therefore use all of our capital receipts during 2012-13 and commit the capital grant (£3.776m) for use during 2013-14, with a debtor being raised within our year end accounts for the balance of un-requisitioned Capital Grant (£0.611m). The balance of funding being committed for 2013-14 (£7.316m) will come from revenue.
- 6.6 Separate papers have been prepared for the Board for two projects. The first relates to the proposed Firearms Range at Portlethen (line 15). Tenders have been received with the resultant capital now being around £0.725m. It has been proposed to fund the difference from revenue (see Revenue paper item 6.11). The other paper relates to the increased costs from the tender regarding the Extension to the Office at Tomintoul.
- 6.7 Appendix D shows the current position with the National Platform Project. It was reported to the last Joint Board that the National Police Reform Team had, after review, decided to manage the project to an early close because it no longer met future business needs. The Reform Team are still considering alternative uses for the project's assets and the outcome of this review will inform the future accounting treatment.

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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